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Owls at the library 1B

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Owatonna camps out

Kids enjoy hula-hoops at the Rec on the Go event held by Owatonna's Park & Recreation. Rec on the Go was one of many events at Owatonna's Weekend Out that took place at several parks around the city. Full Story on 1B.

Ex Steele official finds new job

The former administrator for Steele County has landed a new position for a small city in central Minnesota.

Laura Elvebak of Owatonna has been appointed interim city administrator for the City of Arlington. She began her new duties July 10.

Arlington is a city of about 2,000 people

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The water hole in Owatonna

Steele County Commissioners needing additional funds for Public Works Complex

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

After hearing some disturbing news from Steele County Highway Department interim head Alan Forsberg concerning the need to receive yet another cost estimate on Phase I of the Public Works Complex, Jim Abbe, Steele County Commissioner – District 4 commented, "This drainage issue, literally this is a money pit."

The pit, of course is the hole that was initially dug for the complex, and is still holding water. The problem is that there was no pool designated to be added to the plans.

"Underneath the main building site, under the building pad itself, there was already 6-10 feet of very soft soil mound excavated and stock piled to one side of the hole which is 6-10 feet deep, and until the building is built, the water is collecting like a bathtub," said Forsberg.

In a site meeting last week with the designer and the contractor, there were no changes in the obstacles that faced the ill-fated project. The same water problem that had been predicted from the start is now very much a reality.

"We have two problems," Forsberg said.

As the commissioners quietly shifted in their seats, it was explained that in addition to the first problem which is too much water in the existing soil, there were existing agricultural drain tiles which are draining water directly into the site.

Currently there are four AG drain tiles running into the site. Two located northwest of the site and two ag tiles draining into it from the west. The proposal is to create a new drain tile system that would hook up and connect to the existing tiles which are causing the problem.

"The proposal," said Forsberg, "is that we would construct a new tile that would hook up to those existing tiles and divert it (the water) away, thus eliminating drainage into the site. It would also perpetuate the agricultural grading that is upstream from those tiles."

The tile would run down the west side and it would connect into one of the branches of county public tile to the west

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Early bloom for community service

Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Three girls from the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club were busy Friday morning beautifying Blooming Prairie's Main Street by keeping the flowers in the planters refreshed with water. Pictured from left: Allison Blume, 9; Avry Hoffman, 8 and Kaydance Verhey-Schmacher, 9, maneuvered a wagon with sprinkling buckets along Main and watered all the flowers. The girls are proof that community service can never start too young. In addition to flower planters, chamber officials recently added colored benches at various locations along Main Street.

Council reviews Fourth celebration

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

After a rousing Fourth of July celebration and 150th anniversary party, the Blooming Prairie city council discussed the results of the holiday at this month's council meeting.

City administrator Mike Jones estimated about 25,000 people were in attendance at the parade and festivities on the Fourth.

"The crowd was fantastic," Jones said, "Maybe not as large of a crowd." The city has hosted up to 30,000 people before. The most likely factor in the crowd size was the Fourth falling during a weekday. The Tuesday holiday limited how far people were willing to travel for the celebration.

The weekend "went off without a hitch" according to Jones, with one exception. During the release of the 150 balloons to mark the town's anniversary in the park, about 20 balloons ended up in the trees instead of the air.

Several council members noted the success of the Ribfest that kicked off the celebration. The great choice of bands was particularly praised.

The cemetery walk that was hosted in honor of the 150th exceeded attendance exceptions when 75 people turned up. "We have to do that again," said Mayor Peterson.

According to police chief Skillestad, there were no safety issues during the holiday weekend. "People were well behaved," he said.

Siting around with friends and residents after the events had concluded, Peterson said they all felt the Fourth had gone great. "We couldn't think of anything that didn't go well," he said.

Jones summed up the weekend with, "Just a great community coming together."

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Opinion

Our view

Summer lessons

School is out for summer and the last thing teens want to do is learn things, review things or be quizzed on things.

Summer. A time for loud music, swimsuits and flip-flops, cruisin' the town in dad's car, Twins games, the beach and family vacations. It is something we look forward to all year long, especially here in Minnesota.

According to AAA, we are not only in a summer season, but we are also given a warning that the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day has been dubbed the "100 deadliest days" when the number of teen fatalities crunches to 15 percent higher than the rest of the year.

It may be attributed to the millions of things that an adolescent has to do while trying to accomplish the summer bucket before it dies and drops abruptly like the autumn leaves. Things to do, places to go and people to see. Added to the fact that this may be the first year you have a 4-ton projectile at your fingertips.

There are unscheduled tasks that, unlike a school year which has the familiarity of a schedule built in, cause you to "wing it." We wear garments of spontaneity instead of familiarity and that puts the brain into a precarious position behind the wheel. It is usually the only time when our teens take a break from the electronics and technologies of an evolving culture. And the mind becomes flooded with processing all the things in a teenager's life.

The mind tries to be in too many other places at once and we forfeit the need to think behind the wheel. According to some fresh research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, it has been found that during this period of time, new teen drivers who are 16-17 years old are three times as likely to be involved in deadly crashes. In the past five years, statistics have shown that more than 1,600 people were killed in vehicle mishaps involving inexperienced teen drivers during this period of time.

Tamra Johnson, from AAA public relations, recently quoted Dr. Yang, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety executive director as saying, "Statistics show that teen crashes spike during the summer months because teens are out of school and on the road. The Foundation's research found that inexperience paired with greater exposure on the road could create a deadly combination for teen drivers."

More time on the road plus less attentive driving can equal a devastating equation.

Because we cannot always be with our children each time they get behind a wheel, we must utilize the times we do have with them to set examples. When you are driving through construction zones which is a colorful sign of summer just as multicolored leaves are a sign of autumn, ask them what they would do in the zone.

When you see other drivers swerving or if you experience someone cutting you off, don't teach them road rage or how to make the middle finger a part of their driving portfolio. Instead, ask them what they would have done. When you're tired on a family trip, don't be Superman and press through. Teach them to stop – offer them hints on what to do if fatigue, distractions or wildlife pop up unexpectedly. Offer scenarios and teaching points, and above all, remind them of their focus to the task at hand. Instill respect instead of fear while behind the wheel. Driving can be fun, so use all your senses to enjoy while you are getting to your destination.

There are so many wonderful things to encounter during the summer months. Funeral planning should not be one of those activities.

Guest Column

By PEGGY BENNETT
District 27A State Rep.

I hope you had a great Fourth of July weekend! We live in a nation with prosperity and opportunity that has been surpassed by none. What a blessing to be able to celebrate that!

Blooming Prairie Celebrates 150 Years

Over the weekend, I was fortunate to spend time in Blooming Prairie for their 150th anniversary celebration; what a milestone! I love Blooming Prairie. It's a beautiful town with kindhearted people - and you'll also find one of the best bakeries in all of Minnesota there: The Bakery! Hope you get a chance to visit this beautiful community sometime!

Transportation Bill Overview

Next in our series of legislative issue rundowns is transportation. Having a budget surplus coming into the legislative session, we heard from Minnesotans across the state who asked legislators to invest more in transportation. We not only did that, but we went above and beyond - we passed the largest investment in road and bridge improvements in our state's history without raising the gas tax or license tab fees. Our transportation package will make significant investments in our infrastructure, improve safety, and make travel better for all of us. Some of the big transportation-related proposals that are now law include:

• 10-year, $5 billion increase in transportation funding

• A significant investment of new road and bridge funding at the county and city level over the next four years. Here are a few dollar figures to highlight our area:

o $1.7 million more for Freeborn County

o $1.6 million more for Steele County

o $1.2 million more for Dodge County

o $1.4 million more for Faribault County

o $272,000 more for Albert Lea

• $16 million for cities under 5,000 in the next two years to address transportation needs

o Clarks Grove, Wells, Hayward, Glenville, Blooming Prairie, and more in our district will see an increase in state investment

• $102 million for trunk highway funding

• $4 million for township roads

• $25 million in 2018-2019 to repair or replace 97 bridges throughout the state

• Utilizes $300 million of transportation-related taxes to pay for improved road and bridge infrastructure

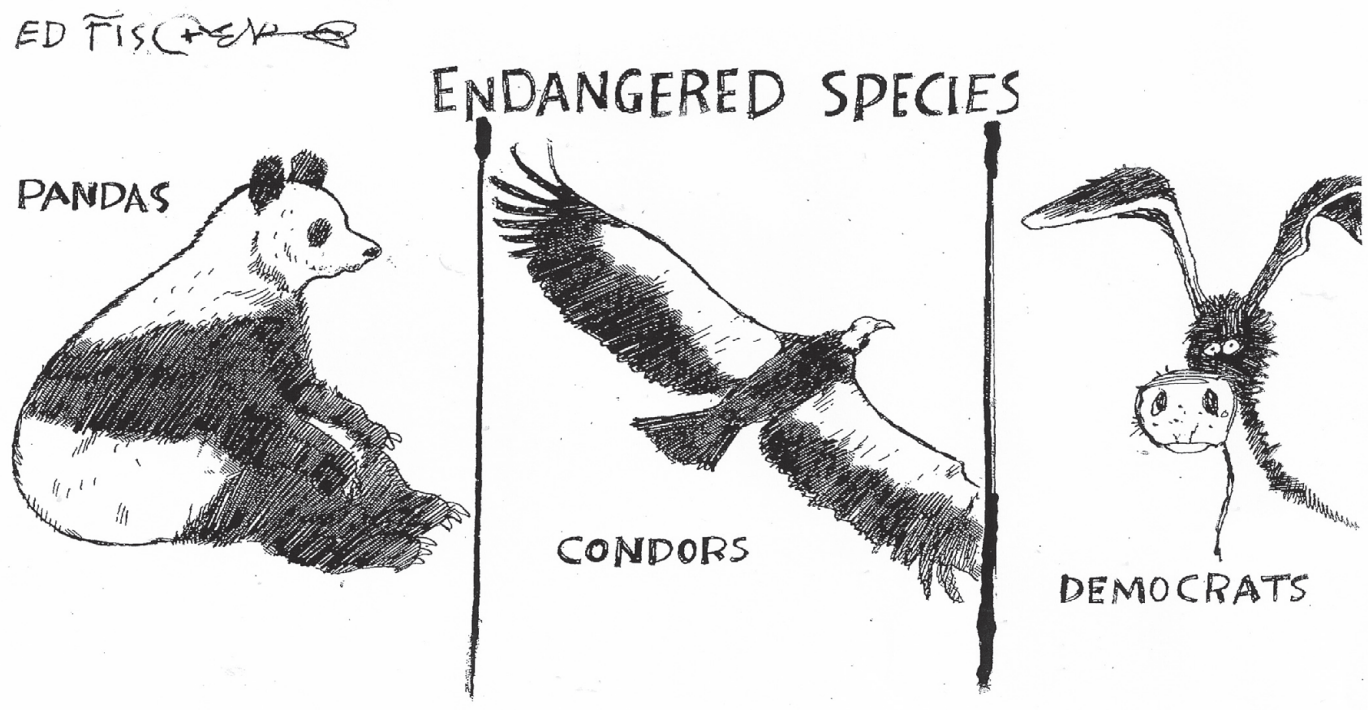
o Doesn't raise gas tax or tab fees

• A bill to become compliant with the federal REAL ID Act

o Allows Minnesotans to fly on commercial airplanes after the October 2018 compliance deadline

I'll have another update next week where I will highlight more of our new legislation, so be on the lookout for that. Until then, feel free to contact my office if you need anything.

Peggy Bennett is a state representative for District 27A, which includes the city of Blooming Prairie and a small portion of Dodge County.



HOT PURSUIT

RICK BUSSLER

Flying the friendly skies

I have had the chance to fly the friendly skies many times over the years, but none of those came close to matching up to my experience last week.

As part of a promotion, I had the unique opportunity to experience the excitement of the Roaring 20s Thursday afternoon in Rochester. I hopped aboard the Ford Tri-Motor, which is known as the first luxury airliner in the world. The Ford, also known as the Tin Goose, is widely known to have redefined world travel and marked the beginning of commercial flight.

Production of the three-engined aircraft started in 1925 by the companies of Henry Ford and ended in 1933. Up until last week, I had no clue that Ford was in the aircraft business at one time. The particular plane I flew in was constructed in 1928 for $51,000. There were 199 Ford Tri-Motors built.

Like Ford tractors and cars, the Tri-Motors were well-designed, relatively inexpensive and reliable for the era. The combination of a metal structure and simple systems led to their reputation for ruggedness.

The Tri-Motor using all-metal construction was not a revolutionary concept, but it was certainly more advanced than the standard construction techniques of the 1920s.

Something I found interesting in researching the Tri-Motor is that it had been used for the flight of Elm Farm Ollie, the first cow to fly in an aircraft and to be milked mid-flight.

Another tidbit about the airliner is that Franklin Roosevelt flew aboard a Tri-Motor in 1932 during his presidential campaign in one of the first uses of an aircraft in an election, replacing the traditional "whistle stop" train trips.

According to reports, the rapid development of aircraft during this time period, namely the Douglas DC-2, along with the death of his personal pilot on a test flight, Ford quickly lost interest in aviation.

Though Ford ceased making aircrafts, the Tri-Motor is a significant piece of aviation history.

I must admit I was a little apprehensive when I first jumped into the plane, which can carry up to nine passengers. The aisle is barely large enough to squeeze between both sides of seats. It also was a little unnerving to hear the engines fire up and sputter, but once we were in the air, it was an unforgettable experience. Every seat on the plane is a window seat and allows you to get a birds-eye view of the friendly skies.

Perhaps the greatest joy for me was being a part of something that propelled us into the aviation world as we know it today. Airliners have made significant progress since the first Tri-Motor went in the air nearly a century ago.

It gave me a whole new perspective of being in hot pursuit of flying the friendly skies.

Staff photo by Rick Bussler

The 1928 Ford Tri-Motor airplane gets ready to taxi before taking off from Rochester International Airport on Thursday. The nine-passenger plane gave people a taste of what it was like to fly during the Roaring '20s, as it flew around the Rochester area.

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Second Front

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From left to right: Gloria Kenow, Debbie Albrecht, Bernice Jensen, Mary Greene (Festival of Tables Chair), Joanne Peterson (Auxiliary Scholarship Committee Chair), Elizabeth Randall, Cathy LaCount, Judy Peterson and Darlene Pizel. Members of the Festival of Tables Committee present the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee with a check for more than $6,000 toward scholarships for students planning or attending a college, university of graduate health care program.

Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Committee generous donation

Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Committee received more than $6,000 from the Festival of Tables Committee through proceeds from the fundraiser held in May.

The committee provides scholarships—through the Donald Sanford Nursing Scholarship and Auxiliary Health Related Career Scholarship—to students planning or attending a college, university or graduate health care program. The student must show a financial need, pursue a career in health care and live within Steele County.

The Festival of Tables Committee has also previously donated proceeds from their fundraiser to the Penny George™ Institute for Health and Healing outpatient clinic at Owatonna Hospital and Owatonna Hospital's Emergency Department to purchase televisions for their seclusion rooms.

Elvebak will work in Arlington

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located in Sibley County north of Mankato.

She is expected to be in the office two to three days a week. Her remaining hours will be worked from home. She will be paid $65 per hour plus reimbursement for mileage and lodging expenses.

Elvebak resigned April 21 amid controversy in Steele County. She had been placed on administrative leave just days before she announced she was leaving. At the time, she received a lump sum payment of three months salary plus health benefits. Her salary prior to a recent increase in March was $119,616.

Board officials said at the time of Elvebak's departure that she was "not the person the board wishes to carry out its vision for the future of the county."

In addition to Steele County, Elvebak has previously served as the administrator for Waseca County from 2011 to 2015. She had been with Steele County for just over two years at the time she quit.

Commissioners hope to solve saturation

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that is also existing and the water would be carried away. At the subsurface area, There would be created a system of drain tile which would basically be the same thing farmers use.

In certain points it is so soft and wet that the water is actually coming up out of the clay up into the sand from under the hole and rainfall is bringing water down into the sand. It continues to fill the hole and cause the soil and sand to be very unstable, calling for immediate action.

The plan is going to go through the designer, and to amcon, the contractor and then back to the board for a cost estimate. It could be tens of thousands to implement the plan.

The proposal was also discussed to delay the paving until next year when the proposed drain tile would have a chance to drain some of the water out. The current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deadline is Sept. 30, and there is now talk about getting another extension for another year.

"Put the paving in 2018," Forsberg said, "and the building could be constructed at the same time."

District 1 Commissioner James Brady said, "I think that getting the extension from FEMA would be good. I mean, most of the work is done, but just by delaying that pavement, you know as well as I do that it's better to build a building without pavement because with all the other stuff running around, they are going to be damaging it. So get the building done and then pave it and we'll have a much better product when we're done."

Abbe also commented and said, "This has been going on for a while. We've been trying to dry this out and every third month we're getting bombarded with 'we have a wet site.' We can't go back and correct what's already happened. With the tile, I think we're heading in the right direction."

Forsberg elaborated that the project and planning will not be without its own unique set of challenges, especially in locating the existing ag tile.

"There may be some exploration needed for the exact position of the drain tile," Forsberg said. "Nobody knows where these things are."

In addition to the tangled mess which the commissioners are battling each day, another incident altogether was brought forth from District 5 commissioner Greg Krueger.

"We have a community wellness fund that has payments from SCCL and we have been paying the bond payments out of there," Krueger said. "With the anticipated sale down the road after we get everything taken care of, with what we've been encountering with the courthouse and that to get our general fund in reserves back up within the amounts they would like to see us in, I would like to see the majority of that fund transferred back to the general fund and leave enough in there to cover any anticipated legal or whatever other fees that come about until we get this whole thing untangled."

Krueger put forth a motion to transfer back $1.68 million out of that community wellness fund to the general fund. "I would like to get the general fund reserves back up where they truly need to be. I think we owe that to the taxpayers of Steele County to make sure that we are on real firm financial ground.'

Brady commented, "This whole thing came up last year. We were going to transfer the whole thing last year at one time, but then it got pulled at the end. It's been kicked around before."

Krueger replied, "I just think now is the time to do it because as I've said, we owe it to the taxpayers of Steele County to make sure we maintain a credible level of reserves. And I just think that this is the way to do that, but leave enough in there to cover any additional expenses we're going to have while we untangle this whole situation."

Krueger made motion, the motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Rick Gnemi and the board voted unanimously to transfer the funds

The value of a library

BOOK NOOK

NANCY VAILLANCOURT

This week I would like to share part of an article written by Chuck Slocum that was in MinnPost, a non-profit online journal. It describes very well the value of libraries, including smaller libraries like our local branch.

"I find that I have come to especially appreciate public libraries in my community and enjoy dropping by, observing what's going on and often asking for help for one thing or another. And I always get it — free of charge unless it takes a copy machine.... I gratefully receive — at no charge — books that I check out, even the harder to find ones assigned by our book club.

"There are an estimated 120,000 libraries of all kinds in the United States, and about one public library for every two towns — 365 — in Minnesota. For much of my life I did not really think enough about how public libraries were important social institutions that have long made significant contributions to local neighborhoods.

"Taxpayers here and elsewhere do pay for libraries, as we do for many other things, but this particular investment represents less than a dime of each dollar we pay to our county government." While Mr. Slocum writes about Hennepin County, the amount is similar in our area.

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How women can make mammograms more comfortable

Mammograms help to detect breast cancer early, improving women's prognosis as a result. Susan G. Komen states that mammography is the most effective breast cancer screening tool in use today.

When women should begin getting mammograms remains open to debate. The American Cancer Society now recommends that women between the ages of 45 and 54 receive annual mammograms.

