

Murder suspect continues to elude police

Unconfirmed sighting of Lois Riess in Florida

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The suspect in the David Riess murder investigation continues to elude police even after she may have been spotted in Florida over the past week.

The Times has learned Lois Riess, 56, of Blooming Prairie, had been seen in Florida with her vehicle, though no law enforcement agency, including the Dodge County Sheriff's

Office, has confirmed the sighting.

When asked Wednesday about the sighting, Sheriff Scott Rose said, "At this time, any information regarding this case that can be released will be done on our Facebook and Twitter account. We have no new information to share at this time."

No new developments have been posted on the sheriff's Facebook page regarding the murder investigation since March 30.

Police continue to look for Lois Riess in the shooting death of her husband, David

Riess, at their rural Blooming Prairie home. Officers discovered David's body after a friend requested a welfare check March 23. Sheriff Rose said David died of multiple gunshot wounds likely on March 21.

A theft warrant has been issued for Lois Riess after authorities discovered she allegedly transferred nearly \$10,000 from her husband's

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Volunteers from the Owatonna Church of Christ assisted the Steele County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization in replacing a ramp that was in disrepair for a Steele County Air Force veteran.

Connecting communities

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon helps military families, veterans

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

A statewide program established five years ago is organizing and connecting service providers within communities in order to enhance veteran care and assistance.

Last Thursday, Project Got Your Back held an informative meeting in Owatonna with several organizations from the community aimed at veteran service. Chief among those was Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a Minnesota program which aims to synchronize community, county, and company resources in support of veterans, service members, and military families. The Owatonna network was proclaimed by Governor Mark Dayton in 2011.

Sarah Frazier, the Owatonna network's chair, describes the program as basically an organization created to connect community volunteers with service members, veterans, and their families. According to Frazier, they've helped both veterans and current service members. "We are there for them before, during, and after deployment," she said.

Under the program, Frazier and her fellow volunteers have helped military families with things such as car repair and yard work, and have built stairs and ramps for veterans. They also provide referrals to other services within the community.

"We're working on expanding," Frazier says. The Owatonna Network currently serves all of Steele County, but Frazier hopes to be able to expand and become designated as the official Steele County provider.

Frazier has three brothers who served in the military, two in the Navy and one in the Army. She feels that it was seeing their

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Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Utilities Manager Jerry Mausbach stands in front of the iconic Blooming Prairie water tower constructed in 1925. The BP Public Utilities Commission and the city are exploring construction of a new water tower and saving the old tower as a historic landmark.

Saving a BP icon

City officials ponder what to do with vintage water tower

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

A symbol of Blooming Prairie history, the iconic old-style water tower, may be retired in the near future but thoughts are to keep the vintage tower as a historic landmark.

The tower is located in the middle of the city on a corner of the Blooming Prairie Central Park.

Jerry Mausbach, manager of Blooming Prairie Utilities, said the BP Utilities Commission is investigating federal and state grant opportunities to upgrade the current tower or to build a new tower.

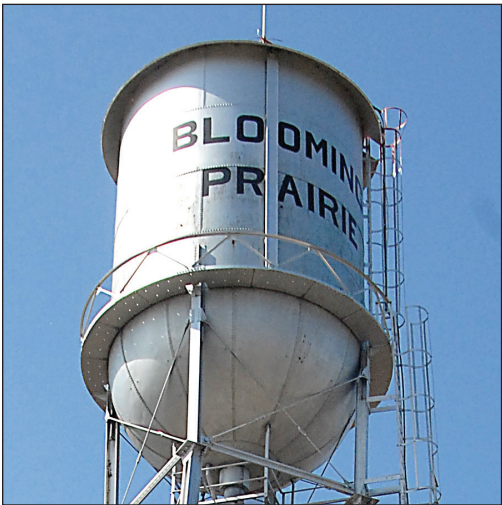
If a new tower is built, the old one could be retired, designated as a

historic landmark or taken down.

Mayor H. Peterson is a strong advocate of keeping the current water tower as a historic landmark, following the example set by the city of Osseo and others. "We definitely need a tower with more capacity, but I would like to see the old water tower kept as a historic site," said Peterson.

Stephanie Lawson of the Blooming Prairie Economic Development Authority has been checking into the procedure of registering the Blooming Prairie with the National Register of Historic Places.

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Looking back into the history of Blooming Prairie, one landmark that is easily identified with the city is its iconic water tower built in 1925. Will it be saved? Stay tuned!

"We definitely need a tower with more capacity, but I would like to see the old water tower kept as a historic site."

~ H. Peterson
Blooming Prairie Mayor

MPCA fines Dodge County farm for truck wash violations

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

A complaint of an illegal truck wash on a farm in Dodge County has prompted a fine against the owner by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The MPCA levied a \$2,000 penalty against the David Gosch farm on 720th Street near Hayfield after an investigation of an unpermitted truck wash began last fall. The

fine has been paid, and Gosch is allowed to operate the truck wash in the future as long as it meets all local and state requirements, said Cathy Rofshus of the MPCA.

After the MPCA inspection, Gosch stopped using the truck wash and removed the illegal disposal system, according to Rofshus. "He has performed all corrective actions and paid a \$2,000 penalty," she said.

Officials with the MPCA issued an administrative penalty order against Gosch for violations of Minnesota's environmental requirements in December. Gosch was

required to take action within 30 days of receiving the order dated Dec. 11, 2017. In the order, he was required to complete the corrective actions, document his completion of the corrective actions to the MPCA and pay the \$2,000 fine.

In its order, the MPCA outlined four violations against Gosch, including prohibition against discharge into unsaturated zone. No sewage, industrial waste or other pollutants are allowed to be discharged to an unsaturated zone or deposited in such place, manner or quantity that the effluent or residue therefrom,

upon reaching the water table, may actually or potentially preclude or limit the use of the underground waters as a potable water supply, the MPCA says.

The other three violations against Gosch involved permitting.

The MPCA investigation found that Gosch did not have a proper permit required to discharge pollutants from a point

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OUR VIEW

Work zone safety is everybody's responsibility

Even though Mother Nature is having a hard time letting go of winter as evidenced by a couple snow storms over the past week, Minnesota's other season is full throttle ahead. It's the start of road construction season.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation kicked off the summer construction season April 4, though many road projects had started earlier. With the road construction season upon us, MnDOT wants motorists to be aware of National Work Zone Awareness Week, which runs April 9-13. This is an effort to encourage safe driving through highway work zones.

"Work Zone Safety is Everybody's Responsibility" is the theme for this year's awareness week. MnDOT says the theme reinforces the message that motorists and construction and maintenance workers keeping our highways in tip-top shape should use extra caution in work zones.

Over the next six months, there will be more than 250 active work zones throughout Minnesota. A work zone is any area where highway construction, maintenance or utility work is being done, according to MnDOT. Work zones are identified by warning signs, signals, barriers, pavement markings and flaggers.

Road projects are scheduled locally along Interstate 35 by Faribault as well as the Highway 14 interchange south of Owatonna. Crews will also be working on I-35 near Clarks Grove.

Our highways can be a dangerous place as state crash statistics bear out. While safety needs to be applied in all roadway situations, there is even a greater need to be extra careful while traveling through work zones.

In Minnesota over the past four years, an average of seven people died in work zone crashes and more than 1,700 fatal or serious injury crashes occurred each year. On the national level, a work zone crash occurs once nearly every five minutes.

Safety experts say rear-end crashes are the most common type of work zone crash. Most of these crashes occur because of driver inattention and speeding, which are both behaviors that we can control and make changes on.

What's going to keep you alive while traveling through a work zone?

Jay Hietpas, director of the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety, says when motorists enter a work zone, they should obey the posted speed limits, pay attention to signs and flaggers, be patient and not drive distracted.

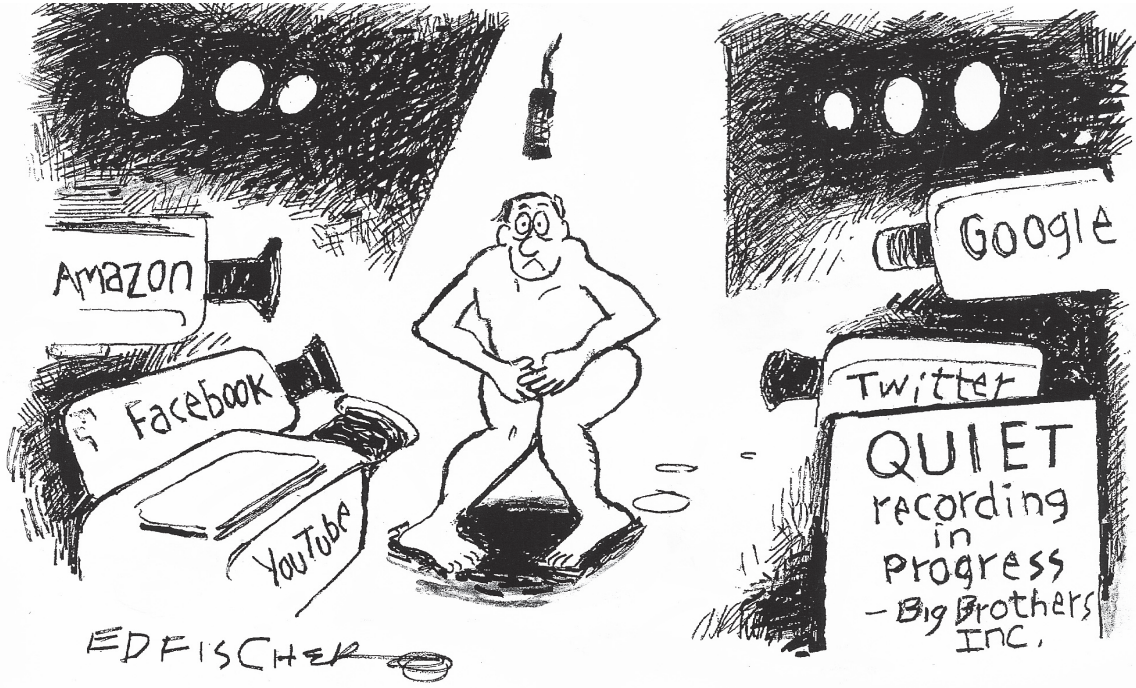
"These work zones exist because we're making roads better and safer," Hietpas said. "We're asking that people look for the work zones, slow down and put down their cellphones and other distractions."

This is good advice for driving any time on the roadways.

Let's make it a good spring and summer travel season and drive sensibly, especially around work zones.

CLARIFICATION

In last week's editorial, the Times quoted some figures about the cost of newsprint for newspapers. The figures indicating the price jump from \$600 to \$800 for every ton are for the Tampa Bay Times. The increase was inadvertently applied to the amount of newsprint used by the Post Bulletin, which prints the Steele County Times and other area newspapers. The figures used do not represent actual numbers for the Post Bulletin, though the increases will still be significant for all newspapers. The Times apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



Eliminating newspaper ads doesn't work

It didn't last long.

After only two months, a major grocery chain is back inserting its weekly specials into area newspapers and shopper publications. The chain had pulled the inserts at the beginning of the year. I am purposely leaving out the name of the chain because it really doesn't matter.

What does matter is that a lesson can be learned for all retailers and businesses who want to attract shoppers to their establishments. The power of print advertising is still the impetus for bringing in customers.

The return of the insert is not only good news for our newspaper, but good for the grocer because local families look to our local publications for the weekly grocery specials.

It seems that a new marketing plan called for nixing the print inserts. During this short stint, the top management elected to utilize direct mail, TV commercials and social media. But it didn't seem to catch on.

From what we've been able to learn the grocer's reasoning was the company could save money by controlling duplication of delivery where one paper overlaps another. There also likely was concern about what some think that newspaper readers are falling across the country.

While the younger generation may rely on electronic media or social media for their information, it's still important to note that the local newspaper still publishes the racing results at the area speedway and photographs of kids heading out to gather eggs in the local Easter Egg Hunt.

Newspaper industry surveys are reporting the 30-year-olds and older demographic is growing for community newspapers.

The mantra over the past few years has been newspapers are failing and readership numbers are plummeting. While that may be true with some of the daily newspapers around the country, it's definitely not the case with local newspapers like the one you are currently reading. Granted we lose

some readers here and there, but by and large our numbers remain pretty consistent.

What's the recipe to keeping readers engaged in their community newspaper?

There are actually many ingredients. In our case, we're a countywide newspaper that brings in a large weekly package of news and feature sections, strong area sports coverage and great photographs of community events. We love to spoil our readers with exceptional hometown news.

Certainly we have no animosity to the grocery retailer for testing our new marketing concepts. We're just so thrilled that the chain figured out sooner rather than later that digital media isn't the only way to advertise. It takes a healthy balance of both digital and print to get the job accomplished.

In the ever changing electronic world, newspaper advertising is still relevant.

Readers still want to carry out the tradition of sprawling the grocery ads on their living room sofas or kitchen tables to see what they want to eat throughout the week.

It's exciting to have the grocery circulars back in the newspaper. We know we're not the only ones sharing in that excitement. The return of the inserts is evidence that print advertising is just as important as it was 30 or 40 years ago.

And judging by our communities and what we hear on a regular basis, reading the local newspaper is high on the priority list of many people.

We hope to continue that momentum for years to come as we continue going in hot pursuit of publishing a product that people can't wait to get their hands on.



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

YOUR VIEW

It's time to rebuild rural communities

To-the-Editor:

The imposition of Chinese tariffs on American pork products is a wake-up call for all industrial hog producers. Encouraged by large multinational corporations that they must "feed the world," these contract farmers fell for the corporate line and thus became dependent upon the export market.

Our family farm in southern Minnesota is surrounded by 11 swine factory farms, and soon a 12th, in a three-mile radius. The industrial model, known as vertical integration, has forced thousands of independent farmers off the land, while allowing large corporate interests to control production from the producer to the consumer. The profit lands on the corporate balance sheet and does not circulate in local communities. This is not farming. The top-down vertical integration model is responsible for hollowing out rural communities.

We are all bound together by care, compassion and community and must work together to rebuild our rural communities from the ground up.

Sonja Trom Eayrs
Dodge County Concerned Citizens

GUEST COLUMNS

Raising age to purchase tobacco is the right thing to do

By DON HEINZMAN

City Councils throughout Minnesota are considering raising the purchase of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years, primarily to protect the health of our young people.

Edina was the first council to increase the age to 21, without a penalty for purchase, use and possession. So far a spokesperson from Edina said there has been little reaction even from those who sell these products.

Bloomington after two study sessions also has approved boosting the age of tobacco buying to 21.

Molly Moilanen, director of public affairs for Clear Way Minnesota, addressed the question of penalizing under-21 users, possessors and purchasers. She said, "The penalties have not been proven to reduce youth tobacco use and they divert focus from addressing irresponsible retailers and the tobacco industry which has a long history of targeting

youth."

There is general agreement that smoking is bad for your health. Dr. Thomas Kottke, Health Partners medical director, says that smoking costs the state more than \$3 billion annually in excess health care costs, and he added each year more than 6,000 die from tobacco related diseases.

This Tobacco 21 campaign targets young smokers. David Willoughby, chief executive officer of Clear Way Minnesota, wrote the Bloomington Council that 95 percent of adult smokers begin before age 21. The conclusion of the researchers is that if young people are not smoking by age 21, they probably will not smoke at all.

Under the present law, 18-year-olds can buy tobacco products and sell them to adolescent users. One study shows that if the age were increased to 21,

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The opinions of our readers in the form of Letters to the Editor are a vital contribution to the healthy exchange of ideas on the Steele County Times opinion page. All letters must be signed by the writer/writers and include a telephone number for verification purposes. Letters are accepted through personal delivery, by mail or by email at bptimes@frontiernet.net. Opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Steele County Times and the editor reserves the right to edit letters when necessary. Please limit opinions to no longer than 350 words. The Steele County Times encourages readers to write letters to the editor as a means of communicating ideas and opinions with others, with a goal being to make the community better for all people.



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DAVID RIESS MURDER INVESTIGATION



U.S. Marshals: ‘We will find her’

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Finding violent offenders on the run is the sole job of the U.S. Marshal Service, the agency tasked with assisting in the search of a Blooming Prairie murder suspect.

Chris Clifford, assistant chief deputy with the U.S. Marshal Service in Minneapolis, confirmed his agency was requested by local authorities within the past 10 days to help find Lois Riess of Blooming Prairie. She is wanted as a suspect by the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office in the murder of her husband David Riess.

