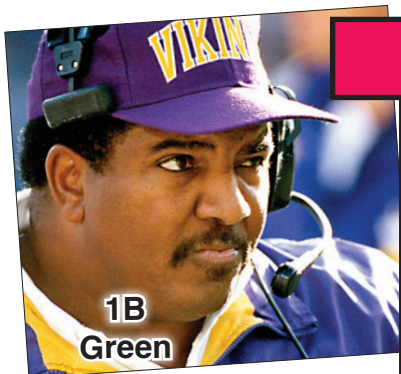




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**U Booze
U Drive
U Lose**



Missing the mark: alcohol in sports

Editor's Note: The Steele County Times continues its year-long special project showcasing drunken driving and the incredible impact it has on all aspects of society. This month we focus on sports and alcohol. Throughout the year, the Times is featuring stories about people impacted by drunk driving, professionals who deal with the devastation, court officials who handle the offenders and much more. Our project is called U Booze, U Drive, U Lose.

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

He may not be Tiger Woods, but for years Minnesota native Bill Israelson has been tearing up the courses around the country as a professional golfer.

The 59-year-old has an impressive list of accomplishments on his golf record. Some of them include

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Photo illustration by Michael Anderson

Pro golfer Bill Israelson has not only been cutting it up on the golf course, but he is responsible for the 1988 death of a Freeborn County woman. Israelson killed Shelly Malakowsky, 20, of Hartland, in a DWI crash on Interstate 35 near Faribault.

Shooting injures man in Owatonna

Owatonna Police are investigating a weekend shooting in the downtown area.

Officers responded to the Downtowner Apartments at 422 N. Cedar Ave. at about 3:05 p.m. Sunday on a report of a shooting. When they arrived, they found a bullet hole in the front door to apartment 23.

Witnesses told police that two suspects entered the complex through the security gate and knocked on the apartment door. Three shots rang out and the suspects fled the area.

A 26-year-old man was located a short time later at a different residence with a gunshot wound to his hand.

Police said the shooting appears to be directed toward a specific person and was not a random act of violence.

The case remains under investigation and no arrests have been made.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to contact the detective bureau at 507-444-3800.

Ellendale Mayor to Cut Sheriff's Contract

By **JOSHUA ZIMMER**
County Staff Writer

It was just a year ago that the Mayor of Ellendale, Mark Skroch proposed a plan that would cut the contract for extra patrol from the Steele County Sheriff's department. That plan was rejected with a four to one vote. Now, the Mayor is proposing the idea for a second time and the community is at a crossroads.

In a recent letter sent into the offices of the Steele County Times, Mayor Skroch outlined his feelings on the higher cost of living in the area and then listed

his solution, which is cutting the contracts for law enforcement in the area. He started the letter by saying that since he has taken office, the cost of living has made him increasingly more troubled. He also mentioned that the water rates are higher than that of other cities or towns within the area and that he feels it time for action.

In the continuation of his letter, he outlined that by 2020, the department of transportation is going to start restoration efforts on State Highway 30, which runs through the town. The key to that is just under that highway runs

the town's old water line that he calls to be upgraded. Within the statements talking about the water line, he mentioned that to local businesses and residents in the area that it will be very expensive. However, he did not go into detail as to how expensive the upgrade to the line would be.

He continued on that by 2020, the bill for the services for the Sheriff's will exceed \$50,000 and that the contracts are only for roughly three hours a day, while the remainder of that time is an on-call basis. He ended the letter with "Please let the Council members or I know your feel-

ings and concerns on the issue at hand."

One Council member, Stephanie Kibler, stated her frustration on the issue. "In my mind, working with our local law enforcement and having them be a part of our community is integral to sustaining a healthy community." She built on to that statement by mentioning that the she thinks the community values the relationship that coincides between the Sheriff and the community and that in the last few weeks, the

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BOB Blast

By **JOSHUA ZIMMER**
County Staff Writer

Bikers of Blooming Raise Money For Toys For Tots

The Bikers of Blooming attempted to hold their 17th annual ride for the Steele County Toys for Tots organization. The event chairmen Doug Farr, said that the Bikers Of Blooming ride was originally started in memory of a friend who passed away. "He always was big in raising money for a big cause, so we decided to have one ride for one cause." The ride was canceled Saturday due to Thunderstorms in the area. Farr

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The Blooming Prairie at the Hansons



Staff photos and story by Howard Lestrud

Little Michael Wildenberg was one of the first Blooming Prairie Boys and Girls Club kids to set foot onto the ground of Dale and Austra's prairie flower garden last week. He picked some flowers and said he planned to put them in a pot at home.

"You're going to see The Blooming Prairie." That's how The Rev. Charlie Leonard introduced some Blooming Prairie Boys and Girls Club kids to a prairie flower garden on the southwest part of town.

That flower garden is owned by Dale and Austra Hanson and has been drawing "oohs" and "ahs" from many passers by over the years. The flowers bloom from indigenous plants. Indigenous is a species of a given region or ecosystem if its presence in that region is the result of only natural process, with no human intervention.

Pastor Charlie, as he is known to parishioners at First Lutheran Church, is a Boys and Girls Club board member and has been very active in B & G Club activities. On this given day, he was a chauffeur for some B & G Club kids and took them to the Dale and Austra Hanson residence to learn more about indigenous plants and flowers.

It was Dale's suggestion to Boys and Girls Club staff member Alex Johnson that the kids come over some day and view the flowers.

"It was an invitation we couldn't turn down and it was a cultural and beautiful experience," Johnson said. Twenty-five kids, kindergarten through seventh grade, made the field trip to the Hanson home.

The kids came in different drop-offs and as soon as they arrived at the Hanson residence, they made their way down the paths Hanson had made with his 42-inch wide lawn mower.

A "Welcome" sign greets people as they come from the south. Dale and Austra encourage family and friends to come and view the colorful prairie flowers. Using her trusty scissors, Austra cut off flowers for the youngsters as

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Madison Sorensen, 9, found some colorful flowers to put into her hair. She was one of about 25 Boys and Girls Club members visiting Dale and Austra Hanson's prairie flower garden recently



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Our view

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We have entire sections of the newspaper that are devoted to sports. Sports is popular for three main reasons. We are a competitive society, we crave entertainment and it has become big business.

In the past half century, we have also become a very image oriented society where the emphasis has been put on “self” or “selfies.” And, like every other period in history, we are searching for heroes.

Athletes have been elevated to a god-like status. As the times become more dire and our security is threatened, more so we want to look for a Superman or Superwoman. The sport doesn’t matter. We need to feel safe in the ideal that there is someone we cheer for who is dominant, and can protect us and who can win. Even if it’s just in our won mind.

With that elevated status, we cheer them, we lift them up, we make them larger in stature than they really are. But they are just human beings with special talents. Our expectations become greater than they can carry – and if they are athletes that buy into their own hype, they oftentimes find themselves flying too close to the sun. Oh the humanity when Icarus burns.

And one of the most destructive recipes for disaster is one part athlete, two parts alcohol. The entity that has conjoined itself to competition because of the financial bounty is a no-brainer for those athletes who just can’t live up to their own expectations. Intoxication has become synonymous with celebration, with defeat and with all points in between.

It is the most heinous odd couple ever known to mankind. Someone who is so healthy and talented ingesting something that is so destructive and common. It slurs their speech, it taints their coordination, it mocks their judgment and it steals their position.

And once it hooks them, it reels them in and it pulls down another hero to disillusion the masses. It reminds them of their humanity as they find their stomach contents spewed on the expensive shoes that their talents have purchased.

Athletes are just a small portion of people who are destroyed by excessive alcohol and driving. Athletes are taught that they are super human. They are taught that they can handle more than “normal” people. They are taught that they can defy any odds, operate any machinery, face any foe – and will come out victorious.

Olympian Bruce Kimball, NBA player Charles Smith, NHL veteran Craig MacTavish, NFL wide receiver Donte Stallworth, Super welterweight boxer Harry Simon, MLB veteran Jim Mahady, NFL veteran Leonard Little are just a few of the elite that have anialiated the competition in the field of athletics, but have literally killed innocent people with their vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

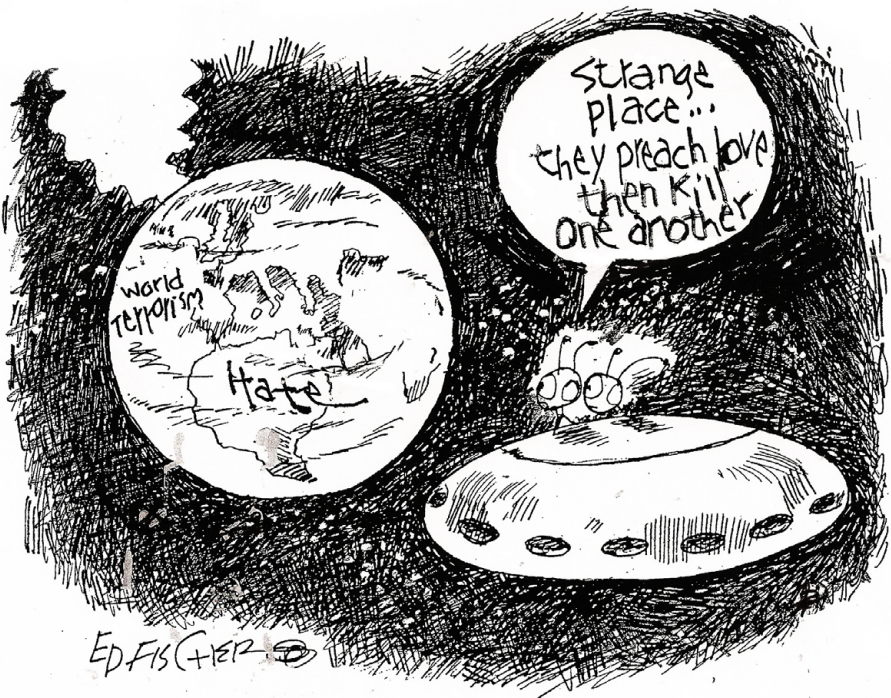
People looking to become athletes have to work and train very hard for what they do. They pay an incredible price to get to where they are. It’s sad that for under twenty dollars they can throw away an entire career. They can also disillusion an entire generation of kids who emulate them and fans who look to them for leadership.

The rigors of an athletic career can come with great stress. From the professional to the amateur to the occasional weekend warrior, this drug of choice is no respecter of persons. It comes to challenge. It comes to steal. It comes to destroy. And it plays for keeps.

It proves that no matter how big you are, how strong you are, how agile you are, how talented you are – you are no match for its competition. It won’t play by any rules or boundaries and it has no mercy.

Although it talks a good game and it markets well, it is an opponent not a friend. If you underestimate it or do not respect its power – it will challenge you to the death. Your own or the lives of those who you come in contact with.

Athletes must be held to a higher standard. It is their choice to run into a profession with the extreme pressures to win in the midst of a fishbowl. It was their choice to be a role model. It has to be their choice to pass the keys to a teammate.



Never a dry eye with this interview

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It never fails I never come away from talking with Mary Kay Malakowsky with a dry eye.

And last week was no exception.

Watery and blurry eyes got in the way once again of me trying to do my job as a journalist. It’s not supposed to happen that way. But then I have to quickly remind myself that I’m human as well.

The horrifying story of what happened to her 20-year-old daughter, Shelly, nearly 28 years ago has always had a profound impact on me. It is a tear jerker that probably could make the most stoic and unconcerned person in the world come to tears.

In August 1988, a drunk driver killed Shelly on Interstate 35 outside of Faribault. What happened in a matter of seconds turned into being what I’ve found to be perhaps one of the most dreadful DWI crashes ever. There are many compelling reasons to support my claim. I’m going to save the gruesome details for a more

in-depth story later this year as part of our year-long DWI campaign.

For the purposes of this month’s campaign, we’re focusing on the person who caused Shelly’s death. The driver behind all the chaos was Bill Israelson, a Minnesota pro golfer who has experienced lots of success on the course. He may know how to crack a golf ball, but, at least back in the late 1980s, he also knew how to crack a few too many brews. In Shelly’s case, he was reportedly stumbling drunk and needed someone to start the car for him before he took off. Minutes later his car careened into Shelly, leaving a young 2 year old without a mother.

After Shelly’s untimely death, Malakowsky was forced to raise her granddaughter. I first came across Malakowsky, of Hartland, about 25 years ago as a young reporter working at KAAL in Austin. Shortly after her daughter died, Malakowsky began speaking for Mothers Against Drunk Driving in an effort to get drunks to stop them in their tracks before jumping behind the wheel after drinking. No one will ever really know what impact she has had throughout the years, but I’d be willing to bet it has been incredibly heartfelt.

When I ventured into police work, I took a keen interest in DWI enforcement. My arrest numbers showed it. For several years I had the most DWI arrests on our department. And I credit Malakowsky’s story for fueling my passion at stopping

drunk driving. Nobody should ever have to endure what this family has been through. If you realize what happened to her daughter, I’m confident it would bring you to tears and keep you from ever driving drunk again.

In the years since I learned about Malakowsky’s fate, it has always stuck in the back of my mind.

What I wasn’t ready for during my most recent visit with Malakowsky last week was finding out how she felt about me. She credited me with having a profound impact on her horrific journey for nearly three decades. I was high on her list of people she rattled off about having the most impact in her life.

When I pressed her about why she felt I specifically had an impact on her, Malakowsky replied, “Because you cared.” I was left speechless.

I left the interview feeling incredibly humbled and honored. I have won many prestigious awards and honors over the years for my work both as a police officer and journalist, but nothing tops the way I felt after hearing about the effect I’ve had on Malakowsky. There is no greater honor than what she gave me.

Even as Malakowsky approaches 70, she is showing no signs of giving up. As horrible as this tragedy has been for her, the world is a better place because of people like her who go in hot pursuit of combatting drunk driving.

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Letters to the Editor

Moulton endorsed

Dear Editor:

Dan Moulton should be the next District Judge in Minnesota’s Third Judicial District. Dan has the experience, background, judicial temperament and most importantly, exemplary integrity, to be elected District Judge. His dedication and commitment to the people of Minnesota is unmatched. Dan has served the community of Rochester and the surrounding communities with tremendous legal skills for over 30 years.

I met Dan Moulton as a classmate at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. I was immediately impressed with his passion to become a lawyer and serve the people of Minnesota.

I was a prosecutor for 17 years including almost two years as an Assistant Rice County Attorney in Faribault, Minnesota. I have practiced before many judges in Minnesota and North Dakota. The people of Minnesota will be well served if Dan Moulton is elected Judge. He will dedicate his life in a professional and compassionate way to serve the citizens of the state.

Thank you.

John T. Goff
Attorney at Law
Former Assistant Rice County Attorney

Mayor concerned

Dear Editor:

Since I have become your Mayor one and a half years ago, I have become increasingly trou-

bled by the higher cost of living here. Ellendale, based on evaluation, is the highest taxing or has the highest tax rates in Steele County. Our city water rates are high comparative to other cities. I feel it is time to do city business in a slightly different way.

