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BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Hundreds of motorists were stopped cold in their tracks this past weekend as a blizzard swept across Steele County and much of southern Minnesota.

Sheriff Lon Thiele said more than 200 motorists have been rescued and placed in shelters at Trinity Lutheran Church and the National Guard Armory in Owatonna. He said most of those rescued were from Iowa and Nebraska trying to head southbound.

Gov. Tim Walz declared a state of emergency in order to mobilize the Minnesota National Guard and open armories as makeshift shelters.

National Guard members assisted Sheriff Thiele and his deputies with rescuing numerous stranded motorists around the county. Thiele estimated that at least 50 motorists were rescued from all parts of the county.

"There were numerous vehicles from small cars to semis all over the county," Thiele said.

One of the more daring rescue efforts came Sunday afternoon when emergency workers rescued stuck motorists near the Steele-Waseca county line. They had become stuck Sunday morning and were not found until about 5 p.m. The rescuers utilized a small utility vehicle with tracks from the National Guard to get to them.

"We went through some enormous snow drifts to get to those people," Thiele said. "They would have been stranded and frozen," he said, adding one of the vehicles was almost empty of gasoline at the time the rescue was made.

The rescued motorists were brought back to the armory in Owatonna.

In another rescue, a father and small child were found stranded and brought to safety.

"We were fortunate to have no one injured," Thiele said. He noted he has never seen rescue operations of this magnitude before in Steele County.

Thiele said in some cases snow was piled up to the windows on the car and there was no way for anyone to get out of their vehicles. "We had to shovel the car doors so we could get people out," he said.

The sheriff also saw some instances where guard members gave stranded motorists their coats off their backs for those who were underdressed for the conditions.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation closed Interstate 35 late Saturday from Owatonna to the Iowa border. U.S. Highway

Blizzard closes roads, strands hundreds

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Michael Dougherty
MnDOT



COURTESY STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Members of the Minnesota National Guard were deployed this past weekend to assist with rescue efforts of stranded motorists throughout Steele County. They utilized a small utility vehicle with tracks to rescue people grounded by the blizzard. Sheriff Lon Thiele, far right, is shown with the guard members. "They were a great group of National Guard personnel to work with," Thiele said.



COURTESY MNDOT

This is Interstate 35 between Ellendale and Hope Sunday night where it would normally be two lanes in each direction. However, after this weekend's blizzard, the roadway was down to a narrow path with huge banks on each side. Snow drifts of five or more feet were reported in many areas of Steele County. This was taken by a plow operator trying with little luck to open the interstate, which remained closed much of Monday.



COURTESY MNDOT

MnDOT workers had their hands full trying to clear off highways throughout southeastern Minnesota this past weekend after a blizzard dumped a foot of snow. In this photo, MnDOT was working to clear away I-90 by Dexter so the highway could be opened up again.

BLIZZARD BY THE NUMBERS

12	Inches of snow
50	Mph winds
1	State of Emergency declared
187	Stranded motorists at armory
50	Stranded motorists at Trinity Church
0	Injuries or fatalities

218 from Owatonna to Austin was also closed. In addition, MnDOT issued a no travel advisory on many highways throughout southeastern Minnesota for most of the weekend into Monday.

"It's just stunning," said Michael Dougherty, spokesperson for MnDOT. "Some of the main roads look like a cow path behind an apple tree. It seems strange to think someone would get stuck in the middle of the highway."

Of those vehicles that became stuck in the roadway, Dougherty said the motorists were rescued, but their vehicles could not be moved and remained right where they were left.

Contributing to the problem was that once motorists realized the interstate was closed, they got off and tried to use the county roads, according to Thiele. "They found themselves in worse conditions on the county roads," he said.

Highways were strewn with cars facing various directions and nowhere to go.

Dougherty said southeastern Minnesota was blasted with a trifecta of things to hit. First, heavy amounts of snow fell at rapid rates with up to a foot. Next came the heavy winds that created snow drifts as high as vehicles followed by plunging temperatures Sunday night into Monday.

"It all combines to make challenging conditions," Dougherty said. "We just don't see snow events like this."

Salt used to treat the roadways becomes ineffective when temperatures dip under 15 degrees, according to Dougherty. He said MnDOT was bringing in trucks from the Twin Cities metro area equipped with chemicals mixed with beet juice to help clear the roadways.

MnDOT also deployed big mounted snow blowers, known as SnoGos, which are mounted on the front of snow plows, from the metro area because the regular plows are unable to handle the drifts, Dougherty said.

"They just started carving into

SEE GROUNDNED, A6

Even local residents become stranded by blizzard

BY ALEX MALM
STAFF WRITER

When Medford resident, Timothy Summer, finished his 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. shift on Sunday morning, in Faribault, he knew it would be a difficult journey.

What he didn't know, however, is that he would find himself stranded in a local Kwik Trip parking lot.

Summer explained that he when he left the city plows were out, and streets were clear.

Because he lives in Medford, he took I-35 south to Medford exit, and found that only one side of the roundabout was plowed at that time.

After making it into the Kwik Trip parking lot, which was some-

what plowed, he was able to fill up his tank.

At that point, Summer realized he would be stranded in the parking lot, for a while.

"This is the **worst storm I have ever experienced** in my 50 years of Minnesota winters."

Timothy Summer
Local stranded driver

"I could see there was no way I was going to be able to travel back to Medford or get back on 35 south or north bound," Summer explained.

For Summer, he never had been stranded like he was on Sunday.

"This is the worst storm I have ever experienced in my 50 years of Minnesota winters. It will take many big tow companies just to pull out the Semis stuck in and around parking lot," Summer said.

Although he was stranded for many hours in a parking lot, he was able to still stay positive.

"The plus side to this is I am safe, I can walk into store purchase food for me and my dog Sheldon," Summer said.

Summer was eventually able to get out of the parking lot, to make his way home at about 5:45 p.m., after being stranded for nearly nine hours.



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OUR VIEW

Thank a bus driver

Whether it's a Minnesota unexpected winter storm, or a sunny day, there is one group of people that don't get as nearly as much credit as they should.

That group is bus drivers.

This week is Bus Drivers Appreciation Week where communities across the state are thanking bus drivers for doing a task that not many people are willing to do.

Driving a bus full of children from toddlers to high schoolers is something that takes a lot of patience, and a positive attitude day after day, week after week.

And it's not just driving kids to and from school.

Throughout the week, bus drivers are tasked with taking kids to different sporting events, and to different field trips, and activities. Sometimes this even means crisscrossing the state, going to places like the Twin Cities, down to Blue Earth County and everywhere in between.

Often times, people may not think about this when they see the success on fields and in gyms, but the reality is bus drivers are as much of a part of the team as anyone else.

They drive in bad weather, on gravel roads, in towns and everywhere in between. They quite frankly do it all.

Bus drivers, thank you for your commitment to keeping local children save, and for getting them from their bus stops to school every day.

To our readers, please take a moment this week to thank a bus driver.

Happy Bus Drivers Appreciation Week!

YOUR VIEW

Group urges residents to comment about county's comp plan

Dodge County is in the process of reviewing its Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan is available on the Dodge County website.

Your input in this process is valuable. This is your opportunity to submit comments to the draft Comprehensive Plan. We're trying to encourage as many public comments as possible and urge you to send your comments to Mark Gamm, Environmental Services. Please submit your written comments to: mark.gamm@co.dodge.mn.us no later than March 10.

Sonja Trom Eayrs prepared comments on behalf of Dodge County Concerned Citizens, but we need more voices.

The county will review additional comments and then submit a revised plan to the Dodge County Commissioners for review. A public hearing will eventually be held.

Brad Trom
Dodge County Concerned Citizens

A gentle giant behind the scenes



Dan Borland of Albert Lea served as a photojournalist with KAAL-TV in Austin for decades and most recently operated his own videography business. He videotaped Peace & Power at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea every Sunday. Borland died this past Sunday after taping the service.

When I moved to Southern Minnesota in 1991, one of the first people I came across was Dan Borland, a photojournalist for KAAL-TV in Austin. I was a rookie reporter trying to make my path into the TV business.

Borland and I traveled all across southern Minnesota and northern Iowa covering the important stories of the day. A veteran in the business, Borland was always there to coach me on how to do better with my stories for TV. While I was fresh out of college and a tad nervous to be on TV, Borland always found a way to put me at ease in front of the camera. Sometimes it worked, others time it didn't.

Through Borland's patience for a new reporter and gentle guidance, he was a giant in helping me during my four-year career at KAAL. My stories often turned out as good as they did because I had his creative touch behind the camera. With his talents, he also made me look good on camera.

I'll never forget some of the late night adventures we had together in bringing stories to the region. One of them involved a ride along with a Minnesota State trooper in less than desirable weather and road conditions (though not as bad as this past weekend). Borland was flying around the backseat of the squad car with his camera trying to videotape as the trooper went sailing across I-90 at speeds that we thought for sure we would never survive.

There was another night when we had a vehicle coming at us in the wrong lane of I-90 in Austin. Fortunately we were with the same trooper and got her off the road immediately. It turned out that the elderly woman was drunk, and we were there to follow her through the DWI arrest process.

In a business often filled with big egos, Borland was not. He was one of the most down-to-earth journalists I worked with in my career. I



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

wish I could have worked with him longer than the four years we had together covering the region's big stories. I left KAAL in 1995, and Borland continued for many more years.

Borland eventually left KAAL to go onto starting up his own videography business in Albert Lea. In addition to videotaping weddings and other important community events, Borland also was the man behind the scenes videotaping Peace & Power at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea every Sunday morning for KAAL.

It came with great sadness this past weekend when I learned that Borland passed away in his vehicle just after he finished videotaping Sunday morning's Peace & Power. According to his son, he got up very early to shovel his way out of the garage to make it to the church broadcast. He even live-streamed on the way to church and during services. After church, his car got stuck and a passer-by found him and notified 911.

"My dad died doing what he loved, helping his community with the church's Sunday broadcast," his son, Quincy, posted on Facebook.

Borland also served on the board of directors at Albert Lea Community Theatre. He loved Albert Lea and Freeborn County in ways many would never understand.

My heart goes out to his wife Linda and their three adult children.

My only regret is that I never really got the chance to tell Borland personally how much he played a role in cutting my teeth in the TV business and helping me understand southeastern Minnesota. Photographers, especially in the TV business, are never given enough credit for what they do. I will miss this gentle giant who was committed to bringing home the important news of the region for decades.

After years of chasing down news stories, may Borland now go in hot pursuit of resting in peace.

GUEST COLUMN

Thanks for your philanthropic spirit

By BETSY KENNEDY LINDGREN

In 2018, the Owatonna Foundation celebrated its 60th anniversary. This incredible milestone was made possible by the continued support of the people of Owatonna, our local businesses and organizations. The Owatonna Foundation is truly YOUR community foundation and after a very successful fundraising campaign, we want thank you, our supporters, and the community for your continuous philanthropic spirit! In 2018, over \$620,000 was raised and will be used to carry on the Owatonna Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting worthy projects that focus on community, arts, recreation and education. The capacity of giving in our community is truly a blessing! As a Trustee, I am both honored and humbled by this amazing support. The entire Board of Trustees wants to personally thank every one of our committed donors!

Annually, the Foundation gives financial support to capitol projects that positively impact Owatonna. The Foundation Trustees respond to our communities needs via our grants program. It is a true "grass roots" process, with local 501C 3 non-profits applying for worthy projects, and since the Foundation's inception 60 years ago, over \$11.9 million has been reinvested into Owatonna!

In 2018, our generous donors helped to provide funds for the following projects:

Owatonna Tennis Association: Funds were provided for part of a phase one remodel of the facility at West Hills.

Steele County Historical Society: The two cabins in the Village of Yesteryear were given new period appropriate roofs to preserve the exterior of the cabins and the artifacts located within them.

ISD761 Scoreboard: Citing a failing scoreboard at OHS a new scoreboard for multiple sports was partially funded.

Owatonna Soccer Association: The Trustees allocated funds to be used towards the new soccer complex that will be located the intersection of Rice Lake Street and Willow Ave.

SEMCAC/Senior Place: Funds were granted towards a State mandated kitchen remodel where meals are prepared for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Owatonna Swimming Association: Funds were needed for a new scoreboard for keeping track of diving scores and times during swim meets.