Despite the benefits of mammograms, many women avoid them out of fear of the pain and discomfort associated with the procedure. But researchers are examining how much pressure mammogram machines need to apply to get accurate breast images.

Until widespread customized mammograms are offered, women can take various steps to reduce the amount of discomfort they feel while undergoing these important screening procedures.

• Apply a topical numbing gel. BreastCancer.org says a study found that applying a numbing gel an hour before having a mammogram resulted in less discomfort when compared to placebo and other pain-reduction techniques. Be sure to discuss application of the gel with your physician prior to your procedure.

• Schedule your procedure for the right time. Do not schedule a mammogram right before or during a menstrual cycle, when breasts already are very tender due to hormonal changes. Waiting until seven to 14 days after a period is a better bet.

• Take pain relief pills. A physician may suggest taking ibuprofen or acetaminophen prior to the appointment to reduce discomfort before and after the procedure.

• Speak with the technician. Women can express their concerns about pain to the mammogram technician, who might suggest various ways to minimize discomfort.

• Learn about padding. Find an imaging center that uses padding on mammogram plates. MammoPad is a soft, white, single-use foam pad that is invisible to X-rays.

• Avoid caffeine. Some women find that caffeine contributes to breast tenderness. Avoid caffeine the week before the procedure.

Mammograms are an important health care tool. Reducing discomfort may encourage women to follow guidelines regarding mammograms more closely.

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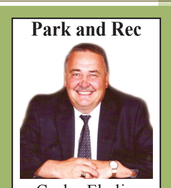

Corky Ebeling

It's hard to begin thinking about Fall when Steele County is now having the best weather of the year. But, I love Fall! These perfect temperatures get neighbors, friends, family and the community members outside to exercise, play, and interact with each other. Have you visited an Owatonna Park lately? If not now is the time and don't forget you camera! Check out our website at www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/parksrecreation for all the information you need.

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Programs coming in the Fall Brochure (released July 25)
Registration begins July 26

Youth Football

1st & 2nd Grade Football - Mini Husky Pups
This program focuses each week on a different football skill followed by games such as flickerball, interception, and many others. No football equipment required. T-shirt included with fee.
Cost: $26 (after August 9: $36)
Location: OHS Practice Football Field
Dates: September 9, 16, 23, and 30
Time: 9:00-10:15am
Days: Saturday

3rd & 4th Grade Football - Mighty Huskies
A tackle football program. Games and scrimmages are played weekday evenings (typically Thursdays) and/or Saturday mornings. Practices are held when coaches schedule them. Players will meet their coaches at the first practice.
Cost: $42 (after August 9: $52)
Location: OHS Football Field for Clinic
First practice and meeting: August 24, 5:45-7:15pm
Times: Vary
Days: Vary

5th & 6th Grade Football - Junior Huskies
A tackle football program. Games and scrimmages are played weekday evenings (typically Mondays) and/or Saturday mornings. Practices are held when coaches schedule them.
Cost: $42 (after August 9: $52)
Location: OHS Football Field for Clinic
First practice and meeting: August 24, 5:45-7:15pm
Times: Vary
Days: Vary

***We will be taking registrations for Parks and Recreation football at the Owatonna Huskies Football Camp on Wednesday, August 9 at the OHS Football Field.*

Equipment needed for 3rd-6th grade football: A helmet with face bar and chin strap, shoulder pads, mouth guard, football pants and multi-purpose shoes. A facemask which meets the NOCSAE test standard at the time of manufacture. The face mask shall be made of material designed to be non-breakable with rounded edges, and those constructed of metal shall have the surface covered with resilient material. A helmet which meets the NOCSAE test standard at the time of manufacture and has a visible exterior warning label regarding the risk of injury. A properly fastened chinstrap shall secure the helmet. The Parks and Recreation Department will supply the football jerseys, but these must be returned at the completion of the season.

Coaches Meeting is August 21 at 5:30PM in the lower level of the Small Group Forum room at OHS.

Youth Hockey/Learn to Skate

Have a fun-filled winter while learning to skate and developing basic hockey skills. The program is divided into three levels: Learn to Skate, U6 and U8.
"Learn to Skate" is for first time skaters regardless of age. U6 is for players born between 7/1/2010 and 6/30/2012 that already have basic skating skills. U8 is for players born between 7/1/2008 and 6/30/2010 that have basic skating skills. We also welcome youth who were born before 7/1/2008 to join us if they are new to skating or ice hockey so they can give it a try. This is Owatonna's starter program that players progress through before becoming active in Owatonna Youth Hockey **Association traveling hockey.**
A helmet is required for everyone on the ice. An entire bag of protective equipment is available for rent through the Owatonna Youth Hockey Association rental program for $50 per year. Skates can be leased at Straight River Sports for an entire season for a reasonable cost.
Equipment rental is available in August during registration. Registration is also available online and at the Owatonna Park and Recreation Office.

Program supervisor: Tony Schwichtenberg tony.schwichtenberg@gmail.com
Cost: TBD
Location: Four Season's Centre
Program dates Learn to Skate: Two Sessions: Late October-December, and January-Early March
Times: varies
Days Learn to Skate: Mostly Mondays & Sundays
Days U6 & U8: Varies
Registration: August 29 5-8 pm or August 30 6-8pm at Four Season's Center

Youth Volleyball

A fun intro to volleyball for grades 3-6. Learn skills and play games! All players will attend the youth volleyball clinic and should be dressed ready to play.
Cost: $35 (after August 9: $45)
Location: Practices at various elementary schools, games at Owatonna Middle School
Program Dates: September 5 – October 28
Times: Practices one evening per week, games Saturday mornings
Days: Practices vary, games Saturdays
Volleyball Clinic: Date TBD, 7:00 - 8:00pm, OHS GYM

WAYS TO REGISTER

- **On-Line: www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/parksrecreation** Begins at 12:01 am
- **Walk-In:** at the Park and Recreation office at 540 West Hills Circle. Office hours are 7 am-5 pm Monday –Friday.
- **Phone:** call the Park and Recreation office at **507-444-4321**

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Trips

August 6: St. Paul Saints Game-Tickets are limited: Register by July 21
Cost: $32 for SP Members and anyone under 18 or $42 for Non-Members
August 9: Old Log Theater-Ghost the Musical: Register by July 24
Cost: $58 for SP Members or $73 for Non-Members
August 24: "The Looney Lutherans, Livin' La Vita Lutheran"
Cost: $47 for SP Members or $62 for Non-Members

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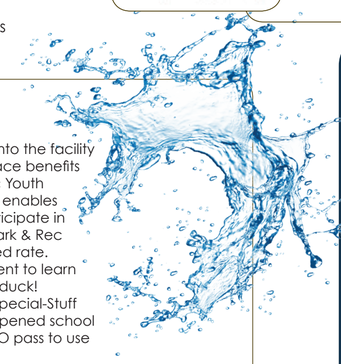
....July is Parks & Recreation Month! The City of Owatonna has more than 700 acres of parkland and 30 parks for your enjoyment. Step outside this summer and check out one of the many green spaces and playgrounds Owatonna has to offer!

River Springs Water Park

Stop in every Friday for themed trivia, games, and prizes!
-July 21st: Sharks
-July 28th: Wacky Day

Upcoming Admission Specials

-Mondays: Grandparents Day-Grandparent gets in free with paid grandchild
-Twilight Tuesdays: Everyone gets in for $4.50 twilight rate all day
-July 20: Community Day Special- Winter in July-Bring in a new, unopened toy and receive $4 admission into the facility
-July 23: Ducky Dash-This race benefits the Owatonna Parks & Rec Youth Scholarship fund. This fund enables youth of Owatonna to participate in programs offered by the Park & Rec department at a discounted rate. Contact the P&R department to learn how to purchase a rubber duck!
-July 27: Community Day Special-Stuff the Bus-Bring in a new, unopened school supply and receive a BOGO pass to use for a future date.
-July 30: Mother's Day Special-Moms get in free with a paid child



Tennis & Fitness Center Special

June-August: Beat the Heat-Summer Fitness Pass (Memorial Day to Labor Day)-Individual pass is $60; Couple or Family Pass is $75. No additional discounts apply.

Summer Tennis Lessons

It is not too late to enroll your child in our summer tennis program! For flexibility of scheduling, you can register for classes 1 week at a time. Sign up for as many weeks that work for you.
Available weeks:
-July 10-13
-July 17-20
-July 24-17
-August 7-10

Adult Tennis Programming

Women's Day
• 9:00-10:45AM
• Friday mornings
• Fee: $10 per day

Morning Cardio Tennis
• 9:00-10:00AM
• Saturdays
• Fee: $14 per day
• Skill Level: 3.5 and above; don't know what your NTRP rating is, contact Kelly

Tennis Tech 1 Class
• FOR ADULT BEGINNER
• 1st Class: September 12
• Tuesdays for 6 week
• Time: TBD
• Fee: $20
• Contact Kelly Baker at Kellybakertennis@gmail.com with questions or to register

OTA Tennis Tournament

August 4th-6th
Come out to the Owatonna High School tennis courts for the 4th annual Owatonna Tennis Association Tournament.
-Men's Singles and Doubles
-Women's Singles and Doubles
-Mixed Doubles
There will be 4 divisions available for entry:
-A: for good high school level players and above
-B: less skilled or older players
-12yrs and Under
-15yrs and Under
Cost is $25 for your first division ($20 if you are an OTA member) and $15 for your second ($10 if you are an OTA member). All participants will receive a free t-shirt. Register at the West Hills Tennis & Fitness Center. Email: owatonnatennis@gmail.com with any questions.

Movies in the Park

Movies begin at sunset (between 7:30pm and 9:00pm depending on the day). Details for each movie are posted on the website and Facebook page as the dates near. Movies are free and concessions are available! August 11 (rain date August 12) – People's Choice – check out our Facebook page and vote on for your choice! Movie is at Central Park.

Woofstock

Saturday, August 26th-4:00-6:00pm
Lake Chase Dog Park
Featuring: A live performance by Jim Kozan!
Bring your family out to the dog park on National Dog Day for food, live music, drinks, and our bounce house! Master's Bar & Grille will be serving burgers and brats, Kona Ice will be there to cool you off, and our bounce house will be there for the kids! We will also have a few local vendors attending. Don't have a dog? That's fine! This FREE event is for everyone! If your business is pooch friendly and you would like to be a vendor at this event, contact the office at 507-774-7367.

Calendar Photo Contest:

Submit your favorite park or trail photo for your chance to win a gift card and be featured in the 2018 Owatonna Parks and Recreation calendar! Submit your photo by email to: Jessica.abrahams@ci.owatonna.mn.us or mail photos to: 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, Attn: Jessica. Photos must be submitted by October 13, 2017 and include photographer's name and phone number. For more details about the contest, visit our website: http://ci.owatonna.mn.us/parksrecreation

Photography and Videotaping

The Owatonna Parks and Recreation staff may photograph or videotape events and program participants from time to time, and these images may be used by Owatonna Parks and Recreation in print or electronic media unless specifically requested otherwise by a participant or parent/guardian.

Pavilions available for rent!

Brooktree Golf Course

News- Season passes and punch cards are still available! Our Senior Membership age requirement is changing to 65 next year. If you currently have a senior membership, or if you turn 55 at any time in 2017, you can purchase a senior membership and be grandfathered in to the senior rate next year! Visit Brooktree's website for more information.
Brooktree Specials & Events-444-2467 for details or to register
-Miles Away Monday: All day every Monday special for those living outside of Steele County
-Two…Four…FUN! Sign up as a twosome, get paired in a foursome, Play a fun round of golf!
Held the last Friday of every month.

-Parent & Child Golf for the very beginner, ages 7-9 – July 19
-Wine, Women & Golf for the very beginner or non-golfer – July 26
-Happy Birthday to you! Enjoy a FREE 18-hole round, on us the week of your birthday! (cart not included)
-Family Sunday Funday-Sundays at Brooktree after 2pm Green fees (9-holes) $15 per pair, $5 for a cart

Happy Hour!

Golf at a special rate between 12:52 and 3:56 Monday through Thursday at Brooktree, then enjoy food and drink specials at Master's Bar & Grille from 2-5 p.m. (available 7 days a week!).

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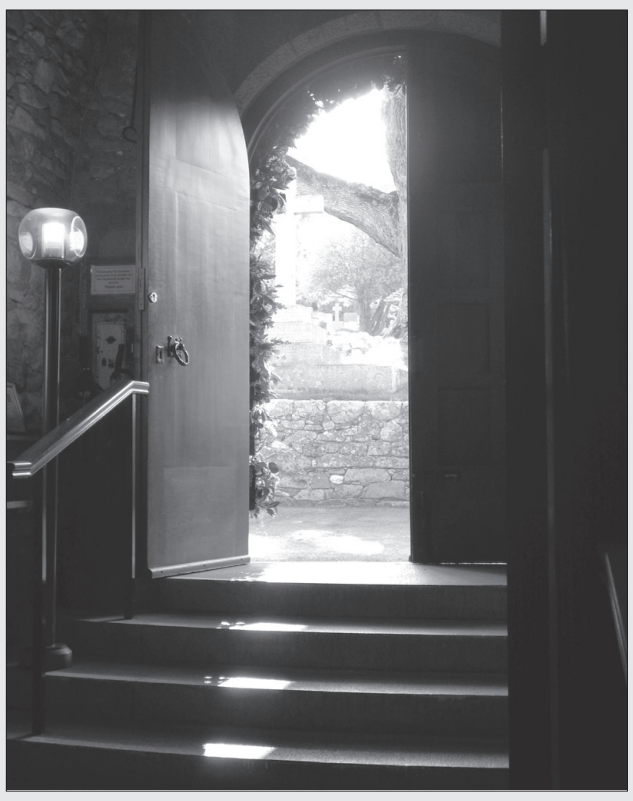

Pastor's corner: Christians in the world

Each year, millions of young people commit to the sacraments and profess to fulfill the tenets of the Christian faith. Each sacrament helps Christians strengthen the bonds they have with their faith.

Christianity has a significant impact on local communities, as evidenced by the crowded parking lots outside Christian churches each Sunday morning. But Christianity is a global religion that influences life far beyond the borders of North America.

According to Adherents.com, at the onset of the 21st century, Christianity had approximately 2.4 billion adherents. Around one-third of the world's population identifies as Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Pentecostal, Evangelical, or another denomination of Christianity. And the number of Christians continues to grow. For example, the Catholic Church alone has as many adherents as all of the people living in China.

Christianity's predominance in the world makes it a powerful influence. That influence is perhaps even more remarkable when considering Christianity originated with a modest following of 12 disciples just over 2,000 years ago. In addition, the number of Christians in the world now greatly outnumbers the amount of subscribers to Judaism — the religion from which Christianity evolved.

Christianity has reached every corner of the globe. According to data from the prayer guide, Operation World, the United States and Canada are not even among the 25 most Christian countries based on population percentage. However, the sheer number of Christians residing in the highly populated United States helps America earn the title as the country with the greatest number of Christians. The following is a list of countries with the largest number of individuals identifying as Christian, according to Pew Research Center information from 2010.

1. United States: 246,780,000
2. Brazil: 175,700,000
3. Mexico: 113,500,000
4. Nigeria: 92,281,000
5. Philippines: 86,500,000
6. Russia: 67,640,000
7. Republic of Congo: 68,558,000
8. Ethiopia: 54,978,000
9. Italy: 54,070,000
10. Germany: 50,000,000

In terms of the country with the highest percentage of Christians, Nicaragua holds that honor, as nearly 98 percent of Nicaraguans identify as Christian.

Christianity is a far-reaching religion that is unrivaled in terms of the number of adherents. What began in a small area of the Middle East has now spread to billions of people across the globe.

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

Trinity Lutheran Church (5881 118th St, Blooming Prairie) Joint summer worship, Sundays at 9:00 am

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5881 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696
Aurora Lutheran Church (6329 SE 38th St, Owatonna) Joint summer worship, Sundays at 9:00 am
(Location rotates between Aurora and Trinity, beginning with Trinity on June 4) Check the website for specific dates: www.auroratrinitylutheran.org

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Jeff Sandgren, Interim Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621
firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 9 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
(507) 451-3854
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN—LCMS
2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
The Rev. Mark Rosenau,
the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125
www.goodshephardowatonna.com
Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
9651 SW 75th Street Ellendale

(507)465-8366
Family Choir 9:00-9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN—ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474
Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN—ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000
www.roglutheran.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
(507) 451-2720
www.redeemerowatonna.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH —LCMS
4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
The Rev. Alan Broadwell
(507) 528-2404
sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services: Saturday Evening at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion, Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sargeant
Pastor Collin Duling
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272
Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288
Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
Interim Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
(507) 451-2165
Worship 8:00 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
(507) 451-0447
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Interim Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
(507) 451-2165
Worship 9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor
Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4520 www.tlcowatonna.org
Worship Services: Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Comtemporary
Holy Communion served
All Saturdays & 1st/3rd Sundays
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Ellendale, Minnesota
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Saturday - 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship: 10:10 Coffee and Fellowship
Tuesday - 6 a.m. Call to Prayer, open to all Churches; 7 p.m. Call to Prayer
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MOLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
7618 NE 84 Ave, Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
(507) 789-6666
(Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m. Worship
(June - Aug.) 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Catholic

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Thursdays 9 to noon

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC PARISH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 583-2784
stcolumbanuschurch.com
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Sunday.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
307 First St. SW., New Richland
The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 465-8217

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
Fr. Jose Morales,
Weekend Presider
(507) 451-1588
www.litomysl.webs.com
Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Litomysl Summer Festival, Sunday July 30 10 a.m.
Polka Mass Festival 11- 4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART PARISH
810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer
The Rev. Jose Morales,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 451-1588
www.sacredheartowatonna.org
Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., & 10 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sunday
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Adoration: Thursdays 9 a.m.- 10 p.m.

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Fr. Kevin Connolly
Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Reconciliation 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday
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CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
205 NW Second Ave., Medford
(507) 451-6353
Fr. Kevin Connolly, Pastor
Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday Mass: 9 a.m.

Christian

CHRIST COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
540 18th St. SE, Owatonna
Dr. V. Brent Carlson, Pastor
507-451-1032
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
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Owatonna Campus
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www.upcowatonna.com
Sundat Service: 10am

Methodist

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(7 miles west of Medford on CR 23)
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Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

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200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirksena
(507) 684-2731
www.ellendaleumc.org
Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Free home style meal on the first Sunday of the month through Dec. 2016. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. followed by the free meal at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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815 E. University, Owatonna
Loren Olson, Pastor
Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4734
www.owatonnaumc.org
Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sunday
Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Church School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m.
Starting June 4, there will be one service at 9 a.m. followed by coffee time.