In 2020, the Department of Transportation is rebuilding State Highway 30 through the City of Ellendale. Under that road runs a very old water line that should be replaced with new services. To businesses and residents, the cost of the line, with boring under the railroad tracks, will be very expensive. Rather than raising everyone’s water bill substantially again, I would like to drop the Sheriff’s contract and use the money to pay for the water line.

By 2020, our annual Sheriff’s bill will exceed \$50,000 per year. Remember the city contracts for

2.7 hours per day and we are on-call 21 plus hours anyway. Our citizens are no less law abiding than our neighbors in Freeborn County, Geneva, Clarks Grove, Hollandale and the other small cities in Freeborn County do not have contracts for additional police coverage. They are part of the County, as we are here in Steele County. Police have a difficult job and do their job. This, however, is a money management issue. If the change does not work out, the city always has the option to return to a different way of doing business.

Please let the Council members or I know your feelings and concerns on this issue.

Mark Skroch
Mayor of Ellendale

Fire Assistance

We would like to express our appreciation and say “Thank You” to the Owatonna, Medford, and Blooming Prairie Fire Departments for their prompt response and assistance at our recent farm fire. All of the firefighters that responded that day worked quickly and very hard to save other buildings and cattle from what could have been very devastating.

Thanks also to the Owatonna Gold Cross Ambulance crew that responded (some even helped move cattle) and to TC Carlyle, who were all there for quite some time making sure all the firefighters (and our family members) stayed hydrated and were physically okay. These people all worked together that day to help us and each other.

Also “Thank You” to those fellow farmers that offered or

brought hay for our cattle, and to those people that brought us food.

Thankfully there were no injuries or livestock lost that day. We are fortunate that these firefighters and emergency responders are well trained in what they do and they knew what had to be done when they arrived at the scene. We sure appreciate what they did for us that day.

Loren and Bev Krause
Owatonna



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Athletics and DUI

By **JOE TISCHLER**
Staff Editor

People of all ages look upon professional athletes with adoring eyes and treat them as heroes and immortals.

The fact is, they are human just like everybody else and can be privy to succumbing to addictions and downfalls.

Athletes who have competed at the highest level can also fall to the rock bottom before realizing they need to change their ways.

The following are examples of athletes whose careers were affected by addiction, a story of a former NFL player who killed someone while under the influence, and a Minnesota basketball coach whose infant son was killed by a drunk driver.

Notable athletes

- 1- Michael Phelps. Phelps is the most decorated Olympian of all time with 18 gold medals (next closest has nine) and 22 total medals. He will look to add to those totals as he has qualified for his fifth Olympics which begin next month in Rio.
- After winning six medals at the 2012 London games he pleaded guilty to a DUI offense in December 2014 and received a year-long jail sentence. That sentence was suspended and he served probation. USA swimming suspended Phelps for six months.
- 2- John Daly. The professional golfer won on the PGA tour five times including two major championships (1991 PGA Championships, 1995 British Open). Throughout his career though, he struggled publicly with cocaine, alcohol, and gambling issues.
- His life changed for the better in 2008 after he hit “rock bottom.” In March of that year, his swing coach, Butch Harmon, quit saying that the most important thing in Daly’s life was getting drunk. Later in October, he was taken into custody for public intoxication. Although he was not charged with a violation, he committed to stop drinking and has to this date.
- 3- Darryl Strawberry. Strawberry was a baseball star who won four world championships (one with the Mets and three with the Yankees) in his 17 major league seasons.
- Despite all of his on-field successes, his off-field battles included substance abuse issues in which he was suspended from the league three separate times. He served several prison terms

and went in and out of rehab before finding sobriety from alcohol and drugs issues which he has sustained for over ten years.

4- Lamar Odom. Odom had a successful 14-year NBA career and won two championships with the Lakers in 2009 and 2010. Addiction though runs in his family as his father was a heroin addict and Odom struggled with drugs for years. He was once suspended by the Clippers for marijuana use and received a DUI in 2013 and served 36 months of probation.

Roughly two years after his DUI, Odom nearly died after being found unconscious at a Nevada brothel after what is believed to have been a cocaine overdose.

Donte Stallworth

While Odom nearly died from his addictions, former NFL wide receiver Donte Stallworth was involved in an incident that took a life.

Stallworth had a serviceable 10-year NFL career with six different teams and had his best year with the New Orleans Saints in 2005 where he caught 70 balls for 945 yards and seven touchdowns.

Following his 2008 season with the Cleveland Browns, his life changed. On the morning of March 14, 2009, Stallworth was driving in Miami Beach when he struck and killed a 59-year old pedestrian. He admitted to drinking the night before and it was determined that his blood alcohol content was 0.12 over the legal limit at the time of the accident.

Stallworth was charged with DUI manslaughter April 1 and surrendered to police the following day. After reaching a plea deal, he received just a 30-day jail sentence, 1,000 hours of community service, two years of community control, and eight years’ probation. He also received a life-time suspension of his Florida state driver’s license.

The NFL suspended Stallworth for the entire 2009 season, but he did return to the league for three more seasons with three different teams through 2012.

Brad Bigler

In just his third season as head coach of the Southwest Minnesota State men’s basketball program, Brad Bigler felt the highest of highs after leading the Mustangs to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament championship in March of 2012 and an appearance in the NCAA Division II national tournament.

In months before and months after that elation, he felt the lowest of lows with unthinkable family tragedies.

On a summer day in 2011, Bigler, his mother (Diane), her husband, Bigler’s father-in-law and his friend went kayaking in the Minnesota River near Sacred Heart. In rapidly rushing waters, their kayaks flipped leaving Bigler’s mother clinging to a tree branch, hanging on for her life.

The tree gave, pulling Diane under water, trapped underneath the tree. Bigler held onto his mother’s hand before his feet gave out separating for the final time.

He had lost his mother, a nurse, who was only 55 years old.

Thirteen months after that fateful day, Bigler’s life was altered again, but this time, at the hands of a drunk driver.

Bigler, his wife (Heather), their 5-month-old son (Drake) left a cousin’s wedding in Granite Falls one night in late July 2012, while their two oldest children (3-year-old Taleigha and 2-year-old Nash) remained at the reception with his in-laws.

They were driving along Minnesota State Highway 29 when headlights from an oncoming pickup truck was driving in their lane on the two-lane road.

Heather, who was driving, swerved to try to avoid the collision, but it was unavoidable. The vehicle spun into a ditch with the entire passenger side laying in the ditch several feet away. Bigler was unconscious and baby Drake was silent and not moving.

Bigler and his son were rushed to the hospital, both unconscious. Bigler suffered multiple broken ribs, a collapsed lung, a C-7 neck fracture, a broken scapula, and a head injury.

Drake, though, was not able to make it and was pronounced dead 50 minutes after the accident.

The driver of the pickup truck, Dana Schoen, was more than four times the legal limit and two empty beer cans and four unopened cans were found in the truck. This was Schoen’s third arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Schoen was sentenced to four years in prison for criminal vehicular homicide and three years’ probation.

The moral behind these cases is that you can never know when you may come in contact with someone under the influence and your life can be altered in a matter of seconds and can be even taken away.



Submitted photo

Michelle Malakowsky and her daughter Ashley

Family still haunted by crash involving pro athlete

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playing in three U.S. Opens, winning many Minnesota PGA Golf Tournaments and playing on the PGA Tour in the mid-1980s.

While Israelson has enjoyed sweet success on the golf course over the years, there is a demon in his past that continues to cause great anguish for a Steele County family. The impact of sports and alcohol hits home especially hard for this family.

Ashley Casey of Ellendale was only 2 years old when Israelson got so drunk after winning a golf tournament in Faribault and killed her mother, Michelle Malakowsky, in August 1988. Israelson was driving on Interstate 35 north of Faribault when his car went off the road in a construction zone, flew through the air and sliced off the top of an oncoming car. Malakowsky was driving the other vehicle and died instantly. The pro golfer was charged with manslaughter and drunken driving.

The partying took place both on and off the golf course that day, according to Malakowsky’s mother, Mary Kay Malakowsky of Hartland. She said Israelson brought a case of beer on the golf course and drank throughout the day. “He started as soon as he went out on the golf course,” she said. “He was partying. He didn’t give a hoot. He had no intention of being sober.”

Once Israelson finished golfing, the drinking continued. After his victory, he celebrated with friends.

According to witnesses, he was so drunk he couldn’t even stand up on his own and his

friends carried him out to his car. He was even unable to turn the key, so they turned it for him.

As he ventured onto the interstate, Israelson began vomiting and he got worried because it was his wife’s new car. He began wiping it off his pants when the crash happened.

“I’m very bitter towards him,”

‘He can go to hell. There is no remorse there at all.’

— Mary Kay Malakowsky

Casey said of the man who took away a mother she never knew. “I will never let Bill off the hook for what his actions caused.”

Alcohol has been a part of Israelson’s life at least up until the crash. Even prior to killing Malakowsky, Israelson had a previous drunken driving conviction.

What is most disturbing for Casey and her grandmother, Mary Kay, is that Israelson has never once apologized for what happened. At one time, Malakowsky did several community talks about the tragedy with Israelson. She said there was always a police officer strategically placed between them. “They were worried I would kill him,” she said.

Malakowsky also found it interesting that Israelson never once took any accountability for his actions during the community talks, which were court ordered for him. “He never once shared his story,” she said. “All

he did was focus on the 12 steps (of alcohol treatment).”

Despite the community functions that brought them both together to speak, he has never spoke directly to Malakowsky. She even wrote him a letter once, but never got a response. All of it has left her irate and with “very bitter” feelings towards Israelson.

“He can go to hell,” Malakowsky says. “There is no remorse there at all. I don’t think he is sorry at all.”

She would love to ask Israelson if he has nightmares like she has endured for the past 28 years. Malakowsky just wonders if he thinks about what he did at all.

Malakowsky is convinced that sadly sports and alcohol seem to go hand in hand. “It’s very common for athletes to drink after their games,” she said.

Though the bitterness and anger often persist for Casey, she tries to move on in her life, a life that has left a big empty hole in her heart. “I do not excuse anything Bill did, but I have to accept it and move past it for myself, so that I can move on with my life without hatred,” Casey says. “I love my mom even if I don’t remember her.”

Israelson continues to play golf, most recently the Senior PGA Championship in 2012. He lives with his wife and family in the Staples area where he is a PGA golf professional at the Vintage Golf Club.

Efforts to reach Israelson for comment about this story were unsuccessful.

Minnesota DWI Snapshot

2014 = **25,258 DWIs**

Worst Month: August = **2,410 DWIs**

Man nabbed for 8th DWI

A driver is facing his eighth DWI charge after being picked up in Steele County July 15.

Thomas Halverson, 46, of Lamberton, has been charged with second-degree DWI and driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety.

Police arrested Halverson after he was caught driving on the wrong side of a divided roadway on West Frontage Road at 46th Street NW in Owatonna. As soon as the vehicle was stopped, the officer noticed Halverson

was allegedly impaired.

Halverson provided a breath test of .18, which is more than double the legal limit, police said.

He had a passenger with him, but she said she wasn’t driving because she had more to drink than Halverson. She also indicated she knew he did not have a valid driver’s license.

His record revealed seven DWIs, but only one in the last 10 years that counts as an aggravating factor.

Police seized Halverson’s 1998 Pontiac Bonneville and it is subject to forfeiture.



Thomas Halverson

16,908 - Men

6,189 - Women

Who are DWI offenders?



Pastor's corner

We can choose to see others as enemy or neighbor...

The events of the past few weeks in our country have put us all on edge. It seems that our national neighborhood is in turmoil. What can we do?

On July 2, the Holocaust survivor and witness, Elie Wiesel passed away. His memoir, *Night*, is a powerful eyewitness account of the inhumanity which we are capable of visiting on others. In the book he tells of watching his ill father being beaten and says, "One more stab to the heart, one more reason to hate, one less reason to live." I thought that pretty much summed up our recent experience.

It also brought to mind the words of Dutch Holocaust

victim Etty Hillesum. In her memoir, *An Interrupted Life*, she recounts a time when she was among a group of those rounded up and brought before the Gestapo. She writes, "... a large group of us were crowded into the Gestapo hall, and at that moment the circumstances of all our lives were the same. All of us occupied the same space, the men behind the desk no less than those about to be questioned. What distinguished us was our inner attitude."

In the common lectionary this past week Jesus encounters a scholar of the law who asks what must be done to inherit eternal life. When Jesus turns

the question back on him he responds, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus praises his insight. When the lawyer presses the point with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan and ends with "Go and do likewise."

Jesus is not telling us that the wounded man is our neighbor but that we are each called to reach out to one another and act as neighbor toward them. I think that is the inner attitude that Etty Hillesum is talking about. We can



Pastor Stephanie Wood

choose to see others as enemy or we can choose to see them as neighbor. Jesus calls each of us, in our own way and place, to be neighbor to others. And then to act on that. In this way, I am convinced that healing will begin to take place in our world and God's grace and strength will allow us to find a way through the turmoil.

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Breaking news

Get your cheer on
Fairgoers are invited to meet some special guests coming to the Steele County Free Fair. Goldy the Gopher will be visiting the Federated Insurance booth in the Four Seasons Center on Wednesday from 11:15-1:30 p.m. Two of the Vikings Cheerleaders will be on the grounds on Friday from 5:30-7:30. They will be greeting fairgoers and selling Viking Cheerleader calendars. Proceeds go to the Vikings Children’s Fund.



Shuttle service offered

Trinity Lutheran Church of Owatonna will offer free shuttle service from the church parking lot to the Steele County Fairgrounds on Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. fair week. Drop off and pickup will be near the northwest entrance of the fair (Park Place and Senior Living lot). The shuttle will provide return trips to Trinity as needed...there will be no more than a 5-10 minute wait at the fair shuttle stop. This service is provided by Trinity’s Transportation Ministry and Hospitality Ministry volunteers.



Everyone wants to ride the rides

By JESSICA NAFE
Staff intern

For the fifth consecutive year, Gold Star Amusements will bring plenty of thrill and entertainment to the Steele County Free Fair. “It will be the largest county fair midway in the state of Minnesota,” Marketing director Richard Hanson promised, “With more rides and attractions than any fair in the state.” According to Hanson, the 2016 Midway will be packed full of rides—from some of the most daring on the planet to kid-friendly classics. Some

of Gold Star’s signature rides like Muzik Express and Remix, as well as a few new surprises will be included in the list of over forty units that will fill the midway this year. “We try to keep it fresh and different, but we will still bring back a lot of the favorites,” Hanson stated. A special addition to look forward to this year is an extra Zipper, a crowd-favorite ride featuring rotating carts that lead to unpredictable spinning. It’s a hit with teenagers, according to Hanson. Two Zippers on the midway means less waiting and more fun for thrill-seeking riders.