“We’re not aiding in the murder investigation,” Clifford said. “Our purpose is to find people. That’s all we do,” he added.

The Marshal Service, Clifford said, only gets involved in violent crimes,

or if the person involved has a violent background. “The local authorities have to come to us and requested our help,” he said.

As for Lois Riess, Clifford said, “We’re very good at what we do. We will find her.”

Clifford said many different techniques might be utilized in finding a person. Some of them include tracking through social media and tips coming in from citizens.

Like all cases taken on by the U.S. Marshal Service, a lead investigator has been assigned to the Riess case. That investigator, Clifford said, determines how many more people will be needed to assist with the case.

In some cases, a fugitive task force can be assembled to help out in apprehending a suspect, according to Clifford.

Some cases can take

“We’re very good at what we do. We will find her.”

~ Chris Clifford
U.S. Marshal Service

years to resolve while others can end within hours, Clifford said. He noted most suspects are typically caught within a year. “If it goes over a year, it’s pretty rare,” he added.

One of the U.S. Marshal’s greatest success stories took place in 2015 when Victor Barnard, a fugitive American minister, was apprehended in Brazil. Barnard, who was wanted on 59 counts of sex assaults, had been featured on the Marshal’s 15 Most Wanted

Fugitives list.

There are some wanted fugitives for drug cases dating back to the early 1970s, Clifford said. “We’ve

never found them because we think they were killed in Mexico,” he said.

There are 23 deputy marshals in Minnesota. In addition, the service utilizes 15 officers from state and local agencies. They work with the marshals on a daily basis, Clifford said.

In 2016, the Marshal Service arrested 580 people in Minnesota alone. “We’re pretty active for a metro agency,” Clifford said.

On a national level, there are 242 fugitives on average arrested every day by the

Marshal Service. They include sex offenders, gang members, homicide suspects, federal fugitives and state and local fugitives.

The service includes 94 districts, 218 sub-offices and three foreign field offices.

Federal marshals have served the country since 1789 as the enforcement arm of the federal courts and has been responsible for protecting the federal judicial process.



Big crime stories impact small communities

There’s something about crime stories that interest the general public.

It’s true. Crime in a small town has quite a devastating impact on small communities. This was evidenced recently by a murder case developing in

Dodge County, just south of Blooming Prairie.

David Riess, 54, of Blooming Prairie was found shot to death on March 23 at his home. His wife, Lois Riess, is a person of interest in the case. A warrant for her arrest has been issued on felony theft charges.

We don’t know a lot of the details surrounding this killing, and as authorities collect more evidence, the picture may become clearer. The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office, Minnesota BCA Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the U.S. Marshall’s Office are working on the case.

Lots of small pieces

of information have been circulating, some likely truthful and others just rumor.

We must wait for our criminal justice system to click on all cylinders and “crack” the case.

News surrounding this murder will continue to captivate the general public until it is solved. Any information germane to the case should be relayed to the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office.

This shocking news jogs my memory of big crime news happening in 1974 when I was working for the Forest Lake Times as a young news editor.

Our big story back then was the kidnapping of a South St. Paul banker’s wife and the subsequent payment of a \$200,000 ransom for her release.

The story had many twists and turns, and our weekly newspaper covered

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the news stories surrounding the case because Eunice Kronholm, 46, and her banker husband Gunnar Kronholm, resided in Lino Lakes, a small community in our readership area.

After the ransom money was paid, Kronholm was released from captivity. She was kept in an automobile trunk for hours until the ransom was paid.

Mrs. Kronholm was let go by kidnappers at a motel just south of the Twin Cities.

Two men were soon arrested in connection with the kidnapping. Our newspaper diligently followed the case by interviewing local authorities and also by attending a huge press conference for the Kronholms at the Bethel Seminary in St. Paul.

Cliff Buchan, a newspaper associate of mine, and I covered the

news conference and other developments in the Kronholm case.

One of the television reporters covering the case was Bill Stewart of WCCO Television. Several years later, Stewart was killed by malcontents in El Salvador.

Everyone attending the Kronholm news conference including this reporter at the time, felt the glee and happiness shared by the Kronholms. Her bravery and her husband’s determination to get her back safely resulted in a happy ending.

The story continued with our newspaper following the court appearances of the two arrested men. Attorney Ron Meshbeshier represented the defendants.

Our newspaper was lucky enough to have several interviews with Meshbeshier and also with many different law enforcement officials. Meshbeshier was also involved in handling legal matters in the Virginia Piper kidnapping in 1972 and the murder of Elisabeth Congdon of Duluth in 1977.

Events became even more bizarre as Kronholm returned to her community.

Just weeks following her release a copycat criminal broke into the Kronholms’ house with the intention of kidnapping Kronholm. His motive was not tied to the other two suspects in the earlier kidnapping.

This latest caper resulted in the arrest of Daniel Caliendo. Guess what? He tried to kidnap her again after he had been released by authorities.

All three of these men were later found guilty of their crimes and sentenced to time in prison. A book was also written on this kidnapping. It was titled “Held for Ransom.”

This was not a murder case but it carried as high a profile of interest as has the recent murder in Blooming Prairie.

Allow our professional criminal justice authorities time to investigate this murder case, and hopefully it will result in some answers.



Eunice Kronholm and her husband Gunnar Kronholm, owner of the Drovers State Bank of South St. Paul appear at a news conference following her release by two kidnappers.

THE LATEST:
DAVID RIESS
MURDER
INVESTIGATION



- Celebration of David Riess’ life: Sunday at Eagles Club in Rochester
- Unconfirmed sighting of Lois Riess in Florida
- Dodge County Sheriff’s Office, Minnesota BCA and U.S. Marshal Service continue manhunt and investigation

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business account into his personal account. She then wrote checks from his personal account to herself totaling \$11,000, the sheriff said.

A celebration of David’s life will take place Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Rochester. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home in Rochester is handling the arrangements.

In David’s obituary, the family described him as having a passion for the outdoors and spending much of his free time fishing, hunting, boating and enjoying time with friends and family. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, logging many hours on the water, the obituary stated.

“Anyone who knew Dave shared many laughs with him as his greatest gift was his sense of humor,” the obituary reads. “Dave will be remembered as a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and good friend to many.”

David and a close friend opened a small bait shop in Rochester and later sold it. His business adventures in the fishing industry eventually led



him to establishing the current business, Prairie Wax Worm Farm, with his long time business partner. The business was located on the same place as he lived.

He is survived by his three children, Bill and Braden Riess of Rochester and Bria Riess of Eyota. David was married for 35 years.

The sheriff’s office continues to investigate David’s murder with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Authorities have also asked the U.S. Marshal Service for assistance in locating Lois Riess.

“We have no new information to share at this time.”

~ Sheriff Scott Rose
Dodge County

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Lois should call 911. The sheriff said she is considered armed and dangerous.

Lois Riess is likely driving a white 2005 Cadillac Escalade with Minnesota license plate 864-LAE.

“Anyone who knew Dave shared many laughs with him as his greatest gift was his sense of humor.”

~ David Riess Obituary

OBITUARY

David Leonard Riess, 54, Blooming Prairie



David (Dave) Leonard Riess, of Blooming Prairie, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 54.

Dave was born April 24, 1963 in Rochester to Stanley and Darlene (Schoonover) Riess. He enlisted in the Navy shortly before graduating from Mayo High School in 1981. He served in the US Navy from 1982 to 1985, stationed in California. He was married in San Diego, Calif., on Sept. 17, 1982. After time spent serving in Guam, he moved back to Rochester and remained in the Navy reserves for three years.

Dave worked at Crenlo for many years before following his dream of opening his own business in the wholesale bait industry. He and a close friend opened a small bait shop in Rochester and after successfully running the shop for years, they decided to sell the business. After selling the bait shop, his business adventures in the fishing industry took off, ultimately establishing his current business, The Prairie Wax Worm Farm, with his long time business partner and friend.

Dave had a passion for the outdoors and spent much of his free time fishing, hunting, boating, and enjoying time with friends and family. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, logging many hours on the water. Anyone who knew Dave shared many laughs with him, as his greatest gift was his sense of humor.

Dave will be remembered as a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and good friend to many.

Dave was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Riess.

Dave is survived by his three children; Bill (Pamala) Riess of Rochester; Bria (Luke

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number of inebriated people and their erratic driving after dark.

When three local saloon owners refused to follow the rules set by the Commission and remained open past 5 p.m., troops were sent to Blooming Prairie to close their businesses by force.

Since we will be noting the 100th anniversary on July 1 with an event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, we have arranged to have Dean Ulland speak at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Dean is a history instructor at Riverland Community College and a proud Blossom alumni. When he last spoke here, the room was packed with those interested in the topic.

Please join us to learn more about what happened here in Blooming Prairie a century ago. See you at the library!

One of the unique events in Blooming Prairie history took place 100 years this summer.

Before Prohibition went into effect, the Minnesota Public Safety Commission banned bars from being open past 5 p.m. as part of the effort to save resources for World War I. Additionally, a petition was signed by many Blooming Prairie residents complaining about the

COLLEGE NEWS

Arthur selected for international leadership program

A student from Ellendale has been selected for a unique leadership program through Iowa State University.

Riley Arthur, who is majoring in agricultural business, is one of 20 students selected for the 2018-19 academic year cohort. The program will take Iowa State students beyond the classroom to better understand leadership and global challenges - such as clean drinking water, poverty and food insecurity - and the impact for international corporations.

The Vermeer International Leadership Program is a year-long, in-depth cohort leadership experience in which students learn how companies operate on an international scale. Launched in fall 2015, the program is sponsored by Vermeer Corporation, a global industrial and agricultural equipment company. It is administered through Iowa State's Leadership Studies Program, coordinated by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics.

The student leaders will identify and research a global challenge as part of their leadership courses, engage in leadership development activities and travel to Vermeer headquarters in Pella to interview team members. They will also spend a week at the Vermeer Europe, Middle East and Africa facility in Goes, Netherlands, over the university's spring break.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to study leadership through a global lens and intentionally work to improve their cultural competency," said Tara Widner, lecturer in leadership studies, who coordinates the program. "The first three years of the program were

a success, and I'm excited to see the partnership between Vermeer and the Leadership Studies Program at Iowa State continue to grow with the selection of our fourth group of students."

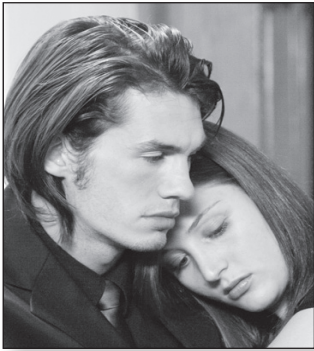
A new cohort of students will participate every year over the first five years of the program. All full-time Iowa State students are eligible to apply. Students are selected through an application and interview process, with priority given to students who have an interest in engineering, business or agriculture with at least two academic years left in their plan of study. The 2018-2019 cohort of 20 students was selected from 115 applications.

"Congratulations to the students selected for the 2018-2019 academic year,"

said Jason Andringa, president and CEO of Vermeer Corporation. "This program is an exciting opportunity for these future leaders to help make an impact in the state of Iowa and beyond. We are excited to be a part of their development."

Financial support from Vermeer for the program provides each student selected with a travel stipend for their international experience; a \$2,000 scholarship; and a variety of leadership opportunities including retreats, leadership assessments, collaboration opportunities, and networking with Vermeer and ISU leaders. The students selected also take one leadership course together in both the fall and spring semesters.

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Farmers' Forum set for April 28 in Owatonna

A farmers' forum open to the public is coming to Owatonna April 28.

The forum, What's Happening in Rural America – the Truth Revealed, will be addressing issues not only of interest to farmers, but for all of us. Family farms and our environment are under siege.

Sponsored by the Steele County DFL, the forum will take place Saturday, April 28

from 1-3 p.m. in the Gainey Room at the Owatonna Public Library, 105 N. Elm Ave.

During the forum, videos will be shown depicting family farms and the environment being under siege. The videos are "The Economics of Sustainable Agriculture and the Food Revolution," and "The Dark Side of the Other White Meat."

There will be time for questions after the videos.

"The biggest shift – bigger by far than the changes in politics, government or economics – is the shift to a knowledgeable society," says John Ikerd, one of the video presentators.

For more information, contact Sylvia Archer at 507-456-7726.

Fair seeks nominations for Hall of Fame

The Steele County Free Fair reminds folks that May 1 is the deadline to submit nominations for this year's Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame.

Nominations forms are available at the fair office and also on line at SteeleCountyFreeFair@scff.org.

Nominees are judged on their impact upon the livestock industry on the county, state, and national levels, their leadership in the livestock industry and other relevant contributions.

Inductees into the Livestock Hall of Fame will be recognized during the Steele County Fair on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 14 in the livestock show arena.

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The most common topic in the New Testament is the kingdom of God. It is the simple message that the rule of God had come to this Earth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is transforming hearts into the image of Jesus Christ His son, so the world will look more like Jesus. When everyone talks, acts, thinks, like Jesus, then the world will be under the perfect will of God and His kingdom of God will reign on Earth as it is in Heaven.

When Jesus came across a sinner, He didn't yell at them to repent and quit being bad, He loved them and served them, and revealed the glory of Heaven to them. In Heaven everyone is

healed, so Jesus healed them. In Heaven everyone is fed, so Christ fed them. In Heaven everyone is forgiven, so Christ forgave them. In Heaven everyone is served, so Christ served them. In Heaven everyone is Loved, so Christ loved them.

This is how we are called to preach the gospel. We can preach the Bible all we want, but unless we are living examples of the life of Christ, our preaching is powerless! Sharing our faith is most power when it is wrapped in Christian kindness. You see people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. The strongest evangelistic sermon we can ever preach is visiting a sick friend in hospital, it

is caring for a mourning friend, who has no one to love them, it is providing, education, or healthcare, to people who don't have access to those things, it is listening to someone who needs someone to talk to, it is providing a after school programs for kids who have no place to go, or making our schools safer. It's situations like that where you have the greatest opportunity to share your faith!

President Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, But what you can do for your country."

Many churches believe our principle objective is to get people into Heaven. While Heaven is an amazing place and we should be excited to go; our primary

objective is not for us to get people out of the world and into Heaven, but to get Heaven out of us and into the world. We should rather say "Ask not what Heaven can do for you, but what you can do for Heaven."

Anyone can go from Earth to Heaven. Who is willing to bring Heaven to Earth? Anyone can worship. Who is willing to work? Anyone can experience. Who is willing to create? Anyone can have Christ as their Savior. Who is willing to have Him as your Lord?

*Pastor Patrick Stitt
Vibrant Life Assembly of God
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507-256-4288
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

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507-684-2451
Saturday: 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship;
10:15 a.m. Sunday School/
Confirmation
Tues.: 7 p.m. Call to Prayer,
open to all churches
Wed.: 9:30 a.m. BibleStudy;
3:30 – 5 p.m. Jesus and Me; 6
p.m.
Call to Prayer; 6:30 p.m.
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434 First St. SW.,
Blooming Prairie
Rev. Heidi Heimgartner,
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Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sundays
Education Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

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

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Pastor Nancy Edwardson
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Pastor Mike Walerius
507-465-8366
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.

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Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Education Hour:
10:15 a.m. Sun.

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Pastor Lindsay Stolen
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Sunday School
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507-528-2404
Worship: 6 p.m. Saturday;
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Pastor Collin Duling
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Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
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Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA
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104 First St. SE., Hayfield
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Education Hour:
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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BP ICON: Saving a vintage water tower

FROM PAGE A1

Lawson reports that the City of Blooming Prairie has received a Legacy grant from the state, the first step in having the Blooming Prairie water tower nominated as a historic landmark.

The grant is for \$6,763. The grant pays for an intensive level survey and evaluation of the water tower for the purpose of determining the structure's eligibility for listing on the National Register.

The survey is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

If found to be eligible, a second Legacy grant is anticipated to be applied for to complete the nomination process, placing the City of Blooming Prairie in a position to seek additional funding for its rehabilitation.

The Osseo water tower was listed on the National Register last June. Osseo has a population of 2,752, compared to the population of Blooming Prairie listed at just over 2,000.

Lawson, the local EDA director, has been working with Alexa McDowell of AKAY Consulting, Minneapolis. McDowell completed the nomination process for Osseo's water tower built in 1915 and she helped place the 1922 Elk River water tower on the National Register in 2012.

McDowell also worked with a preservation group in Manassas, Va., to support efforts to place its 1914 water tower on the National Register, a process that was completed late in the summer of 2016.