Central Park: A new bench was placed in the park honoring Ken Wilcox's service as a Foundation Trustee and as his tenure as President of Norwest/Wells Fargo Bank.

Besides the money awarded annually for grants the Foundation also sets aside \$30,000 in scholarship dollars a year for traditional and non-traditional students that are enrolled in post-secondary programs for technical and vocational training.

And, looking to the future the Foundation has partnered with the Junior Achievement program and the Owatonna Middle School to teach our children about the importance of Philanthropy and also provided the funds for the students to make their own donation to the charity of their choice.

As I write this, I am awed by the overwhelming generosity and support that each year has helped to shape the future of the Owatonna Foundation!

Again, we thank you for helping us to continue to invest in our beloved community, our future, and the future of generations to come. We couldn't have done it without you!

Betsy Kennedy Lindgren is the president of Owatonna Foundation.



GUEST COLUMN

Governor's budget high on spending and tax increases

By JOHN PETERSBURG

The first piece to the puzzle in setting the budget was put in place this week, as Gov. Walz unveiled his budget proposal.

For me it was mostly disappointing, especially in the area of transportation where the increasing and reducing of revenue sources became an elaborate shell game.

First off, the governor's plan would eliminate a plan we approved last session that dedicates hundreds of millions of dollars in already-collected revenue to road and bridge needs.

The reason: he wants to spend it elsewhere in state government.

In its place would come a massive gas tax increase – 20-cents per gallon – and that total is indexed which means it will grow even higher in future years. If the sticker shock on 20-cents per gallon isn't enough, this amount represents a 70 percent increase on the statewide gas tax we currently pay, and would make Minnesota's gas tax the 4th largest in the nation.

In addition, the governor's budget includes increases to tab fees, the

motor vehicle sales tax, business taxes, and reinstatement of the sick tax which is set to expire at the end of the year, adding an additional \$1 billion to the anticipated cost of health care for Minnesotans over the next two years.

Most of these increases are regressive in nature, meaning they impact lower income more than higher income individuals. To offset these increases, the governor is using these regressive tax increases to pay for a larger credit on tax returns for lower income individuals. In other

words, they are paying for their own tax credits.

To me, this is a backwards way of doing things. I'd even call it a gimmick as the money is all coming and going from the General Fund. But the gist of the plan is this: Gov. Walz wants to massively increase state revenues that are statutorily dedicated to transportation and take the already prioritized funds to spend on other government programs. The end result is a significant raise in the cost of driving your car by ridiculous numbers to backfill that disappearing revenue.

Now it is in the hands of the House and Senate as this was just a first step in the process. It's something we've been waiting for so we could understand his priorities. Now we'll see what each legislative body can come up with and move forward.

John Petersburg is a state representative for District 24A, which covers Steele and Waseca counties. He lives in Waseca.

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BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: Crash: Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Interstate 35 and 58th St. SW in Somerset Township at 6:56 p.m.

Sheriff: Florida handgun matches Riess murder weapon

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The handgun confiscated in connection with a Florida murder matches the weapon used in the Blooming Prairie murder of David Riess, Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose said last week.

On Jan. 29, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in St. Paul completed its testing of a .22-caliber semi-automatic handgun, which was recovered in the hotel room of murder suspect Lois Riess

following her arrest in Texas, according to Rose. “The forensics report indicated the shell casings found at the Riess homicide matched the handgun being tested,” Rose said.

David Riess was gunned down in his home outside of Blooming Prairie last March. His wife, Lois, is suspected of killing him, though she still has not been charged in Minnesota. After the Blooming Prairie murder, Lois fled to Florida where she is accused of



LOIS RIESS

killing a woman in Fort Myers Beach.

A Dodge County sheriff’s investigator flew to Florida and took possession of the handgun for the local case on Oct. 17. The handgun was brought back to Minnesota and turned over to the BCA for forensic testing on Oct. 22.

In other developments, Rose announced that the Dodge County case has been referred to the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office in St. Paul for review of prosecution. Local

investigators submitted their complete report, including the forensics testing, to the Attorney General on Feb. 13.

Besides Dodge County’s investigative file, the Attorney General’s Office will also need to review the BCA’s case file, Rose said. It’s unknown when the Attorney General will make a determination on charging.

“We’ve had our case ready since shortly after Lois was arrested. However, it was important to the integrity of the case to have the

forensics completed on the alleged murder weapon before formally charging Mrs. Riess,” Rose said. “Once she was charged out in Florida, and we knew she wasn’t going to get released down there, it allowed us the opportunity to take the time needed to prepare our case and wait for forensics to ensure we have the strongest case possible.”

Lois Riess faces the death penalty in Florida for allegedly killing Pamela Hutchinson, who was vacationing at the time. Riess is expected back in court in April.

Area judges re-elected in Third District

Steele County's Bueltel re-elected as Assistant Chief Judge

Judges chambered in Dodge and Steele counties have been re-elected as the top judges in the Third Judicial District, which encompasses all of southeastern Minnesota.

The Honorable Jodi L. Williamson has been re-elected to serve as chief judge of Minnesota’s Third Judicial District. The Honorable Judge Joseph A. Bueltel was also re-elected to serve as assistant chief judge. Both were re-elected by their fellow Third Judicial District judges to serve another two-year term, effective July 1.

Judge Williamson was first elected to serve as chief judge of the Third Judicial District



JOSEPH A. BUELTEL

in 2017. She earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University. Williamson was appointed to the bench in January of 2000. Before her appointment to the bench, she worked as a law clerk, and as an assistant city attorney for Rochester, operated a private civil practice, and served as an assistant public defender for the Third Judicial District. She is chambered in the Dodge County Courthouse in Mantorville.

“Serving as chief judge of the Third Judicial District



JODI L. WILLIAMSON

for the last two years has been an incredible privilege. I am honored that my colleagues have renewed their trust in my leadership locally and at the state level.” said Chief Judge Williamson. “I look forward to serving with Assistant Chief Judge Bueltel once again.”

Judge Bueltel was elected to serve as assistant chief judge for the first time in 2017. He earned his juris doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law, and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota. Bueltel was appointed to the bench in April of 2002. He previously served as an assistant public defender and chief public

defender for the Third Judicial District, worked in private practice, and served as a law clerk. His chambers are located in the Steele County Courthouse in Owatonna.

By statute, the chief judge of a judicial district exercises general administrative authority over the courts within the district, including assigning judges to serve in locations throughout the district. The chief judge of each judicial district also serves as a member of the Minnesota Judicial Council, the administrative policy-making authority for the Minnesota Judicial Branch. No judge may serve as chief judge or assistant chief judge for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

CRIME BRIEF

MAN FLEES LIGHTLESS VEHICLE IN OWATONNA



DION WADLEY

A vehicle operating without headlights led to a driver fleeing police officers in Owatonna.

On Feb. 20, an officer saw a vehicle driving on North Elm at Broadway without its headlights on. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and as it was stopping, the driver’s door opened up and a man fled eastbound on foot, police said.

Officers searched the area and located a man matching the description of the fleeing driver in the 200 block of School Street. He was identified as Dion Wadley, 19, of Winona.

Wadley was found to have an outstanding warrant for motor vehicle theft. In addition to the warrant, Wadley was jailed on new charges of driving after revocation and fleeing police on foot.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 11 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Damarrio D. Lesure, 39, Minneapolis, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Lesure was sentenced to \$581, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 224 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation. *The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 11 with Judge Dennis J. Murphy presiding:*

Haylee E. Kremmin, 25, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony restraining order violation. She was sentenced to \$131, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, no contact with victim, psychological evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, 60 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 11 – 17:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Bradley J. Meyer, 29, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER
Steven D. Borgstahl, 40, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Shannon M. Johnson, 51, Wanamingo, speeding, \$121; Devin M. Mahnke, 18, Proctor, speeding, \$141; Makengo B. Mankaka, 56, Rochester, speeding, \$131; Joseph L. Martineau, 47, Cottage Grove, speeding, \$121; Abraham J. Matthew, 31, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$141; Emily A. Pariseau, 20, Shoreview, speeding, \$131; Matthew T. Pitcher, 21, White

Bear Lake, DWI, \$381, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Bersain Sanitz Lopez, 32, Webster City, IA, no license and no insurance, \$381; Troy T. Tuma, 47, Owatonna, speeding, \$221.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jason D. Batt, 39, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$131, 3 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Cassandra S. Britt, 26, revoked license, \$281; Andrew A. Buzzard, 24, Brooklyn Center, restraining order violation, \$1,081, 90 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation; Daniel Cuellar, 34, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Loretta T. Dorsey, 33, Mason City, IA, shoplifting, trespassing and theft, \$131, 13 days in county jail; Autumn G. Engesser, 20, Rose Creek, speeding, \$121; Tyler G. Green, 29, Owatonna, suspended license and speeding, \$341; Sylvia A. Hibbler, 58, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Wyatt M. Kundert, 23, Rochester, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$300, 10 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Craig A. Laska, 48, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131; Patrick K. Powell, 22, Owatonna, check forgery, \$131, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Angela N. Schafer, 33, Owatonna, violation of order for protection, stay of adjudication, \$50, no possession of firearms, do not enter liquor establishments, maintain employment, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation; Craig S. Sykes, 27, Owatonna, stop sign and cancelled license, \$331; April

M. Valliant, 33, Faribault, false name and revoked license, \$131 and 90 days in county jail; Leng Vang, 35, Owatonna, passing parked emergency vehicle, \$131; Johnathon L. Wagner, 34, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Elisabeth R. Abert, 23, Owatonna, speeding and improper information on license, \$141; Natasha K. Bronstad, 25, New Richland, speeding, \$221; Marjace N. Crawford, 24, Chisago City, speeding, \$141; Steven M. Gehring, 57, Waseca, expired tabs, \$111; Kpaw Htoo, 27, Albert Lea, DWI, \$606, 27 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 216 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Scott B. Johnson, 51, Bemidji, speeding, \$141; Brandie A. Kilgore, 34, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Celena I. Kruszalnicki, 37, Waseca, speeding, \$281; Arlandus Montgomery, 18, St. Paul, invalid license, \$181; Eric D. Nelson, 20, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131; Matthew T. Panetti, 30, Waterville, speeding, \$121; David F. Pike, 79, Medford, domestic assault, \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, and 2 years of supervised probation; Jordan A. Rosacker, 21, Ellendale, expired tabs, \$111; Cassidy N. Tinnin, 22, St. Paul, failure to drive in single lane and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$231; Andrew R. Wilcox, 23, Morristown, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Dominique M. Wondra, 52, Owatonna, speeding, \$131.

ARRESTS

Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Ryan William Tvedt, 25, arrested at 6:27 p.m. Feb. 15, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Bree Kay Bender, 34, arrested at 11:13 p.m. Feb. 16, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

David Jesse Beraza, 25, arrested at 9:07 a.m. Feb. 18, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Jeffrey Allen Sipes, 58, arrested at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20, felony DWI and restraining order violation, held for court.

Benjamin Jacob Hunt, 29, arrested at 9:11 p.m. Feb. 21, felony theft and drug possession, held for court.

Nashid Asmir Abdul-Zahir, 43, arrested at 9:40 p.m. Feb. 21, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

Leticia Lynn Castillo, 32, arrested Feb. 21, warrant arrest, \$1,000 bail.

Jessica Ann Dahle, 42, arrested at 6:01 p.m. Feb. 21, warrants arrest, held for court.

Amber Louise Brandt, 35, arrested at 12:20 a.m. Feb. 22, domestic assault and obstruction of legal process, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff Garrett Steven Johnson, 22, arrested at 10:25 p.m. Feb. 15, DWI, \$12,000 bail.

Gary Ronald Sell Jr., 32, arrested at 9:17 p.m. Feb. 18, felony possession, held for court.

George Adrian Perez, 31, arrested at 5:08 a.m. Feb. 19, warrant arrest, \$3,000 bail.

Cody John Johnson, 35, arrested at 5:30 a.m. Feb. 21, warrant arrest, \$3,000 bail.

Dylan Mitchell Ahles, 29, arrested at 12:34 p.m. Feb. 21, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police Feb. 21

Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Center Ave. N. at 10:29 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Owatonna Police Feb. 15

Hit and Run: At 4:44 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of 18th St. SW.

