



It's time to bid cancer farewell



Photo submitted

Eleven NASCAR drivers who carry the Ford banner have signed a special Ford Performance flag which will be auctioned off at the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group auction on Saturday, Sept. 10. The flag, donated by the Ford Motor Co., measures 37 by 28.

By HOWARD LESTRUD Staff Writer

If interested in spending a week at a Fort Myers Beach, Florida beach home, just come to the 16th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Auction on Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10.

This unique offer will be part of the auction to be held at 7 p.m. each night under the Big Tent outside the Cue Company in Blooming Prairie. More than 100 items will be auctioned each night.

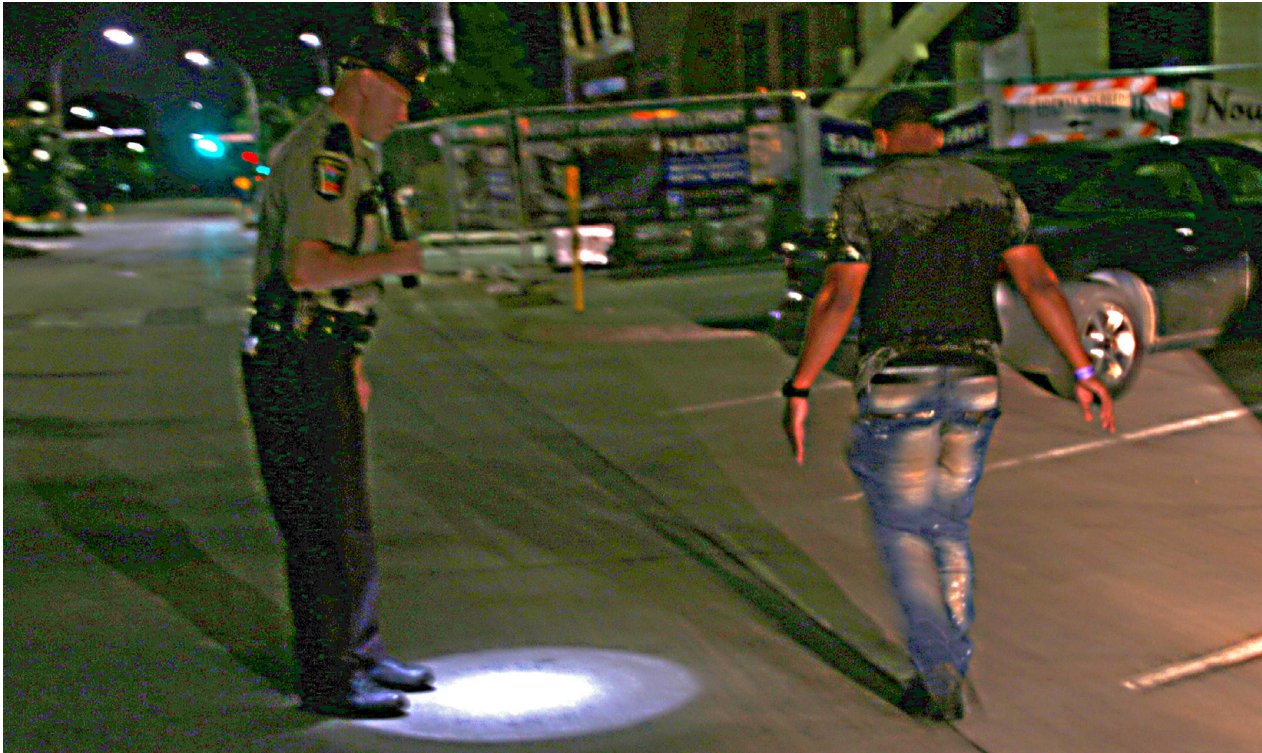
The beach home stay is a donated item from Rod and Tess Koster of Koster's Car Korner.

Many other unique items will be featured at the live auction, including:

- Seat back from the Legends Club, Target Field, autographed by Twins Hall of Famers Kent Hrbek and Tony Oliva
• Kurt Suzuki autographed Twins bat
• NASCAR auto flag signed by 11 race drivers

- Minnesota Wild tickets
• Minnesota Twins tickets
• Gopher-Iowa football tickets
• Minnesota Lynx tickets
• Harvest baskets
• Homemade goodies
• Ice fishing weekend on Cross Lake
• Motorized kids tractors, John Deere and Case
• Overnight casino stays
"There's something for everyone," says Cheri Krejci, BP Cancer Group treasurer. If interested in do-

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Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Minnesota State Trooper Eric Bormann conducts field sobriety tests on a driver stopped for suspicion of drunk driving recently. The 30-year-old man was eventually arrested and charged with second-degree DWI and test refusal. Both are gross misdemeanors.

His job: Get drunks off the roads

I can make a difference every single night.'

- Trooper Eric Bormann Minnesota State Patrol

By RICK BUSSLER Publisher

It is Friday night, and Trooper Eric Bormann of the Minnesota State Patrol is working "dog watch," or as others refer to as the "graveyard shift" of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Bormann is a force to be reckoned with on the roadways of southeastern Minnesota. In his 21 years as a law enforcement officer, he has achieved the "hat trick" of three DWI arrests in a single night 15 times. Most recently, he accomplished the feat on Nov. 21 and March 5.

Scott McConkey, a former trooper and now law enforcement liaison for the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety, says most police officers are lucky if

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Rural Health Hero awarded for Dodge County volunteer work

BY HANNAH BATES County Staff Writer

A couple of decades ago, Dodge County Public Health Nurse Jan Leuth reached out to Matthew Bernard about starting a clinic for the underserved population of Dodge County. This clinic would eventually become the Center Clinic. Recently, Bernard was honored with the Rural Health Hero Award for his work with the Center Clinic.

With some grant money and the generosity of a team of volunteers, the Center Clinic in Dodge Center was able to open its doors to an underinsured and uninsured population. This population had not been able to receive healthcare elsewhere up to that point. At the time, Dodge County only had one clinic, the Mayo Family Clinic in Kasson, making Dodge County an underserved county.

Even though the idea was to help those in need in Dodge County, Bernard, who worked with a local residency program, realized there was another benefit to opening this clinic.

"I also thought it was good for the residents to get exposure



Staff photo by Hannah Bates

Dr. Matthew Bernard has spent countless hours of his time volunteering at the Center Clinic, a clinic in Dodge Center devoted to providing health care to the underinsured and underserved.

to a different population of patients," Bernard said, "people who couldn't traditionally access healthcare."

While Bernard received the Rural Health Hero award for his work in helping to establish and maintain this clinic, he believes that the

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BP is in the pink



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Becky Miner, left, and Pam Folkens erect flag poles carrying pink flags symbolic of Paint Blooming Prairie Pink for cancer awareness. Blooming Prairie Cancer Group volunteers, high school volleyballers and football players put up the flags on Highway 218 and Main Street on Sunday. Full story on page 8A



Opinion

Our view

Every day they lay their lives on the line.

To protect and to serve. A motto we grew up learning to respect and admire. Depending on which side of law you live on, a police presence can make you feel very afraid or very safe. That thin blue line has come under scrutiny of late, due to the poor judgment of a few officers.

As a whole, we have to believe that the concept of law enforcement and the majority of it really does fulfill the creed.

When a drunken driver is pulled over a mile from the school where that your children attend, you have to be thinking the obvious. He could be saving your children's life.

You don't stop and curse out the police because the driver was "a little out of control." You don't carry protest signs in support of the driver, publishing on cardboard, their right to celebrate a victory or their excuse to drown a sorrow.

All you think about was that driver blasting through that school zone at 40 miles per hour swerving and barely missing children. And, for what it's worth, a 10 mph speed with a 4,000-pound automobile has the power to kill.

The other side of that fence is seeing a police officer pulling over someone on the highway. Some would say that the police should mind their own business. Some would say that it's just harassment by the cops or that the law was just waiting outside that bar to bust someone.

Whether it is a school or downtown main street or out on the interstate where my friends and family are driving. This country should applaud the police and the troopers who take their life into their own hands by stopping the drunken and the abusive.

Who knows how many children they've saved. How many funerals they've prevented. How many drunks that have cussed them out who have had their very lives saved by the officers who they are cursing. Protecting someone who simply doesn't care.

It has been scripted that no greater love has a man than when he lays his life down for a friend. But what kind of love is it to lay your life down for someone who could care less? That demands respect.

In a time when the badge is under the microscope, people need to see the bigger picture, understand the pressures of their jobs and realize that even just thanking them every day is simply not enough for all they do.

This morning all over this nation, men and women have put on a uniform that has become a big blue target. They do it at the risk of their life, the peace of their families and in the face of a public that has learned to prejudice their profession.

Where are the ones who aren't afraid to stand up for them as they have stood for us?



Submitted photo

They lay their lives on the line. They deserve our respect.

Letters to the Editor

Much Obligated:

The Steele County Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the 2016 Steele County Free Fair a success. Volunteer positions included: building docents, set-up and clean-up personnel, workers in the pop stand, General Store, Gus' Station, Farm Machinery Building, Town Hall, Museum of Professions, History Center receptionists and Gift Shop, survey takers, building cleaners and local fire departments. A special thank you to Steele County's Volunteers of the Year, Pete the Printer & Barbara Mrotz for helping us out. These volunteers and entertainers helped to

make the Village of Yesteryear come alive! Again, thank you so much. Your support of our county's history is much appreciated and will help us to continue our mission of making Steele County history available and accessible to all!

Kim Purscell,
Executive Director
Steele County
Historical Society

Painful News

In early October of 2015 Teamsters Union Retirees received some painful, life changing news. It came in the mail. A letter from "Central States Pension Fund". For many retirees it was the first they had heard of a plan to cut their pensions. Throughout their careers ERISA statutes had guaranteed

that once retired, their benefits could not be cut. Additionally the "Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation" was charged with insuring their pensions. What they did not know was that in mid December of 2014 a rider was attached to a must pass budget bill, the then named Cromnibus bill. The bill was a compromise to avoid a government shutdown.

US Congressman John Kline of Minnesota And Congressman George Miller of California then used the opportunity to insert a rider into the larger bill. This was done without debate or hearings. Later when asked by a reporter from the Minneapolis Star why they had handled the legislation in that manner Representative Kline's reply was "that's the only way we could pass it". This leg-

islation is now named "The Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014" or "MPRA". Subsequently many Legislators that voted on the bill confessed that they did not know what the bill contained.

The MPRA bill allowed Multiemployer Pension plans: that is plans that have many employers paying into the plan. These are primarily Union plans, to cut up to 60 percent of earned benefits. If a plan was in a declining status, fund managers could devise a plan to cut benefits if there was a reasonable likelihood that what was devised would save the plan into the foreseeable future.

Central States Fund was the first plan to make use of the new law. A plan was put together and submitted to the US Treasury Department. The plan

was rejected primarily because the cuts, as brutally deep as they were, are still inadequate to preserve the pension plan long enough into the future to satisfy the new law.

Proponents of the MPRA law characterize it as a rescue plan, retirees, all of whom are of modest means, experience it as impoverishment.

The PBGC "Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation" a private pension insurer, which was created by congress and over seen by congress has for the purposes of Multiemployer pension plans been effectively insolvent for it's entire existence. At this time some 40 years after the inception of the PBGC the problems in the pension plans have exposed the fraudulence of the PBGC.

From the perspective of the retirees:

The PBGC's insolvency is a scandal that is being cleverly camouflaged by the under-funded pension plans. The plans themselves are overseen by the Department of Labor, Treasury Department and Congress. For the last 35 years through deregulation, declining union membership and historic stock market run up and two enormous market crashes, little change has been made to responsibly respond to these challenges.

Now that all the cans have been kicked down the road. It would seem that after all the years of hard work and all the pay cuts accepted to fund our retirement. It falls to us, the only players on the team that completed our jobs, to pay for all the malfeasance.

Dave Kalk



The great bumblebee attack



RICK
BUSSLER

While being outdoors covering a news assignment at the Steele County Fair, I had an unusual occurrence that has never happened to me before. It's something that probably could have landed on America's Funniest Videos.

As I was taking photos of the Marv Nissel polka band, I felt a sensation on my leg. At first, I didn't think much of it as I've dealt with pesky bugs, mosquitoes and flies before. But the extra sensitivity continued.

This is where things got a little interesting. Instead of taking photos, I quickly found myself dancing around trying to find the culprit of the burning feeling that had now invaded my left leg. I'm not sure what movement you'd call it, but it resembled the "Killer Bumblebees" dancing on vintage Saturday Night Life.

I was twisting, turning and shaking all around. Uncontrollably, I might add.

Of course, I tried to portray Joe Cool and act as nothing was going on. But certainly my crazy movements were a dead give away that something was up. And my actions were ridiculously far from qualifying me for a guest appearance on the Molly B. Polka Party show.

I couldn't have had a worse spot for this craziness to happen. I was standing in front of hundreds of people enjoying a legendary polka band.

All I could think of was the crowd that had gathered to hear the old-time music was pondering the thought, "Where did he ever learn how to polka?"

By now, the pain and sensation intensified. And I still had no clue what was happening to my leg and who knows what other body parts.

A jiggling I kept on with no relief in sight.

Finally, I slammed my leg into the ground and found the offender.

It turned out to be a bumblebee.

After shaking my leg vigorously, I saw a bee drop to the ground. I was stunned. Wait, I mean I was stung. Well, maybe stung and stunned all at the same time.

A bee had never stung me before.

Somehow a bee crawled up my pants and decided to take a bite out of my calf. And it left an imprint for prosperity.

I immediately started scratch-

ing and itching away at the back of my leg. I was waiting for the moment when I would pass out. I've heard horror stories before of people stung by bees and having an allergic reaction.

Luckily, there was no reaction other than people reacting to what they thought was some press guy trying to impersonate a polka dancer.

However, I had some itching that persisted even for a few days after the big attack.

By the way, Molly B hasn't come knocking yet.

If there's a lesson to be learned, I guess I take comfort in knowing I'm not allergic to bees. I've always wondered that in the back of my mind when I see bees swarming around my lemonade or shave ice treats I love to slurp on. What if one of those goes in for the kill on my tender skin?

To be honest, bees have always terrified me. I know they are important to our planet, but there's something about those little critters that gets under my skin.

Wonder no more, this news photographer is a bee sting survivor. It only took me nearly a half century to get that distinction.

With that behind me, perhaps it's time I go in hot pursuit of figuring out how to really polka dance without the aide of a bee crawling up my leg.

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3 State Awards

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Area Church Spotlight

Blooming Grove United Methodist Church, Medford

Pastor's corner

The little church that could

As a pastor, I attend quite a few seminars about how to grow the church. Most of the time, although there is a nod to spiritual growth, the focus is on numerical growth. A larger number of people in attendance allows for more spiritual growth groups, more outreach opportunities and more youth group activities, so the wisdom goes.

I serve two small churches (attendance of under 50 on most Sundays) and I can say with certainty that numbers are not always the best way to value the church in the world.

At Blooming Grove UMC, the members see themselves as a vital part of the local and global faith community. Each member lives out their faith in their job and family setting, and as a gathered community, the church

members offer vital outreach to the world.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, we sponsor our yearly Run for the Loaves, collecting money for the Steele and Waseca County Foodshelves while offering a beautiful place for participants of all ages to walk or run. This year we even have live music!!

Then on Sunday, Sept. 11, we have our Annual Tractor Pull, inviting tractors drivers from all over the county to bring their working farm tractors to pull and spectators a great view, lovely weather (no plan on our part but God does provide) and filling eats.

Throughout the rest of the year, we do various other fundraisers, with a focus on Africa University, a mission that helps farmers in Africa find the



best ways to provide food for their families. This small congregation has a big heart and lots of compassion to share with the world.

I want to honor all those small churches who do God's work every day and are our unsung heroes of hope!

Pastor Cindy Kennedy has been blessed to serve at Blooming Grove and Waterville Evangelical UMC since 2007. For more information about the September events at Blooming Grove, go to www.bloominggroveumc.org

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

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

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
588 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Charles Leonard, Senior Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621

firstlutheranbp.com
Summer Worship:
9:00 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
(507) 451-3854

Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School,
Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN—LCMS
2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
The Rev. Mark Rosenau, the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125

www.goodshepherdowatonna.com
Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. &
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

9651 SW 75th Street Ellendale
(507) 465-8366

Family Choir 9:00-9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN—ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474

Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN—ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000

www.roglutheran.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
(507) 451-2720

www.redeemerowatonna.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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The Rev. Alan Broadwell
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Weekly Church Services:

Saturday Evening at 6 p.m. with Holy
Communion, Sunday Morning at
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
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a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Sept. - June)

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248

www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288

Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
7126 SW 93rd St., Ellendale
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Worship 8:15 AM



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
(507) 451-0447

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Worship 9:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
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Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
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www.tlcowatonna.org
9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC
Ellendale, Minnesota
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Bible Study Sunday - 9 a.m.

Worship: 10:10 Sunday School;
10:15 Coffee and Fellowship

Tuesday - 6 a.m. Call to Prayer, open
to all Churches; 7 p.m. Call to Prayer
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study;
6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands
of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation;
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Catholic

ST. AIDAN CATHOLIC PARISH
Hwy 30 Ellendale
507-465-8217

The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
Rural Geneva
The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
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(507) 465-8217

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Tuesdays 9 to noon

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC PARISH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 583-2784

stcolumbanuschurch.com

Reconciliation: 4:30 p.m. Saturday
Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday
and 10 a.m. Sunday.

Adoration: Mondays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
The Rev. Brian Sutton,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 451-1588

www.litomyssl.webs.com
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

with Children's Church

Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
Family Faith Formation and Adult
Bible Study after Mass with noon
potluck: 2nd Sunday of month

Confirmation class: 2nd Sunday and
Wednesday evening

SACRED HEART PARISH
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www.sacredheartowatonna.org
Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday,
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass: 1 p.m. Sunday
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Adoration: Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH
512 S Elm, Owatonna
507-451-4845

Fr. Kevin Connolly
Deacon Patrick Fagan

Sunday Mass: Vigil Sat. 4 p.m.
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Reconciliation 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday
Daily Mass Tues.-Sat. 8 a.m.

Adoration in Chapel - 24 hours each day

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
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(507) 451-6353

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Parochial Administrator

Sunday Mass: Vigil Saturday 5 p.m.,
10 a.m. Sunday

Monday Mass: 8 a.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
Deerfield
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Parochial Administrator

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Easter thru Christmas

Winter at Christ the King, Medford

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Owatonna Campus
422 W. North Street, Owatonna
Pastors Sam and Cheri Benson
507-254-8514 www.destinycc.org

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Methodist

BLOOMING GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
43089 180th St., Medford
(7 miles west of Medford on CR 23)
Pastor Cindy Kennedy
(507) 835-8726

Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

ELLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirksema
(507) 684-2731

www.ellendaleumc.org
Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Free home style meal on the first
Sunday of the month through Dec.
2016. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

followed by the free meal at
11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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815 E. University, Owatonna
Loren Olson, Pastor
Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor
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www.owatonnaumc.org
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Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Church School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m.

Non-Denominational

BRIDGES OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
130 East Bridge St., Owatonna,
Pastor Keith Haskell
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30 E. Main St. P.O. Box 224,
Hayfield

Pastor Aaron de Neui
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone

2 p.m. Spanish Service

Wed. 7:00 Bible Study

Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

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332 14th St. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Scott Peterson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Bible: 7 p.m. Wednesday

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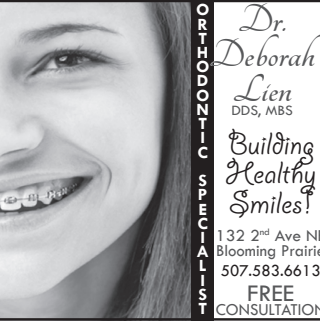


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Obituaries

Francis “Gene” Motl, 92, Blooming Prairie



Francis “Gene” Eugene Motl, 92, passed away, Aug. 19, at Prairie Manor Care Center, in Blooming Prairie.

Born May 11, 1924, to parents Frank and Evelyn (Lynard) Motl, in Lemond Township. Gene attended country school before helping out on the family dairy farm. He married Virginia Balzer in the summer of 1946, and they raised four children.

Gene was a dairy farmer all of his life, people called him Grandpa Green. He loved his family and his John Deere Tractors.

Gene was on the Union

Creamery Board for many years and was a member of the NFO and Farmers Union.

Gene enjoyed dancing to old time music with Virginia and their friends. As a couple they delivered meals on wheels. Gene enjoyed working with his grandchildren and teaching them to drive at very young ages.

Gene is survived by his children, Larry (Pat) Motl of Ellendale, Dale (Annette) Motl, Blooming Prairie, Mike (Cathy) Motl, of Blooming Prairie, Mary Motl (Gary Johnson), Owatonna; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy

Sloan, Williston, ND; sister-in-laws, Alice Resler, Owatonna, Bernice Wesley, Hope; one Aunt, Ione Betlach, Blooming Prairie; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents, wife, Virginia, who he was married to for 67 years, a granddaughter, Amanda Motl; one sister, Elaine Zwiener, and brother and sister-in laws.

Memorials preferred to Holy Trinity Catholic Church or donor’s choice. For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com

Sharon Rohwer, 75, Owatonna



Sharon J. Rohwer, 75, Owatonna died Aug. 22, at Traditions II in Owatonna.

Sharon was born April 19, 1941 in Blooming Prairie, the daughter of Lyle and Ione (Ruzek) Cole. Sharon was united in marriage to Richard Rohwer on March 14, 1959 in Blooming Prairie, Minn.

The couple made their home in Owatonna. Together they owned Owatonna Campers, where Sharon assisted with secretarial work.

She also helped her husband with farming operations and was a

dedicated housewife. Sharon was a member of St. Joseph Church and was involved in various church groups such as the Legion of Mary and Catholic Daughters.

Her life interests included traveling on church pilgrimages, bowling, playing cards, bingo, collecting bells and word find puzzles. She enjoyed roller skating, watching TV Land, seeing her grandchildren and the family dog (Oliver), Taco Tuesdays, salt water taffy, licorice, M&M’s, and praying the rosary.

Sharon is survived by three children Karen Hosen, Kenneth (Sandy) Rohwer, and John (Shelly) Rohwer. Her grandchildren include Sam, Charlie, and Elizabeth Hosen, Raelene Radke and Nate Blake, Kelsey Waterbury, Maya and Ryan Rohwer, great-grandchild Kenzie and her brother David (Carol) Cole.

Sharon is preceded in death by husband Richard May 5, 1991. For more info or to leave a message go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com.

Jerome J Herdina, 84, Blooming Prairie



Jerome Joseph Herdina, 84, beloved Father and Husband, was called to his eternal resting place on Aug. 9. Jerome or as some people called him “Curly” was born March 29, 1932 to Henry and Caroline (Blazek) Herdina in Blooming Prairie, Minn.. He grew up and attended school in Blooming Prairie, Minn. and was united in marriage to Marcella Margaret Hassing on July 9, 1951 in Albert Lea, Minn.

Jerome worked for Mabel Nelson’s fur farm until they moved to Akeley, Minn. in 1964 where they owned and operated the Herdina fur farms. In 1986 they moved to Pelican Rapids, Minn. where they lived until Jerome moved to Akeley in 2007. Jerome raised mink for over 40 years and greatly appreciated the outdoors being that he had a passion for hunting and fishing since he was a young boy. He loved people and

could strike up a conversation with anyone! He also loved gardening and in his later years joined his wife in the canning process. He attended Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Nevis, Minn. and St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker, Minn..

He is survived by his brother Donald Herdina of Sandstone, Minn., sister Carol (Richard) Mulcahey of Janesville, Minn., daughter Jeanette (Raymond) Goehring of Akeley, Minn., grandchildren Melissa Goehring (Scott), Michael (Melinda) Goehring, Christopher Goehring (Whitney), Joshua Herdina (Alice), Christian Herdina (Crystal), Justin Herdina and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Jerome’s family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to his dear and special friend, Donna Smith of Walker, Minn. and extended family members Michael Smith, Linda (Mike) Thompson, Timothy (Shirley) Smith, Laurie Smith (Russ), Judd (Donna) Carlson, Lynn (Cindy) Carlson, Betty Klimek and Ronald (Amy) Carlson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Caroline Herdina; step mother Mildred Herdina, brother Robert Herdina, wife Marcella, son Wayne, daughters Karen and Lynette and dear friend Beatrice Carol Carlson.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
Sept. 2
Elliot Schiller
Dick Hegal
Sept. 3
Ashley Campbell
Kalyn Naatz
Cole Wangen
John Wright
Mike Thompson
Sept. 4
Robert Hanenberger
Martha Walters
Dennis Heimerman
Aaron Niles
Cole Wangen
Heidi Bass Zimmerman
Sept. 5
Sarah Halla
Kurt Blome
Carol Iverson
Shawn Halla
Bryce Halla
Sept. 6
Jennifer Thomas
Evan Doerhoefer

L. Dean Christanson
Brandon Emanuel
Sept. 7
Sandy Larkoski
Jacinta Hernandez
Aaron Christianson
Jason Shaw

Anniversaries
Sept. 2
Paul & Connie Haberman
Sept. 5
Dale & Austra Hanson
Sept. 6
Bruce & Linda Christianson
Ellis & Dawn Harshbarger
Derek & Kay LaMotte
Sept. 7
Owen & Carol Kirkebon
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Septemeber 1:
Beef Tips in Gravy over Noodles, Parslied Carrots, Tossed Salad, Spring Dessert

Septemeber 2:
Cabbage Rolls, Green

Beans, PA Slices 3Cottage Cheese, Bread & Marg, Tapioca Pudding

Septemeber 5:
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Septemeber 6:
Pork Loin Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rice Crispie Bar

Septemeber 7:
Potato Crusted Pollock Alt: Hamburger Patty, Wild Rice Pilaf, Italian Blend Veg, Romaine Salad, Carrot Cake

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Let’s go for a ride

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Looking for a ride? Go no farther than TT Motorcycles of Blooming Prairie.

Blooming Prairie native Terry Trom is the proud owner of TT Motorcycles, an entity that has developed quite the reputation of being a full service motorcycle repair shop. It is a place where customers can shop for a used motorcycle, all makes and models.

TT Motorcycles also sells new side by side UTVs (Odes) and ATVs.

“We’re not just a bike shop but a store with power sports equipment and we are able to provide full service and storage for our customers,” Trom said.

With the fall season almost upon us, Terry Trom says he will have good deals on UTVs and ATVs. “Our motorcycles are also always priced reasonably,” he says.

“I believe we have built a solid business with trained professionals giving the best service at the best price. We are a hometown shop with the knowledge and equipment, plus the technicians to provide the same service as the larger stores. We do it at a competitive price.”

In addition to himself, Trom has two full-time employees and two part-time workers. His wife Ana is secretary of the business. A son-in-law, Brandon Stoen, handles Trom’s IT (Information Technology) fork, meaning he designs the company website and also monitors Facebook for TT Motorcycles.