The summer-night sky will be lit up from the bright and flashing midway rides. Hanson reported that Gold Star Amusements’ equipment is well-lit and well-maintained, making for a visually pleasing entertainment area. In addition to a plethora of rides and nice equipment, Golf Star Amusements will bring a friendly crew to the Steele County Free Fair. “We take pride in our crew,” Hanson said. Many of Gold Star Amusements’ employees have been with the company for years. They have received a multitude of compliments

from visitors on their friendly demeanor. “People can feel safe and secure with our staff,” stated Hanson. In every aspect—from safety to good entertainment—Gold Star Amusements puts their all into making the greatest midway possible. Only the best, for the best county fair in the state. “It’s such a wonderful fair, and we are proud to be there,” Hanson said. The company travels all over the United States, and the Steele County Free Fair’s excellent reputation is known far and wide. Hanson reports

that it’s a fair everyone looks up to, not just in Minnesota, and Gold Star Amusements is proud to work with such a prestigious event. “It’s a great fair to work with, and the fair board is excellent,” Hanson stated. “We are all working very hard to provide the absolute best fair that there is.” So get ready to grow, sew, and show it at the Steele County Midway. Grow your expectations, because Gold Star Amusements will meet them. Sew a plan to hit all the amazing rides that will be featured this year, and show your friends just how daring



FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

Fair mascots, Stella and Steely have been busy this summer appearing in numerous area parades. Look for them in the Blooming Prairie July 4 parade as well during Crazy Days in Owatonna on July 21. Of course they will be seen frequently during the Steele County Free Fair. Their final appearance for this year will be at the Minnesota State Fair. *Last year the Bullsblast made its second appearance at the fair. This year we are adding a climbing wall. Both will be located north of the

race track. *David Smith Junior, sponsored by Owatonna Motor Co., will be back at the fair presenting two human cannonball shots daily on the Goldstar Midway. Shot times are 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. through Saturday and 2:30 and 6:30 on Sunday. *Mega-Ride tickets for the Gold Star midway will go on sale July 15 at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. Tickets are \$49.00 and entitle the holder of the wrist band to unlimited rides on the midway all fair week. *Two bands have entered the SCFF Battle of the Bands to be held at the grandstand on Wednesday, August 17. The first six bands to enter will compete. This is a free grandstand show which begins at 5:00 p.m. *There are many who have worked for many years making our fair successful. One of those is Myron



Aldrich who will celebrate his 88th birthday on the last day of the fair. Myron has been working as our Fair Square Park sound technician since 1998. *U.S. Bank is again providing free parking for all senior citizens age 62 and over who come to the fair before noon on Thursday, Senior Day. The offer is good at the 18th St. gate only. *Those planning to enter the Demolition Derby scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in the grandstand can get information at HYPERLINK “http://www.impdemoderby.com” www.impdemoderby.com. *Dates of the 2016 SCFF are August 16-21. Check the fair website at HYPERLINK “http://www.scff.org” www.scff.org for entry forms and other pertinent information. The fair office number is 507-451-5305.

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Dennis Green passes at 67

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

Faith, family, and football. Dennis Green preached those three ‘F’s, and in that specific order, to his players over 13 seasons as an NFL head coach, ten of which were with the Minnesota Vikings (1992-2001). Green passed away late Thursday night at the age of 67 following complications of cardiac arrest.

Green can be thought of as underrated coach. In a sport where legendary coach Vince Lombardi said “winning isn’t everything, it’s the only thing,” winning football games was not the most important thing he pledged to his players as is evident with faith and family being more important than football.

“Denny made his mark in ways far beyond being an outstanding football coach,” the Vikings said in a statement. “He mentored countless players and served as a father figure for the men he coached.

“He took great pride in helping assistant coaches advance their careers. His tenure as one of the first African-American head coaches in both college and the NFL was also transformative.”

Two of Green’s former coordinators went on to be Super Bowl-champion head coaches: Tony Dungy, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame August 6, was defensive coordinator under Green from 1992-95 and won Super Bowl XLI with the Indianapolis Colts, and Brian Billick, Green’s offensive coordinator from 1993-98, won Super Bowl XXXV with the Baltimore Ravens.

After serving as head coach at Northwestern (1981-85) and Stanford (1989-91), Green became the second African-American head coach in the modern era following Art Shell who coached the Raiders from 1989-94.

Green trails only Bud Grant in Vikings franchise history in wins with 97. In eight of his ten seasons, his Viking teams reached the playoffs. The main reason he is considered an underrated coach is his 4-8 record in the postseason. His 1998 team went 15-1 and scored a then-NFL record 556 points, but fell to the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC Championship. Two years later, the Vikings were again, a game away from the Super Bowl, but were destroyed by the New York Giants in the championship game.

Former Washington Redskins head coach, Joe Gibbs, is well known for winning three Super Bowls with three different starting quarterbacks over a 10-year span. It might not have been planned, but Green’s teams followed that same route. Green’s eight Vikings playoff teams were led by seven different starting quarterbacks.

Sean Salisbury started the playoff-quarterback roulette in 1992. He was followed by Jim McMahon, Warren Moon, Brad Johnson, Randall Cunningham, Jeff George, and Daunte Culpepper; the latter three were the only ones to win a playoff game under Green and Cunningham was the only two-year starter (1997-98). Only Johnson and Culpepper were quarterbacks drafted by Green amongst the group.

Green later coached the Arizona Cardinals from 2004-06 and finished with a career coaching record of 113-94.

Vikings set to invade southern Minnesota

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

For the 51st straight season, the Minnesota Vikings will be making their trek to southern Minnesota for their summer training camp home.

Players report to Minnesota State University, Mankato on Thursday with first practices set for Friday.

Training camp is a bit shorter compared to recent years. The Vikings start practice two weeks prior to their first preseason game and have usually returned to Mankato following that game and break camp prior to the second preseason game. They open the preseason with a road game at Cincinnati on Friday, August 12. The Vikings will hold their final training camp practice on the 9th before heading to Cincinnati early to hold joint practice sessions with one of head coach Mike Zimmer’s former teams, the Bengals.

Coming off of a division championship last season and with the opening of their new stadium this season, there is

plenty of optimism surrounding the Vikings heading into the 2016 season.

With that said, here are three burning questions the Vikings have as they enter training camp:

1) Is this a make it or break it year for Teddy Bridgewater?

The third-year quarterback out of Louisville will have a lot to prove this season. He has been more known as a game manager over his first two seasons. Despite going 17-11 as a starter, his stats have been less than stellar. He tossed 14 touchdown passes in each of his first two seasons and made slight improvements in completion percentage (65.3) and passing yards (3,231) last season.

Some of the blame for the low numbers was put on the offensive line. John Sullivan and Phil Loadholt were out all season. Barring setbacks, Sullivan should return along with the addition of free agents Alex Boone and Andre Smith. A stronger, more experienced line should give Bridgewater more time to throw and not offer any more excuses should he struggle this year.

2) Who will Bridgewater have to throw to?

Prior to last season, the Vikings traded for wide receiver Mike Wallace to provide a much needed deep threat to counter with the power running attack of Adrian Peterson. Peterson was his regular excellent self and won the rushing title for the third time in his career.

Wallace, meanwhile, was a bust. He and Bridgewater could not get in sync with the deep ball, which could be attributed to the lack of time Bridgewater had in the pocket. Wallace’s seventh season in the pros was his worst. His 473 receiving yards was a career low and his 39 receptions tied a career low. He was released in the offseason.

Minnesota used their first round selection in the 2016 draft on a wide receiver in Mississippi’s Laquon Treadwell. He joins leading returning receiver Stefon Diggs along with tight end Kyle Rudolph as Bridgewater’s top targets. Jarius Wright and Charles Johnson can be reliable targets. We will see if Cordarrelle Patterson can be more than just a kick returner and if the

German Moritz Bohringer can be a sleeper with his size and speed.

3) Can Vikings fans trust Blair Walsh?

Everyone remembers how the Vikings 2015 season ended with Blair Walsh missing a 27-yard field goal that would have given them a wild-card playoff win over Seattle, forgetting the fact he made three field goals earlier in the game, including two over 40 yards, in below zero temperatures.

Walsh has proven he has the leg as he hit six of eight field goals from over 50 yards last season. Accuracy has been a question though. After missing only three field goals in his rookie season of 2012, his percentage decreased the next seasons before rising back to a respectable 34-for-39 last season.

Will that missed field goal in the playoffs linger or will Walsh prove he can be counted on with the game on the line?

Steele County Times staff writer Josh Zimmer and myself will be at training camp and will provide special Vikings coverage over the next two weeks.

2016 Minnesota Vikings Training Camp Schedule

Fri., July 29	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Shells
Sat., July 30	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Shells
Sun., July 31	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Mon., Aug. 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Tue., Aug. 2		No Practice
Wed., Aug. 3	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Thu., Aug. 4	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Fri., Aug. 5	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Sat., Aug. 6	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Full Pads
Sun., Aug. 7		No Practice
Mon., Aug. 8	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Walk-Thru
	2:45-5:10 p.m.	Full Pads
Tue., Aug. 9	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Full Pads



New stadium launch: V minus 9 days and counting

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Many descriptive words were used by Minnesota Vikings fans and others viewing the new US Bank Stadium last weekend at a special open house.

More than 160,000 tickets were issued to the general public via the Internet for the purpose of allowing people to see what many may call the Eighth Wonder of the World.

“It looks bigger than a space ship,” one stadium visitor said as he viewed the stadium from two blocks away.

“We loved it,” exclaimed Mary

Worke of Blooming Prairie who accompanied her husband John Dale, son Matthew, Matthew’s friend Jake Nielson and daughter Julia on a trip to see the new stadium.

“It was a jaw-dropping experience,” remarked Dwayne Gross of Blooming Prairie. As soon as he entered the Legacy entrance, he was greeted by Michele Kelm-Helgen, chairwoman of the Minnesota Sports Authority.

“The ribbon cutting was fun yesterday but I really was looking forward to meeting the fans like today,” said Kelm-Helgen.

“It’s quite a big house, right?” an usher asked a fan.

“Really?” said another fan as

he said, “You almost tip over looking up at the roof of the stadium.”

Visitors to the open house had to produce tickets to gain admission. Once inside the doors, fans could take a self-guided tour. Traffic moved slowly as visitors took time to take photos including lots of selfies. Some escalators were also not running and this slowed down the traffic flow.

The large stadium bowl jumpotrons showed time lapse photography of the construction process and also featured congratulatory notes from various dignitaries.

Here’s some of the US Bank

stadium facts that were generated for the fans during the tour:

- \$1.1 billion cost (compared to \$55 million for the Metrodome 34 years earlier)
- 66,200 seating capacity
- 116 luxury suites
- 8000 club seats
- 6 club lounges
- 1100 high-definition televisions
- 5 95-foot high pivoting glass doors
- Largest transparent ethylene tetrafluoroethylene roof which has an outdoor feel in a climate-controlled environment
- 1.75 million square feet of space compared to 900,000 for the Metrodome

The stadium of course is the home of the Minnesota Vikings but it will also be the site of a world soccer game on Aug. 3 and a Luke Bryan concert on Aug. 19.

Two Vikings pre-season games at the US Bank Stadium are scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 28 when the Vikings host the San Diego Chargers at noon and Thursday, Sept. 1 when the Vikings host the Los Angeles Rams in a 7 p.m. game.

The first regular season game at US Bank Stadium pits the Vikings against arch rival Green Bay for a 7:30 p.m. game Sunday, Sept. 18.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Top-The enormity of the new US Bank Stadium had some people saying it looked like a gigantic spaceship. Visitors to an open house last weekend paused to take lots of photos as they walked to the stadium. Bottom-“Wow!” That one word described how many people felt when seeing the playing field for the Minnesota Vikings at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Blooming Prairie Chamber’s Golf Fun Day



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Scott Krejci chips his ball back onto the putting green.

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Staff Writer

Tiger Woods. Phil Mickelson. While you may not have seen these two golf greats Wednesday, one thing you did see was a community full of golfers out to support a good cause.

It was a beautiful day for the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce to hold its annual Golf Fun Day at the Blooming Prairie Country Club. This is the largest and most important fundraiser for the Chamber of

Commerce. The event is also in its 22nd year. Chamber director Becky Noble said “It’s a fun day. No one out here is being competitive with the exception of trying to sink a hole-in-one for the car.”

For people to partake in the outing, they had to register and pay a \$45 dollar fee, which covered 18 holes of golf. The golf carts, some of which donated to use for the day by Miner’s Outdoor and Rec, were a separate charge. The entry fee also covered a meal after the rounds

of golf were completed. The event was packed with both sponsors and participants for this year’s event. With last year being a Hawaiian themed event, this year saw golfers and event coordinators a like dressed head to toe in some of the decade’s hottest fashion. From poodle skirts and leather jackets, to golf carts outfitted to look like a vintage Cadillac, it was like a scene from the movie Grease. Noble said that in previous years, some people really attacked the theme while others dressed for a relaxing round of golf. This year however, the event pulled some great outfit ideas from various members, both golfers and event staff, dressing for the occasion. The winner of the best costume would receive a free round of golf next year.

As for the event itself, close to 70 people came out to support the event. Noble stated that they had an 11 a.m. shotgun start. “We started it a few years back due to rain, so once it stopped we decided to run everyone at once and kept it ever since.” However, she did reiterate that members who were unable to be there for the start, could come in the afternoon to get a few rounds in. “Some people can’t take off a full day’s work, so for them we still allow for them to come out and get a few rounds of golf in.”

This year, there were numer-

ous businesses that donated and sponsored the cause. In fact, 18 holes were sponsored by a local company this year, including the Steele County Times. Participants had the the opportunity to win various prizes at each hole of golf that played. There were four companies that contributed to creating the grand prizes for the event. As Noble mentioned earlier, players who hit a hole-in-one had the opportunity to take home one of those grand prizes. This year players had the chance to take home a 2016 Ford Fusion, a \$500 shopping spree, a few clubs from Exotics, most notable being the EX9 driver and a stay Treetops Resort and Spa- a golf resort in Gaylord, Michigan.

As a special donation in honor of her mother-in-law this year, Becky posted a \$100 prize that was equally matched by an anonymous donor. The prize was to go the best male and best female scores posted throughout the afternoon.

After all 18 holes were completed by the participants; there was a dinner that followed at 6 p.m. The dinner was catered by Nick’s Prairie Café. The menu included barbeque ribs and chicken, salad, baked potatoes and green beans.

The money raised by the event will help take care of the operating cost for the Chamber of Commerce to allow for the continuation of support for area events.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Jeremy Schieck watches his ball roll toward the cup on the final hole of the course.

TISCH DISH



JOE TISCHLER

Twins poor moves

With the Minnesota Twins well on their way to their fifth 90-loss-plus season in six years, some changes need to be made and the first big move took place last week with the firing of general manager Terry Ryan.

Ryan earned plaudits around baseball during his first tenure as the team’s general manager from 1995-2007. He made shrewd moves to turn this franchise from a low-market perennial bottom feeder into a team that won six A.L. Central Division titles in a nine-year span.