Disturbance: Police

responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Mound St. SW at 6:05 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Feb. 16
Crash: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at 26th St. NW and State Ave. NW in Owatonna Township at 11:54 a.m. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of 20th St. NE at 10:43 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Feb. 18
Domestic: Officers arrested a subject for a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 8:21 a.m.

Hit and Run: At 8:31 a.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of Plainview St. SW.

Theft: At 1:16 p.m., a citizen reported identity theft in the 500 block of Main St. E.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE at 1:39 p.m.

Feb. 19
Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 2500 block of 18th St. NW at 9:22 a.m. and the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3:47 p.m.

Feb. 20
Domestic: At 8:50 a.m., a domestic disturbance occurred in the 200 block of 18th St. SW.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 400 block of North St. W. at 12:50 p.m.

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 5:17 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 8:09 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 3900 block of Cabela Dr. NW.

Feb. 21
Hit and Run: At 8:28 a.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 100 block of Oak Ave. N.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1900 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 11:50 a.m.

Shoplifting: Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:01 p.m.

Trespassing: Officers arrested a subject for

trespassing in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 3:27 p.m.

Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Oak Ave. S. at 7:05 p.m.

Crash: Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Larch Ave. NE and Rose St. E. at 9:28 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Feb. 15
DWI: Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 7700 block of 38th St. SW in Meriden Township at 10:12 p.m.

Feb. 18
Arrest: Deputy arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 8000 block of Crane Creek Road in Meriden Township at 8:51 p.m.

Feb. 19
Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 5:06 a.m.

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 3800 block of 57th Ave. NW in Deerfield Township at 1:27 p.m.

Theft: Deputies received a theft report from the 1800 block of 44th Ave. SE in Havana Township at 1:37 p.m.

Feb. 20
Theft: Deputy took a theft report in the 200 block of 1st St. NW in Medford at 2:19 p.m.

Feb. 21
Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 4:59 a.m.

OWATONNA FIRE

Feb. 15
Smoke: At 7:25 p.m., fire personnel handled a scare of an odor of smoke in the 200 block of Front St.

Feb. 17
Accident: Fire fighters responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Interstate 35 at 8:52 a.m.

Crash: At 9:51 a.m., a motor vehicle accident occurred on Hoffman St.

Feb. 20
Crash: At 7:06 p.m., fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Interstate 35.

WARRANTS: The following individuals have active warrants in Steele County. The Sheriff provides this information as a public service

1. Kathryn Lundstrom – warrant – no bail

2. Robert Lyons – DWI – no bail

3. Naykor Mabior – assault police officer - \$10,000 bail

4. Jose Macias – revoked license – no bail

5. Shane Mack – theft – no bail

6. Faisai Mahamed – criminal sexual conduct – no bail

7. Adrian Maloney – assault - \$1,000 bail
8. David Marmolejo – child neglect - \$3,000 bail

9. Tanya Marovich – theft by check - \$1,000 bail

10. David Martinez – DWI - \$500 bail

11. Evaristo Martinez – DWI - \$12,000 bail

12. Felipe Martinez – DWI – no bail

13. Guadalupe Martinez – no insurance - \$1,000 bail

14. Joe Martinez – DWI - \$1,000 bail
15. Victor Martinez – obstruct legal process - \$12,000 bail

16. Lakia Massey – counterfeiting – no bail

17. Emmanuel Mata – burglary - \$10,000 bail

18. Roger Mathers – DWI - \$12,000 bail

19. Robert Mattson – revoked license – no bail

20. Robert Maughan – DWI - \$1,000 bail

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification and apprehension of wanted individuals

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Change of plans



Rev. Stephanie Wood

AURORA AND TRINITY LUTHERAN, OWATONNA AND BLOOMING PRAIRIE

This February and it's record breaking snowfall have thrown a wrench into many of my plans. I have had snow dates for my snow dates. I know I am not alone in making plans only to have them upended after the latest weather report. While for some it has provided much needed rest, others find it has only added stress. There was one clip I saw where a mom and son found out that school was once again cancelled. Their reactions were telling. The son about 8 years old shouted "yes" and raised his arms in victory. His mom, looked to be in shock, asking if the reporter was joking and then the frustration seeped out as reality set in. With each snowflake adding to the growing snowfall total, plans continue

to change. Rarely is the culprit of disruption so obviously teasing us outside our windows but change and the disruptions that cause change are a part of life. Depending on your perspective, your reaction to that change will differ like the mother and her son reacting to a snow day. The son saw one more day at home filled with cartoons and video games. In contrast, the mom was likely wondering if she needs to use one more vacation day to stay at home. Weather like so many other causes of change are out of our control. We also experience change as a natural evolution of life or a decision to take a different path. Whether we are in control or not, rejoicing or lamenting, it will happen.

In Ecclesiastes, we hear those familiar verses made popular by funerals and The Byrds song, "Turn, Turn, Turn." There is a season for everything. Change is inevitable. Can we perhaps find some courage in that fact? God is in our midst, walking with us from the beginning to present day. Helping God's people adjust and adapt to the changes we encounter in life. In the Bible, we hear of how people go through times of struggle, times of celebration and everything in between. Throughout it all, God does not abandon us. In fact, there are times when change is just what we need. Our best laid plans are likely the first draft before life or God interjects. I am reminded of a verse from 1

Thessalonians, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ." We can agonize over the changes we encounter and sometimes they are heartbreaking ones. Yet I wonder if God encourages us to rejoice, pray and give thanks because it enables us to find hope, even in its smallest measure. I am not thrilled to reschedule events, but I rejoice for the snow that will replenish the fields. I pray for the safety of those who must go out on to the roads, often first responders. I give thanks that I am able to have a roof over my head and a warm bed at night.

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LUTHERAN AURORA LUTHERAN 6329 SE 28th St., Owatonna Pastor Stephanie Wood 507-676-5696 Worship: Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY LUTHERAN – ELCA 106 Third St. SE., Geneva Pastor Kristen Venne 507-256-4288 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun. FIRST LUTHERAN – AFLC 503 Radel Ct., Ellendale Pastor Richard Sliper 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. Youth Group FIRST LUTHERAN – ELCA 434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie Senior Pastor: Rev. Heidi Heimgartner Associate Pastor: Rev. Mike Walerius 507-583-6621 firstlutheranbp.com Worship Service- 9 a.m. Sunday School- 10 a.m. FIRST LUTHERAN – LCMC 8953 SW 37th Ave., Hope Pastor Sandy Miller 507-451-3854 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m. Sun. GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN – LCMS 2500 7th Ave. NE., Owatonna Rev. Mark Rosenau, Senior Pastor Rev. Greg Schlicker, Associate Pastor 507-451-4125 www.goodshepherd owatonna.com Worship: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. MOLAND LUTHERAN – ELCA 7618 NE 84th Ave., Kenyon Pastor Nancy Edwardson 507-789-6661 Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN – ELCA 9651 SW 75th St., Ellendale Pastor Mike Walerius 507-465-8366 Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun. EDEEMER LUTHERAN – LCMS 1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna	Pastor Kirk Griebel 507-451-2720 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Education Hour: 10:15 a.m. Sun. RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN – ELCA 30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin Pastor Lindsay Brennan 507-583-2038 or 507-437-3000 www.roglutheran.org Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School (Sept. – May): 10:15 a.m. ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN – LCMS 4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont Pastor Alan Broadwell 507-528-2404 Worship: 6 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. ST. 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these big drifts,” Dougherty said Monday morning. “They are punching through trying to get one lane open,” he said, adding they will move onto other areas and then go back to clean up the rest of the roadway.

During the height of the blizzard, MnDOT ran snow plows in tandem, Dougherty said. “They were told to stay at a safe distance with two trucks at a time,” he said. “With two trucks tied up, our resources were not as effective, but safety has to prevail.”

In some cases, MnDOT provided plows to make emergency escorts for area ambulances needing to get patients to hospitals.

On the side roads around Steele County, snow removal efforts were severely impeded because of all the stranded vehicles, according to Scott Golberg, county administrator. “With the stranded vehicle on the county roads, we had to work around them,” he said.

Besides the motorists stranded in Owatonna, there were also some who sought shelter in Ellendale, Golberg said.

The uniqueness of this massive blizzard, Golberg said, was the drifting, which caused all the stranded motorists.



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Trooper Tjon named top officer in Steele County

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

This year’s honor for Peace Officer of the Year went to State Trooper William Tjon, who gracefully accepted the award from the Exchange Club of Steele County on Feb. 22.

Trooper Tjon hails from Twin Valley, Minn., and has served as a state trooper in Steele and Rice counties for 12 years. During the ceremony, Tjon’s superior, Lt. Brian Buck, was also on hand to congratulate him.

“I think it’s great that the Exchange Club recognized Trooper Tjon today,” Buck said. “Our troopers do a lot

of great things, day in and day out. It’s good that they get recognized for the hard work that they do. It’s good to have something like today to recognize all the hard work that Trooper Tjon does.”

It was an honor that Trooper Tjon was not expecting. “I’m very appreciative of it,” Tjon said of the award. “I was extremely surprised when Lt. Buck pulled me in for it and told me I got it. It’s a very, very nice award.”

“Trooper Tjon exemplifies what the Minnesota State Patrol stands for,” Exchange Club Board Director Randy Sobrack said while reading Lt. Buck’s recommendation. “He represents our area well,

“I think about you guys every day, and I just can’t believe how you guys can go out there and **do it every day.”**

Steve Frodl
-Exchange Club President

and I wholeheartedly agree.” Exchange Club President Steve Frodl told Tjon and Buck that he appreciates all of their hard work and public service. “I want to thank you guys for what you do,” Frodl said during the ceremony. “I think about you guys every

day, and I just can’t believe how you guys can go out there and do it every day.”

As a state trooper charged with patrolling two counties, Tjon’s work takes him across Steele and Rice, where he has seen his share of situations. “There’s numerous times when I’ve even been the first responder on local calls,” Tjon said of the fact that he isn’t just patrolling the freeway.

Outside of his duties as a trooper, Tjon has also taught Driver’s Ed classes in Medford, Faribault, and Owatonna. He also has talked with students in middle school about his job and education and participates in



State Trooper William Tjon accepts the award for Peace Officer of the Year from Exchange Club of Steele County President Steve Frodl. Tjon’s boss, Lt. Brian Buck, left, was also there to congratulate him.

SEE TOP OFFICER, B2

BETTER SLEEP, ONE BED AT A TIME

Beds For Kids holds fundraiser at Steele County History Center

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Despite a blizzard which pummeled the county Saturday night, members of the community were still able to stop by and give their thanks and help raise money for Beds For Kids, a volunteer program which donates beds to area children.

The program was started in 2010 by Jim and Sara Packard. “I worked as a cable guy for Charter Communications, so I was in people’s houses and saw a lot of kids laying on the floor or sharing beds,” Jim Packard said. “It just didn’t sit right with me, and I knew I wanted to do something about it.”

From there he started kicking around the idea with his local bible study group and not soon after the program was born. “I decided, let’s just make four beds and see what happens,” Packard recalled.

“So we made four beds and decided to display them at a local church that was putting on a free garage sale to see if there was any interest in people needing beds,” he said. “We walked away with a list of 40 people who signed up that day for a bed that they needed.”

Beds for Kids provides children age 2 to 17 with a free bed complete with pillows, blanket, and comforter. “The reward is priceless,” Packard said of seeing a kid get their very own bed. “I think seeing the look on their face when they get that bed and giving them something they can call their own and knowing that they’re going to get a good night’s sleep is such a great feeling.”

“When we deliver the beds, and when the kids are home, it’s the looks on their faces,” said Jeff Kropp, who helps deliver beds. “They go from sleeping on a couch, or whatever their situation is, to a new bed. They love it!”

Jeff’s wife, Shari Kropp, serves as executive director for



Jeff and Shari Kropp sit on a version of one of the beds that they supply to area children in need. Shari serves as executive director for Beds For Kids while her husband Jeff volunteers and helps deliver.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

the program. “Even when we deliver to the teenagers,” Shari said. “There’s some teenagers that you’d think you wouldn’t get any emotion out of, but they are always so appreciative.”