Three years ago, Trom brought Eric Merxbauer on board. Merxbauer is a master technician in Harley Davidson repair with 14 years of experience. “He is my right hand man as an electronics specialist and is my shop manager,” Trom says.

“Our goal is to have our mechanics keep our customers on the road,” Trom remarked.

Asked how many motorcycles he owns, Trom laughs and says he doesn’t own any. “If I need a ride, I have 10-15 motorcycles on hand,” he says. His brother Gary who owned GT Chopper on Main Street (where US Bank is now located), bought Terry Trom his first motorcycle when he was 11.

Since his graduation in 1981 from Blooming Prairie High School, Trom has worked as a farmer, motorcycle repairman, partner with brother Gary in a bus service and as a remodeler.

Trom opened a repair shop on a farm northeast of Blooming Prairie in 2005. “We got so busy on the farm that it was time to move it to commercial property and that we did in 2009,” Trom relates.

Trom sought a good main street location and in 2009 found the current location of 402 Main Street. The property was a previous location for a blacksmith shop, a service station, a Model T dealership, a TV repair shop and a plumbing and heating business.

Trom and Mark Coughlin took on the project of refurbishing the dilapidated building. “We left the aesthetics of the building and I always thought the building had the ambience to be a motorcycle shop,” Trom says. Trom moved his motorcycle business into the 5,000 square foot building in 2010.

Explaining his reason for choosing downtown Blooming Prairie as a location for his business, Trom said he “recognized a need to support the city where I grew up and it feels like home.”

Trom still knows how to handle the tools of a motorcycle mechanic but says his duties now are directed toward managing the business, dealing more with customer relations and sales.

TT Motorcycles is open six days a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. After-hour appointments are honored by request.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

TT Motorcycles of Blooming Prairie prides itself of being that hometown business that cares for all the needs of its customers. Pictured in the TT showroom are, from left, Eric Merxbauer, Terry Trom and Scott Thorpe (seated on motorcycle).

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St. Mary’s strengthens foundations

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

When the bell rings in a new school year this September, the students of St. Mary’s will be walking into a newly renovated building. Structural integrity problems forced the school to close its doors last year.

Since being forced to temporarily close, the school has installed both vertical beams and ceiling joists to reinforce the existing floor. In places where the needed renovations were more extensive, new ceilings and lighting were installed. All of the classrooms were also painted to freshen them up after a year of construction.

In addition to the structural improvements, the school also updated its fire alarm and sprinkler system to bring it in line with current standards.

St. Mary’s was constructed back in the 1950’s and over time the floors had weakened. The new renovations were needed to ensure the integrity of the building.

The problem was discovered last July when maintenance staff noticed the floor wax was pooling in certain places. In light of past faults in the floor, the school’s insurance agent recommended contacting an engineer to assess the problem. The engineer recommended extensive renovations that were severe enough to warrant closing the building.

The 320 K-8th grade students and 76 preschoolers that St. Mary’s school services were relocated to the Pillsbury campus for the 2015-2016 school year. Kathleen Segna, the school principal, explained that it was originally hoped the school would be ready to readmit students after Thanksgiving or Christmas break, but the team of engineers’ study to assess the problem and possible solutions wasn’t even completed until December.

It was discovered that the layout of the school meant each classroom could not be fixed uniformly, so both the vertical beams and ceiling joists had to be considered for

each individual space. After the initial study, however, the construction itself ran smoothly with building materials, such as the steel beams, even arriving early.

With the construction having finished this summer, the school is ready to be re-opened. The school’s renovations were open to the public for viewing for the first time on August 14. Families were invited to tour through the school, as teachers in classrooms explained the new reinforcements.

Since January, the parish has been working on their “Investing in Our Children” Campaign to raise money to cover the costs of the construction. Through a series of grants and individual pledges the school has raised over half of the \$2.25 million spent to restore the school. At the time of the open house, \$1,126,818.26 had been raised.

They are now asking families to makes a pledge of \$100 dollar a year for the next 10 years to meet the rest of their goal.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

A member of the school’s staff welcomed families to the open house and encouraged them to sign up for door prizes. Many families of the local parish came over after mass to see the new and improved school for them

Glazed eyes, pigskin and rage

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

In honor of the reason for the season, I have devised this little ditty that you can sing at your leisure and sung to the tune of “It’s the most wonderful time of the year.”

*It’s the most wonderful time of the year.
With the heads jingle bell and everyone telling you drink some more beer, it’s the most wonderful time of the year.*

It’s the hap-happiest season of all. With those helmets colliding and safetys are gliding to pick off the ball, it’s the hap-happiest season of all.

There’ll drafts to be hosting and top pics for boasting, and last pics are out in the cold.

There’ll be scary old stories and tales of the glories of super bowls long, long ago.

It’s the most wonderful time of the year.

There’ll be much heated screaming at those refereeing when that call was so clear, it’s the most frustrating time of the year.

There’ll be parties for hosting, opponents for toasting, throwing furniture out in the snow.

There’ll be scary last play

calls, excuses for pratt falls and predicting just how far they’ll go.

It’s the most wonderful time of the year. There’ll be playoffs in the making and hearts will be breaking, when post season is here.

It’s the most wonderful time. Yes the most wonderful time. Oh the most wonderful time of the year.

Ah, the time when cave dwellers come out of their caves. They are a little nicer to everyone, the workdays pass more quickly, the water cooler talk is more interesting and there are

several instant football gurus with plans that could cause teams to get to the Super Bowl. The problem is that the coaches cannot hear the screams through the television.

And that will be the biggest beef come February is that nobody listened to them. And, they retire back to the cave for the next six months with the exception of a few days in April when they open a window to let in the draft.

Are you ready for some football? Most of us have been ready since February 8. And as always, take caution

on Sundays in Minnesota. It’s like deer season with the one little difference. Instead of the deer glassy eyed in the headlights of cars, it’s fans who have glazed eyes in the lights of their big screen HD televisions – with remote controls that are every bit as lethal as a shotgun.

Don’t step between the remote and a television when commercials prompt a change to the alternate game. I know spouses who have been banned from rooms because of such nonsense.

Be careful out there.

Steele County Fair 2016

Fair raffle prize winners

The winners of the raffle prizes for the Izaak Walton League - Owatonna Chapter – at the 2016 Steele County Free Fair:		
Grand	Quilt	Jason Kramer, Otisco
First	Gas Grill	Mary Simon, Bloomington
Second	Tricycle Planter	Matt Bauer, Clinton Falls
Third	Puppies (print)	Kari Gigstead, Owatonna
Fourth	Campfire Ring	Ted Mittelstadt, Owatonna
Fifth	Fishing pole and lures	Scott Sonnet, Mankato
Sixth	Kids Fishing equipment	London Schwartz, Clinton Falls

There were also daily prize drawings for 25 items during the SCFF. The Ikes would like to thank the following for their donations: Quilt-Bonnie Schneider; Fire Ring and Planter-Wengers; Daily Prizes – Knights of Columbus (Columbian Center), Firehouse Liquors, HyVee Foods, Fareway Foods and Harlands tire

Senior volunteers honored



Staff Photo by Howard Lestrud

Decked out in colorful flowers, Steele County’s top senior citizen volunteers, Barbara Mrotz and H. Peter Baxter took time to pose for the media at a special awards presentation ceremony at the United Prairie Bank Fair Square Stage Thursday night, Aug. 18. The awards were presented by the Steele County Exchange Club.

Talent show winners advance

Here are the dates that our local Amateur Talent Show winners will compete at the state fair:	Pre-Teen: Lainie Rahn, Thursday, September 1	Bella Owens, Wednesday, August 31
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Results for contestants in open categories:

Wine:
Homemade Country Wine Grand Champion – John Holland; Homemade Country Wine Grand Champion – Allan Nelson; Reserve – Allan Nelson.

Vegetables:
Potatoes Champion – David J. Joachim; Reserve – Annette Balzer; Display of Vegetables Champion – Annette Balzer; Reserve – Carson A. Ahrens; Root Crops Champion – Carson A. Ahrens; Greens and Salad Crops Champion – Amelia O. Schultz; Reserve – Kain Melby; Legume Crops Champion – Kain Melby; Reserve – Heather Zak; Vine Crops Champion – Jason Schwartz; Reserve – Annette Balzer; Squash Champion – Audrey Schroht; Reserve – Tim Van Gelder; Bush Crops Champion – Tim Simon; Reserve – Ericka Jaster; Other Crops Champion – Audrey Schroht; Reserve – Annette Balzer; Novelty Class Champion – Brynn Nordland; Reserve – Maxum Nguyen; Vegetables Grand Champion – Tim Simon; Reserve – David J. Joachim.

Textiles:
Crochet Class Champion – Diane Schirmacher; Reserve – Kelcey Harris; Hand Knit Class Champion – Janet M. Dixon; Reserve – Janet M. Dixon; Machine Embroidery Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Machine Quilted, Twin or Larger Class Champion – Debe Grunklee; Reserve – Jacque Meillier; Mid or Long Arm Quilted, Twin/L Class Champion – Laurie Spindler; Reserve – Carolyn F. Hultquist; Machine Quilted, Crib/Youth/L Class Champion – Cathy Torrey; Reserve – Tracy Ackman-Shaw; Other Quilted Items Class Champion – Amy L. Burggraff; Grow, Sew & Show Class Champion – Debe Grunklee; Garments and Accessories Class Champion – Sharon Langerfeld; Reserve – Jacque Meillier; Textile Grand Champion – Amy L. Burggraff; Reserve – Diane Schirmacher; Supt. Special Award – Marie Larson.

Sheep:
Southdown Ram purebred Champion – Jay Moses; Reserve – Janet L. Haler; Southdown Champion Ewe – Jay Moses; Reserve – Janet L. Haler; Suffolk Ram purebred Champion – Don Grunzke; Suffolk Champion Ewe – Don Grunzke; Dorsets Ram purebred Champion – Jay Moses; Reserve – Janet L. Haler; Dorsets Champion Ewe – Jay Moses; Reserve – Janet L. Haler; Other Wool/Wool Cross Breeds Ram purebred Champion – Holly Larson; Other Wool/Wool Cross Breeds Champion Ewe – Holly Larson; Other Meat/Meat Cross Breeds Ram purebred Champion – Jay Moses; Other Meat/Meat Cross Breeds Champion Ewe – Kalli Nelson; Market Lamb Jackpot Champion – Kalli Nelson.

Photography:
Enlargements Class Champion – Gail Zollner; Snapshots Class Champion – Kaylin A. Wolf.

Organic Crops:
Corn Class Champion – Ethan Tollefson; Small Grains Class Champion – Claire Noble; Shelled Corn Class Champion – Larry Spinler; Sheaf Grains Class Champion – Larry Spinler; Sheaf Grain Class Champion – William Noble; Grasses Class Champion – Aaron J. Schroht; Stalk Corn Class Champion – William Noble; Largest/Tallest Class Champion – Claire Noble; Live Plants Class Champion – Claire Noble; Organic Crops Grand Champion – Claire Noble.

Light Horse:
Grand Champion Pleasure Halter – Penny Gute; Reserve – Penny Gute; Grand Champion Open Halter – Andrew Bormann; Reserve – Ella Krautkremer.

Hobbies:
Needlework Class Champion – Nancy A. Van Erp; Fabric Crafts Class Champion – Joyce M. Weese; Reserve – Ruth E. Anderson; Quilted Wall Hanging Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Reserve – Linda B. Jewison; Miniature Quilts Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Reserve – Mona L. Rose; Dolls and Toys Class Champion – Nancy M. McGregor; Reserve – Cathy Torrey; Woodcraft Class Champion – Robert Skalicky; Reserve – David Boeddeker; Painting Crafts Class Champion – Linda Christofferson; Reserve – Elda A. Krause; Basketry Class Champion – Jayne Spooner; Reserve – Karen Vonruden; Paper Craft Class Champion – Evelyn A. Renken; Reserve – Shawn J. Russell; Stamp Art Class Champion – Shawn J. Russell; Scrapbooking Class Champion – Amy Nelson; Reserve – Jennifer Harbal; Jewelry and Beading Class Champion – Diane M. Reese; Reserve – Darlene P. Polesky; Creative Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Class Champion – Brad Ahrens; Reserve – Naomi L. Jirele; Miscellaneous Class Champion – Nicole Kain; Reserve – Geraldyn Berg; Nursing Home, Group Home, Special Class Champion – Carol Brown; Hobbies Grand Champion – Linda Christofferson; Reserve – Joyce M. Weese.

Grains & Grasses:
Corn Class Champion – Brent Broulik; Small Grains Class Champion – Dillon J. Noble; 2016 Sheaf Grain Class Champion – Ali Brown; 2016 Grasses Class Champion – Luke Broulik; 2016 Baled Hay Class Champion – Luke Broulik; 2016 Haylage Class Champion – Grayson J. Schiller; 2016 Green Stalk Corn Class Champion – Luke Broulik; 2016 Green Hill Corn Class Champion – Loren Krause; Largest, Tallest, Most Champion – Brent Broulik; Grains and Grasses Grand Champion – Ali Brown.

Goats:
Market Does Commerical Junior Champion – Greta Jacobson, Beth Ann Hanson; Market Does Percentage Junior Champion – Charlea Underwood, Greta Jacobson; Market Does Fullblood/Purebred Junior Champion

– Zach Finholdt, Jaelynn Therring.

Fruit Crops:
Apples Champion – Veronica Rypka; Tree Fruit Champion – Dan Stursa; Vine Fruit Champion – Jerry Katzung; Honey Champion – Randy Ochs.

Flowers:
Gladiolus, Single Spike Display Grand Champion – Kathy Flicek; Reserve – Kathy Flicek; Rose Display Grand Champion – Margo Wayne; Reserve – Tiffany Wayne; Garden Flowers Annuals Grand Champion – John Davis; Reserve – Gary Miner; Garden Flowers Prennials Grand Champion – Shirley Nelson; Reserve – Dan Dahle; Potted Plants Grand Champion – Sophia Warner; Reserve – Darlene Noble; Adult Non-Professional Arrangements Grand Champion – Lonna Lysne; Reserve – Cecelia Lauer; Professional Design Arrangement Grand Champion – Barb Timlin; Reserve – Kleckers Kreations; Junior Arrangement Grand Champion – Sophia Warner; Reserve – Mason McGurran; Senior Arrangement Grand Champion – Josaphine Nguyen; Reserve – Cody Shaw; Table Setting 19 and older Grand Champion – Darlene Noble; Reserve – Ginni Cormack.

Draft Horse:
Mare Grand Champion – Ethan Wolf; Reserve – Dan Stuedemann; Mule Grand Champion – Dwight Smith; Reserve – Kraig Thoreson; Grand Champion Regular Draft Geldi – Dan Stuedemann; Reserve – Roger Pittman; Grand Champion Pony – Ryan Callahan; Reserve – Jeremiah J. Markham; Grand Champion Grade Draft – Lynn Apenhorst; Reserve – Roger Pittman;

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Homebrew:
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Standard American: 1. Kory Borchert, Cream Ale; 2. Tim Pelton, Am. Lager; 3. Jon Hilstad, Cream Ale.
European Pale Lagers: 1. Matt Kottke, Kolsch; 2. Peter Cook, Bavarian Pils; 3. Jon Hilstad, Kolsch.
Amber Strong Euro Lagers: 1. Kevin Stelter, Marzen.
Wheat (German and American): 1. Kevin Stelter, Honeyweiss; 2. Ken Deason, Dunkelweizen.
Bitter, Strong British Ales: 1. Brian Davis, Old Ale; 2. Bob Schmidt, Ole Ale.
Brown, Irish, Scottish Ales: 1. Peter Cooke, Robust Porter; 2. Eric Rethmeier, Am. Brown; 3. Jon Hilstad, Brown Ale.
Dark British Beer: 1. Tim Holland, Milk Stout; 2. Brian Davis, Sweet Stout; 3. Steve Johnson, Oatmeal Cream Stout.
American Ales: 1. Brian Davis, Am. Amber; 2. Steve Johnson, California Common; 3. Peter Cook, Blonde Ale; 3. Tim Pelton, Amber Ale.
American Porter & Stout: 1. Kory Borchert, Robust Porter; 2. Kory Borchert, RIS; 3. Brian Davis, Am. Porter; Tim Pelton, Vanilla Porter.
American IPA: 1. Matt Kottke, Rye IPA; 2. Peter Cook, Citra IPA; 3. Jim Kotz, Black IPA.

Strong American Ales: 1. Brian Davis, Wheatwine; 2. Brian Davis, Barleywine; 3. Kory Borchert, DIPA.
Am. Pale Ale: 1. Bart Bahe, APA; 2. Tim Holland, APA; 3. Tim Pelton, APA.
Belgian & Trappist Ales: 1. Tim Pelton, BDSA; 2. Gary Muchow, Dubbel; 3. Jon Hilstad, Belgian Stout.
Mixed: 1. Peter Cooke, Rum Barrel Porter; 2. Gary Brannon, Bourbon Porter; 3. Brian Davis, Am. Wheat with watermelon.

Label Contest:
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Bike Give Away:
Alexis Flowers, St. Peter; Nina Wagner, Winona; Gohan Ruiz, LeCenter; Jaylen Olson, Harmony; Sami Hudrlik, Mankato; Tiana Marshal, Owatonna; Regan Longtin, Des Moines and Jace Allen, Mankato.

Kids' Power Pedal Tractor Pull:
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Age 5: 1. Aiden Porter, Owatonna; 2. Tryoig Carlson, Mantorville; 3. Kylie Stinsen, Dakota.
Age 6: 1. Ian Sexton, Eyota; 2. Lance Peterson, St. Charles; 3. Calvin Kiefer, Leroy.
Age 7: 1. Elijah Stinsen, Dakota; 2. Mackenzie Eder, Apple Valley; 3. Cory Bartz, Waseca.
Age 8: 1. Sawyer Ebner, Cameson, Wis.; 2. Wyatt Macy, Owatonna; 3. Jacob Lisak, Lonsdale.
Age 9: 1. Kole Wagner, New Prague; 2. Noah Narog, Apple Valley; 3. Spencer Copeland, Owatonna.
Age 10: 1. Ben Hagen, New Richland; 2. Charlie Dulas, Medford; 3. Joey Steinberg, Faribault.
Age 11: 1. Josh Bluhm, Medford; 2. Lavant Shaw, Owatonna; 3. Autumn Clausen, Owatonna.

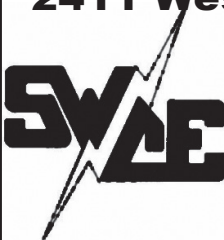
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What the judge hears

By **JUDGE KAREN DUNCAN**
Contributing Writer

“I didn’t feel drunk.”

Local judges hear some form of this statement on a weekly basis. Very often it is a true statement. It may surprise you to learn this all-too-common crime is often committed by people who not only had no intention of committing a crime, but who also had considered the law before getting behind the wheel and concluded they were “safe” to drive. But the law does not require proof that a person intended to drive while under the influence, only that the driver did so. Those four words, “I didn’t feel drunk,” can help us understand why as many as one in seven licensed drivers in Minnesota has a Driving Under the Influence conviction on his or her record. Perhaps more importantly, these four words can help us understand how average folks can dramatically reduce the number of these crimes in our communities.

“Drunk driving” is a misnomer. The roots of this labeling problem go all the way back to 1906 when the first “drunk driving” law was enacted in the United States. At that time, motor vehicles were still considered to be pretty novel, certainly not something everyone had and not, as now, considered a necessity. It is a bit staggering to realize that motorists with senses impaired by alcohol have been wreaking havoc for 110 years. That fact may suggest to some that we are slow to learn from our mistakes.

It quickly became apparent to those early lawmakers, though, that one person’s perception of “drunk” was another person’s perception of merely “relaxed.” A more universal legal definition was needed, and taking advantage of the great scientific advances of the 1930s, a prohibition against driving with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .15 quickly became the law of the land. Unfortunately, legislators and the citizens who elected them clung to the label “drunk driving” which persists today, creating a false sense of security for drivers who partake before

driving. While today, as it has been for 110 years, it is in fact a crime to drive drunk, the legal definition has broadened to prohibit “driving while impaired” and “driving under the influence.” The numerical definition has also dropped, prohibiting driving with .08 BAC.

People who decide they are okay to drive up until such point as they feel drunk are at best grievously mistaken, and at worst well on their way to increasing the number of traffic fatalities. Alcohol consumption is the leading cause of motor vehicle fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In the face of a specifically delineated limit on blood alcohol content, something motorists could not determine on their own without a chemical test, motorists began refusing to submit to BAC testing. The first Refusal to Test crime in the nation was enacted in 1953, although such a law was not adopted in Minnesota until 1989. [Note to readers: it remains a crime to refuse a breath test.] People who refuse tests often later report they refused because they knew or were pretty sure they were driving over the legal limit. NHTSA documented that in 2011, on average, one in five U.S. drivers being investigated for impaired driving refused BAC testing. Minnesota fared somewhat better that year with only one in 12 refusing BAC testing. It makes sense, then, to focus some thought on the large group of law breakers who are shocked at becoming criminals, as they did not feel they posed a risk when driving because they simply did not feel drunk.

This gets to the heart of the matter. Science has proven that impairment occurs at a much lower level than previously thought. For some people impairment is evident at a .02. But here’s the kicker: as your body absorbs alcohol, your body/brain connection becomes less able to accurately signal you that you are becoming impaired.

Volunteer drinkers are sometimes used to help law enforcement officers meet their testing certification requirements. Through this field sobriety test-

ing process, it is not at all unusual for people testing below the .08 legal cutoff to report they would not drive as they did not feel sufficiently in control of their faculties to safely drive. However, after drinking enough alcohol to exceed .08, these same drinkers report feeling fine to safely drive. We trust our senses to give us accurate information; alcohol and other controlled substances make our senses betray us. In layman’s terms, no driver can accurately feel what .08 is. Once a driver has been stopped by an officer and realizes from doing the sobriety tests how impaired s/he is, it is too late.

This reality, that we can’t trust our senses to tell us when we’ve had too much, leads many to conclude that while some people can have one drink and still drive without violating the law, there may be no such thing as a “safe” number of drinks a person can consume before driving. With studies showing that as many as 2/3 of Americans drink alcohol, advising people to stop drinking has not proven effective in reducing the number of impaired drivers on our roadways. Even though the law permits driving after drinking to an extent, as we look at ways to make our communities safer, one thing is clear: we can have a tremendous impact in reducing impaired driving incidents by committing to consume no alcohol before driving. On top of that, each person can make a commitment to not get into a vehicle being driven by someone who has consumed alcohol, even if that driver says s/he “is fine.”

We owe it to our loved ones to ask them to make these same pledges. Who among us would rather get a call and hear, “Things didn’t work out the way we had planned and I need a ride” than “Your son/daughter/mother/brother was in an accident...”.

The Honorable Karen Duncan is a district court judge for Steele County in Minnesota’s Third Judicial District. She has been on the bench since January 2013.

Cancer pink-out

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Staff photos and story by Howard Lestrud

Above: Heading out to put up pink ribbons on Main Street on Sunday in Blooming Prairie are JV volleyball girls (Left to right) Lila Carlson, Riauna Bishop and Maya Lembke.

Below: Rows of pink flags dot the landscape near Highway 218 and Main Street in Blooming Prairie to commemorate Paint Blooming Prairie Pink for cancer awareness. Volunteers put up 250 flags on Sunday



Cancer Group volunteers were joined in their placement of flags by members of the junior varsity volleyball team and players on the BP Blossom football squad.

Pink ribbons were also placed on Main Street in Blooming Prairie.

The BP cancer weekend starts Friday night, Sept 9 with an auction at 7 p.m. An auction will also be held at 7 pm. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Activities begin in earnest at the tent by the Field of Flags on Saturday, Sept. 10 with \$5 haircuts and also registration for a 5K walk/run.

Clinic serves the underserved population

AWARD: from page 1A

staff of volunteers are more deserving of an award.

“Yeah, I get the emails and the phone calls and help out seeing patients there,” Bernard said. “But the vast majority of the work is done by the people there who are there more regularly.”

As Medical Director of the Center Clinic, Bernard approves nursing protocols that allow nurses to administer medication and prescribe medication without a doctor present at the clinic. He also helps out at the monthly clinic night, that takes up hours of an evening. During this clinic, staff physicians, nurses, family medicine residents and others volunteer their time to make sure those in need receive medical treatment.

The Center Clinic does not

just focus on physical health. They also work with patients’ mental health. A couple of their volunteers are behavioral health specialists who can assist patients with mental illnesses.

No one is turned away at the Center Clinic, even if they cannot pay for any medical treatment. Those who are insured pay based on an income-based scale.

While treating patients who had to wait too long to seek treatment due to not having access to insurance, Bernard is troubled by the amount of time these people have to wait to go to the doctor.

“It always reaffirms to me that this isn’t right,” Bernard said. “People shouldn’t have to wait until they get to such a point that

there’s sometimes no recovery.”

Today, Bernard works as the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine Midwest at Mayo Clinic and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Yet he still finds the time to work with the Center Clinic. For Bernard, the reflection that he did after winning the Rural Health Hero award reminded him of something important.

“One of the things I said in my acceptance speech is that it’s a good time for me to remember and reflect on why I went into medicine,” Bernard said, “and that was to help people.”

Highest bid gets the treasure

AUCTION: from page 1A

Group treasurer. If interested in donating an item to the auction, contact a BP Cancer Group member.

Great prizes will be offered during family bingo from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday under the Big Tent.

The Big Tent currently has six sponsors with two more needed. If interestd, contact Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895. Sponsors to date are: Alcorn Clean Fuel, Claremont; Floor Tech, BP; Johnson, Doerhoefer & Miner, BP; Nailed It (David Long); Performance Office Products of Lakeville and Traveling Picnic Tables of BP.

The BP Cancer Group donated \$73,000 to the Eagles Cancer Telethon in Rochester Last year,

funds going for cancer research. A \$15,000 donation for research was also made to the Hormel Institute. The BP Cancer Group increased its balance for the community fund.

Krejci says because of the generosity of community people, the BP Cancer Group is able to donate monies to cancer research and is able to help people in the area who have cancer.

Help comes in the form of rides to cancer treatment; gas cards for travel to treatment; utilities help; bed purchase; wheel chairs; parking passes at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and monies to address extra expenses that insurance does not cover.

Other cancer benefit activities include a 16th annual auc-

tion raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. First prize is \$1000, second prize \$300 and third prize \$200. This year’s raffle is in memory of Steve Prihoda. Drawing will be at 10 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Cue Company. Need not be present to win.

Haircuts at the bargain rate of \$5 will be offered under the tent near the Field of Flags on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crazy hair, face painting, chair massages, manicures, games and lots of fun stuff will also be offered.

The 4th Annual 5K Walk/Run “for a cure” starts with registration at the Field of Flags at 8:30. The walk/run begins at 10 a.m.