Non-Denominational

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130 East Bridge St, Owatonna,
Pastor Keith Haskell
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Sundays 10:00 AM
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CEDAR CREEK CHURCH
30 E. Main St. P.O. Box 224, Hayfield
Pastor Aaron de Neui
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www.cedarcreekchurch.org
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

ELEVATION NORTH CHURCH
2002 Austin Rd.
Pastor Doug Jones
(507) 363-3099
www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com
Sun 10 a.m. English Service
10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone
2 p.m. Spanish Service
Wed. 7:00 Bible Study
Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH
332 14th St. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Scott Peterson
(507) 721-1366
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Gateway Connection: 6 p.m. Sunday

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

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507-451-5661
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Mennonite

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Dennis Martin
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Mormon

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
404 31st St. N.W., Austin
Bishop Rick Bremner
(507) 433-9042
Service: 9 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
109 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Steven Robertson
(507) 477-2631
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Seventh-Day Adventist

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
2373 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Robert Brauer
(507) 340-7143
Service: 11 a.m. Saturday
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

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CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
211 Main St. S., Medford
Pastor Louise Bender
(507) 451-4596
Confirmation: 9 a.m. Sunday
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday

Assembly of God

VIBRANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
702 Third St. S., Ellendale
Pastor Patrick Stitt
(507) 684-3421
Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
vibrantlifeag.com

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
104 First Ave. N.E.,
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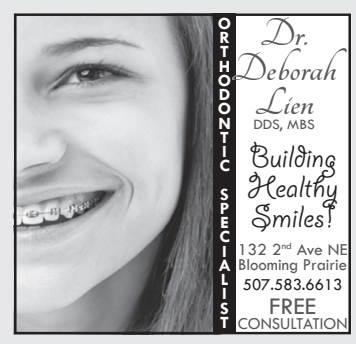
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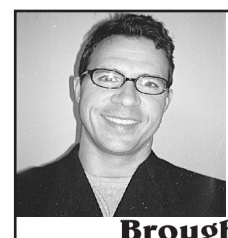

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Dear Savvy Senior,
I just received my Medicare card in the mail and was surprised to see that the ID number is the same as my Social Security number. I know it's a bad idea to carry around anything that displays my Social Security number because it makes me vulnerable to identity theft. Wasn't the government supposed to stop putting Social Security numbers on Medicare cards?
New Beneficiary

Dear New,

Many people new to Medicare are surprised to learn that the ID number on their Medicare card is still identical to their Social Security number (SSN). After all, we're constantly warned not to carry our SSN around with us, because if it gets lost or stolen, the result could be identity theft.

But the card itself tells beneficiaries to carry it with you when you are away from home so you can show it at the doctor's office or hospital when you need medical care. Here's what you should do to protect yourself.

New Medicare Cards

For starters, you'll be happy to know that the government is in the process of removing SSNs from Medicare cards, but with 58 million beneficiaries, it's a huge undertaking that will be implemented gradually. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will start sending the new cards in April 2018, but it will take until December 2019 before SSNs are removed from all cards.

Under the new system, a randomly generated 11-character Medicare Beneficiary Identifier will replace the SSN-based health claim number on your new Medicare card, but your Medicare benefits will not change.

You will receive information in 2018 letting you know about the new Medicare card, with an explanation of how to use the new card and what to do with your old one. You can start using your new Medicare card with the new number as soon as you receive it, and there should be a transition period in 2018 and 2019 when you can use either the old card or the new card.

Protect Your Identity

Until your new Medicare card is issued, here's what you can do to protect your SSN on your current card. The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a national consumer resource on identity theft, recommends that you carry your Medicare card only when you visit a health care provider for the first time, so the provider can make a copy for their files. Otherwise, make a photocopy of your card and cut it down to wallet size. Then take a black marker and black out the last four digits of your SSN, and carry that instead in case of an emergency.

If your Medicare card does happen to get lost or stolen, you can replace it by calling Social Security at 800-772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office. You can also request a card online at SSA.gov/MyAccount. Your card will arrive in the mail in about 30 days.

If your Medicare card that contains your SSN gets lost or stolen, you'll need to watch out for Medicare fraud. You can do this by checking your quarterly Medicare summary notices for services or supplies you did not receive. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at MyMedicare.gov (you'll need to create an account first), or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227. If you spot anything suspicious or wrong, call the Inspector General's fraud hotline at 800-447-8477.

Also, watch for other signs of identity theft. For example, if someone uses your Social Security number to obtain credit, loans, telephone accounts, or other goods and services, report it immediately to the Federal Trade Commission at IdentityTheft.gov (or 877-438-4338). This site will also give you specific steps you'll need to take to handle this problem.

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elise Slinger, Editor
July 17th, 2007

Last Wednesday night, the NAPA Auto Parts Store held a Monster Truck Show. Rick Busca of Frankfort Illi-nois drove the "beast of a truck," and those in attendance got to see three cars be almost completely flattened. For someone that hadn't seen a monster truck in action before, it was definitely ver exhilarating. Busca has been doing shows all over the Midwest such as the one on Wednesday night.

Reach Your City, a local group of folks with a heart to help, teamed up with local businesses to give a new look to the local Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie. The project was started the last part of June and was completed in time for the Court of July celebration. They removed years worth of dirt with a pressure wash-er, sanded and painted the front side entryways of the Blue, and then Kevin Johnson Painting came and sprayed the sides.

20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Publisher
July 15th , 1997

Mike Linse had the respirator taken off him last Friday and lays still in intensive care, but his wife, Karen, is optimistic things are looking up.In fact, Mike spoke his first words in two months to his wife, after the May 17 early-morning accident that claimed to lives, but spared his. It hasn't been easy for Karen and her two chil-dren, as most would understand.

Twenty-two years ago a local annual race caught the eyes of some Blooming Prairie men, who wondered about the possibility for raising money for their organization. By taking a Cedar Rapids, Iowa beer distributo's idea of running a charity race, the Blooming Prairie Jaycees started an event that has raised thousands of dol-lars in the past 18 years. Gopher State 50 has grown into a respected circuit race and a lucrative fundraiser.

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

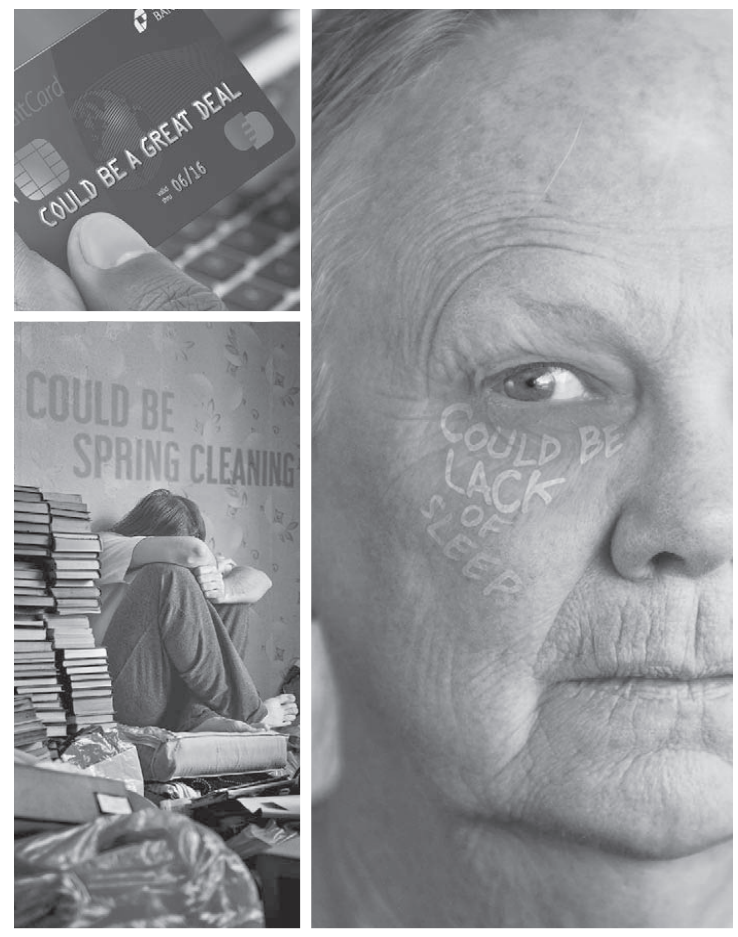
Miss Margaret Ann Colenberg and Miss Kathleen Herron, both of Blooming Prairie, will be among 123 gradu-ates of St. Mary's School of Nursing at commencement excursuses on Sunday, June 18. Margaret is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joesph Herron. Both girls are graduates of Blooming Prairie High School. The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, Bishop of Winona, will present the diplomas to the graduate nurses.

Betlach Food co. one of Blooming Prairie pioneer business firms, will celebrate with a gigantic three-day sale on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week, June 15-17. The Betlach Food Co. was established in Bloom-ing Prairie in 1892 and has been a familiar name in the business district for the past 75 years. In honor of the firm's diamond anniversary, they are offering their customers an opportunity to participate in an "S. and H. Green Stamp" bonanza.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
July 16th, 1942

War bonds and stamps sold like hot cakes here Saturday night as six teams of two girls each staged a two-hour sales campaign as a special feature in connection with the July Retailers For Victory theme. Applications for bonds were also taken by the girls, and the postoffice was open to accommodate customers. The girls were stationed in various retail stores.

Approximately 80 Steele County men will leave Owatonna Wednesday, July 22, for final physical examina-tions and possible induction into the army at Fort Snelling, the county selective service board has revealed. Scheduled to leave in this group are the following Blooming Prairie boys: Evan Young, Albert Svoboda and Charles Bolla. Men who pass the final physical examinations at Fort Snelling will return home for a furlough before assignment.



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The memories of our 150th parade

Just a glimpse back at the glimmer

Staff Photos by Mark DeLap

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

The midpoint of the summer has come and gone and thoughts have turned to final summer vacation plans, fall sports preparations and a new school year. Since we are celebrating our 150th birthday all year long, the Steele County Times is also looking ahead at our final thoughts on looking back.

The birthday bash, and the Fourth of July events have left us all with some sweet memories. Each one had a story, a memory or a piece of history that will linger long into our next 150 years. 50 years from now, in 2067, some of us will be gone and some of us will be trying to recall what happened in 2017.

People will be heading back to revisit our archives here at the Times and we try to record as much as possible as a time capsule for those future generations. For those reading this page in 2067, we want to say that we had a blast.

Many said it was the most spectacular four-day event that had ever come to Blooming Prairie. There was something for everyone and even nature itself held off any inclement weather until after that last firework flashed in the sky.

Our chamber of commerce worked tirelessly to bring it about and to rally our troops and generals in their individual assignments to make this little city a big deal in southeast Minnesota. To those who helped to make it a reality, to those who participated in the revelry and to those who are in the generations afar off, here's a last glimpse at some of the faces touched by the 150th celebration.

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The Owatonna Fire & Rescue Department entertains the kids with a pop-up splash pad. Many parents and their kids were at the event to enjoy the activities and food they had to offer.

Owatonna gets outdoors

By SETH BEDENBAUGH
Staff Intern

This past Saturday morning, the city of Owatonna was bustling all morning and afternoon with events for Owatonna's Weekend Out. To start off the day, there was a Toddler Trot, and Kids K Trail Run at Dartt's park. Over at Central Park, there was the Farmers Market Family Fun Day. The Farmers Market was set up along the sidewalks outlining the park. Walking around, you could find a vast majority of items, including: cookies, paintings, knitted products, and many other sold goods.

Among all of the vendors, one seemed to stand out. Although there was not a sign stating the name of any business, there were beautiful pieces of art that spoke for themselves. Scattered amongst her given spot to sell, Owatonna native Vicky Taylor, displayed her painted wooden boards. Each board

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That's a horse of a different color

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

It's not every day you go to the library. But when you do, most of the colorful stories are in the books you take out and read.

The colorful story actually occurred outside the books last week and just outside the library itself.

There was a small 13-year-old white horse named Chance standing outside the library. It sounds like the first paragraph of a children's story, and despite the 90-degree sweltering heat, it was not a Blooming Prairie mirage.

It was, however, an illustrated story fit for a child.

Chance was engulfed by several children with paintbrushes and finger paint. The temperature was a very uncomfortable 90 degrees and the horse not only took it all in stride, but actually seemed to enjoy the attention, not to mention the cool finger paint being applied to its warm body.

"Pony Tails" is a program that is brought to the library of Blooming Prairie as a summer teaching program that not only allows children to get up close and personal with horses, but also promotes hippology and practical care and maintenance. They also feature arts and crafts and stories about horses.

Chance who resides in Byron with the other horses that were rescued by Stephanie Bruggeman of Refuge Rance Ministries of Blooming Prairie, a nonprofit corporation founded in 2014. He was purchased from a feedlot situation where the ministry outbid the kill buyers and paid $65.

He had numerous health issues as do many of the horses rescued. In some situations, the horses are actually purchased a low price, but the vet bills and medical costs can come with hefty price tags.

The ministry brings horses to the library for Pony Tails three times during the summer, and coming up in August is a 25-year-old Morgan gelding who was a sheriff posse horse, he was in parades, he was a trail horse and was a show horse. Indy will be giving pony rides July 26 and Aug. 2, Aug. 23, all at 2 p.m.

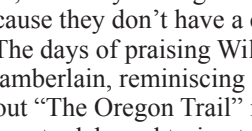
For the full video interview and to see Chance up close and personal, please go to the Steele County Times Facebook page.

Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Chance is a horse that was rescued by Rescue Ranch Ministries out of Blooming Prairie. He is 13 years old and was rescued from a feedlot situation. BP students enjoy the summer reading and crafts program called "Pony Tails" in which live horses are brought in to interact with the kids.

Yesteryear was last week

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

Have you ever told a joke that just killed 10 years ago, but today nobody laughs and you suddenly realize you are in the midst of a new and very different generation and culture?

There are many times when my wife and I will absolutely crack each other up with a reference to something and all of a sudden realize the stunned silence from our kids who are looking at us like we are from a different planet.

So then, you try to explain the joke or reference by describing "and that's the way it was." By that time, you realize you are leaning hard on the control stick and your plane is in a nose dive.

You start to realize that the kids are never going to be as excited as you are when CBS advertises the "I Love Lucy" reruns coming in living color. And, don't say "living color" because they don't have a clue.

The days of praising Wilt Chamberlain, reminiscing about "The Oregon Trail" in computer lab, and trying to explain the dial up sound for early internet are in the wind and can't be used for anything other than the statement, "When I was a child, I walked 20 miles to school in a snowstorm that happened every day, even in summer, and I didn't have socks or shoes."

Have you ever tried to think of how many "things" that were such a part of your life, but are now either in museums or junk yards?

I thought about it the other day as I heard of someone trying to eliminate teaching

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Staff photo by Cat Manchack

Golf for a good cause

Last week, celebrations could be heard all over the Owatonna Country Club for great golfing and great fundraising. Golfers gathered to raise dollars in support of Healthy Seniors of Steele County at the Ninth Annual Golf Classic.
Kay Leonard, one of the golfers at the charity tournament, celebrates making her putt and finishing the hole in two strokes after driving her ball onto the green from the tee box. Local business owners sponsored different holes for the event.

"Build an Owl" takes flight at Owatonna Public Library

By MARISSA LARSON
Staff Intern

Last Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Owatonna Public Library hosted an event that brought in a crowd of young children. For the first time ever, the International Owl Center brought "Build an Owl" to the community.

For days in advance, youngsters at the library were brewing with excitement for Thursday morning to roll around. Tuesday's agenda included an owl story to get their wheels turning.

On the big day, the library was decked out with every owl book under the sun, and a handful of kids even got decked out in owl clothing.

Their undivided attention was paid to Jo Severson, an educator from the International Owl Center out of Houston, Minnesota. Severson did an outstanding job sharing with everyone her knowledge on these birds, and she even got the kids involved by asking for volunteers, of which there were no shortage. They were very enthusiastic to answer questions and help demonstrate.

Severson's presentation covered several mechanisms of survival, while fun facts kept the audience on their toes.

Owls have the ability to turn their heads up to 270 degrees around from the front position.

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Staff photo by Marissa Larson

Ruby, a Great Horned Owl, flaps her wings as she perches on Jo Severson's arm. The Owatonna Public Library hosted the International Owl Center for the "Build an Owl" educational presentation last Thursday.

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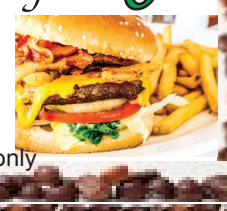

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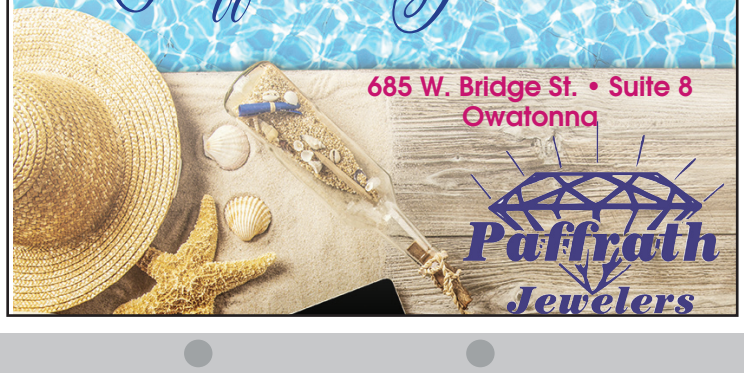

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Steele County warriors ready for battle

Pictures and story by MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

"Cancer never sleeps," said Relay for Life of Steele County 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.

By going to the organization's website or Facebook page, you can find the following and other information for the upcoming battle.

"Relay for life kicks off July 21 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this awesome event. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event. It is a life-changing event.

* Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.

* Remember loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay, people who have walked alongside people battling cancer can grieve and find healing.

* Fight Back. We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease.

"Relay For Life offers everyone in our community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out at a our local fairgrounds and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to set a fundraising goal and have a representative on the track at all times during the event.The Relay is an overnight event that is 12 hours in length.

"Why Relay?

"Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer.

"Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime. You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family, and colleagues to laugh, cry, and create lasting memories."

"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."

> *"Because cancer never sleeps, we walk all night at Relay For Life."*
> **- Joel Born** Relay For Life chairman

Born is one of the organizers for the Steele County events along with being the event chairman.

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 member, Kim Reuvers, who is not only a breast cancer survivor, but has been on the RFL committee for years and has traditionally handled all the luminary bags.

"Nothing much will be changing this year from years past," Born said. "The schedule will remain pretty much the same, but next year, on our 25th anniversary, there will be many changes including a possible change of venue."

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 main entertainment will be brought forth by Travis Thamert, local country singer and through the event, Nolan Schuette of "Listen Up DJ Services" will be on hand.

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.

Cleanup will be on the docket until 7 a.m. when late registrations will be held for the third 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 and for more information on the Steele County Relay For Life, you can visit their website at 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.

You can find all information about upcoming events at: http://www.steelecountyrelay.org/

Top right: Breast cancer survivor, Kim Reuvers is the honorary chair for the Steele County Relay For Life event coming up this weekend at the Steele County Fairgrounds. Middle right: Travis Thamert, local country recording artist will be on the main stage while the cancer warriors are walking the luminaries. Above: Last year's cancer survivors took a victory lap at the 23rd annual Steele County Relay For Life weekend.

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Owatonna Living

Families spend night in Dartt's Park

Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Cash pitches a tent in Dartt's Park with his mom Jennifer Shimpach. The two planned to spend their weekend at Park and Recreation Events, including golfing on Sunday.

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Owatonna Parks and Recreation kicked off its annual Weekend Out for the second time with overnight camping in Dartt's Park on July 14.

Residents started pitching tents in the outfield of the park's baseball diamond around 6 p.m.

50 people signed up to camp this year. That's a moderate drop in attendance after the inaugural outing last year when 70 people attended. Park and Rec coordinators attributed it to a more stable level of attendance after the hype of the first year. People who were curious to try it once already have.

In addition to camping, attendees this year also enjoyed a bouncy house, volleyball, yard games, and a movie played on a projection screen when it got dark.

Three generations turned out when Owatonna resident Corey Harmony set up camp with his son, Ben, and father, John. Only in town a month, Harmony was eager to give his son a chance to go camping. Ben's never been camping Harmony said.

"It's been a long time since he's camped out too," his father quipped nodding at Harmony. More fisherman than campers, the men had set up a fish house instead of a tent to sleep in.

The event didn't just bring fathers and sons together. Jennifer Shimpach, also of Owatonna, brought her son Cash to camp with her. It was also her son's first time camping.