Due to a busy schedule and a family of their own, Jim and Sara Packard handed the reins of the program over to Shari and Jeff Kropp in 2014. “They’ve stepped up, and they’ve done a fantastic job,” Jim Packard said of the Kropp’s work. “They have given so much of their time and resources to make Beds For Kids happen and sustainable. I can’t thank them enough, it’s fantastic.”

“I’m very proud,” Packard said of how his program has grown. “I’m proud of Jeff and Shari and all the work they’ve put into it and made it what it is today. I’m

so thankful for all the volunteers who step up, and the people who support these things. We couldn’t do it without them.”

Although a bout of bad winter weather threatened to diminish the night’s fundraiser, the community was there regardless to support such a good cause. The fundraiser included a wine wall, a silent auction, tasting stations, a cash bar, and entertainment beginning just after 8 p.m. by a member of Spontaneous Productions and local volunteers as an impromptu improv group.

“Our first fundraiser was held at Good Shepherd Church in town and it was snowing just like this,” Jim Packard said. “We had 100 baskets out and four people perusing those baskets, and we didn’t know what to expect, but

God showed up and we ended up walking out of there with \$10,000 that night. It was pretty amazing.”

The community wouldn’t be deterred this year either. “We exist because of them, and I think this really shows how they support our organization,” Shari Kropp said of the steady attendance. “Them being here says a lot about their support for our organization.”

Since 2010, Beds For Kids has provided 1,400 beds for children in Steele and Waseca counties, 207 beds in 2018, and 250 in 2017. Since January of this year, they have already supplied 23 beds to children in Steele and Waseca. For those 23 kids, they can have a bed to call their own and get a good night’s sleep.

Fair begins offering promo rates for upcoming concerts

It may be blizzard-like conditions outside, but the Steele County Free Fair is already thinking about warming the souls of music fans and rocking the summer nights during the fair with a couple major concerts.

Tickets go on sale Friday for the Chris Kroeze and Chris Hawkey concerts. Kroeze is a national recording artist from NBC’s The Voice, and Hawkey is from KFAN.

Fairgoers may purchase tickets on-line at www.SCFF.org beginning March 1. The fair is offering discounted tickets for both performances. Fair manager Scott Kozelka said the ticket prices offered during the March promo will only be offered once.

Hawkey will perform Thursday, Aug. 15 while Kroeze will take the stage on Friday, Aug. 16.

Despite snow, shooting sports underway

Spring is right around the corner... right???

With the consistent forecast of snow these last few weeks and still on the horizon, Steele County 4-Hers involved in the Shooting Sport Program do not have to wait to get underway with their projects. This past week Steele County 4-H kicked off the season with an open house for all to come learn more about what 4-H has to offer and for returning members to be able to get signed up for the 2019 year. 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife promotes valuable life skills through safe and educational experiences. This past year, Steele County 4-H had over 40 youth participate in various disciplines



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and wildlife experiences.

Our season starts with the archery and bb gun disciplines on Saturdays at the Straight River Archery Club near Medford starting in March and going through May. In April, 4-Hers seventh grade and older will be able to add the .22 discipline and muzzle loader. In June, 4-Hers seventh grade and older can work with the shotgun disciplines

SEE STEELE TALKIN’, B2

Blossom turned actor comes back home

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Blooming Prairie High School alumnus Jay Alan Christianson stars in the new movie “Garrow,” and has been featured in “Law and Order: Special Victims Units,” “Black-ish” and “The Sopranos.”

On Thursday, the actor and producer returned to BPHS to talk to students and encourage them to follow their dreams.

“If you really want to do something, the only thing that really stops you is your mind,” Christianson said. “You can overcome anything with the power of the mind and it has to acknowledged and embraced.”

Christianson has experience working with young adults, as he teaches an on-camera acting course in Los Angeles and is a guest artist at the California Institute of the Arts. His students range in the age of 7 to

94 years old.

“I’m use to speaking to kids and I love it,” he said. “If I can impart anything to inspire, I’ll be there.”

Christianson grew up on his family farm about a half mile northeast of the Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. The farm has been in Christianson’s family since the 1860s and one of his siblings still lives there.

“[Blooming Prairie hasn’t changed too much,] which is terrific and I hope it never does,” he said. “It was such an important part of my life. It certainly made me who I am with that sense of community and great values growing up on a farm.”

Christianson recalled memories from his childhood where neighbors helped on his family’s farm when his father was ill.

“I kept those stories alive by doing things for other people and helping,” he said. “I still keep that same sense of a farm community. I enjoy

“You can overcome anything with the **power of the mind** and it has to **acknowledged and embraced.”**

Jay Alan Christianson
Blossom Turned Actor

reaching out and giving because I feel like I have been given so much.”

Christianson plays Robert Francis Garrow in his new movie, a serial rapist and murderer whose reign of terror paralyzed the North Country (area in northern New York) between the years of 1960 and 1978.

Christianson said the movie focuses a lot of the Garrow’s criminal trial, which is known as the Buried Body Case and became an important case in legal ethics after his attorneys refused to disclose

the location of the bodies of two of his victims, citing attorney-client privilege.

Christianson said the film is mainly being shown in theaters on East Coast, but he expects it to eventually be released on some sorts of streaming service like Netflix or Hulu.

Christianson also has a multiple project in the works for later this year. He will soon begin filming the second season of “A Part of Life,” a science fiction television series where he plays one of the shows lead characters. He also has plans for a movie with the same company he did “Garrow” with about Bigfoot and will film a movie in Israel and Morocco sometime this year.

“I’m really grateful to come back and talk to such a great group of kids,” Christianson said. “They were so right-on, intuitive and a receptive,



STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Jay Alan Christianson gives a presentation to BPHS students on Thursday, Feb. 21.

SEE ACTOR, B2

Pancakes for a purpose



A pancake breakfast at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie Jan. 27 didn't only fill hungry mouths, but also benefited Andrea Rumpza, who has been fighting Lyme's disease for the past 10 years. She is the daughter of Diane and Bruce Rumpza. Top: Mallory Partridge of Owatonna scooped into her pancakes during the benefit. Right: Robert Salinas of Blooming Prairie serves Fran Njos some pancakes.

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Owatonna Business Women to honor area women during annual fundraiser

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

The Owatonna Business Women is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its organization this year with the annual Woman of Achievement fundraiser event. It is the 47th year the fundraiser has been held. Although the evening will see area women receive recognition for their work in the community and in professional circles, the event also helps raise money for scholarships which will be handed out during the celebration. "It's a fundraising event, and the goal is to raise money for next year's scholarships," Owatonna Business Women President Ryan Gillespie explained. "We will have a raffle, and a silent auction, as well as a wall of wine." Due to this being the centennial anniversary of the organization, there will be a special reception preceding the event for all the prior nominees and winners. "It's for all the woman who made an impact on our community over the years," Gillespie said. "We will have some memorabilia from past years," OBW First Vice President Rebecca Moore said. "We will have everything from scrapbooks to snippets from our history. It's pretty amazing that we've been around for 100 years." Both Moore and Gillespie

take pride in the local organization and the work they do, not only in helping young girls receive scholarships, but also by providing a circle of women within the community for others to build networking, professional, and personal skills from. "I think that it's pretty amazing," Moore said. "It's nice to see that women want this comradery, and the fact that OBW has always been a place for women to build confidence, friendships, and network is great!" The organization has served as the backbone for Owatonna and the surrounding region's professional women. "It's terrific," Gillespie said. "It offers the ability for women to network and learn from one another." During the evening, four scholarships will be handed out and two Young Careerist will be named along with a Lifetime Achievement winner and the Woman of Achievement chosen from a list of five nominees. "They really earned these nominations," Gillespie said of this year's nominees. "They all exceed in categories of community involvement, individual leadership, and serve in positions of influence." Moore also praised the evening's nominees. "Our nominees are a fantastic group of women who

OWATONNA WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT FINALISTS

- Jane Elsner
- Diane Holland
- Julie Sullivan
- Joleen Sherrets
- Jannell Tufte

represent leadership and civic engagement in our community and in our county," she said. "I think they provide a good snapshot of what we want to see." According to Moore, the Woman of Achievement should be "someone who had achieved success in her career and also someone who represents opportunities in the workplace and a woman who gives back to the community." Last year's winner for Woman of Achievement was Janet Simon, the program director at REM Woodvale in Owatonna. Judge Karen Duncan was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Lauren Kozelka and Anisha Zak were named as Young Careerists. This year's nominees are Jane Elsner, Diane Holland, Julie Sullivan, Joleen Sherrets, and Jannell Tufte. Laura Isenor and Callan Paffrath will be the Young Careerists recipients. Ann Barker will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award

and scholarships will be given to Molly Hawkins, Cassandra Trout, Carrie Heiderscheidt, and Amanda Johnson. "The Young Careerists are rising women to watch while the Woman of Achievement is in the pinnacle of her career, and the Lifetime Achievement winner is a woman who has left her mark on the community," Gillespie explained of the night's honorees. While the honorees will be the focus of the night's celebration, it will also serve as a great way for OBW to raise funds for the following year's scholarships. "It's really the hallmark for why we do this," Moore said of the fundraising aspect of the evening. "It's to allow other women to advance in their education." "We honor the scholarship recipients, and that's cool because they are around women who are accomplished in their profession," Moore said. "That gives them something to aspire to and then think that in 10 or 15 years this is someone they could be." The awards and fundraiser will be held at 6:15 p.m. at Torey's Restaurant and Bar in Owatonna on March 8. There will be a reception celebrating Owatonna Business Women's 100-year anniversary beginning at 6 p.m.

Ed Auction to feature new twists

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Excitement is building over the upcoming Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction slated to take place March 30. This year the auction committee has come up with several new opportunities for Blossom supporters to help the foundation. There will be a kids raffle this year. The raffle will be featured during the silent auction with the winning ticket drawn after all tables are closed. The raffle tickets may be purchased before the auction from any of the committee members and also the night of the auction. Tickets are \$5 with the prize value of \$150. During the silent auction, there will be an "Instant Buy" table, which will feature up to eight items. Citizens may bid on the items or they can instantly purchase the item for the

dollar amount indicated on the item. Baskets will be donated in memory of Rachel and Emerson Harberts, who were tragically killed on their way to school during the first week of school in September. Rachel was a first grade teacher at Blooming Prairie for many years. The Harberts' baskets will be auctioned off live after the silent auction, but before the live auction starts. During the live auction, the committee will be having 50/50 tickets selling for \$5. The winner will receive 50 percent of the money collected. There will also be Blossom can coolies for sale for \$5. "All proceeds from this auction go directly back to Blooming Prairie Schools," said Karen Fouarge, a foundation member. The auction will take place on Saturday, March 30. More details will be released in the coming weeks.

TROOPER:

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Shop with a Cop. "We have a lot of fun with Shop with a Cop, getting to know these kids and buying them gifts is great," Tjon said. "We also are in Big Brothers Big Sisters, we have a little and he's a lot of fun as well." After the ceremony, Frodl offered his thoughts on Trooper Tjon's recognition. "I'm really pleased that we could honor one of our officers here in our county and in surrounding areas," Frodl said. "We really appreciate the work that they do, and we know that Bill (Trooper Tjon) comes to us highly recommended by his

boss, Lt. Buck." "We think about them every day, and they're in our thoughts and prayers every day and hope that every day goes well for them," Frodl continued. "We appreciate everything they do, and we congratulate him and his family for the support that they give him." The Exchange Club of Steele County honors a different peace officer each year. "We're really happy to honor these guys, every year we pick one for Peace Officer of the Year," Frodl explained. "We're just so pleased with all the work that they do so we just want to make sure that they know that the community is behind them and supports them."

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Participants in Minnesota Shooting Sports & Wildlife are in the third grade through one year past high school. Minnesota 4-H holds a State Shooting Invitational every September, members can qualify for National Shooting in Nebraska the following summer. For more information, contact us at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685. *Melissa Koch is the 4-H program coordinator for Steele County. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors from various organizations throughout Steele County.*

ACTOR: Jay Alan Christianson

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cool group." BPHS Principal John Worke said Christianson delivered a great message to students. "It lets the student understand that they can do whatever they want after high school," Worke said. "He walked the same halls that they walked. Nobody's life is going to be perfect. How you deal with those bumps in roads has a lot to do with how your life turns out."



Jay Alan Christianson meets with former classmates and other BP residents during his recent visit to town.