Recipe Corner

Rice Hamburger Hot Dish

1lb. hamburger	1/2 c. quick rice
1 can cream of chicken soup	1 soup can of water
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 sm. onion, chopped
	1 tsp soy sauce
	1 can bean sprouts (opt)

Brown hamburger and mix all ingredients, except sprouts, and place in a casserole dish. Wash sprouts and place on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour 15 minutes.

by
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Owatonna boys soccer split weekend contests



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: Senior ‘keeper Aiden Buryska dives to deflect a shot during Owatonna’s matchup against Lakeville North on Saturday, Aug. 26. The Huskies would play to a 0-0 tie. Bottom: Mitch Mayer leaps to head the ball off of a corner kick.

By JOSHUA ZIMMER
Sports Editor

“I was extremely impressed by our guys.”

That was Head soccer coach Bob Waypa’s expression when his No.15 ranked Huskies battled IAA opponent Lakeville North on a rainy Saturday in Lakeville to a 0-0 tie.

The tie comes just days after losing their season opening match up to Burnsville on Thursday night 4-3.

Head coach Bob Waypa noted that previous matchups greatly impacted their game plan for the contest.

“We kind of knew how they were going to attack us. We discussed how they were going to overload one side and who was going to be responsible. It’s very tempting to go out and try to stop them but we had to realize that we needed to be disciplined,” he added.

In the first half, the Panthers attack was appearing to be firing on all cylinders, dominating the time of possession and consisting trying to put shots on net. In fact, the first shot from the Huskies didn’t come until the

25th minute.

However, despite what appeared as fast and up-tempo ball movement, the Panthers managed to register just two shots on goals.

“We just kept preaching to stay in front of shots. Our

defense was outstanding and really blocked a lot of shots that would have tested our keeper,” he said.

Senior ‘keeper Aiden Buryska was lights out for Owatonna. The senior was all over the crease, leaping and

diving to try and deflect any stray shots from Lakeville. His strong leg helped alleviate some of the pressure within their zone and even showed a few opportunites to try and string an offensive attack of their own.

“He played really well for us today. He did well for us last year and this year he’s taking it to another level. He made one spectacular save in the first half that was labeled upper corner but since he’s got his positioning spot on, he makes those saves,” he added.

Waypa also added that while Buryska made the saves when he needed to, the defense in front of him was outstanding today. There was a slight window of opportunity for Lakeville to get onto the scoreboard in the 19th minute

SOCCER

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FOUR-POINT STANCE



JOSH ZIMMER

Allow me to introduce myself

My name is Joshua Zimmer, I’m 25 and I am the new Sports Editor for the Steele County Times. Since I will be having a weekly column I figured that it was a great idea for you to get to know a little about myself and why I have such a love for sports.

First things first, I am a Montana native . A little fun fact, Iowa wrestling legends Mike and Bill Zadick set the standard for our program during their time in high school. Growing up I competed in an array of sports but fell in love with two quickly... Football and wrestling.

I always loved football. It is a game of art to me, every movement has to be precise otherwise it could spell a disaster (*’98 Vikings?). Growing up a Vikings fan, there was no shortage of fun on Sundays sitting in my dad’s man cave watching that explosive offense and feisty defense. While I like Randy Moss, I loved John Randle.

The older I got, the more I started to try and mold my game after him. From the way he wore his eye black to how he used to set up opposing offensive linemen in his pass rush to even being a Division II kid, everything John stood for resonated to me. He was my idol.

I played defensive tackle and enjoyed a fun career chasing Brock Osweiler, now the quarterback for the Houston Texans (Yes, that Osweiler) around the fields of Montana through high school and ultimately accepted a scholarship to Minot State University to continue my playing career.

Once my career was over, I did have an opportunity to work out for CFL teams however, did not pass the medical exam and just like that my career was over. Once that happened, I decided that if I couldn’t play, I was going to do whatever I could to stay close to sports. So I started doing some freelance work for an online publication while also holding internships with a few NFL scouting services.

That’s where I believe I knew I was in the right profession. I was traveling to college football games, all-star games, NFL games, the combine and event the NFL draft as an intern.

The internships lead me to Omaha, Neb. where I was working as a sports copy editor for the Omaha World Herald.

Around March, Managing Editor Mark DeLap contacted me about an opening here and as you now can see the rest is history, better!

If you want to contact me, my email is setzimmer@frontier.com

Blooming volleyball drops opener 3-0



Staff photo Josh Zimmer

Blooming prairie senior outside hitter Kylie Forstek’s kill attempt just makes it through the arms of two Byron defenders on Thursday, Aug. 25. Blooming Prairie dropped the match in straight sets.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Byron’s superior height at the net stymied the Awesome Blossom hitters most of the night, and the Bears went home with a three-game sweep over the locals in the season-opening match for both teams. The non-conference foes took all three games 25-19, 25-11, and 25-17.

“We had spurts of good play”, commented Coach Ranell Kittelson, “but we also struggled at times. We saw plenty of things that we can work on, and we will eliminate some of the errors in practice, I am confident.”

BP tied the first game at 8 after four serving rounds, but senior Connor Zamzow served 6 straight points to put Byron up 15-8. The locals fought back on Leah Inwards’ four points to trail only 19-17, but the Bears served out the game from there. The winners got good play at the net from

VOLLEYBALL

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Owatonna girls drop season opener 4-1 to No. 3 Panthers



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Owatonna junior Midfielder Kenna West pushes the ball upfield in thier matchup against Lakeville North on Saturday, August 26 in Lakeville. Owatonna would drop the contest 4-1.

By **JOSHUA ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

When facing the third ranked team in the state, there can be relapses on the defensive end, or the score will get out of hand. While the lady Huskies had a few minor breakdowns in the defense, the score could have been much worse than the 4-1 nonconference loss on Saturday. That's not to say however, that

they didn't play well according to head coach Matt Roddy. "I thought we played well for the most part. We had a couple breakdowns and that's kind of how soccer goes. You can defend really well 95% of the time but if they take their chances on the few breakdowns you have that can be the game," he added. Much like the boys' game in the following match, the weather wasn't the most ideal for a

soccer match as rain consistently sprinkled the turf that afternoon. Despite the weather, the opportunities to score were present early. In the 6th minute, Lakeville North forward Temi Carda found the back of the net off a corner kick to give the Panthers an early 1-0 lead. Shortly thereafter, in the 19 minute, Owatonna junior Ali Goldberg scored the equalizer off a nice feed

from fellow junior Kenna West. Roddy said that scoring a goal against the third ranked team in the state in her varsity debut is no small feat. "They (Lakeville North) are notoriously hard to score on. They had an unbelievable shut-out streak of like 10 or 11 games against some quality city teams last year," he added. The celebration of the tie goal was short lived however as min-

utes later, Lakeville North's Lauren Witte would push her team to the lead off a defensive breakdown. Throughout the game, the Owatonna defense was doing a good job of staying sound and shutting down windows that their opponents could attempt to create an attack off of. Roddy mentioned that he thought his squad did a good job of denying space to pass. "They're a team that really likes to move the ball with short, nice passes and we did a good job of limiting space to allow them to do that," he added. The player setting the tone for the defensive alignments was none other than junior captain Margo Achterkirch. "I thought Margo did a nice job today in the center of our defense. As much with her communicating and direction of the team than anything else but when she had to defend, she did well. The key to denying their space is being able to play with a high enough back line so that you're not defending 50 to 60 yards of the field and it all started with her," Roddy said. After heading into halftime with a 2-1 lead, it was all Lakeville North in the second half. In the 15th minute of the second half, Olivia Bruce added first of two goals of the match off of an elevated chip. Just several minutes later, Bruce looked to record her second goal of the game but her shot sailed just

wide of the post. Despite the great defense in the beginning of the zone, the Lady Huskies continued to struggle with marking their opponent in the box. That seemed to be the major issue throughout the contest, even on shots or deflections that went wide. Offensively, the Lady Huskies were almost non-existent, generating just two shots on goal the entire contest. While some of this may have been due to Lakeville North's aggressive attack on both ends of the field, Roddy contributed it a lot to just fundamentals. "We need to play with simpler passes. There were times we were trying to play into pressure too often," he said. Later in the game, the defensive woes continued as Owatonna allowed two goals in the final 10 minutes including Bruce's second goal of the game to lock the score at 4-1. Despite the let down defensively, Roddy said afterward that while they may be some things to work on, overall he was pleased with their effort. "Make no mistake, we are disappointed in the score. I thought we played better than what the it showed, but we are happy overall with how we played and it showed us some things we need to work on," he said. The Owatonna girls will be at home on Thursday, September 1 against Mankato West.

Husky round up

By **JOSHUA ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

Cross-Country

The Owatonna girls cross-country team competed in the River Falls extreme meet on the campus of UW-River Falls in Wisconsin. The varsity took home a top five finish with Sara Wall being the team's top finisher with a time of 26:06. Other finishers for the Huskies were Catrina Herr (26:24), Jade Huseby (27:05), Payton Wunderlich (28:00), Liv Larson (28:17) and Grace Randall (28:19). Head Coach Dan Leer mentioned that the course the girls competed on Thursday is not your typical cross-country course. "It's a fun, challenging course with several river crossings. I felt like the girls ran a strong race and some of our newcomers had strong performances," he added. Leer also mentioned that times are a bit slower due to the girls having to cross through the river. The girls will be back in action on Tuesday in Austin.

Girls tennis

After beginning the season with a pair of 4-3 losses on Monday evening to Eden Prairie and Lakeville North, the Lady Huskies picked up two wins in Rochester against John Marshall and Red Wing on Tuesday. Head coach Curt Matejcek stated, "With the amount of newcomers as we have, it was good to see them bounce back like this and play another close match." Freshman Sara Anderson continues to be a surprise star this season, extending her record to 4-0 after a pair of wins at No. 4 singles. No. 1 doubles Caitlin Anderson and Gabi Deml picked up a pair of wins to move their record to 3-1 on the year. Owatonna finished a combined 6-0 at doubles throughout the weekend.

On Thursday, the girls' team picked up two more wins, keeping their conference record flawless in Winona. The Huskies opened the contest up with a 5-2 win over Mankato West and would make quick work of Winona 6-1, sweeping in doubles with a 6-0 record. All but one doubles win came in straight sets. Owatonna will be in Rochester on Tuesday to face Rochester Mayo. **Owatonna 6, Red Wing 1**
Owatonna 4, Rochester JM 3

Volleyball

The Owatonna girls' volleyball squad had two matches over the weekend. On Thursday night, the Lady Huskies traveled to open their season up against No. 2 ranked Prior Lake (Class AAA) and lost in three straight sets (25-11,25-7,25-11). The game was originally to be played at Owatonna high school but was forced to switch locations after the OHS gymnasium's court received extensive water damage. Owatonna head coach Jason Kaytor said, "you could tell the nerves were there." On Friday, the Lady Huskies traveled to Farmington to face a fellow Class AAA opponent. However, they couldn't rebound from a sluggish start and lost in three straight sets (25-13,25-19,25-19). Kaytor mentioned that he thinks the first set was carry over from the loss to Prior Lake, but that they started to play better in the second and third sets. The only part of the match that the Huskies commanded the lead was for a brief stretch in the third set.

Syd Schultz and Alyvia Johnson recorded six kills apiece to lead the Huskies. The Huskies were without Lexi Langeland, who did not suit up in either of the two matches due to an ankle sprain. Kaytor noted that the injury is not considered serious and the senior is expected to return in the coming weeks.

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three junior hitters, including 6'5" Ayoko Lee and 6'3" Ella Vanderpool. BP fell behind 13-4 in game two and could not handle the net play by the winners. Marissa Larson had 4 service points in the third game to put the Blossoms down just three more points, while Kira Becker served four aces, and Lee pounded down a kill to end the game and the match. Larson had 6 points serving, and Leah Schiefert had 5 to lead the Blossoms in points; Kylie Forystek had 6 kills and 12 digs for BP, Inwards had 6 assists and 8

Blooming Prairie doomed by sluggish start

digs, and Sam Wurst pounded down 4 kills. "We definitely have some things to work on", concluded Kittelson, "but I admire the way we came back in game one and the determination the girls showed throughout the match. We will get better, and I am not too disappointed in the match overall." The girls are 0-1, with a match at JWP last night, and a date with visiting NRHEG on the home court Thursday, Sept. 1. All matches feature 7:15 p.m. starts. Coach Mary Worke's junior varsity lost the first game of their prelim, but

Owatonna boys rebound from season opening loss

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off a corner kick that a Panther forward attempted to head into the net but went just wide. In the second half it was much of the same result as the previous one. Owatonna failed to capitalize on two corner kick situations in the 24th and 35th minutes when both attempts by senior Daniel Kelley veered just right of the goal. Defensively, the Huskies came out much stronger. Numerous Lakeville chances were thwarted by Owatonna's smothering defense blocking shots in front of the net. Waypa praised the performance of sophomore defensemen Alex Beaver, who was making his first career varsity appearance. "It was his first ever start at

right corner and he was impressive," he added. The second half continued to display the aggressive style of attack for the Panthers. However, Owatonna's defense was just too fundamentally sound. It was a continued defensive effort as a whole by the Huskies, who wouldn't allow a shot on goal in the second half and also displayed good positioning on the corner kicks to try and disrupt any plays on the ball from a Panther attacker. After no scores in regulation play, the game went to two five-minute overtime periods and would ultimately end in a tie. While it may be frustrating for any team to only record three shots on goal, Waypa mentioned that the offense understood the defensive game plan might have

then roared back to take the next two games 25-22 and 15-11. Julia Worke served the last four points, including an ace, to give the Blossoms the third game win and the match. Payton Sampson and Georgia Petsch served 5 points each, and Rylie McRoberts served the final four points, as Byron took game one easily. BP used a balanced scoring attack in game two to win that one. Maya Lembke and Riauna Bishop each had 4 points in the second game victory. "We played with a ton of energy and enthusiasm,"

Burnsville 4 Owatonna 3

In Owatonna's season opening game, the Huskies made a quick jaunt up I-35 to face the Blaze in a nonconference matchup Thursday night. Nate Smith scored two goals to lead the Huskies. He gave Owatonna the 1-0 advantage after finding the back of the net at the 14th minute. Just before the half, Abukar Fakrudin added Owatonna's second goal of the game to break a 1-1 tie.

commented Coach Worke. "It was a great team effort". Heather Pirkel and Worke both went 5 for 5 serving; Bishop was 4 of 5, and Lembke 5 of 6. HE Csquad lost Btwo straight to Byron in their prelim 25-11 and 25-12. Coach Jennifer Wayne thought that, despite the scores, the girls played pretty well. The team has had only a few practices together so far. Maggie Bruns and Jayde Wacek both had two ace serves in the match. Five 8th graders are playing on the team, and it will take a little time to get everyone up to speed.

It continued to be a back and forth contest as Burnsville would add another goal to tie the contest at 2-2. Smith would add his final goal of the contest in the 7th minute of the second half to give the Huskies their final lead of the contest. After Burnsville tie the match up again, the Blaze would add the dagger. In the 77th minute, Alex Dodd fired a shot to the back of the net to bring the lead to 4-3. In what would be a last chance effort, the Huskies had an opportunity to tie the game after a free kick, but could only watch as it was deflected by a Burnsville defender and rolled out of bounds with less than a minute remaining.

Old rivals meet in Rushford

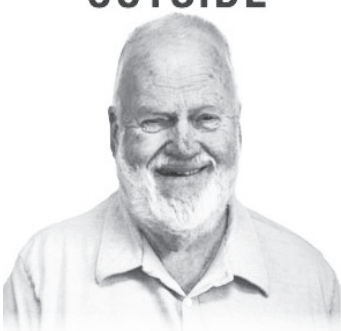
By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

What has developed over the years into a great rivalry between schools with strong athletics will resume this Friday, Sept. 2, when the Awesome Blossom football team travels to Rushford for a season-opening game against the Rushford-Peterson Trojans. Both schools admit that almost every year come playoff time in football, it comes down to a battle with each other. Last year BP edged the Tro-

jans 8-6 on the home field in hot, windy conditions, with an early start time dictated by those tough weather elements. After a scoreless quarter and a half, the Blossoms began a drive from the RP 48-yard line midway through the second quarter and eventually scored the only touchdown of the first half. A 24-yard scramble by quarterback Lucas Noble reached the Trojan 24. Three plays later Noble found Anthony Nelson in the flat, and he fought his way into the end zone for the touch-

down. Jon Hatch barely crossed the goal line for the two-point conversion, and BP led 8-0 at the break. Late in the third quarter the Trojans began a drive from their own 48 and found themselves with a fourth down on the BP 43. Landon Goree found Cameron Johnson down the middle for 40 yards to the three, and RP scored from there. The two-point conversion failed, however, and the Blossoms spent the rest of the final quarter fending off desperation drives by the visitors. The

game ended with an intercepted pass by safety Kevin Eischens. Stubborn defenses marked the first game play, and mistakes also played a part. Noble passed for 88 yards in the game, but the Blossoms also lost three fumbles and a pass interception. BP outgained RP 116-111 on the ground, but defenses dominated play. This year's tussle should be another good one in this era of intense rivalry.



OUTSIDE

THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

So it begins

I think one thing is already clear regarding the Blossom volleyball team. They won’t go down without a fight. In the season opening loss to Byron last Thursday, the superior height of a good Byron team didn’t give the locals much chance. But the girls hung in, and made a battle of it in all three games. Coach Ranell Kittelson had o have had some mixed emotions after the match.

“Ii like the way we came back a few times”, Kittelson remarked, “ but I also was disappointed in some of our mistakes and a lack of communication. We will work on that.” The Blossoms, I thought, showed a lot of fight, and I don’t think that teams will run away from them, especially when they get back to playing in their own class. It was not a bad opening in my estimation

Next Friday the football team travels to Rushford to renew a rivalry with Rushford-Peterson in the season opener football game for both teams. It seems that in the last dozen years the two teams have often battled for the right to advance to the MSHSL state playoffs, and this may just be another of those battles.

Last year the Blossoms edged the Trojans on the home field in a game that featured very strong winds and hot temperatures.

The difference in the game resulted when the locals added a two-point conversion after their lone touchdown, and the visitors failed on their touch-down. Defenses dominated that game, and BP spent much of the last few minutes of the game fending off desperation drives by the Trojans.

It was a great game, and fans can probably expect another hard-fought contest again this season.

Party kicks off drive
The Steele County United Way organization kicked off its 2016 campaign last Thursday, Aug. 25 at the BP Pizza Cellar, and a good crowd enjoyed pizza and inspirational comments regarding the work and the ambition of the worthy cause.

Local resident Tom Peterson received the 2016 Live United award in Blooming Prairie for his support and volunteer work he has contributed to the Blooming Prairie community.

The United Way campaign runs through the remainder of 2016, and this year Julie Rethemer of Federated Mutual Insurance served as the event coordinator.

Tribute to veterans
The giant tip of the hat this week goes to BP’s Farmers and Merchants Bank. Last Friday a brief ceremony at the

bank found the local institution contributing \$25,000 to the Veterans’ Memorial that is the fundraising stage for the tribute being planned for the east side of the local Servicemen’s Club.

Tom Peterson, one of the organizers of the memorial project, accepted the contribution on behalf of the Sons of the American Legion.

That amount afforded a big boost to the memorial project, and the local bank is to be congratulated for the large donation to that worthy cause.

Club loses on a high note
Last Friday marked the close of a most successful summer schedule, and members rated the program one of the best yet.

Unit Director Marcy Sundine noted that over 80 kids enrolled in the club activities, and almost 40 kids reported daily, with a high of 49 occasionally.

The club remained open from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, and members received break-fast, snacks, and a nutritional lunch.

In addition to several courses of study that involved small groups of members, daily exercises, Friday movies, trips to the swimming pool and the library, and field trips filled each day with plenty of excitement for the members.

A few fundraisers during the summer also helped the club maintain its programs and stay fiscally responsible.

The annual ribfest garnered over twice as much as that of the preceding year, Chateau Raceway donated proceeds of some race day events, and B to Z Hardware sponsored two garden sales that realized over \$1,000.

All in all, the summer rated an unqualified success, and the club will be closed now until school begins on Sept. 6. A tip of the hat is due Director Sundine and her staff of eight for the excellent operation of the club’s summer program.

Golfer stands tall
BPHS golfer Taylor Christianson finished an outstanding third place in the prestigious Warrior Cup Golf tournament on Thursday, Aug. 18. The event, held at Victory Links Golf club in Blaine, featured competitors who had won at least one Junior PGA tournament throughout the season.

Christianson won at Mississippi National in Red Wing July 18 and at Waseca Lakeside in Waseca on July 22.

Christianson recorded a personal best 76 (5 over par) at the Warrior tournament for her third place standing. Edina’s Joanna Kim took the tourney title with an even par 71.

The fourth and fifth place finishers carded 7 and 10 over par respectively. A big tip of the hat to Taylor for her fine showing in the tournament and throughout the junior golf season.

Fall sports tab
Be sure to look for the fall sports tab in next week’s issue of the Times. This year the paper, besides covering NRHEG, BPHS, and Medford, sports editor Josh Zimmer is trying to do a more complete coverage of Owatonna sports as well. All of us who write sports put many hours into the tab, and we sincerely hope that you read and enjoy the articles and our efforts. Go, team!

Let’s close with a few bloopers in religion: Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak; Martin Luther was on a Diet of Worms; People who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums; and finally, Shakespeare wrote his plays in Islamic pentameter.

Ponder those, and we’ll talk again.

Chateau Raceway recap

By Matthew Grace
Guest Writer

The 60th Anniversary Season of racing action at Chateau Raceway is heading into its final lap next Friday night and this past weekend the first three of the six track championships were decided. Next week the USMTS Open Modified Touring Series will be in town for one of there stops on there Chase for The Championship Races. Just three of the tracks regular classes will be running as support classes for the evening with track points still on the line for those. The other three had there seasons end Friday night. Among them was the USRA A Modified Class. Several of those drivers will be on hand again next week but they will be driving with the USMTS drivers, so that left them wrapping up there season Friday Night. Jason Cummins of New Richland ended up claiming the Track Championship for 2016 for the class. It is Jason’s third Track Championship in the class after also taking top honors in 2010 and 2011. Jason ended up runnerup in the feature event on Friday night behind Steve Wetzstein of West Concord. Bobby Blowers of Waseca claimed his second Track Championship in the Hornets Class, also winning the top spot in 2014. Bobby capped his championship with his fifth feature win of the

season. Mike Chadderdon of Faribault, making his first appearance of the year at the track had a nice run coming home second.

The third Track Championship to be decided was in the Pure Stock Class where Jason Newkirk of Austin ended up with his third Championship. Jason, who also won titles in the class in 2010 and 2014 ended up finishing second in the feature to last years Champion Matt Brooks of Austin. Matt started inside row two and went to the front on the first lap and lead flag to flag for his second feature win of the year. Jason worked his way through the field from row four to end up in the runnerup spot, he did however pick up a heat win on the night as did Brandon Shaner of Owatonna.

Of the other three classes yet to decide there Champions the most drama may be yet to be played out in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified Division. Michael Wytaske of Lansing and Ryan Goergen of Stacyville entered the night tied for the lead just four points ahead of Garitt Wytaske of Lansing, Ryan will have the lead over the other two going to the final race next week after taking home a heat win on the night and running third in the feature just behind Garitt and three positions ahead of Michael. Meanwhile claiming his first feature win of the year was Jeremy Misgen of

New Richland. Jeremy started on the pole and lead flag to flag for the win.

The USRA B Mod Class Championship appears to be Owatonna’s Kylie Kath’s for the taking next week. His point lead of better than 50 points is not insurmountable but looks pretty good after he finished second on the night to Derek Clement of Spring Valley and two positions ahead of his closest rival for the title, his brother Kadden. For Clement it was his first feature win of the year. Derek started in row two and ran third after the first lap to Kylie and Kadden but he kept the heat on and about lap eight he swept to the lead and would race off to the win. Clement was running the high line for much of the race while Kylie was working the bottom and pulled along side several times to challenge back for

the lead. However on a late restart Derek changed his line and stayed low on the track and forcing Kylie to work the top side which worked to his advantage as he maintained the lead for the win. Clement got the sweep on the night as he also claimed a heat win. The other heat went to Blake Arndt of Brownsdale.

In the WISSOTA Street Stock Class Noah Grinstead of Austin claimed his second feature win of the season holding off Mike Blowers of Waseca on a couple of late restarts for the win. Blowers is poised to win the track championship next week as he has a better than 30 point lead and with the WISSOTA Points System may need to just start the feature next week to claim the title.

NRHEG/Medford run at Fairmont meet

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Both of the NRHEG cross country teams competed at an early Bird meet at Fairmont Friday, Aug. 26. The boys finished 8th of 9 teams, while the girls had an incomplete team score.

Josh Fleming earned a runner-up medal for his 15:27 time (athletes ran by grade level and only 2.5 miles). Ben Lewer timed a 15:47, Jagger Beck 1744, Braden Routh 18:03, Kolin Reese 18:22, and Orin Mely a 21:31.

“Josh ran good race today”, remarked Coach Mike Weber, ‘Ben Lewer also came out strong out of the blocks. A couple of the other runners improved their times from last year by almost a minute.”

For the girls Jade Mely timed

a 20:23 for sixth place in her grade level, and Mia Williams ran a 21:19 for 9th. Destiny Medrano finished in 25:20.

“Jade Mely led the girls today, and she ran a pretty good race”, commented Coach Weber. “Last year all three girls were running in junior high levels, so they have come a long way. I am happy with the results.”

Medford finished ninth and did not have any girls run this weekend. Making the jump from junior high to the varsity, freshman Dylan Stenzel, was the Tigers’ fastest runner.

The meet is a bit unusual in that each grade level runs separately and all 6 races are girls and boys together. The top 5 places in each race (9-12) from each team are added together to get a team score.