He was adept at trading veterans in exchange for minor league prospects that nobody heard of and using those prospects to turn this team into a winner. Among the best trades during his first time include:

- August 1997: traded Roberto Kelly to the Mariners for Joe Mays.
- February 1998: traded Chuck Knoblauch to the Yankees for Brian Buchanan, Cristian Guzman and Eric Milton.
- December 1999: as part of the Rule 5 Draft, sent minor leaguer Jared Camp to the Marlins in exchange for Johan Santana who became a two-time Cy Young winner with the Twins.
- 2003: the trades that brought Shannon Stewart, Joe Nathan and Francisco Liriano were discussed in the Tisch Dish column two weeks ago.

Ryan stepped down after the 2007 season and was replaced by assistant general manager Bill Smith. Smith had big decisions to make in his first off-season including trading Santana and letting Torii Hunter go in free agency.

Most of Smith’s moves proved disastrous, which led to his firing after the 99-loss 2011 campaign. Ryan remained as a

consultant with the Twins during Smith’s tenure and returned to the G.M. role first in an interim role before returning officially after the 2012 season.

Ryan was in charge of trying to fix Smith’s botched moves, but did not do well in his second go around with trades and free agent signings.

In a change from his first go around, Ryan spent more free agent money trying to improve the pitching rotation, but those signings have mostly backfired. He gave multi-year free agent contracts to the likes of Jason Marquis, Kevin Correia, Mike Pelfrey, Phil Hughes, Ricky Nolasco, and Ervin Santana.

Here are a few of the trades of the Smith/Ryan era that have backfired since 2007:

- November 2007: traded Jason Bartlett and Matt Garza to the Rays for Delmon Young, Brendan Harris, and Jason Pridie.
- February 2008: traded Johan Santana to the Mets for Carlos Gomez, Deolis Guerra, Philip Humber, and Kevin Mulvey.
- July 2010: traded Wilson Ramos and Joe Testa to the Nationals for Matt Capps.
- December 2010: traded J.J. Hardy and Brendan Harris to the Orioles for Brett Jacobson and Jim Hoey.
- November 2012: traded Denard Span to the Nationals for Alex Meyer.
- December 2012: traded Ben Revere to the Phillies for Trevor May and Vance Worley.
- November 2015: traded Aaron Hicks to the Yankees for John Ryan Murphy.

Perhaps the event that typifies the second Ryan tenure is the 2013 All-Star Game. Glen Perkins and Joe Mauer represented the Twins in the mid-summer classic. They were joined at Citi Field in New York by eight former Twins. Joining Perkins and Mauer on the American League squad were starters Hardy (with Baltimore) and David Ortiz (Boston), reserve Hunter (Detroit) and pitchers Grant Balfour (Oakland), Jesse Crain (Chicago White Sox), and Nathan (Texas). Representing the National League were starter Michael Cuddyer (Colorado) and reserve Gomez (Milwaukee).

Just imagine how good this club could have been if they were all in Twins uniforms that season.

Rob Antony is in the interim general manager the rest of the season and will be considered as the full-time replacement after the season. It is still unclear what moves, if any, he will make before the trade deadline on Sunday.

Whatever happens, the Twins have no place to go but up.

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 9 - JULY 18

1	Braaten, PirkI, Resler	67
2	Drexler, Zwiener, Klemmensen	58.5
3	R Skala, J Skala, Thiele	58
4	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	53.5
4	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	53.5
6	Ingvalson, Klemmensen, Bishop	52.5
7	Morgan, R Olson, R Olson	51
8	Lea, Hansen, D Johnson	50.5
8	Hillberg, Wanous, Pfiefer	50.5
10	Peterson, Behnken, Bishop	48.5
10	Klemmensen, Klemmensen, Anderson	48.5
12	Jenson, Glynn, Ebeling	47.5
12	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	47.5
12	Glynn, Glynn, Esplan	47.5
15	Hareid, Bartsch, Lewer	45
16	Strunk, Farr, Ingvaldson	44.5
16	White, Lysne, Johnson	44.5
18	Clark, Blome, Skala	44
18	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	44
20	Johnson, Caldwell, Bulver	43.5
21	Carlson, P Jones, M Jones	43
21	Grunklee, Evans, Possehl	43
23	Stangel, Mauseth, Schammel	42.5
24	Kormann, Kormann, Kormann	41.5
25	Koster, Long, White	41
26	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	40.5
27	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	34.5
28	Myer, Motl, Tollefson	34
29	Zwiener, Hinzmen, Wurst	33.5

TOP SCORES

A	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	31
A	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	31
A	Morgan, R Olson, R Olson	31
B	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	31
C	White, Lysne, Johnson	31
D	Glynn, Glynn, Esplan	34

Chateau Raceway recap

By **MATTHEW GRAGE**
Guest Writer

The hottest Friday night of the summer greeted drivers and fans Friday night for show number nine of the 2016 racing season at Chateau Raceway.

It was an emotional Victory Lane interview for Pure Stock feature winner Jason Newkirk of Austin. Newkirk ran second on the opening couple laps before slipping by Brandon Shaner of Owatonna for the lead. He endured repeated challenges from Shaner and Matt Brooks of Austin to get to victory lane where he dedicated the win to his father who suffered a stroke five days earlier and is working on his recovery. The crowd showed there support by giving him a rousing cheer as he stood in front of everyone and told his story on how he grew up with his father racing at Lansing and now looking forward to continuing that racing tradition with him driving.

In the USRA B Mod class it was another first time visitor to

Victory Lane as Dustin Kruse of Brandon, S.D., making just his third visit to the track this season scored the feature win. Kruse started inside row two and as the front row of Kylie Kath of Owatonna and Jesse Baer of Minnesota Lake were battling for control on the opening lap Kruse slipped by both of them and proceeded to start opening up a nice lead. However a couple late restarts made things interesting. Each time Kath put on the heat but Kruse held him off and drove into Victory Lane. Kath came across the line second but was penalized two spots for jumping the final restart with two to go when he pulled up on the outside of Kruse as they came back in for the green. Kadden Kath of Owatonna was credited with second and Baer with third. Kylie Kath did pick up a win in his heat while the other heat win went to Taylor Ausrud of Hayfield.

USRA A Mod’s put on a thrilling caution free main event with Jason Cummins of New Richland scoring his second feature win of the year. Despite



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 22

Results

Pure Stock:

Feature: Jason Newkirk-Austin, Brandon Shaner-Owatonna, Matt Brooks-Austin, Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, Daniel Guttormson-Austin, Cole Kroneman-Austin, Jim Briggs-Waseca, Zach Ehmke-Dexter, Troy Maas-Faribault, Jack Dunbar-Zumbrota
Heat 1: Shaner, Brooks, Newkirk, Kroneman, Hotovec
Heat 2: Guttormson, Maas, Briggs, Ehmke, Dunbar

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: Michael Wytaske-Lansing, Billy Steinberg-Kasson, Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, Garitt Wytaske-Lansing, Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, Daryl Hainka-Wannamingo, Brad Minske-Northfield, Noel Hoppe-New Richland, Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie, Matt Stark-Austin (DNS: Jaiden Bastyr-Austin)
Heat 1: Steinberg, Goergen, Minske, Stark, D Hainka, Hoppe
Heat 2: Cisneros, M Wytaske, Misgen, G Wytaske, L Hainka (DNS: Bastyr)

WISSOTA Street Stock

Feature: Noah Grinstead-Austin, Blake Adams-Stacyville IA, Kyle King-Hastings, Fred Prudoehl-Winona, Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, Mike Blowers-Waseca, Zach Elward-Hayfield, Ryan Jacobsen-Rochester, James Connors-Waseca
Heat 1: Blowers, Be Adams, Prudoehl, Jacobson, Connors
Heat 2: Bl Adams, K Adams, Grinstead, King, Elward

USRA B Mod:

Feature: Dustin Kruse-Brandon SD, Kadden Kath-Owatonna, Jesse Baer-Minnesota City, Kylie Kath-Owatonna, Kenny Wytaske-

Lansing, Cole Lonergan-Dexter, Morgan Schrage-Cresco IA, Nick Zago-Austin, Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, Raey Hastings IV-Austin
Heat 1: Ausrud, Ka Kath, Wytaske, Baer, Schrage
Heat 2: Ky Kath, Kruse, Lonergan, Hastings IV, Zago

USRA A Mod:

Feature: Jason Cummins-New Richland, Greg Pfeifer JR-Austin, Bandon Davis-Medford, Jacob Dahle-Morristown, Joe Horgdahl-Kasson, Mark Mott-Owatonna, David Schuster-Waterville, Mick Glenn-Minnesota City, Jacob Stark-Austin, Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, Nick Panitzke-Lonsdale, Jim King-Hastings
Heat 1: Horgdahl, Pfeifer JR, Davis, Mott, Stark, Panitzke
Heat 2: Dahle, Cummins, Glenn, Schuster, Jensen, King

Hornet:

Feature: Bobby Blowers-Waseca, Nick Silman-Minnesota City, Patrick Wells-Faribault, Ralph Hanks-Waseca, Caylie Blowers-Waseca, Jacob Bennett-Austin
No Heats:

Outlaw Mini Mod

Feature: Anthony Kramer-Owatonna, Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, Ben Sprung-Brownsdale, Christopher Deno-Kasson, Taton Hansen-Spicer, Jeremy Schubert-Stewartville, Dan Head-Byron, Bruce Bennerotte-Kasson, Jim Deno-Kasson, Bobby Gullickson-Kasson, Scott Simmons-Lakeville, Brad Walter-Lyle, Mike Schubert-Brownsdale, Mike Lawson-Owatonna
Heat 1: Kilwine, Sprung, Bennerotte, M Schubert, Head, J Deno, Simmons
Heat 2: Kramer, C Deno, Gullickson, Walter, Hansen, Lawson, J Schubert

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Cummins lapping nearly half the field and winning by nearly half a lap the action behind him was exciting. Greg Pfeifer, Jr. of Austin moved from row four to second in just two laps while Brandon Davis of Medford, coming out of row three made it up to fourth on lap two, but the two would end up nose to tail and side by side for much of the feature. After Davis moved to third and pulled up behind Pfeifer, the two were never more than a car length apart either nose to tail or side by side. and Davis hunted a line lap after lap as he challenged for the spot but Pfeifer had the answer each lap

and held him off to the end for the runnerup spot. One of the wildest moments came late in the race as Cummins was working lapped traffic. Cummins came up on a cluster of three cars racing for eighth-ninth-and-tenth. Not expecting the leader to be around them Cummins pulled to the outside of the one car than split the other two right down the middle as they came out of turn four and down the front straightaway. From there he only dealt with one more car as he lapped his way up to the sixth place car. Heat winners on the night were Joe Horgdal of Kasson and Jacob Dahle of Morristown.

Acupuncture Can Help Relieve Pain and Many Other Ailments

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is acupuncture a proven treatment for arthritis pain? I have a lot of back and neck pain and am wondering if it's worth trying. What all can you tell me about acupuncture?
Afraid of Needles

Dear Afraid,
Many well-designed studies over the years – funded by the National Institutes of Health – have found acupuncture to be very effective in easing arthritis pain, and can help with a variety of other ailments too. Here's what you should know.
First used in China more than 2,000 years ago, acupuncture has become increasingly popular in the United States over the past 40 years.
While acupuncture isn't a cure-all treatment, it is a safe, drug-free option for relieving many different types of pain

including osteoarthritis, low back pain, neck pain, migraine headaches, fibromyalgia, postoperative pain, tennis elbow, carpal tunnel syndrome, dental pain, menstrual cramps and more. Studies have also shown that it can be helpful in treating asthma, depression, digestive disorders, addictions, menopause symptoms like hot flashes, and nausea caused by chemotherapy or anesthesia.
Exactly how or why acupuncture works is still not fully understood, but it's based on the traditional Eastern theory that vital energy flows through pathways in the body, and when any of these pathways get blocked, pain and illness result. Acupuncture unblocks the pathways to restore health.
However, today most U.S. medical doctors tend to believe that acupuncture works because it stimulates

the nerves causing the release of endorphins, which are the body's natural painkiller hormones. It's also shown to increase blood circulation, decrease inflammation and stimulate the immune system.
What to Know
If the thought of getting needles stuck into your body makes you a little uneasy, you'll be happy to know that an acupuncture treatment is nothing like getting a shot. In fact, it's quite relaxing. Here are some additional points you should know:
The needles: They're solid, sterile and disposable (used only once), and as thin as a cat's whisker. The number of needles used for each treatment can vary anywhere from a few, up to a dozen or more. And where the needles are actually stuck depends on the condition being treated, but they are

typically inserted about one-quarter to 1-inch deep, and are left in place for about 20 minutes. After placement, the needles are sometimes twirled or manipulated, or stimulated with electricity or heat.
Does it hurt? You may feel a brief, sharp sensation when the needle is inserted, but generally it's not painful. Once the needle is in place, however, you may feel a tingling sensation, numbness, mild pressure or warmth.
Treatments: How many treatments you'll need will depend on the severity of your condition – 12 treatments done weekly or biweekly is very common. It's also important to know that acupuncture can be used in conjunction with other conventional medical treatments, or by itself.
Cost and coverage: The cost per treatment typically runs anywhere from \$50 to \$100



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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, August 1, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
TT Motorcycles is to hold their grand opening on August 5. Terry Trom of Blooming Prairie is re-opening the business that he ran from 1985 to 1993 when he moved to the county. The shop is located on Trom's farm and offers full service and specializes in American made V Twins. TT Motorcycles buys, sells, and builds Harleys and also has a

pickup and delivery service with the use of an enclosed trailer.
This past week, the Blossom Cheerleaders traveled to Iowa State for the National e itinerary consisted of learning a new cheer, with certain moves and skills, practicing that cheer with various college coaches, and then at the end of the day being evaluated on their progress. The Blooming cheerleaders received three excellent ratings for their

performances and one superior.
Jeannie Manges, a 2004 BPHS graduate and current junior at Bemidji State University, was one of 46 BSU Wind Ensemble members to participate in the first international trip ever taken by a BSU band. The ensemble toured parts of Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic for nearly two weeks in May. During the tour the band played five concerts, including a concert at Haydn Hall in Esterhazy Palace in Eisenstaedt, Austria.

year old the winning honors.
The Blooming Prairie 5th and 6th grade baseball team concluded a successful baseball season Friday, July 19, by winning the consolation championship at the Hayfield Hey Days Tournament. The overall season record ended at 17 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, July 28, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
An old building, which recently has been used to store paper collected by the Boy Scouts, was damaged by fire last Friday night. The blaze was discovered shortly after midnight and attracted a large crowd of spectators to the scene. The BP firemen were able to keep the fire from spreading to the next building, the Farmers Co-op Elevator frame storage building. About 15 tons of paper was deemed unsalvageable, and the cause of the fire has yet to be determined. The building is believed to have been a service station years ago.
Brain Lee-Hendrickson, 18-year-old former Blooming Prairie youth, sentenced to up to 40 years in prison at Mankato earlier this week. Hendrickson had earlier plead guilty to the shotgun death of a service station attendant. The

victim, Raymond Dahms, 18, was shot during a holdup at the station.
Approximately 190 Blooming Prairie youths will travel to Metropolitan stadium on Saturday of this week to witness the Minnesota Twins – Baltimore Orioles baseball game. The boys and girls baseball and softball program participants will be attending, and the youths' tickets were purchased by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.
Army Cadet Michael A. McFarlin, son of Supt. And Mrs. Maurice T. McFarlin, Blooming Prairie, practiced bayonet thrusting during exercises at Fort Riley, Kansas. He is undergoing six weeks Reserve Officer Training Corps summer training.
Army Pvt. Reuben F. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Anderson, Austin, is stationed in Verona, Italy. The tour he is on is given to all new Southern European Task Force members to acquaint them with the history, culture, and everyday life of Italy's Veneto region.
75 Years Ago
Thursday, July 31, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
The 59th annual Mower County Fair will be the largest county fair held in the history of Mower County, according

to a member of the attraction committee for the 1941 fair. On the midway will be the Greater Frisk Shows featuring 30 rides and concessions. The Frisk sows have new fronts, new rides, and feature children's attractions as well as grown-up's amusements.
The Boy Scouts collected a truckload of scrap aluminum for this community's contribution to "keep 'em flying." The drive, a nation-wide affair, was in charge of Supt. Emil Estenson. The city furnished a truck for the boys who made a house-to-house canvas. Old pots, pans, unwanted aluminum articles of all kinds were given by residents who wanted to do their bit in the national defense program to glean every possible piece of aluminum for airplane construction.
Signe Tollefson and Burton Ingvalson were wed last Saturday, the 26th, at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. The groom graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1938 and is now employed at the Geo. A. Hormel Co. The bride is a graduate of the Austin High School Class of 1938, and she was a beautiful vision in white Spanish lace over satin.