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The Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction Committee is sprucing up this year's auction with added offerings:

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- "Instant Buy" Table – Table will feature 6-8 items. You may bid or you can instantly purchase the item for the amount listed
- Baskets donated in memory of Rachel and Emerson Harberts
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History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago

Feb. 24, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Rev. Gene Leiter of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church gave the opening prayer at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Feb. 16. Giving the opening prayer ranks as one of Leiter's most memorable days of his career.

With the failed referendum in the November elections, the Blooming Prairie School Board has begun its cuts. On Feb. 17, the board approved the termination and nonrenewal of five probationary teachers, including Matt Harvey, Lisa Poe, Marc Patton, Joan Hagen and Casey Nider. Approximately 10 percent of the athletics budget will be cut.

The 2009 Boys and Girls Club Gala had a remarkable crowd attending on Feb. 21. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the organization. The Service Donor of the Year was presented to Frank Henefield for his legal assistance and generous help for the club.

20 Years Ago

Feb. 23, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Tony Lea capped off his senior season scoring his 1,000th point against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Friday night. Ryan Klemmensen, a freshman, qualified for the state wrestling tournament. Both athletes have had stellar seasons for their respective teams.

Recently the graduation standards test scores were listed, and Blooming Prairie fared very well in accomplishing its goal of graduating 100 percent of the Class of 2000.

In an eight-team invitational tournament at Blooming Prairie on Feb. 6, seventh grader Luke Nelson and eighth grader Brandon Servantez both took home firsts for the Blossoms.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 19, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Paul Pasche and Howard Bode commenced practice teaching in agriculture at Blooming Prairie on Feb. 10. Both are seniors and majoring in agriculture at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.

The Union Creamery Association held its annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13 in the Community Building with approximately 100 persons in attendance. Elected to the board of directors at the meeting were Ernest Thorager, Walter Jirousek, William Prihoda, Ludwig Wenzl and Eugene Motl.

The Steele County Free Fair topped all Minnesota expositions in total receipts, entertainment expenses and total expenditures during 1968, Ty Sincok, secretary reported this past week. The Steele fair's total receipts were \$88,645 compared to \$73,733 for second place Mower County Fair and nearly double the Olmsted County Fair's \$46,537. Total expenditures for the Steele fair were \$99,605.

75 Years Ago

Feb. 24 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Ray Kohnke, 39, who came here from Hope latter part of December 1943 to work in the kill and meat processing department of Betlach Food Shop met with a serious accident there Wednesday afternoon. While operating a power sausage grinder, his right hand was drawn into the machine and before it could be stopped the unfortunate man's hand extricated, three of his first fingers were completely severed from the member.

Sgt. Kermit I. Olstad, 22, Blooming Prairie has been awarded an air medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. He is a waist gunner on a flying fortress.

Demand for Blooming Prairie residence property continues on the increase with saleable residences becoming scarce as the "proverbial hen's teeth." Within the past few days, two more houses now have new owners. R.J. Whipple, now in California, sold his home to Hubert Srsen. Mr. Srsen in turn sold his residence to Miss Minnie Paulson.



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Here are some healthy lifestyle strategies – recommended by medical experts – that you can employ

that can help stave off cognitive loss and maybe even build a stronger brain.

Manage health problems: Studies have shown that cognitive problems are related to health conditions, like diabetes, heart disease and even depression. So, if you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes you need to treat them with lifestyle changes and medication (if necessary) and get them under control. And if you have a history of depression, you need to talk to your doctor about treatment options.

Exercise: Aerobic exercise increases blood flow to all parts of your body, including your brain, to keep the brain cells well nourished. So, choose an aerobic activity you enjoy like walking, cycling, dancing, swimming, etc., that elevates your heart rate and do it for at least 30 to 40 minutes three

Foundation seeks applications for Early Childhood grants

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), in partnership with publishing companies ABDO and Capstone, is accepting applications for the Early Childhood Literacy Grant Program. The Literacy Program is designed to support early literacy efforts that enhance school readiness for children birth to age 5 by providing children with books. Organizations working with these children in SMIF's 20-county region are encouraged to apply for books to be given to families to keep and read to their children.

In 2002, Capstone helped launch the BookStart program, working with SMIF to distribute thousands of books to children in the region over a period of fifteen years. In 2018, the Literacy Grant was formed as a new collaborative effort between SMIF and the two Mankato-based publishing companies to put even more books into the hands of children birth to age five. SMIF has previously partnered with both companies on collectively distributing more than one hundred thousand books across the region through grants and programming.

"Literacy skills in young children are a key measure of future success in school and life," said Rae Jean Hansen, Vice President of Early Childhood at SMIF. "This collaborative partnership with Capstone and ABDO is critical to our efforts to provide parents and children in the region with support they need to prepare for school."

"We, at Capstone, believe that literacy has the power to open many doors and windows for all children," said Christie Skillbred, Corporate Giving and Literacy Center Manager for Cough-

lan Companies, the holding company for Capstone. "Our continued partnership with Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation parallels our mission of providing children the building blocks for lifelong success. We are passionate about the positive impact the Literacy Grants offer Southern Minnesota and proud to partner with SMIF in assisting these grants."

"We are excited to be donating books through the Literacy Grant program again this year," said DeMar Borth, Director of Marketing for ABDO. "This partnership supports our mission of getting

more books into the hands of young readers."

Award recipients will choose from a selection of more than 10,000 books donated by the publishing companies, including bilingual and early childhood appropriate books. Applications are due to SMIF by April 16. Awards will be announced in May with a book pick-up celebration in June.

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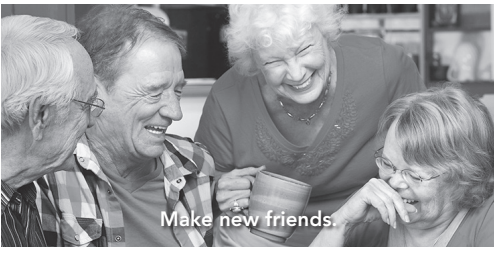
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Little Theatre offers upcoming scholarships

Little Theatre of Owatonna is proud to announce it is seeking eligible candidates for its 13th Sarah Foreman Memorial Post-Secondary Scholarship.

This scholarship was established as a memorial to long-time Little Theatre of Owatonna member Sarah Foreman, who died in February 2006. Foreman's work as a director extended through 30 years, directing 18 shows and serving 11 years on the LTO Board during three separate terms. Her extensive contribution and dedication to theatre in Owatonna is memorialized in this scholarship.

This scholarship is meant to recognize and support the post-secondary education

of a current Steele County resident or a previous (prior to 2019) graduate of a Steele County high school whose studies and/or participation in theatre distinguish him/her and support further theatre involvement. The recipient will be chosen based on theatre involvement, two letters of recommendation, academic achievements and educational goals, and other college and/or community involvement.

Details and forms for the application can be found on the Little Theatre of Owatonna website, <https://littletheatreofowatonna.org/sarah-foreman-scholarship/> or from county high school counselors/career centers. Deadline for application is

May 31. Previous applicants who qualify and did not receive the scholarship are encouraged to re-apply.

Announcements and notification regarding the \$1,000 scholarship will be made in June. The recipient will be recognized and the scholarship presented at the opening night of LTO's summer musical production, *Once on This Island*, Thursday, June 20.

Little Theatre of Owatonna is committed to providing dramatic arts opportunities and incentives for citizens of Steele County. Questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to Gaylene Steckelberg, LTO Scholarship Chairperson, P.O. Box 64, Owatonna, MN 55060.

Improving life in Owatonna through memorials

The Owatonna Foundation gratefully acknowledges receiving memorials in honor of many people throughout 2018.

Memorial funds are used towards the Foundation's mission of "improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation and education."

Memorials were given in honor of and on behalf of the following people:

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Tax Prep Guide 2018

2019 TAX TIP: IRS waives penalty for many whose tax withholding and estimated tax payments fell short in 2018

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that it is waiving the estimated tax penalty for many taxpayers whose 2018 federal income tax withholding and estimated tax payments fell short of their total tax liability for the year.

The IRS is generally waiving the penalty for any taxpayer who paid at least 85 percent of their total tax liability during the year through federal income tax withholding, quarterly estimated tax payments or a combination of the two. The usual percentage threshold is 90 percent to avoid a penalty.

The waiver computation announced today will be integrated into commercially-available tax software and reflected in the forthcoming revision of Form 2210 and instructions.

This relief is designed to help taxpayers who were unable to properly adjust their withholding and estimated tax payments to reflect an array of changes under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), the far-reaching tax reform law enacted in December 2017.

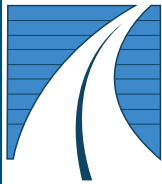
"We realize there were many changes that affected people last year, and this penalty waiver will help taxpayers who inadvertently didn't have enough tax withheld," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We urge people to check their withholding again this year to make sure they are having the right amount of tax withheld for 2019."

The updated federal tax withholding tables, released in early 2018, largely reflected the lower tax rates and the increased standard deduction brought about by the new law. This generally meant taxpayers had less tax

withheld in 2018 and saw more in their paychecks.

However, the withholding tables couldn't fully factor in other changes, such as the suspension of dependency exemptions and reduced itemized deductions. As a result, some taxpayers could have paid too little tax during the year, if they did not submit a properly-revised W-4 withholding form to their employer or increase their estimated tax payments. The IRS and partner groups conducted an extensive outreach and education campaign throughout 2018 to encourage taxpayers to do a "Paycheck Checkup" to avoid a situation where they had too much or too little tax withheld when they file their tax returns.

Although most 2018 tax filers are still expected to get refunds, some taxpayers will unexpectedly owe additional tax when they file their returns.



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6 p.m. – Ellendale Fire Department Meeting, Community Building
6 p.m. – Ellendale

Community Foundation Meeting, Community Building Large Room

MARCH 5
6 p.m. – ECFE Adventures in Parenting Class, NR Preschool Room
6:15 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do, Ellendale Gym North
7:30 p.m. – NREHG 5-12 Band Concert, NR HS Gym

MARCH 6
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

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FEB. 28
Noon – Diversity & Inclusion: What You Need to Know Webinar, Spherion
2 p.m. – Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
6:30 p.m. – Family Fun Night, Owatonna Library

MARCH 1
3 p.m. – Hometown Sampler, Little Theatre of Owatonna

MARCH 2
8 a.m. – Owatonna Senior High Tour, OHS
Noon – Spring Fishing
Classic Kid's Weekend, Cabela's
3 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Hometown Sampler, Little Theatre of Owatonna

MARCH 3
Noon – Spring Fishing

Classic Women's Workshop, Cabela's
3 p.m. – Hometown Sampler, Little Theatre of Owatonna

MARCH 4
7 p.m. – Steele County Planning Commission Meeting, County Admin Building

MARCH 5
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Tale Time, Owatonna Library
10 a.m. – Genealogy Club, History Center
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

MARCH 6
8:30 a.m. – SHRM-HR & Supervisor Training 101, Owatonna Country Club

Statewide Community Theatre Festival comes to Austin

Community theatres and fans of theatre from around the state will gather in Austin for a statewide theatre festival sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT). MACT*Fest 2019 will take place March 15-17 at Riverland Community College in Austin.

Austin's Summerfest Theatre and the Riverland College Foundation will host the festival, where audiences will enjoy a wide variety of one-act plays performed by theatres from across Minnesota, and have the opportunity to attend theatre workshops on topics relevant to actors, directors, technical crews and all fans of community theatre.

Audiences may attend part of the festival or may purchase discounted ticket packages to see all shows. MACT*Fest 2019 is the 24th biennial festival sponsored by MACT, which is part of a state, regional, national and international association that celebrates the excellence of community theatre. To learn how to participate in or attend MACT*Fest 2019, visit MACT online at www.mact.net.

There will be six theatres presenting shows at this festival. They are:

- Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m.:
FungusAmongus Players (Dassel) - Foxfire
Marshall Area Stage Company (Marshall) - Rest a Spell

- Saturday, March 16, 7 p.m.:
The Ensemble Theatre Company (Apple Valley) - Unnecessary Farce
County Seat Theatre Company (Cloquet) - Sweet

There will also be two rounds of workshops on Saturday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The first round includes: How to Avoid Missteps at Dance Auditions - Doug Dally; Projection Design: Using Imagery for Storytelling - Todd Edwards and Dramaturgy: The Shape of the Ice Cube Really Does Matter! - Nancy Eppert. The second round includes: Fake Fighting: Unarmed Combat for the Stage - Aaron Priesse; Marketing: Moneyball for Theatre - Allen Ebert and The Visionary, Creative, Organized and Inspirational Director - Steve Taft.

- Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.:

KC fish fry coming to BP

The Blooming Prairie Knights of Columbus #4323 will host a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, March 8 at the BP Servicemen's Club.

The menu will include mouth-watering fish fillets, cheese bread, baked potato, dessert, vegetable, juice and coffee.

Art Month coming to Owatonna Arts Center

March is National Youth Art Month and in celebration the Owatonna Arts Center is hosting the annual Owatonna Public School Student Art Exhibition K-12. The show will open on Sunday, March 3 and run through March 31. There will be an opening reception on Tuesday, March 5, for 4:30-7 p.m.

open to the public. This is an opportunity to see the creative works of your young people and encourage them to grow in the arts. The gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed Mondays. This one of the most anticipated exhibitions of the year.

Women's rights movement to be showcased at History Center

The Steele County Historical Society will celebrate National Women's History Month with HERstory: Women in Politics presented by Lori Sturdevant on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Steele County History Center.

Star Tribune columnist and author Lori Sturdevant charts the progress of the women's rights movement in Minnesota and showcases notable leaders on both sides of the aisle, including Rosalie Wahl, the first woman on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Sturdevant is a Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist who has written about Minnesota government and politics since 1978. She is also the author or editor of 11 books about notable Minnesotans. Sturdevant is a native of Dell Rapids, S.D., and a graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She has been a member of Coe's board of trustees for 30 years. Sturdevant lives in St. Paul with her husband. They have three grown children.

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Admission to the screening is free for SCHS members and \$2 for non-members.

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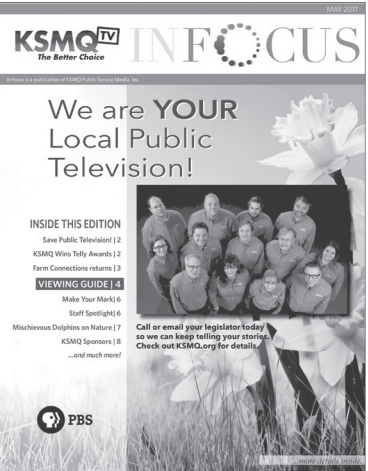
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PHOTO COURTESY OF OHS HEAD COACH TOM SMITH
The Owatonna Gymnastics team stands for a photo after placing third at the MSHSL State Meet on Friday.

Huskies earn bronze at state for third time

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna Huskies gymnastics team finished third at the MSHSL State Meet in the Maturi Pavilion at the University of Minnesota on Friday.

“It was an awesome state meet,” Owatonna head coach Tom Smith said.

“The girls did great and if we would hit a little better, could have won the meet. It was team that never gave. I was very impressed with the girls. The young Morgan Martinez and Cheyenne Petersen had huge successes which will them in the future. It was our highest score of

the season and as I said could have won.”

Lakeville North won the meet with a score of 149.350, while Owatonna finished with 147.575. It was the Huskies third straight year finishing third at the state meet.

Owatonna’s Lindsay Bangs and Allison An also competed at the individual state meet on Saturday.

“Lindsay and Ali had great meets,” Smith said “Both team and individuals.”

Bangs earned bronze in the All-Around competition. She was also fourth on uneven bars and second on the balance beam.

An placed sixth on the

balance beam.

“I have been blessed to be able to have the opportunity to even go to state once, but going now for the fourth time in a row for gymnastics is an amazing experience, and it’s awesome to see how all of the hard work I’ve put in off season and season have paid off,” An said.

“I was proud of the team and how far we’ve come this season, and even though I knew we could have scored better on some events we still did awesome and third in the state is still impressive.”

The Huskies lose three seniors but Smith believe they “definitely” be back to the state meet.

WRESTLING

Tigers claim 2 section titles

Medford sends three to state meet

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Medford wrestlers Charley Elwood and Willie VonRuden are each returning to the MSHSL State Meet after winning Section 2A titles in dominate fashion this past weekend at Blue Earth High School.

The Tigers’ Alex Helgeson also qualified for the state meet and the team had eight other individuals finish on the podium.

“We brought ten kids here and eight of them ended up on the podium,” Medford head coach Dennis Whitman said. “It was pretty good weekend. We dropped some matches from time to time, but everybody does. Everybody has those matches they wish they could wrestle again, but overall, our kids really showed up.”

Elwood (31-2) dropped down to the 113-pound weight class after wrestling and being ranked No.1 in

Class A at 120 for much of the season.

“I think that affected him a little bit,” Whitman said. “But he’s been through the wars a million time. The weight cut wasn’t very fun for him this week, but you knew he was going to show up and do his job.”

Elwood defeated his first two opponents by technical fall and then won by a 8-0 mayor decision over Maple River’s Boden Simon in the championship match.

“I didn’t feel my greatest, but otherwise I felt like I controlled the match pretty



STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL
Medford's Willie VonRuden competes during the championship match of the 145-pound weight class at the Section 2A tournament.

well,” Elwood said. “It’s all about winning, so I got the job done and feels good.”

Elwood will enter the state tournament as the favorite after finishing second in 2018.

“It’s state so the competition is going to be good,” he said. “But I believe in myself that I’m going to win. I just have to never give up and wrestling through every position. If I wrestle my hardest, I think I will be fine.”

VonRuden pinned his first opponent in one minute and 35 seconds, won by a 10-1 mayor decision over the second and defeated Kenyon-Wanamingo’s Nathan Bauer by another major decision in the championship match at 145 by the score of 16-3.

VonRuden said he was feeling better after the match, but he had been battling an illness for most of the week leading up to the tournament.

“All that matters now is

winning my next match,” he said. “It’s state, so you’re going up against the 16 best guys in the state. I’m going to take it one match at time. I’m not looking ahead to semifinals or anything like that. I’m focused on my first round match.”

VonRuden has been ranked in the top three in Class A at 138 all season and will also be one of the favorites to challenge Caledonia-Houston’s Kyle Cavanuagh, who jumped up to 145 after winning the state title at 138 this past season.

“Anything can happen at state,” VonRuden said. “My goal is to win it, but it’s going to be hard.”

VonRuden finished third at last year’s state meet while wrestling at 138.

“Right now, Willie is just heads and shoulder everyone

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WRESTLING



STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL
NRHEG’s Quinten Arndt celebrates after earning a trip to the MSHSL state meet.

Pair of Panthers qualify for state meet

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva wrestling team had a strong showing at this past weekend’s Section 2A in Blue Earth.

The Panthers came just shorter of any individual championships but they did have 11 individuals with podium finishes.

“Honestly, this was one of the best tournaments we’ve had throughout the season or at the section tournament,” NRHEG head coach Shawn Larson said. “I can’t remember the last time we placed 11 individuals. This was a really good tournament

for us.”

Tyler Jacobson (25-12) and Quinten Arndt (29-9) were the team’s top performers. Each earned a trip the MSHSL State Meet at Xcel Energy Center by finishing second in their respective weight class.

Jacobson came just short in the championship match at the 170-pound weight class, falling to Westfield’s Colton Krell (34-3).

“Krell is tough kid and I didn’t do the things that I needed to do,” Jacobson said. “I got to find a way to get in there with him. I feel like I can roll with, but I just have to be a little smarter out on the mat.”

Krell is ranked No. 1 at 170 in Class A and is the favorite

to win a state championship.

“He’s fast,” Jacobson said. “He’s really fast and relentless on his feet. He is a tough guy to wrestle and one of the top guys in the state.”

Jacobson did defeated the tournament’s No. 2 seed in the semifinals with a 12-3 major decision.

“He has dealt with injuries and adversity and being senior, all of that stuff had him in the right mindset,” Larson said. “It was just a testament to what kind of kid he is.”

Arndt, a heavyweight, also lost in the championship match, but he pinned LeSeuer-Henderson’s Jacob

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Westfield’s Krell wins section title, favorite at state meet

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Westfield Razorback wrestling team had two individuals qualify for the MSHSL State Meet and four others finish on the podium at this past weekend’s Section 2A tournament at Blue Earth High School.

Colton Krell (34-3) was the team only individual champion. He won the 170-pound weight class with three dominate performances.

Westfield co-head coach Shane Masching said two words come to mind when he thinks of Krell.

“Leader and domination,” he said. “He’s ranked No. 1 at 170 and he wrestled like it.”

Krell pinned NRHEG’s Tyler Jacobson (25-12) in the championship match.

“I’m feeling pretty good,” Krell said. “I wrestled pretty good. I was feeling a little sluggish on the first day because I had to cut down to 172, but today I felt pretty good.”

Krell has been ranked No. 1 in his weight class in Class A all season. He was second at the state meet in 2018 and fourth in 2017. He will enter the state tournament as a favorite to win a title.

“I just have to take it one match at a time and wrestle my best each time around,” Krell said. “I’ll take one rest day and then I will get right back into it. Go home, eat and sleep. That’s my thing and I love it. Then the next day get



STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL
Colton Krell’s hand is raised in victory after claiming the Section 2A championship at Blue Earth on Saturday.

right back to wrestling.”

The Razorbacks’ Dylan Nirk also qualified for the state meet. Nirk lost the championship match at 220, but pinned Medford’s Brennon Hoffman (19-15) in the true second-place match.

“It wasn’t the way I wanted it to go today, but I’m moving on so I’ll take it,” Nirk said. “I’m happy about returning to the state meet.”

Nirk said he enters the state tournament more conditioned and experienced than he was

a year ago.

“I just need to push the pace,” he said. “Getting ahead and staying ahead the entire time. That’s what my coach preaches and that’s what I tried to do there.”

Westfield’s other podium finishers were Lane Lembke (fourth) at 113, Keegan Bronson (fourth) at 120, Tyler Archer (sixth) at 145 and Dylan Ehmke (fourth) at 182.

“The team wrestled well,”

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WRESTLING

Wrestling, a Petsinger family tradition

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Nikolas and Annabelle Petsinger bring a unique relationship to the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva wrestling team.

Sure, they may grow tired of each others company just like any other brother and sister, but the siblings agree their favorite part about the sport they love: The Fight.

“It’s really nice having my older brother on the team,” Annabelle said. “We both like competing. Wrestling is great because even if you’re not the most naturally talent, if you work towards getting better than you will excel.”

The siblings did that at this past weekend’s Section 2A tournament in Blue Earth. Annabelle, a seventh-grader, finished fifth at the 106-pound weight class, while Nikolas, a freshman, finished finished fifth at 113.

“In this sport, you’re going to get out what you put in,” Nikolas said. “It all comes down to far you really want to go with.”

Nikolas said it was cool to see his younger sister excel at a young age.

“I had a rough time when I was younger,” he said. “I just try to help her out the most I could, so she could have a better start than I did. It’s nice when I see her beat someone I have wrestled or that I know because it just hits home. It’s like, wow that’s my little sister out doing this. It’s nice to knowing she’s able to do it.”

Nikolas said it can get a little crazy in their home, but his parents pretty

understanding.

“We have had some throwing contests in the different rooms of the house where we probably shouldn’t have,” he said. “We try not to let it happen too much, but from time to time it does.”

Nikolas and Annabelle both started wrestling at young age.

“There is kind of a tradition of wrestling in our family where you are expected to wrestle,” Nikolas said. “Our uncle Matt is probably the name people remember most.

Matt Petsinger wrestled twice at for NRHEG in the mid-1990s and was a Junior National Greco-Roman runner-up. He went on to wrestle at Minnesota State where he won the NCAA Division II title at 157 as a senior in 2001. He’s also one of only eight MSU wrestlers in the history of the program to be a four-time All-American and is a member of the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Annabelle said she can’t even remember when she started because she was so young at the time.

“My grandma started me as soon as I was out of diapers,” she said.

Annabelle said doesn’t effect her when opponents are sometimes reluctant to wrestle a girl.

“I just try not to make a big deal out of it because if I would have lost, I probably would have been upset too,” she said.