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

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1	Braaten, PirkI, Resler	102
2	Drexler, Zwiener, Klemmensen	87.5
3	Hareid, Bartsch, Lewer	85
4	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	84.5
4	Larock, Iancovino, Schwartz	84.5
6	Morgan, R.Olson, R.Olson	83.5
6	Hillberg, Wanous, Pfeifer	83.5
8	R Skala, J Skala, Thiele	81
9	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	78
10	Glynn, Ingvaldson, Esplan	77.5
11	Lembke, Benson,Hanson	75.5
12	Ingvalson, Klemmensen, Bishop	73.5
13	Strunk, Farr, Bishop	73
14	Peterson, Behnken, Bishop	72.5
15	Zwiener, Hinzmen, Wurst	69.5
16	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	69
16	Jenson, Glynn, Ebeling	69
18	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	68
18	White, Lysne, Johnson	68
18	Carlson, P. Jones, M. Jones	68
21	Clark, Blome, Skala	67.5
22	Klemmensen, Klemmensen, Anderson	66.5
23	Johnson, Caldwell, Bulver	64.5
23	Stangel, Mauseith, Schammel	64.5
25	Myer, Motl, Tollefson	63
26	Gruncklee, Evans, Possehl	62
27	Kormann, Kormann, Kormann	62
28	Koster, Long, White	60
29	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	54

TOP SCORES

A	Braaten, PirkI, Resler	30
B	Koster, Long, White	31
B	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	31
C	Hareid, Bartsch, Lewer	35
D	Zwiener, Hinzmen, Wurst	36

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These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of August 26

Results

Pure Stock:

Feature: Matt Brooks – Austin, Jason Newkirk– Austin, Stacy Krohnberg – Walters, Jim Briggs – Waseca, Daniel Guttormson – Austin, Brady Krohnberg -Walters, Jack Dunbar – Zumbrota, Cole Kroneman – Austin, Brandon Shaner – Owatonna, Troy Maas – Faribault, Tyler Nelson – Albert Lea, Chris Hotovec – Dodge Center (DNS: Zach Ehmke – Dexter)
Heat 1: Shaner, Hotovec, Brooks, S Krohnberg, Nelson, Dunbar, Guttormson
Heat 2: Newkirk, B Krohnberg, Ehmke, Kroneman, Maas, Briggs

Hornets:

Feature: Bobby Blowers – Waseca, Mike Chadderdon -Faribault, Cody Hyatt – Waseca, Alan Schmidt – Hayward, Caylie Blowers – Waseca, Cale Giesler – West Concord, Nick Sillman – Minnesota Lake, Jonathan Andree – Austin, Kristofer Aasen – Hayfield, Tyler Wright – Eyota, Corbin Giesler – West Concord, Marissa Wolff – Janesville
Heat 1: Sillman, Hanks, Chadderdon, Schmidt, Ca Giesler, Andree, Wright
Heat 2: Wolff, B Blowers, Hyatt, C Blowers, Aasen, Co Giesler

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: Jeremy Misgen – New Richland, Garitt Wytaske – Lansing, Ryan Goergen – Stacyville IA, Adam Martinson – Plymouth, Brayten Cisneros – Blooming Prairie, Michael Wytaske – Lansing, Billy Steinberg – Kasson, Casey Trom – Zumbrota, Jay Clark – Rochester, Matt Stark – Austin, Luke Hainka – Wannamingo, Tianna Mithun – Freeborn, Daryl Hainka – Wannamingo, Brad Minske – Northfield, Dustin Steinbrink – Austin, Ryan Wetzstein – West Concord (DNS: Brady Larson – Amery WI)
Heat 1: Goergen, Wetzstein, Steinbrink, G Wytaske, M Wytaske, Martinson, Mithun, Larson, Minske
Heat 2: Trom, Cisneros, Misgen, Steinberg, D Hainka, Stark, Clark, L Hainka

WISSOTA Street Stock

Feature: Noah Grinstead – Austin, Mike Blowers – Waseca, Zach Elward – Hayfield, Danny Hanson – Alma WI, Kory Adams – Stacyville iA, Blake Adams – Stacyville iA, Bernie Adams – Winona, Brent Holland – Glenville, Nick Roemhildt – Waseca, Kyle King – Hastings
Heat 1: Grinstead, Hanson, Prudoehl, Bl Adams, K Adams, King
Heat 2: Blowers, Be Adams, Elward, Roemhildt, Holland

USRA A Modified

Feature: Steve Wetzstein – West Concord, Jason Cummins – New Richland, Keith Tourville – Webster WI, Greg Pfeifer JR – Brownsdale, Darwyn Karau – Kasson, Doug Hillson – Blooming Prairie, Joe Horgdal – Kasson, Mark Motl – Owatonna, Alex Hanson – Northwood IA, Kylie Kath – Owatonna, Tammy Soma Clark – Rochester, Jacob Stark – Austin, Greg Jensen – Albert Lea
Heat 1: Cummins, Wetzstein, Hillson, Horgdal, Hanson, Kath, Stark
Heat 2: Pfeiffer JR, Tourville, Karau, Clark, Motl

USRA B Modified

Feature: Derek Clement – Spring Valley, Kylie Kath – Owatonna, Taylor Ausrud – Hayfield, Kadden Kath – Owatonna, Nate Chodur – Lake Mills IA, Blake Arndt – Brownsdale, Cole Lonergan – Dexter, Racy Hastings IV – Austin, Christian Warner – Owatonna, Matt Brooks – Austin, Morgan Schrage – Cresco iA, Taylor Ovrebø – Wells, Tim Gerber – Austin, (DNS: David Henderson – Mason City IA)
Heat 1: Clement, Ka Kath, Chodur, Ovrebø, Brooks, Schrage, Warner
Heat 2: Arndt, Ausrud, Ky Kath, Lonergan, Hastings, Gerber, Henderson

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MORTGAGOR(S): Bonnie L. Petersen, an unmarried person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$330,000.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 23, 2009 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 27, 2009 as Document Number 362972 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: \$192,677.36 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North Range 20 West, Change North 1312.97 feet along the East line of Section 28 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 205.75 feet; thence North 190.0 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid road No. 1; thence South 190.0 feet to the point of beginning. And Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North, Range 20 West, thence North 1502.97 feet along the East line of Section 28, thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence continuing West 205.75 feet; thence North 214.35 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1, thence South 214.35 feet to the point of beginning. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 3890 N CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060 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: 12-028-1206 and 12-028-2105 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 twelve (12) 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 September 27, 2016. 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: August 1, 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.,
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(16-1087-FC01)
8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 74-PR-16-1667 In Re: Estate of John A. Kuhn, Decedent. NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR

DETERMINATION OF DESCENT Kerri A. Kuhn has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is Ordered that on September 20, 2016 , at 10:45 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota , on the petition. The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court probate the decedent's Will, determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Judge A. Bueltel
8.12.16
Judge of District Court
/s/ Sonia Kocher
8.12.16
Court Administrator
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RAHRICK & CASS
Stephen J. Smith (MN# 102799)
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8/23, 8/30

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION COURT FILE NO.74-PR-16-1652 COUNTY OF STEELE Re: Estate of Dorothy E. Buecksler a/k/a, Dorothy Buecksler, Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of September, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Steele, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated March 2, 2015, and for the appointment of Kay M. Wegner, whose address is 5506 SW 38th Street, Owatonna, MN, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: 08/10/2016
/s/ Karen Duncan
Judge

Gregory C. Olson
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Owatonna, MN 55060
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The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: **Bridge Street Tavern** PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **712 South Grove, Owatonna, MN 55060 USA.** NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: **Burrs' Enterprises, Inc.** Address: **712 South Grove, Owatonna, MN 55060** If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment. By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document of his/her behalf. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Ronald M. Burr** MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided** EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **ronburr58@gmail.com.**

BP ISD#756 Work Session

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN July 14, 2016

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016, in the Board Room at the High School. MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde MEMBERS ABSENT: None ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the July 18, 2016, regular school board meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Pam Hameister Clerk of the School Board Independent School District #756 Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

BP ISD#756 Board Meeting

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN July 18, 2016

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.). OPEN FORUM – No comments. I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Elementary Principal, High School Principal, Associate Principal MEMBERS ABSENT: None IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the agenda with a change to the consent agenda. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS Reports given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach. VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Employment Motion by Kelli Braaten and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve minutes, bills, treasurer's report, and employment. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) B. School Board Meetings Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Steve Ille to approve continuation of the third Monday of the month as the official meeting date along with the times to remain at 7:00 p.m. for the open forum and 7:15 p.m. for the regular meeting with exceptions as noted below. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) August 15, 2016 September 19, 2016 October 17, 2016 November 21, 2016 December 19, 2016 (5:15 p.m.) January 17, 2017 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. due to Martin Luther King Day) February 21, 2017 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. due to President's Day) March 20, 2017 April 17, 2017 May 15, 2017 June 19, 2017 July 17, 2017 C. Work Sessions Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve continuation of school board work sessions on the Thursday before the regular board meeting at 6:00 a.m. with no per diem. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) D. School Board Per Diem Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the per diems to remain as is. Rates are \$50.00 per regular meetings, \$40.00 per committee meetings, and \$80.00 per all day meetings. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) E. Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy for Payable 2017 Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve December 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for the public hearing on the property tax levy for payable 2017. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) F. 2016-2018 Principals' Contract Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve a three percent increase in salary for each of the next two years. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) G. Health & Safety Policy Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve the district's current Health & Safety Policy to remain unchanged. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) H. LTFM Ten Year Plan Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the district's LTFM Ten Year Plan (Long Term Facilities Maintenance)

as presented along with the "Statement of Assurances". Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act This information will be published in the local paper for two consecutive weeks. Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act announces that directory-type information on public school students in the district will be disseminated from time to time without further authorization from parents of such students. Any parent wishing to withhold such information from distribution must make the request to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten days of this publication. (8/16, 8/23) B. Committee Reports A report update was given by the following committees: Steele County Collaborative and ZED. C. Enrollment Data Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year as of June 3, 2016, was 411 at the elementary school and 303 at the high school (297 attending BPHS and 6 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consisted of 2 seniors and 4 juniors which all attended full-time. D. Dates to Note. The Board noted dates of importance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS 1. Post Bulletin article on ZED 2. Change orders for electrical work 3. Custodians and summer workers are nearing completion of cleaning rooms

IX. ADJOURNMENT Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay) Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, August 15, 2016, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.). A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

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

Steele County - Synopsis 8.2.16

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 8/2/2016 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 1. Huntington/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all. 2. Huntington/Schultz to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all. A. Approve the Minutes of July 12, 2016. B. Approve the Emergency Management Grant Performance Grant in the amount of \$25,419. C. Approve advertising for Bids Quansets. D. Approve the Monarch Software Schedule G for the Recorder's office and authorize the Recorder to sign. E. Approve the Software Program Agreement with Mid-State Computer Coop and Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc. for the Tax Re write project. F. Accept the Informational Landfill Financing/Waste Assurance Report. G. Accept the Highway Department Dashboards. H. Accept the Land Use and Records Minutes. I. Accept the Public Works Minutes 3. Huntington/Glynn to approve the Personnel Report. 4. Schultz/Huntington to approve the disposal of a 1990 GMC pick-up truck with 214,516 miles. Upon the vote being taken four Commissioners voting in favor thereof, Commissioner Glynn voting against. 5. Huntington/Schultz to appoint Commissioner Brady and Commissioner Glynn to serve on the Canvassing Board for the 2016 Primary and General Election. Ayes all. 6. Huntington/Brady to accept the low bid from Rink Systems to purchase rental skates and storage racks for Four Seasons in the amount of \$12,800. Ayes all. 7. Huntington/Glynn Resolution accepting completed project for and in behalf of the Steele County Highway department for Project No. CP 074-016-004 to Crane Creek Asphalt (Div. of Mathy Construction) in the amount of \$69,628.02. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office. 8. Schultz/Huntington to approve the recommendation that the Board Chair and /or Vice Chair and County Administrator be delegated authority for contract change approvals for the Public Works Facility project with caveats as listed in staff recommendations. Ayes all. 9. Public Hearing on the Tobacco Ordinance Amendment was open at 5:47 p.m. 10. Jane Nyquist reviewed the Tobacco Ordinance changes. 11. The meeting was then open to comments from those in attendance. 12. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m. 13. Glynn/Huntington Resolution

Ordinance #26
AMENDING STEELE COUNTY TOBACCO ORDINANCE
Amending Steele County Tobacco Ordinance #26. The purpose is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Steele County from the adverse effects of unregulated sales, possession and use of tobacco, tobacco related devices, electronic delivery devices (also known as e-cigarettes) and nicotine and lobelia delivery products. Also to reduce the illegal sale, possession, and use of such products to and by minors. It offers definitions of these products, includes current Minnesota Laws relating to these products, bans the sale of these products in pharmacies and within 1000 feet of youth oriented facilities, and requires child resistant containers for e-juice. It defines the responsibilities of proprietors. This is only a summary of the ordinance and a copy of the full text is available for public inspection at the County Auditor's Office, 630 Florence Ave. Owatonna, MN 55060. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office. 14. Huntington/Brady to approve the Easement with the Owatonna Public Utilities for an Electrical Utility Line to provide electrical services to the new Public Works Facility Complex. Ayes all. 15. Glynn/Schultz to authorize advertising for bids to have Quansets moved off of two county owned property and set the bid opening for August 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the County Boardroom. Ayes all. 16. Commissioners Reports:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE Court File No. 74-PR-16-1661 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Lorraine J. Hanson, Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated September 25, 1995, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed John K. Hanson, whose address is 51339 State Highway 38, Bigfork, MN 56628, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

Dated 2016.08.18
Kris Schmitz
Registrar
Attorney for
Personal Representative
David L. Einhaus
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Worried Daughter

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Falls are a big concern for many elderly seniors and their families.

Each year, 1-in-3 older Americans fall, making it the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those age 65 and older. But many falls can be prevented. Depending on what's causing your mom to fall, here are some different tips that can help protect her.

Encourage exercise: Weak leg muscles and poor balance are two of the biggest risk factors

that cause seniors to fall. Tai chi, walking, water aerobics and strength training are all good for improving balance and strength, as are a number of simple balance exercises that she can do anytime like standing on one foot for 30 seconds then switching to the other foot, and walking heel-to-toe across the room.

For additional balance and leg strengthening exercises the National Institute on Aging offers free exercise guides and a DVD that you can order at Go4Life.nia.nih.gov.

Review her medications: Does your mom take any medicine, or combination of medicines, that make her dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, gather up all the drugs she takes – prescriptions and over-the-counter – and take them to her doctor or pharmacist for a drug review and adjustment.

Get her vision checked: Poor

vision can be another contributor to falls, so get your mom's eyes checked every year. She may be wearing the wrong glasses or have developed a condition such as glaucoma or cataracts that make it harder to see obstacles on the floor.

Modify her home: There are also a number of simple household modifications you can do to make your mom's living area safer. Start by arranging or moving the furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through, and by picking up items on the floor that could cause her to trip like newspapers, shoes, clothes, electrical or phone cords.

If she has throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them.

In the bathroom buy some non-skid rugs for the floors and a rubber suction-grip mat or adhesive non-skid tape for the

floor of the tub or shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support.

Also, make sure the lighting throughout the house is good, purchase some inexpensive plug-in nightlights for the bathrooms and hallways, and if she has stairs, put handrails on both sides.

For more tips, call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 and order a free copy of their "Preventing Falls at Home" brochure. Or, get an occupational therapist to come in and assess your mom's home for fall risks. Medicare will pay for this service if prescribed by a doctor.

Choose safe footwear: Your mom should be aware that going barefoot or wearing slippers or socks at home can also cause falls, as can wearing backless shoes, high heels, and shoes with smooth leather soles. The safest option are

rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes.

Purchase some helpful aids: If your mom needs some help, talk to her doctor or a physical therapist about getting her fit for a cane or walker.

Also, to help ensure your mom's safety, and provide you some peace of mind, get her a medical alert device like Bay Alarm Medical (BayAlarmMedical.com), one of the most reliable and affordable devices available today. For less than \$1 per day, this offers an emergency alert button – either in the form of a necklace pendent, wristband or wall-mounted buttons placed in high fall risk areas like the bathroom and kitchen – so she could call for help anytime if she were to fall or need assistance.

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, September 5, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

After any catastrophe it is difficult to find a positive light on the situation, much less try and use the situation to build off of. Late in the evening of August 11th, 2004, a fire was started in the Krell Family's- Rodney, Michelle, Justin and Jenna-dairy barn by a clothes dryer located in the parlor of the barn. The community pitched in with many hours and hands of help, and the Krell story truly shows Blooming Prairie what the town is truly able to do when one of their own falls upon hard times.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, September 3, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

The weather in Southern Minnesota is just what the doctor- or should we say farmers- ordered as the warm weather and timely rains have allowed area crops to catch up to late spring planting, due to cool wet conditions. But unless September is frost-free and warmer than usual, yields in the area will most likely be lower than last year.

Traveling 4 ½ miles-per-

hour in 80-degree and plus weather isn't many people's idea of entertainment nowadays, but if you're traveling amongst wagon trains, it's a pretty good clip in nice conditions. Imagine over 140 years ago as wagon trains traveled from Dubuque, Iowa traveled through this area to St. Peter, which was vying to be the state capitol of Minnesota at that time. That's what 27 people did this past weekend, tracing the trail to the Traverse De Sioux Encampment in St. Peter, which will take place September 6-8. This year's trip left from Albert Lea, but the start location varies. In previous wagon trails, it's started from Shakopee, Northfield, Dubuque, and Fort Ridgely.

The Blooming Prairie Jaycees are pleased to give the Blooming Prairie Ambulance Assn. \$1170.00 to use for Thomas Packs. "We have a lot of newly certified EMTs who are now using duffel bags for their emergency equipment." Spoke Rick Hansen, ambulance member. "The Thomas Packs are all identical, so personnel won't have to guess and search for emergency equipment."

50 Years Ago
Thursday, September 1, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Perry and Steve Tilleras, of Blooming Prairie, captured the Minnesota State Fair championship with their pen of market lambs in judging Monday afternoon of this week. This was the first time the youths have exhibited in the open class sheep division at the State Fair.

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department was called out as 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, to extinguish a grass fire on a vacant lot on North Center Street. The blaze was quickly controlled with no threat to nearby buildings.

Six senior girl scouts from Blooming Prairie participated in a three-day encampment at Wabasha last week. They reported an enjoyable time even through the brisk weather hampered activities at the outing. Attending the encampment were Cheryl Farrow, Candy Cashman, Kathleen Leek, Sally Walsh, Pam Carlsen and Colleen Jones.

Frank Krejci, Publisher

Night football may be just around the corner, if present plans of school and village officials develop it was announced this week. Coach Ralph Summers presented a plan to the village council Tuesday night, in which he pleaded for cooperation in financing and erecting a modern lighting system for Victory Field, suitable for both football and baseball games.

Eggnogs and omelets were a dime a dozen here Tuesday, but customers were few! The cracked egg market was also momentarily glutted when a freight engineer, switching cars in the railroad yard here was a little too liberal with the steam, and a little too stingy with the brakes. His engine whammed into a car of eggs partially loaded. When the shouting died down, employees of the egg pool here, in charge of the loading, sorrowfully found about 60 cases of eggs much worse for the jolt. The cases were sorted and repacked. At least 100 dozen eggs were found scrambled, much to the discomfort of the engineer.

Robert Bell, Austin youth, was hurrying to his hometown

of Longville to begin his vacation Saturday. But highway patrolman Eckhart thought Bell was in too much of a hurry when he sped around the patrol car at 85 miles per hour. Bell

subsequently left a portion of his vacation expense money with Justice W.E. Carman, after pleading guilty to speeding. His fine was \$5.00 plus costs of \$3.50.



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F&M State Bank proudly donates \$25,000 to BP Veterans Memorial

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Addressing an enthused group of veterans supporters, James Fiebiger, president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie said the bank was proud to donate a significant amount to build a Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial.

“We’re proud to do it,” Fiebiger said as he stood in front of a gigantic check that spelled out a donation of \$25,000. “They have a nest egg now,” he remarked. A special presentation was held in front of the bank on Friday, Aug. 26.

The drive for a memorial started in May of 2014.

“This generous contribution not only shows the bank’s commitment to making the Memorial a reality, but it is a strong statement about the bank’s commitment to the Blooming Prairie community,” said Tom Peterson, chairman of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee.

The bank contribution, Fiebiger said, pays tribute to

the military service of former bank president Ed Habberstad. He was a decorated World War II veteran, a pilot. Habberstad, a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force was highly decorated and many of his medals are displayed at the bank.

“We wanted to be involved in the beginning because our roots are with the Blooming Prairie community and that’s where we will always be,” Fiebiger said.

Fiebiger thanked those men and women who have served or will serve in the armed forces of the United States. “Some have made the ultimate sacrifice,” he said. He concluded his remarks, saying “God Bless America.”

Memorial contributions to date total \$62,500, including the Farmers & Merchants State Bank donation of \$25,000 which represents 25 percent of the goal.

More than 85 pavers have already been sold at \$350 each. If interested in a wall paver, contact Tom Peterson, 6731 158th St. SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917. Call him at 507-456-2017. Wall

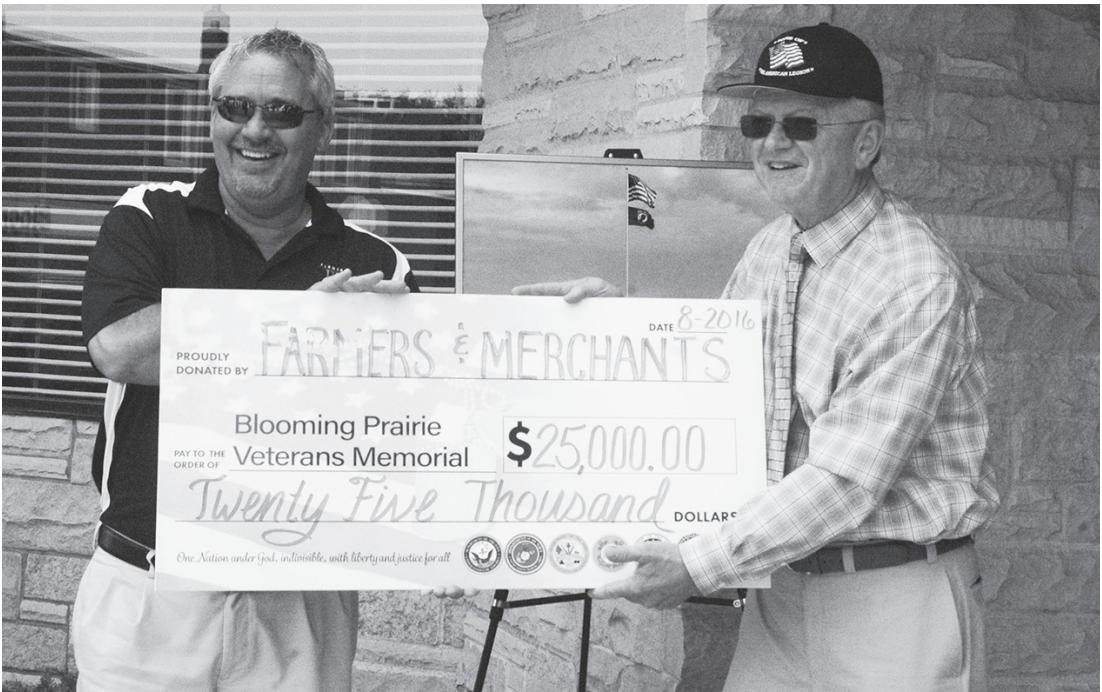
paver forms are available at the Servicemen’s Club. The memorial will have room for 720 wall pavers.

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Committee consists of Tom Walters, Ken Vermilyea, Marilyn Meshke, Sandy Jones, Doug Miner, Fred Vokoun and Tom Peterson. Directors of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Corporation are: Kurtis Blome, Keith Holman, Jaclyn Schlichter, Doug Miner and Tom Peterson.

All five local service organizations are represented on the memorial committees. They include American Legion Post 52 and Auxiliary, VFW Post 878 and Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

The memorial will be located to the east of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. Peterson said the Servicemen’s Club has given property to the BP Veterans Memorial Corporation.

The memorial will be simple but majestic in its simplicity, says Memorial chairman Peterson.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial project was given another boost last week with the donation of \$25,000 by Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Making the presentation was bank president James Fiebiger, left, to Tom Peterson, chair of the memorial committee of seven.

Ground breaking for the memorial will hopefully be scheduled for the near future, Peterson said. He explained that the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee

will make a determination to start construction when they believe enough money has been raised to sizably fund the project.

A special veterans memorial

fundraiser pancake breakfast is planned from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Servicemen’s Club on Sunday, Sept. 25. Cost will be \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

Foundation announces grants deadline



The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 59th year of serving the Owatonna community, is pleased to announce its next grant application deadline on September 1, 2016.

The Owatonna Foundation was established in 1957 with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents. Since then, the Owatonna Foundation has committed more than \$11.7 million dollars in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students. Owatonna-based nonprofit organizations

that are working on capital type projects in the areas of community, arts, education, and recreation may apply.

“The mission of the Owatonna Foundation is to improve the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation, and education. We are thrilled to offer grant opportunities to the community again this fall,” said Foundation Executive Coordinator, Laura Resler.

Recently, the Owatonna Foundation has awarded grants to many community projects including the Little Theatre of Owatonna for sound enhancement, the Owatonna Business Incubator for key fob access, St. Mary’s School for fire rated doors and walls, the Steele County Historical Society for

Village of Yesteryear repairs, the dugout remodel at the Fairgrounds Park ball diamonds, defibrillators for the Owatonna Dive Club, a kitchen remodel for Wee Pals Childcare Center, and new playground equipment at Lincoln School. Other funds went to recreation projects such as the scoreboard at Darts Park as well as other arts & culture projects, to include the Arts Center’s new-handicapped accessible entrance.

Complete grant guidelines and applications can be found at the Owatonna Foundation website at www.owatonnafoundation.org or by visiting the Owatonna Foundation office at 108 West Park Square in Owatonna. For more information call Laura Resler, Executive Coordinator, at 507-455-2995 or email at info@owatonnafoundation.org.

Workshop for landlords

The Four Corners Partnership is hosting a free workshop for area landlords. This event will be held in Faribault on September 8, 2016 from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm at the Rice County Government Services Building. The workshop will include presentations by the director of the Live Smoke Free program and an attorney from the Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

“This workshop is for property managers and owners who are considering a smoke-free policy for their rental property. It is also for those who already have a smoke-free policy, but

still have questions,” said Jane Nyquist, Health Educator for Steele County Public Health. “This will be a great opportunity for area landlords to learn about the benefits of smoke-free policies and get their questions answered by the experts.”

The workshop will be presented in a “Lunch and Learn” format. There is no cost for the workshop or for lunch. The workshop is open to anyone who has an interest in smoke-free housing policies, but property managers and owners of multi-unit buildings are especially encouraged to attend. Registration is required. To register, contact

Jane Nyquist at Steele County Public Health (507) 444-7661.

Smoke-free policies are good for business and good for health. It can cost landlords thousands of dollars to clean up and repair the damage from smoking in an apartment or townhome. The same tobacco smoke that causes damage to property also puts the health of residents and staff at risk. The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Smoke-free policies are the only effective way to protect everyone from secondhand smoke.

Treat storms with respect

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**HOWARD
LESTRUD**

We are definitely not out of the storm season. Late last Thursday, we had a reminder of that fact with a severe thunderstorm ravaging the area.

Fortunately, there were no personal injuries reported by anyone in the Blooming Prairie area. Some property was damaged, however, but that can be repaired in most cases.

I was totally amazed and gratified to see the Blooming Prairie community again rise to the occasion by being neighborly and helping one another. Citizens were observed, not only picking loose branches on their own property, but picking up stray branches on their neighbors’ properties. Blooming Prairie city crews were also out and about early the next morning and with the proper equipment, they ground up many branches that were put curbside. This service by the city crews is exceptional and very much appreciated. When told thank you, one of the crew members responded with a “thumbs up.”

The city is also to be commended for having a spot to deposit leaves and stray branches. The leaf dump was

busier than ever last Friday with citizens bringing their loads of storm debris to the dump.