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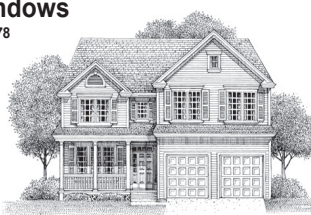
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Lane closures on I-35, Hwy. 14 near Owatonna this week

Motorists on Interstate 35 and Highway 14 near Owatonna will encounter daily lane closures at bridges this week.

On Monday, lane restrictions took effect while crews locate a fiber optic line, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The lane closures are needed to provide equipment access for the utility location work near the Union Pacific Railroad at bridges on I-35 and Highway 14. If work goes faster than anticipated, the closures will be taken down earlier.

The work is the starting point for 10 bridge replacements on I-35 and Highway 14 that will take place over the next two

years.

On I-35, the location is about 1 mile south of the I-35-Highway 14 interchange south of Owatonna. The Highway 14 location is just east of the interchange.

The lane closures and locations for I-35 are as follows:

- o Tuesday, July 26, northbound I-35 left lane
- o Wednesday, July 27, southbound right lane
- o Thursday, July 28, southbound right lane

The lane closures and locations for Highway 14 are:

- o Friday, July 29, eastbound right lane
- o Friday, July 29, westbound right lane

The lane closures will be set up at 6:30 a.m. and be taken down by 5:30 p.m. each day.

Construction of the crossover lanes to move traffic around the bridges under construction will take place this year after Labor Day. Construction on the bridges is scheduled to begin in April 2017 for three bridges on southbound I-35 and two bridges on eastbound Highway 14 near Owatonna. In 2018, the bridges on northbound I-35 and westbound Highway 14 will occur.

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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Assault. At 11:23 p.m., officers responded to an assault in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Crime Brief

Felony assault charge for man at hotel



Sergio Trevino

A man faces a felony assault charge after allegedly jumping and beating up a man at the Best Budget Inn in Owatonna

July 15.
Sergio Trevino, 22, of Willmar, has been charged with third-degree assault in connection with the incident.
Trevino is accused of beating up another man he was drinking with and staying at the hotel.
Officers found the victim inside the hotel lobby with a bloody face, eyes that were beginning to swell shut and a partially torn lower lip.
Police found Trevino by a parked semi truck near the hotel. He was taken into custody without further incident.

1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. They made an arrest at the scene.

July 16
Welfare. Officer completed a welfare check in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 1:21 a.m.
DWI. At 2:58 a.m., police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 200 block of Walnut Ave. S.
Property. Stolen property was recovered in the 1900 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 11:39 a.m.
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:43 a.m.
Intoxication. At 11:53 p.m., police responded to an intoxication incident in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S.
July 17
Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 6:51 a.m. and in the 500 block of Fitzgerald Place NE at 10:49 a.m.
Property. At 11:14 a.m., property was found in the 200 block of 24th St. NE.
Shoplifting. At 12:22 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.
July 18
Theft. Officers took five theft reports throughout the city.
Child Protection. Police received a child protection report from the 300 block of Grove Ave. N. at 11:33 a.m.
Restraining Order. At 12:35 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 300 block of School St. W. They took a subject into custody.
Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at

1:38 p.m.
Death. Police began a death investigation in the 2500 block of 18th St. NW at 2:22 p.m.
Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Sylvan St. NW at 2:23 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Shoplifting. Officer took a report of a shoplifting incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:50 p.m.
Hit and Run. At 6:32 p.m., a hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred at Main St. E. and Truman Ave. SE.
July 19
Thefts. Police took theft reports in the 500 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 6:42 a.m., in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:23 p.m., in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 3:18 p.m. and in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 4:05 p.m.
Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W. at 9:49 a.m.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 100 block of Fremont St. E. at 4:16 p.m.
Assault. At 7:41 p.m., officers received information regarding an assault in the 500 block of West Hills Circle NW.
July 20
Restraining Order. Officers arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 3:28 a.m.
Assist. Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 12:07 p.m.
Drugs. Officers responded to a report of drug activity at Grove Ave. N. and Pearl St. E. at 7:24 p.m. They took a subject into custody.
July 21
Suspicion. At 12:34 a.m., police responded to a suspicious activity report in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE.
Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Beech Ave. NE at 8:50 a.m.
Child Protection. Police received a child protection report from 24th Ave. NW and 26th St. NW at 9:22 a.m.
Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 200 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 3:32 p.m. and in the 200 block of School St. W. at 11:20 p.m.
Shoplifting. At 4:38 p.m., officer arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.
Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a personal injury crash in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 8:25 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff July 15
Assist. Deputy assisted a motorist by unlocking a vehicle in the 2000 block of 69th St. NE at 4:28 a.m.
Property. At 2:18 p.m., deputy took a lost property report in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W.
July 16
Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 11800 block of County Rd. 45 S. at 9:47 a.m.
Traffic Arrest. At 9:55 p.m., deputy arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W.
July 17
Animal. Deputies responded to a report of a dangerous animal in the 5800 block of 85th Ave. NW at 5:59 p.m.
July 18
Warrant. At 9:18 a.m., deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Main St. E.
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of fraud in the 8600 block of 42nd Ave. SW at 9:24 a.m.
Burglary. Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 14600 block of County Rd. 3 at 1:19 p.m.
Arrest. Deputy arrested a subject in the 100 block of 5th Ave. NE at 4:33 p.m.
July 19
Drunken Driving. At 9:20 p.m., deputy made a DWI arrest in the 600 block of Murray St. SE.
Crash. A motor vehicle collided with a deer in the 6000 block of Crane Creek Rd. at 10:05 p.m.
July 20
Threats. At 2:32 p.m., deputies responded to an incident with a citizen making threats in the 100 block of Main St. E.
Property. Stolen property was recovered in the 8100 block of 70th Ave. NW at 7:12 p.m.

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Owatonna Police Department
Abelardo Aragon, 20, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Mohamed Q. Arif, 33, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Mathew J. Blazek, 48, Owatonna, text messaging while driving, \$131; Ricardo Brown, 43, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181 and 1 day in county jail; Caleb R. Buchanan, 34, Glenville, DWI, \$581, 90 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, attend AA, obtain permission to leave the state, alcohol monitor and 3 years of supervised probation; Andrew S. Buck, 28, Owatonna, improper information on license, \$101; Anthony W. Caywood, 33, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$381, anger management and 1 year of supervised probation; Devin M. Efta, 19, Owatonna, falsely reporting a crime, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jose A. Espinoza Benitez, 41, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Odilia Garza, 37, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Lindsay S. Hachfeld, 31, Owatonna, theft, \$381 and 1 year of supervised probation; Christopher J. Hassing, 26, Owatonna, expired tabs and speeding, \$161; Natasha C. Herrin, 22, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Darryl K. Hibbler, 49, Minneapolis, no child passenger restraint system and speeding, \$271; Jennifer L. Jorgensen, 38, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Eamon M. Keane, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Cody D. Krueger, 25, Faribault, DWI, \$606, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 100 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Becky A. Lovgren, 34, Owatonna, DWI, \$1,106, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 184 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Catherine S. Manchack, 37, Owatonna, theft, \$181; Luis A. Martinez, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Dustin G. Meier, 35, Rochester, theft, \$131, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Abdulkadir M. Mohamed, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance, \$181 and 1 year of supervised

probation; Vanessa Rodriguez, 29, revoked license, \$281; Brandy G. Schmitt, 19, Owatonna, revoked license, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia and no insurance, \$681; Carla A. Schoenfeld, 29, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Ryan C. Spindler, 38, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Victoria L. Tracy, 23, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Zachery C. Vangen, 23, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana and revoked license, \$331; Shayla T. Walters, 21, Owatonna, falsely reporting a crime, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Casey L. Wenker, 27, Rochester, theft, \$373, 20 days in county jail; Adam W. Wollenburg, 31, Lanesboro, DWI, \$281, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation.

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POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

Trespassing. On July 17 at 8:53 a.m., a Blooming Prairie citizen reported that a male was sleeping on her property in the 12100 block of State Hwy. 30.
The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 203 complaints for the week of July 13 – 19. Some of them include:
July 13
Larceny. At 9:55 a.m., deputy took a report that a purse was stolen from a vehicle overnight in the 1000 block of 5th St. NW in Dodge Center.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

July 17
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the city at 12 a.m.
Burglary. At 12:01 p.m., police began a burglary investigation in the city.
July 18
Theft. A citizen reported that his or her identity had been stolen at 2:20 p.m.

Owatonna Police July 15
DWI. Police made DWI arrests in the 1700 block of State Ave. NW at 12:55 a.m. and at 43rd St. NW and Frontage Rd. W. at 10:08 p.m.
Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 9:45 a.m. They took a subject into custody.
Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of Broadway St. E. at 11:42 a.m.
Warrants. Police made warrant arrests in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 11:58 a.m. and in the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE at 2:41 p.m.
Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3 p.m.
Assault. At 11:23 p.m., officers responded to an assault in the

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- Jose Sosa – DWI – no bail
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- Brandon Stevermer – controlled substance – no bail
- Alex Stewart – theft - \$1,000 bail
- Bashir Sudi – theft by check - \$10,000 bail
- Pablo Tagle – theft by swindle - \$1,000 bail
- Samuel Tanner – theft - \$1,000 bail
- Brandon Tate – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail
- Alvin Taylor – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- John Tedd – domestic assault – no bail
- Allen Telschow – DWI – no bail
- Ramiro Terrones – DWI - \$500 bail
- Norma Thibodeau – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail
- James Thomas – theft – no bail
- Carla Thompkins – stalking - \$35,000 bail
- Larry Thompson – obstruction - \$3,000 bail
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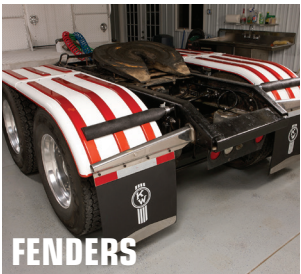
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Roughly 100 aircraft were temporarily grounded Sunday afternoon in Owatonna due to a string of thunderstorms that were in the area.

Airport houses grounded aircraft

By JOSH ZIMMER
Staff Writer

If you were to drive north on I-35 on any given day, the chances that you would see hundreds of aircraft grounded at Owatonna Denger Regional Airport should be pretty slim. However, that was not the case this past Sunday.

As a midway check point in the Air Venture 2016 race, the airport was supposed to act as a refueling station for those whose planes didn't have the range to complete the 216 nautical mile jaunt from Mitchell, S.D. to Oshkosh, Wis. Dave Beaver, the manager at the airport said the event draws thousands of planes not just from around the country but even the globe.

The airplanes were a part of the EAA Airshow, which Beaver said that everyone who was a part of the venture was required to fly into or over the checkpoint at the airport that way officials for the race could get a time for the leaderboards at the halfway point. He said that the race started at 9 o'clock in Mitchell, which would have given the pilots about an hour or so flight before reaching the refueling station. Beaver said that they were expecting roughly 20 aircraft that would have to land to be refueled before they completed the trek and started

to see the first group of aircraft approach the runway. However, with inclement weather currently in the path of the second part of the race, Beaver said that by 10-11 a.m., they were seeing a fleet of aircraft approach for landing. So rather than expecting to assist and direct 20 pilots, they were now on the cusp of doing both for roughly 100 aircraft that had to land due to inclement weather between the checkpoint in Owatonna and the finish line in Oshkosh.

Beaver said that the 85 participants that were grounded also had to mesh with the planes that are currently held at the general airfield. While the number jumped drastically, he mentioned that under the circumstances it was actually something that anyone who has an affinity for aircraft would have enjoyed. "It was a variety of airplanes. Some homebuilt, experimental type airplanes, there were some turbine jets, twin engines... There were all kinds of airplanes."

With the sudden spike of numbers, Beaver and his staff operated under what he said there are federal protocols that are well establish all throughout the country that followed. Beaver said they had some extra staff on hand for the event, to include race official from EAA. He also mentioned that to assist the extra staff and the race offi-

cials on hand that there were a handful of volunteers that were there to provide assistance also. Beaver said that while adhering to the federal guidelines, the primary objective was to have a safe operation for both the airport and the people within the premises.

They had to set up a fueling operation, designed a designated holding pattern to park the pilots while they were to wait out the storm and still had to assist with their normal traffic which Beaver said is higher than any other part of the year.

"We assigned people to fueling stations, setting up to line and how that would flow. We also had flag people to assist with parking."

He said that the biggest area would have a problem is when pilots are being directed off the runway.

"If the pilots aren't directed on how to park, it can become disorganized."

The communication in the parking aspect of the operation was key. Beaver mentioned that the adjustments made for parking allowed them to accommodate for some of the larger aircraft that were partaking in the 19th running of the race.

Despite the at times overwhelming amount of aircraft, Beaver said that the operation went fairly smooth.

Yummy filled biscuits available at Litomysl Summer Festival

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Summer is a time of beating the heat and having fun doing it. One way to beat the heat is to attend Litomysl's 45th Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, July 31. The country style festival showcases the country church pride owned by Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl.

The Holy Trinity Catholic Church site, home for the festival, is located eight miles south of Owatonna on County Road 45 (now closed for construction), then two miles east on County Road 4 (SE 98th St.) to 24th Ave. SE. Follow detours.

A Mass begins the day at 10 a.m. A full slate of activities begins at 11 including an opportunity to purchase filled biscuits, Buchty, a traditional Czech biscuit filled with prune, poppy seed or apricot filling.