NRHEG head coach Shawn Larson said the Petsinger’s dedication is what impresses him the



Nikolas and Annabelle Petsinger stand for photo after each claimed fifth-place in the respective weight class at the Section 2A tournament at Blue Earth High School on Saturday.

most.

“They are there for everything, every morning and afternoon,” he said. “They are two of the most dedicated kids I have ever had and I think that maybe,

their sibling rivalry brings that out in them.”

Annabelle is the first girl to wrestle for the Panthers at a section meet according to Larson.

NRHEG: ‘We showed the best side of NRHEG wrestling’

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Wacker (25-13) in the true second-place match to also earned a trip to the state meet.

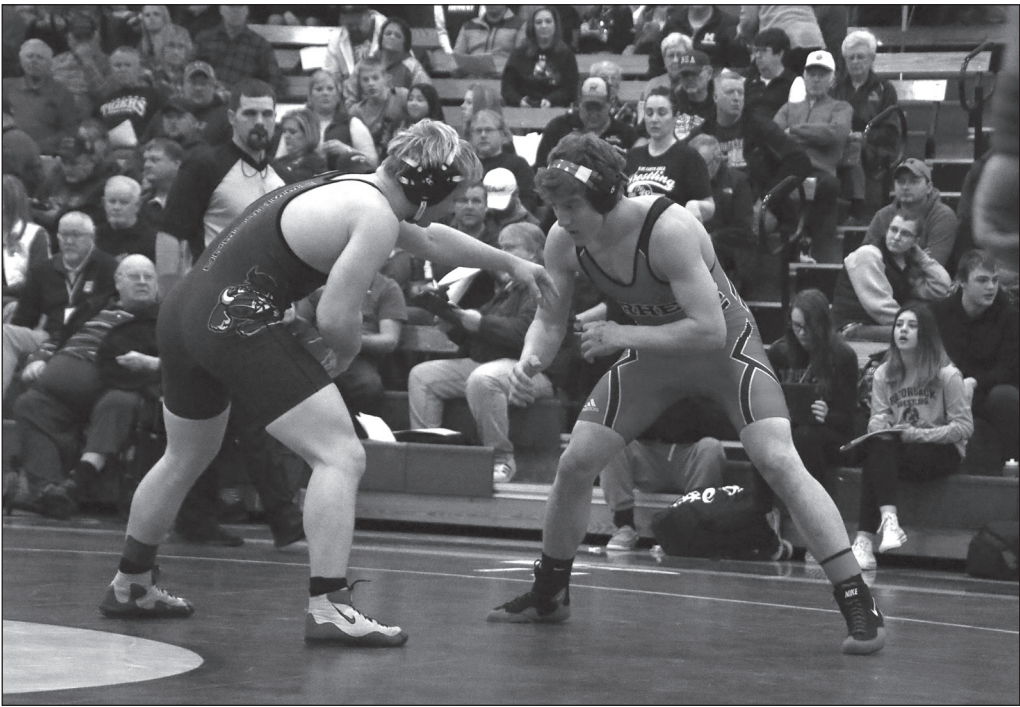
“He had to wrestle tough to do it,” Larson said. “I’m really proud of him.”

It is Jacobson’s second trip the state meet and Arndt’s first.

“I have no idea what to expect,” Arndt said. “I’m just excited to go and see what I can do.”

NRHEG’s other podium finishers were Annabelle Petsinger (fifth) at 106, Nikolas Petsinger (fifth) at 113, Clay Stenzel (fifth) at 120, Andrew Reich (fifth) at 132, Thor Routh (fifth) at 145, Agro Gushwa (fourth) at 152, Ralph Roesler (third) at 160, Conner Okland (sixth) at 182 and Makota Misgen (sixth) at 220.

“After this tournament, I could not be any prouder of this team,” Larson said. “We wrestled as good as we could have and showed the best side of NRHEG Wrestling. Throughout this tournament we were winning matches that we had lost earlier in the season, and we were winning matches that we would have lost in the past. For a team that only has two seniors, we demonstrated an older level of composure. It was really fun



NRHEG’s Tyler Jacobson takes on Westfield’s Colton Krell in the championship match in the 170-pound weight class at the Section 2A tournament.

to see what we were able to do this weekend.

“I couldn’t be happier for our seniors Tyler Jacobson and Quinten Arndt,” he continued. “These two deserve to have the opportunity to compete at

the state tournament. Both of these guys work very hard for what they have, and they have earned this opportunity. I am looking forward to see what these two guys can do with the opportunity they have.”

WESTFIELD: 4 on podium, 2 going to state

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Masching said. “We had some young kids who had a very positive learning experience. It was good year for these kids. I’m proud of them and

I’m excited to get back at it.

“It was great for us building forward.”



Westfield’s Dylan Ehmke takes down an opponent during the Section 2A tournament.

THIS IS MINNESOTA.
DEAL WITH IT

If anyone doubts that the weather has played a large role in the month of February, one just needs to take a peek out the window. We already have a record for most snow in the month, and now we just keep adding to the record. For purveyors of snow removal equipment and winter sports equipment, it is a godsend after a few years of meager sales. But for the rest of us, we have cried “uncle” weeks ago.

When it comes to winter sports for our school teams, I give a lot of credit to the school administrations for getting as much of the schedules completed as they have. It has been somewhat of a nightmare to work in all the contests around the snow days and the many cancellations and postponements that the schools have had to navigate, and I commend them for the task completed

AND now that the month is over, we are hit with another deep cold spell, just when tournament time appears on the schedule. It seems that we are not going to get much of break from Mother Nature this year at all. Well, one thing is for sure. As they say, “This is Minnesota. Deal with it!” And we will.

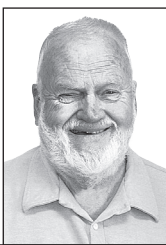
THE SPORTS WEEK

Despite all the weather problems, some athletic contests did go on, the most notable event the basketball girls’ squeaker of a win over Randolph in quarterfinal action of the sub-section tournament. Some fms were surprs4d at the closeness of the score, but it really wasn’t that much of a shocker. Both teams came into the game with very similar records, and if it hadn’t been for the fact that two Rocket starters missed the game last week that contest probably have been much closer too.

The victory over Randolph earned the girls a shot against state ranked Grand Meadow tonight (Tuesday) in Rochester, quite a daunting task. But no matter what the outcome, I have to admit that I have been deeply impress4ed all season with the play of this team. They are a team with not one senior; yet they will end the season with a winning record.

They have played all year with great enthusiasm and fortitude, and it is also obvious that the girls have listened to the caches and implemented that advice or teaching into their play.. They are certainly to be congratulated, and, barring injury or other calamity, the team should be even stronger and more successful next season. Well done, team.

The boys have stumbled a little the last part of the season,



Outside
the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

but will still go into the sub-section playoffs this week with a good season record and a chance to make some waves in the tournament. Seeding for that finds the Blossoms meeting Goodhue at Blooming this coming Thursday, Feb. 2.

Should they get by the Wildcats

(they defeated them earlier in the season), the team would likely have to face higher seed Hayfield, to whom they lost earlier. That would be interesting.

ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED

The wrestling team completed its season, but to individuals will continue their season. Both Colton Krell and Dylan Nirk earned a spot in the playoffs from their success at the section individual tournament at Blue Earth Area last Saturday. I don’t have their dual records with me, but I know that both of them now have wins approaching or in the twenties. I think they will do well, and we wish them the very best of luck in their competition. That tournament is this week in St. Paul.

OUT AND ABOUT

For a change there are not many community evens on the immediate schedule. Maybe residents need some time to deal with all of the weather hardships before plunging into special occasions or activities. Chamber of Commerce membership drive is now complete, and I hope that it has been a rousing success. My memberships for a new season of touring Broadway plays began last month, and last Saturday we saw “Falsettos” at the Ordway. The plot of the play, I thought, was a little weak, but the music and characters were some of the strongest hat I have seen for a long time. Most of these touring productions stay only a week in any one location, but they are usually of pretty high quality.

I can boast again this year that I am one of the few people who has not seen any of the nominated films for an Oscar, but I still enjoy watching this program. I did that again this year.

I understand that Jay Christianson, actor and BPHS graduate, impressed everyone who attended his little presentation last Thursday. He has made quite a name for himself, to be sure, and it was gracious of him to return to Blooming for the presentation.

Weather the weather, preserve the environment root for the Blossoms, and we’ll talk again.

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WRESTLING

Pack of Huskies qualify for the state tournament

Staska claims section gold

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna wrestling team placed nine of its 11 participants and had four state qualifiers at this past weekend’s Section 1AAA tournament in Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center.

Nick Staska (29-11) won by 5-2 decision over Albert Lea Area’s Brady Nielsen to earn the Huskies only individual championship at the 220-pound weight class.

The senior will return to the state meet for the second year.

“It’s great for Nick to have this section title under his belt,” Owatonna head coach Adam Voitalla said. “It’s something that I know he will look back on and be proud of. Nick’s mindset going into the season was that he was really worked hard through whatever adversity he faced. He overcame it and we it this weekend when he was able to pick a great tournament together.”

Owatonna’s other state qualifiers were Kanin Hable, Landen Johnson and Cade King.

Hable (23-12) lost to Albert Lea Area’s Nic Cantu (37-9) in the championship match at 120 and finished second, but he defeated Northfield’s Sam Holman (23-16) in the semifinals just a week after losing to Holman in the team competition.

“This time around he kept his pace going and that was the big key to him winning the match; wrestling the full six minutes,” Voitalla said.

Holman went on to win the third place match so no true second-place match was required.

Landen Johnson (39-8) returns to state tournament after finishing second at 138.

Johnson qualified for the state tournament wrestling at 106 when he was in seventh grade.

“He’s just been a really solid kid for us,” Voitalla said. “He already has more than 100 wins and he’s just freshman.”

Cade King (40-4) finished second to Albert Lea Area’s Zach Glazier (43-0) at 182 in the battle of defending state champions.

King won the 182 crown in 2018, while Grazier claimed the title at 170.

King and Grazier had developed quite a rivalry, with Grazier now owning a 4-0 record over King this season.

“It been a real tough battle,” Voitalla said. “Cade is working hard trying to figure it out and hopefully we get one more shot at it in the state finals.”

Grazier is the No. 1 seed and King is the No. 2 seed in the Class 3A bracket, so they would not meet again until Saturday’s championship match.

Voitalla said the Huskies will focus more on the mental side of wrestling during the next couple of days.

“All four of these guys who qualified are highly

“All four of these guys who qualified are highly motivated individuals with big goals. These next four days are all about refining some of their skills and not changing a whole lot.”

Owatonna coach
Adam Voitalla

motivated individuals with big goals,” he said. “These next four days are all about refining some of their skills and not changing a whole lot. So that we’re healthy, feeling good and we’re ready to get after if when we enter the tournament on Friday.”

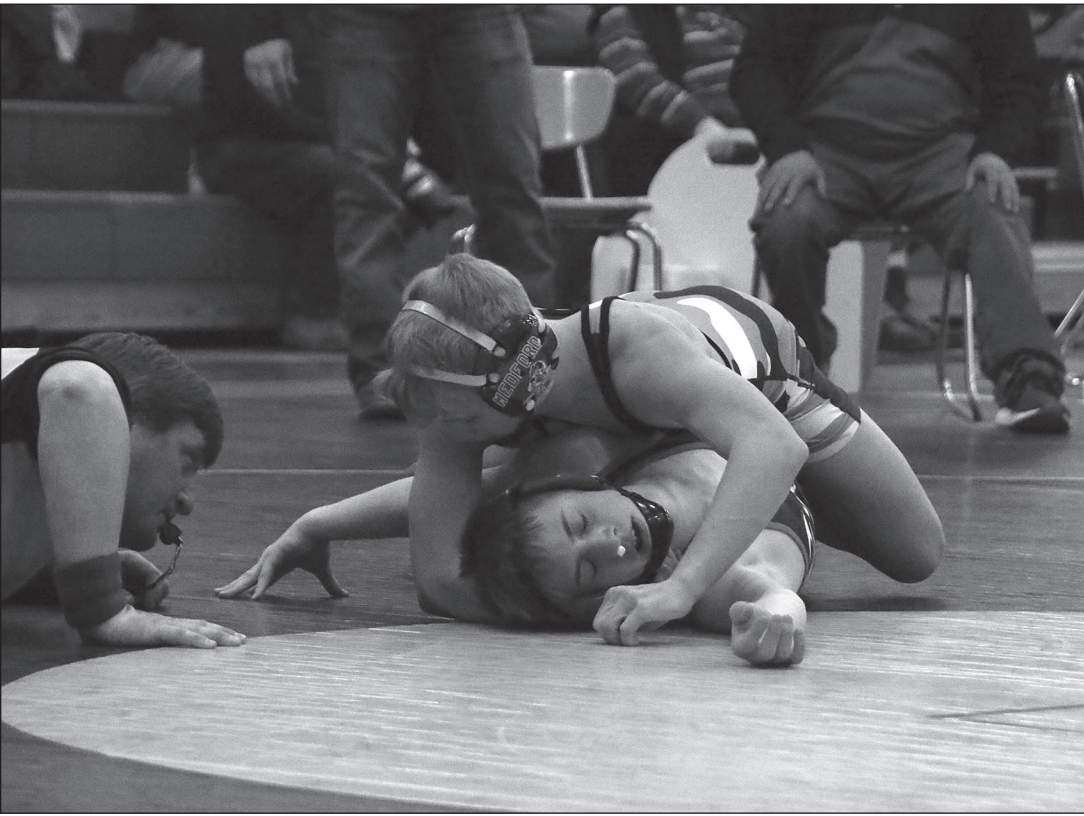
Owatonna’s Kaden Nelson barely missed qualifying for the state meet when he lost a heartbreaking overtime match in the true second-place match at 145.