Storms are not new to many of us. I recall as a young lad growing up on a small dairy farm, two miles west of Corning, and being alerted to some serious weather. I recall two people being killed in a tornado that struck Hollandale in the early 1960s.

It seems that Hollandale often has been in the path of either a tornado or strong winds. This vegetable growing mecca was the target of another possibly mini tornado.

I also recall vividly being an Army National Guard member activated for duty due to a severe tornado that struck Albert Lea on April 30, 1967 and killed five persons. Four other tornadoes were reported on that fateful day in northern Iowa, stretching north including Albert Lea and ending in Waseca.

It is comforting that many of us have smart phones that we can check to see if we are in a thunderstorm warning as we were last week.

The National Weather Service defines a severe thunderstorm watch as being issued when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms, people located in and around the watch area should keep an eye to the sky and listen to their NOAA weather radio all hazards or tune to local broadcast media for further weather information. The watch is intended to give you time to prepare, time to review safety rules.

The National Weather Service says severe thunderstorm warning is issued when a severe thunderstorm has been detected by national weather service doppler radar or a reliable report has been received. A warning is

usually issued for portions of one or two counties, for an hour or less. If the warning includes your neighborhood or work place, you should take immediate action to protect your life and the lives of others. Severe thunderstorms can produce large hail and damaging winds. Tornadoes can and occasionally do accompany severe thunderstorms. Treat this warning the same as you would a tornado warning by taking the proper safety precautions.

Every homeowner and business owner should have a safety plan to prepare when severe weather threatens. Five key steps are emphasized by the National Weather Service. Put these bits of safety advice on the refrigerator:

- The best defense against thunderstorms is to stay inside a sturdy building or shelter that can protect you from deadly lightning, large hail, damaging winds, flooding rain and tornadoes. Fortunately, thunderstorms typically do not last very long and will most often pass by your location in less than one hour.
- Once in a shelter, stay away from windows and avoid electrical equipment and plumbing. Remember to bring pets inside. If there is time, secure loose objects outside as these objects often become dangerous flying debris in high winds.
- Postpone outdoor activities until the storms have passed.
- If caught outside, take shelter in a sturdy enclosed building or hard top automobile immediately. Avoid open spaces, isolated objects, high ground and metallic objects.
- Get out of boats and away from bodies of water. Remember, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.



Minn. ignition interlock Law

BY **MARK DELAP**
Managing Editor

Minnesota Ignition Interlock Law
First Alcohol Offense (Revoked Status)
First alcohol offense with an alcohol concentration level under 0.16 results in 90 days loss of driving privileges. If you are under the age of 21, the amount of days increases to 180.

Available options:

Option 1 An ignition interlock restricted license with full Class D driving privileges
Option 2 After a 15 day waiting period of no driving, a limited license will be issued allowing a person to drive to/from work, school, treatment, abstinence-based support group meetings, court and probation meetings – up to 60 hours and six days per week
Option 3 No driving for the 90-day period
First alcohol offense with an alcohol concentration level of 0.16 or greater results in a one (1) year loss of driving privileges.

Available options:

Option 1 An ignition interlock restricted license with full Class D driving privileges.
Option 2 No driving for the one-year period
First alcohol offense with a refusal to take a test to determine alcohol concentration level results in

a one (1) year loss of driving privileges.

Available options:

Option 1 An ignition interlock restricted license with full Class D driving privileges
Option 2 After a 15 day waiting period of no driving, a limited license will be issued allowing a person to drive to/from work, school, treatment, abstinence-based support group meetings, court and probation meetings – up to 60 hours and six days per week
Option 3 No driving for the one-year period
Second Alcohol Offense in 10 Years or Third Alcohol Offense on Record (Revoked Status)
Second offense in 10 years or third offense on record (revoked status) with an alcohol concentration level under 0.16 results in a one (1) year loss of driving privileges.

Available options:

Option 1 An ignition interlock restricted license with full Class D driving privileges
Option 2 No driving for the one-year period
Second offense in 10 years or third offense on record (revoked status) with an alcohol concentration level of 0.16 and over or refusing to take a test results in a two (2) year loss of driving privileges.

Available options:

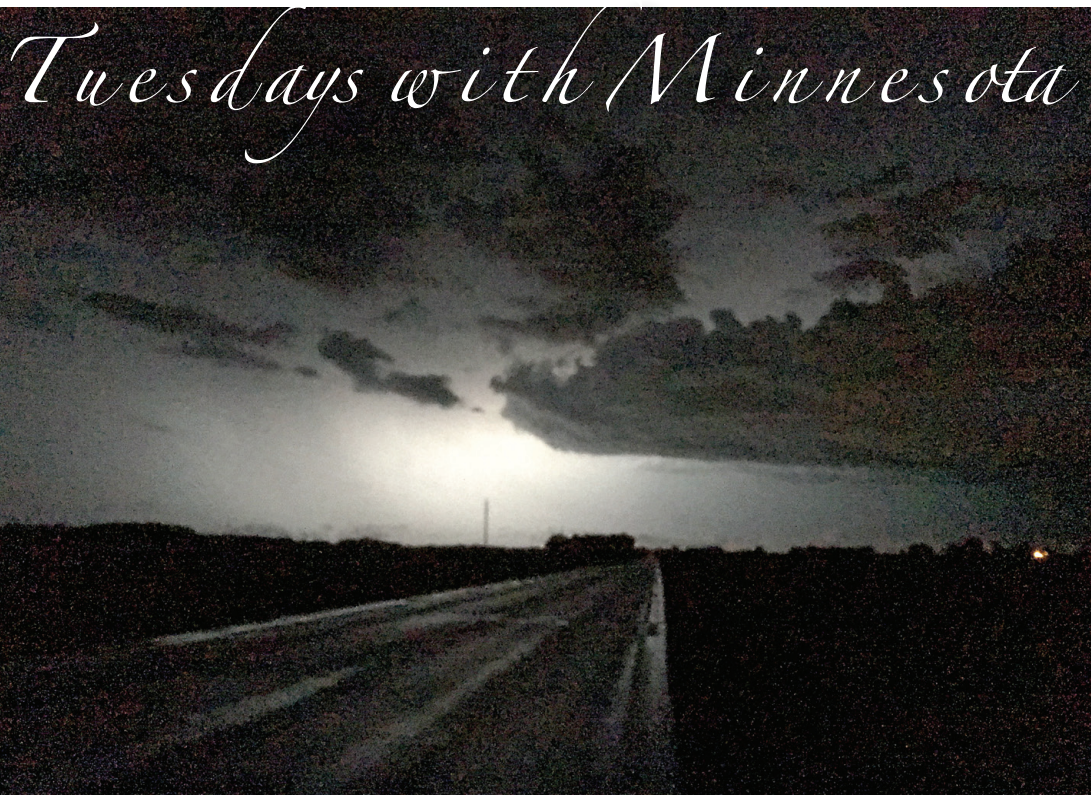
Option 1

An ignition interlock restricted license with full Class D driving privileges
Option 2 No driving for the two-year period

Canceled and Denied as Inimical to Public Safety
Third offense within 10 years or fourth offense on record results in three (3) years minimum loss of driving privileges.
Fourth offense within 10 years results in four (4) years minimum loss of driving privileges.
Fifth or subsequent offense results in six (6) years minimum loss of driving privileges.

Reinstatement Requirements:

- Mandatory ignition interlock installed for the entire revocation period
- Limited license for the first year of ignition interlock or until treatment is completed, whichever is longer
- Restricted license issued after one year of a limited license and completion of treatment have been met allowing full Class D driving privileges restricted to driving a vehicle with an ignition interlock device installed
- Any failed tests will require the person to start the process over with a limited license, complete another chemical health assessment and comply with the requirements of the assessment



Staff photo by Tawni Hammer

Tuesday night was heavy with humidity and the rain clouds brought us another noisy shower. This gentle rumble wasn't destructive - it simply provided another drink for the earth and some night music. It was 73° and the shot was taken on Co Rd 251 east of Clarks Grove.

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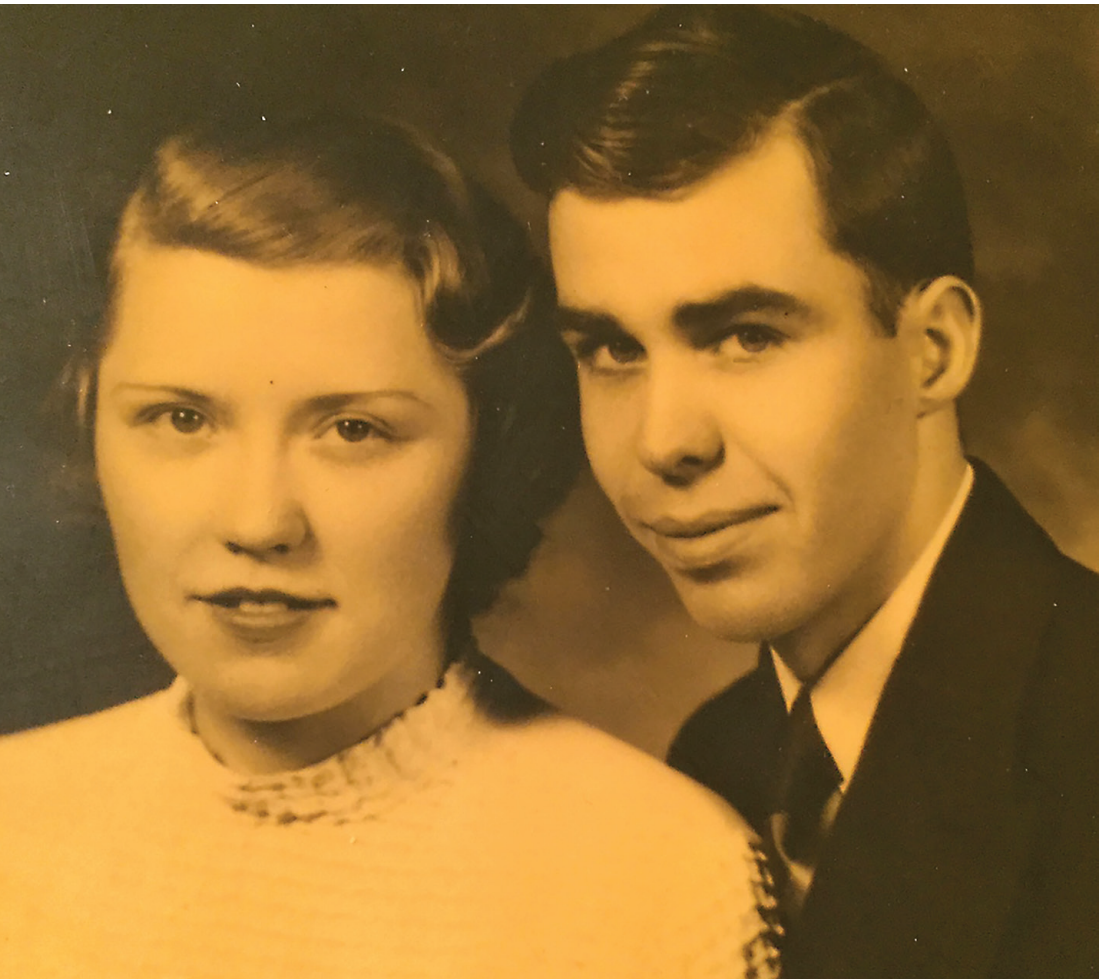


Photo Submitted by Dr. Dennis Knutson
Dr. Dennis Knutson's parents, Irvine and Ruth Knutson, who were married in 1935.

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

Everyone is always a little curious about their past. It's why we ask our parents and grandparents to tell us stories about how they met. Stories about how things were 'in their day'.

But this story started when I walked into the Steele County Times office, and found Dr. Dennis Knutson sitting at the table in the main office. Spread out in front of him, on the table, was one of our archive books. This is how my interest in his story was piqued, and Dr. Knutson was kind enough to tell me the tale.

He was on a quest, a quest to validate his parents' love story, and to research a piece of his own family history. It had led him straight from his home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to our very own office here in Blooming Prairie.

"It all began during my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We were all sitting there, and we asked, 'Tell us how you met!' They both looked at each other, and said, 'Well, we met at a funeral.'" Knutson remembers. This raised his interest,

and he began to search for information.

"I started in the New Richland area with my search." He said. Both of his parents passed away, Dad in 2000, and Mom in 1996, so he couldn't just ask them for information. "My mom was valedictorian of the New Richland high school in 1932, and was attending St. Olaf college."

This took him to our office, where he began to look through the archive books. He started with the yearbook for 1934, and then realized that he had added the years wrong. In the 1933 archive book, he found a front page story for a Dean Kaatrud Olson, who had died in a radical motor vehicle accident. "He died from complications of the accident, pneumonia and meningitis. Kaatrud was Dean's mother's maiden name. The obituary named those attending, including my father and his sister from Wisconsin, so I knew this was the funeral since my mother from New Richland had also attended."

The archive book had listed the funeral site as First Lutheran church, and there he was able to find Dean Olson's confirmation dates,

and the record of his funeral. But the building didn't list the burial site of Mr. Olson. "I continued on to the Steele County Historical Society, web site with records for the layout of the Blooming Prairie Cemetery."

There, in row 6, gravesite 13, he found the place where his parents had met for the first time. "It [the grave] now had five little footstones around it. Two were for Mr. Olson's parents, two for his grandparents, and one for himself."

Dr. Knutson's parents, Irvine and Ruth Knutson, married in 1935. They both attended St. Olaf college for one more year. They then both left in part, because it was the middle of the Great Depression. Their lives continued on smoothly from there, and they were happily married for 61 years.

Knutson, who owns a home on St. Olaf Lake, is still continuing to search out details. He is very happy with how things have progressed so far. We hope that Dr. Knutson will succeed in finding out as much as he can, and we wish him all the best.

Soaring to grand champion heights

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

College life is the latest chapter in the life of 2016 Blooming Prairie High School graduate Kalyn Naatz.

Kalyn, 18 and soon to be 19, is now a full-time student at South Dakota State University at Brookings, SD. She is majoring in animal science and hopes to work with livestock upon graduation.

Several other chapters of her young life have dealt with her involvement since kindergarten in 4-H work.

Through hard work and dedication to her 4-H projects, Kalyn said she has been given a lot of lifelong memories and friendships. "I wouldn't be me without 4-H," she confesses.

She most recently competed at the Minnesota State Fair and won Grand Champion

honors in the Poultry Show with her flying pigeon. Kalyn is a member of the Merry Lane 4-H Club.

Kalyn could have been entered in many other 4-H categories at the State Fair but she opted out of her pig trip and market chickens trip to give other Steele County 4-Hers the opportunity to earn a State Fair trip with their 4-H projects.

Proudly displaying her Grand Champion plaque and ribbon for her pigeon entry, Kalyn said she was happy to see others enjoy a trip to the State Fair.

Kalyn had a very successful Steele County Fair which ended just three days before the Minnesota State Fair began. She earned seven Grand Champion and five Reserve Champion awards.

Her 4-H projects

included poultry, pigs, beef showmanship (champion), potatoes, photography, arts and crafts and sheep.

Following the Steele County Fair which ended in Owatonna on Sunday, Kalyn traveled with her family to SDSU to finish registering for college and to settle into her living quarters. That work accomplished, she returned to Minnesota and made her trip to the State Fair in St. Paul.

"It was kind of crazy and stressful, but still a lot of fun," Kalyn said. She said she is thankful for the support shown by her older sister Kelli and by her parents Doug and Holli Naatz.

Kalyn has also been busy this summer making appearances in Steele County as a Steele County Dairy Princess.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Merry Lane 4-H Club member Kalyn Naatz of Blooming Prairie won Grand Champion honors on the first day of the Minnesota State Fair with her flying pigeon entry. She proudly displays her Grand Champion plaque and ribbon in front of her Saddle Homer pigeon.

Combatting childhood obesity

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September is National Childhood Obesity month. Today, more than 23 million children and adolescents in the United States, nearly one in three young people, are overweight or obese. With the obesity epidemic comes an increased risk of a variety of chronic health problems, impacting young peoples' lives and straining the healthcare system. Research has shown

that youth have the greatest benefit when a multipronged approach is used in the areas of healthy eating and physical activity initiatives.

The Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) works to improve health through better nutrition, increased physical activity and decreased commercial tobacco use and exposure. Steele County Public Health has been the recipient of this grant from the Minnesota Department of Health for over 4 years.

The number of overweight children has increased at an alarming rate. Between 1980 and 2007-08, overweight has tripled in youth 6-11 years of age and more than tripled among youth 12-19 years of age. In 2010, 12 percent of 9th grade males and 6 percent of 9th grade females were obese. Obesity and its

related conditions can have devastating effects on a child's physical, mental, emotional, and academic health.

Health issues often continue into adulthood. Implementing effective, evidence-based prevention programs, changing behavioral habits, changing the built environment and getting a better understanding of treatment options are important to controlling the obesity epidemic.

The national physical activity guidelines call for youth to get 60 minutes of physical activity per day. However, in Minnesota approximately 50 percent of 6th, 9th, and 12th grade students reported not being physically active for even 30 minutes on at least five of the last seven days. This is partly due to TV and other "screen time". It is recommended that

youth be limited to less than 2 hours of TV or screen time per day.

Healthy eating is largely predicated on the ability or inability to access healthier food choices. Healthy eating is defined as increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables while reducing consumption of saturated fats, sodium and added sugars. These dietary behavior changes together have the greatest impact toward improving the risk factors most related to the leading causes of death and disability (obesity, hypertension and high cholesterol). By improving these risk factors, we can prevent, delay or reduce the onset or severity of heart disease/stroke, diabetes, cancer, depression and dementia. The availability of healthier food options,

coupled with the knowledge needed to make an informed choice, will help Minnesotans make food choices that are more consistent with the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. This strategy is designed to make the healthy choice the easy choice, especially for those who have the greatest barriers to accessing healthy, safe food.

Another factor to consider is having regular physical checkups. Be sure your child sees the doctor for well-child checkups at least once a year. During this visit, the doctor measures your child's height and weight and calculates his or her BMI. An increase in your child's BMI or in his or her percentile rank over one year is a possible sign that your child is at risk of becoming overweight.

Jane Nyquist is a health

educator with Steele County Public Health. For more information about SHIP go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/ship> or contact public health at 507-444-7661.

Labor Day Notice:

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-Rick Wooden

Blooming Prairie Back to school

Pony Tales' final ride



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

One of the young boys, Logan, 6, mounts up for his ride on Patience. All of the children were required to wear a helmet for their ride, where they were guided by handlers.

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Last Wednesday The Blooming Prairie Branch Library hosted its sixth and final Pony Tales of the summer.

Over the past few months the library has invited Stephanie Bruggeman to do a reading program centered on horses. This is the program's third year. Bruggeman is a local ranch and horse refuge owner, who comes in to read the children stories about horses and do horse-themed arts and crafts. Bruggeman said the goal is to give children positive experience with horses.

Bruggeman's daughter, Allison, 8, inspired the idea and with what Allison calls her "pony crazed love". Allison and her friends at school are all avid horse lovers, and the program is a way for them to share their love with other children.

A typical week's Pony Tales starts with reading different books with horses as major characters and Bruggeman teaching the children different fun facts about them. After that,

it's time for arts and crafts. This week that was making window silhouettes in the shape of horses. The big finale for the session and the summer, however, was when Bruggeman took the children outside to ride the two horses she had brought from her ranch.

The children, guided by Bruggeman and her assistant, rode the horse around the library parking lot. The horses, Indy and Patience, are from Bruggeman's horse refuge.

The refuge, a non-profit she started two years ago, is for last

chance horses. It takes them in so they won't be killed and hopes to re-house them at different ranches. Those the refuge can't find homes for it keeps.

The children were delighted to meet Indy and Patience, who resembled the horses they'd been reading about. Several kids even asked if they could have a second turn riding. When asked what motivated her to continue doing Pony Tales every summer, Bruggeman responded, "anything that gets kids excited about reading."

Worke welcomes back Blossoms



Dear Parents and Students,

It is that time of year to be thinking about coming back to school. I know some of you are probably really excited to return and others are probably less than excited. The Steele County Fair, the beginning of the fall sports season, and musical tryouts are the triggers that tell me it won't be long now. I hope all of us are rejuvenated and ready to return with enthusiasm, excitement, energy, and effort. If we can bring these attributes to school every day, there is no doubt we will have a successful school year. By learning to prioritize our time, balance all of the activities in our lives, and follow through with those activities, we will be on the right track for a great year!

I am beginning my second year as a full time principal. The first year was awesome! It will take some doing to top last year,

but my expectations are to make each year better than the year before. Our staff is contracted to start on Monday, August 29th. We have 4 days of workshop scheduled which will allow our staff the opportunity to be ready for the students on September 6th. During the workshop we will have a 7th grade and new student orientation on Wednesday, August 30th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. This is a time for the 7th graders, the new students, and their parents to relieve some of that anxiety we get when we come to the "big school". At this time of year there are a lot of administrative things to take care of – forms, fees, schedules, etc. If you have any questions, all of the information can be found on our school website at www.blossoms.k12.mn.us. You can also call the high school office at 507-583-4426.

I am looking forward to another successful school year at BPHS. I can't wait to get started. Be Proud To Be An Awesome Blossom – Prairie Pride!

Sincerely,
John Worke
High School Principal
Facilities Director
Blooming Prairie High

AAUW awards four scholarships to BP seniors



Alyssa Krohnberg



Abby Wayne

The Blooming Prairie Branch of AAUW awarded scholarships to four Blooming Prairie High School graduating seniors this year: Alyssa Krohnberg, Kalyn Naatz, Sally Peterson, and Abby Wayne. Each graduate received \$600 to apply to college expense.

Alyssa Krohnberg will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Lacrosse this fall and will focus on a Psychology major. Her parents are Randy and Michelle Krohnberg.

Kalyn Naatz, daughter of Douglas and Hollis Naatz, plans to study Pre-Vet and Animal Science at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Sally Peterson will attend

The University of Minnesota to prepare for a career in Pharmacy. She is the daughter of Daryl and RaeAnn Peterson.

Abby Wayne, daughter of Paul and Jennifer Wayne, will be enrolled at Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Pre-med emphasis.

The local organization raises funds for scholarships for graduating seniors at the annual Village Affair, which is held the last Saturday in October. Village Affair 2016 will be held on October 29.

The organization's mission states that AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



Kalyn Naatz



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EllendaleBack to school

Principal welcomes back students

It is that time of year again where schedules are created, supplies were ordered and delivered, custodians finished up summer cleaning and other tasks that needed to be completed prior to the start of the school year. We are coming off a wonderful school year with much to celebrate throughout the year. The following list is a snapshot of some accomplishments, (this is not a conclusive list): Wyatt Fitterer 2nd in state for wrestling, band winning the Waseca Marching Classic, Clay Target Team finished 4th in the state. Additionally, Collin Christenson and Kyle Bartz (Waseca High) were 10th and 14th individuals in the Individual Tournament, Ben Witikko placed seventh nationally with investment essay, Girl's Basketball placing 2nd in sectionals and choir earning an excellent rating at contest. We are

also very proud of all our scholarship and award winners in academics and athletics. Also, some other noteworthy accomplishments were adding a relationship and satellite office where Fernbrooke provides mental health services, the implementation of ChromeBooks as part of our one-to-one initiative, 5th Grade Transition Day, District Veterans Day program, and Panther Pride Reward Celebrations to mention a few. I want to personally thank the staff for their commitment to continual school improvement. Additionally, I would like to thank the students, parents and community for being so supportive of our wonderful school. There is much to look back on last year and be proud of as a community. Last year's success can only catapult us into this year. During the 2016-2017 school year our school will

continue to evolve and strive to be better. We cannot be complacent, but must set our goals higher. To initiate communication between home and school, we are planning an Open House on August 31 from 4-8. Families are encouraged to come and meet the teachers, obtain schedules, turn in and complete any paperwork and attend some general information sessions. We are excited to have this opportunity and cannot wait to meet everyone! Also, during the Open House, from 6:30 to 8:00 will be our 6th Grade Orientation. We are so excited for our new 6th grade students to join our Secondary School! We understand there may be a sense of nervousness coming to a new building and want to make sure through the orientation that students and parents are ready for the transition. We will have a very busy

year as we move forward in implementing our strategic plan and achieving goals from our World's Bes Work Force. Three areas in particular that we have started to develop action plans for are under the following categories of College and Career Ready", "All Students Graduate" and "Closing the Achievement Gap". This year we will have some leveling of Language Arts classes; Leveling, simply put, is placing students into skills based sections where curriculum is tailored to student needs. Our staff has been working hard in making plans that will guide our success through this process. In the end, we want all students to show growth academically and achieve at high levels. In focusing on "All Students Graduate", we will be closely investigating the development of an Alternative Learning Program.

The potential for an alternative learning program would serve students that struggle in our traditional system for various reasons. Lastly, we will be implementing the use of Star Testing for grades 6-12. Student data gleaned from the tests will assist us in showing student growth and drive our instruction. As a school, we need to find ways to better serve all students. As a school and community please welcome to following staffmembers: Carrie Petsinger (School Nurse), Theresa Buendorf (Social Studies), Claire Dembsky (M.S. Science), Renee Moravec (Speech), and Jordan Paula (Business Ed.), Susan Abbot (Paraprofessional), Miriam Hanna (Paraprofessional), Kristina Maas (Paraprofessional), Kara Kahle (Paraprofessional), Grace Nelson (Paraprofessional). We are very fortunate for

adding such a great pool of new staff members that are of such high caliber. Now, the floors are shining, rooms put back together, new curriculum has been delivered and ready, athletes practicing and the wonderful sounds of crowds will soon fill our great school again for another year! Our district will continue to live out our vision and mission: Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed. To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities. Panther Pride: Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe Here is to another great year! — Principal David Bunn N.R.H.E.G. Secondary School Principal

City Council debates bar and budget

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Thursday August 25, the Ellendale City Council convened to discuss setting the budget for 2017 and the upcoming election. Five members were present. Only one new piece of business was brought forward. Resident Russ Goette, candidate for mayor, came forward to ask to use the community center building to host a concert and dinner. He's hoping to fundraise money to buy a 16" tall portable

stage for the center. He asked to reserve the building for Saturday, Sept. 17, from 5-9pm. The council approved the request and added it to the calendar. Stephanie Kibler gave an update on the Municipal Liquor Store. She moved to approve Tammy Hallum as the manager for Municipal Liquor, and the council voted unanimously to approve. Hallum has several ideas for the establishment; she wants to encourage people to host holiday parties at the bar and start doing fish fries. She also

hopes to add evening hours on Mondays from 3-10pm for Monday night football and open for a few hours on Sunday as well. The bar has hired two new bartenders, Christine and Missy, and a new cook, Gwen. Kibler also proposed Hallum's idea to the council of holding a contest to rename the Municipal to something that better reflects its role as a restaurant. Kibler thought it would be a good way of getting the community involved. The council moved to table the discussion for a later time.