The Osseo tower was listed for its historical significance to community planning and development in Osseo, because it promoted better fire fighting, provided fresh water to homes and businesses, and supported the growth of the community.

These old water towers are architecturally significant because hemispherical-bottom water towers, built from about the 1890s to about 1940, are rapidly being replaced by larger-capacity towers.

The Blooming Prairie water tower was built in 1925 and has a capacity of 65,000 gallons. Mausbach said the goal is to have a tower with a capacity of 100,000 gallons.

"The current tower is of the age where it has accumulated rust and shows structural fatigue" said Mausbach.

The Blooming Prairie City Council has been made aware of the need for increased water supply. In addition to the water tower supply, the city does have above ground water storage near the city utilities plant.

Mausbach said the existing water tower needs a painting job and must be brought up to existing safety codes.

"It looks like it would cost as much to renovate the old tower as it would cost to build a new tower," Mausbach reasoned. He said a new water tower would cost approximately \$600,000 and this would raise the capacity to 100,000 gallons.

Increasing the capacity of the tower would give the city sufficient storage to handle sizable population growth in the near future. "A new tower would definitely serve the community," said Mausbach.

With city council input, Mausbach says the Public Utilities Commission would like to learn the feelings of the community about a new water tower and about saving the old one.

KOM Engineering has been working with the city exploring different grant opportunities.

Mausbach emphasizes there is "no way" to increase the capacity of the 1925 BP water tower. "What could happen is that the city would have two water towers," said Mausbach. One would be workable and the other would be a historic landmark.

"We welcome the input of everyone," Mausbach said.



Vandal's donates to food Shelf

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vandal's Family Market is helping out the Steele County Food Shelf by moving out a bunch of inventory from Vandal's old wholesaler. Vandal's purchases the food from the store and donates it to the food shelf. Owners Brandy Vandal-Holmberg and Brady Holmberg, with the help of an employee, load some food destined for the food shelf.

RAISING AGE: To purchase tobacco

FROM PAGE A2

the number of youth and young adult smokers in Minnesota would be reduced by 30,000 in the next 15 years.

A Minnesota Youth Tobacco survey conducted by the National Institute of Health revealed that 38.7 percent of high school and 12 percent of middle school students in Minnesota used tobacco products.

There also is evidence that early smokers damage their brain development. Dr. Kottke, says, "Research suggests that nicotine interferes with brain maturation and can have long term effects on development and mental health"

There are critics of the proposal to increase the purchase age to 21. Some say there should be a state law, since teenagers can buy products in a neighboring community that

doesn't have the ban. A proposal to increase the selling age to 21 was introduced last legislative session, but it did not get a hearing in committee.

Minnesota has made progress in reducing the number of smokers through legislation and taxing tobacco purchases.

Look for more communities to raise the purchasing age to 21 and eventually for the Minnesota Legislature to pass the ban state-wide, because it's the right thing to do.

Don Heinzman is a veteran newspaper journalist who lives in the Twin Cities. He has provided editorial assistance to staff members of the Steele County Times in the past.

MPCA FINES: Truck wash complaint

FROM PAGE A1

The MPCA investigation found that Gosch did not have a proper permit required to discharge pollutants from a point source into the waters of the state.

On Sept. 13, 2017, MPCA staff documented that for 10 years Gosch discharged about 2,000 gallons per week of wastewater from a livestock truck wash to a Subsurface Sewage Treatment System consisting of a 2,000 gallon holding tank and drainfield with perforated tile that allowed for infiltration to subsurface soil.

MPCA also documented that the drainfield was day-lighted and ultimately discharged livestock truck wash wastewater to the waters of an unnamed creek to south fork of the Zumbro River in Dodge County. This activity required a permit, the MPCA said.

The initial penalty leveled against Gosch by the MPCA was \$4,000. However, after he took appropriate action to

rectify the situation within 30 days, \$2,000 of the penalty was forgiven. Gosch paid the penalty on Jan. 9.

The MPCA issued a letter to Gosch on March 28 acknowledging that he had completed the correction actions outlined in the original order. In the most recent letter, the MPCA thanked Gosch for his attention into this matter and his cooperation in fulfillment of the requirements.

Besides operating a livestock trucking company, which includes four semi tractor trailers, Gosch also runs a feedlot operation of swine and dairy. Records show the feedlot operation has been properly permitted through the MPCA. The most current permit was issued in 2017 after a public comment period.

In an interview with the Times, Gosch said there was "no manure" discharged into any watersheds through his truck wash bay. He said the

trucks were all scraped and washed with the only possible pollutants being "gray water" disposed of in the watershed.

"There was no hazardous pollutants," Gosch said. "This is not a hog farm violation," he pointed out.

Gosch noted that he has always been good to work with regarding the hog feedlots he operates. "I've always been compliant," he said.

As for the truck wash bay, Gosch said he had a septic company install it 10 years ago. Gosch said the laws have changed since the original bay was put in. "I didn't premeditate this," he stressed. "I didn't plan on doing something illegally."

As for the MPCA's investigation, Gosch said: "They were good to me because I was good to them. We try to do things right."

An avid fisherman, Gosch said the last thing he wants to do is pollute the waters in his world.

COMMUNITIES: Yellow Ribbon help vets

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service and dedication which inspired her to get involved. "Oh, absolutely I was inspired by them, and I'm also a patriot and I love our country," Frazier said.

One of the projects she singled out was an effort to build a set of stairs for a World War II veteran at his house.

It is work like this which gives Frazier and the other volunteers a good feeling.

"We want everyone in Steele County to know we exist," Frazier expressed before explaining that one of the biggest challenges has been getting the word out there, and having people within the community trust her and the organization.

With only three full-time volunteers currently in her network, Frazier feels that they have plenty of room to grow as an organization. "We'd like more volunteers. We're looking for people who are passionate about helping our service members and veterans and whatever it is they can do to help, we want to utilize that."

Regardless of the challenges, there are plenty of rewards to performing such good work. "I like helping the families," Frazier says, "and we don't need a thank you, for us showing our appreciation for their sacrifices is what we're able to do."

Two of the volunteers, Carolyn Holter and her mother Connie Holter, feel it's something everyone should consider. "It's very important to be aware and give back," Carolyn said. They, too, come



Staff photos by Chris Baldwin
Volunteers with the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign in Steele County are (left to right) Sarah Frazier, Carolyn Holter and Connie Holter.

Sgt. Joshua Moe of the Minnesota National Guard. "Mainly for us, we're the link between Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and our unit," Moe explained.

"We've done some things like help with school shopping, or toys at Christmas time, and we'll do some help around the house," Staff Sgt. Moe says of his work with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. "We also helped a disabled vet fix his porch, which was

amazing." Both Staff Sgt. Moe and Sgt. Hauck are still active. Sgt. Hauck served in Afghanistan and Staff Sgt. Moe has served in both Kuwait and Iraq. They see the program as crucial for both military veterans, as well as current enlistees and their families.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Learn more about the program from The MN National Guard on Facebook Or www.mnbtynr.ng.mil

By partnering with similar programs within the community, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon looks to make even more of an impact in the years to come. "They can still work on their individual goals, but they can do it in a way that benefits each other," said Alstrin. "We want to create a system, or a process, which sustains itself."

Project Got Your Back works in partnership with the Department of Defense. A representative from the DOD was also in attendance at the meeting.

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Heimgartner boys critique parents' dancing skills

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a story that originally ran in last week's edition on "Tiny Dancers" making their moves to Dancing With Our Steele County Stars.

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Practice is reaching a feverish pitch for the Rev. Heidi Heimgartner and husband Paul as they continue practicing for their entry into Dancing with Our Steele County Stars.

The eighth annual dancing event, sponsored by Healthy Seniors of Steele County, will be held at the Medford High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 28.

Known professionally and

by friends as Pastor Heidi, Heimgartner has been busy rehearsing for the main event, which begins at 7 p.m. Her partner, of course, is Paul Heimgartner, a medical laboratory engineer.

Pastor Heidi is senior pastor at First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie.

The Heimgartners have been practicing almost daily in their garage, which has been converted into a dance studio. They also go weekly to dance lessons led by Brian and Lynette Dawley, Bessie Peterson and Steve and JoAnn Caron.

These coaches, of course, teach the Heimgartners the various steps of their dance routine. "It helps us and we received a 'very good' from our instructors the other night," Paul related.

The Heimgartner boys, Luke

and Jonathan, often attend the dance lessons. "They realize this is something special for mom and dad," Heidi said.

If they manage to convince mom and dad to let them stay up later on some nights, the Heimgartner boys get out their tablets and begin critiquing mom and dad. Luke is a tougher judge than his younger brother, the Heimgartners agree.

The Heimgartners have never taken dance lessons. They say their routine is complex but they feel they are over the learning curve. "The teaching video we use is not foreign to us any more," Heidi commented.

Both said they have fun together, dancing at wedding receptions. "We've gotten pretty good with the "chicken dance" and the "Hokey Pokey," Paul jokes. Now, they have graduated to some classics.

"It's been a neat experience and we feel like beginners, but we are always willing to try something new," Heidi said.

Heidi and Paul have also talked to Greg and Allyson Skillestad, winners of the contest two years ago, hoping to learn from their experiences with dancing with the stars.

The Skillestads are from Blooming Prairie, Greg being the Blooming Prairie police chief and Allyson a nurse for the Mayo Health Systems.

"It's a real lesson in body movement and we have learned more about controlling the motion and holding it," Paul says.

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Weather forces road detour postponement by Owatonna

Wintry weather has forced the postponement of the start of a detour for westbound Highway 14 motorists who use the northbound Interstate 35 on-ramp south of Owatonna, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The ramp detour is scheduled for Friday, April 13. It previously had been scheduled for April 2. It's one of several traffic changes taking place this month as the project enters Year 2 to replace 12 bridges south of Owatonna on Hwy 14 and I-35. The changes are subject to the weather, so the starting date might be adjusted again if weather delays the necessary work to change traffic.

Westbound Hwy 14 motorists east of I-35 will be moved into the eastbound Hwy 14 lanes, so two-way traffic will flow in the eastbound lanes. Because of this traffic change, westbound Hwy 14 motorists who want to travel north on I-35 will need to detour through the interchange loops at I-35 by taking the southbound I-35 ramp to the eastbound Hwy 14 ramp to the northbound I-35 ramp. The detour will remain in place until the two Hwy 14 bridges are reopened to traffic in the fall.

Traffic on I-35 is expected to change to in late-April. Two-way traffic will be established in the southbound lanes, so workers can replace the bridges in the northbound lanes. The northbound Straight River Rest Area will close when traffic is switched, but the southbound Straight River Rest Area will be open for southbound traffic.

Motorists who use Steele County Road 18 to cross I-35 are reminded that the road is closed at the bridge. It is one of the bridges being replaced. They may detour around the crossing by using Hwy 14.

This bridge replacement project is in its second of two years south of Owatonna. Twelve bridges are being replaced over two years on I-35 (eight bridges) and Hwy 14 (four bridges).

Changing the future of health

The theme this year's National Public Health Week was, "Changing our Future Together." The week ran April 2-8.

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-Monday- Behavioral health, advocate for and promote well-being.

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Staff photos by Rick Bussler

Donnavon Eaker, left, and Rachael Lee, of Steve's Meat Market proudly show off the coveted Sweepstakes Award they won at the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors annual convention in St. Cloud last month. Steve's earned 11 awards for excellence in smoked and cured meat products during the competition. Eaker has operated the meat market in Ellendale since 1973.

MAKIN BACON AND MORE



Much of Rachael Lee's inspiration in operating Steve's Meat Market comes from her father, Steve Eaker, who died in 2006 after battling cancer. Lee learned the meat processing trade from her dad.

Ellendale meat processor continues to rack up state awards

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Making bacon and other meat products have proven to be an award-winning venture for Steve's Meat Market in Ellendale for the past 42 years. And this year is proving to be no different.

As Rachael Lee, operations manager of Steve's, continues to churn out various meat and sausage products, the awards keep piling up. She, along with her mother Donnavon Eaker, came back in mid March from the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors with 11 awards, including the coveted Sweepstakes Championship award for the second straight year.

Steve's was founded in 1973 by Lee's parents, Steve and Donnavon Eaker. Steve died in 2006 after battling cancer, but not before preparing Lee to continue the family legacy. Steve's has won state and national awards every year since 1976.

Just how good is Steve's?

Lee points to the period of when her father was fighting cancer. Despite his courageous battle and everything that went along with it, the meat market still managed to pull off winning three awards.

To this day Lee relies on her father's

recipes for producing the award-winning meats and sausages. Lee said the sausages, wieners, bologna are still 100 percent Steve's recipes. With many other products, Lee has taken Steve's basic recipes and spiced it up by adding something. Jalapenos and Pepper Jack cheeses are some of the extra ingredients added to many of the products these days, according to Lee.

"I'm not here to make a lot of changes because obviously he knew what he was doing," Lee said. "This all comes right back to my dad—100 percent."

Lee recalls one of the last times she leaned on her dad for advice in making specialty summer sausage.

"Dad tasted it and said it's just missing something," she said. Lee worked on it by adding more jalapenos and a combination of low temperature and high temperature Pepper Jack cheese. She won reserve champion in this year's competition with the Pepper Jack Summer Sausage.

Steve was big on developing value-added meat products, according to Lee. He enjoyed creating meats with wild rice, cheeses and berries, among other things.

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Bottoms Up!

Habit for Humanity brews craft beer fundraiser

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Folks from all over Steele County filtered into the Four Seasons Centre to taste samples of craft beer, and give back.

The fundraiser, aptly named Hops for Humanity, is in its first year, in what many in the organization hope

will become a tradition. The event was open to ages 21 and above, and was held Saturday afternoon.

Ticket prices fell into three categories: general admission, designated driver, and VIP. By purchasing a VIP ticket, attendees were able to get into

SEE BOTTOMS UP, B2



Staff photos by Chris Baldwin

It was bottoms up for hundreds of people Saturday afternoon at the Four Seasons Centre in Owatonna. They enjoyed 18 kinds of craft beer during the Hops for Humanity event, which was a fundraiser for the Steele-Waseca Habitat for Humanity organization. Organizers deemed the first ever event as a success and plan to bring it back again next year.

MAKIN BACON: Rack up state awards

FROM MAKIN BACON, B1

At this year’s state contest, Lee was awarded two grand champions for wieners and prepared food item, which was a smoked prime rib roast. She won a champion award for specialty bacon (warm bourbon bacon) and three champion awards for small diameter traditional sausage (Polish sausage), cooked summer sausage and fresh specialty small diameter sausage (Pepper Jack bratwurst).

In addition to the Pepper Jack summer sausage, the other reserve championships came in ring bologna, specialty small diameter sausage (pepper jack sausage), whole bone-in smoked ham and specialty snack stick (pepper jack snack sticks).

The Sweepstakes award is given out to the person with the highest total points for the overall product show.

“I feel like my dad is saying you’re doing a good job,” Lee said. “It’s pretty neat.”

Added Donnavon, “The stars were lined up.”

Even though Steve has been gone for 12 years, Lee still feels his presence while cutting meat. “He’s still here every day,” Lee says. “He still leads me. I talk to him quite a bit. He still has a finger right here.”

Lee credits her competitiveness in the state and national contests to both her parents. She said they taught her how to work hard and try to always make a good product.

“It’s labor intense,” Lee said of the meat business. “It’s not an easy business. It’s a physical job,” she added.

But she comes away with great satisfaction at the end of the day.

“I feel good about what I do,” Lee said. “I work hard to produce something good.”

Donnavon said she always taught both of her girls to have a good work ethic. “They learned how

to work,” she said. “It’s not just handed to them,” she added.

Hard work, Donnavon said, seems to be a dying art these days for the younger generation.

Besides the retail store in downtown Ellendale, Steve’s products are also sold in area retail stores under the Steve’s Smokey Acres label and on privately labeled products sold in other retail stores throughout the Midwest. Steve’s has provided meats for the Lunds and Byerlys stores in the Twin Cities since 1993.

Just last fall, Steve’s added the first meat vending machine in Minnesota outside their store in which customers can access any time 24/7.

Steve’s, which is a USDA inspected meat plant, produces more than 285 specialty meat and sausage products. Snack sticks are the top seller today. Donnavon noted when they opened in 1973, the only products they made were hams, bacon and dried beef.

And just in case you’re keeping track, after the newest awards, Steve’s is up to more than 390 state and national awards, most of which are displayed in the retail store.