"At his age, we thought what a perfect way to give it a try in a safe environment that he's familiar with,"

Shimpach said. Rummaging in one of several bags they brought, Cash pulled out his Transformer action figures that he brought along for company.

"Park and Rec does a really nice job of putting on things," Shimpach continued, "How often do you get to go to your city park and get to go camping?"

The fun for them wasn't stopping at the campout. The pair had also signed up for Mommy and Me Golf on Sunday. When asked if was he excited for golfing, Cash nodded from behind his mom's legs where he had ducked.

Shimpach and her son are regulars at Park and Rec events like summer camps and swimming lessons. "They're very active in the community and they always put on quality events," Shimpach said.

When asked what his favorite part of camping was, Cash poked his head out from behind his mom. "Everything," he grinned.

Owatonna Fire and Rescue keeps weekend out cool

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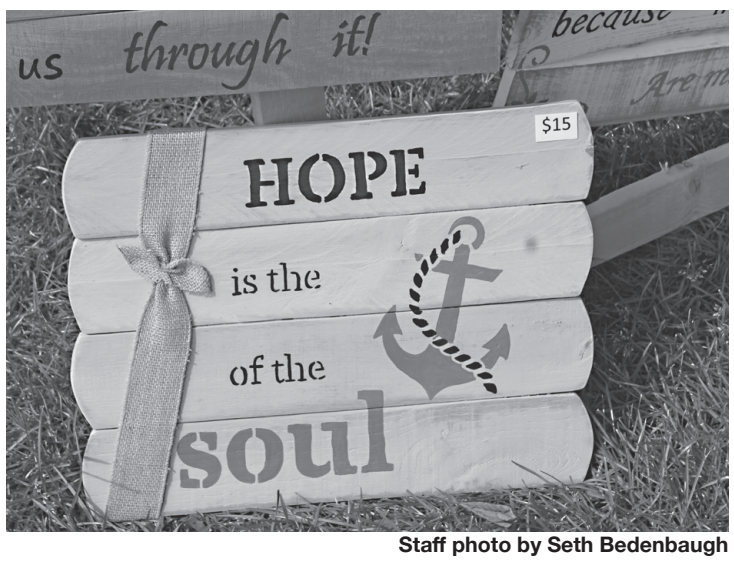
had its own unique slogan and color scheme.

The eye-catching part about most of her work was how encouraging and positive the message was. Some had religious and faith references, others would remind you to just smile and have a nice day.

Taylor's impressive array of art has not been in the works for very long, "I started this winter," Taylor said while laughing, "I started out just making them for friends, after awhile they suggested I sell them."



Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh

Vicky Taylor created this encouraging piece of artwork. Taylor was one of many vendors at the Farmers Market Family Fun Day at Central Park in Owatonna.

While Taylor does not have her own business, she figured the Farmers Market Family Fun Day would be a perfect setting to promote her artwork. She is also a substitute para-pro at Owatonna Public Schools.

Following the Farmers Market, Owatonna's Park & Recreation set up their Rec on the Go & Pop-Up Splash Pad at Manthey Park. At the park, Park & Rec intern, Josh Thompson, and his crew set up several games for the attendees to play— football, hula-hoops, Frisbees, and Cornhole.

The Owatonna Fire & Rescue team was also able to attend the event. They helped accompany the Park & Rec's entertainment by setting up one of their fire trucks for a splash pad. For the first hour, children expended their energy playing the games that were set up. Even the Park & Rec employees were joining in with some of the fun, throwing around footballs with the children.

After the hour was completed, a crewmember from the fire Department unraveled the fire hose. The sunny, heat-stricken day permitted a perfect day for the splash pad. As the kids gathered around, the water blasted out of the hose and the kids played around in the refreshing water. The Park & Rec also set up free hot dogs, and water for anyone at the park.

Thompson hopes to continue events like this in the near future, "Mobile recreation is a big trend in park and recreation field currently," he added, "My favorite part is the wide variety of activities we can offer through one program which should help to attract a diverse group of participants." Thompson also stated the organization's mission with this event. "We are looking to attract more people to participate by offering various activities through this program at parks across Owatonna."

Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh

Owatonna Park & Recreation Intern, Josh Thompson, tosses a football around with local kids at the Rec and Go event. Games were set up for kids as well as a splash pad, and free food.

The Park & Rec's vision for future events is not only promising, but also reassuring knowing there is a group dedicated to growth in the community.

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Kids meet Great Horned Owl at library

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A vast number of bones in their necks give them the flexibility necessary to do so. It is important to them because unlike humans, owls cannot move their eyes. If the human eye was as large as an owl's in comparison to head size, they would be the diameter of oranges.

Severson displayed many types of bones, feet and beaks in order to convey the specific ways through which owls can thrive. Locomotion, body mechanics, eating, behavior, and several more topics were covered.

The end of the program made the crowd gasp, as the last volunteer was asked to say some magical words before Severson pulled out a live Great Horned Owl from the box.

Ruby was hatched at the Owl Center, where her parents, Rusty and Iris, are used for research. Ruby is now 3 years old and weighs about 4.5 pounds. The new surroundings caused her to become anxious, but as a loyal bird would do, she stayed perched on Severson's gloved arm.

As much as the kids would have loved to pet Ruby, she was already very nervous, and it was against their rules.

Regardless, it was a great educational opportunity that gave everyone an extra bit of wisdom about owls.

Nostalgia remains for gadgets of the past

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"cursive." I can imagine back in Egypt when an indignant father was outraged because they were no longer going to teach hieroglyphics. Mainly because it was easier to draw than spell out that word.

I can remember cars without air conditioning, a mining industry that was prospering, black and white television sets as the only option – WITHOUT remotes. Our house did not have a dishwasher. (Actually we had two and my mom named them Mark and Todd.)

Rotary phones with 20 foot cords that you had to uncoil each time you used them. Taking film to the photo mat and waiting 3 to five days for developing. Dimes for payphones. Paper maps in cars. Encyclopedia salesmen. The yellow pages delivered to your home. Pagers. Faxes. Typewriters and whiteout. Turntables and huge Mondo speakers with your Harmon Kardon receiver. Children in calipers and Polio. Grandmas darning socks with yarn. House air conditioners. TV rabbit ears. VHS recorders and tapes.

It's foolishness to consider using some of those things in today's world. Also consider that the technology of today will be obsolete for the next generation. That is when you will develop a little smile as your children who now look at you as if they were raised by aliens and trying to explain Smartphones to the grandchildren who have the same look as they had while being raised by us. So, you see, technology can't change everything.

The Bible says that in the last days knowledge shall increase. (Daniel 12:4) We have built and learned and developed and continue to springboard off brand-new concepts. If it is true what they say that a weeks' worth of discoveries now has exceeded a thousand years of learning and discovery from our past, and a weeks' worth of discoveries and technology today will equal five minutes in our near future, then where are we heading?

I can just imagine on a future Facebook page which will look nothing like what we see now, pictures of items and the quote, "do you remember these things – and if you do, like and share." Although I would hope that by that time they would outlaw the "like and share" concept.

Things like flushers on toilets, fossil fuel to propel our vehicles, credit cards, steering wheels in automobiles, pilots in planes, tires for cars that are probably not going to be referred to as cars any longer, certain medicines for obsolete diseases, and old folks homes because people are living virtually forever.

Nostalgia. People longing for last week's devices.

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"Scream and Moo with Much to Do"

Katzung prepares for another successful fair

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Jacob Katzung walks his cow in a Cannon Falls Open Show earlier this summer. Katzung is a 4-Her from the Meriden Meadowlarks Club, who has been working hard to prepare himself and his animals for the Steele Country Free Fair.

By MARISSA LARSON
Staff Intern

The Steele County Free Fair (SCFF) is approaching quickly, which means local 4-Hers are hard at work, prepping their livestock. Jacob Katzung of Owatonna is going on his 6th year of being a livestock showman.

He has high expectations of himself and his animals this fair season, but results seem promising, as he has done everything he can so far this summer.

Katzung, of the Meriden Meadowlarks Club, has been in 4-H since the tender age of 5 years old. He and his grandma convinced his dad to let him show cattle and pigs, because his dad did so when he was young. So, here Jacob is today, spending most of his time with two pigs and two Holstein dairy steers that will be coming to the SCFF.

"Tending to livestock is not easy; it's a huge commitment that demands so much time every day." Not only do Katzung and his two younger brothers have to do chores every night, but they also take time to walk and wash the animals.

It isn't even fair time yet, but the Katzung trio has already stole the show. They attended an open cattle show in Cannon Falls, Minnesota earlier this summer. Each of them won their respective class, which automatically put them all in a position to win the show.

That's exactly what they did; his brother took Champion, and Jacob claimed Reserve Champion. Katzung's goals for the fair are nothing less than this. Every year since 2012, with the exception of one, he has had the best dairy steer at the SCFF. "It's a toss-up; the competition is always outstanding, so you never really know what to expect."

He hopes to keep the winning streak alive for another year. When asked what his goals are at the State Fair, assuming he gets a trip, he responded that he would like for his steer to make it into the auction. "I've never made the cut for that at State, but it would be awesome to be at the top of my class and get selected for it."

Being in 4-H has not only given Katzung great memories, such as meeting new people at the State Fair, but it has also helped him grow as an individual. "4-H is unique in the way that you pretty much have to put yourself out there; it has helped me open up because you have to talk to so many people that you don't know."

He is also a part of the Project Development Committee (PDC) for beef. They have monthly meetings to sort out details regarding the beef project, and they are responsible for preparing the barns, stall assignments, and fair book information (judges, show times, and rules).

Katzung has only two years left in 4-H, but he won't let that stop him from doing what he loves. "Seeing that my time in 4-H is winding down is hard to accept. I've spent so much time with it, and it's always been there for me. I don't know what I would have done, had I not been able to devote so much time to my animals."

He hopes his brothers will stick with the cattle project, so that he can stay just as involved helping them, and possibly showing at open shows.

Katzung looks to attend South Central College in Mankato this fall, where he will study agribusiness. He also hopes to have a cattle farm of his own someday.

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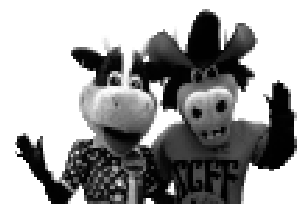

Todd Hale

Mega Ride tickets for the 2017 Steele County Free Fair are now on sale only at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. Tickets are $55.00 and entitle the wearer of the wrist band to unlimited rides all fair week on the Goldstar Midway. Wrist bands will be attached on the first day of the fair beginning at 12 noon at the midway ticket office. Mega-Ride tickets must be purchased by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of the fair.

Rules and sign-up for the SCFF Calf Dressing Contest, and the Mutton Bustin' contest are available on the fair website and at the fair office. Both events are sponsored by Wolff and Sons. Both contests will take place during the "Dirt Kickin' Wicked Good" Bull Riding event in front of the grandstand on Tuesday night. Entries to both contests are on a first come, first served basis. The Calf Dressing is open to four teams consisting of four individuals. You must be over 18 years of age to participate. Entry fee is $30.00. Pre-register by noon on Tuesday, August 15 at the fair office or at the front of the grandstand from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. the night of the event.

The Mutton Bustin' event is open to kids ages 5-7 with a 60 lb. weight limit. The event is limited to 20 entries. Entry fee is $5.00. Pre-register at the fair office by noon on Tuesday, August 15 at the fair office or at the front of the grandstand from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. the night of the event. Participants must wear a safety helmet.

Kid's finger printing will be offered at the fair by the Steele County Sheriff's office. The Sheriff will also have kid's I.D. tags available to attach to small children when they attend the fair.

A reminder that this year the photography and homemade wine departments will be located on the second floor of the Four Seasons Centre.

If you wish to work at the fair at a vendor stand, stop by the fair office and fill out an application. Vendors needing help will contact you personally.

Dates of the 2017 SCFF are August 15-20. Check the fair website for information and entry forms. The fair website is www.scff.org. The fair office number is 451-5305.

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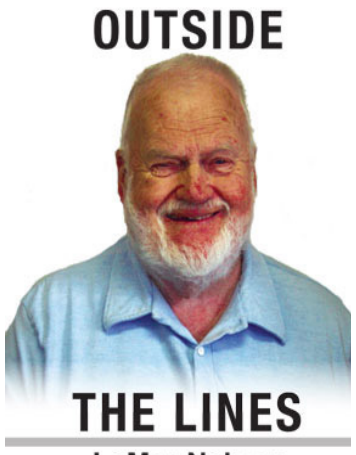

THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Down time is the often the harderst

As the memories of the four-day celebration of the town and the Fourth of July activities become firmly etched in our memories, we find ourselves in a couple of weeks of inactivity. But we don't need to worry too much about not having things to do, as fall activities will begin soon enough.

Besides the baseball season keeping most of us interested because our beloved Twins keep hanging around in the playoff race, the Minnesota Vikings will begin preparations for the coming season in just a little over a week.

Who would have thought that!

And while I will stick to our immediate area to cover the sports field, I am sure that Sports Editor Josh Zimmer will keep readers sated with features about the Vikings and their upcoming season when he makes the jaunt to Mankato for training camp.

As this column gets ready for printing, the Twins begin a crucial 12-game stretch of games that could go a long way in determining their fate in this 2017 season.

The team opened a three-game series at Houston (the best team in either league) last Friday night, come home for a three-game series hosting the New York Yankees, and then head to the west coast for another three-game stretch against the L.A. Dodgers. If my rudimentary math is close to correct, that marks three teams with over 150 wins so far this season already.

Talk about challenges! Good luck, Twins.

It won't be long after the Viking training season begins that we will need to start contacting high school fall sports coaches for their preview prospects in the 2017 season. We still have a few weeks left before that, but I am confident that the time will fly by quickly, and team interest and excitement will again occupy fan thoughts. Some even have trouble waiting for this start of another new season.

Around town

If you haven't noticed it yet, two new attractions now grace Main Street, and they are welcome additions that beautify the location. The decorative benches that adorn various spots on the Main Street sidewalks provide some colorful landscape to the street, and they also serve as restful locations for a short respite when perusing Main. They are a good attraction.

The other new attraction involves 800-pound planters located at four spots along the street. As of yet, the planters are empty, but I can visualize how beautiful they could be if the right vegetation could be introduced into them. That is something to dream about and anticipate at some future time, and they, plus the new decorative benches certainly do add a rainbow splash of color to our proud Main Street.

Enjoy summer, and we'll talk again.

SUMMER PUCK

Owatonna boys hockey starts preparations for upcoming season at 2017 Summer Meltdown Tournament

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies forward Mason Oland prepares to fire a shot on goal in the second half of Owatonna's 2-0 loss to Prior Lake during the opening round of the 2017 Summer Meltdown Tournament inside the Eagan Civic Arena Friday afternoon.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

EAGAN – While the road to the Excel Energy Center and the 2018 Minnesota State High School Hockey tournament won't officially begin for another few months, in the state of hockey, the game is a year round affair.

The Owatonna High School boys hockey team looked to start laying the foundation for that journey roughly four weeks ago. However, Friday was a chance to step onto the ice and skate stride for stride with players not wearing blue and silver.

Led by head coach Josh Storm, the Huskies made the quick jaunt up I-35 Friday afternoon to the Eagan Civic Arena for the 2017 Summer Meltdown Tournament to face some of the state's premier programs in a two-day, three-game tournament.

"Hockey's not a game where you can show up in November and expect to play," commented Storm. "You got to be skating a few months in the summer and get on the ice. Everyone does it and if you don't, that's just how you get passed. It's very important our guys are here and they want to be here. So it's good."

The two-day event marks for first time that a vast majority of the Huskies' players faced true competition as most have recently finished a rigorous spring sports' schedule. In fact, for a select few of the varsity players in action, Friday marked the first time they may have tightened up the skates since Owatonna's 10-2 loss to Lakeville North in the Section 1AA tournament back in January.

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Medford's Nate Meixner throws a pitch during the fifth inning of the Mangos' 3-2 win Monday night against Dover-Eyota. Meixner tossed six innings and allowed two runs in his stint on the mound prior to being relieved.

Medford Mangos Down Dover-Eyota in Extra-Inning Thriller

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

MEDFORD – It wasn't pretty, but at the end of the day, the Medford Legion baseball team was able to get the job done.

In the bottom of the 8th inning with runners on first and second, Medford's Ben Sutcliffe provided the extra-inning fireworks.

Hitting a soft roller back to the pitcher, Sutcliffe appeared to just give his team one more out to score the game-winning run. That is until an overthrow at first base allowed Javis VonRuden to score from second base to give the Mangos a 3-2 win over the Eagles Monday night at Medford Public School.

"It was a grinder," commented Medford skipper Derek Sorenson. "From start to finish, we jumped on them early, but there was no quit in Dover-Eyota."

Medford managed to take an early 1-0 in the bottom of the first after VonRuden's RBI double scored Ian Gillis. However, he would be stranded on second to end the inning. The theme that would stick with the Mangos all night was stranding runners on base. Prior the fireworks in the bottom of the eighth, four baserunners were left on base. Of those four, three were in scoring position with a pair just 90 feet from home.

"He (Dover-Eyota pitcher Issac Bushman) was a crafty pitcher," Sorenson said. "He was really tricky. He hid the ball well, changed his speeds up and he quick pitched us a couple of times. We just told the guys get the ball in play and good things will happen."

Not to be outdone, Medford's Nate Meixner had a strong outing on the mound as well. In his first three innings of work, he allowed just one hit while recording three strikeouts. In fact, the second inning proved to be his longest outing of the three as he

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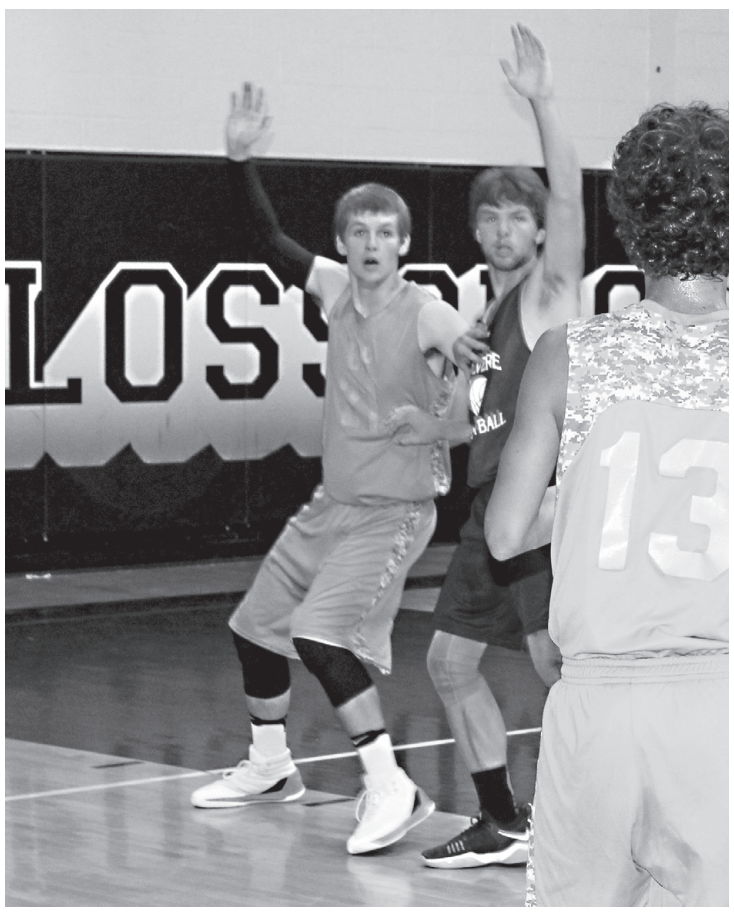
Blossoms continue strong summer hoops play



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Nick Thompson (21) posts up during the Blossoms Summer League game against Glenville-Emmons Wednsday night at BPHS. Blooming Prairie's varsity was able to win five of the six quarters that they played.