The council is gearing up to set the budget for 2017. Mayor Skroch purposed that the council would need to increase its budget by 5% or \$18,000 to accommodate an increase in costs. Kibler said the council should hold off on making any budget judgments until they had more information. She requested the 2016 budget numbers versus the actual numbers to date, as well as the 2015 budget versus the actual numbers to date, so the council could better predict how money is actually spent.

The council agreed they need more numbers before the budget for 2017 is established. The council reviewed the list of candidates since the deadline to file has passed. There are two candidates for mayor and three for the two open council positions. The council also continued to discuss the concerns expressed at the last meeting that there was no clear communication for who was allowed to turn off a resident's water. They agreed that a procedure needed to be put in place to clarify who had

that authority. As part of the maintenance report, there had been concern previously expressed about the weight of garbage trucks leading to heavy wear and tear on the roads. The manager of the company that runs the garbage trucks was willing to alter the trucks' route so they would come to Ellendale first on Mondays instead of last, so the trucks would be lighter when they were on city roads. The council approved the idea.

City of Ellendale makes parks tobacco free

In July, the Ellendale City Council voted in favor of the health of the children of Ellendale by making our city parks tobacco free. Effective immediately, no person will be allowed to use any form of tobacco under this new policy. Community members attended the initial council meeting in support of this policy. Ellendale City Council members adopted this policy because they believe that tobacco use in park areas is detrimental to the health of everyone using the park system and can be offensive to those using recreational facilities. They also feel the tobacco-free policy provides the opportunity to change community norms around tobacco use and will help to reduce youth tobacco use. "Our goal is to demonstrate to youth that tobacco use is not a part of a healthy lifestyle, and we believe that this policy can play a part in reducing youth tobacco use in our community, which will eventually save lives," said Stephanie Kibler, Ellendale City Council member.

10% of youth in Steele County use at least one form of tobacco. By adopting this policy, the community of Ellendale is helping reduce the rate of tobacco use in the community and is demonstrating their belief that tobacco use and secondhand smoke just don't belong in park areas where people go to improve their fitness and enjoy nature. 5,500 Minnesota adults die each year due to smoking, and \$2.06 billion in annual Minnesota healthcare costs are directly attributable to smoking. Council member Kibler supports the tobacco-free policy because it now complements the New Richland Hartland Ellendale Geneva school district tobacco-free grounds policy. The Ellendale policy will create a consistent tobacco-free policy among all recreational facilities in the community that will hopefully eliminate confusion. Steele County Public Health assisted the community of Ellendale in the policy development process and will be working with city

officials to communicate the new tobacco policy, including posting signage and distributing materials describing the policy and other tobacco prevention resources to all youth leaders, coaches, and parents. Enforcement of the policy will come via the signs and community awareness measures.

The Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation (TFYR) program, a statewide tobacco prevention program, is providing Ellendale with metal tobacco-free signs free of charge. "We are pleased to add Ellendale to the growing list of Minnesota communities with tobacco-free park policies," said Brittany McFadden, Director of TFYR.



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- Thai river
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- British soldiers' post-WWII clothes
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- Electrical instrument
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- Not the hardest
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- Reflexes
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- Cut a rug
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- Feet per second
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Leaders attend NACo

Steele County Commissioners Mark D. Schultz and Nina Huntington, County Treasurer/Finance Director Cathy Piepho and Administrator Laura Elvebak joined more than 2,500 elected and appointed officials to participate in the 81st National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition, where attendees adopted positions on pressing federal policies affecting counties and worked collaboratively to identify innovative solutions to challenges facing American communities. The conference was held in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Calif. from July 22 through July 25.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government, and exercise

Commissioner Nina Huntington stated, "Being provided with an opportunity to go in-depth and discuss solutions to current challenges is a benefit to the residents of Steele County. The tools and resources obtained will allow Steele

County to confront local issues and help Steele County continue to be a leader in local government."

Several workshops and meetings addressed counties' role in public safety, public health and economic development. NACo President Sallie Clark, commissioner, El Paso County, Colo., made the Safe and Secure Counties Initiative a signature of her 2015-2016 term.

"NACo's annual conference provides a unique opportunity for counties to exchange best practices and formulate a federal policy agenda to advance our residents' priorities," said Clark. "NACo has made significant progress over the past year, and we're positioned to address the challenges ahead. Counties are on the front lines of keeping our communities healthy, safe and vibrant."

Counties invest about \$83 billion annually in community health and hospitals and almost \$93 billion in justice and public safety services. Acknowledging the recent spate of violence across the country, the conference began with a moment of silence with representatives of El Paso County, Colo.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; Orange County, Fla.; Berrien County, Mich.; Dallas County, Texas; Ramsey County, Minn.; and East Baton Rouge Parish, La.

on stage.

Later, in a powerful discussion of race and the seeming divide in American society at the opening session, author and athlete Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said, "In order to come together, we have to understand who our fellow citizens are."

Looking at the sweep of American history amid the current contentious election season, historian Jon Meacham made a similar point at the conference's close, saying that in order to transcend this moment, "We have to be able to listen to each other in a coherent and respectful way."

Additionally, Jack Dangermond, president of Esri, spoke about the promise of geographic information systems for county service delivery, and famed athlete and author Diana Nyad spoke on personal resilience.

There were more than three dozen educational workshops that explored topics including fighting the Zika virus, reducing the number of mentally ill in jails, active shooter preparation and the opioid epidemic.

"Attending and participating in organizations and conferences such as NACo allows Steele County to actively influence policies, legislation and funding to benefit the residents and reduce the taxpayer burden," said Commissioner Mark D. Schultz.

Huskies welcomed back to school

Welcome back OHS students! As we begin a new year at Owatonna High School, we are looking forward to an amazing school year. For the 2016-2017 school year, we have 11 new teaching staff and a new Assistant Principal that will be joining us.

There are a few other changes you may want to note. Continuing this year, all bags and outerwear is expected

to remain in your locker. To help support and enrich your academic achievement we have created and will implement Huskies Huddle. There is also a new banner in the Commons area to promote a focus on College and Careers.

Some important upcoming activities and events to be aware of: 8/31 – 9th grade and LINK Crew at OHS; 9/1 - Girls Soccer is Home at 7pm;

9/2 Football is home at 7pm; and 9/6 Boys Soccer is home at 7pm. We hope you will join us for these events and look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday, September 6th!

Thank you,

Hollie Jeska
Assistant Principal
Owatonna High School

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August 22-25 New Teacher Workshop

August 29-September 1 Teacher Work Days

September 1 Home/Child/School Day

September 5 Labor Day/School District Closed

September 6 First Day of School, Grades 1-12

October 6 ALC Conferences

October 10 OHS Conferences

October 13, 18 OHS Conferences

October 17-18 Grades K-6 Conferences

October 19 No School Grades K-6, Conferences

October 20-21 MEA/No School

November 4 End of First Quarter at OHS

November 7 No school, Teacher Work Day/Staff Dev.

November 23 No School K-12/PLC Staff Development Day

Nov. 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Break/District Closed

December 1 End of First Trimester

December 2 No School K-8/Teacher Work Day

December 5 OHS Conferences

December 8 ALC Conferences

Dec. 26-30 Winter Break/No School

Jan. 16 No School/MLK Day/Staff Development

January 20 End of Second Quarter at OHS

January 23 No School 9-12/Teacher Work Day

January 24, 26 Grades K-6 Conferences

January 27 No School Grades K-6, Conferences

February 2 OHS Conferences

February 20 OHS Conferences

February 23 ALC Conferences

March 3 End of Second Trimester

March 6 No School K-8/Teacher Work Day

March 23 End of Third Quarter

March 24 No School 9-12/Teacher Work Day

March 27-31 Spring Break/No School

April 14 School District Closed

April 20 OHS Conferences

May 1 ALC Conferences

May 4 ALC Conferences

May 29 Memorial Day/School District Closed

June 2 Last Student Day

June 4 Graduation

June 5 Teacher Work Day/Staff Development

June 6 Teacher Work Day

June 7 PLC Staff Development Day

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School Not in Session K-6

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As we come to the official end of summer, it is time to thank all those who helped with the Blooming Prairie Branch Library "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" summer reading program.

First, great thanks to the City of Blooming Prairie for financial support for the library as a whole. Having crowds of

kids in the City Center can be a challenge, so thanks to city staff for their patience. We are very fortunate to be able to use the City Council Community Room for most of our library programs. It is a perfect venue for large groups, and the kitchen area even allows us to make a few messes! I'm grateful for our staff members, Laura and Krysta, and their willingness to meet last minute challenges and to help with some of my crazy ideas.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library group. Their funding paid for the performers Mr. Billy, the Zooman, Bakken Science Museum, Mu Daiko Drummers, and Spins & Strings. They also participated in the library unit during the 4th of July parade. It was a fun group! In conjunction with the Friends, thanks to all who support the Friends group as members and the businesses

who donate to the group.

Through the SELCO Vetted Performers and the Library Legacy fund, we were able to enjoy performances by Jim Jayes and Greg Skillestad. Stephanie Bruggeman was wonderful again in offering Pony Tales, our special story and craft time for horse lovers. At our final session the kids (and the librarian) got to ride horses.

Thanks also to The Bakery for giving cookies to our readers, and to Dairy Queen for coupons for free ice cream cones. Special thanks to The Times and to Becky Noble for publicizing all of our library programs.

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Blooming Prairie Kicks off United Way

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

United Way Steele County hosted their annual Blooming Prairie fundraising kick-off last Thursday at the Pizza Cellar.

A sea of white shirts that read “Live United” flooded the Pizza Cellar’s back room, as members of the community turned out to celebrate the newest campaign to improve the lives of their community’s most vulnerable members.

United Way is an organization dedicated to improving education, income, and health in the areas it services. The Steele County branch of United Way has been serving the communities of Owatonna, Blooming Prairie, Ellendale and Medford since 1953. In the past year, they provided some form of aid to

over 11,900 people and are the main source of funding to many local agencies.

Kim Schaufenbuel, Director of United Way Steele County, opened the kick-off by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming out. The countywide kick-off for United Way was on the Sunday of the county fair, but this kick-off was specifically for the people of Blooming Prairie who have given such generous support to the organization.

Schaufenbuel spoke about the importance of United Way to the agencies they help fund. She explained that they took on the burden of fundraising, so agencies “have time to do the work that they do.”

It was also an opportunity to introduce this year’s corporate campaign leader, Gopher Sports, represented by Todd

Jennings. Gopher sports will be providing advocacy for United Way causes in addition to its final aid. That evening they had provided several prizes for a raffle that the organization was holding for the kick-off.

Tom Peterson, a local volunteer, was also honored that night with The Live United Award for his commitment to providing outstanding service to his community.

The fundraising efforts will be continuing for the next few months, and Schaufenbuel was quick to remind everyone that “all the money raised in Steele County stays in Steele County.” She expressed her hope that people would generously support United Way’s mission of “looking for individuals in the community who are in need.”



Staff photoby Emily Schoenbeck

A crowd of people gathered to help United Way celebrate the start of its fundraising in Blooming Prairie. Members of the community, heads of different agencies, and United Way board members were all present.

526 patrons attend BP Fire Department feed

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Nearly all of the 28 firefighters making up the Blooming Prairie Volunteer Fire Department assumed some type of chores at the 9th Annual BP Fire Department Brat and Corn Feed Saturday, Aug. 27.

Organizers reported that more than 500 hungry patrons, 526 to be exact, attended the feed to consume bratwurst, pork patties, hot dogs, beans and juicy sweet corn.

The event was initially planned to be held at the Firemen’s Park across from the Servicemen’s Club.

Early morning rains forced organizers to switch the event to the fire department building at 158 Highway Ave. S.

The location enabled the department to display much of its equipment, draped by a huge American flag. A bounce house was available for youngsters as was sidewalk chalk for the little artists.

Preparation for the event included a donation of 500 brats and 400 pork patties from Dean’s Smoke Shop and Geneva Meats. Gary Trom donated 1200 ears of corn.

Other businesses donating to the event included F & M State Bank, Pizza Cellar,

Cue Company, Skjeveland Enterprises, Metal Arts Precision Parts and Travelin’ Picnic Tables.

Profits from the brat and corn feed will be used to provide more equipment for the department and to furnish equipment for four new firefighters and to provide replacement equipment for other firefighters.

Organization of the fire department’s brat and corn feed was spearheaded by a committee including Bryce Schlichter, Dave Wradislavsky, Wade Johnson and Mike Trom.

Wradislavsky said the department is grateful for the community support and pleased to see some who said they had never visited the department’s home. He said thanks also go out to the firefighters’ spouses who helped with the event.

Blooming Prairie area resident Robert Rysavy said he was thankful for the department responding to a fire at his farm many years ago. “A shed burned but they saved my house and other buildings,” he said. His grandson, Matthew Madsen, is a BP firefighter.

Asked why he was a firefighter, Jake Lembke said it was a way for him to “just give something back to the community.”



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

The Hemann brothers enjoyed a visit to the Blooming Prairie Fire Department’s 9th Annual Brat & Corn Feed on Saturday, Aug. 27. Shown from left are Colton Hemann, 4; Alex Hemann, 7 and Wyatt Hemann, 3. All are of Austin. They are grandsons of Laura and Paul Dale of Blooming Prairie.

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Meteorology is his job, storm chasing is his hobby



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Since he was a young lad, Brad Nelson, meteorologist, has been attracted to storms and their reasons for evolving. Here, he stands in a field fronting a large storm system to the rear. He is a 1999 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School.

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It's his job and his hobby all rolled into one. Brad Nelson, a 1999 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School, is a degreed meteorologist by vocation and a storm chaser as a hobby. If there's bad weather on the horizon anywhere in the country, you can bet Nelson, a resident of Burnsville, is watching it develop. Nelson was following recent thunderstorm and tornado activity in southeastern

Minnesota including Steele, Dodge, Mower and Freeborn counties. The storm season should be diminishing as we enter fall. He has seen 77 tornadoes in his lifetime thus far, including several EF3 tornadoes, one occurring in El Reno, Oklahoma in 2013; four EF4 tornadoes (5-22-2010 Bowdle, SD), two in one day on June 17, 2010 in Wadena, M.N. and in Bennington, Kansas in 2013. Nelson also witnessed an EF5 tornado in Greensburg, Kansas. "It's my life and it's great

to have a job where it is your passion in life," says Nelson. His wife MaryLynn is also a storm chaser. Their son Gage, 4 1/2, is named after the location of a severe tornado several years ago in Gage, Oklahoma. The Nelsons also have a daughter, Dahlia, 2. Nelson is the son of Ron and Diane Nelson who reside on a small hobby farm just west of the Blooming Prairie Country Club. "I've been interested in weather since I was a kid, keeping weather records in weather journals and logs on my fair share of severe weather and winter storm events," explained Nelson. He says the extreme weather in the Blooming Prairie area drove him to wonder and to investigate further as to how thunderstorms and tornadoes develop. "Mom would drag me in from severe thunderstorms but I would hide from her if I could," Nelson laughs. He said he was always interested in how storms are formed and of these storms, which ones might produce a tornado. Nelson's early interest thus motivated him to learn how to forecast weather. Following high school, Nelson pursued meteorology and environmental studies degrees at St. Cloud State University. At St. Cloud State, Nelson gained a knowledge of the vast world of weather and learned how to storm chase. He is currently employed as a meteorologist with Schneider Electric, formerly DTN/Meteorlogix/Televest. Nelson is also part of the PGA Tour On-Site Meteorologist Team which produces weather forecasts and helps with weather evacuations for various golf tournaments around the country, including PGA of America and the Masters. Schneider Electric is a small part of a global company headquartered in Paris, France, and with offices all over the world. Nelson said the parent company is a leading supplier of energy management products and solutions. Much of Schneider Electric's data is used to produce forecasts for four main sectors: energy; Department of Transportation, state and local; aviation; sports and recreation and agriculture. Nelson's first real storm chase took place on June 24, 2003 after he had become friends with two women called the Twister Sisters, Peggy Willenberg and Melanie Metz. Nelson, his girl friend (now his wife) and the Twister Sisters witnessed 13 tornadoes in one day. Some were multiple tornadoes at the same time. "The Twister Sisters taught me now to storm chase in the right way, safely, respectfully and in a way not to break the law," Nelson explained. "We are not out there to see as much destruction as possible," he clarified. Nelson and MaryLynn continued to chase storms, and beginning in 2007 they put together chase logs and took the hobby seriously. On his website, Nelson comments: "Over the past several years, I have seen some incredible weather phenomenon, including everything from tornadoes, wall and shelf clouds, twisting barber pole storm updrafts, massive hail, lightning, flooding, intense straight line winds and thunderstorm features that I cannot even comprehend. My love of weather is not just limited to thunderstorms but I also enjoy winter and tropical

weather as well as long-range forecasting." Nelson said the first tornado he witnessed was in Blooming Prairie in 1998 when he was playing tennis on what started out as a clear day. "We watched a funnel cloud form but didn't see it touch down," he said. "I've always been very interested in severe storms and what they can do and wanted to figure out the why," he added. Since he and his wife began chasing storms, he has witnessed EF5 tornadoes with winds over 300 miles per hour as seen in Greensburg, Kansas. This twister "wiped out" 95 percent of the town, Nelson said. Nelson said storm chasers team together and form "like a community." He is affiliated with the American Meteorological Society and with Storm Track. Social media, of course, has proven to be helpful in tracking storms. A weather radio application can also be played on smart phones. "It lets you know what's going on," Nelson said. His computer tablet provides Nelson with access to radar, satellite information and computer model data. More and more drones are being used to track storms, Nelson said. Nelson said this summer has featured a lot of high wind events. Chasing storms can be dangerous, too. "You have to position yourself in a storm and must know how storm develops. Give yourself room if there is a tornado. Give yourself an out and don't get caught on a dead end road and don't be forced to drive into a storm." He said the only time he believed he was in "real danger" was when he was chasing a tornado that struck El Reno, Oklahoma on May 31, 2013. "It claimed eight lives and grew into the widest tornado in history, 2 1/2 miles wide." This tornado was traveling southeast and suddenly changed direction and went northeast, doubling its speed, Nelson said. "People were freaking out, breaking into homes for protection and crawling into culverts." Nelson said he has been caught in hail storms and has seen baseball size hail. "That size of hail can break your windshield," he says. He said if a vehicle is damaged by hail, he regards that as a trophy piece. By staying in contact with other chasers, Nelson said the benefit is providing the National Weather Service with weather awareness and more accurate forecasts. Nelson tracked the tornado of June 17, 2010 that struck the Hollandale area. He said he contacted many friends in the Hollandale area and warned them of impending danger. He also had contact with spotters Mike and Jeff Ingvalson of Blooming Prairie on this storm. Nelson said he has a framed photo by Roger Hill of the Hollandale tornado of 2010. Nelson says Hill holds the world record for most tornadoes witnessed by an individual, over 800. A huge Minnesota Vikings football fan, Nelson has season tickets and took son Gage to his first Vikings game, an exhibition contest against San Diego. When not chasing storms, Nelson dedicates time to going to the lakes and doing some fishing and hiking with family. Check out Nelson's website at www.eyeonthetwister.com/

BP elementary unfurls new year

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

While school doesn't officially start until September 6, Blooming Prairie Elementary is in the middle of busy preparations to welcome its students. Over the summer the school went under renovations to update its windows and heating and cooling system. The two wings of the school

date back to the 1960's and 1990's, respectively, and the renovations make for needed improvements. The renovations will be complete in time for the start of the school year in a week's time. To celebrate the first day of school, teachers plan to hang balloons and decorations celebrating students' return and starting the school year with a warm welcome. Before the school year

officially commences, August 31 will be the elementary school's Open House and unofficial Day One. Each child will join a 20-minute session with their parent to introduce them to their classroom and teacher and make sure the year gets off to a good start. There will be a daycare and an activity area where siblings can wait while their parents are in session with their child. The Open House is a chance for students and parents to drop off school supplies, deposit lunch money, and talk to the school nurse about any health or medication concerns. The new school year will have a focus on a newly implemented program, Positive Behavior Implementation Support (PBIS) or "Prairie Pride". The program is helping train teachers to teach and re-enforce expected behavior to students. The hope is to make the school an even safer and more welcoming environment

for everyone. The school will also be continuing the community ed program for grades one through four. Last year's theme was building simple machines, and a donation from Arkema this summer bought new equipment to improve the program. Students can expect more themed months this year, like last February's reading month. The school is also hoping to expand its traditions, such as the sixth grade farewell it did last May. The hope is to create new traditions that will bond the student body and create pride in the school. When asked about what he thought of the coming school year, Principal Chris Staloch replied, "Every school year is new and exciting. We look forward to working with the families and community to help our students succeed."

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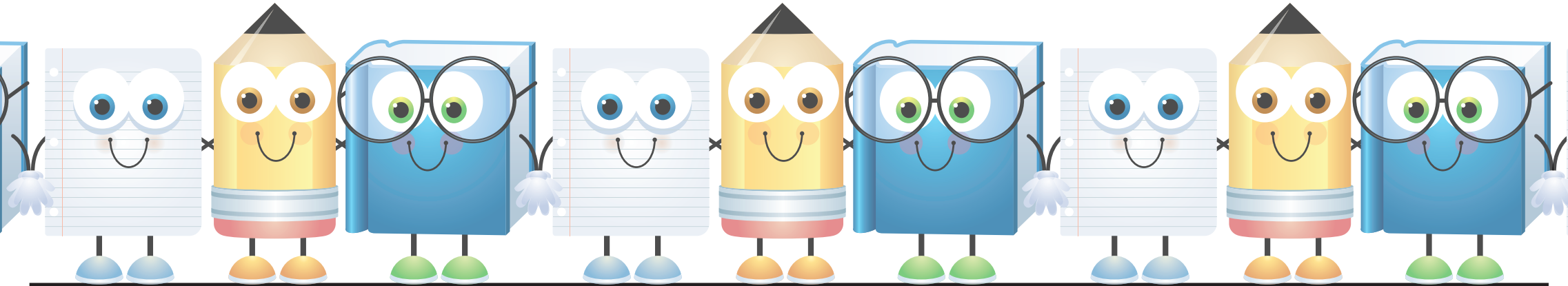
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- Remind children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street and to watch out for cars that are turning or backing up.
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- If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach children to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct younger children to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Be careful of straps or drawstrings that could get caught in the door. If your child drops something, he or she should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see him or her before he or she picks it up.
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94-year-old takes top honors at fair



“I just can’t believe I did it. It changes your body– a chill goes up and down.”

*– Eileen Kubista
Champion Baker*

The thought of being the top baker in the county brings tears to Eileen Kubista.

“That made me cry, oh my goodness,” Kubista said pointing to her grand champion ribbon. “I just can’t believe I did it. It changes your body-- a chill goes up and down.”

The 94-year-old walked away as the champion culinary arts exhibitor at the Steele County Fair. She entered cream puffs in the butter category, earning a blue ribbon, champion in the class and grand champion overall.

Kubista was busy baking up a storm on the weekend prior to the fair. Besides cream puffs, she also entered many other baked goods. They included spice cake, cinnamon rolls, sponge cake, oatmeal bread and mince meat pie.

In all, Kubsita entered 13 baked goods and won ribbons on most everything.

Placing high isn’t anything new for Kubista. For the record, she has captured grand champion honors at the county fair four times over the years.

“I hadn’t made that for 50 years so I thought I should try that,” Kubista said of her mince meat pie. “Nobody in the family likes it, but me,” she added.

In addition to the honor as being the top baker, Kubista earned \$75 in premiums, three pounds of Hope butter and a packet of Red Star Yeast. She said she feels well compensated for her fair winnings. “The fair pays well,” she said.

Kubista has been exhibiting at the fair for a half century. She said she was inspired to bring her baked goods to the fair one year 50 years ago when she noticed some winning clover leave buns that just weren’t up to her standards. “They were little marbles,” she said of the buns. “I didn’t think they were deserving of a blue ribbon,” she added.

She lives in a small apartment in Owatonna and frequently turns her kitchen into a bakery. Kubista is often the envy of residents in the complex

as the aroma of freshly baked goods fills the air. Her friends and neighbors often ask her to bake for them, but she reserves that exclusively for family members.

“I still bake bread for my kids,” Kubista says, noting they usually put in special requests for what they want baked. She has two children and four grandchildren that enjoy her baking. “That’s enough for me to keep up with them,” she said.

The self-taught baker specializes in breads, namely white, whole wheat, rye and banana. “White bread is what the kids like the best,” Kubista said. “But I can make any kind of bread.”

She still makes oatmeal bread from a recipe she has had since 1942.

It’s not uncommon for Kubista to bake six breads at a time. “I have six bread pans and that’s what fits into the oven all at once,” she said. She utilizes a rolling pin that she believes has been around since the 1940s to help her roll out the dough. She actually finds herself kneading the bread by hand most of the time.

Just to add a little spice to things she bakes a cake or two every now and then as well as cinnamon rolls. She especially enjoys making Angel food cakes.

For Kubista, the key to baking is using Robin Hood Flour, which uses winter wheat. She has found that Robin Hood Flour is much finer and provides for quality bread. “That’s the only one I buy,” she said. “I used to get whatever was cheaper, but I then I went back to Robin Hood,” she added.

Many of the cheaper flours are made with spring wheat, according to Kubista.

She cautions prospective baking enthusiasts from utilizing Fast Yeasts. “It rises too fast and gets too much air in them,” Kubista noted. She prefers using plain red yeast, or as she refers to it as “the old fashioned kind.”

There have been a few flops over the years, Kubista admits. But, she stresses,

she has never forgotten to put in an ingredient. “I don’t like it when it doesn’t turn out,” she said. “When you do it so long, everything falls into place.”

Kubista, who is the oldest of 11 siblings, started baking when she was 12 years old, and it has all been home taught to her. “I learned to bake from my mother and grandmother,” she said. “My grandma lived with us for a while when I was little,” she added.

Her goal is to pass on her love for baking to her family. “I hope to get my daughter to do some,” Kubista said, “She just retired.”

She lived on a dairy farm south of Owatonna for many years before moving to town with her late husband in 1992.

Homemade cooking baking is so much healthier for people, Kubitsa said. She finds that most of the store bought breads are loaded up with chemicals. “I wish it would go back to the old-fashioned way of no chemicals,” she said.

Another wish Kubista is that life could go back to a simpler way. “I wish people would go back to baking,” she said.

Baking has helped to maintain Kubista’s independence. “I think it’s what keeps me going,” she said. “I have a purpose so that I don’t lose my independence,” she added.