The women of the church make sweet yeast dough, roll it out, cut it into small squares and fill the squares with filling. The corners of the square of dough are lifted up kitty-corner and folded in the middle with the

dough pinched together. The dough has four eyes on top with the filling peeping out: these eyes are called the four eyes of God. The grounds will be reverberating with music. The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Choir will perform in the church prior to the Mass. During the traditional Polka Mass, participants sing traditional hymns to the beat of polka music, led by the Litomyslaneous Group.

The Owatonna Knights of Columbus #945's Fourth Degree will participate in the Mass in full regalia.

Other music on the grounds will feature Hans Hohrman with his accordion near the school building. The Czech Lites and the Dan Stursa Band will entertain the crowds when they hit the stage north of the church. The Klecker Band members who have played at all of the past 44 festivals will delight listeners inside the church.

Other activities include: lots of food; games; silent auction; a used a bit sale; face painting; live pony rides; raffles; pull tabs and wagon rides.

Litomysl is Czech for "wistful thoughts." Holy Trinity Church dates back to 1878 when settlers

in the Litomysl community built their first church. The community is actually named after the original Litomysl, located about 100 miles east of Prague.

A stone church was built by parishioners in 1940-41. This church is one of the largest stone churches in the nation. Members of the church brought over 600 loads of rock from their fields to build the Catholic Church.

MORE DIRECTIONS:

From Blooming Prairie: If coming from Blooming Prairie, the festival can be found five miles north of BP on Highway 218 to Bixby, then 4 1/2 miles west on County Road 4 (SE 98th St.) to 24th Ave. SE.

From Owatonna on I-35: Go six miles south of Owatonna on I-35 to the Hope exit #32, then left on County Road 4 to County Road 3, go one-half mile south, then three miles east on County Road 4 (98th St.) to 24th Ave. SE.

From Ellendale: Go east on Highway 30 to County Road 45, then five miles north on County Road 45 to County Road 4 (SE 98th St.), then two miles east to 24th Ave. SE.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Hundreds of customers line up at the annual Litomysl Summer Festival to buy some filled biscuits, either prune, apricot or poppyseed. The 45th Annual Litomysl Summer Festival will be held on Sunday, July 31 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Year eight and riding hard

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor



They say that the number eight is the number of new beginnings. The group of over 100 bikers raising money and awareness for five different causes on July 9 were a part of the annual Ride For Hope.

Some new beginnings can be painful. In the case of Dale Fisher who lost his wife, Kim, this past April, he rode for the first time in this event without her. "Kim was one of the ones who was responsible for a lot of the organization and putting things together" Said Ride For Hope rider, Lori Wagner. "It wasn't the same without her and Dale had a rough ride that day."

As bikers gathered at the Owatonna Eagles Club, it was as if Kim was orchestrating the weather from a distance. For the first time in years, the group ex-

perienced near-perfect weather. The organization chooses five charities each year that they would like to help with awareness and with financial giftings,



Kim Fisher

and this year the organizations were, The Chrohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Eagles Cancer Telethon, Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center - U of Iowa, Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program in Owatonna, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Owatonna.

Out of the five organizations, each biker can choose which of the five organizations they want to put their funding towards. It represents a collaboration and a variety of options for awareness and garners the idea that many organizations need help and each year there is a new list.

After rallying in Owatonna, the group said a prayer and held a moment of silence for Kim before departing on their journey as Samaritans with many causes.

The 170 mile trip began and ended at the Eagles Club in Owatonna. Scheduled Stops in between came at The Eagles Nest bar in Eagle Lake, The Great Escape at Minnesota Lake where the group stopped for lunch sponsored by the Owatonna Eagles Club and Club 69 in Twin Lakes. The group then arrived back into Owatonna at around 3:30 where they enjoyed a taco supper.

The highlight of the day was an unscheduled stop in Mankato to the Michigan National Guard headquarters where they were present at the deployment of over 100 US troops heading from Minnesota to Israel. The bikers were invited into the gym by the Army Captain for the event and stayed for about 30 minutes before giving them a heroes send off.

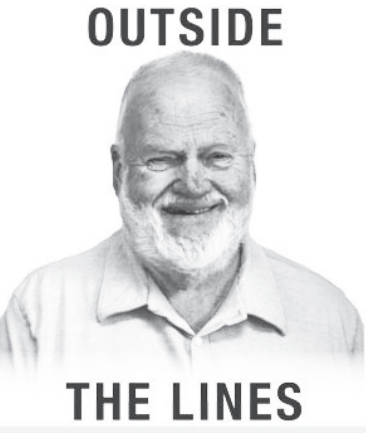
"The day was amazing." Said Wagner who was riding with her husband, Bill. "It made me want to ride in more of these and it sounds funny, but I really felt like I made a difference in the lives of others on that day."



Submitted photo

Riders waiting to take off for the eighth annual Ride For Hope.

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THE LINES LeMar Nelson A hot time

I guess the “dog days” of August arrived in our area a month early, if last week’s temperatures could be believed. The last three days of the week found us scurrying for the air conditioning each day, as temps rose from low to high 90’s. It probably proved no big deal to those who wait all winter for weather like that, but for us cold-blooded Scandinavians, it became almost unbearable every time we poked our noses outside.

I didn’t do any research for the inventor of air conditioning, but I give thanks to his ingenuity very time Mother Nature unloads a stretch of days like those of last week. It am just

gad that it wasn’t the middle of August, when the fall sports teams begin practice for the fall season. That would be a real trial, and we will hope our torrid temperatures have dissipated for good by then. Although who knows?

One last honor

The Owatonna paper is currently naming its five most outstanding senior athletes in the area, and last week BP’s own Anthony Nelson became the third in the series to be selected. With two more seniors still to be picked Nelson joins two Owatonna Huskies already picked by the daily paper.

Nelson’s athletic statistics for the Blossoms have been noted previously, but he earned All-Conference and All-Section honors in football, All-Conference honors in basketball and joined the 1,000-career point club in basketball, and starred in the sprints and relay teams for the locals this past track season.

His selection to the paper’s list was a well deserved, and he will enroll at Bethel College this fall to participate in both football and basketball. One last tip of the hat is due Nelson for his many contributions to BPHS sports and his many accomplishments over his high school career. Well done!

Gone west

At the Boys and girls Club benefit last February, several casinos donated gift certificates for one-night stays at their establishments. I managed to earn one of the certificates, so friend John and I ventured four hours to Prairie’s Edge Casino near Granite Falls two weeks ago. It was quite a relaxing and pleasurable experience.

The accommodations were first rate, the food was excellent, and the gambling entertainment stayed within our budgets. Neither John nor I are inveterate gamblers, but we spent our funds wisely, and the people watching kept us interested most of the time we frequented the casino floor. Altogether, the experience satisfied both of us, although John did admit that this trip probably proved enough for him for a very long time.

What’s up next

It is not too early to note the upcoming “paint the town pink” campaign that will again envelop the community the last week of August. With that campaign also comes the field of flags display at the corner of Main Street and Highway 218. That display is a real

eye catcher for motorists passing through town, and it is a good advertisement for the two-night auction sponsored by the Cancer Group on Friday and Saturday. I encourage people to purchase a flag to add to the huge panorama of flags.

I am sure that a 250 flags will be purchased before it is time to put up the display. And that is just one small part of the annual project in fighting cancer locally. Businesses and individuals also get involved with pink symbols on windows residential homes and trees, and even pavement markings. It is truly a community project.

Gone for good

One celebrity who died last week deserves remembrance. He made a big name for himself in both movies and television. Garry Marshall died in Burbank, California, at the age of 81, after creating and producing several popular projects. Three of his best-known movies included “Beaches” in 1988, “Pretty Woman” in 1990, and “Princess Diaries” in 2001. “Odd Couple”, which ran from 1970- 1975, “Laverne and Shirley” on from 1976 to 1983, and “Mork and

Mindy”, which ran from 1978-1982, comprised three of his best television projects. He had several other popular shows over the years, and he leaves behind

a large group of admiring fans.

Enjoy summer, as the steamy weather continues, and we’ll talk again.

Crossword Solution

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Golf Fun Day: Extra Look

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It was a hot, steamy day with temperatures hovering around 93 degrees but it didn’t stop 61 hearty golfers from participating in the 22nd Annual Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Fun Day on Wednesday, July 20.

Becky Noble, director of the BP Area Chamber, reported that 66 golfers signed up for the day but only 61 golfed. Seventy-four persons ate a delicious chicken and rib supper catered by Nick’s Prairie Cafe.

Most golfers finished 18 holes. Challenges faced each golfer as they traversed the course. There was an opportunity to win a new Ford Fusion car but nobody aced the fifth hole to win the prize. Closest anyone got to the hole was eight feet.

Each hole had a sponsor. Sponsors included: Frontier Communications; Sportstitch; Mainstreet Dental; Prairie Family Sports and Chiropractic; Miner’s Outdoor & Rec.; Pizza Cellar/Blooming Prairie Cue Company; Johnson/Doerhoefer/Miner, P.A.; BP Dairy Queen; BP Bus Company; BP-Ellendale Leader; R & R Insurance; Extreme Power Coating; Worlein BP Funeral Home; Smooth Move Seats; Steele County Times and B to Z Hardware/New York Life.

Hole winners were:

#1, Scott Krejci; #3, Cindy Guttormson; #4, Darrell Hansen; #6, Jake Jacobusse; #7, Ken Behnken; #8, Don Peterson and #9, H. Peterson.

#10, Ben Westphal; #11, Dennis Kruckeberg; #12, Jeff Ingvalson; #13, Sydney Basness; #14, Don Peterson; #15, Per Kvalston; #16, Cindi Hansen; #17, Stan Lindquist and #18, Cindy Guttormson.

All hole winners received special prizes. Many door prizes were also given out to attendees for the golf day.

Theme for the fun day was Back to the 50s. Several golfers and hole sponsors got into the act in turning back the clock to the 1950s. Several of the hole sponsors treated golfers to food and prizes.

On Hole No. 1, Karen Fourage was dressed in a poodle skirt dress she bought on Amazon.

On Hole No. 8, Collette Lea and Liz Heiber treated golfers to a Caddie ride and also fixed them a special ice cream drink. Golfers Pat Hershley and Linda Klemmensen also came decked out in their poodle skirts.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Top: Blooming Prairie received special treatment and a ride in a Cadillac on Hole No. 8
Bottom Left: In their 50s attire on Hole No.2 are Randy Klemmensen, Linda Klemmensen, Pat Hershley and Gary Hershley.

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Former Blooming Mayor Harold Ulrich his wife, Vivian celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday at the BP Fire Department Park.

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Births

- Maylin Isabel Gomez Ambrocio, Parents: Juana Ambrocio Gomez and Salvador Gomez Toj, May 1
- Rhedyn Freya Ebeling, Parents: Zella and Aaron, May 1
- Sawyer Lee Wobig, Parents: Kayla & David, May 1
- Caleb Robert Androli, Parents: Amanda and Jeffrey, May 3
- Carter David Sandquist, Parents: Lynn and Laramie, May 3
- Evan Wayne Miller, Parents: April and Daniel, May 5
- Remi Nicole Peterson, Parents: Christina and Norman, May 5
- Raylan Charles Wersal, Parents: Rachel and Derrick, May 5
- Nuoyi Zhang, Parents: Shitong and Shaorong, May 7
- Nash Kenneth Deml, Parents: Lauren and Matthew, May 10
- Dexter Ronald Juaira, Parents: Katie and Erik, May 10
- Adaly Elizabeth Hansen, Parents: Amy and Joseph, May 11
- Hassan Abdiaziz Abdullahi, Parents: Hodan Abdi and Abdiaziz Hussein, May 12
- Sophia Leanna Levy, Parents: Allyssa and Duane, May 12
- Spencer Jace Johnson, Parents: Jessica Barrie and Quintin Johnson, May 12
- Makiah Kathleen Darkow, Parents: Bridget and Tyler, May 15
- Evelyn Honor Nelson, Parents: Katie and Kelvin, May 15
- Stella J Ruby Marino, Parents: Celeste and Zachary, May 16
- Tyler Robert Hole, Parents: Holly and Robert, May 16
- Hank Odie Walden, Parents: Jeanne and Andrew, May 16
- Axl Gordon Kelm, Parents: Jamie and Jason, May 17
- Isabel Hattie Schoenfeld, Parents: Tina and Gary, May 18
- Lillian Mae Slack, Parents: Stephanie and Nathan, May 18
- Joshua Emmanuel Jara, Parent: Barbara Mireles, May 19
- Ajay Brady Zak, Parents: Anisha and Brian, May 20
- Oliver Everett Fuchs, Parents: Jessica and Mark, May 20
- Arian Andres Macias, Parents: Anais Sanchez and Juan Macias, May 21
- Justine Elizabeth Anderson, Parents: Beth and Patrick, May 24
- Graham Jerome Vangen, Parents: Nicole and Dylan, May 25
- Weber Frederick Simington, Parents: Kathleen and Chance, May 26
- Finnley Noelle Sime, Parents: Erin and Eric, May 27
- Landen Clarence Boyd, Parents: Rachel and Patrick, May 28
- Alexandra Isbeth Acosta, Parents: Maria and Bethke and Luis Acosta, May 31

Deaths

- Nylene Audrey Thompson, 89, Owatonna May 7
- Michael Joel Schull, 55, Owatonna May 7
- Roy William Adkisson, 77, Owatonna May 8
- Elinor Jeanette Evert, 78, Owatonna May 10
- Cleland Ellsworth Swanson, 93, Owatonna May 12
- Michael John Corbin, 46, Owatonna May 15
- Patrick S. Cashman, 50, Owatonna May 15
- Eunice Ione Colmer, 88, Owatonna May 16
- Marie Eleanor Olson, 98, Ellendale May 16
- Lloyd Louie Matthes, 85, Blooming Prairie May 16
- Kenneth J. Peterson, 90, Owatonna May 17
- Barry Albert Andrews, 75, Owatonna May 17
- Lorraine Dorothy Jensen, 91, Blooming Prairie May 20
- Allen Eugene Rogers, 69, Owatonna May 23
- Sophia Katherine Taykalo, 100, Owatonna May 27
- Dorothy Lavonne Turtness, 88, Owatonna May 27
- Loretta Marie Dusbabek, 82, Faribault May 29
- Jose Francisco Fuentes Jr., 33, Owatonna May 30
- Lisa Ann Hutchinson, 50, Owatonna May 30

Marriages

- Anna Jean Taylor & Christopher Edington Acker, May 7
- Bradley Allen Schiltz & Jana Marie Dressel, May 21
- Gary Lee Masters & Melissa Marie Maloney, May 21
- Stephen Maurice Basness & Emma Elizabeth Pittman, May 21
- Donald Edward Iorio & Sarah Marie Cook, May 21
- Laura Jean Wurst & Nathan Robert Resler, May 21
- Trevor Michael Erler & Brooke Makannah Battenfeld, May 27

Divorces

- James Simon Anderson & Jodine Kay Anderson
- Heidi Rose Padilla & Marcus C. Padilla
- Annissa Rheannon Allen & Jamison William Allen
- Eric Daniel Mullenmeister & Jennifer Ann Mullenmeister
- Trenton Mark Bird & Hallie Leah Bird
- Sunday Ojulu & Okugne Methowe
- Thomas Allen Corriveau & Kathrin Meier Corriveau
- Mandi Lyn Wacek & Jeremy John Wacek
- Lisa Maria Ortega & Joshua Ortega
- Joy Linn English & Cedric Antonio English
- Nicolas Robert David & Jessica Lynn David
- Gary Conlin & Julie Ellen Conlin

CommunityLiving

Mission trip: what a wonderful world

By **JESSICA NAFE**
Staff Intern

Murder. Robbery. Mass-Shooting. Terrorist Attack. Protest.