By SETH BEDENBAUGH
Staff Intern

On Wednesday night, the Blooming Prairie High School boys basketball team took the court in its weekly summer hoops matchup, playing host to Medford and Glenville-Emmons.

To start off their night, the Blossoms faced off against the Wolverines of Glenville Emmons. BP took care of business in the first two quarters, winning by twelve points the first quarter and six in the second.

There were plenty of great individual performances on display for the Blossoms. Sophomore Kaden Thomas opened up the night by knocking down a couple of three-pointers. Junior big-man, Trenton Swenson, was very impressive on the low post. He was able to assert his dominance all night, backing down smaller defenders and cleaning up the glass on missed shots.

In the third and final quarter against the Wolverines, the Blossoms suffered from cold shooting and sub-par defense to lose by five.

Against Medford, Blooming Prairie was able to rebound from a cold finish against Glenville-Emmons. Senior Kory Rafdal finished the night with a great shooting performance from behind the arc.

His confidence from three-point land was a big reason why the Blossoms beat the Tigers by double digits in each quarter.

Another factor was Maxwell Romeo's hands on defense. He was able to pick up three steals that all resulted in quick baskets.

The Blossoms' young core is definitely shaping up to be a top contender in the conference, but Coach Hardecopf, standing in for Coach Piller, doesn't want the boys to get too excited.

"Between JV and Varisty, we won 8-of-10 quarters," Hardecopf added. "But these are the teams we are supposed to beat."

The Blossoms will start their road schedule Wednesday night.

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Steele County Blades goaltender Mike Severson

Blades goaltender commits to Hamline University

The Steele County Blades are proud to announce that Mike Severson has committed to play NCAA hockey at Hamline University in the fall. Mike played parts of 2 seasons in a Steele County Blades uniform.

The Viroqua, WI native played in 28 games for the Blades last year. He went 8-9 with an 2.92 Goals Against Average and a .906 Save Percentage.Through all of his hard work, Severson earned a call up to the Austin Bruins of the NAHL. Mike was acquired in a trade with the Euless Jr. Stars of the NA3HL in February of the 2015-16 season.

In total, Mike had a Goals Against Average of 3.58 and a save percentage of .901 in his two years of service to the Steele County Blades.

Head Coach Nick Adamek had this to say about Mike's choice. "This has been a long time in the making. Mike has worked his tail off to get to this point in his career. Though he had a few options, Hamline was an easy decision for him. This couldn't have happened to a better kid, Mike has done everything his teammates have asked of him over the last two years and we will forever be in his debt. Hamline is getting a great goaltender, but most importantly a good teammate."

"I'm very excited to join Hamline University as a student athlete this fall. It's a great school with a high standard of excellence, and the hockey team has been very successful behind Coach Laylin. It's also exciting to be in the Twin Cities and the State of Hockey, as they've both become a second home to me." Mike added, "I cannot thank the Steele County Blades, Coach Adamek, and Coach Solari for providing an excellent platform to grow both as an individual and as a hockey player, as well as all the guidance they've given me. I wouldn't have this opportunity without the help of Ryan Ess at Devenir Goaltending, and all of my other coaches, friends, family, and teammates who have been there through this entire process."

Hamline University is located in St. Paul, MN. The Pipers play in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) at the NCAA Division III level. They are coached by Cory Laylin, who is entering his fourth season as Head Coach of the Pipers.

Severson joins brothers Soren and Erik Colstrup, and fellow Goaltender Tim Grounds in committing to a school.

Grounds previously committed to University of Wisconsin-River Falls while Erik and Soren to Framingham State University.

The Blades will have more announcements of where their players will be headed shortly.

Huskies go 0-3 in Summer tourney

HOCKEY: from page 1C

With a slew of veterans (Mitch Wiese, Mason Oland, Breck Henderson, Mattew DeHaan) mixed with a handful of players who were quite possibly getting their first true taste of high school hockey, Storm noted the weekend helps better service a player's progress.

"It's nice to be able to see a player's progress despite the season being so far out," he stated. "It allows us to have an idea of what's best for their development because it's not what's best for the program; it's what's best for them."

Games in the tournament operated on a slightly different system than what players will see in November. Rather than playing the traditional three 18-minute periods, the tournament operated with two 20-minute halves. However, stoppage in play for icing, penalties and other situations that would call for a face-off applied. There would also be no overtimes.

Facing off against Prior Lake, things started off slow for the Huskies as the Lakers were able to establish an offensive presence early and often. In fact, despite official stats not being recorded, Owatonna faced a lopsided shots on goal deficit. For some of the players seeing their first action, Storm noted that it may have been an eye-opener for them.

"They needed those older guys to kind of help them out, pat them on the rear and say, 'you're okay, make next shift a little better' and they're good at that," he added. "You could see the confidence grow in our guys as they go here today."

After making a kick save despite being shielded, Owatonna goaltender Zach Wiese – the younger brother of OHS upcoming senior Mitch - was unable to recover to stop a rebound, giving the Lakers a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the first half. Just minutes later, Prior Lake extended the lead to 2-0 after a Lakers' forward made a nifty move on Wiese after receiving a nice centering pass.

From there, the young goaltender appeared to get into his zone.

Whether it was making an diving save or simply sliding from one edge of the crease to the other, it became clear that the Huskies' depth between the pipes could be the backbone of the program for years to come.

"I thought Zach was really, really good for a first time goalie in a high school game," Storm said. "He kept us in that game. It probably could have been a little worse than it was."

While Storm noted that there were plenty of players that continued to build on their strong offseason, he had high praise for senior defenseman and returning Captain Mitch Wiese.

"What I saw today was him (Mitch) with a new confidence with the puck," he added. "I've seen it all camp, but today against true competition, it was the first time I saw him take over the game. He really did take over the game. He's going to be dang good this year that's for sure."

Despite falling to Prior Lake 2-0 and dropping to 0-1 in the tournament, the Huskies have a chance to rebound with a pair of games Saturday, starting with Eastview.

Puck drop was set for 9 a.m. on the East rink.

Editor's note: The Huskies dropped both contest on Saturday, falling 6-0 to Eastview and 4-1 to Eagan Team 1. Owatonna finished 0-3 for the tournament.

Correction

In the July 11 issue of the Steele County Times, there was a misprint for the Ken Bey Classic.
The Times had the title as Key Bey Classic when it should have read Ken Bey. It was printed correctly in the story. We apologize for the mistake and will continue to be dilegent in our efforts to make sure mistakes like that are not made twice.

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 8 - July 10 (first half final)

1	Strunk, Farr, Koster	50.5
2	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	49.5
3	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	47
4	Behnken, Peterson, Peterson	46
5	Braaten, Pirkl, Resler	44.5
6	Pfiefer, Wanous, Hardecopf	42.5
7	D. Glynn, C.Glynn, Esplan	41.5
8	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	41
8	Motl, Myer, Lembke	41
10	Clark, Blome, Skala	39
11	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	38.5
12	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	38
12	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	38
12	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	38
15	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	36
16	Grunklee, Evans, Possehl	36
17	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	35
18	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	34.5
19	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	33.5
20	White, Lysne, JOhnson	32.5
21	Morgon, Olson, Olson	30
21	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	30
23	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	23.5
24	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	21.5
25	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	18.5

TOP SCORES

A	Behken, Peterson, Peterson	32
A	Braaten, Pirkl, Resler	32
B	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	32
C	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	32
C	Clark, Blome, Skala	34

Mangos advance

MEDFORD: from page 1C

faced four batters.

However, in the fourth inning, Meixner started to get into a bit of trouble. A wild pitch would allow Dan Williams to tie the game at 1-1. Just three batters later, Jack Studer's RBI single would score Bushman to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead. Despite having runners in scoring position, Meixner was able to get out of the inning thanks to a successful pick-off attempt by Javis VonRuden back to first base.

After the slight hiccup, Meixner appeared to be back in his groove, allowing just one hit in his final two innings of work. In six innings, he gave up two runs (one earned), allowed five hits and struck out four. He credited most of the success to his catcher.

"It was a great game called by Javis behind the plate," he added. "He mixed up a lot of fastballs and changeups to keep them off balance."

The sixth inning left the Mangos scratching their heads.

VonRuden and Nick Meixner were both called out in close plays at first base after it appeared that Dover-Eyota's first baseman pulled his foot from the bag late. If that wasn't enough, Nate Meixner was thrown out at third after appearing to successfully dive back to the bag.

Both teams would have short stints at the plate in the seventh inning to set up the extra inning finale.

Box Score

DE 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 7 0
MED 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 5 0

WP: Nick Meixner - 2IP, 0R, 2H
Pitching: Nate Meixner - 6IP, 5H, 2R (1ER), 4K
Batting: *Gillis 0-3, W.VonRuden 0-4, J.VonRuden 2-4 (RBI), Nick Meixner 0-3, Ben Sutcliffe 1-4, Nate Miexner 1-3, Cole Volkmann 1-3, Alex Gengler 0-2, Jon O'Daffer 0-3.*

Editor's note: The Mangos defeated Lake City 7-2 Wednsday before falling to Adams 7-2. Medford rebounded with a 9-6 win over Dodge Center to advance to district play Thursday against Caledonia.

These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 14

Results

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Feature (12 Laps): 1. Ryan Hensel-Forest WI; 2. Taton Hansen-Spicer; 3. Adam Ackerman-Mason City IA; 4. Bobby Gullickson-Kasson; 5. Anthony Kramer-Owatonna; 6. Matt Narveson-Hayfield; 7. Nathan Kilwine-Glenville; 8. Michael Lawson-Owtonna; 9. Christopher Deno-Kasson; 10. John Dulmage-Ramsey; 11. (DNF) Jaiden Bastyr-Austin; 12. (DNF) James Deno-Mantorville; 13. (DNF) Nate Erickson-New Richmond WI; 14. (DNF) Jon Andree-Austin; 15. (DNF) Gavin Tarras-New Richmond WI.
Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. Ryan Hensel; 2. Bobby Gullickson; 3. Nathan Kilwine; 4. Michael Lawson; 5. Christopher Deno; 6. Jaiden Bastyr; 7. Jon Andree. **Heat 2 (6 Laps):** 1. Anthony Kramer; 2. Matt Narveson; 3. Adam Ackerman; 4. Taton Hansen; 5. James Deno; 6. Nate Erickson; 7. (DNF) John Dulmage; 8. (DNF) Gavin Tarras.

Chateau Pure Stocks

Feature (15 Laps): 1. Troy Maas-Faribault; 2. Jesse Stahl-Austin; 3. Zack Ehmke-Dexter; 4. Dan Guttormson-Austin; 5. Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center; 6. Danielle Maas-Owatonna; 7. Jack Dunbar-Zumbrota; 8. Tyler Nelson-Albert Lea; 9. Dalton Ludington-Zumbrota; (DNS) Josh Nelson-Stillwater.
Heat 1: 1. Troy Maas; 2. Jesse Stahl; 3. Tyler Nelson; 4. Danielle Maas; 5. Josh Nelson. **Heat 2:** 1. Dan Guttormson; 2. Chris Hotovec; 3. Zack Ehmke; 4. Dalton Ludington; 5. Jack Dunbar.

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature (18 Laps): 1. Dan Wheeler-Savage; 2. Garritt Wytaske-Austin; 3. William Steinberg-Kasson; 4. Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA; 5. Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord; 6. Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie; 7. Michael Wytaske-Lansing; 8. Jeremy Misgen-New Richland; 9. Jesse Hernandez-Blooming Prairie; 10. Tianna Mithun-New Richland; 11. Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo; 12. Scott Simmons-Lakeville; 13. Dustin Steinbrink-Austin; 14. (DNF) Josh Mattick-Rose Creek; 15. (DNF) Casey Trom-Zumbrota; 16. (DNF) Luke Hainka-Wannamingo.
Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. Dan Wheeler; 2. Brayten Cisneros; 3. Josh Mattick; 4. Jesse Hernandez; 5. Dustin Steinbrink; 6. Tianna Mithun; 7. Luke Hainka; 8. Jeremy Misgen. **Heat 2 (8 Laps):** 1. Casey Trom; 2. Garritt Wytaske; 3. Ryan Goergen; 4. William Steinberg; 5. Ryan Wetzstein; 6. Michael Wytaske; 7. Darryl Hainka; 8. Scott Simmons.

WISSOTA Street Stock

Feature (15 Laps): 1. Noah Grinstead-Austin; 2. Bobby Blowers-Waseca; 3. Jason Newkirk-Austin; 4. Mike Blowers-Waseca; 5. Blake Adams-McIntire IA; 6. Kory Adams-Stacyville IA; 7. Zach Elward-Hayfield; 8. Fred Prudoehl-Winona; 9. Ken Adams-Stacyville IA; 10. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 11. Brent Holland-Glenville; 12. Greg Lammers-Owatonna; 13. Parker Voth-Mazeppa; (DNS) Jacob Bennett-Austin.
Heat 1: 1. Fred Prudoehl; 2. Blake Adams; 3. Noah Grinstead; 4. Jason Newkirk; 5. Greg Lammers; 6. Cody Hyatt; 7. 19-Parker Voth. **Heat 2:** 1. Mike Blowers; 2. 01-Kory Adams; 3. Ken Adams; 4. Bobby Blowers; 5. Brent Holland; 6. 15-Zach Elward; 7. Jacob Bennett.

USRA B Mod

Feature (18 Laps): 1. Kadden Kath-Owatonna; 2. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Blooming Prairie; 3. Scott Demmer--Ellendale; 4. Nate Chodur-Lake Mills IA; 5. Jayden Larson-Mankato; 6. Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield; 7. Kylie Kath-Claremont; 8. Jett Sorensen-Rochester; 9. Matthew Brooks-Austin; 10. Taylor Ovrebo-Wells; 11. Todd Hansen-Muscatine IA; 12. Raey Hastings IV-Austin; 13. Ryan Stebbins-Dundas; 14. Caleb Korpi-Claremont; 15. (DNF) Jesse Baer-Minnesota Lake.
Heat 1: 1. Jett Sorensen; 2. Jayden Larson; 3. Taylor Ausrud; 4. Kylie Kath; 5. Scott Demmer; 6. Raey Hastings IV; 7. Jesse Baer; 8. Caleb Korpi. **Heat 2:** 1. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak; 2. Nate Chodur; 3. Kadden Kath; 4. Matthew Brooks; 5. Taylor Ovrebo; 6. 10-Todd Hansen; 7. Ryan Stebbins.

USRA A Mod

Feature (25 Laps): 1. Jason Cummins-New Richland; 2. Steve Wetzstein-West Concord; 3. Greg Pfeifer Jr-Austin; 4. Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie; 5. Darwin Karau-Kasson; 6. Mick Glenn-Minnesota City; 7. David Schuster-Waterville; 8. Alex Hanson-Northwood IA; 9. Troy Gudmonson-Savage; 10. David Wytaske JR-Grand Meadow; 11. (DNF) Joe Horgdal-Kasson; 12. (DNF) Jacob Stark-Austin; (DNS) Greg Jensen-Albert Lea.
Heat 1: 1. Jason Cummins; 2. Joe Horgdal; 3. Mick Glenn; 4. Jacob Stark; 5. David Schuster; 6. Greg Jensen; 7. Alex Hanson. **Heat 2:** 1. Greg Pfeifer Jr; 2. Steve Wetzstein; 3. Darwin Karau; 4. Doug Hillson; 5. David Wytaske; 6. Troy Gudmonson.

Hornet (Single Feature Event)

Feature (12 Laps): 1. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 2. Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake; 3. Caylie Blowers-Waseca; 4. Haley Kiefer-Taopi; 5. Corbin Giesler-West Concord; 6. Nikolas Aasen-Hayfield; 7. Cale Giesler-West Concord; 8. (DNF) Kristofer Aasen-Hayfield; 9. (DNF) Pat Wells-Faribault; (DQ) Dan Lewison-Dexter.

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Obituaries

Florence Gwendolyn Roberts Norman, 92 of Dodge Center

Florence Gwendolyn Roberts Norman, 92, of Dodge Center, died July 13, 2017, at Circle Drive Manor Assisted Living in West Concord.

Roberts was born June 26, 1925, the daughter of Edward and Margaret (Lloyd) Roberts in Judson, Minnesota. She was one of 10 siblings.

Roberts was united in marriage to George Norman Nov. 4, 1945, in Lake Crystal. Roberts and George farmed for 14 years in the Lake Crystal area. After George's farm accident they moved to Dodge Center where George was a Farm Bureau Agent and Roberts started working in Smith's Bakery in Dodge Center and retired in 1989, after working at the bakery for 28 years.

In the fall of 1989, she started working for Vernon Funeral Home, which is now Czaplewski Family Funeral Home. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Dodge Center and very active in the Ladies Circles and Fairview Nursing Home Auxiliary. Roberts was a kind and caring person and very proud of her Welsh heritage.

Roberts is survived by her daughters, Darlene and Al Ashley, Inver Grove Heights; Sharon and Roger Anderson, Blooming Prairie; 5 grandchildren, Ellen (Justin) Massicotte, Patrick (Leslie) Ashley, Valoree (Scott) Methner, Christine (Adrian) Anderson, and Michelle (Mike) Frazier. 12 great grandchildren, Sydney and Isaac Massicotte, Gregory and Kaitlyn Ashley, Jack and Sara Methner, Eli, Adrik, Linnea and Luka Anderson, Eden and Lyla Frazier, and one sister, Sandy and John Hillmer, sisters-in-law, Maxine Norman and MaryAnn Norman. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband George and 9 of her siblings.

Visitation will be 4:00-7 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2017, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 25 South Street SW in Dodge Center and one hour before the service at the church Saturday.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. July 22, 2017, at the United Methodist Church, First Avenue and First Street NE in Dodge Center. Interment will be in Lake Crystal Cemetery in Lake Crystal at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of

flowers, the family prefers memorials to the United Methodist Church or Circle Drive Manor Assisted Living. Blessed be her memory. www.czaplewskifuneralhomescom

Lorna Marie Schmeling, 73 of Coon Rapids

Lorna Marie Schmeling, 73, formerly of Coon Rapids, and recently from the Waters of Mayo Wood in Rochester, died at Homestead Hospice in Owatonna, on June 30, 2017, after a three-year battle with cancer.

Schmeling was born Nov. 13, 1943, the daughter of Glenn and Esther (Kording) Schmeling in Rochester. She graduated from Hayfield High School.

Schmeling was employed by Citizens State Bank in Hayfield from 1961-1967; Brooklyn Center Bank from 1967-1969; Northwest Automatic Products, from 1969-1985; J.C. Manufacturing and Pioneer Metal Finishing from 1985-1987; Merit Corp./Scotia Technologies from 1987-2004; and Arrow Tank and Engineering from 2004-2014.

Schmeling is survived by her brothers, Evan (Linda) Schmeling, Hayfield; Alan (Sue) Schmeling, Hayfield; sister, Diane (Jack) Crawford, Owatonna, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Marion Schmeling.

Schmeling enjoyed traveling, bowling, sewing, music and was a Twins Fan. Above everything else was her love of family.

Visitation was held from 5:00-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at the Czaplewski Family Funeral Home, 501 second Street NW in Hayfield and one hour before the service at the church Thursday.

The funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 104 1st Street SE in Hayfield with Reverend Paul Hauschild officiating. Interment was at the Fairview Cemetery in Hayfield.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Homestead Hospice in Owatonna, Mayo Hospice in Rochester or donor's choice. Blessed be her memory. www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.