Asked what the secret is to their on-going success, Donnavon responded, “Just put your head down and go to work. Don’t be afraid to learn.”

Donnavon said her husband wrote down all the recipes in a notebook before he died, but he never gave them out to anyone. And as for the notebook, Donnavon said referring to her daughter, “She’s very protective of it.”

Looking back on the past 45 years, Donnavon said, “I was his (Steve’s) cheerleader, and now I am hers (Rachael’s).”

TINY DANCERS: Parents’ dancing skills

FROM TINY DANCERS, B1

The Heimgartners critique one another and have gotten to know one another’s steps. “It’s an enjoyable 2-3 hours of practice looking at one another and it helps our personal growth,” says Heidi. “What a gift.”

Each couple has been challenged to sell tickets and find sponsors. Pastor Heidi said it has not been difficult in Blooming Prairie because of the “tremendous support” always shown for community endeavors. Heidi and Paul have gotten over two dozen sponsorships.

“Blooming Prairie has been so giving and we have received some wonderful prizes for the silent auction,” Heidi said.

The auction begins at 6 p.m. and the program follows at 7 p.m.

An interesting feature of the competition comes at intermission when attendees and dancers go to the commons area and share some refreshments.

This is a time when dancers mingle with the crowd and lobby for votes.

This year’s event will feature 10 couples. Spectators will be able to vote for their favorite dancers.

Four different awards are presented at the conclusion of the dance event.

The Judges’ Award is based on performance. The Audience Choice Award category includes results from the public voting.

Last year, Patty and John Kark were the overall winners determined by a total of cumulative points earned from three areas: judges score, audience choice ranking and fundraising ranking.

The top award for fund raising last year was earned by Holly Larson and Brad Kubat, the couple raising over \$9,000.

Both Paul and Heidi admit that they do



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud
The Rev. Heidi Heimgartner and husband Paul represent one of the couples entered in Dancing with Our Steele County Stars competition Saturday, April 28 in Medford. The Heimgartners are shown with sons Luke, and Jonathan, right at the installation of Pastor Heidi as senior pastor at First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie earlier this year.

not watch the weekly Dancing with the Stars television show. “We have watched show highlights on the computer,” Paul said.

Heidi and Paul expect a large contingency from Blooming Prairie plus their families to be at the dance competition.

“People have been so supportive and we hope they root for us,” Heidi and Paul concluded.

BOTTOMS UP: Craft beer fundraiser

FROM TINY DANCERS, B1

the Four Seasons an hour early, while designated drivers and general admission ticket holders were required to wait until 2 p.m. to get their hands on a hand crafted beer.

Taylor Herman, president of Habit for Humanity’s Steele and Waseca chapter, expects that it will quickly become an annual tradition for the organization.

“Of course we will plan on doing it again next year,” he said while admiring the crowds. Along with tickets, the event also raises funds by selling pretzel necklaces. “They’re a really good palate cleanser,” Herman explained. The pretzels were donated by Hy-Vee and the necklaces were made by a class of Grace Lutheran Church confirmation students from Waseca.

The idea for the event first came after Herman and some of the other Habitat for Humanity members attended a similar Habitat for Humanity Brewfest in the Twin Cities. “We all

basically thought we should do something like this,” he said.

Steele and Waseca’s Habitat for Humanity had been looking for a cool way to raise funds and particularly wanted something which could draw crowds of younger adults, who may not go out for traditional fundraisers as much.

“We figured this would be a good option. We wanted something different, something fun,” Herman said. He and his fellow Habitat for Humanity members quickly organized the event with an eye towards attracting a younger crowd. “It’s really a great opportunity to expose people to our program,” he added.

This year’s event managed to corral 18 Breweries from across Minnesota, including the Steele Tap Co-op, a project in the works that aims to open up a brewery in downtown Owatonna by next year. Both Herman and Pat Heydon, with Habitat International, expressed their gratitude to all the breweries, who, according to Heydon, donated their time and their products.

Korey Borchert of Steele Tap says he was more than happy to join in. “It’s great to give back,” he said. “This is what we’re all about as a community oriented business.” Borchert and the folks at Steele Tap plan on opening as the first cooperative brew pub in Minnesota.

Although they haven’t ironed out the specifics, Borchert says that they are looking into utilizing the old Bubba’s building in the downtown area of Owatonna. “We want to serve seasonal style food, beer, and wine that rotates, but of course we’ll have our staples as well,” he said.

Ellen Heydon, community engagement coordinator for Steele and Waseca Habit for Humanity, feels that it was great to have all the breweries offer their services for free. “It’s fantastic that so many breweries have lined up for this,” she said.

Heydon, whose mother Pat was heavily involved in the Steele and Waseca chapter before moving up to Habitat International, says that she felt the program was always a part of her family. “I love it. I couldn’t imagine doing anything else,” she said. “I love helping the people and hearing their stories.”

Both Heydon and Herman had nothing but praise for

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Blotter Spotlight: Suspicion: On March 28 at 8:48 p.m., a Dodge Center woman called deputies when a suspicious male came up to her door in the 200 block of 1st St. NW and asked about a moving sale from an ad on Craigslist with her address.

CRIME BRIEF

Ellendale man picked up twice in same night

A man from Ellendale didn't seem to have very good luck as he was picked up twice in the same night for the same violations.

Owatonna Police stopped Matthew Reiter, 31, as he was driving with an equipment violation near the intersection of Grove Avenue and Main Street on March 31 around 10 p.m. The officer found Reiter had a revoked driver's license, and he could not provide proof of valid insurance, police said.

Reiter was issued a citation for those offenses and released at the scene. The vehicle was legally parked and left alongside the roadway. Police told Reiter to



Reiter

find a valid driver to move the vehicle.

About 30 minutes later, the same officer saw the same vehicle with the same equipment violation and the same driver operating in the 1500 block of St. Paul Road.

This time, however, Reiter was taken into custody and jailed.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Safety experts hold panel on safe driving

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

With the prevalence of technology, cars today are becoming more sophisticated, more connected, and more distracting. This,

in conjunction with the widespread use of cell phones and common, traditional distractions such as the radio, has become an epidemic for drivers.

Last Thursday the Steele County History Center hosted a panel of

five experts who fielded questions on subjects including distracted driving, rules and regulations, and crash reconstruction. The presentation, titled

SEE RULES, B8

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 26 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Jesse J. Bruley, 31, Austin, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana and gross misdemeanor cancelled license. The defendant was sentenced to \$131, 19 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, cognitive skill training, attend one sober support group weekly, enter New Beginnings, 50 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Jeffrey L. Jones, 30, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to \$381, 24 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, maintain employment, attend two sober support groups and 3 years of supervised probation.

Tanner T. Maloney, 26, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to \$581, 270 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend sex offender program, no contact with victim, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph tests as directed, no access to internet without approval, obtain permission to leave the state, no contact with minors and 7 years of supervised probation.

Jacob T. Salisbury, 28, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct and misdemeanor violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Salisbury was sentenced to \$581, 1 year in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend sex offender program, no contact with victim, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, no access to internet without approval, submit to polygraph test as directed, no contract with minors and 10 years of supervised probation.

Blas O. Varela Jr., 19, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct – significant relationship with victim 16-17. He was sentenced to \$581, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend sex offender program, no contact with victim or minors, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph examination as directed, no access to internet without approval, obtain permission to leave the state and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District

Court the week of March 26 – 30:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

María I. Banda-Dezamarripa, 59, Blooming Prairie, no license and no insurance, \$381.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER Elizabeth M. Burrow-Galbrecht, 17, Northfield, speeding, \$221; Lisa J. Dodd, 55, New Richland, failure to stop at red light, \$131; Karina Y. Funez-Perez, 24, Willmar, no license, \$181; John M. Houston, 74, Pittsville, WI, speeding, \$141; Abdikarin A. Hussein, 27, Burnsville, speeding, \$121; Alexander J. Larsen, 22, Eagan, unsafe lane usage, \$100; Thomas S. Mack, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Candi R. Preheim, 39, Ironwood, MI, possession of paraphernalia, \$281; Arlando J. Ramirez, 27, Owatonna, window tint violation, \$131; Andrew J. Umshler, 18, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$131.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Faisal Abdullahi, 28, Shakopee, theft of services, \$131 and 90 days in county jail; Faisal M. Abdullahi, 28, Shakopee, motor vehicle theft, \$131 and 1 year in county jail; Dustin E. Ball, 27, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 30 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, obtain GED, obtain permission to leave the state, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Jacob P. Banks, 25, Owatonna, theft, \$1,840.11 and 45 days in county jail; Amy J. Burbie, 41, Medford, texting while driving, \$131; Laura L. Drake, 39, Waseca, theft, stay of adjudication, 1 year of supervised probation; Jessica A. Hayes, 34, Waseca, revoked license and failure to yield, \$321; Tina M. Hermes, 43, Owatonna, registration violation, \$181; Lindsey R. Hugstad-Vaa, 33, Owatonna, expired license and no insurance, \$381; Jacob R. Knutson, 42, disorderly conduct, \$381, 5 days in county jail, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Alexander J. Kovich, 18, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Gene M. Kuehn, 53, Pine River, DWI, \$606, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 208 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Tyler L. Lockman, 30, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana, \$181; Wuilson A. Lopez Reyes, 38, Willmar, cancelled license, \$281; Tralanar M. Madlock-Hitchcock, 22, Waseca, theft, \$181; Joseph J. Meyer, 38, Faribault, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131; Heather J. St. Dennis, 33, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, obtain permission to leave the state, comply with Ignition Interlock program and 1 year of supervised probation; Jasmynn M. Stechmann, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ismail O. Awdeer, 36, Eagan, speeding, \$121; Barre Y. Barre, 25, Mankato, suspended license and speeding, \$331; Zachary A. Baumgartner, 23, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Audreyona R. Chavez-Lorenz, 36, Brownsdale, speeding, \$221; Rileigh E. Goettl, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Richard C. Jones, 51, Medford,

speeding, \$121; Thomas J. Kraus, 59, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Haylee E. Kremmin, 24, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$100, 11 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of probation; John T. McGuire, 37, Owatonna, DWI, \$131 and 200 days in county jail; Francis J. Moore, 21, Richfield, speeding, \$221; Deisy J. Robles-de Jesus, 35, Owatonna, no license, \$181; River J. Thompson, 18, Owatonna, stop sign and speeding, \$171; Alexander J. Van Bogart, 22, Faribault, assault, \$1,156.53, 16 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Keith G. Werness, 57, Edina, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE

APRIL 2 Disturbance: Police arrested a subject following a disturbance in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE at 2:44 a.m.

April 5 Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of 3rd St. SE at 7:29 p.m.

OWATONNA POLICE

March 30

Warrant: At 9:07 a.m., police arrested a juvenile for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of Hillsdale St. NW. **Forgery:** Counterfeit money was reported in the 400 block of North St. W. at 1:02 p.m. **Warrant:** Officer made a warrant arrest in the 400 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 4:56 p.m.

March 31 Shoplifting: At 7:08 p.m., police arrested a juvenile for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. **Arrest:** Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at St. Paul Rd. NE and 15th St. NE at 10:21 p.m.

April 1 DWI: Police made a DWI arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:21 a.m. **Hit and Run:** At 9 a.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of Riverside Ave. NW.

April 2 Warrant: Police arrested a juvenile for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of School St. E. at 9:53 a.m. **Criminal Sexual Conduct:** Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 1800 block of Rosewood Dr. NW at 10:59 a.m. **Fraud:** Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:56 p.m.

April 3 Suspicion: At 5:04 a.m., officers responded to suspicious activity at Broadway St. E. and Grove Ave. N. They took a subject into custody. **Fraud:** A fraud incident occurred in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 11:19 a.m.

April 4 Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 600 block of Hilltop Ave. SW at 7:27

a.m. and the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:14 p.m. **Warrant:** Officer made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 8:55 p.m.

April 5

Fraud: At 8:24 a.m., a fraud incident occurred in the 700 block of Lee St. NE. **Shoplifting:** Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:13 a.m. **Hit and Run:** At 2:17 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

March 30

DWI: Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 22000 block of 46th St. NW in Owatonna at 12:51 a.m. **Crash:** At 10:46 p.m., a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 5400 block of Rose St. in Havana Township.

March 31

Theft: Deputy took a theft report in the 6800 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 9:05 p.m.

April 3

Crash: Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on U.S. Highway 218 in Aurora Township at 4:37 a.m. **Warrant:** Deputy made a warrant arrest at Cedar Ave. and 69th St. NE in Medford Township at 5:01 p.m. **Theft:** Deputy took a theft report in the 3200 block of 26th St. NW in Owatonna Township at 6:39 p.m.

April 4

Domestic: Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 84000 block of 23rd St. NW in Meriden Township at 1 a.m. **Crash:** At 7:58 a.m., a motor vehicle accident occurred at Cedar Ave. and 69th St. NW in Medford.

April 5

Harassment: Deputies responded to a harassment incident in the 41000 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township at 7:59 a.m. **Thefts:** Deputies took theft reports in the 200 block of 4th Ave. W. in Ellendale at 8:19 a.m. and the 300 block of 6th Ave. W. in Ellendale at 5 p.m.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of March 19 – 26:

Amanda J. Casey, 32, Cedar Falls, IA, previously appeared and was convicted of felony motor vehicle theft. She was sentenced to 17 months in Shakopee State Prison.

Travis W. Jackson, 38, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of restraining order. Jackson was sentenced to \$205, 43 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, cognitive skill training, no possession of firearms, domestic abuse evaluation, cooperate with CPS and 5 years of supervised probation.

Kasee M. Walker, 27, Hayfield, previously appeared and was convicted of felony financial transaction card fraud. The defendant was sentenced to \$8,205, 57 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance abuse, do not enter liquor establishments, no

possession of firearms, mental health evaluation, complete drug court and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of March 26 – April 2:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Oba H. Folden, 66, Groveport, OH, speeding, \$120; Miguel A. Gastelum, 42, Kasson, invalid license, \$180; Irvin S. Gomez Rivas, 22, Spring Valley, parking violation, \$32; Jesus H. Gutierrez, 22, Blaine, revoked license, \$300; Lynn A. Hoffmann, 51, Pine Island, speeding, \$140; Troy D. Homme, 45, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32;

Alize L. Johnson, 19, Dodge Center, permit offense, \$180; Robyn A. Lee, 43, Byron, speeding, \$120; Samuel H. Olive, 22, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Joshua D. Peterson, 36, Claremont, expired registration and no insurance, \$310; Hector Rodriguez, 30, Kasson, invalid license and no child passenger restraint system, \$230;

Kyle R. Sim, 30, Rochester, revoked license and no plates, \$380; Tessa A. Sjol, 22, West Concord, permit offense, \$180; Cole D. Stadler, 42, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Tyler B. Stroud, 30, St. Cloud, tampering with motor vehicle, 90 days in county jail; Anthony M. Suazo, 22, Owatonna, assault, \$380 and 1 year of probation; Patricia M. Utech, 53, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32;

Stephen F. Vlach, 24, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Andrew B. Wanek, 27, West Concord, parking violation, \$32; Jordan C. Ward, 19, Rochester, suspended license and careless driving, \$580 and 1 year of probation; Albert Zamarripa, 20, Hayfield, assault, \$380 and 1 year or probation.

Kasson Police Department

Lorne N. Deraad, 49, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Patrick J. Elmore, 39, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; David F. King, 57, Kasson, possession of firearm and cancelled license, 1 year in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms, mental health evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation;

Dallas J. Laqua, 23, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Bethany L. Maynard, 19, Oronoco, underage drinking and driving, \$380, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of probation; Jordan L. Mitchell, 21, Kasson, seat belt, \$105;

Angelina L. Schultze, 33, Mantorville, failure to stop for school bus, stay of adjudication, \$200 and 1 year of probation; Tyler S. Seelbinder, 18, Pine Island, underage drinking and driving and open bottle, stay of adjudication, \$380, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Jeremy A. Banks, 40, West Concord, seat belt, \$105; Caleb K. Bear, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Carter J. Behnken, 19, Waltham, speeding, \$120; Samantha H. Doring, 22, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130; Jessica M. Edgar, 18, Kasson, speeding, \$120;

Alexann I. Johnson-Lloyd, 19, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Jorge P. Pena, 58, Kings Mountain, NC, speeding, \$120; Heather M. Predmore,

35, Kasson, speeding and revoked license, \$340; Johnny V. Sarceno Guzman, 26, Rochester, revoked license, \$500; Archie Tart, 47, Kasson, speeding, \$130; Audrey J. Tebo, 82, Faribault, speeding, \$120; Andrew J. Weiss, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$130.