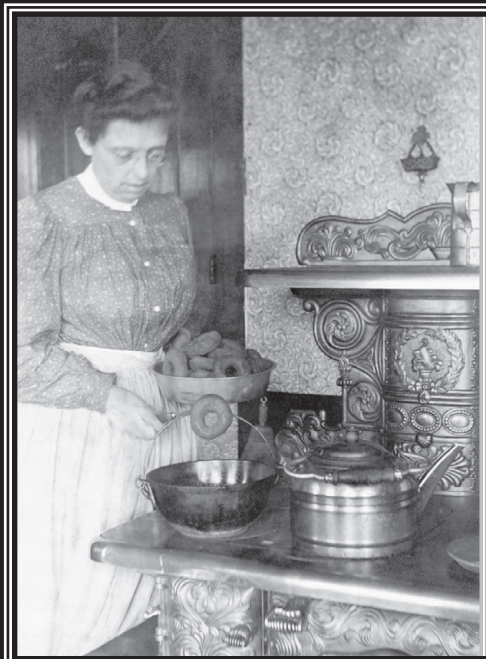
Perhaps more importantly she enjoys what baking does for those around her. “I enjoy the sense of satisfying somebody who wants something baked,” Kubitsa says.

As for the fair, Kubista hopes to be back again next year, but it may not be as much as this year.

Asked if she plans on entering more baked items next year, Kubista replied, “Oh mercy, no. I just get too exhausted. It’s just too much for me on the Sunday before.”



Eileen Kubista proudly shows off her grand champion ribbon that she won at the Steele County Fair. She also holds a rolling pin that she has been baking with since the 1940s.



Award-winning recipe

Cream Puffs - Eileen Kubista

1 cup water
1/2 cup butter
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Bring water and butter to a boil. Add 1 cup flour, all at once and stir vigorously over low heat until mixture leaves the sides of the pan; about 1 minute; remove from heat and beat in 1 egg at a time until all 4 eggs are added; beat mixture until smooth and velvety. Drop from spoon onto greased pan for baking and bake 400 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool slowly. Yield: 12 cream puffs.

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Rep. Tim Walz visits Al-Corn to show support for hometown biofuels



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During the visit, which was organized by the Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association, Walz said the huge jump in E15 sales in the first half of the year in the state was proof that Minnesotans want clean homegrown renewable fuels.

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Rep. Tim Walz talks to Randall Doyal about Al-Corn's Expansion Plans



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Rep. Tim Walz visited Al-Corn Clean Fuel in Claremont on Aug 24 to learn more about the plant's upcoming expansion exercise and reiterate his support for clean Minnesota-produced renewable biofuels.

Walz was briefed on Al-Corn's \$146 million expansion exercise which will provide a significant boost for the economy in Claremont and its surrounding towns.

"Visiting Al-Corn in Claremont is such a wonderful reminder that we can use our American ingenuity to control our own energy destiny and revitalize our economy at the same time. I am proud of the work we do in southern Minnesota to create a new energy future for our nation and the innovation that moves us forward," he said.



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Minnesota Crop Report:

Periodic rainfall kept field conditions fairly damp, limiting Minnesota farmers to 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending August 28, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The wet conditions continued to be a challenge for the harvest of small grains and hay in some areas. There were some reports of disease in soybeans, particularly across southern Minnesota. Field activities for the week included harvesting hay and small grains, lifting sugarbeets, and harvesting sweet corn.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Fifty-eight percent of the corn acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. Twelve percent of the soybean crop was turning color, 2 days behind the average and 5 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Eighty-eight percent of the spring wheat acreage had been harvested, 11 days ahead of average, but a week behind last year. Ninety-three percent of the oat crop for grain was harvested, 3 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. Barley harvest is nearing completion, with 96 percent of the crop harvested. One-quarter of the potato acreage had been harvested, a week ahead of average. Potato condition rated 90 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.

The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 75 percent complete. Pasture condition rated 76 percent good to excellent.

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LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Blooming Prairie Fire Marshall Joe Morgan demonstrates the impact of throwing water on a grease fire during a Blooming Prairie Fire Department fundraiser.

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday August 30th

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society
12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters Hormel Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Advanced Pottery Techniques, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Conservation Minnesota & Audubon Minnesota Presentation, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21st St NE, Austin

Wednesday August 31st

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Picnic in the Lot, Mower County Senior Center
3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Cedars Market, The Cedars of Austin, east side parking lot
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Advanced Pottery Techniques, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin

Thursday September 1st

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lyle Fall Fest
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society
3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Austin Farmers' Market 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC 18th Ave, in front of shopko
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. LeRoy Farmers' Market Corner of Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Keepsake Quilter's Guild Meeting St. John's Lutheran Church, 1200 13th Ave NW, Austin

Friday September 2nd

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Garden Spot Market, 106 W. Main St, Brownsdale
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Bingo, Austin VFW
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Chateau Raceway USMTS Chase for the Hunt, Chateau Raceway, 54219 266 St, Lansing

Saturday September 3rd

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Austin Farmers' Market 501 Oakland Ave E
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC 18th Ave, in front of shopko
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Masonic Pancake Feed, Austin Masonic Lodge, 303A N Main St
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
Sunday September 4th
Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
Monday September 5th
Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
WC Study Club
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Austin Farmers' Market 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC 18th Ave, in front of shopko
5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Bingo, Austin VFW
7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Brownsdale City Council Meeting

Tuesday September 6th

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society
12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters Hormel Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting Lyle Community Center
Wednesday September 7th
Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit Thursday August 25th 2016 - Sunday September 18th 2016 Various Locations Around Austin
1st Responders Meeting, Lyle
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin

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Tuesday August 30th

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Wednesday August 31st

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

Tuesday September 6th

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

Wednesday September 7th

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

MEDFORD

Thursday September 1st

2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

Monday September 5th

2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

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Tuesday August 30th

7 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

Thursday September 1st

5:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Room

Sunday September 4th

Free Meal Sunday's at Ellendale United Methodist Church, Ellendale

Monday September 5th

6:20 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellendale

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Tuesday August 30th

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. OPL It's Tale Time!

Thursday September 1st

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time

Monday September 5th

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Owatonna Woman's Club Bridge group, Senior Place

Tuesday September 6th

Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. OPL It's Tale Time!

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall

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Wednesday August 31st

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Wednesday August 31st

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

Thursday September 1st

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ALPL Storytime

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers

Friday September 2nd

Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL Friday

September 2nd – Tuesday September 6th

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

Saturday September 3rd

Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL Friday

September 2nd – Tuesday September 6th

Library Closed Saturday September 3rd – Sunday September 4th

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

Sunday September 4th

Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL Friday

September 2nd – Tuesday September 6th

Monday September 5th

Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL Friday

September 2nd – Tuesday September 6th

Labor Day, City Offices and Library Closed

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers

Tuesday September 6th

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AL Planning Commission, City Hall

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

Wednesday September 7th

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Meeting, AL EDA

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Staff Mentee Meetings (Elementary) Hawthorne Elementary School Room #134

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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Suspicion. On Aug. 19 at 8:52 p.m., deputies found suspicious activity at 140th Ave. and 750th St. in Blooming Prairie.

CRIME BRIEF

Same night, same vehicle: A pair of DWI arrests



David Beraza

Jose Colmenero

A stepfather and son from Owatonna both face charges for allegedly driving impaired in the same vehicle just hours apart from each other.

Just after bar close, police stopped Jose Colmenero, 34, for driving with no headlights on. Officers suspected he was under the influence of alcohol and arrested him for DWI. The vehicle was left at the scene as it was parked legally. At the jail, he provided a breath test of .16.

About three hours later, the same car was stopped again, but this time officers found a different alleged drunk driver behind the wheel. The vehicle was traveling still with no headlights on, not using turn signals and the driver was riding the brakes.

Once police stopped the vehicle again, the driver explained that his stepdad was just arrested and he wanted to make his mom happy and get her car home. The only problem was he was also suspected of being drunk.

Officers arrested David Beraza, 23, and he provided a breath test of .23, nearly three times the legal limit.

Both stepfather and son have been charged with third-degree DWI, which is a gross misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum fine of \$3,000 and one year in jail.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Aug. 22
DWI. Police received a report of a motorist driving while intoxicated at 8:15 a.m.

Aug. 23
Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen in the city at 4:53 a.m.

Aug. 24
DWI. At 6:09 a.m., police responded to a report of a DWI in the city.

Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the city at 2:31 p.m.

Owatonna Police
Aug. 19
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S. at 5:20 a.m. and in the 1700 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:37 p.m.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of 22nd St. SE at 4:57 a.m. They made an arrest.

Intoxication. At 9:19 a.m. officers responded to a report of intoxication in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. A citation was issued.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of fraud in the 100 block of 26th St. NE at 9:45 a.m.

Burglary. Police began an investigation of a burglary in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 12:05 p.m.

Arrest. At 5:49 p.m., police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at North St. W. and Riverside Ave. NW.

Aug. 20
Medical. Paramedics and officers responded to a medical emergency in the 100 block of 24th Place NW at 5:44 p.m.

Burglary. At 8:33 p.m., officers responded to a burglary in the 300 block of 18th St. SE.

Drunken Driving. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 26th St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE at 11:50 p.m.

Aug. 21
DWI. Police made DWI arrests in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:06 a.m., at Mill St. W. and Oak Ave. S. at 1:16 a.m. and at Mosher Ave. SW and School St. W. at 4:15 a.m.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at 20th St. NE and 6th Ave. NE at 4:23 a.m.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 11:29 a.m. They made an arrest.

Burglary. Officers began a burglary investigation in the 400 block of Sylvan St. NW at 12:17 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and offices responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 18th St. SE and Cedar Ave. S. at 8:47 p.m.

Fight. Police issued a citation following a fight in the 300 block of 18th St. SE at 10:38 p.m.

Aug. 22
Domestic. At 12:08 a.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Academy St. E. They made an arrest at the scene.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 700 block of 16th St. SE at 2:39 a.m. They took a subject into custody.

Scholarships available for law enforcement students

Students hoping to go into law enforcement can get a financial boost through Minnesota’s sheriffs.

Area sheriffs have announced the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2016. The Minnesota Sheriff’s Association will be awarding up to 15 \$600 scholarships, which are due to the coordinated efforts of the state’s 87 sheriffs.

The members of the association give special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges.

“The board of directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform,” said Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose. He added MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice.

MSA also recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by Dec. 30.

Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at any sheriff’s office in the state, including Steele

County in Owatonna and Dodge County in Mantorville.

Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four year college criminal justice program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two year program or two years of a four year program. More information is available at www.mnsheriffs.org.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of School St. W. at 8:43 a.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 11:05 a.m.

Thefts. Police took theft reports in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 12:48 p.m. and in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 6:57 p.m.

Aug. 23
Theft. Officer took a theft report at Glendale St. NW and State Ave. NW at 10:42 a.m.

Suspicion. At 8:16 p.m., police responded to a suspicious activity report in the 300 block of Murray St. SE. They issued a warning.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:26 p.m.

Aug. 24
Crash. A personal injury crash occurred at Broadway St. E. and Grove Ave. N. at 11:42 a.m.

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests on 25th Ave. NW at 12:19 p.m. and in the 700 block of State Ave. NW at 11:52 p.m.

Domestic. At 1:31 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Dart Ave. NE. They transported a subject to the jail.

Theft. Officer issued a citation for theft in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:22 p.m.

Drugs. Police advised on drug activity in the 1500 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 7:46 p.m.

Child Protection. Officers received child protection reports from the 700 block of 17th St. SE at 10:01 p.m. and in the 1100 block of Brady Boulevard NW at 11:31 p.m.

Aug. 25
Burglary. Officers responded to burglary in the 700 block of Elm Ave. N. at 4:25 a.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Phelps St. E. and Truman Ave. SE at 1:18 p.m.

Assault. At 4:34 p.m., police responded to an assault in the 300 block of State Ave. NW.

Steele County Sheriff
Aug. 20
Assault. Deputies responded to an assault in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 9:36 p.m.

Property. Deputy took a lost property report on Interstate 35 at 9:45 p.m.

Aug. 21
Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 9300 block of 34th Ave. SE at 10:54 a.m.

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 100 block of 5th Ave. W. at 11:07 a.m.

Disturbance. At 6:13 p.m., deputies responded to a noise complaint in the 1500 block of Cedar

Ave. S. They made an arrest.

Medical. A medical emergency occurred at the detention center at 11:14 p.m.

Aug. 22

Fraud. Deputies received information regarding a fraud incident in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 4:01 p.m.

Theft. Deputy took a report of a vehicle theft in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 9:32 p.m.

Aug. 23

Property. Stolen property was recovered at 21st Ave. NW and 50th St. NW at 11:11 a.m.

Aug. 24
Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 7:03 a.m.

Warrants. Deputies arrested subjects for outstanding warrants at the detention center at 10:58 a.m. and in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 3:47 p.m.

Property Damage. Vandalism was reported in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 5:55 p.m.

Aug. 25
Transport. Deputies arrested a subject in the 6800 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:20 a.m.

Trespassing. At 10:58 a.m., deputies responded to a trespassing incident in the 8300 block of 73rd St. SE.

DWI. Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 70th Ave. NW and 76th St. NW at 11:13 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 15 with Judge Joseph A. Buetel presiding:

Sunday P. Puot, 20, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aggravated robbery. Puot was sentenced to \$512, 39 months in St. Cloud State Prison and no possession of firearms.

Robert J. Schirmer, 50, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of narcotics and felony possession of six grams or more of cocaine/heroin/meth. He was sentenced to \$131, 174 days in county jail, 58 months in St. Cloud State Prison and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 15 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Seth J. Brandenburg, 17, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet

assault. The defendant was sentenced to \$131 and 118 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 15 – 19:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Brooke M. Klabunde, 34, Lyle, expired tabs, \$111; Paul J. Peterson, 23, Austin, speeding, \$121; Bruce A. Taylor, 28, Austin, no insurance, \$281.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Dylan J. Hess, 24, Owatonna, operate an aquatic farm without license, \$381.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Todd A. Bjorek, 51, Holton, WI, invalid license, \$181; Derek D. Bogenschutz, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Robert F. Byron, 54, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Jacob C. Carlson, 23, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Marcos A. Castaneda, 36, Pomona, CA, no license, \$181; Allen M. Einfeldt, 18, Owatonna, red light violation, \$131; Deona J. Escalera, 24, Ellendale, speeding, \$221; Donluacs I. Galindo, 47, Woodstock, IL, speeding, \$221; Alexandra Garza, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Rochelle L. Gilmore, 36, Sioux Rapids, IA, speeding, \$121; Kimberly K. Hammer, 53, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$106; Brent L. Harshman, 41, Maplewood, speeding, \$121; Stephen D. Heidecker, 64, Zimmerman, failure to drive in single lane, \$131; Amanda L. House, 21, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Karnisha D. Johnson, 29, St. Paul, revoked license and no child passenger restraint system, \$331; Travis L. Johnston, 35, Faribault, DWI-refusal, \$581, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend MADD impact panel and 3 years of supervised probation; Anthony M. Lance, 27, Claremont, seat belt, \$106; Darrel D. Lentz, 66, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Barbara L. Mayberry, 37, Mason City, IA, speeding, suspended license and no child passenger restraint system, \$391; Walter A. Newbury, 25, Shakopee, speeding, \$141; Nicholas S. Osterhus, 27, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Lionel J. Ouimet, 34, Dodge Center, failure to signal turn, \$131; David E. Pierce, 51, Jamestown, TN, speeding, \$131; Lori S. Pobanz, 55, Overland Park, KS, speeding and seat belt, \$156; Jazmin Rodriguez, 20, Burnsville, seat belt, \$106; Josue Rosas Marcial, 20, Northfield, cancelled license, \$281; Emilio F. Sanchez, 40, Plano, TX, no license, \$181; Kristi K. Shaw, 54, Sauk Centre, speeding, \$141; Joseph V. Stahnke, 38, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; David E. Whited, 68,

Rochester, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department
Jared L. Aas, 42, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Matthew A. Acosta, 37, Prescott, WI, vehicle registration - intent to escape tax, stay of adjudication, \$81 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Danae S. Andrews, 20, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; William M. Bailey, 48, Albert Lea, invalid license, \$181; James A. Biers, 80, Medford, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Heather L. Borneman, 38, Owatonna, damage to property, \$281 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Bethany E. Brogan, 34, Faribault, DWI, \$581, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 104 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Ray D. Cabrera, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Carolina A. Campos, 37, Faribault, no license, inattentive driving and no insurance, \$421; Isaiah H. Coffey, 18, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Dustin D. Craft, 24, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$381, 29 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of supervised probation; Dustin D. Craft, 24, Owatonna, violation of order for protection, \$581, 29 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Dean D. Drager, 30, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 134 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation; Jeana K. Espe, 18, Owatonna, theft, \$181 and 30 days of unsupervised probation; Mark T. Fielding, 45, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Patrick M. Finnegan, 65, Owatonna, limited parking violation, \$81, 2 hours of community service and 30 days of unsupervised probation; Ritlu Gaxiola, 33, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Gerald R. Gruber, 37, Owatonna, failure to deliver motor vehicle title to transferee within 10 days, \$281 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Ezequel Gutierrez, 29, Eagan, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Ronald D. Heard, 24, Owatonna, domestic abuse – violation of order for protection, stay of adjudication, \$75, diversion program, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms and 2 years of supervised probation; Tammy A. Hess, 38, Minnesota Lake, revoked license, \$281; Abdiaziz H. Jama, 21, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised

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

- Marcus Aye – soliciting without permit - \$500 bail
- Jose Ayon – DWI – no bail
- Thomas Baker – theft - \$10,000 bail
- Lionel Baldwin – weapons - \$3,000 bail
- Jesus Barrera – controlled substance crime - \$100,000 bail
- Kristopher Barta – false name - \$500 bail
- Claudia Bautista – theft - \$10,000 bail
- Richard Bazan – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Shawn Beaulieu – forgery – no bail
- Jeremy Becker – theft, shoplifting - \$500 bail

- Falconer Bellefy – give false name – no bail
- Judith Beneke – DWI - \$1,400 bail
- Jose Bernal – domestic assault - \$700 bail
- Kathleen Bernichon – theft by check - \$2,500 bail
- Allen Beyer – motor vehicle theft – no bail
- Jose Blancaste – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Jose Blanco-Delgado – burglary, assault - \$35,000 bail
- Henry Bloomfield Jr. – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Anthony Bohlen – burglary – no bail
- Kenneth Bonow – warrant - \$3,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

probation; Juan L. Macas, 50, Owatonna, invalid license, no insurance and seat belt, \$406; Michael W. Martin, 47, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jessica D. McKenzie, 38, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Cody A. Osman, 26, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Michael E. Payne, 24, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 30 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 200 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Jason E. Porter, 37, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 20 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms and 3 years of supervised probation; Teriann Powell, 34, Owatonna, no insurance, \$131, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; David Rocha Jr., 39, South Sioux City, NE, invalid license, \$181; Homer D. Rodriguez, 18, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Warren H. Schley, 71, Owatonna, tumultuous conduct, \$181; Brian K. Schnagl, 33, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Robin D. Scurlock, 56, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Douglas W. Seidel, 27, St. Cloud, possession of Marijuana and false name to peace officer, \$581, 180 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 5 years of supervised probation; Travis M. Swartz, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and expired registration, \$81, 90 days in county jail; Thomas M. Voelker, 36, Owatonna, revoked registration, open bottle and possession of Marijuana, \$631; Holly K. Weise, 38, Owatonna, theft, \$181; Nyakuma Wiitour, 27, St. Cloud, invalid license, \$181; Antwaine L. Williams, 42, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$669, 120 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, domestic abuse evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; David E. Wobig, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Alyssa M. Wobschall, 26, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Lisa M. Barrie, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Nicholas M. Battey, 25, New Richland, speeding, \$121; Andrew L. Benedict, 22, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Damon J. Brunow, 40, Marion, IA, speeding, \$121; Daniel K. Close, 19, Marseilles, IL, speeding, \$141; Brenda J. Dominguez, 34, Morristown, no insurance, \$281; Katelyn S. Doty, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; David L. Faas, 49, Taylor, WI, speeding, \$121; Seti Fernandez, 37, Owatonna, invalid license, \$381 and 6 months of supervised probation; Daniel J. Fitcher, 38, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Elizabeth J. Frandle, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Ward A. Freese, 63, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Ludwig J. Fretham, 90, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Priscila Y. Garcia Chavez, 33, speeding, \$131; Ezequel Gutierrez, 29, Eagan, revoked license and speeding, \$331; Natalie L. Hamer, 37, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jennifer F. Heatherly, 21, Davis, IL, speeding, \$121; Eugene O. Helland, 63, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Natasha C. Herpin, 22, Faribault, suspended license and speeding, \$321; Jamie L. Hill, 20, Kenyon, speeding, \$121; Sean E. Hukriede, 48, Medford, theft, \$381, no contact with victim and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jason M. Korfhage, 54, Austin, speeding, \$121; Roger E. Moreland, 66, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Michael R. Paskewitz, 25, Inver Grove Heights, speeding, \$131; Robert J. Rezac, 20, New Richland, no insurance and speeding, \$331; John M. Roady, 57, Portland, OR, speeding, \$121; Kristine A. Schroeder, 23, Blooming Prairie, invalid license and speeding, \$81, 30 hours of community service and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Ryan D. Seavey, 33, Rochester, revoked license, \$281; Grant P. Seelbind-

er, 21, Brookings, SD, speeding, \$121; Viki L. Sigler, 65, Austin, speeding, \$131; Dorine A. Smith, 53, New Richland, speeding, \$121; Derrick D. Southwick, 18, Faribault, windshield violation – suspended objects, \$121; Lee I. Stewart, 59, Eagan, speeding, \$121; Marvin J. Thompson, 62, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Michelle D. Trevino, 42, St. Paul, revoked license, \$281; Jarick J. Tsosie, 28, Lukachukai, AZ, speeding, \$121; Darren L. Voracek, 46, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Nicole C. Wencl, 35, Medford, speeding, \$121; Zachary T. Will, 23, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Geneva, revoked license, \$281.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 195 complaints during the week of Aug. 17 – 23. Some of them include:

Aug. 17
Animal. Deputies received an animal complaint in the 71700 block of 270th Ave. in Hayfield at 8:25 a.m.
Counterfeit. At 2:15 p.m., deputies received a report of counterfeiting in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center.
Civil. Deputies assisted with an eviction in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 3:11 p.m.
Suspicion. At 6:16 p.m., citizen reported that a woman subject was going around knocking on doors in the 100 block of Central Ave. N. in Dodge Center and saying that she's sick and needs help. She was non-violent but acting 'urgent.'
Suspicious Activity. A woman called deputies at 6:55 p.m. when someone left their vehicle in her driveway and proceeded to leave the area in the 400 block of 5th St. NE in Hayfield.

Aug. 18
Narcotics. At 1:11 a.m., deputies made a traffic stop at County Rd. 12 and 220th Ave. in Dodge Center and found narcotics.
Civil. Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 16500 block of State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield at 3:19 p.m.
Animal Bite. An animal bite occurred in the 400 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 4:56 p.m.

Aug. 20
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 26500 block of 720th St. in Hayfield at 12:33 a.m.
Lost Animal. A farmer reported that he was missing 12 cows in the 19500 block of County Hwy. 24 in West Concord at 2:24 p.m.

Aug. 21
Domestic. At 6:28 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Main St. E. in Dodge Center.
Suspicion. At 4:25 p.m., deputies responded to a report two males in a semi truck trying to solicit sex at Casey's on Highway St. W. in Dodge Center. The males were moved from the parking lot for the night.

Aug. 22
Vandalism. Deputy took a report of a smashed window on a vehicle in the 100 block of Front W. in Claremont at 8:52 a.m.
Animal Bite. At 9:08 a.m., an animal bite occurred in the 27200 block of State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield.
Threats. At 3:15 p.m., deputies responded to a subject making threats in the 700 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.
Juvenile. Deputies received a report of children on the roof of the school on 6th Ave. SE in Hayfield at 9:37 p.m.
Child Abuse. Deputies began an investigation of child abuse in the 500 block of Main St. E. in Hayfield at 9:59 p.m.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the

week of Aug. 15 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Heather A. Olsen, 40, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aiding an offender. She was sentenced to \$1,155, 4 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 15 – 22:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Nathaniel C. Anderson, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Melissa M. Berg, 37, Claremont, failure to signal lane change and no insurance, \$330; Ramon Castaneda, 36, Dodge Center, revoked license, \$280; Taylor R. Christopherson, 19, Rochester, speeding, \$280; Gunner A. Delong, 22, Alma, WI, engage in electronic communication relating or describing sexual conduct with child, stay of adjudication, \$1,000, 100 hours of community service and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Donald L. Fort, 32, St. Charles, revoked license, \$280; Kimberly J. Jensen, 25, Dodge Center, cancelled license, \$280; Corey K. Lerum, 43, Austin, possession of Marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$1,075, 12 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Juan A. Ochoa, 40, Claremont, suspended license, \$280.

Kasson Police Department
Peter J. Alexander Jr., 29, Northfield, seat belt, \$105; Catherine D. Carlson, 57, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140; Nicholas R. Dahlgren, 28, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Troy M. Dewbery, 32, Rochester, seat belt, \$105; Kayla L. Dostal, 18, Dodge Center, possession of Marijuana, \$130; Melvin L. Frederick, 86, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Michael J. Gammell, 20, Kasson, minor consumption, \$180; Alex B. Loftness, 20, Kenyon, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana, \$180; Lorie J. Swenson, 27, Kasson, speeding and no insurance, \$330; Bjern M. Vinje, 41, Rochester, seat belt, \$105; Maria E. Wilks, 31, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Michael M. Alberts, 24, Osseo, WI, no insurance, \$280; Holly A. Barnes, 57, Ellendale, speeding, \$140; Tyler D. Berkner, 22, Austin, speeding, \$140; Kelli L. Blaisdell, 19, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Jon D. Crews, 25, West Concord, no insurance, \$280; Harry J. Curran, 55, Owatonna, seat belt, \$105; Kiona D. Davis, 25, Waterville, speeding, no license, no insurance and no child passenger restraint system, \$480; David K. Dickie, 81, Mantorville, speeding and cancelled license, \$420; Sean T. Drummond, 46, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Laura E. Huneke, 22, Zumbrota, speeding, \$120; David F. Johnson, 53, Chatfield, seat belt, \$105; Jacob D. Kaehler, 28, Kasson, suspended license and seat belt, \$305; Reed K. Klunder, 20, Byron, speeding, \$120; Brady D. Seitz, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Nicholas W. Weber, 31, Mason City, IA, vehicle weight violation, \$480.

West Concord Police Department
Ryan L. Hegna, 33, Hayfield, speeding, \$220; Jacob J. Wilson, 30, Rochester, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$140 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction.

ARREST

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Kendahl Roger Jochumsen, 53, arrested at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 24, DWI, held for court.