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Editor's note: In the July 11 issue of the Times, there was a misprint. We apologize for any inconvience this may have caused.

Milestones

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

July 18
Peter Iversen
Sandra Novak

July 19
Tonya Hansen
Andrea Butler

July 20
Jean Schwartz
Luke Krebs
Mary Kittelson
Alan Morton

July 21
Nik Miller
Michelle Arett
Jeffery Bruns
Peggy Olson
Jeana Johnson

July 22
Christine Ann Olson
Brandon Wacek
Amy Hinzmann
Brooklyn Voeltz

July 23
Nels Lee
Sylvia Myre
Chip Decker
Evelyn Kubista

July 24
Betti Johnson
Pat Decker
Kevin Cremeans

July 25
Vern Dennis
Eleanor Kittleson
Jayden Van

Anniversaries

July 18
Randy & Linda Klemmensen
Craig & Robin Kruckeberg

July 19
Mr & Mrs Tom Johnson
Charlie & Mary Wallace

July 20
Dean & Joleen Zilm
Greg & Denise Kinney
Jerry & Carol Ingvalson
Lisa & Steve Vaith

July 21
Nick & Sami Nelson
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Tim & Amy Trotman
Tamara & Chad Klemmensen

July 22
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July 23
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June 21
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June 24
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Koda earns 2017 Silver National Quality Award

Koda Living Community has been recognized as a 2017 Silver – Achievement in Quality Award recipient by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The award is the second of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, which was established in 1996 and spotlights providers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of care for residents and patients in long term and post-acute care centers and communities.

"We are honored to be recognized for what we've accomplished on our journey to improve quality care," said Dave Vandergon, Administrator and CEO of Koda Living Community. "Applying for the Silver award has helped Koda to achieve better outcomes as an organization."

Based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, which is also the foundation of the metric-based AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative, AHCA/NCAL's National Quality Award Program challenges member providers to achieve performance excellence through three progressive levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the Silver level, members develop and demonstrate effective approaches that help improve performance and health care outcomes.

"I am honored to recognize this year's Silver award recipients for their dedication to delivering quality care," said Alana Wolfe, Chair of the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers. "I applaud Koda Living Community's ability to effectively apply the Baldrige criteria to improve quality performance."

As a recipient of this year's Silver award, Koda Living Community can now advance in developing approaches that meet the criteria required for the Gold – Excellence in Quality Award.

The awards will be presented to honorees during AHCA/NCAL's 68th Annual Convention & Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 15-18, 2017. More information on the program can be found on the Quality Award website.

Koda Living Community is a 79 bed Senior Health Care facility specializing in Skilled Nursing Care and Short Term Rehabilitation Services. Koda is located on the Owatonna Health Care campus with Allina Hospital and the Owatonna Mayo Clinic.

Submitted photo

The Steele County Communities for a Lifetime (SCCL) Board of Directors include: (left to right) Dave Vandergon, Chris Boldt, Carol Zeta, Bill Thompson, Rick Gnemi, Greg Krueger, Lois Nelson, Kevin Rymanowski, Tom Shea and Bob Ferk.

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Blotter spotlight: Intoxication. On July 9 at 8:47 a.m., an intoxicated male was found lying on the sidewalk on Main St. W. in Dodge Center.

Crime brief

Man faces serious felonies in domestic cases

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A man faces up to 10 years in prison after being charged with multiple felonies related to domestic violence.

The Steele County Attorney's Office has charged Andrew Bogenschutz with various counts, including first-degree assault inflicting great bodily harm, false imprisonment, third-degree assault of substantial bodily harm and domestic assault by strangulation.

Owatonna Police came across a vehicle by the park entrance to the Straight River on June 19. The passenger fled from the area on foot. Officers found the female driver to be distraught and displaying signs of injuries to her face and arms. The victim was initially uncooperative with police and refused to provide her name.

Later in the day, officers responded to the area by Cashwise Foods on a report of a man "acting strangely." When police arrived, they identified the man as Bogenschutz, whom matched the description of the suspect that fled the vehicle. Police let him go and referred the case to the county attorney's office because the victim would not cooperate.

The next day Bogenschutz and the same victim were involved in a disturbance at a home near the intersection of Vine Street and Grove Avenue. She confided to a friend that Bogenschutz allegedly "beat her up yesterday." The victim's injuries progressed with bruising to her neck, eye and her arm was wrapped in a soft cast.

When police found the two walking together, they arrested Bogenschutz for violating conditions of release on previous criminal charges. He had been ordered to have no contact with the victim.

Once Bogenschutz went to jail, the victim came forward a few days later and told police that the assaults resulted in three broken ribs, a broken arm, many body and facial bruises, punctured ear drums and stitches to repair a tear to her ear. The assaults took place between June 16-18.

Andrew Bogenschutz

The victim told police "it's a daily thing" and that she thought he was "going to kill her." She said she had been punched, choked, thrown, hit with a hammer and other metal flying objects.

Bogenschutz remains locked up in the Steele County Detention Center.

Police blotter
Steele County

Owatonna Police
July 7

Arrest. Police arrested another agency with arresting a subject in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 10:47 a.m.

Warrants. Officers made warrant arrests in the 1800 block of Elm Ave. S. at 2:21 p.m. and in the 500 block of Bridge St. W. at 5:26 p.m.

Theft. At 4:57 p.m., police took a report of a theft on 22nd St. NW.

Trespassing. Officers arrested a subject for trespassing in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 6:09 p.m.

Shoplifting. Police issued a shoplifting citation in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 6:48 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported at the police department.

Shoplifting. At 8:23 p.m., officers made a shoplifting arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W.

Animal. Police responded to an animal bite in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 8:42 p.m.

Medical. At 9:31 p.m., officers responded to a medical emergency in the 600 block of Ridge Road NE. They issued a citation at the scene.

July 8

Suspicion. At 12:34 p.m., police responded to suspicious activity in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred at Lincoln Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 5:59 p.m.

July 9

Property. Officers responded to recovered stolen property at Grove Ave. N. and Fremont St. E. at 1:23 a.m.

July 10

Traffic. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at 8:47 a.m.

Suspicion. At 12:52 p.m., officers responded to suspicious activity in the 100 block of Main St. E. They took a subject into custody at the scene.

July 11

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 7:38 a.m.

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests at 9:44 a.m. and at Pearl St. E. and Elm Ave. N. at 10:01 a.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:06 p.m.

July 12

Fraud. At 8:19 a.m., police received a report of a fraud incident in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW.

Assist. Officers assisted with arresting a subject in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 5:49 p.m.

July 13

Juvenile. Police received a juvenile complaint at 3:43 a.m.

Fraud. At 8:08 a.m., officers took a report of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Theft. A theft occurred in the 600 block of Broadway St. E. at 8:50 a.m.

Shoplifting. Police issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 8:51 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
July 9

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in Meriden Township at 2:59 a.m.

Trespassing. At 12:32 p.m., deputies responded to a trespassing incident in Clinton Falls Township.

Criminal Sexual Conduct. Deputies received information regarding criminal sexual conduct in Blooming Prairie Township at 7:47 p.m.

July 11

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Main St. S. in Medford at 4:40 p.m.

July 12

Arrest. Deputies assisted another agency by arresting a subject in Havana Township at 7:58 a.m.

Theft. Deputy took theft reports in the 6800 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 8:58 a.m. and in the 1000 block of Highway 2 in Aurora Township at 10:54 p.m.

Crash. At 6:19 p.m., deputies assisted the State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident with property damage in Owatonna Township.

Court news
Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 3 – 7:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Magdaline M. Abrams, 23, Faribault, suspended license, $281; Eric P. Bublitz, 52, Austin, speeding, $121; Eric P. Howe, 26, Eagan, speeding, $131; Beatrice M. Michaud, 41, Bixby, no license and expired tabs, $211; Timothy E. Michaud, 41, Bixby, no insurance, $281; Brandon L. Moseng, 23, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, $481.

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Benjamin M. Amundson, 34, Faribault, DWI, $581, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 230 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Nicole R. Barfknecht, 27, Apple Valley, texting while driving, $356;

Nicholas L. Diffendorfer, 25, Owatonna, no motorcycle endorsement, $131; Jose A. Escobar, 28, Owatonna, careless driving, $181; Daniela Garcia-Sereno, 27, St. Paul, no license, $181; Jeannie A. Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, suspended license, $281;

Christian Gutierrez Vazquez, 23, Ottawa, IL, speeding, $141; Mariam H. Hassan, 22, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Sara J. Krippner, 24, Hayfield, speeding, $221; Gabriel Lara, 24, Mankato, no insurance and suspended license, $481; Jonathan R. Martinez, 16, Austin, speeding, $141;

Elizabeth A. Mayfield, 23, Des Moines, IA, no license, $181; Travis K. Moen, 28, North Mankato, speeding, $121; Kalley R. Morales, 19, Faribault, littering, $181; Jose L. Narciso-Suastigui, 40, Bloomington, seat belt, $106; Silvia M. Pina, 35, Edinburg, TX, speeding, $131;

Ian H. Rogers, 18, Reedsburg, WI, speeding, $121; Dustin C. Schlede, 40, Albert Lea, speeding, $221; Jason E. Schreiber, 47, Albert Lea, window tint violation, $131; Dennis P. Schwab, 49, Owatonna, window tint violation, $131; James D. Severtson, 55, West Concord, seat belt, $106;

Klee E. Smith, 55, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Richard T. Spence, 37, Ocala, FL, incomplete record of duty status, $181; Rachel A. Thomas, 25, Austin, seat belt, $106; Michael A. Thompson, 39, Chicago, IL, no license, $181; Chad T. Toenyan, 36, Arden Hills, speeding, $121; Troy D. Tousignant, 33, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Kimberly J. Wolfort-Hammel, 52, Decorah, IA, speeding, $141.

Owatonna Police Department

Marline J. Caballero, 19, Owatonna, minor consumption, $181; Jose A. Carrillo, 19, Owatonna, permit violation, $131; Deajanae C. Collins, 18, Owatonna, no license, $181; Jeannie A. Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Sara E. Katra, 38, Faribault, theft, $131, 7 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Brian C. Kincaid, 46, Le Sueur, suspended license, $281; Tyjuan M. Lee, 21, Mankato, no insurance, $281; Hayden B. Sletten, 17, Owatonna,

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Sgt. Troy Christianson
MN State Patrol

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The law states a new motor vehicle dealer, used motor vehicle dealer, or motor vehicle lessor may not sell or lease a motor vehicle at retail for registration in Minnesota that does not meet the glazing material requirements.

The law also includes no person shall sell or offer for sale, or use on any motor vehicle, windows or windshields that are composed of, covered by, or treated with material that fails to comply. In addition, no person shall apply or offer to apply, as part of a business transaction, material to motor vehicle windows or windshields that fails to comply. This states that those people or businesses that apply an illegal amount of tint are also in violation. Those that violate this can be charged with a misdemeanor.

Vehicle Requirements

• No vehicle can have ANY tint to the front windshield.

• Passenger cars are limited to 50 percent on all side and rear windows.

• Pickups, vans, and SUV's are limited to 50 percent on the front side windows.

• Pickups, vans, and SUV's are not limited on the rear side and rear windows. (Can be less than 50 percent behind the front seat).

• Squad cars, limousines, and vehicles used to transport human remains by a funeral establishment are not limited on the side and rear windows.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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.

- Shawn Beaulieu – forgery – no bail
- Gary Bechtel – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Jeremy Becker – shoplifting - $500 bail
- Judith Beneke – DWI - $1,400 bail
- Jose Bernal – domestic assault - $700 bail
- Kathleen Bernichon – theft by check - $2,500 bail
- Jose Blancaste – DWI - $1,000 bail
- Jose Blanco-Delgado – burglary, assault - $35,000 bail
- Henry Bloomfield Jr. – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Kenneth Bonow – warrant - $3,000 bail
- John Borchert – fleeing officer - $2,000 bail
- Jojo Boswell – theft - $20,000 bail
- Dyez Boyd – theft - $700 bail
- Ronnie Boyd – order for protection violation – no bail
- Jessica Bradley – DUI – no bail
- Segonia Bradley – revoked license, no insurance - $600 bail
- Robert Brantner – property damage - $500 bail
- Charity Braulik – drugs, revoked license – no bail
- Kevin Bremer – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Michelle Brodersen – shoplifting - $500 bail

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seat belt, $106; Raul Zapata Jr., 40, Owatonna, cancelled license and failure to yield, $331.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Melanny M. Ambriz, 26, Rochester, speeding, $141; Tanner J. Cole, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, $181; Constance E. Crosby, 27, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Abel C. Falcon, 25, Waseca, speeding, $121; Whitney T. Floren, 22, West Concord, speeding, $281; Jadyn Z. Gunderson, 18, Owatonna, speeding, $121;

Ellen E. Johnson, 57, Lake City, speeding, $141; Jose A. Limon, 19, Faribault, no license, $181; Juan M. Maya Ramirez, 17, Owatonna, texting while driving, $131; Edmundo C. Ortiz, 40, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Emily F. Palmer, 18, Faribault, speeding, $141; Mitchell E. Peterson, 29, Owatonna, expired license and speeding, $231;

Kevin L. Rahn, 52, Good Thunder, speeding, $141; Bryan J. Rector, 58, Brooklyn Park, speeding, $131; Victoria R. Rethemeier, 20, Ellendale, speeding, $121; Barbara B. Schmitz, 46, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Brady D. Seitz, 22, Owatonna, auxiliary driving lights violation, $131; Elizabeth A. Strand, 20, Waseca, speeding, $121.

Police blotter

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 228 complaints during the week of July 5 – 11. Some of them include:

July 5

Suspicion. At 2:10 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of 2nd St. W. in Claremont.

Larceny. Deputy took a report of plates, tabs and wallet taken from a bag in the 200 block of 2nd St. SE in Hayfield at 10:47 a.m.

Civil. Deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 14800 block of 530th St. in West Concord at 1:48 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1300 block of 5th St. NW in Dodge Center at 2:49 p.m.

Disturbance. At 9:04 p.m., a man called deputies when a male subject pulled a machete on him in the 100 block of 1st Ave. SE in Dodge Center.

July 6

DWI. At 12:41 a.m., deputies transported a male subject to detox after he was found to be driving while intoxicated at U.S. Hwy. 14 and 130th Ave. in Claremont.

Disturbance. Deputies assisted West Concord Police with a disturbance in the 600 block of Eugene St. in West Concord at 1:25 a.m.

Suspicion. At 5:46 a.m., deputies received a report of a person sleeping in a vehicle in the 200 block of 1st St. NE in Dodge Center.

Larceny. Deputies received a larceny report from the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 11:56 a.m.

Fraud. At 12:48 p.m., Claremont Service Center reported check fraud.

Trespassing. At 7:48 p.m., deputies responded to a subject trespassing in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield. They arrested the subject for an apprehension and detention order.

Dumping. Deputies found that a loveseat had been dumped in a ditch at 220th Ave. and 625th St. in Dodge Center at 7:54 p.m.

Disturbance. A disturbance occurred in the 16800 block of 750th St. in Hayfield at 9:13 p.m.

July 7

Juvenile. A Dodge Center woman reported that a juvenile male broke into her bedroom in the 500 block of Main St. E. at 6:59 p.m.

Detox. At 8:27 p.m., deputies responded to the 100 block of 6th Ave. SE in Hayfield to transport a subject to Detox.

July 8

Harassment. A Hayfield woman reported being the victim of a harassment incident at 8:52 a.m.

Fire. Deputies responded to a fire in the 300 block of 9th St. NW in Dodge Center at 8:49 p.m.

Narcotics. At 10:32 p.m., deputies received a report of narcotics in the 200 block of Highway St. W. in Dodge Center.

July 9

Fire. Deputies responded to a tractor on fire at U.S. Hwy. 14 and State Hwy. 56 S. in Dodge Center at 8:41 p.m.

July 10

Dumping. At 7:54 a.m., deputies received a report that a refrigerator had been dumped in a ditch at 640th St. and 105th Ave. in Dodge Center.

Harassment. Deputies took a report of a harassment incident in Dodge Center at 2:37 p.m.

July 11

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 4:14 a.m.

Fraud. At 10:57 a.m., a Hayfield citizen reported purchasing an item but that he never received it.

Owatonna Fire

July 7

Elevator. Fire rescue helped with removing a victim from a stalled elevator in the 100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 3:49 p.m.

Building Fire. At 4:16 p.m., fire fighters responded to a building fire on Heritage Drive.

July 9

Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 3800 block of 97th Ave. NW at 6:51 a.m.

July 10

Building Fire. At 10:18 a.m., a building fire occurred in the 600 block of El Dorado St. SE.

July 11

Crop Fire. Fire personnel responded to a cultivated vegetation crop fire in the 39700 block of 150th St. NW at 12:45 p.m.

Extrication. Fire rescue extricated a victim on Bixby Road SE at 3:08 p.m.

Prevent mobile phone-related auto accidents

Because they enable people to make calls or send messages from just about anywhere, mobile phones can be great conveniences. But they also can be annoying when conversations, texting or perusing the Internet gets in the way of proper etiquette.

Talking loudly in public areas, texting when in the middle of a face-to-face conversation or sharing personal details in public are not just bad manners, but such behaviors also can be unsafe. Poor mobile phone etiquette is cause for some concern, but there is great cause for concern for people who find themselves routinely distracted by their mobile phones while driving or operating equipment. Using a mobile phone when driving greatly increases a person's risk of getting into an accident. Distracted driving has become something of an epidemic, as the following figures, courtesy of Don't Text and Drive, illustrate.

• Texting or doing something on your phone can distract drivers for as long as five seconds. If you're traveling at 55 miles per hour, that is the equivalent of driving the length of a football field without looking at the road.

• Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely than normal to be in a car crash.

• Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 20 involved in car accidents in the United States, 13 percent admitted to texting or talking on their phones at the times of their crashes.

• The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to around 1.6 million crashes each year, with nearly 330,000 injuries occurring from such accidents.

• Cell phone usage while driving can delay a driver's reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit.

Although the majority of drivers support a ban on texting while driving, many still continue to do it. The single best way to prevent driving accidents and fatalities related to mobile phone usage is to put the phone down. Consider the following suggestions to help you avoid looking at your phone while behind the wheel.

• Keep your phone in a purse or in a bag in the back seat so that it is not readily accessible while driving. Many cars now have Bluetooth-enabled hands-free dialing and calling. So you do not need to have the phone nearby to answer a call.

• Leave your phone at home on short trips and give yourself a break from screen time.

• Set up an automatically generated text message that indicates you are driving. Other apps will read out texts to you or block incoming calls or texts altogether.

• Turn off notifications so you will not be tempted to look at your phone each time there's a new pop-up or sound.

Remember, any texts can wait until you pull over, park or arrive at your destination.

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Chamber Spotlight

Money-saving shopping tips

Sticking to a budget when shopping can help shoppers stay out of debt and avoid buying items they don't need. But staying within budget is a challenge for many shoppers, especially when they come upon items that are hard to resist.

Breaking the budget is imprudent, and savvy shoppers know it's oftentimes unnecessary. By employing a handful of money-saving strategies on their next shopping trip, shoppers can have their cake and eat it, too.

• Embrace coupons. The days of clipping coupons from store circulars or catalogues may seem like a thing of the past, but shoppers can still use coupons to save substantial amounts of money. While national retailers may be unlikely to offer customers coupons, many small local businesses still utilize coupons to compel shoppers to visit their stores. Small businesses may not have the advertising budgets to promote their coupons as much as their larger competitors, but savvy shoppers willing to put in a little work may find their diligence rewarded with discounts. Scan local newspapers or peruse small businesses' websites for coupons.