West Concord Police Department

Lane D. Aarsvold, 18, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140; Alexandra A. Ohm, 21, Elgin, parking violation, \$32; Tessa A. Sjol, 22, West Concord, parking violation, \$32.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 172 complaints during the week of March 28 – April 3. Some of them include:

March 28 Disorderly Conduct: Deputies found disorderly conduct on 6th Ave. SE in Hayfield at 11:37 a.m.

Fraud: At 12:36 p.m., a fraud incident occurred in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont.

Criminal Damage: Deputies took a report of criminal damage to property on 1st St. SE in Hayfield at 7:51 p.m.

March 29

Dumping: At 11:31 a.m., a Dodge Center resident called deputies when people were dumping trash in his dumpsters on Main St. W.

Suspicion: Deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 16800 block of 585th St. in West Concord at 10:16 p.m.

March 30

Suspicion: At 2:03 a.m., a woman called deputies when a subject was ringing her doorbell and pounding on her door in the 200 block of 4th Ave. SE in Dodge Center.

Suspicious Activity: Deputies found lights on in a utility shed in the 67500 block of 130th Ave. in Claremont at 2:19 a.m.

Larceny: Deputy took a larceny report in the 100 block of Hayes St. N. in Claremont at 7:44 a.m.

Animal Bite: At 12:27 p.m., an animal bite occurred in the 400 block of 7th St. NW in Dodge Center.

Juvenile: Deputies received a complaint of a 2-year-old boy walking up the road by himself on Airport Dr. N. in Dodge Center at 8:07 p.m.

April 1

Larceny: At 4:44 p.m., a Hayfield citizen reported the theft and use of his EBT card from the 100 block of 6th Ave. NE.

Fireworks: Deputies received a fireworks complaint from the 61500 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center at 7:34 p.m.

April 2

Suspicion: At 2:01 a.m., a Dodge Center woman reported a subject was ringing her doorbell and pounding on her door in the 200 block of 4th Ave. SE.

Animal: A Hayfield citizen reported that 8 to 10 cattle were in his backyard in the 21900 block of State Hwy. 30 at 6:37 a.m.

Fire: Deputies found a burning fire at 710th St. and 250th Ave. in Hayfield at 7:20 p.m.

Fraud: At 7:45 p.m., a fraud incident occurred in the 60800 block of 221st Ave. in Dodge Center.

April 3

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud in the 300 block of 9th St. NW in Dodge Center at 10:45 a.m.

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An organic partnership

Area sisters revitalize Owatonna's Harvest Co-op

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

After a period of inactivity, the Harvest Co-op in Owatonna will once again be providing area residents with an easy choice when looking for natural, organic alternatives to conventional supermarket products.

The Harvest Co-op, which has been around for nearly a half century, recently reopened after being shut down.

Cheryl Boettcher, a longtime customer and one time member, first noticed the store was closed when she went to get some spices and flour for the holidays this past winter. According to Boettcher, there was a sign on the door indicating that the Co-op was closed due to the death of its manager, Art Sorenson.

Sorenson had been a mainstay at the Co-op for years, and although it was owned by a cooperative, the passing of the Co-op's manager meant that it had to be closed down. That was until sisters Jeanette Sanford and Carmen Dorr got wind of the situation.

Having long been advocates and adherents of healthy, organic and natural food choices, as well as local and free trade, the sisters saw their opportunity to put this passion to work.

Together the sisters purchased the Harvest Co-op on Jan. 13 and got it ready to open again as fast as they could. They rearranged the interior and updated their suppliers and stock, and in early February opened the Harvest Co-op's doors to the community once more.

Although both sisters currently work at other jobs, they remain focused on this endeavor, balancing their available free time in order to get the place back operating at its peak.

Both Sanford and Dorr hope to continue the legacy of community support by utilizing local growers and suppliers, like Sorensen Honey Farm, a family owned business located in Owatonna, which provides the Co-op with natural, unpasteurized honey.

"We see ourselves as the community's pantry," Sanford said. Her sister agrees, calling it "everyone's pantry." They want the business to expand while also maintaining its loyal customer base.

One of its loyal customers, Cheryl Boettcher, says that the products available at the Co-op are "much fresher and cheaper, and they last longer." She enjoys cooking with many of the ingredients.

When it came time for the sisters to purchase the Co-op, they knew they had their work cut out for them, but they also knew that it was the perfect time to jump into this venture.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN
Sisters Jeanette Sanford (left) and Carmen Dorr (right) recently purchased and revitalized the Harvest Co-op in downtown Owatonna. They are open Thursdays through Saturdays.

"I think it brought us closer," Sanford says of their new partnership. "The older we get, the closer we get."

Dorr, meanwhile, feels that it was "a wonderful opportunity to put our strengths together," and sees their backgrounds as meshing well with the task at hand.

Both sisters also see a lot of benefit from the community's support. "All the positivity from the community is probably my favorite part so far," Sanford said when asked what she has enjoyed the most. They've kept their ears open to suggestions from customers who've been shopping there for years, and have plans to add a meat section, complete with grass-fed, hormone free cuts, and a refurbished coffee section.

Sanford explained that when they purchased the business, the coffee section was in need of work, and so they've scrapped it momentarily in favor of bringing the standard offerings back as fast as they could. These included ingredients like millet grain, flour, all sorts of spices, a smattering of nuts and dairy products, and an offering of different varieties of tea, as well as ingredients to mix your own bag.

When asked what some of their favorite ingredients are, Dorr says she goes with cinnamon, a classic, but also enjoys the turmeric due to its healthy qualities. Sanford, on the other hand, likes both the allspice and using black walnuts for cooking.

The Harvest Co-op is a perfect place for those wanting to try out natural, organic ingredients while also supporting local growers and sellers. Sanford, who fashions herself a creative cook that will often test out different recipes, feels it's a great resource for those of all cooking

levels and styles.

By keeping things local, they hope to promote positive ecological trends. The sisters also want to retain a transparency that has been part of the Harvest Co-op's tradition for many years. "We want our customers to know all of our suppliers," Jeanette said.

Although both sisters maintain that the project has been a fun one for them, they also admit it is not without its challenges. "There's plenty to learn," Dorr said, adding there is also "plenty of opportunity."

"It can be a steep learning curve," Sanford reveals. But she still relishes in the chance to put her passion into the business. "There are benefits of going organic, and not just health benefits, but for the planet, too."

With their old customer base ready to wade back into the community pantry and seek out choice ingredients and spices for their favorite dish, and new customers poking their head in to get a look at all the interesting and intriguing choices on hand, the sisters are hoping their partnership will be a fruitful one.

"Our goal is to have things as fresh as possible, and when feasible, to support local growers and folks as much as we can," Sanford says of their unofficial mission statement, which includes promoting a healthier, organic approach to cooking that will be less detrimental to the environment.

The Harvest Co-op is located in Owatonna at 137 East Front St. and is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Business Briefs

Minimizer releases floor mats for Cascadia trucks

In an effort to keep up with demand, Minimizer has released Custom Molded Floor Mats that fit the new Freightliner Cascadia 116 and 126.

"Cascadias are among the most popular trucks on the road, and with Freightliner releasing these two new models in 2018, we have our bases covered," Minimizer CEO and Chief Visionary Craig Kruckeberg said.

The 116 and 126 models feature a different cab interior than their 113 and 125 counterparts, necessitating Floor Mats that fit the newer models.

"Freightliner continues to make the Cascadia 113 and 125, so we now offer Floor Mats for every Cascadia on the road," Kruckeberg said.

To see the new Floor Mat kits, visit www.minimizer.com.

"We want every truck on the road to be outfitted with Minimizer Floor Mats," Kruckeberg said. "That may be a pipe dream, but if we didn't dream at least a little, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Minimizer, which is based in Blooming Prairie, got its start more than 30 years ago selling poly semi truck fenders. Minimizer has been family owned and operated for three generations.

New territory managers bring added heavy duty experience to Minimizer

The heavy duty trucking industry is a close-knit group where experience counts.

Thankfully for Minimizer, its two newest Territory Managers have that particular area covered.

"Experience is crucial in this industry," Minimizer Senior Director of Sales Greg Renberg said. "Often times, it seems like everyone knows everyone, so it can be difficult for outsiders to get comfortable and build relationships."

Minimizer's new Mideast Territory Manager Geoffrey (Geoff) Cook brings knowledge of the aftermarket sales process and has experience calling on both the construction and trailer markets.

Cook's territory includes Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

"Geoff brings valuable ex-

perience to our team," Renberg said. "We expect him to contribute to the continuing success of Minimizer."

Scott Holm, Minimizer's new Northwestern Territory Manager, has spent a number of years in the heavy duty trucking market.

Holm's territory includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

"Scott is familiar with most of our customers in that area," Renberg said. "Training and educating dealer personnel and their customers was a major activity in his previous position and will fit very well with our sales and training objectives."

Both Cook and Holm started at Minimizer in late February. To contact them, visit www.minimizer.com.



HOLM



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STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

All critters, all the time



STAFF PHOTO BY RICHARD JOHNSON
“Pet Resort” staff member Jenna Behnke is pictured with Rumi, a Bichon dog, at Leashes and Leads. The Byron business offers a wide variety of services for pets.

Animals run, learn, snooze at Leashes and Leads

BY RICHARD JOHNSON
DCI MANAGING EDITOR

You walk into Leashes and Leads, the “pet resort” and animal supplies store on Byron’s east edge, and you think, “Wow.” That’s the typical reaction for first-time visitors, said Kevin McClure, operations director of the large facility, which opened in 2008. It’s animal central, with boarding, grooming, training and play care areas and more under one tall, tall roof.

Let your dogs run outside in a private dog park, pamper them in the grooming salon, purchase everything they need in the retail area, and encourage new skills during one-on-one ‘Canine University’ classes. “A lot of times when people walk in here, you can kind of tell it’s the first time,” McClure said. “The look on their face is astonishment, like, ‘What in the world is this?’ It’s really fun to kind of engage them, get to know them a little bit. Next thing you know, they’re coming back more and more. We do get a lot of compliments on our facility.”

Leashes and Leads was established by the late Nell Mitchell and is now operated by her heirs, including Jerry and Ruth Fischer, McClure’s mother and father-in-law.

It has grown to include about 60 employees – 70-ish if you include the equine park, featuring an indoor arena, and a horse barn with 28 stalls, which opened last fall. And lots are being sold for an “equine community,” a subdivision with about 100 housing lots on the property. Construction is expected to start this spring. Build your home with your horses onsite. Or, if you live elsewhere, bring your kids out for riding lessons. Or rent time in the arena. “That’s kind of one of our niches there, is working with families,” McClure said. “A parent will have three kids at a variety of ages, and all three of them are getting lessons, to learn horsemanship skills, how to care for a

horse, how to groom them and stuff. So they’re learning all those things.” Dogs get a real workout outdoors at Leashes and Leads. There’s lots of room to run in that dog park, and pooches also can jump in a pond, if they wish. “Our philosophy back there is to let dogs be dogs,” McClure said. “We basically manage those groups with our staff when they’re out there playing. But we let them be dogs. When they’re home they can be back with their owner and playing. But when they’ve had a hard day of playing out here, they go home and they’re a little more docile at home, so you can actually enjoy, and they’re not terrorizing your house.” The “Doggy Day Care” side has grown in attendance from about 20 to 30 dogs per day to around 100. It has been expanded several times, as has the boarding service. “How do you do that, and keep everybody safe and having fun at the same time?” McClure said. “That’s our job, is to make sure that they’re all safe and make sure they’re having fun, and providing that service for our customers, so they can bring home a dog that’s well-taken care of but also had lots of fun socializing with other dogs. We take the time to really get to know your dog. It kind of becomes an extension of our own family here, in a lot of ways. McClure said the overall goal is to provide a place for people and pets to come together to build positive relationships. Leashes and Leads was voted Best Boarding Facility by Wagazine, a Rochester-based “animal magazine,” in its listing of 2018 Golden Paws Award winners. “We’re constantly looking at, ‘How can we grow, how can we get better, how can we improve, what do we need to do to make things more efficient?’” McClure said. “It’s been fun to see where we were and where we are today. It’s exciting to think about.”

Business Briefs

Marketing director leaving Prairie Meadows

A change in the marketing department will be taking place at Prairie Meadows Senior Living in Kasson. Vicky Heitman is stepping down from her position at Prairie Meadows. She will still be working part-time for Oxford Management at the Bluffs in Lake City as marketing director. For the past 12 years, Heitman has commuted one hour to Kasson from the Lake City area. She is looking forward to more time with her family. In her new position in Lake City, she will be only 10 minutes from home. Evonne Schlobohn will be taking Heitman’s place at Prairie Meadows. An open house for Heitman will be on Tuesday from 2-3:30 p.m. at Prairie Meadows. **Minimizer employee earns Rochester Volunteer of the Year award** Julian Currie, Human Resources business partner at

Minimizer, has been honored with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year award. Currie shares the honor with the 10 other members of the Steering Committee for Leadership Greater Rochester. LGR is a 10-month program that targets and recruits experienced professionals with the goal of developing business and community leaders. “I completed the program myself in 2015 and have been volunteering with the organization ever since,” Currie said. The Rochester Chamber surprised the Steering Committee at the annual awards banquet in January. “It’s humbling and gratifying to share this award with the other members of the Steering Committee,” Currie said. “It’s a program that was very beneficial for me, personally, so serving on the Steering Committee is my own way of giving back.” “We couldn’t be prouder to have such a fantastic business partner and person



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here at Minimizer,” Minimizer Chief Visionary Craig Kruckeberg said. “Julian is an incredibly selfless person who deserves this award.” LGR and the Steering Committee meet every month throughout the 10-month program, with the group’s focus designed to improve Rochester and the surrounding areas. “During my year in the program, we helped raise funds for the United Way and Rochester Public Library,” Currie said. “The end result expanded the number of mini libraries across Rochester. Our goal was to encourage the area’s youth to read. We ended up with so many books that the surplus will enable the program to continue for the foreseeable future.” In the future, Currie hopes to lead a class, serving as the group’s guide and mentor as it works its way through the 10-month program. “This is a family. You build lifelong friendships and bonds not only with your fellow classmates, but with other alumni, as well,” Currie said.

Spring Senior Festival at Faith Community Church

The Spring Senior Festival and Hymn Sing will be held at Faith Community Church in West Concord on Thursday, April 19, at 2 p.m. All seniors are invited to come and enjoy singing the old favorite hymns and choruses led by Craig Anderson. Special musical guests will be the Aldrich family from FCC. Pastor David Brederland will share a devotional. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship area following the program. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends. Faith Community Church is located on the north side of West Concord on Hwy 56. The facility is handicap accessible. Transportation is available upon request by calling the church office at 507-527-2245.

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Simple video calling devices for tech-challenged seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Searching Susan

DVideo chatting is a great way to stay connected and keep tabs on an elder parent when you can't be there. To help you and your dad achieve this, there are various products on the market today that offer simple video calling for seniors who are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology. Here are three unique devices to consider.

ViewClix
If you're interested in a device that requires no input from your dad, check out the ViewClix Smart Frame. This is a 15-inch digital picture frame with video calling capabilities designed specifically for seniors.
Ready to use right out of the box, this device lets family and friends make video calls and send photos (displayed as a slideshow) directly

to your dad's ViewClix Smart Frame anytime from their smartphone, tablet or computer. To do this, you simply download the free ViewClix app to your devices.
All photos sent and video calls made to your dad's ViewClix are received automatically. But, it is worth noting that this is a receiving device only. Your dad cannot initiate video calls from his ViewClix.
This device is available at ViewClix.com or 800-304-4281 for \$299 (Wi-Fi is required), or you can purchase their 4G Broadband model that works with T-Mobile if Wi-Fi is not available for \$299, plus a \$20 monthly broadband fee.

GrandPad
Another nifty product that offers simple video calling, and much more, is the grandPad. This is an 8-inch touchscreen custom tablet designed for seniors, ages 75 and older. It comes with a stylus, charging stand and Verizon 4G LTE built-in so it works anywhere within the Verizon network – home Wi-Fi is not necessary.
This unique tablet provides a simplified menu of big colorful icons and large text to only essential features, giving your dad clutter-free, one-touch access to make and receive video

calls and phone calls, send voice emails, view photos and videos, listen to personalized music, check the weather, play games and more. But, to simplify usage and avoid confusion, it does not offer Web browsing.
GrandPad also has a "Help" button that offers 24/7 phone/tablet remote assistance to help your dad with any facet of his tablet, and it provides damage and theft insurance so if your dad breaks or loses his tablet it will be replaced at no additional cost. Available at grandPad.net or call 800-704-9412, a grandPad leases for \$66 per month, or \$49/month if you pay one year in advance.