Owatonna Police
Joshua William Brunner, 29, arrested at 12:02 a.m. Aug. 21,

DWI, held for court.
Brandon Jon Jeno, 26, arrested at 12:54 p.m. Aug. 19, electronic card fraud, held for court.
Jose Emmanuel Galvan Colmenero, 24, arrested at 1:28 a.m. Aug. 21, DWI, held for court.
David Jesse Beraza, 23, arrested at 4:35 a.m. Aug. 21, DWI and failure to activate headlights, held for court.
Skyler Neil Heissenbottle, 23, arrested at 12:46 p.m. Aug. 21, assault/domestic assault, held for court.
James Charles Nogle, 44, arrested at 12:19 a.m. Aug. 22, obstructing legal process, held for court.
Matthew Ray Hager, 26, arrested at 1 p.m. Aug. 23, felony theft and possession of stolen property, held for court.
Krystal Rae Laroque, 25, arrested at 6:33 p.m. Aug. 24, felony domestic assault/assault and terroristic threats, held for court.
Jerry John Willcox, 49, arrested at 12:52 a.m. Aug. 25, warrant arrest, body only.

Steele County Sheriff
Eric Craig Cousens, 34, arrested at 3:21 p.m. Aug. 19, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.
David Ray Kujac, 36, arrested at 4:40 p.m. Aug. 21, warrants arrest, body only.
Timothy Bernard Hall Sr., 46, arrested at 8:41 p.m. Aug. 21, disorderly conduct, held for court.
Bradley James Richards, 30, arrested at 4:50 p.m. Aug. 23, parole violation warrant arrest, held for court.
Caleb Rodney Buchanan, 34, arrested at 6:25 p.m. Aug. 22, apprehension and detention order, held for court.
Jose Alarcon Jr., 28, arrested at 12 p.m. Aug. 24, failure to register warrant arrest, body only.
David Mark Perez, 47, arrested at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 24, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.
Bobbie Jo Sandte, 30, arrested at 1:45 p.m. Aug. 24, assault/domestic assault, held for court.
Brandon Charles Froid, 30, arrested at 3:46 a.m. Aug. 25, warrant arrest, body only.

MN State Patrol
Ricardo Daniel Valenzuela, 56, arrested at 7:13 p.m. Aug. 22, DWI, held for court.

OWATONNA FIRE

Aug. 19
Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Interstate 35 at 12:50 p.m.
Smoke. At 1:23 p.m., fire personnel assisted with a smoke or odor removal in the 200 block of 24th Ave. NW.
Gas Leak. A natural gas leak occurred in the 700 block of Cedar St. N. at 5:35 p.m.
Aug. 21
Crash. At 8:50 p.m., fire fighters responded to a crash between a motor vehicle and pedestrian on 18th St.
Aug. 23
Malfunction. An extinguishing system was activated due to a malfunction in the 900 block of 30th Place NW at 9:39 p.m.

Prisoner cost solutions

By RICK GNEMI
Contributing Writer

Steele County averages approximately 130+/- prisoners from surrounding counties & Steele Co. at the Steele County Detention Center at any given time from information derived from the Income and Expense Reports for the year 2015. The income/revenue comes from the Department of Corrections. In analyzing the income and expenses for 2015, I have rounded the amounts for ease of understanding for the reader. Per this information, the expenses were \$5,500,000 (debt service was \$900,000). Revenue was just under \$2,000,000 with a net deficit difference of -\$3,500,000. The deficit figure of -\$3,500,000 divided by 365 days is a deficit of \$9,000 a day (this includes the debt service.)

One possible solution I would propose to counteract this deficit

A soggy race for a good cause

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

The unscheduled bipolar weather for fair week brought a literal deluge of driving rain Friday night that turned the Steele County Free Fair midway into a virtual mud bog. The rain continued through the night. It would take a breather, get a second wind, literally, and continue to pour through Saturday morning.

The scheduled event that went forth Saturday morning was the 13th annual STRIVE (Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education) Wellness Run in Owatonna. They say that the show must go on, and it was so for the race.

Over 200 runners braved the adverse elements and raced to victory for the cause. The kids run began at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 5k which began promptly at 9 a.m. There was no dodging of raindrops as the rain was simply too overpowering. There were, however, a few that did some pre-race warm up laps on the track in spite of the elements.

"I have to warm up with some laps," said 55-year-old Owatonna resident, Ross Leunius. "At my age, the heart just can't suddenly go like it used to."

Leunius must have had his heart nice and warmed as he ran a respectable time of 26:49.

There were runners participating from all over the nation including runners from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas, Virginia and Colorado.

Shane Streich, 19, from Janesville, Minn., was the overall winner of the race and came in at a time of 15:22. Five-minute miles in those conditions was an accomplishment. The runner-up for the men was Nick Rethemeier, 20, of Owatonna. The first woman to cross the finish line was Emily Hayden, 29, of Burnsville. Coming in three seconds later was Tara Seykora, 32, of Owatonna.

The conditions didn't alter the champions who raced for a great cause. The STRIVE program is a mentorship opportunity that the Owatonna Rotary Club founded in 2004.

The Strive Wellness Run website states that the program matches a student who needs encouragement through his or her senior year with a Rotary member mentor. Throughout the school year, students and mentors attend scheduled sessions where community members speak on a variety of topics associated with success after high school and the importance and value of a great education.

The proceeds for the 5K are used to provide scholarships to students who participate in the Rotary STRIVE Mentor Program.



Staff photo by Mark Delap

Stella Sannichsen, 9, of Sioux Falls, SD and Brynn Andria, 8 of Owatonna both braved the wind and the pouring rain to participate in the STRIVE Wellness 5K held last weekend in Owatonna. Both girls finished together with a time of 42:28.

is to discuss within our own county these losses and explain to the other counties which we have been subsidizing that we cannot continue this procedure. It needs to be clearly stated this deficit situation bears no negative reflection on the Sheriff, the employees of the Steele Co. Detention Center, or the facility itself. Simply put our expenses at the detention center are far greater than the income/revenue we are receiving at this time. Either we have to require the other counties we are subsidizing to make up the difference in the deficit we are currently experiencing or we need to find out what policies other counties in Minnesota or throughout the Midwest region have in place to offset these kinds of expenses and incorporate these into our own system.

Last month as we dealt with the deficit spending taking place at KODA / SCCL (Steele County Communities for Life) which is between \$150-200,000 each year for SCCL to maintain the former (now vacant) Cedarview building per an article from the Owatonna People's Press dated 7/16-17/2016 "Steele County Board Mulls Future of Old Cedarview Building," and \$1.4 million in 2015 and \$1.5 million in 2014 for SCCL per an audit performed by a local CPA firm, I find it difficult, if not impossible, to justify how the three current incumbent county commissioners can state Steele County is financially prepared to take on a \$12.6 million building project of a county highway facility which will bring in virtually no revenue whatsoever. The county highway facility will have maintenance expenses, upkeep, utilities expenditures and insurance fees. This will also result in added expenses for Steele County taxpayers to absorb.

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- Home-like, neighborhood setting
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- Onsite training provided

Our RN's promote high quality care for our residents by performing a variety of resident nursing duties and monitoring work and performance of resident assistants. Applicants must currently be listed on the Minnesota Nurse Registry in good standing and should have a related work history. This summary job description and requirements are not inclusive and are subject to change.

We look forward to hearing from you!
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Please send your resume by e-mail to cbaker@oxfordmgmt.com or apply online at: www.oxfordmgmt.com. Prairie Meadows, 800 5th Ave. N.W., Kasson, MN 55944. For more information, call 507-298-1959.

HELP WANTED

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If you have any questions contact Greg (Kasson) at 507-634-7545 or stop by the CHS Office at 107 8th Ave. SW, Kasson.

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Corner of Church and East Streets, Claremont Presbyterian Church Wed. Sept. 7, 4-7pm, Thurs. Sept. 8, 4-8pm & Fri. Sept. 9, 9-1. Shop-vac, bedstead, leaf blower, dresser, lots of clothing, books, many hand tied quilts, new hand embroidered towels & pillowcases, milk can, misc. Sandwiches and drinks available for purchase. 36-38c

EVENTS

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Steele County Fair 2016

4-H market livestock sale results:

Sale #	Exhibitor #	Name	Tag	Club	Class Name	State Fair	Ribbon	Class Placing	Bid	Buyer
1	115	Joseph Stransky	13283	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Beef Market Steer	yes	purple	1	\$ 2,400.00	HyVee - Owatonna
2	114	Zacharia Stransky	13282	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Beef Market Steer	yes	purple	1	\$ 2,100.00	Steele Co Concessionaires
3	47	Abby Wilker	525	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 2,300.00	TraLo Trucking
4	163	Dakota Thiele	00387	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 1,350.00	Steele Co Concessionaires
5	288	Alexis Steckelberg	00643	Merry Lane	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		purple	1	\$ 1,000.00	Fareway Foods
8	111	Jenna Klecker	00371	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt		purple	1	\$ 2,000.00	SunOpta Grains & Foods
9	200	Bailey Kruesel	00516	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Gilt	yes	purple	1	\$ 950.00	United Prairie Bank
10	74	Riley Arthur	10708	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Wether Lamb - Black Face - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 1,650.00	Prairie Ridge Orthodontics
11	20	Kaden Nelson	10656	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Wether Lamb - Black Face - Sr Show	yes	purple	2	\$ 1,700.00	TraLo Trucking
12	65	Alex Kindseth	10641	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb - Wether or Ewe - Natural - Jr Show		purple	1	\$ 950.00	Steele Co Concessionaires
13	250	Casey Chambers	10734	Medford Go Getters	Market Wether Lamb - Black Face - Jr Show		blue	1	\$ 1,000.00	SCFF / Gold Star Amusements
14	223	Beth Ann Hanson	10749	Deerfield Get There	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show	yes	blue	1	\$ 1,000.00	US Bank
15	35	Tory Buck	10815	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Meat Market Goat - Doe - Sr Show		purple	1	\$ 900.00	Owatonna Motor Co.
16	7	Finley Loveless	10676	Happy Hustlers	Meat Market Goat - Doe - Jr Show		purple	1	\$ 900.00	Don Loveless
16.5	120	Carson Ahrens	10806	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		purple	1	\$ 900.00	Ag Power Enterprises
17	347	Kalyn Naatz		Merry Lane	Chickens - Market pen		purple	1	\$ 1,200.00	SCFF / Gold Star Amusements
18	270	Evan Melby		Ellendale Hustlers	Ducks - Market pen	yes	purple	1	\$ 1,000.00	HyVee - Owatonna
19	249	Justin Johnson		Meriden Meadowlarks	Ducks - Market pen		blue	2	\$ 800.00	Fareway Foods
20	268	McKenna Melby		Ellendale Hustlers	Geese - Market pen		purple	1	\$ 1,500.00	Wottreng Family Dental / Owatonna Bus Co.
21	132	Alivia Kubista		Owatonna Victory Boosters	Turkeys - Market pen	yes	purple	1	\$ 900.00	CliftonLarsonAllen / Federated Insurance
22	170	Holly Larson	J4, J6, J8	Deerfield Get There	PB Pen of three fryers	yes	purple	1	\$ 500.00	Wottreng Family Dental / Medford Bus Co.
23	319	Bo Noble	42	Medford Go Getters	PB Pen of three fryers		purple	1	\$ 550.00	Farmers Feed & Pet Supply
24	244	Elisabeth Buck	13376	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Beef Market Heifer	yes	purple	1	\$ 1,100.00	HyVee - Owatonna
25	253	Jacob Katzung	13265	Meriden Meadowlarks	Dairy Steer - Pure Breed	yes	purple	1	\$ 1,750.00	SCFF / Gold Star Amusements
26	25	Lex Lewison	13381	Straight River Stars	Dairy Steer - Pure Breed	yes	purple	1	\$ 750.00	United Prairie Bank
26.51	139	Mariah Schroht	00557	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Registered	yes	purple	1	\$ 2,000.00	Owatonna Motor Co.
26.52	288	Grady Steckelberg	00641	Merry Lane	Market Barrow - Registered		purple	1	\$ 550.00	McCabe Motors / Rep. John Petersburg / John Jasinski
27	252	Hailey Chambers	10731	Medford Go Getters	Market Wether Lamb - Black Face - Jr Show		blue	2	\$ 700.00	Godfather's Pizza
28	69	Lauren Arthur	10712	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Ewe Lamb - Black Face - Sr Show		purple	1	\$ 850.00	McGregor Chiropractic / 4 Seasons Electric
29	55	Kalli Nelson	10644	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Ewe Lamb - Black Face - Jr Show		purple	1	\$ 500.00	Prairie Ridge Orthodontics
30	3	Lexie Ignaszewski	10822	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb-Wether or Ewe-Natural-Sr Show	yes	blue	2	\$ 850.00	Ag Power Enterprises / George's of Geneva
31	232	Charlea Underwood	10720	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb - Wether or Ewe - Speckle Face - Sr Show		purple	2	\$ 650.00	Bixby Feed Mill
32	137	Brenna Sommer	10730	Straight River Stars	Market Lamb - Wether or Ewe - Speckle Face - Jr Show		blue	2	\$ 550.00	Ag Power Enterprises
33	169	Lynn Larson	10840	Deerfield Get There	Market Lamb - Wether or Ewe - White Face - Sr Show		purple	1	\$ 550.00	HyVee - Owatonna
34	233	Halle Underwood	10721	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb - Wether or Ewe - White Face - Jr Show		blue	1	\$ 650.00	United Prairie Bank
35	62	Ethan Arett	13279	Merry Lane	Beef Market Steer		purple	1	\$ 900.00	Ag Partners Co-Op
36	24	Grace Lewison	13313	Straight River Stars	Dairy Steer - Pure Breed	yes	purple	2	\$ 750.00	Curt's Truck & Diesel / D&M Construction and James Bros. Construction / Krause
37	98	Jenna Zeman	00429	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 550.00	Feeds & Supplies Smith, Tollefson, Rahrnick & Cass / Federated Insurance
38	141	McKenna Schroht	00550	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 500.00	Nelson Auctioneers
39	245	Ezra Buck	436	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Market Barrow - Registered	yes	purple	2	\$ 450.00	CarTime / Heartland Animal Hospital / Buz & Cea Grass
40	66	Mikayla Dinse	00574	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	2	\$ 1,100.00	Tim's Auto Service
41	235	Levi Kubicek	00457	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Registered	yes	purple	1	\$ 550.00	Bruce & RoseAnn Kubicek
42	177	Luk Kubicek	00476	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	blue	3	\$ 650.00	Klecker Livestock
43	70	Jacob Klecker	352	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	blue	4	\$ 900.00	George's of Geneva / Ag Power Enterprises
44	143	Jacob McShane	00622	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 500.00	Drs. Brian & Kari Bunkers / Wottreng Family Dental
45	298	Jarren Hoffmann	00501	Medford Go Getters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	purple	1	\$ 550.00	CHS Rochester
46	75	Logan Nelson	00577	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show	yes	blue	5	\$ 550.00	Ringhofer Insurance
47	296	Taitelynn Jensen	00508	Medford Go Getters	Market Gilt	yes	purple	1	\$ 550.00	Federated Insurance
48	356	Matthew Seykora	00441	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt	yes	purple	2	\$ 900.00	Bank Plus
49	374	Nicole Skalicky	00620	Pratt Commandoes	Market Gilt	yes	blue	3	\$ 550.00	SunOpta Grains & Foods
50	69	Grace Arthur	10704	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Wether Lamb - Black Face - Sr Show	yes	purple	2	\$ 450.00	Cole's Electric / Stampin' Up - Kim Glover / The Kernel Restaurant
51	334	Nikolas Petsinger	10643	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb-Wether or Ewe-Speckle Face-Sr Show	yes	blue	4	\$ 350.00	Ag Partners Co-Op
52	256	Gabriel Dahle	10853	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Lamb-Wether or Ewe-Natural-Sr Show	yes			\$ 425.00	Ag Star Financial Services
53	56	Mikayla Spinler	10740	Deerfield Get There	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	10	\$ 550.00	Ag Power Enterprises
55	88	Emily Dahlin	10856	Ellendale Hustlers	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show	yes	blue	1	\$ 500.00	Bosch Automotive
56	254	Joshua Katzung	13430	Meriden Meadowlarks	Dairy Steer - Cross Breed		purple	1	\$ 750.00	Home Federal
57	342	Ben Finholdt	13280	EMedford Go Getters	Beef Market Steer		blue	2	\$ 500.00	Dan and Jennifer Buck / Mike's Repair & Extinguisher Services
58	135	Anthony Manderfeld	13320	Medford Go Getters	Dairy Steer - Pure Breed		blue	2	\$ 550.00	Ag Partners Co-Op
59	301	Kelton Erler	13306	Meriden Meadowlarks	Dairy Steer - Pure Breed		blue	4	\$ 600.00	Home Federal
60	36	Megan Andrist	00499	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Gilt		purple	1	\$ 450.00	Owatonna Mutual Fire Insurance
61	173	Blake Seykora	00661	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt		purple	1	\$ 500.00	Bixby Feed Mill/Farm Front Futures
62	45	Alexis Ripka	00348	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt		purple	1	\$ 400.00	Eagle Prairie Insurance / Klemmensen Creations
63	247	Miriam Buck	00438	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		purple	1	\$ 550.00	Alexander Lumber / Amy Swain Hearing Center / Community Bank of Owatonna / Wells Federal Bank
64	109	Parris Hovden	00664	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	1	\$ 425.00	Owatonna Groundsmasters / Wottreng Family Dental
65	68	Gavin Seykora	00444	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	2	\$ 525.00	United Prairie Bank
66	112	Darian Stransky	00522	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		purple	2	\$ 675.00	Bixby Feed Mill / Farm Front Futures
67	240	Lane Wagner	1103	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	2	\$ 650.00	Innovative Seed & Consulting
68	174	Jesse Deml	00592	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		purple	2	\$ 475.00	Pioneer Seed - Brian Wayne
69	216	Cassandra Borwege	00675	Deerfield Get There	Market Barrow - Registered		purple	2	\$ 400.00	Dr. Grant & Lori Heslep / ERA Gillespie Real Estate / Fairview Animal Medical Center / Hometown Motors
70	194	Sophie Woodfill	00363	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Gilt		purple	2	\$ 575.00	Hansen Farms
71	57	Jerret Utpadel	00454	Ellendale Hustlers	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	3	\$ 500.00	Andy's Tasty Meats
72	44	Brandon Ripka	00341	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	3	\$ 400.00	Let's Ride Boots & Apparel
73	144	Collin McShane	00625	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	3	\$ 425.00	Vern & Jude Wilker
74	60	Walker Nelson	00580	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Registered		blue	3	\$ 500.00	CHS Rochester
75	258	Hunter Jensen		Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow XB - Sr Show		blue	3	\$ 400.00	Tom Kuntz / Mark's Repair / Kris Busse / NAPA Auto Parts / Wenger Corp
76	224	Bailey Keck	3889	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Registered		blue	4	\$ 700.00	Innovative Seed & Consulting
77	54	Landon Thurnau	00590	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Gilt			4	\$ 425.00	Hansen Farms
78	360	Mitchell Seykora	00442	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt		blue	4	\$ 700.00	Bank Plus
79	330	Aspen Ascheman	00404	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	4	\$ 325.00	CHS Rochester
80	6	Ariah Cassen	00596	Ellendale Hustlers	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	4	\$ 325.00	Owatonna Motor Co.
81	286	Alexis Klecker	000358	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Jr Show		blue	4	\$ 650.00	Ag Power Enterprises
82	248	Jace Katzung	00488	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		purple	4	\$ 900.00	Farmers Co-Op Elevator Assn.
83	297	Carter Jensen	00514	Medford Go Getters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	4	\$ 325.00	Dennis Jensen Auctioneering
84	23	Christopher Byrne	00397	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Registered		blue	4	\$ 300.00	Keith Hiller / Geneva Lumber Co. / Grass Family / Matecjek Implement
85	96	Courtney Kath	00594	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Gilt		blue	4	\$ 375.00	Northland Farm Systems
86	326	Brody Jensen	00405	Meriden Meadowlarks	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	4	\$ 475.00	Paul & Jean Gillis / McGregor Chiropractic
87	260	Melanie Winzenburg	00626	Merry Lane	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	5	\$ 375.00	Blooming Prairie Bus Co / Noble RV / CarQuest
88	372	Kaitlyn Skalicky	00621	Pratt Commandoes	Market Gilt		blue	5	\$ 450.00	Heinz Insurance
89	311	Leah Rieck	00376	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	5	\$ 425.00	Innovative Seed & Consulting
90	234	Zach Kubicek	00468	Straight River Stars	Market Barrow - Registered		blue	5	\$ 450.00	Farmers Feed & Pet Supply
91	83	Marisa Wagaman	00602	Medford Go Getters	Market Gilt		blue	6	\$ 325.00	Ag Star Financial Services
92	226	DavidnKeck	3961	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Gilt		blue	6	\$ 425.00	Bixby Feed Mill / Farm Front Futures
93	236	Alia Kubicek	00477	Straight River Stars	Market Gilt		blue	6	\$ 450.00	Bruce & RoseAnn Kubicek
94	2	Cole Ignaszewski	910	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	6	\$ 325.00	Jensen Tree Moving / Paul & Jean Gillis
95	229	Emily Keck	3914	Lemond Snappy Boosters	Market Barrow - Crossbred - Sr Show		blue	7	\$ 425.00	Golden Harvest Seed - Mike Klecker
96	385	Anton Schroeder	03923	Pratt Commandoes	Market Gilt		blue	7	\$ 525.00	Northland Farm Systems / Haas Livestock / Ride the Brand
97	14	Noah Loveless	10681	Happy Hustlers	Market Lamb-Wether or Ewe-Speckle Face-Sr Show		blue	3	\$ 700.00	Owatonna Motor Co.
98	13	Emma Loveless		Happy Hustlers	Blk Face Mkt Wether - Sr Show		blue	5	\$ 600.00	Don Loveless / SE MN Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
99	64	Lydia Kath	10679	Meriden Meadowlarks	Dairy Market Goat - Wether or Doe - JR Show		blue	1	\$ 300.00	Don Loveless / Owatonna Heating & Cooling / State Farm Insurance-Steve Carroll
100	443	Trevor Hiatt	11032	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	1	\$ 300.00	Ole and Lena's
101	343	Zach Finholdt	10817	Medford Go Getters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	2	\$ 425.00	Finholdt Family
102	183	Emily Miller	10925	Merry Lane	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	2	\$ 300.00	HyVee - Owatonna
103	87	Aaron Dahlin	10858	Ellendale Hustlers	Meat Market Goat - Doe - Jr Show		blue	3	\$ 375.00	Fareway Foods
104	182	Alexander Miller	10920	Merry Lane	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	3	\$ 350.00	New York Life Insurance/R & R Insurance
105	299	Kallen Hoffmann	10924	Medford Go Getters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	3	\$ 350.00	Federated Insurance/Morgan's Meat Market
106	84	Mason Blum	11031	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	4	\$ 300.00	Lon Thiele / Sweet Towing & Repair / Steve's Meat Market
107	399	Shad Lambert	10825	Medford Go Getters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	5	\$ 300.00	Let's Ride Boots & Apparel
108	103	Tanner Cummins	11027	Owatonna Victory Boosters	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	5	\$ 275.00	Don Loken Drainage & Loken Excavating / David Dietz Construction
109	371	Scott Johnson	10810	Straight River Stars	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	5	\$ 250.00	HyVee - Owatonna
110	357	Greta Jacobson	10860	Meriden Meadowlarks	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	6	\$ 250.00	Ag Star Financial Services
111	106	Sean O'Brien	10725	Merry Lane	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Jr Show		blue	6	\$ 200.00	Let's Ride Boots & Apparel
112	52	Jack Skalicky	10744	Straight River Stars	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	7	\$ 450.00	Saddle Butte Seed
113	214	Adrianna Bermea	10665	Merry Lane	Meat Market Goat - Wether - Sr Show		blue	9	\$ 225.00	B to Z Hardware
114	400	Trayton Robertson		Pratt Commandoes	Ducks - Market pen		blue	3	\$ 265.00	Walser Chevrolet Buick of Owatonna / Wencel Construction / Mark Walbran
114.5	130	Parker Aase		Owatonna Victory Boosters	Ducks - Market pen		blue		\$ 650.00	Wottreng Family Dental
115	136	Brandon Peeters		Meriden Meadowlarks	Chickens - Market pen		blue	3	\$ 300.00	International Steel Erectors
116	365	Ethan Solomon		Deerfield Get There	Ducks - Market pen		blue	5	\$ 100.00	Nelson Auctioneers
117	131	Hudson Aase		Owatonna Victory Boosters	Chickens - Market pen		blue	5	\$ 125.00	R & S Grain Systems
118	412	Raymond Deml		Pratt Commandoes	Ducks - Market pen		blue	6	\$ 175.00	United Prairie Bank
119	348	Cameron Deml		Pratt Commandoes	Ducks - Market pen		blue	8	\$ 225.00	HyVee - Owatonna
120	156	Collin Clarey		Owatonna Victory Boosters	Turkeys - Market pen		blue		\$ 150.00	Let's Ride Boots & Apparel
121	359	Wyatt Garten		Pratt Commandoes	Ducks -					

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MINIMIZER UNVEILS HEAVY DUTY TRUCK SEAT

MINIMIZER, ONE OF THE LEADERS IN HEAVY DUTY INNOVATION, manufactures some of the most unique products available in the aftermarket, including Poly Fenders, Custom Molded Floor Mats and Fast Flaps.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

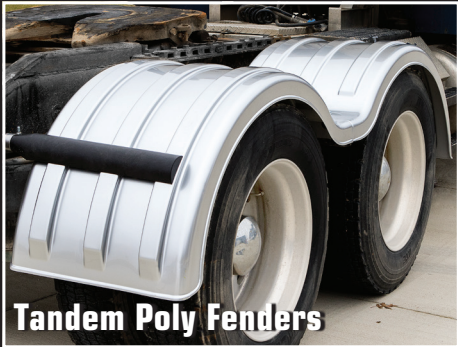
In addition to the 14 standard features, drivers have the option of choosing a heated backrest and seat cushion, along with either a cooled backrest and seat cushion or a revitalizing massager.

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

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

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

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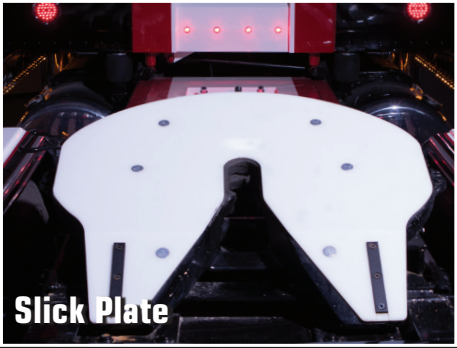
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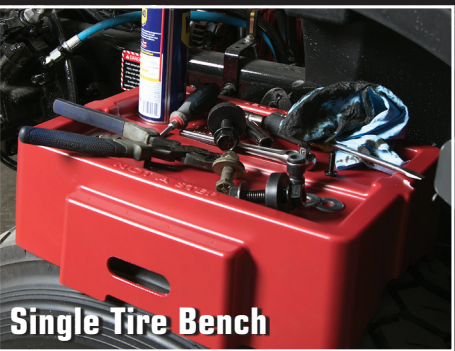
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