• Try negotiating. There was a time when negotiation was a big part of the shopping experience. While that time has long since passed, many retailers, particularly small, locally owned businesses, may be open to negotiation. Small business owners can often be found working in their stores, so budget-conscious shoppers should not hesitate to speak with business owners or managers in an effort to negotiate sale prices.

• Shop at the right time. Retailers must make room for new products by unloading their existing inventory. Study industry trends to determine when retailers mark down items as they try to clear room for new products. For example, clothing retailers tend to discount summer clothing as autumn approaches, making late summer a great time to shop for swimsuits and other warm weather apparel.

• Be flexible. If a certain item just won't fit into your budget, try to be flexible and find a similar item that's more affordable. When purchasing big-ticket items such as appliances, apply this approach by looking for last year's models instead of the newest models on the market. Last year's models might still be an upgrade over your existing items, and retailers tend to greatly reduce prices once new models are introduced to the market.

Savvy shoppers working within a budget can still find great deals without accruing debt or spending more money than they're comfortable spending.

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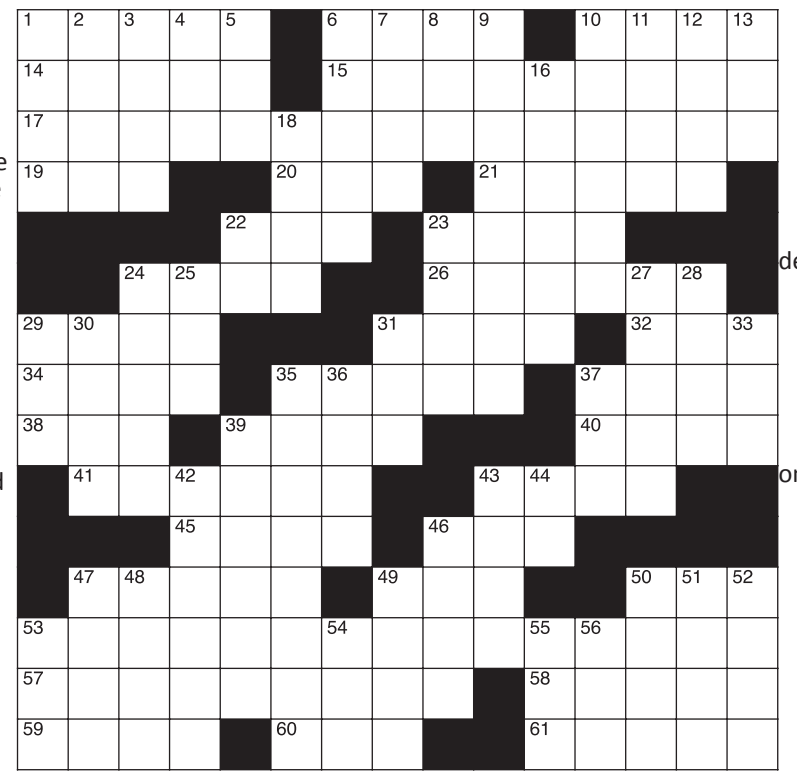

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1. Elephant's name
6. Support
10. Mures River city
14. Bastard wing
15. One was named Desire
17. PGA Tournament prize
19. A way to leave unchanged
20. Unchangeable computer memory
21. Harangues
22. 6th Hebrew letter
23. Well informed
24. Turfs
26. In a way, obeyed
29. Lawyers group
31. Increases motor speed
32. Political action committee
34. Light pokes
35. Struck down
37. Central Philippine Island
38. Japanese sash
39. Afresh
40. Bluish green
41. Inspire with love
43. Without (French)
45. Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
46. Express pleasure
47. Cheap wine (Br.)
49. Signing
50. ___ compilation, compiling computer language
53. Have surgery
57. Being trompe-l'oeil
58. Extremely mad
59. Day
60. Small coin (French)
61. Snatched

CLUES DOWN

1. Cry
2. Wings
3. Baseball play
4. Flower petals
5. Drive against
6. Velikaya River city
7. A single unit in a collection
8. Stray
9. Bring back
10. Repented
11. Receipt (abbr.)
12. Expresses pleasure
13. Not wet
16. In a way, takes off
18. Macaws genus
22. "Fast Five" star's initials
23. Sharpen a knife
24. Oral polio vaccine developer
25. Former CIA
27. Fencing swords
28. Aba ____ Honeymoon
29. Bustle
30. Minor
31. Propel a boat
33. Passage with access only at one end
35. Underwater airways
36. Small, slight
37. Box (abbr.)
39. __ Blake, actress
42. Repents
43. Merchandising
44. Exclamation of surprise
46. With fireplace residue
47. A small lake
48. Bait
49. Tip of Aleutian Islands
50. K____: watercraft (alt. sp.)
51. Norse variant of "often"
52. Adolescent
53. Visual metaphor (Computers)
54. River in Spanish
55. Cowboy Carson
56. Powerful gun lobby

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Community Calendar

Owatonna/Medford

July 18th:
4:30pm - 5:30pm OPL Brd Mtg, Gainey Rm
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
10am - 11:45am OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
6:30pm - 7:30pm Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford
7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
July 19th:
4pm - 5pm Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
7pm - 8pm Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford
July 20th:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
July 24th:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
4pm - 5pm Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
July 25th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
4pm - 5pm OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office

Event Spotlight:
Secret Garden Tour

If you are a garden enthusiast or just enjoy the splendor of nature, come see Owtonna Art Center's "Secret Garden Tour" on Sunday July 23, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 the day of the event. The country gardens have expansive spaces to work with while city dwellers have the confinements of a yard. Each gardener brings their own personality to their creation.

You will want to sit, take in some quite shade, breathe and relax. These gardens will keep you surprised with how a small space is bursting with a variety of plantings.

The season is brief, and soon the gardens will be taking their long nap. Be thankful for the enjoyment they have given in 2017.

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July 26th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time

HAPPENING NOW

New exchange club officers installed

Submitted photo

The Exchange Club of Steele County installed their 2017-18 officers during their business meeting July 7. The officers include (front row, left to right): Mary Wencl, treasurer; Kathleen Miller, secretary; Larry Ruehling, 2-year director; and Vern Wilker, 2-year director Back row (L-R): Randy Sobrack, 2-year director; Steve Frodl, president-elect; Mike Brown, president; Bruce Kubicek, immediate past president; Jim Schafer, 1-year director; and Lowell Miller, 1-year director. Exchange conducts programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Programs, and the Prevention of Child Abuse.

LAST YEAR

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

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Event Spotlight:
Autos and Roads Grand Opening

Americans love their cars! With the reputation of being the "Detroit of Minnesota", Steele County has been a crossroads for centuries. Hop in your car and visit the History Center to learn more about the role Steele County played and continues to play in the state's highway system.

During our Grand Opening, July 20, 5:30 PM, you can experience the taste of summers gone by. The evening will offer fun food and beverage items from drive-in restaurants of days gone by.

The Grand Opening also features two new vehicles to the exhibit. A 1915 Ford Model T Roadster, the first low cost, mass produced car, it brought affordable transport to the middle class. And, a 1981 DeLorean, designed by John DeLorean as a unique sports car, manufactured by a new company. Stainless steel exterior, gull wing doors, and rear engine defined them. Approximately 9000 were originally made. Made famous by the Back to the Future movie series.

Following the Grand Opening, attend our Ask the Professionals round table. Automotive professionals will provide insights into the industry and answer attendee questions. Panel members include representatives from Kappy's Auto, Mark's Repair, Harland's Tire and Auto, Misgen Auto Parts and House Chevrolet.

Autos and Roads will be on display for one year and will offer a wide range of events and activities, with new experiences and events being introduced throughout the exhibit. The vehicles will rotate quarterly.

This project has been financed in part with funds provided by J P Kreutter - State Farm Insurance.

Event Spotlight:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden 150th Anniversary

On Sunday, July 30th St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden will celebrate their 150th Anniversary beginning with 10:00 AM Worship service. SE MN Synod Bishop Delzer will preach.

Dinner after worship of either Chicken Breast or chicken strips for $5.00; You can purchase whichever ticket you would prefer. Tickets on sale every Sunday before and after worship or contact Dee Ann Pettyjohn, 451-8644. Last day to purchase tickets is July 23rd.

After dinner there will be games, and a program at 1:00 PM followed by coffee and cake.

History book of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden are available. Cookbooks with recipes from members contributing are on sale on for $10; you can call Vonna Dinse, 651-357-2924, to reserve your copy or buy on July 30th. All are welcome to attend any or all of the activities.

Event Spotlight:
Classic Car Cruise

LOVE Classic Cars? You're invited to bring your antique and classic cars into downtown Owatonna!

Cruise in to the Classic Car Show, organized by MainStreet Owatonna, on Thursday 7-27, 4:45-7 PM, featuring music with disc jockey, The Vinyl King, spinning tunes. MainStreet is calling all classic car lovers, owners and admirers.

Show off your ride in downtown Owatonna on the 100, 200 & 300 block of N. Cedar. Trophies awarded to Participant's Choice and MainStreet Merchants Choice.

Look for onsite registration for classic car owners located at Vine and Cedar. There is no cost to participate. You must arrive prior to 6:30 PM to be eligible for voting & awards! Come and join us in beautiful historic downtown Owatonna! For more information, call Shirley Schultz at 507-451-7970.

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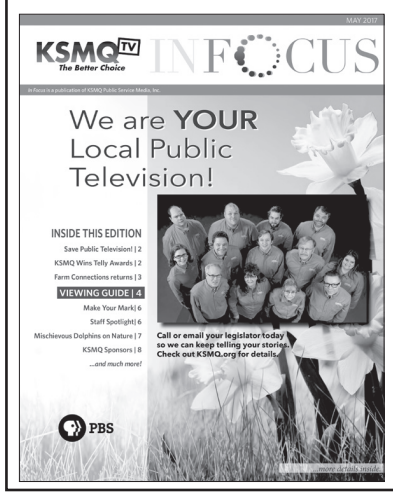

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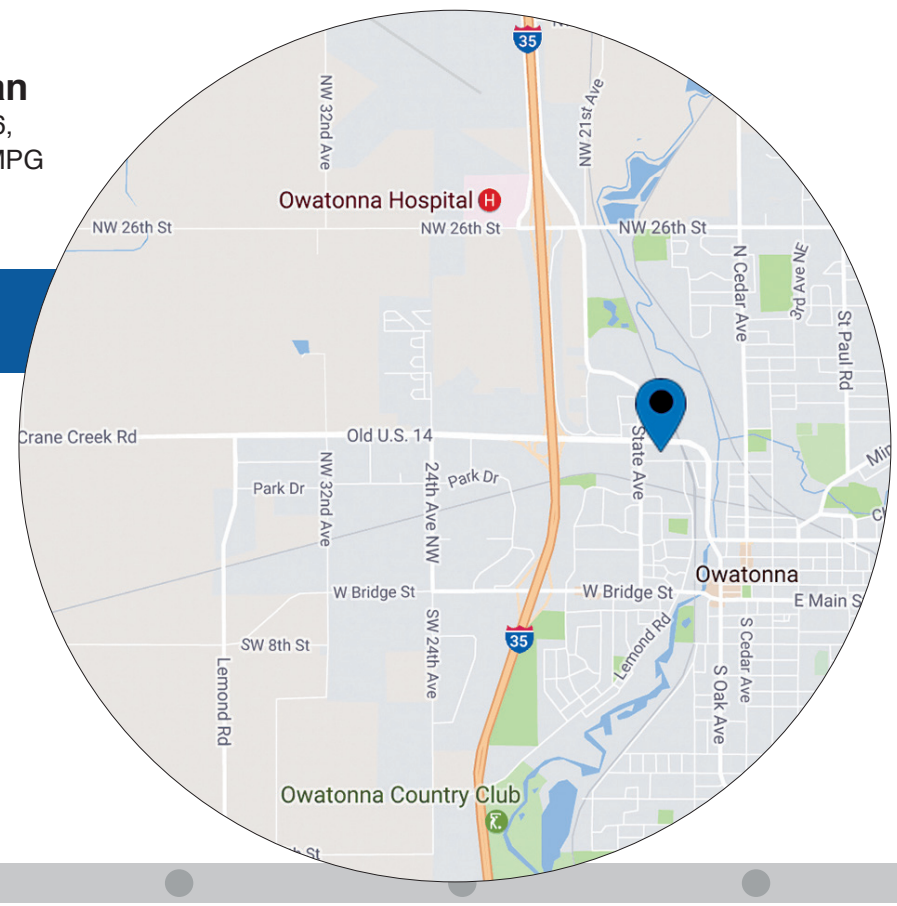

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Conservation program to boost environmental benefits on land

ON THE FARM

Claire LaCanne

Do you farm or have private forestland and want to make improvements to your land? The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA, NRCS) offers technical and financial assistance to help farmers, ranchers, and landowners implement conservation practices.

NRCS has a program designed to help agricultural producers to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as harmonious and simultaneous goals. Being a good steward of the land and a good farmer are not mutually exclusive objectives—NRCS can help you be both. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program through which agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to use conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, or other resource health to boost environmental benefits on agricultural land.

EQIP-eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands. Applicants must control or own eligible land, comply with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements, and develop an NRCS EQIP plan of operations. If funded, participants sign a contract agreeing to implement the planned conservation practices and they receive compensation for implementing these practices. The payment rates are set each fiscal year, and options for different conservation practices can be found on the Minnesota NRCS website.

A Conservation Activity Plan, funded through EQIP, can be developed for producers in order to identify conservation practices needed to address a specific concern on their operation. These plans can address specific planning needs or land uses like transitioning to organic operations, nutrient management, herbicide resistance issues, or reducing soil erosion, to name a few. There are a variety of practices that can function to meet a need on your land. Your selected conservation activities should also address some of the national or Minnesota state priorities.

The following national priorities may be used in EQIP implementation:

1. Reductions of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides and the reduction of contamination from agricultural sources
2. Conservation of ground and surface water resources
3. Reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, etc.
4. Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation
5. Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation through development and improvement of wildlife habitat
6. Energy conservation to save fuel, improve water use efficiency, maintain production, and protect resources by more efficiently using fertilizers and pesticides
7. Promotion of biological carbon storage and sequestration

Minnesota has identified the following priorities:

1. Water Quality
2. Soil Erosion
3. Soil Quality
4. Plants
5. Animals – (including pollinators)

EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis and there is an application submission deadline date for evaluation and approval of applications. The 2018 Deadline is Aug.18. Applications received after that date will be accepted and evaluated for future rounds of funding. Producers or landowners may apply for EQIP at their local NRCS office. Step-by-step assistance can be found at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted. To apply for EQIP, contact your local service center. The Steele County service center is located at 235 Cedardale Dr. SE in Owatonna, 507-451-1054.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. She writes a column for the farm pages bi-weekly.

Summer 2017 Dairy Field Day Series coming to Faribault

University of Minnesota Extension will host a Dairy Field Day on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Du-Ayr Dairy near Faribault as part of Extension's Summer Dairy Series.

Dairy producers and others interested in dairy production are invited to the University of Minnesota Extension's Summer Dairy Series. There are a different field days available throughout the summer and across the state addressing a range of topics from organic dairy production, to dairy goats, to robotic milking systems. The local dairy field day is being held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Du-Ayr Dairy at 13417 Bagley Ave., Faribault.

Paul and Audrey Duban and family milk Holstein, Ayrshire, and Jersey cows at Du-Ayr Dairy. They moved from a 37-cow tiestall barn into their new 3-row sand bedded barn in August of 2016. The new barn houses two Lely A4 robots, along with automatic alley scrapers, a Juno feed pusher, and JanAire curtains. The Dubans had a nice increase in milk production after moving to the new system, and will be giving tours of their operation followed by speakers from the University.

Registration is free, and begins at 10 a.m. After the tour, Jim Salfer, UM Extension Dairy Educator and Randy Pepin, local manure and cover crop educator will lead discussion on a variety of topics including milking robots, barn design, and using manure with cover cropping. Lunch will be provided around 12 p.m., marking the end of the field day. A short Rice County DHIA business meeting will follow.

The Summer Dairy Series is held by UM Extension in conjunction with Minnesota Dairy Initiative. The Du-Ayr field day is also held in conjunction with the Rice County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), and is generously sponsored by Big Gain Inc., Community Resource Bank, The Dairy Farmers of Rice County DHIA, Dairyland Equipment Services, Inc., Hastings Co-op Creamery, KBS Construction, and Northland Farm Systems. An RSVP for the event is appreciated by July 26; please contact Claire LaCanne at the UM Extension Office in Rice or Steele County, telephone 507-332-6165, 507-444-7691, or email lacanne@umn.edu.

Little things make a difference

By DAVID KOHL

Over the years, I have found that some seminar participants expect to find that one magical silver bullet that will make their businesses successful. Well, especially in today's economic environment, there is no magic elixir for profit; and in fact, it is the little things that really deliver.

Recently, I was in "study mode" examining fresh FINBIN data from University of Minnesota's Center for Farm Financial Management. The data summaries included various categories of expenses, revenues, as well as fixed and variable costs. Zeroing in on the information from 1600 corn farms, it became abundantly clear just how much of a difference the little things can make.

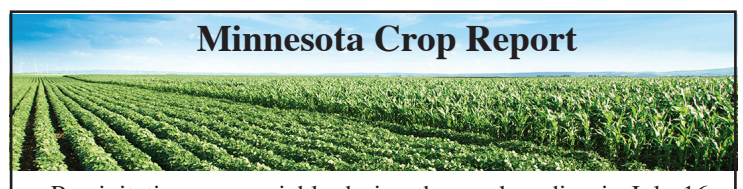
When examining revenue summaries, yields per acre were 30 to 50 bushels higher for the top 20 percent of profitable farms as compared to the lowest 20 percent. Additionally, the marketed price per bushel of corn was $0.20 more for the top group. This calculates to a gross revenue difference of approximately $150 per acre between the two segments.

Switching to the expense side, those farms in the top 20 percent of profitability paid $40 per acre less for fertilizer than the lower 20 percent. Another cost category, and one that has gained ample attention over the past few years, is land rent. On average, the most profitable group spent $40 less per acre than the bottom level group. Of course, a large expense for any corn farm is seed, and according to the FINBIN data, the top group of profitability paid approximately $10 less than the bottom group. The principles of economics say marginal revenue must exceed marginal cost to yield a profit; clearly, this is playing out for these farm segments.

As I continued through the data summaries, I was surprised to find that the hired labor category of expense was highest for the most profitable group. However, that figure does make sense considering that higher compensation is usually required for those with a strong skill set that includes technology and innovation.

In summary, the more profitable farms are making more and spending less, but not just in one or two categories. The differences in profitability come from smaller differences in several areas. Whether owned or leased, corn ground was approximately $100 cheaper per acre for farms in the top 20 percent of profitability. When one combines the $150 difference in gross revenue, and the reduction of $100 in costs, the difference between the top and the bottom segments is approximately $250 per acre. For a 500-acre corn farm that results in a $125,000 difference; and of course, nearly $250,000 for a 1000-acre farm. As the numbers show, little things do make the difference. Of course, in order for the little adjustments to yield a bigger impact, one must plan, focus on execution, and follow through with monitoring.

Minnesota Crop Report



Precipitation was variable during the week ending in July 16, 2017, with 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork overall according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The week left some farmers in hope for more rain and others content with the amount they received. Field activities for the week included hay making, and spraying.