Echo Show
If you don't think your dad would mind talking to a machine, the voice activated Amazon Echo Show is another senior-friendly device for video chatting (Wi-Fi is required). Available at Amazon.com for \$230, the Echo Show has a 7-inch color touchscreen that would let your dad make and receive video calls to



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those who have their own device, or who have the free Amazon Alexa app installed on their smartphone or tablet.
The Echo Show also offers a bevy of other features your dad might enjoy like voice-activated access to news, weather, his favorite music and more.

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
APRIL 8, 2008
DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Jelaine Gwilt was inducted into the Zeta Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Riverland Community College on March 12. Gwilt is majoring in computer sciences.
The Mower County Pork Producers have named Bryten Reuter as its 2008 ambassador scholarship winner.
The final tally is in from the fifth annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation auction. This year \$44,000 was raised.
The Blooming Prairie kindergarten has almost completed its third year of everyday, all day, kindergarten programs. The teachers are really seeing the difference in having the kids all day every day versus every other day.

20 Years Ago
APRIL 7, 1998
ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Cabela's has opened a new store outside of Owatonna. It is expected to be a boon to Steele County. Cabela's is the largest retail outfitter store in the Midwest.
Former Blooming Prairie City Administrator Todd Prafke has his hands full in his new role as St. Peter city administrator. Last week St. Peter was devastated by a powerful tornado.
Three speech students from Blooming Prairie placed in the top six at the Section IIA contest held at Mankato Loyola April 3. Jason Harber received a first alternate to state while Amber Thompson and Maggie Romeo finished fifth and sixth.



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50 Years Ago
APRIL 4, 1968
VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Blooming Prairie's council authorized the hiring of another full-time police officer. A discussion regarding law enforcement problems in the village was held and the city fathers decided that a second full-time police officer should be hired in the near future.
The Blooming Prairie Fire Department was called out seven times this past week to extinguish grass and brush fires that threatened to get out of control due to the extremely dry conditions that exist in the area. The volunteer firemen kept damage to a minimum at the various sites.
Twenty-two students at Blooming Prairie will be inducted into the National Honor Society. They are Susan Angell, Jeanne Butler, Daniel Grant, Greg Hansen, Deane Hatteberg, Larry Lorenzen, Louise Lysne, David Maixner, Noelle Odegard, Douglas Peterson, Karen Rossow, Gene Simonson, Mike Walsh, Melissa Wick, Virginia Beinhorn, Marsha Christianson, Mary Frey, Shirley Grunklee, Evelyn Heerema, Kathryn Jirele, Dale Magnuson and LaVerne Simonson.

75 Years Ago
APRIL 1, 1943
FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

With the half-way goal reached in Steele County's \$800,000 second War Bond Drive, Blooming Prairie and residents in this area are to be congratulated for the loyal respond they are making to meet the government's April bond quota.
Sam A. Rask, secretary-treasurer National Farm Loan office, Blooming Prairie, has volunteered to register all persons desiring employment in the new government hemp mill to be erected here this spring.
Due to the health of her husband, Mrs. Josephine Berglund will hold a closing out sale of all personal property on the farm located just south of Bixby on the paved highway on Wednesday, April 21. Thirty head of livestock, 300 bushel of ear corn, full line of farm machinery will be sold to the high bidder.



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April 11
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library
April 12
4 p.m. – Police Commission Meeting
April 16
6:30 p.m. – Friends of the Library Meeting, BP Library
6:30 p.m. – Board of Appeals
7 p.m. – Public Hearing followed by City Council Meeting
April 17
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

2:30 p.m. – BP Public Utilities Meeting
4:30 p.m. – Fire Commission Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Ambulance Commission Meeting
7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Meeting
April 18
Chamber Monthly Meeting, George's of Geneva
4:30 p.m. – Economic Development Authority Meeting



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ELLEDALE/GENEVA/HOPE

April 11
3:30 p.m. – Community Ed (Button Art), Ellendale Cafeteria
April 12
7:30 p.m. – Ellendale City Council Meeting, Community Building
April 16
3:30 p.m. – Community Ed

(Spring Gym Games), NRHEG NR Wrestling Room
6:15 p.m. – ECFE Classes, NR Preschool Room
April 17
3:30 p.m. – Community Ed (String Art) NR HS Lower Commons
6:30 p.m. – Karate, Ellendale Gym South



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April 12
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Student Job Fair, Owatonna High School
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
5 p.m. – Airport Commission Meeting, Airport Lounge
6 p.m. – Capture Owatonna Reception, Owatonna Library
April 13
4:30 p.m. – Relight the Park Fundraiser
April 14
9 a.m. – Young Life Cake Auction, Owatonna High School
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Red Cross Blood Donation Drive, Family Video
6:30 p.m. – American Showcase- Weep & Willow, History Center

April 16
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Red Cross Blood Donation Drive, Riverland Community College
4:30 p.m. – Owatonna Park & Rec Board Meeting, Park & Rec Shop
6 p.m. – Sons of Norway Meeting, Owatonna Elks Lodge
April 17
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – It's Tale Time, Owatonna Library
4:30 p.m. – Owatonna Library Board Meeting, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

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· easing acute and chronic conditions

· complementary care for neck and back problems.

"You receive benefits specific to your needs," says Whelan. "It's safe and clients often leave feeling relaxed and calm."

Healing Touch is used extensively at hospitals, clinics and private practices. It's a certified educational

program and is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association.

Outpatient sessions are available Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. at Penny George Institute for Health and Healing at Owatonna Hospital. For more information, pricing and to schedule an appointment, call 507-977-2150.

Weep and Willow coming to history center

The Steele County Historical Society (SCHS) will host Weep and Willow for the first 2018 Americana Showcase on Saturday at the History Center.

Weep and Willow are husband and wife, Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward, the Americana duo expresses genuine artistic and romantic passion. "The songs and sounds of Weep and Willow are two hearts connected with one thing in common, the love of an honest song. Lyrical honesty of a man and a woman who found each other in a dark corner of life. With a connection that sings, these are two human beings, that breathe life, hope, dreams, and love," the duo shares.

Nielsen is no stranger to the industry having found success in the past decade of his career both as a solo artist and as the bandleader of the Rusted Hearts, and, as the son of Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen, music is in his blood. Rusted Hearts members Dave McClellan and Adam Plamann and Vandaveer collaborator,

Duane Lundy, help the couple flesh out their sound on their debut EP.

Their tight, earthy harmonies bolster the romance of "Over the Moon" ("Tell me that your heart is true, I'm the sun and you're the moon") and the subtle sensuality of "In Too Deep" "breathe on my neck like it's the last breath."

Fittingly, Miles shared with Elmore Magazine, "I hope everyone turns these songs up loud while they're enjoying a bubble bath." Kelly adds, "Weep and Willow is two lives colliding and finding that their worlds are alive, and the harmonies are rich, and the songs are real, and all makes sense why every step you took brought you here to this very moment to make music."

Growing up Nielsen was surrounded by all manner of folk, rock, blues, pop, and more, certainly comes through in Weep & Willow's style, however the central driver of this project is the bond between Nielsen and Steward themselves.

Everything, from song titles ("Over the Moon"), to choices in metaphors (So it goes / we mend and sew / until the needles broke) radiates a focus on the true love and the genuine chemistry they discovered as a new couple and then as a musical partnership.

Americana Showcase celebrates the rich musical heritage of the American Midwest by connects artists with music lovers of all ages. This community gathering creates a vibrant conversation between artists and listeners alike, in a unique and intimate environment.

Tickets are available at the Steele County History Center or can be purchased online at www.steelehistorymuseum.org. Available in advance or at the door, space is limited, SCHS member \$15 per person, non-members \$20 per person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music begins at 7:30 p.m. Wine, beer and soda available at the cash bar.

Give blood with the Red Cross during National Volunteer Month

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April. Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference.

Kay Whaley knows the impact of blood donations. When she was 9, she was in an accident and received many transfusions. That experience inspired her to become a blood donor. "It takes about an hour of your

time and could save the life of a friend, neighbor or even family member," she said. "It doesn't cost you anything and is the greatest gift you could give."

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions. Donors of all blood types are needed to help meet patient needs this spring.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood

Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All those who come to donate from April 9 to May 13, 2018, will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply. More details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lets-Do-More.)

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Claremont
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. April 14, St. John's Lutheran Church
Ellendale
11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. April 20, Community Center
Owatonna
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. April 14, Family Video
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. April 16, Riverland Community College
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. April 27, Owatonna Hospital

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Vets service officer comes to area

The monthly outreach hours for the Steele County Veterans Services have been announced for April.

Rene Gilormini, veterans service officer for the county, will be at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Wednesday, April 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

After the BP visit, Gilormini will move over to Ellendale where he will be at the Community Building from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Any questions may be directed to the Veteran's Service Office at 507-444-7460.

Gallop into spring with Catholic Daughters

Galloping into spring will be taking place on Saturday, April 21 at Christ the King Church in Medford.

The Court St. Anne #1840 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be hosting a spring luncheon. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. with entertainment by Ditch Creek Dixies starting at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

During the luncheon, there

will also be door prizes, a raffle, bake sale and lots of fun and fellowship.

Tickets of \$10 are available from Court St. Anne members or at the door.

Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity, local youth scholarships and several other community oriented projects.

Christ the King is located at 205 2nd Ave. NW in Medford.

Sons of Norway to meet Monday

The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway meets on Monday, April 16. Supper is served at 6 p.m. for a cost of \$7 at the Owatonna Elks Lodge, 126 East Vine Street.

The program is "Sailing the Viking Way." Skipper Dean Rau has survived to tell the tale of the sailboat Raven's return to Bayfield

from Norway via Viking routes across the North Atlantic and is looking forward to sharing his experiences. According to Rau, his story is one of a long journey, in a small boat, on a remote part of the North Atlantic Ocean.

If you would like more information on the Nortonna Lodge of the Sons of Norway, contact Cindy or Paul Hokanson at 507-451-9301.

Meatball Dinner coming to Geneva

The Community Lutheran Church of Geneva is sponsoring its 16th Annual Meatball Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 29 at the church.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m.

The menu includes mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, buns and assorted pies for dessert. Cost is a free will donation.

Tickets for a quilt raffle will also be available at \$1 per ticket and can be purchased at the door from the WELCA women.

Albert Lea Community Theatre to perform 'The Miracle Worker'

Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) continues its 53rd season with the drama "The Miracle Worker" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, April 19-28.

Written by William Gibson and immortalized on stage and screen, "The Miracle Worker" tells the story of Anne Sullivan and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller. The play dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled, and almost sub-human, and treated by her family as such. Only Anne realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence.

Some of the primary cast members include Zsofi Eastvold as Helen, Misty Nelson as Anne, Jennifer Modderman as Kate Keller, Mark Place as Captain Keller and Luke Zacharias as James Keller.

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RULES OF THE ROAD: *Panel on safe driving*

FROM **RULES, B3**

Driver Meets the Road, was moderated by Kirby Knutson.

Comprising the five panelists were: Mike Stormo, a science teacher at Owatonna High School and Driver's Education instructor, Dean Rhoades, vice president – director of risk management at Federated Insurance, Laramie Sandquist, general manager – risk management resources at Federated Insurance, Steele County Sheriff L. Thiele, and Sgt. Troy Christianson from the Minnesota Highway Patrol.

Tying in with the Autos and Roads exhibit, which will be ending soon, the presentation sought to educate Steele County residents with a discussion focused on driver safety as well as the evolving state of automobile technology.

Knutson began his moderation by informing the audience that this will be the last of the History Center's round table panels covering Autos and Road. "We've done automobiles, roads, bridges, and tonight we're bringing the driver into it," he said.

After all the panelists were introduced, Sheriff Thiele started things off by stating that, "public safety is an issue for everyone, and that's what we're all about."

Distracted driving took center stage in the early going for the panel, with Rhoades of Federated postulating on its widespread toll. "What we're seeing is an absolute epidemic with distracted driving, and

people basically not paying attention on the road,” Rhoades said.

"We can give you your money back, but we can't bring people back," Rhoades reminded the audience. Federated has many clients who utilize their auto insurance for fleets of 18-wheelers.

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Even in the realm of commercial trucking and shipping, Sandquist of Federated feels, "there's no doubt we've seen a huge increase of incidents and cost." Sandquist knows that technology can be convenient and necessary but admits, "these tools can definitely be helpful, but they can also be a distraction."

Driverless cars have become a recent innovation that has seen some practical use within the public. Being a commercial insurance company, Federated does expect that they will see a much earlier adoption of this technology sooner than the private sector.

When asked about the possibility of driverless technology affecting actuaries, Sandquist said, "It is something we're looking at."

Sandquist added, "If it becomes a full-scale adoption it will matter who's in charge of the vehicle, whether it's the owner, the manufacturer, the driver, or maybe even the chipmaker."

Sgt. Christianson, whose experience includes 18 years with the State Patrol, explained, “as a crash reconstructionist, I’ve investigated over 500 fatal crashes, and over 1,000 serious cases.”

According to Sgt. Christianson, he avoids using the term "accident" as much as possible. "Pretty much all vehicle crashes can be prevented," Christianson said, continuing by adding that most crashes are caused by distracted or impaired driving, driving over the speed limit, or not following safety regulations such as wearing a seatbelt.

Christianson finds that the innovations in technology have made the job a lot easier. “We use an ACM, an Airbag Control Module, which can tell us the date, how fast the car was traveling, and the percentage of things like breaking and steering, the data can then be downloaded without a search warrant, which makes our job much easier,” he said.

Sgt. Christianson explained that all vehicles have an ACM, and that they have been mandatory since 2012. Prior to this technology, those working in crash reconstruction such as Sgt. Christianson had to do on-site walkthrough crash investigations.

An example he included for the audience was a crash from 2007, in which he had to determine the car's speed and trajectory using tire tracks, the final resting place of the vehicle, and an equation designed to pinpoint the minimum speed the car had been going. This equation calculates its result by using variables such as drag factor, speed, and distance in feet the car had traveled.

In this particular case, the driver was tested with .19 blood alcohol content, which Sgt. Christianson says indicates a level of "extreme intoxication."

They had to tear the roof of the car off in order to get at the passengers, all of whom miraculously survived the crash. The driver was charged with criminal vehicular operation and sentenced to four years in prison. Rhoades of Federated says that



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Sgt. Troy Christianson of the State Patrol displays photos of a crash he investigated in 2007 to the audience at last Thursday's Driver Meets the Road panel at the Steele County History Center.

adoptions of technologies such as an ACM, in conjunction with on-board cameras and GPS, are being encouraged for businesses that use vehicles for transportation.

"By having these on-board, it allows business owners and dispatchers to know what they're doing at all times," Rhoades explained. "The technology is fantastic, but you need to explain to drivers why we're doing it."

Sandquist, reminded the audience that a lot of these professional drivers are very professional.

Sgt. Christianson agreed. "Semi drivers are being watched closer than they've been before," he said. It would seem it's now the

unprofessional drivers who need to be more cautious and aware while on the road.

"By July they all have to have cameras and GPS and logs, which is hard on small companies, but it will make things safer," Sgt. Christianson said.

The cost of these implementations varies by the size of each company's fleet, but Sandquist estimated they could cost around \$750 to \$1,000 per rig, plus maintenance. "It's an investment, but if you consider how expensive a rig is today, it's a good investment if it protects people."

Even with technology that guarantees a safer driving experience for professionals, average drivers need to be aware. "You have to do a better job of being a defensive driver than you once were," Sheriff Thiele cautioned.

Distracting driving was a regular thread throughout the panel. Stormo, who teaches driver's education, explained that he reminds his kids about this on a near daily basis. "Absolutely, all the time," he said.

“Over and over we teach this,” Stormo stressed. But he also feels it’s up to the parents to set a good example. “We should have a parent class for distracted driving,” he suggested.

Both Stormo and Thiele use a driving simulator to demonstrate the distracting effect of texting while driving. "I think it's effective in teaching the right way to drive," Thiele surmised.