These are the words that most often make the news in our world today.

Donate. Volunteer. Care. Love. Unity.

These are the words that most often go unnoticed in our society.

Even though they don't make the headlines, good is still going on in our world. With all the negative media coverage, it can be easy to believe that our world is largely without hope.

I sure thought so. Until I returned from a mission trip to Kansas City, Mo., it reassured that there are still caring people and selfless acts out there.

Eleven youth from Vista Covenant Church, New Richland, and three adult leaders made up our group. We left on Sunday, July 17 for the six-day trip, minds full of wonder and hearts uneasy about what we would find in the large, diverse, and poverty-stricken city.

Youth Works, an organization that plans Christ-centered mission trips for teenagers, was in charge of the trip. They set up our service projects, planned meals, and organized sleeping space.

Before we could go to our service sites, the Youth Works staff needed to give us some education on the city.

The high school graduation rate is 40 percent.

With more than 18% of its population living in poverty, Kansas City has a larger poverty percentage than the rest of the state and nation.

The rate of violent crimes per 1,000 people in the city is 8.0—more than three times the national rate.

With these facts swirling in our minds, we headed into the city with apprehension and curiosity.

Each team spent the morning at an Upper Room, a program that offers summer reading programs to first through eighth graders. Other service sites for the afternoon included Della Lamb, a community organization offering help to refugees and low-income families; Switzer Community Gardens, a raised-bed garden ran by locals; Harvester's, the largest food bank in the Kansas City area; and Sheffield Neighborhood, an organization that cleans up local areas.

My team spent our mornings at an Upper Room at a church in an extremely poor neighborhood. The stairs had duct tape over cracks, there was no air conditioning, the bathroom doors didn't shut or locked properly, the books were worn, and over half the toys in the classrooms were broke. But one thing the students did have was care.

The teachers who ran the classrooms at the church were some of the most compassionate and patient women I have ever met. Many of them are extremely qualified educators, but they chose to give their time and energy to poverty-stricken children. They give up high paying positions and nice facilities for low wages and tattered classrooms. If that isn't love, I don't know what is.

The other parts of my trip were spent volunteering at a community garden and an organization called Della Lamb, where I established a newfound faith in humanity.

For 118 years, the organization has been providing low-income families and international refugees with education, child care, transportation, and other services. We spent time wrapping Christmas presents for refugee children that attend Della Lamb's charter school.

While we worked, a public relations worker from Della Lamb told us about the organization's service. They assist refugees for their first 90 days in America, helping them find

housing, get a job, and create a new life. Many of the refugees they help are fleeing from Somalia, and have spent years in desert camps and witnessed unimaginable violence.

It amazed me that many of the volunteers are refugees themselves, who have received help in the past, gotten back on their feet, and now want to give back. Instead of continuing in their

own success, the refugees take time to turn around and help the next person in line, happy to give what they once received. Their selfless and non-judgmental actions are something that we all should strive to emulate.

Kansas City is full of violence and poverty, yes. But it is also full of some of the most passionate, caring, and hard-working individuals I have ever met.

People like the teachers from the Upper Room and the refugee volunteers from Della Lamb are proof that good people still exist and that hope prevails. If we would all take some time out of our lives to put someone else's needs before our own, like they do every day, just imagine how different the world would be.

If I learned anything this past week in the 124-degree weather

and worn-down neighborhoods, it is that good is not lost. It may be hard to see beyond the hate, but it's there. It's in the man who gives a hot meal to the homeless man on the corner. It's in the woman who volunteers to

knit hats for needy children. It's in the teen who gives up going to the movies to volunteer at the local food shelf. Good is still thriving in our world, we just have to look a little deeper.



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Jessica Nafe along with other youths from New Richland's Vista Covenant Church, recently spent time on a mission trip to Kansas City, Mo. where much of the city is poverty-stricken with high crime rates.

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Proceeds from this annual event go directly to the BP Cancer Group. The golfing event is not just for golfers. Anyone can visit the event which starts at 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4 p.m.

Cost to golf nine holes and to enjoy delicious appetizers is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. The fee takes care of green fees, cart, prizes and food.

The public also has the opportunity to sponsor a hole in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Businesses can sponsor holes, too.

"Our players do not need to be skilled golfers or they don't have to play; just stop by all of the holes," said event organizer Lexi LaMontagne. Golfers may register in advance by contacting the Country Club or by contacting Lexi at 321-279-8265.

This is Lexi's first year helping with the golf outing. "It's a good cause and cancer has hit our family," Lexi explained why she works on the project.



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Madison Thurnau of Blooming Prairie shows 10 inches of her hair that she had cut by stylist Barb Kraling, Cutting Edge, for the benefit of Locks of Love last year.

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- 2 c. diced ham

By Bev Hoveland

Generously grease or spray a 9 x 13 in. glass baking dish. Cover the bottom with cubed bread. Layer diced ham over the bread. Beat together eggs, milk, cheese, salt, and pepper. Pour over all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake 1 hour at 325°.

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County officials breaking new ground

By **AHREN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

After a full twenty years of planning, that was on an accelerated pace due to a flood in 2010, the first few bits of earth were moved for the construction of a new Steele County complex on July 12.

The groundbreaking happened a few minutes after noon, when a group Steele County officials and interested parties dawned hard hats, vests and golden shovels to break ground on the beginning phase of building a new facility in North Owatonna. The 45 acre area of previously vacant farmland is located west on I-35 in North Owatonna at the 3000 block of Hoffman Drive. Once completed it will serve as a consolidated facility for county workers.

The ceremony for the Phase One kickoff began with Steele County Commissioner James “Corky” Ebeling welcoming the assembled crowd and a representative from U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar. In the letter, Klobuchar applauded the “tenacity” of community leaders to get the project started. Also speaking was Minnesota House

Representatives John Petersbug and Brian Daniels.

Phase Two of the project is expected to get underway in 2017, and will include the actual building of the complex. “This facility is building for the future,” said Ebeling. “This is something that should be able to be used for over 100 years.” According to County Administrator Laura Elvebak, the timetable may be pushed back with the rainy weather.

Once finished, the one-story building will include two accessory buildings. The whole facility is defined as a public health and welfare area, but will primarily serve as a centralizer for the highway maintenance, which is around 31 percent of the Steele County budget. The critical aspects of the facility will be a fueling/repair station for county vehicles and administrative office positions.

“Some may think my taxes are going to go up humongous, that is just not true. What this assistance means is that the building of the facility will not put extra tax burden on the citizens of Steele County, according to Ebeling. Once completed the county will also save around \$200,000 per year on the current

space the county is leasing temporarily in the Owatonna industrial park.

The overall cost of the complex is just over 12.3 million dollars, but much of that cost is going to be offset by bonding and FEMA reimbursement. According to information from Elvebak, the 2015 bonding bill appropriation offset four million of the cost and FEMA estimated a reimbursement of around 1.6 million.

The reimbursement was for the damage caused by a September of 2010 flood of the same area. Due to the flood the old Steele County Public Works Buildings were uninhabitable due to approximately five feet of contaminated flood waters covering the site for a period of approximately four days.

The end of summer of 2016 has been the target date for construction to finish on Phase one, but water has already been a problem. “Almost the whole site is peat and clay... so when it gets wet is gets difficult to work with,” said Construction Manager John Liepke. A casual observer can only hope the water stays to “difficult,” so the 2010 flood can stay a distant memory.

Airport houses grounded aircraft

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Staff Writer

If you were to drive north on I-35 on any given day, the chances that you would see hundreds of aircraft grounded at Owatonna Denger Regional Airport should be pretty slim. However, that was not the case this past Sunday.

As a midway check point in the Air Venture 2016 race, the airport was supposed to act as a refueling station for those whose planes didn’t have the range to complete the 216 nautical mile jaunt from Mitchell, S.D. to Oshkosh, Wis. Dave Beaver, the manager at the airport said the event draws thousands of planes not just from around the country but even the globe.

The airplanes were a part of the EAA Airshow, which Beaver said that everyone who was a part of the venture was required to fly into or over the checkpoint at the airport that way officials for the race could get a time for the leaderboards at the halfway point. He said that the race started at 9 o’clock in Mitchell, which would have given the pilots about an hour or so flight before reaching the refueling station. Beaver said that they were expecting roughly 20 aircraft that would have to land to be refueled before they completed the trek and started to see the first group of aircraft approach the runway. However, with inclement weather currently in the path of the second part of the race, Beaver said that by 10-11 a.m., they were seeing a fleet of aircraft approach for landing. So rather than expect-

ing to assist and direct 20 pilots, they were now on the cusp of doing both for roughly 100 aircraft that had to land due to inclement weather between the checkpoint in Owatonna and the finish line in Oshkosh.

Beaver said that the 85 participants that were grounded also had to mesh with the planes that are currently held at the general airfield. While the number jumped drastically, he mentioned that under the circumstances it was actually something that anyone who has an affinity for aircraft would have enjoyed. “It was a variety of airplanes. Some homebuilt, experimental type airplanes, there were some turbine jets, twin engines... There were all kinds of airplanes.”

With the sudden spike of numbers, Beaver and his staff operated under what he said there are federal protocols that are well establish all throughout the country that followed. Beaver said they had some extra staff on hand for the event, to include race official from EAA. He also mentioned that to assist the extra staff and the race officials on hand that there were a handful of volunteers that were there to provide assistance also. Beaver said that while adhering to the federal guidelines, the primary objective was to have a safe operation for both the airport and the people within the premises.

They had to set up a fueling operation, designed a designated holding pattern to park the pilots while they were to wait out the storm and still had to assist with their normal traffic which Beaver said is higher than

any other part of the year.

“We assigned people to fueling stations, setting up to line and how that would flow. We also had flag people to assist with parking.”

He said that the biggest area would have a problem is when pilots are being directed off the runway.

“If the pilots aren’t directed on how to park, it can become disorganized.”

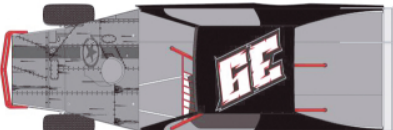
The communication in the parking aspect of the operation was key. Beaver mentioned that the adjustments made for parking allowed them to accommodate for some of the larger aircraft that were partaking in the 19th running of the race.

Despite the at times overwhelming amount of aircraft, Beaver said that the operation went fairly smooth.

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- Part of (abbr.)
- Large fish
- Of urea
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- Organized crime head
- Bird genus
- Curve
- Greek sophist
- Thick river fish
- Negative
- Young woman (French)
- Extra features
- Luckily
- Pounced
- Congressman
- 92543
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- Spherical body
- Imply
- Popular zombie TV show
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- Former hoopster Heard
- California graffiti artist
- Managed
- Irish military organization
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- When you’ll get there
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- Making fun of
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- Small integers
- Unarmed combat
- Made of wood
- Rex and Sorenson to name two
- Affixes
- Wife of Zeus
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Runnin’ __: UNLV nickname
- Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- Central European river
- Actor Bana
- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Southeast Asian ethnic grp
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10:30 a.m. Albert Lea Public Library Story time

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August 1, 2016

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August 2, 2016

5:30 p.m. Albert Lea Planning Commission, City Hall

6 p.m. Rock Gym, Community Education, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

August 3, 2016

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10 a.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum, Mower County Historical Society, Austin

10:30 a.m. Kids' Art History Camp: Andy Warhol Portraits, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin

10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Wake Up and Wiggle, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office, Austin

2 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Open Art Hour, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym

6 p.m. Urban Yoga, Bandshell Community Park, 4th Street and 9th Place SW, Austin

6:15 p.m. Gene Roden Memorial Track Meet, Westcott Stadium Track, Austin

7 p.m. Hormel Foods Film Fest Night, Historic Paramount Theatre, Austin

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10:30 a.m. Kids' Art History Camp: Kara Walker Silhouettes, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin

11 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Magician & Puppeteer Jim Jayes, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, City Of Lyle

12 p.m. Picnic in the Lot, Mower County Senior Center, Austin

1 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Magician & Puppeteer Jim Jayes, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

3 p.m. Cedars Market, The Cedars of Austin, east side parking lot, Austin

7 p.m. Hormel Foods Film Fest Night, Historic Paramount Theatre, Austin

7 p.m. Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin

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10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Listen and Learn, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

12 p.m. Lunchbox History Series: The Seven Eras of Minnesota Agriculture, Mower County Historical Society, 1303 6th Ave SW, Austin

1 p.m. "An Immigrant's Tale" Ruby Rupner Auditorium, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center, Austin

2 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Games and LEGOs, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin

3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym

4 p.m. Austin Farmers' Market, 501 Oakland Ave East, Austin

4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of ShopKo, Austin

4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers' Market, Corner of Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy

6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)

6 p.m. Food Truck Frenzy, Around Austin

7:45 p.m. Austin Blue Sox vs Burnsville, Lafayette Park,

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July 26, 2016

BP Card Club & Luncheon

10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime

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9:30-10:30 a.m. Rene Gilormini, Steele County Veterans Service Officer will be at Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club

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5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm

7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm

7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm

July 30, 2016

7-8 p.m. Twisted Sisters, Sat. Entertainment

August 1, 2016

6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center

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Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av

7 p.m. Hope City Council Meeting

7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

August 3, 2016

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July 28, 2016

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

5:30-6:30 p.m. Medford EDA July Business Networking hosted by Straight

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City Administrator Andy Welti will provide city updates; and Candace Gray, Supervisor,

will give a tour and provide history.

August 1, 2016

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August 3, 2016

7 p.m. Medford Park Board (1st Wed even months)

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July 26, 2016

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4 p.m. OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities

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5:30 p.m. Owatonna Planning Commission,

Council Chambers, City Hall

6 p.m. BPBL Book Club

July 28, 2016

2 p.m. Owatonna Public Library

Independent & World Films

6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time

August 1, 2016

1 p.m. Owatonna, Woman's Club Bridge

Group, Senior Place, Owatonna

August 2, 2016

9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!

5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights

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7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council

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Jason Linse lines up his shot on the pool table in the annex that houses the Golf Simulator.

Bunkies Grille and Lanes has been a fixture of the Blooming Prairie community for almost seventy years. The even better of that is it has been run by a member of the Ressler family throughout its operation. However, when Aaron Ressler purchased it from his older brother in 2014; it began to see a new twist to the classic setting.