Topsoil moisture supplies decreased slightly from the previous week, rating 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies also decreased slightly, rating 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Corn was 20 percent silked, a week behind last year, and five days behind the five year average. Corn crop condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Forty-eight percent of the **soybean** crop were blooming, 4 days behind average, with 10 percent of soybeans setting pods. Soybean condition rated 72 percent good to excellent.

Most Minnesota **small grains** were nearly finished heading by Sunday. Thirty-six percent of spring wheat was coloring. Spring wheat condition decreased slightly to 83 percent good to excellent. Ninety-seven percent of the **oat** crop had reached the heading stage, with 53 percent of oats coloring. There were scattered reports of oats being harvested. Oats condition was 81 percent good to excellent. Thirty percent of **barley** was coloring. Barley condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. Thirty-three percent of the **dry edible bean** crop reached the blooming stage, with scattered reports of setting pods. Dry edible bean condition rating increased to 78 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** crop condition was rated 89 percent good to excellent. **Potato** condition was rated 94 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rating decreased slightly to 66 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** progressed to 78 percent complete, and the third cutting reached 7 percent complete. All hay condition rating decreased slightly to 83 percent good to excellent. **Pasture** condition rated 73 percent good to excellent.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): William K. Wagner and Renee M. Wagner, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Sterling State Bank, a Minnesota corporation
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on July 14, 2011 as Document Number A000379020 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $114,098.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 17, 2004
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 18, 2004 as Document Number A319442 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $100,791.90
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Tract I: All that part of the South half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East, assumed bearing, 333.44 feet along the East line of said Northeast Quarter to the North right of way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 273.67 feet along the East line of said Northeast Quarter to the True Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West 213.88 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 88.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds East 213.81 feet to the East line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 84.01 feet to said True Point of Beginning.
Containing 0.42 acre, more or less.
Containing 0.36 acre, more or less excluding highway easement.
Subject to a public highway easement along the East 33 feet of said Northeast Quarter.
And
Tract II: All that part of the South Half of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T 107 N, R 21 W, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the southeast corner of said NE 1/4; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, assumed bearing, 333.44 feet along the east line of said NE 1/4 to the north right of way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 273.67 feet along the east line of said NE 1/4; thence S 88 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds W 213.88 feet; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E 44.50 feet to a corner of a parcel recorded as document number 284737 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, last said corner being the True Point of Beginning; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E 44.04 feet to a corner of said parcel; thence S 89 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds W 115.13 feet to the west line of said parcel; thence S 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W 52.86 feet to a corner of said parcel; thence N 85 degrees 23 minutes 44 seconds E 115.50 feet to said True Point of Beginning.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 14, 2004. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $68,411.00.
MORTGAGOR(S): Amalia Rodriguez, a single person, and Enrique Rodriguez, a single person, and Manuel Escandon and Irma Escandon, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc. SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC LENDER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Steele County Minnesota Recorder on April 16, 2004 as Document No.A321028 and re-recorded on August 16, 2004 as Document No. A324791
ASSIGNED TO: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 1, 2016 and recorded on December 12, 2016 as Document No. A000410968
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, in Block 3, Pettit`s Addition to the City of Owatonna, except the South 28 feet 7 inches thereof, and EXCEPTING therefrom the Street and Railroad rights of way, Steele County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 516 North Grove Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060. PROPERTY I.D: 17-104-0314. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX and 02/100 ($73,806.02) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff`s Office, in the Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060 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 6 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2018, or the next business day if March 1, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: June 26, 2017 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Canadian Pacific Plaza, 120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 17MN00082-1.
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. A-4625238 07/04/2017, 07/11/2017, 07/18/2017, 07/25/2017, 08/01/2017, 08/08/2017

Foreclosure

17-106086

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 4, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $70,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Tana L. Green, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1000157-0004373354-8
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 9, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000327204
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Ditech Financial LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Commencing at a point Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches South of the Northeast corner of Outlot Seven (7) in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section No. Nine (9) in Township No. One Hundred Seven (107) North, of Range No. Twenty (20) West, running thence South of the East line of said Out Lot Seven (7), Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches, thence West on a line parallel with the North Line of said out Lot Seven (7) to the East Bank of Straight River (about Fourteen (14) rods and Eight (8) feet), thence Northerly along the East Bank of said Straight River to a point due West of the place of beginning (about Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches), thence East on a line parallel with the North line of said Out Lot Seven (7) to the place of beginning, (about Fourteen (14) rods and Eight (8) feet)
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 516 North Oak Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-009-1214
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $59,252.30
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 22, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 22, 2018, or the next business day if February 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: June 27, 2017

Ditech Financial LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number:
74-PR-17-1108

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

In Re: Estate of
Leo M. Rendahl,
Aka Leo Rendahl,
Decedent

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated October 23, 2012. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Jean Breitenbach, whose address is 13475 Rooster Valley Rd., Spring Grove, Minnesota 55974, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

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

BY THE COURT,

Kris Schmitz
Registrar
6/30/2017
3:59 PM

Shawn Vogt Sween
(MN# 0387368)
Law Office of
Shawn Vogt Sween, LLC
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Attorney For Personal Representative

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Foreclosure

17-106925

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 18, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $90,714.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Daymond L. Ramsey, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100867100130023300
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 21, 2014, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000396567
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The North Twenty-Four (24) feet of Lot Six (6), and the South Eighteen (18) feet of Lot Seven (7), All in Block Eleven (11), in Riverside Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 338 Highland Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-1107
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $89,674.82
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 14, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2018, or the next business day if March 14, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: July 13, 2017

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

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STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, August 7th, 2017 starting at 7:00 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit application.
MJC Farms LLC has requested to place four 25,800 gallon liquid fertilizer storage tanks on property owned by Jerald Ingvalson located in the W ½ of the NE ¼, Section 13, Blooming Prairie Township. The property address is 13225 89th Ave. SE.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

Dale Oolman
Steele County Zoning Director
630 Florence Ave. P.O. Box 890
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 444-7482

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 14, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 149 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0114
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18136
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the
date of this Notice by, Laxman Sundae, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and No/100's Dollars ($15,164.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,** at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

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Foreclosure

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WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 7, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 177 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0107
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18156
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the
date of this Notice by, Laxman Sundae, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Nine and No/100's Dollars ($15,309.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,** at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018.** If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 20, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna. Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 170 21st Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # -17.411.0120
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 17246
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the
date of this Notice by, Jamie Tabias, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Two Thousand Twenty-Nine and No/100's Dollars ($2,029.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,** at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Block 1, Lot 10, Skyview Townhouses Addition, City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS - 159 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0110
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 17722
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Gerald Erickson, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Six Thousand Sixteen and No/100's Dollars ($6,016.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS - 158 21st Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0124
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 14643
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Charlene M. Wetzel, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Eight Thousand Six Hundred One and No/100's Dollars ($8,601.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number:
74-PR-17-1243

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

In Re: Estate of
Lloyd N. Langmade,
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated July 28, 1986, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Janis Zwart, whose address is 18194 Cattail Court, Eden Prairie, MN, 55346, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

BY THE COURT,

Kris Schmitz
Registrar
7/12/2017
1:50 PM

Attorney for Personal Representative
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Notice

Notice of Sale

The personal property described as follows, to-wit: A 2005 Toyota Rav 4 Automobile with a VIN number of JTEGD20V250065395 will be sold at Public Auction by the Steele County Sheriffs Office on the 17th day of August, 2017, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at Hometown Motors LLC in the City of Owatonna, County of Steele, State of Minnesota, to pay and satisfy a lien claimed to be due from Mr. Ron Wolfbauer as the owner of said property thereof to Hometown Motors LLC in the sum of $4,211.22, computed to the last day of said sale, exclusive of expenses of said sale and of the advertising thereof, together with the necessary expenses of advertising and making said sale; and that the grounds of said lien are as follows, to-wit: an unpaid invoice, storage, towing, impound fees, and document fees and sale preparation fees.

Dated this day of July 13, 2017

Submitted by: Daryl D Kubicek
Hometown Motors LLC
1125 S Oak Ave
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-451-5990

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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 06/27/17 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Gnemi/Glynn to approve the agenda.
• Approve the Work Session and Board Minutes of June 13, 2017 and Board of Equalization of June 15, 2017.
• Approve the Bills.
• Approve Personnel Report.
• Approve the On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor license renewal for Finch's Pub and a Temporary 1-4 day permit Hard Liquor license for Knights of Columbus.
• Approve an agreement between the Steele County Detention Center and the MN Department of Revenue for Revenue Recapture Services.
• Approve an agreement between the Steele County Probation Services and the MN Department of Revenue for Revenue Recapture Services.
• Approve appointment of Steele County Community Corrections Advisory Board members for a two-year term.
• Approve Out of State travel request for Chief Deputy Scott Hanson to attend the NADCP Conference in Washington DC, July 9-12.
• Approve OPU for a permanent Utility Easement along the East property line to the new Public Works Facility Complex.
• Approve a one year lease extension in the amount of $15,810 from June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019 with an option to extend for three months located at 900 30th Place NW for the Steele County Highway Department shop facility.
• Accept donation of five Radiant Heaters from Viracon to the Four Seasons Centre.
• Approve ice rate increase of $5.00 per hour for the 2017/2018 ice season to $170 per hour.
• Accept Public Safety Minutes.
• Accept Land Use and Records Minutes.
• Human Resource Director, Julie Johnson introduced Kate Schraeder as our new Records Supervisor in the Steele County Sheriff's office.
• This month's Steele Spotlight featured Liane Peterson and Melissa Trihus from the Recorders office highlighting how they've streamlined their passport application process to be more efficient and effective.
• A presentation on Tourism & Minnesota's Economy was given by Katie Godfrey from the Chamber of Commerce.
• Glynn/Krueger to approve the Restated Lease Agreement between Steele County and City of Owatonna at $5,000 per month for the temporary use of the Fire Hall. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Abbe offered a Resolution to approve the proposed labor agreement effective January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018 between Steele County and the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Sheriff's Department-Sergeants Unit. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Krueger offered a Resolution to approve the proposed labor agreement effective January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018 between Steele County and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees' Union, Local #320, Detention Center Non-Licensed Essential Correctional Sergeants. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Gnemi offered a Resolution to approve a Master Partnership Contract between Steele County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Krueger/Gnemi offered a Resolution to accept the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Buffer Law as the Local Government Unit within the legal boundaries of Steele County for the water features in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103F.48. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve a Public Hearing for the GIS Fee Schedule on July 25, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. Ayes all.
• Abbe/Glynn to approve the agreement with C&S Vending for staff vending services at the Detention Center effective June 27, 2017 – May 30, 2020. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Abbe to approve the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement between the MN Department of Corrections and Steele County for work release services from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2118 and HOF Offenders from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Glynn to issue an RFP for Chemical Dependency Treatment at the Detention Center. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Glynn to approve the three-year renewal contract from June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2020 between Steele County Detention Center and TRANE for maintenance of HVAC system. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve trading in two unmarked squad cars for the purchase of another unmarked squad car from Owatonna Ford. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Abbe to approve per diems in the amount of $45.00 and mileage for the Community Corrections Advisory Board members. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Abbe to approve renewal in the Driving Diversion Program at no cost to Steele County. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Krueger to accept the proposal from the State of Minnesota on the Courthouse and to add an additional $10,000 to cover the cost of rental at the fire station. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Abbe voting against.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve the Chairman and Administrator to negotiate if our counter offer with the State to add an additional $10,000 to their proposal is rejected. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
06/27/17

Bargen Incorporated	4,295.00
Central Farm Services	4,326.29
Cummins Npower LLC	2,436.58
Hosfield/John C	3,492.00
HP Inc	6,925.27
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	4,353.47
Kronos Incorporated	3,132.10
Mayo Clinic	10,989.00
Microsoft	5,920.97
Project Lifesaver	2,583.89
RCM Specialties Inc	4,298.25
Schultz Excavating	5,070.50
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	14,865.72
Steele County Revenue	2,904.55
Steele County Soil Water Conserv Dist	33,750.00
Steele County Treasurer	21,471.25
Summit Food Service Management	4,658.13
Univ of MN Regents	43,007.46
West Central Industries	2,135.94
115 Warrants under $2,000	59,510.06
Total:	$240,126.43

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:56 p.m. Ayes all.

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

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ASSUMED NAMED: **Mangelsen Home Inspections**

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

NAMEHOLDER(S): **Venture16 LLC Address: 104 1/2 West Broadway Street, Suite 205, Owatonna MN, 55060**

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SIGNED BY: **Bobby J. Mangelsen**

MAILING ADDRESS: **Bobby J. Mangelsen, Chief Executive Officer, 104 1/2 West Broadway St., Suite 205 Owatonna MN 55060**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **bobby@mangelsenappraisals.com**

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The new Straight River northbound & southbound rest areas near Owatonna will be opening soon. Several **senior workers will be needed for PT custodial work.** If you are **55 or older** please call Green View at **651-639-1913**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 756 shall begin on August 1, 2017, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2017.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. At that election, four members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the School District Clerk, 202 4th Avenue NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917. The filing fee for this office is $2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which candidate seeks election for thirty days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2017.

Dated: June 19, 2017
By Order of the School District
Pam Hameister, School District Clerk

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GARAGE SALE

504 2nd Ave NW, Byron. Sat. 8am-3pm. Huge Garage Sale Antiques, collectibles, crocks, beer lights, fishing poles, pulleys, tools, and lots of misc. 31p

408 South St. West Concord. Fri. & Sat. 9-6. Moving/Estate Sale- West Concord Survival Days, much furniture, misc. hh, glassware, sm. appliances, linens, decor and tools, clean, plus much more. Don't miss this sale. 31p

601 2nd Ave NW, Kasson. Weds. 4-7pm, Thurs. 8-5pm. Two Family Sale. Housewares, rugs, and other treasures.31p

Old Town-Concord, 55304 Zolst Ave., West Concord. Sat 7am-2pm. CASH ONLY! Variety of household/decor/vintage jewlery, amoire/vanity dresser with mirror, 650 Yamaha V-Star with accessories, 650 Savage with accessories, 2013 2-wheel drive Ural Gear-Up with Sidecar, 2006 883 Harley custom Sportster with Cozie sidecar, hamster cage/children's toys! Crafty items and supplies! 31p

1103 3rd St. NE Kasson. Thurs 4-7pm, Fri 8am-4pm. Girls clothes 0-7size, boys clothes 0-3T, women's clothes M-L, maternity clothes, toys, new Pampered Chef items, Pack 'n Play, chair, dress, coffee table, and lots more! 31p

506 Chestnut St. Mantorville. Fri 8-4, Sat 8-12. Hide a bed, oak desk, fruit jars, Porta Potty, garden tools (like new), window fans, electric heaters, planers, drum sander, jet air filteration, and much misc. 31p

Riverside Park, Mantorville. Every Tuesday 11a.m.-5p.m. May-October Farmers' & Artisans' Market: Artists, crafters, Watkins products, baked goods, flea market & farmers' market vendors, non-profit fundraising groups welcome, $5/wk. vendor fee, 507-635-5554, www.mantorvilletourism.com

57302 State Hwy 56 (1.5 miles south of West Concord). Fri. 8 am-4pm, Sat. 9 am-3pm. 52" plasma TV, Coach purses, car seats, Pack 'n Play, Baby Brezza, many infant items, recliner chair, paint sprayer, infant-adult clothing (all exc. cond), toys, household items, and much misc. 31p

1 block north of Kwik Trip in Byron. "Good Neighbor Days". Thurs 10-5, Fri & Sat 8-5. Tools, toys, traps, log chains, shovels, hoes, fishing equipment, lures, boat ladder, oars, sporting goods, Mickey Mantle bat, golf balls, clothes, dolls, lots of misc. items. 31p

107 2nd St. NE Kasson. Thurs 4-7, Fri 9-6, Sat. 9-12. Huge Moving Sale. Priced to Sell. Appliances, furniture, patio furniture, horse & dog gear, many different household items; too much to list! Cash Only! No Early Birds! 31p

120 5th St. W Mantorville- 2 blks W of Hubbell House. Thurs & Fri 9am-6pm. Misses and womens clothing sm-lg, womens shoes, mens clothing med-lg, bedding twin and queen size, tons of misc., household and dishes. 31p

409 5th St., West Concord. Fri. 8am-5 pm, Sat. 8 a.m-11 am. Randy Dessner residence. Kids to adult clothes, round patio table w/4 chairs, brand new L7 15" dual 2 ohm mono amplifier, Vance & Hines Long Shots, will fit 2000-2006 Softail Heritage, crafts & much misc.31p

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Federated to Lead 2017 United Way Campaign in Steele County

For the past 10 year United Way of Steele County has tapped a local corporation to lead their annual fundraising campaign. Today they announced that, for the second time, Federated Insurance will serve as the 2017 United Way Corporate Campaign Leader.

"We are grateful that Federated, a local, homegrown corporation, which shares so many of our values for community care has decided to lead our community fundraising efforts this year. Federated has been highly successful in inspiring their employees to support United Way of Steele County," said UWSC Executive Director, Kim Schaufenbuel, "and we're confident they will be able to broaden that inspiration throughout our community."

The Federated Corporate Campaign Leadership Team includes Jeff Fetters, Chairman, President and CEO; Pat Cooper, Executive Vice-President; and Julie Rethemeier, Vice-President Director of Public Affairs, as well as UWSC Board Members Shane Sattler, Peng Olson, and Jane Rolloff, and Melanie Sunnarborg. Federated is one of 12 local companies to lead the United Way campaign. Wells Fargo Bank started the tradition in 2006. Federated Insurance served in this capacity once before in 2010.

"We are thankful to have a vibrant and thriving United Way in our county who are leading and collaborating to invoke positive change within the community" said Jeff Fetters, Chairman, President & CEO. "Their work is critical to a healthy community. When Kim Schaufenbuel asked us to consider being the Corporate Campaign Leader I said "How can we say no?" United Way is a key community partner and friend to all of us. We want to do everything we can to keep our community strong. Our team decided upon a focus for the campaign which is Lead United. Live United. Together we can bring hope to those in need. One person alone cannot make the difference, but, as a community collaborating, we can achieve great things. We plan to share the mission and message of the United Way to business owners and individuals in hopes that together we truly lead and live united."

This year's campaign goal is $725,000. Funds will support programs which give children a healthy start in life, families the tools they need to thrive, and seniors the support they deserve to live with purpose and dignity. Programs operated by trusted, local nonprofit organizations include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota, the Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie, Cedar Valley Services, Children's Remedial Fund, Crisis Resource Center, Exchange Club Center for Family Unity, Free Clinic of Steele County, Healthy Seniors Program of Steele County, Let's Smile, Inc., SACSO (Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna), South Central Human Relations Center, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Steele County Food Shelf, Steele County Clothesline, and Transitional Housing of Steele County programs. Also supported in part by locally raised funds are: Owatonna School District SAC, Medford School District Tiger Club, Salvation Army Boots to Work program, Preschool Transportation, Incent to Save, Mobile Food Shelf, and Career Counselor/Job Readiness in conjunction with Owatonna High School, Workforce Development, and Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the United Way of Steele County is to change lives by mobilizing and optimizing the caring power of our community. We fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. We win by living United. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join us in fighting our community's most daunting social crises. In order to live better we must Live United.

In the last five years alone, United Way of Steele County has raised more than $4 million to address local health and human service needs. For more information about how you can join thousands of people in our community who participate in the annual United Way campaign, go to http://unitedwaysteelecounty.org or call 507-455-1180.

Submitted photo

Pictured from left to right: (Back row) Jane Rolloff, Pat Cooper, Jeff Fetters, Julie Rethemeier. (Front row) Peng Olson, Kim Schaufenbuel, Melanie Sunnarborg. Not pictured: Shane Sattler.

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