"Basically what we're saying is set the phone down while you're driving," the sheriff reiterated at the end of the panel.

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This week's Panther of the Week is Mason Hayes. Mason resides in New Richland with his parents Rome and Jenny Hayes. He is in Mrs. Schultz third grade class.

Mason is thoughtful and kind to others. He has been working hard on listening during class time and getting homework done. One of his best attributes is his smile and positive attitude.

Mason enjoys video games, soccer, football, baseball, and riding his bike.

Keep up the great work Mason!

Cancer Corner

A NEW TWIST TO BINGO

BP Cancer Group sponsors Designer Purse Bingo

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

STAFF PHOTO BY
HOWARD LESTRUD

Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, displays two of the purses that will be given away at the First Annual BP Cancer Group's Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, April 21 at the BP Servicemen's Club.

The fun starts at 1 p.m. All are welcome. Food and drink will be available. Tickets are available in advance at \$30 each until April 20 at Krejci Ford, the BP Servicemen's Club and at the Pizza Cellar. On the day of the Bingo event, tickets will cost \$35.

Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the BP Cancer Group, said the idea of trying this novel event was suggested by Denise Krell. Cheri and her daughter Lindsey French attended the Purse Bingo party at the Mantorville Restoration Society.

"We had a blast," Krejci said. Looking forward to Blooming

Prairie's own purse Bingo party, she said, "It should be fun."

Ten purses and eight wallets and wristlets will be given away. Door prizes are also planned to be given to some lucky winners.

Rules for the Designer Purse Bingo allows all single game winners to claim their favorite purse. All purses will be sponsored and some of the sponsors are placing items in the classy purses.

To sponsor a purse, contact French at 507-438-8799. Some sponsorships are still available ranging from \$38 to \$80.

One of the Coach purses is sponsored by the family of Beth (Born) Ohnstad. She died fighting cancer at age 43 some 18 years ago.

The final game of the day will be a blackout for a Coach purse and Coach wallet, the value listed at \$600. This purse is sponsored by the family of Cheri Krejci in her honor.

Authentic Coach, Michael Kors and Kate Spade purses will be given. In case of a tie, winners will be allowed to pick a wallet, wristlet or cash.

Participants can buy extra cards if they wish to have a better chance to win.

Caleb Ostrander, former sports director at KAAL Television and currently a marketing specialist for

Minimizer, will be the celebrity Bingo caller.

Members of the BP Cancer Group will be working on another fundraising activity the same day as Purse Bingo. Volunteers will be selling \$50 tickets at the Deer Creek Speedway in Stewartville.



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BASKETBALL

Coach rues season end



PHOTOS BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Left: Blooming Prairie senior Max Romeo goes for block in a game earlier this season. Middle: Blooming Prairie sophomore Isaac Ille brings the ball up the court against NRHEG earlier this season. Right: Blooming Prairie senior Jake Ressler watches as his shot attempts sails towards the basket in a game earlier this season.

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

According to Blooming Prairie boys’ basketball coach Nate Piller, there are always mixed feelings when the end of a season arrives. Usually, like this year, it is too sudden, when you would like to keep playing and keep winning games. That was especially true for Piller this past season.

“For me, the season went too fast, particularly practice,” Piller said. “I

love practice with these guys, as that practice has never been too long or felt like a burden. The boys worked hard in practice, and I really felt like they took very few practices off.

“For the seniors, the end happens quickly and the end of the athletic career for most of them is over,” he continued. “I will no longer work with them on a daily basis, but I will cherish the memories and bonds we built together. Good luck to them.”

In compiling a summary for the season, some interesting statistics were attributed to several of the

players. Sophomores Kaden Thomas and Karson Vigeland led the team in scoring, and just 11 points separated the pair. Thomas had 279 points, with Vigeland getting 268. Senior Jake Ressler pulled down 219 rebounds, an 11.2 per game average, and Vigeland and Gabe Hagen finished second and third.

Senior Cameron Kubista led the team in both assists and steals (74 and 44), with Thomas second in both categories. Vigeland made 55.5 percent of his 2-point field goal tries, Thomas made 27.5 percent of

his 3-point attempts, and he made 70 percent of his free throw efforts. Ressler averaged almost three blocks a game with 80 to his credit. That was over 50 more than Vigeland in second place

Piller is already planning for next season and the past season has been evaluated.

He has had individual meetings with the returning letter winners, and several of the boys have begun with AAU basketball and/or off-season individual improvement plans.

Although the weather has not been cooperative so far, most of the boys have begun spring sports. Knuckling down to academics has also been a goal for the athletes.

Piller concluded his assessment by stressing that improvement and continual learning is year-round and life-long.

“I think it is important that the boys know this and my message is to seek out challenges in all aspects of life that drive continuous daily improvement,” he said. “We are not done as individuals or as athletes.”

AUTO RACING

Veteran Boles pulls out win in Bandit season opener

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Allen Boles gave it his all last year, but try as he might, he couldn’t catch eventual champ Ricky Rude (#14).

This year may be different.

In a tight finish, Boles (#3) captured the checkered flag in the Bandit Big Rig Series feature at Mobile International Speedway March 24. For his efforts, Boles stole a \$10,000 check, as well as bragging rights.

“It’s about time!” Boles said. “I came close to some feature wins last year, but this is awesome to finally capture first.”

Boles held off Tommy Boileau (#16), Rude, newcomer Mark Noble (#74) and Tyler Kruckeberg (#54), who earned a top-five feature finish for the first time in his career.

“I was very happy for all these Bandits and how much they put into their trucks during the offseason,” Bandit general manager Jason Johnson said.

Despite being a makeup date for rain, the event saw a near-capacity crowd take in all the action.

“Great turnout by our

fans,” Johnson said. “The fans of Alabama were out in full force.”

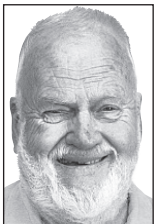
In addition to Boles’ feature win, the March 24 event saw the debut of a special event - an Australian Pursuit race, which features two Bandits going head-to-head for just one lap, with the winner advancing to the next round. When all was said and done, Boileau was the only Bandit left standing.

“It’s too bad this wasn’t for the \$10,000 check!” Boileau said, laughing. “That was a ton of fun.”

“The Australian Pursuit race was filled with action,” Johnson said. “Very impressed the Bandits kept it clean with nothing but bragging rights on the line.

In addition to all of the racing action, Minimizer sponsored the Fan Series Truck Show.

“It’s a free work truck show in which anyone can enter. No politics or trophies, just fun. People can come hang out and have a great time,” said Steve Hansen, director of marketing for Minimizer. “We’ll be hosting one before every race this season.”



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

Minnesota Twins have played a half dozen baseball games, including their home opener, the high school spring sports teams have yet to see one minute of practice time outdoors and the latest snowfall just flummoxed the entire population. This is one of those years when everyone has the same question, “Will spring ever come?”

Weather experts around the state are practically falling over each other informing us that this is the longest winter in some thirty or forty years and that when the weather does finally break, the recent snows have increased the possibility of spring flooding. That is about the only sure thing that we in this area don’t have to worry about. I guess we can complain all we want, but weather something in which we have no control at all. So, we may just as well sit back and enjoy life while everyone continues to wait for those annual times of budding trees and flowers, green grass and conditions conducive to spring sports.

This period of inactivity at the local high school, while everyone waits for the weather finally to settle

Even the most cold weather winter fanatics must be getting a little tired of this eternal winter. The

down has had one plus for me. I had the opportunity to take my whole family to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater as an Easter treat.

“Newsies,” based on a newspaper strike by New York City newsboys back in 1898 formed the premise of the production, and my family really enjoyed the story and the choreography provided by a predominantly male cast of dancers. The strike ended with the paperboys winning concessions from the newspaper hierarchy, headed by Joseph Pulitzer. A great treat for the family, and as usual, the food was excellent too.

To top the theater experience off, last Saturday, several members of my family attended “Kinky Boots” at the Ordway. This one featured a family in England that was trying to keep a shoe factory above water. Making a special pair of boots that would make a splash in the shoe market provided the goal, and I am not giving much away when I say that those special boots saved the day.

Here again, the production had an excellent cast that told the story and performed the dances with great enthusiasm and competence. That made two entertaining experiences in one week, and I thoroughly enjoyed both performances

ADS THAT SELL

For those in the community that have Facebook, Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce President Greg Johnson has been flooding the site with local ad presentations and they have provided great

interest and entertainment. I hope they are also selling local products, as they are short, but well staged and informative. A tip of the hat this week goes to Johnson and his staff for the video productions espousing local businesses. Well done.

COMING UP

Just like spring sports, community activity is just a little random for a few weeks. Open houses at J & H Liquor and T&T Motorcycles brought many in this past Saturday, and a couple of other events are on the docket soon, but otherwise, everyone is impatiently awaiting an actual spring beginning. The local chamber of commerce

will hold its April meeting at Geneva on Wednesday, April. 18, and the Cancer Group has scheduled a designer purse bingo night at the Pizza Cellar on Saturday, April 21.

We hope by then that the high school sports’ teams will finally have good enough weather for some contests to be played. It just feels like this winter weather has been a never-ending proposition this year, but one thing we know for sure. Spring will come; we just don’t know when. Continue to think spring, enjoy whatever Mother Nature brings, and we’ll talk again.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

RESULTS WEEK TWENTY-FIVE APRIL 10, 2018

Team Standings	Won	Lost
1. Kosters' Kar Corner	40.5	11.5
2. F & M Bank	34	18
3. Bunkie's Lanes & Grill	26	26
4. B to Z Hardware	20	32
5. J & H/Dairy Queen	17	35
5.Epic Contracting	18.5	33.5
6. J & H/Dairy Queen	17	35
High Team Game –Scratch		
F & M Bank	655	
High Team Game- Handicap		
J & H/Dairy Queen	597	
High Team Series- Scratch		
F & M Bank	1813	
High team Series- Handicap		
J & H/Dairy Queen	1758	
High Game Individual		
1. Judy Esplan	182	
2. Becky Noble	179	
High Series Individual		
1. Judy Esplan	496	
2. Becky Noble	487	

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 18-108886

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 9, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,600.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Billie J. Douglass and Tonia S. Douglass, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100397204013507311
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 31, 2015, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000401474
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 9, Original Townsite of the Village of Blooming Prairie, except the North 80 Feet thereof.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 206 E Main St, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-100-0911
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$108,647.69
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 22, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2018, or the next business day if November 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number:
74-JV-18-518

SUMMONS
Child In Need of Protection
or Services Petition

IVAN QUIJANO
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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jamie Holey (Mother) and Ivan Quijano (Father)

Please take notice that on March 14, 2018, a Petition was filed with the above named court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) are in need of protection or services.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT at the following date, time, and place where a hearing regarding the Petition and the best interests of the child(ren) will be held:
April 18, 2018; April 23, 2018 9:15 AM; 8:30 AM
Pre-trial; Court Trial
District Court Judge Karen A. Duncan N.

Steele County District Court
111 East Main Street Owatonna MN 55060
507-444-7701.

YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS because, pursuant to statute or court rule:
• You are a parent to the child(ren) named in the petition; or
• You are a party to this proceeding pursuant to Juvenile Protection Rule 21.01 or an attorney for a party, or
• You have legal custody of the child who is the subject of the Petition; or
• You are a person whose presence the court believes is important to a determination concerning the best interests of the child(ren) who are the subject of the Petition.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING:
• The court may conduct the hearing without you; and
• The court may find that the factual allegations and statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved; and
• The court may enter an order granting the relief requested in the Petition, which may include:
o removing the child(ren) from the home of the parent or legal custodian and placing the child(ren) in foster care,
o permanently severing the parent's rights to the child(ren) pursuant to a termination of parental rights petition,
o permanently transferring the child(ren)'s legal and physical custody to a relative, or
o an order for other permanent placement of the child(ren).

A STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS AVAILABLE, including the right to be represented by an attorney as authorized under the statutes and court rules. It is your responsibility to immediately notify the Court Administrator if your address changes.

Dated: March 28, 2018

Robin Hoesley
Court Administrator

4/3,4/10,4/17

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

\$26,826.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Tyler J. Olivo, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 12, 2009 as Document Number A000363971 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The West 75 feet of the East 188.4 feet of Block 3, Brainerd and Olson's Addition to the Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota, and commencing 589 feet West of that point where the West line of Oak Street (now Third Avenue) of said Village crosses the South Section line of Section 25, Township 105 North of Range 19, Steele County, Minnesota, thence North approximately 20 feet to the South line of Block 3, Brainerd and Olson's Addition to said Village, thence West along the South line of said Block 3, 75 feet, thence South to the South line of said Section 25, thence East 75 feet along said Section line to the point of beginning, and commencing 629 feet West of the Northeast Corner of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 105, Range 19, Steele County, Minnesota, thence West 75 feet, thence South 90 feet, thence East 75 feet, thence North 90 feet to the point of beginning..
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2233RD ST SE, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN 55917-1416
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$23,420.70
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-106-0305
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: May 29, 2018 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 29, 2018.

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

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

Dated: April 2, 2018

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Corbin C. Smith, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North

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ASSUMED NAMED: WJM Properties Partnership

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 708 Cherry St. Owatonna MN 55060 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S): Thomas L. Clements 5526 22nd Ave SW, Owatonna MN 55060 Randy L. Clements 708 Cherry St. Owatonna MN 55060 Connie S. Vogland 2280 Cottage Grove Ridge Woodbury MN 55129 Matthew W. Clements 1021 Van Buren Ave. Owatonna, MN 55060 Christina L. Clements 5820 St. Johns Ave Edina MN 55424

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 on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Randy L. Clements 3-7-18

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL/ MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Court File Number:
74-CV-18-440

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CINDY K. ROGNESS, SCOTT J. ROGNESS, JOHN DOE and MARY ROE,

Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CINDY K. ROGNESS.

Please take notice that on March 14, 2018, a Petition was filed with the above named court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) are in need of protection or services.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: The Academy Law Group, P.A., The Academy Professional

Building, 25 Dale Street North, St. Paul, MN 55102.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General

Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Steele County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot Three (3), Block One (1), in Stormo Addition to City of Owatonna, Minnesota.

The object of this action is to obtain a money judgment against the Estate of Cindy Rogness for the amount due on a promissory note and to foreclose Plaintiff's mortgage which encumbers real property described above, dated September 8, 2014 and recorded on September 9, 2014 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder as Document Number A000398644.

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

Dated: March 28, 2018

By: /s/ Samuel R. Coleman Samuel R. Coleman (#389839) Attorney for Plaintiff The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 Telephone: (651) 209-9785 samuel@theacademylawgroup.com (17-1292-LIT02)

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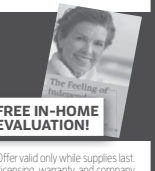
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 18-108674

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 8, 2013

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$96,850.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Judith A. Fonner, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100397202862153187
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 20, 2013, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000070390
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot One, (Except the West 70 Feet), in Block Two in Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna, and that part of Sixth Avenue Southeast as vacated, lying immediately East of the above described Lot and being a Parcel thirty three Feet East and West and 88 Feet North and South, all being in Block Two in Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna. AND The North Half of Lot Sixteen (16), Except the West Seventy (70) Feet, Block Two (2), Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna, and also that Portion of Sixth Avenue S.E. lying immediately East of the North Half of said Lot 16 as vacated, the Portion of the Vacated Street herein conveyed being 33 Feet East and West and 44 Feet North and South.

REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 553 11th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-174-0200 COT# 17109
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,506.19
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 24, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 24, 2018, or the next business day if October 24, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: February 23, 2018

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 17-108330

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 23, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Nicole J. Livingston, a single person, Brian L. Livingston, a single person, Shauna M. Livingston, a single person and Michael J. Livingston, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1001752-0000290554-8

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MILA, Inc.
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 15, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000339706
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC3
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 48 feet of: All of Lot 9 and East 1/4 of Lot 8, in Block 12 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 110 N Grove Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-1211
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$79,182.06
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 1, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 1, 2018, or the next business day if November 1, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: March 9, 2018

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC3
Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: 07/21/2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$169,665.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Kristina K. Kloczek, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 07/22/2016 as T000073918
CERT # 19127 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles, Steele County, Minnesota
The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Assignment dated: 08/30/2017
Assignment recorded: 09/07/2017
Assignment recording information: T000075272 CERT # 19127
All in the records of the County Registrar of Titles in and for Steele County, Minnesota.
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 17-336-0210
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 2, Heers Addition No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota.
Torrens Certificate No.19127
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1709 Greenwood Place, Owatonna, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$179,716.82 AS OF 03/30/2018.
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 05/22/2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 E. Pearl, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law.
The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgagor is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on

November 22, 2018, or the next business day if November 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

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

Publication to begin the week of: 04/02/2018 - 04/06/2018
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 14-097891

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 25, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$158,494.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Adam M. Ramseth and Christina M. Ramseth, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100749500730077917
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 11, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065519
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; Dated: December 28, 2011 filed: February 21, 2012, recorded as document number T000068278; Thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 13, 2013 recorded November 19, 2013 as document number T000070968.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 11, Block 2, Mathews Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1805 6th Ave NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-242-0211 COT# 17436
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$203,546.84
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 17, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is

an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 17, 2018, or the next business day if November 17, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 19, 2018

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 18-108914

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 30, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$147,073.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Daniel A. Crow, a single person and Shianne M. Heise, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 7, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000357058, As modified of record by document recorded on May 18, 2017 as Document Number A000413006 in the office of the Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at a point on the North Line of Sub-lot 10, 98 1/2 Feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Sub-lot 10 in East Half of NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 107 North, Range 20 West; running thence South 58 Feet along the center of the Street thence West and parallel with the North Line of Sub-lot 10, 165 feet; thence North 58 Feet to the North Line of said Sub-lot 10, thence East along the North Line of Said Sub-lot 10, 165 Feet to point of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 812 Harriet Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-015-4212
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$116,118.06
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 8, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement

Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 8, 2018, or the next business day if November 8, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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NOTICE

Proposed City of Blooming Prairie City Council Meeting Agenda April 16, 2018

6:30 P.M. Board of Appeal & Equalization
Call to Order
Presentation by Steele County Assessor
Public Comments
Adjourn
7:00 P.M. Public Hearing – Solar Ordinance
Call to Order
Presentation by City Administrator
Public Comments
Adjourn
Directly following Public Hearing
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of February Regular City Council Meeting
Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A. Commission
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Police Commission
6. B.P. Ambulance Commission

Business
1. Close 2017 Street Rehabilitation Fund into Debt Service
2. Request for an Exempt Gambling Permit – American Legion Post 52
3. Completion of Probation Period
4. Approval of Solar Ordinance
5. Permanent Transfer of Funds to Capital Equipment Fund
6. 2018 Street Seal Coating Project

City Administrator's Report
City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports
Adjourn

This Agenda is Subject to Change

4/10

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearings for Minnesota Energy Resources customers served by the Northern Natural Gas (NNG) PGA

Minnesota Energy Resources asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its natural gas rates by approximately 5.05 percent or about \$12.6 million per year overall. Depending upon customer class and use, the actual percentage of any increase will vary. The requested increase would add about \$3 to a typical residential customer’s monthly bill.

The MPUC has lowered the interim rate increase. The interim rate increase was changed from approximately 3.78 percent or \$9,465,720 to 2.81 percent or \$7,033,485. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Public hearings

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is holding four public hearings. Any Minnesota Energy Resources customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Energy Resources’ service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	1:00 p.m.	Kahler Apache Hotel, Grand C Ballroom 1517 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Albert Lea City Hall, City Council Chambers 221 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Grand Rapids City Hall, City Council Chambers 420 N. Pokegama Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Thursday, May 17, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Rosemount City Hall, Council Chambers 2875 145th St. W, Rosemount, MN 55068

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting is canceled – call (toll-free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

Submit written comments

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!* find this docket (17-563), and add your comments to the discussion.

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U.S. Mail Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Written comments should include:

1. The Docket Numbers in the subject line or heading
 - MPUC Docket Number G-011/GR-17-563
 - OAH Docket Number 8-2500-34864
2. Your name and connection to the docket
3. Anything you wish to say about the docket

Important: Comments are available to the public on the MPUC’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Accommodations

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Evidentiary hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Energy Resources’ proposal start on July 10, 2018, at the MPUC, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Energy Resources, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities & Antitrust Division, and others who have joined the litigation to present testimony and to cross-examine each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, you may submit a Petition for Intervention to Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620. The deadline to file a Petition for Intervention is February 14, 2018.

Effect of rate changes

The chart below shows the effect of the interim and proposed increases on monthly bills for customers with average natural gas use. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending upon actual natural gas use.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLS

Current Customer Class	Proposed Customer Class	Proposed Class Annual Usage Range	Average Monthly Usage (Therms)	Present Monthly Bill*	Current Interim Monthly Bill Effective 1/1/2018	New Interim Monthly Bill Effective 4/1/2018	Proposed Final Monthly Bill**
NORTHERN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE (NNG) SALES							
General Service (GS) - Residential Sales	GS - Residential Sales	N/A	73	\$61	\$63	\$63	\$64
	GS - Residential Farm Tap Sales	N/A	135	\$105	\$109	\$108	\$111
General Service (GS) - Small Commercial & Industrial (SC&I) Sales	C&I Firm Class 1	0 - 1,500	80	\$73	\$76	\$75	\$76
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 1,500	13	\$27	\$29	\$29	\$54
	GS - C&I Farm Tap Class 1	0 - 1,500	191	\$150	\$155	\$154	\$158
General Service (GS) – Large Commercial & Industrial (LC&I) Sales	C&I Firm Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	594	\$423	\$436	\$433	\$415
	C&I Firm Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	13,860	\$8,867	\$9,082	\$9,027	\$8,554
	Power Generating Unit - Class 1	0 - 500,000	100	\$109	\$114	\$113	\$103
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 20,000	315	\$245	\$254	\$252	\$249
	GS - C&I Farm Tap Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	1,256	\$845	\$868	\$862	\$828
Small Volume Interruptible (SVI) - Sales	C&I Interruptible Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	3,239	\$1,692	\$1,735	\$1,724	\$1,628
	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	13,063	\$6,324	\$6,453	\$6,420	\$6,289
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 20,000	874	\$577	\$600	\$594	\$529
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	20,001 - 500,000	3,105	\$1,629	\$1,671	\$1,660	\$1,459
Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) - Sales	C&I Interruptible Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	3,974	\$1,883	\$1,919	\$1,910	\$1,987
	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	31,521	\$13,655	\$13,823	\$13,780	\$14,941
	Power Generating Unit - Class 1	0 - 500,000	2,723	\$1,349	\$1,378	\$1,371	\$1,362
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 20,000	460	\$382	\$400	\$396	\$300
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	20,001 - 500,000	5,880	\$2,698	\$2,742	\$2,731	\$2,724
Small Volume Joint (SVJ) - Sales	C&I Joint Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	4,180	\$2,231	\$2,291	\$2,275	\$2,475
NNG TRANSPORT							
Small Volume Interruptible (SVI) - Transport	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	9,806	\$1,235	\$1,346	\$1,318	\$1,244
	C&I Interruptible Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	27,150	\$2,924	\$3,187	\$3,120	\$2,301
Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) - Transport – Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Applicable	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	60,840	\$3,542	\$3,861	\$3,779	\$6,078
	C&I Interruptible Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	180,030	\$9,894	\$10,783	\$10,355	\$13,373
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 3	> 500,001	133,674	\$7,423	\$8,091	\$7,919	\$8,168
Small Volume Joint (SVJ) - Transport	C&I Joint Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	4,133	\$799	\$871	\$853	\$1,144
	C&I Joint Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	14,621	\$2,117	\$2,307	\$2,258	\$3,469
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	20,001 - 500,000	4,837	\$888	\$967	\$947	\$1,145
Large Volume Joint (LVJ) - Transport – Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Applicable	C&I Joint Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	850	\$356	\$388	\$379	\$335
	C&I Joint Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	45,001	\$3,249	\$3,541	\$3,466	\$6,937
	C&I Joint Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	128,477	\$8,718	\$9,502	\$9,300	\$16,375

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Large Volume Joint (LVJ) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Exempt	C&I Joint Class 5 - CIP Exempt	>2,000,000	1,033,882	\$33,688	\$36,717	\$35,938	\$9,371
Super Large Volume Interruptible (SLVI) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Exempt	C&I Interruptible Class 5 - CIP Exempt	>2,000,000	1,320,322	\$6,385	\$6,427	\$6,416	\$6,980
Super Large Volume Interruptible (SLVI) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Applicable	C&I Interruptible Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	87,646	\$3,288	\$3,330	\$3,319	\$6,682
Super Large Volume Joint (SLVJ) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Exempt	Power Generating Unit - Class 2 CIP Exempt	>500,000	1,676,072	\$19,083	\$20,124	\$19,856	\$38,274
Transport for Resale	Transport for Resale	N/A	17,223	\$1,579	\$1,721	\$1,685	\$1,646
Large Volume Joint (LVJ) - Flex Transport (Cust "A") (Cust "E") (Cust "F") (Cust "G")	Large Volume Joint (LVJ) - Flex Transport (Cust "A") (Cust "E") (Cust "F") (Cust "G")	N/A	485,401 622,779 126,760 90,630	\$18,990 \$11,442 \$5,815 \$5,558	\$19,294 \$11,630 \$5,950 \$5,787	\$19,216 \$11,582 \$5,915 \$5,728	\$30,033 \$17,391 \$10,029 \$13,155

* The present rate levels identified in this application represent the rates authorized in Minnesota Energy Resources’ last rate case in Docket No. G-011/GR-15-736.

** The table above reflects proposed increases for final rates to the **monthly customer charge** and the **per therm distribution charge**. For joint service customers, the table also reflects proposed increases to the daily firm capacity charge.

How to learn more

Minnesota Energy Resources’ current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Minnesota Energy Resources
2685 145th Street West
Rosemount, MN 55068
Phone: 800-889-9508
Web: www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/company/rate_case.aspx

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone 651-539-1534
Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> Select 17 in the year field, enter 563 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s review process?

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Citizens with hearing or speech impairments may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

Marilyn's quilt will raise money for BP Vets Memorial

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Meshke is again donating a beautiful, patriotic quilt to the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial project.

A Quilt Raffle will be held on Memorial Day at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie.

Tickets are now on sale. The cost of a raffle ticket, for this one of a kind quilt, is only \$5. Three prizes will be given: first prize is the patriotic quilt, second prize is \$100 cash, and the third prize is \$50 cash. You need not be present to win.

All proceeds from the quilt raffle will be donated to the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial.

The raffle tickets can be purchased at the Servicemen's Club Foxhole, Sportstitch, Inc., A Touch of Charm, Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee, Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Corporation, and



Submitted photo
AMarilyn Meshke, a member of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Corporation, has sewn a beautiful quilt to be raffled on Memorial Day at the BP Servicemen's Club. The quilt is called "Stars and Bars."

Servicemen's Club members from the VFW, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion

and VFW Auxiliaries. Contact the following people for tickets, or with questions: Marilyn Meshke, Sandy Jones, Doug Miner, Tom Peterson, Fred Vokoun, Tom Walters, Kenny Vermilyea, Keith Holman, Jackie Schlichter, or Kurt Blome.

The quilt is entitled "Stars and Bars." It was sewn by Marilyn Meshke and quilted by Calico Hutch in Hayward. Its dimensions are 86 by 102 feet.

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Grants deadline approaching for Owatonna Foundation

The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 60th year of serving the Owatonna community, is pleased to announce its next grant application deadline on May 1.

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 \$11.8 million dollars in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students.

Owatonna-based 501 C3 nonprofit organizations that are working on capital projects in the areas of community, arts, recreation, and education 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, education, and recreation. We are thrilled to offer grant opportunities to the community again this spring," said Laura Reslier, Foundation executive director.

Recently, the Owatonna Foundation has awarded grants to many community projects including a co-registration desk for the Steele County Food Shelf and Clothesline, a new HVAC system for the Steele County Free Fair, basement remodel at the Hospitality

House, defibrillators for the Owatonna Dive Club, and a kitchen remodel and new equipment for Wee Pals Childcare Center. Other funds went to recreation projects such as the dugout remodel at the Fairgrounds Park ball diamonds and the scoreboard at Darts Park as well as several arts & culture projects.

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 Reslier at 507-455-2995 or email at info@owatonnafoundation.org.

United Way implements online tool for volunteer work

United Way of Steele County has launched a new volunteer matching service to the community.

Volunteer Connect is an online interactive tool that both allows individuals to see the many ways they can make a difference and agencies and organizations of all types to promote their needs and events free of charge.

The website <http://unitedwaysteelecounty.org> is live and ready for the community to navigate.

Community members can use the site as a way to familiarize themselves with organizations and needs in the community. When they are ready to sign up for a shift or let the organization know of their interest, they will be asked to create a volunteer profile with some basic information that will allow organizations to confirm the details of their participation

and provide them with any other important information they will need before they arrive.

The website is mobile friendly and allows volunteers to schedule and change shifts from their phone or computer, print off volunteer resumes with their documented volunteer hours and discover new local volunteer opportunities that match their interests and skills.

When asked about the United Way's role in this launch, Tanya Paley, United Way of Steele County director of strategic operations said, "We are thrilled to be able to use funds from the Otto Bremer Foundation to develop this community resource. We see this as another way to foster a community that Lives United, and to support the great work being done by so many nonprofits in our community."

"Volunteer Connect

will make the needs and opportunities in our community transparent and accessible, making it easier for all of us to create opportunities for service and to get connected and make a difference. Volunteer Connect will do more than just create matches among the service community and private citizens; it will also help to build lasting relationships."

Opportunities currently listed online include engagement opportunities for various Steele County non-profits.

Any nonprofit or charitable organization in Steele County that would like to be able to post their needs and events on Volunteer Connect site is welcome! Contact Neil Lyons at uwadmin@unitedwaysteelecounty.org to get information on how to get started as a volunteer or a group using volunteers.

BP School receives student learning grant

Blooming Prairie Schools has received a \$500 Student Learning Grant from Kraus-Anderson Construction Company (KA). The school district will use the grant to support its student Robotics program.

In addition to Blooming Prairie, the 2018 grants were also made to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Schools, Lake City Schools, Inver Grove Heights Schools and New Ulm Schools.

KA is currently ranked ninth in the nation in the construction of

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"We are extremely proud of our long-standing relationship with area school districts, and are committed to building strong communities through education," said John Huenink, vice president of education for Kraus-Anderson.



Submitted photo
Gary Benson, right, of Kraus Anderson recently presented a \$500 check to Superintendent Barry Olson of Blooming Prairie Schools. The grant will support BP's Robotics program.

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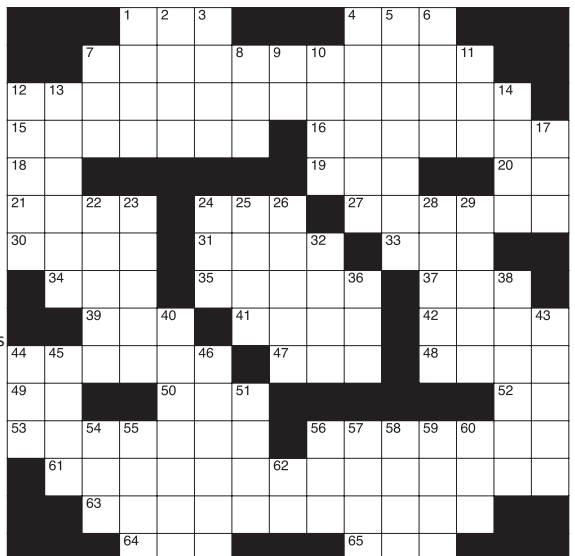
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- Atlanta rapper
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CLUES DOWN

- Skater Lipinski
- Data
- Single step



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13. Protected by balancing

14. Give up

17. Fifth note of a major scale

22. Extravagantly bright

23. Takes dictation

24. 19th letter of Greek alphabet

26. French philosopher

28. Mothers

29. Dardic ethnic group

32. Supports the rudder

36. An ugly evil-looking old woman

38. Of a fasting time

40. Filled with passengers

43. Below the ribs and above the hips

44. Binary-coded decimal

45. 51 is a famous one

46. Goes into a funk

51. Chief O'Hara actor

54. Videocassette recorder

55. Scored perfectly

56. Type of tree

57. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)

58. Popular commercial "pet"

59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians

60. Room in a home

62. ___ and behold

56. Faces of buildings

61. Something achieved

63. Distribute again

64. Tooth caregiver

65. 007's creator

4. Destroyed financially

5. Fail to interpret correctly

6. Fava d' ___: tree found in Brazil

7. Vehicle

8. Limited

9. Old English

10. Aussie golfer Norman

11. Job

12. Loose-fitting undergar-

Let's get you movin!



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