Aaron, the current owner and operator for Bunkies, said that it originally opened in 1947 and was called Ressler Lanes when it was operated by Aaron's grandparents, George and Tilly. The alley was set up with four lanes and a restaurant that served a variety of food. In fact, Ressler Lanes was the first bowling alley in the state of Minnesota to receive the AMF automatic pin setters. Over the years, the business was handed down from generation to generation. "My grandfather started it, then my father took over and after my father, my oldest brother Mike took over to run until 2014 when I purchased it." Prior to selling the business to his brother, his older brother Mike made renovations to the restaurant and entrance to the alley to try and keep it modernized. During the process of renovations, the name was even changed to its current name, Bunkies, in honor of their grandfather. One thing that didn't change, however, was the layout of the bowling area. "Those are the original floors and four lanes from when we opened in 1947," added Aaron. He stated that his ultimate goal when he bought the building was to get bowling back.

However, when Aaron took over operations from his brother, he noticed that things have drastically changed since his father ran it. He went on to describe that in that past, there were league bowling events four nights a week that were so jammed with people that two shifts were created. "He had four different men's leagues, two different ladies leagues, couples leagues... It's a struggle now," said Aaron. He went on to say that while his dad had the multitude of leagues in four nights in the past, he struggles to fill one league for a night. The biggest thing he noted was that the leagues lasted too long. "It's tough to have the commitment for a 32 week league; anything on any given day could come up." He went on to say that with bowling, the draw has changed over the last 5 to 10 years. It just hasn't been able to stay as the thing to do with kids in this generation.

Ressler also mentioned that he tries to keep birthday parties as the big draw. "If I don't get the little ones in here, I know that down the road there won't be bowlers," he said.

With golf being a major part of his life and the struggles that were present, Ressler had a vision for the complex shortly after signing the paperwork.

Ressler has always been a fan of Golf. He recalled that as a kid what really got him into the game was trying to compete with his brothers. "I may have the chance to beat him on a hole. I may not have been able to beat him overall but to irritate him as an older brother, that's a goal for any kid," he joked. Prior to coming back to Minnesota, he traveled the country and even left it for stints at prestigious golf courses and resorts throughout the world. After he graduated from the University of Phoenix, he took a position at Tonto Verde Golf Club, making it his first professional golf assistant position. Over the years, he has held positions all across the world to include Aruba where he was the head professional and the director of Golf Operations. "I've worked at resorts and resorts in Lake Placid, Aruba, and even here in Minnesota," said Aaron. After taking courses throughout his various stops during his career, Ressler became a PGA Professional, giving him the qualifications to teach the game of golf. From the moment the ink dried on the papers, he had a new idea that would help transcend the business into a new venture. "From the get go, the plan was to add the golf simulator," added Ressler.

Knowing that the room that housed the pool hall had the depth, Ressler said that it allowed for a new stream of revenue, while also staying close to a game he's been around for ages. The golf simulator located at the business is the top of the line, having two different aspects that everyone from everyday golfers to those who casually swing the clubs. The first aspect to the simulator is the gaming setting. 76 courses, 40 of which are as seen on the PGA Tour, are available in the settings for golfers to enjoy some of their favorite courses across the world. He also mentioned that with the ability to play numerous courses, there is a winter golf league.

As many natives of Minnesota know, it's tough to be able to golf year round. With the winter leagues, that is now a realistic pos-

sibility. Ressler said that he runs two separate leagues, the first being through the months of October, November and December. The second league is set up through January, February and March. While leagues give golfers the ability to golf year round, it's not to say that there is still time sensitivity. "The odd part at times is that farming is a big thing around here. It's a tough thing to fill the first session because people are busy with their harvest," said Aaron.

The second aspect of his simulator is that he uses it to teach private lessons, junior camps and everything in between. With his simulator, Aaron is able to use it as a teaching tool for those that

are a part of his Academy. Trackman is the high-end software that is fitted with the simulator and gives golfers the ability to understand every swing at real time. From swing velocity to head tilt, this teaching system allows Aaron to properly correct and adjust swings at a more convenient pace.

With Ressler's Golf Academy joining the family business, Aaron said that his satisfaction of taking the reins for the family business has become real. "I love the small town. I couldn't be more excited. To carry on a family business that can go 70 years, especially a four lane bowling alley? That's good stuff," said Aaron.



Above: The floors of Bunkies Grille and Lanes are the original layouts from 1947.

Below: Jason Linse attempts to chip the ball into the netting of the simulator.





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Buffer map released, info meetings planned

By KAREN JORGENSEN
DCI County Staff Writer

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has released its long-awaited buffer maps of public waters and public ditches showing what vegetative buffers or alternative water quality practices will be required as new legislation is implemented.

To help area residents in determining what types of buffers will be needed and what waterways and ditches are public the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Mower and Steele counties have joined to offer a series of public information buffer meetings.

Three meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 28. There will be a morning meeting beginning at 9 a.m. at the Community Center in Fountain. At 1 p.m. a meeting has been scheduled for the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie and the third meeting of the day will be at 5 p.m. at the Fairlane Building at the Freeborn County fairgrounds in Albert Lea.



Staff from the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be on hand to explain and answer questions about the buffer law and its recent clarifications. Also in attendance will be officials from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, DNR and a representative from the Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center.

Agricultural landowners, producers and the general public are invited to attend the free sessions.

In 2015 the Minnesota Legislature approved legislation requiring protective vegetative

buffers between 16.5 feet and 50 feet on some waterways and ditches. The law was revised during the 2016 legislative sessions to provide clarification of several issues including what waterways and ditches are considered public and which are private.

The DNR was charged with preparing the map of public waters and public ditches that will require the buffers or alternative practices. That map was released this month and is available online at www.mndnr.gov/buffers.

The effort now turns to implementation of the law and meet-

ing its deadlines.

By Nov. 1, 2017 buffers with a 50-foot average width and 30-foot minimum width must be in place on lands adjacent to public waters.

By Nov. 1, 2018, 16.5-foot minimum width buffers must be in place on lands adjacent to public ditches.

Both types of waterways are marked on the DNR map.

Private ditches are not included in the legislation although many of the private ditches already have buffers.

The local meetings held throughout the state will assist landowners who have public ditches running through their property as well as landowners who may not be aware if a ditch is public or private.

"Vegetative buffers help filter pollutants and sediment out of our waterways," said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr. "Completing this map is a critical step toward the ultimate goal of protecting one of our most valuable natural resources — clean water."

From the ground up: Help for freshman farmers

As the average age of Minnesota's farmers continues to trend toward retirement, a longtime program is helping the next crop of young farmers.

New faces are much needed in the industry, according to the Land Stewardship Project, a sustainable-agriculture support group. It holds a "Farm Beginnings" course and is taking applications for people looking to get started.

Course organizer Dori Eder said the goal is to connect new and prospective farmers with their more experienced counterparts and folks with related business experience.

"Ideally, people who hope to be farming within the next one to three years and who want to develop a plan to farm that is both ecologically sound and economically viable," she said. "So, it's really a strategic business-planning course for farmers."

In the past 19 years, more than 750 people have gone through

the Farm Beginnings course. For the next round of classes this fall, people have until Sept. 1 to apply.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, consumer demand for locally grown foods is continuing to expand. Eder said she believes the next generation of Minnesota farmers and the state itself will see long-term benefits from making farm operations both profitable and sustainable.

"The more people in Minnesota who are farming sustainably and successfully," she said, "the better protected our lands and water resources are, the stronger our food economy is, the more that farmers can contribute to rural vitality."

The training program runs for a full year and typically meets on weekends to help freshman farmers to navigate everything from farm and financial planning to marketing.

Program information is online at landstewardshipproject.org.



Area dairy farm offering free ice cream social

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The Cow Boss Series

Area residents will have the opportunity to celebrate a national honor for a local dairy producer right in their backyard.

The Kasper Dairy Farm of rural Owatonna is offering a free ice cream social on Wednesday, Aug. 3 in honor of Karen Kasper's achievement as America's Farmers Mom of the Year. In addition to ice cream, the farm will also offer a petting zoo for children. The event will run from 4 to 7 p.m.

In addition to helping on the dairy farm, Kasper has authored children's books. She will be hosting a book signing for her latest book.

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Hot and humid weather aided corn development during the week ending July 24. There were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork. There were reports of heavy rain and strong winds during the first half of the week across most of the state. Small grains and alfalfa hay were harvested when weather permitted.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

Minnesota's corn acreage jumped 35 percentage points to 86 percent silking, 8 days ahead of the five-year average and 5 days ahead of last year. Across the southern two-thirds of Minnesota some corn acreage was entering the dough stage. Corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from the previous week. With 90 percent of the soybean crop blooming or beyond, 39 percent of the soybean crop was setting pods, 5 days ahead of average and 1 day ahead of last year. Soybean condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. Eighty-six percent of the spring wheat acreage was turning color, 15 days ahead of average and 1 day ahead of last year. There were a few reports of spring wheat harvested, and the condition rated 69 percent good to excellent. With ninety-two percent of the oat crop turning color, 10 percent was harvested for grain, 3 days behind average but 1 day ahead of the previous year. Oat condition rated 78 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week. Sunflower condition rated 57 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from last week. Potato condition rated 91 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from the previous week. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 82 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 22 percent complete, 10 days ahead of last year. All hay condition rated 81 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Heat and humidity caused stress to livestock during the week.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Adam D. Jensen, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 22, 2016 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,200.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 21, 2009 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 3, 2009 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$119,828.76

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of the following: Commencing 80 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21, running thence East 9 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning, Except the West 36 feet thereof. AND Commencing 89 rods East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, running thence East 5 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 rods; thence South 8 rods to beginning. (Being Sublot 3, and part of Sublot 4 of Lot 10 in Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21)

Together with and subject to that certain Well Agreement dated and filed June 21, 1994, ad Document No. 242387 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDIAN, MN 56093 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-017-4211 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota, to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 23, 2017.

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

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

Dated: June 30, 2016

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 12/11/2009 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$81,400.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Gary A. Starkson, A Single Person MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 12/29/2009 as Doc#: 185344 in the Office of the County Recorder, Dodge County, Minnesota The mortgage was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BKA Home Loans Servicing, LP KCA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP Assignment dated: 09/23/2011 Assignment recorded: 10/24/2011 Assignment recording information: Doc#: 193630 Assignee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Assignment dated: 9/18/2014 Assignment recorded: 2/20/2015 Assignment recording information: Doc#: 209990 Assignee: U.S. Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignment dated: 1/30/2015 Assignment recorded: 2/20/2015 Assignment recording information: Doc#: 209991 All in the records of the County Recorder in and for Dodge County, Minnesota. TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 25.426.1730

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6, Block 24, Frank Mantor's Addition, in the city of Mantorville, Dodge County, Minnesota. Abstract Property STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 715 7th Street W, Mantorville, MN 55955 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Bank of America, N.A. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans Inc. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE \$94,073.52 AS OF 7/22/2016. THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/ or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Dodge, Minnesota at public auction as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 9/1/2016 at 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Dodge Sheriff's Office, 22 6th Street East, Dept. 201, Mantorville, MN 55955 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 Months from the date of sale.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): William H Etherton, a/k/a William H. Etherton Jr. and Janet L Etherton, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, a National Banking Association

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on April 15, 2016 as Document Number T000073604 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$99,867.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 16, 2011

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 24, 2011 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 10399 as Document Number T000067096 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$98,941.20 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 2, Brooktree, (an addition to the City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota)

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, a National Banking Association RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 174-272-0207 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 23, 2017.

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

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

Dated: June 27, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 28, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,210.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jeffrey C. Waage, a single man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000006309-0 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 6, 2012, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000068853

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT 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

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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 19, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,281.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Brian Wocelka and Rhonda Sorenson, unmarried MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1000730-0085873727-3 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Freedom Mortgage Corporation SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 30, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000387628

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 1, Northview Addition

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 245 21st St NW, Owatonna, MN 55060

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$120,468.32

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law 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 8, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of 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 8, 2017, or the next business day if March 8, 2017 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, 2016 Nationstar Mortgage LLC Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY: Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 28, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,210.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jeffrey C. Waage, a single man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000006309-0 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 6, 2012, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000068853

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 4, Radel's Country Club Addition REGISTERED PROPERTY PROPERTY ADDRESS: 750 Lemond Road, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-317-0407 COT# 18146 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$118,105.07

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law 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 9, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of 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 9, 2017, or the next business day if March 9, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: July 15, 2016 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Assignee of Mortgagee

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BY: Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-1401 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Phyllis R. Edin,

Decedent It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 23, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated December 18, 1997, ("Will") and for the appointment of Scott D. Edin and Pamela J. Murphy, whose addresses are 1255 South Shore Court, Amery, WI, 54001 and 1929 Forest Creek Lane, Libertyville, IL, 60048, respectively, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all the necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Co-Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: July 7, 2016

Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court Sonia Kocher Court Administrator Attorney for Petitioner David L. Einhaus Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 N. Cedar Avenue P.O. Box 545 Owatonna, MN, 55060 Attorney License No: 0268045 Telephone: (507) 451-3580 FAX: (507) 451-3532 Email: einhaus@owatonnaattorneys.com 7/26, 8/2

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Timothy P. White, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$164,000.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 28, 2006

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 11, 2006 as Document Number A000344185 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: \$139,733.66

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 21, Block 2, Roever Addition, Owatonna, Steel County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 625 22ND ST NE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1477

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-293-0221

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

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

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 March 27, 2017.

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Dated: July 22, 2016 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By: Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-1014-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30

Foreclosure

15-101570

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: December 21, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff T. Evans, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100021278104668400

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company

SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346604, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348663 to add additional mortgagors

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 27, 2015 filed: August 3, 2015, recorded as document number A000403434

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9 and the East 6 feet of Lot 8 in Block 23 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota; Excepting the South 55 feet to the above described premises.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 404 Elm Ave S, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2310

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$107,927.01

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: January 12, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of sale said 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 July 12, 2016, or the next business day if July 12, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: November 17, 2015 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY: Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for January 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM, has been postponed to February 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM, and will be held at Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by August 12, 2016. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY DIVISION

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1002 2nd Place NW, Kasson, Thurs. 3-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 8-12 -Household misc., decorations, Christmas, twin headboard, boy/men/women clothing.

1107 1st Ave. NE, Kasson, Fri. 7-5, Sat. 7-11-Household clean out, few mens and womens clothes L-XL, lawn mower, roaster, Coleman camping griddle, turkey fryer, a lot of misc. items.

303 2nd St NW, Kasson, Fri. 1-6, Sat. 8-noon-Check out the only 303 Sale of the Season! 101 new items from the previous Kasson Variety Store-floral, summer, toys, socks, holiday and much more; 101 home décor and seasonal items, 101 containers household and miscellaneous, plus solid oak round/oval dining table with two leaves and six chairs. See you there!

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has the potential to educate and engage public and scholarly audiences about Minnesota history and cultural heritage.

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