“He has had an unbelievable season beating some very high-quality guys and also being a great team leader for us,” Voitalla said. “We’re excited that he still has two years left, but we’re also feeling for him right now because his ultimate goal was to make the state tournament and be a state champion and fell just a little bit short of that.”

Other Huskies that placed were Cael Robb (third) at 106, Ashton Mach (fifth) at 113, Jacob Reinardy (fifth) at 132 and Matt Seykora (fourth) at 160.

MEDFORD: Helgeson wins true 2nd match

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Medford’s Alex Helgeson tries to pin an opponent in the true second-place match of the Section 2A tournament.

else,” Whitman said. “Him and Charley have legitimate shots at winning state titles. It just seems like Willie beats everyone to punch with his speed and footwork. When he stays focused and is moving his feet, there are not a lot of people that can hang with him.”

Helgeson lost the championship match at 106, but won the true second-place match by technical fall.

“I’m wrestling the best I have this year and I think I’m going to do well at state,” Helgeson said. “My family is pretty proud and I’m happy. I’m excited to go there with my teammates, have some fun and just enjoy it. It’s just amazing I learn a lot from watching [Elwood and VonRuden] wrestle and they teach me so much in practice. It’s a lot of fun having them around.”

Whitman said Medford’s entire team wrestled well at the tournament.

“Our kids were intense and into it,” he said. “They got after it and I thought we wrestled up to our capabilities. It looked like we are peaking at the right time.

“They showed a lot of grit and mental toughness to just focus on what they was suppose to do and taking care of business.”

The Tigers other podium finishers were Garron Hoffman (fifth) at 126, Tate Hermes (fourth) at 132, Dylan Heiderscheidt (fifth) at 138, George McCarthy (fifth) at 152, Brennon Hoffman (third) at 220 and Gavin Hermes (fifth) at 285.

“Our two big kids wrestled especially well for us,” Whitman said. “They both just been growing leaps and bounds throughout the course of the season. It was nice to see them go out on a positive note.”

BASKETBALL

Panther girls split pair

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva girls’ basketball team lost its last regular season contest to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial on its home court 65-53 on Thursday, Feb. 21, in a disappointing second half letdown.

The team record fell to 9-17 with the loss.

The Panthers got up early in the first half, leading by about 15 points at one time on fine defense and pinpoint shooting. However, the visitors cut the margin to eight points at the half 39-31, and the Knights then took the game over in the second half.

A full-court press got the winners started, and a couple of defensive switches made the going difficult for the home team. LCWM also shot the ball extremely well in that second half to turn the game in their favor. The visitors dominated the play throughout the second half.

Sidney Schultz and Sophie Stork scored 17 and 16 points for the Panthers, Darian Pearson pulled down 16 rebounds, and Caitlin Goette contributed 13 boards. Schultz and Stork also combed the boards for nine and seven rebounds.

NRHEG meets No. 1 seed Medford on Tuesday in sub-section action.

BLUE EARTH AREA WINS

Blue Earth Area took a 27-20 lead into the locker-room at the half, and the Buccaneers were able to maintain the edge in a 64-57 victory over the NRHEG girls on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

A two-minute stretch in the second half put the Panthers in a bit of a hole and had them

scrambling to catch up, which they could never quite do. Otherwise, the game played out in a competitive manner for both teams.

“We actually played a good game tonight against quality opponent,” NRHEG head coach Onika Peterson said. “The girls competed the whole game, played tough at both ends of the floor, and attacked the basket. A wide edge in free throw shooting hurt us, as BEA made 31-of-38 attempts from the line. The Bucs’ Caitlin Roman earned her 2,000 career point in the game.

Stork went off for 27 points to lead the NRHEG offense. Alexis Anderson contributed 15 points, and Schultz handed out 8 assists and had 4 steals in the contest.

NRHEG OVERTIME WINNER

A great second half comeback and 16 points in overtime earned the NRHEG girls a thrilling 67-65 win over United South Central Monday, Feb.18, at wells. The Rebels scored 14 points of their own inn the extra session but the two-point advantage handed the Panthers victory.

NRHEG trailed by six points at the half, but the point barrage in the second half completed a well-earned comeback. Anderson, Stork, and Darian Pearson led the offense in the second half.

“This was certainly not our best game,” Peterson said. “But the girls never gave up in this one and battled back to get the win. I hope we can play a little better in our last two games.”

Anderson had 17 points, and Stork 12 points to lead the offense. Pearson added 11 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in the contest, and Caitlin Goette chipped in nine points and seven rebounds.

BP junior high roundup

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The season ended for both the junior high boys and the junior high girls last week, after both teams played doubleheaders. The eighth grade played a second doubleheader against Bethlehem academy

Coach Tyler Krekling’s seventh grade boys defeated Medford 42-10 on Monday, Feb.18, at Medford. Gabe Hein counted 12 points to lead the scoring, but eight of the nine players on the team scored points for the

Blossoms.

As Coach Krekling commented, “It was great to be able to spread the scoring around and to see everyone have success in the game.”

The eighth grade split a pair of games too. Medford defeated the Blossoms 51-32, with Gabe Hein scoring 11 points.

A week ago B.A. beat the locals 37-29. Gabe Hein had 12 points in this game also, and Zach Hein had 11. from the free throw line, and Kedkling acknowledged much improvement in the team’s play. The team earlier

edged Bethlehem Academy 33-31.

Sam Smith had a game-high 14 points to lead the offense, and it was good to see the season end with a win.

The seventh grade girls pulled put a 32-18 win at Medford for Coach Brittany Hoban, but lost to B. A. 34-12. Addison Doocy had 10 points in the win.

The seventh grade boys ended the season 5-10., and the eighth grade finished 2-13. 7th grade girls compiled a 6-10 season record, while the eighth grade went 3-11.

BASKETBALL

Cardinals drop Panthers

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

After a thrilling overtime victory the night before, The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys basketball team could not solve Blue Earth Area’s defense and fell to the Buccaneers 42-36 on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The Panthers led 19-12 at the break, but could score just 17 second half points in taking the loss.

A good defense for the Panthers kept the game close, and Blake Ihrke’s trey early in the second half gave NRHEG a ten-point margin. A problem that has plagued the Panthers all season cropped up then, as turnovers allowed BEA back into the game and eventually

into the lead. The losers just couldn’t scramble back.

“A good first half didn’t help us enough as our year-long problem of turnovers came back to send us into a loss,” NRHEG head coach Isaiah Lundberg said. “Defense held up, but rebounds in the last minutes of the game really hurt us, too.”

Brady Agrimson had 11 points to lead the local scoring, but Jacob Schuller and Lonnie Wilson both chipped in 10 points. Caeden Sanders led all scorers in the game with 17 points. The Panther record dropped to 9-14 for the season.

PANTHERS WIN IN OVERTIME

NRHEG recorded probably the biggest win of the season when the team edged Maple River 74-71 in overtime on

Monday Feb. 18.

The Eagles took the early lead, but NRHEG slowly fought back to take a lead of their own. Until the tie at the end of regulation, The Panthers played much better overall the second half, and a missed three-pointer sent the game to the extra period. Made free throws gave the Panthers the lead in overtime, and the defense kept Maple River off the scoreboard.

“I really liked the way we played the second half,” Lundberg said. “It was just like a playoff game for intensity, and the atmosphere was high for everyone. It was just a great game.”

Schuller poured in 34 points to lead all scorers in the game. Agrimson added 17 points, and Ihrke chipped in 10.

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BASKETBALL

BP basketball teams win

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

In another week disrupted by weather problems, both the Blooming Prairie basketball boys’ and girls’ teams won games early in the week.

The girls doubled up United Central at Wells on Tuesday, Feb.19, after the boys had stymied Bethlehem Academy with a first half defense that led to an easy victory

The Blossom girls stepped up to an early start, and led the Rebels 33-16 at the half. Julia Worke led the way in this game with 16 first half points, including a pair of treys, and the second half was more of the same, with no letup from the girls. The lead grew so big that running time began, and all the girls got a lot of playing time.

Worke finished with a career high 21 points. Megan Oswald contributed 12 points, Maggie Bruns counted 10



BP’s Gabe Hagen scores over multiple defenders earlier this season at BPHS.

points and 5 assists, Bobbie Bruns had 9 points, 6 assists

and 4 steals, and six other girls scored at least 2 points.

Katie Dylla scored 12 points for USC. The team finished with a 12-9 record overall and a 7-7 mark in the tough conference.

BOYS CRUISE TO VICTORY

A stifling first half defense that held Bethlehem Academy to just 17 points triggered the easy win for the Blossoms. The boys also did a good job attacking a different defense offered up by the Cardinals. BP’s defense made B.A. work for every shot they took.

“This was another big win for us”, commented Coach Nate Piller. “ I thought the boys did an outstanding job against an unfamiliar defense, and they did a nice job taking what the defense would give them.”

Kaden Thomas led the BP scoring with 18 points, and Trent Swenson added 12. Zach Archer contributed 10 points, and Gabe Hagen chipped in 6. Jack Clark had 14 points for the losers.

Area boys’ teams see action

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

A couple of area boys’ basketball team saw late-week action Friday, Feb. 22.

United South Central outmuscled Blooming Prairie 49-38 in a very physical contest, and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva ran by Medford 74-49.

BP fell to 17-6 overall and 9-5 in conference play, while the Panthers improved to 19-14 overall.

The Rebels took a 23-18 lead over the Blossoms at the half, as the locals had great difficulty getting to the rim or the free throw line in the mele.

It didn’t help that the shooting night for the Blossoms was one of the poorer efforts. USC played fast and confident, but the Blossoms, for whatever reason, lacked confidence and any aggressiveness in the action. Hopefully, it was a lesson well learned.

Kaden Thomas and Gabe Hagen each had 11 points for

the Blossoms, but AJ Koos and Sam Zebro led all scorers with 16 points each.

NRHEG EASY OVER MEDFORD

NRHEG head coach Isaiah Lundberg’s team had little trouble dispatching the Tigers, rolling to a 50-15 halftime advantage and continuing that proficiency in the second half.

Lonnie Wilson counted the first 10 points for the Panthers in the game, and the score would snowball from there.

Lundberg commented, “On offense we moved the ball well about as well as we had all season, and I thought we did a much better job of chasing down offensive rebounds. Defensively, we also played better than in recent games. It was a great night overall.”

Wilson led all scorers with 23 points, Brady Agrimson counted 15, and Jacob Schuller chipped in 13. Ryan Hermanstorfer and Noah Pirk1 each had nine points for Medford

Blossom girls’ win squeaker

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The Awesome Blossoms girls’ basketball team escaped the first round of the sub-section playoffs with a nail-biting 37-35 victory over visiting Randolph Thursday, Feb. 21.

The win moved BP into a semi-final contest at Mayo Civic Arena tonight (Tuesday) against state ranked Grand Meadow.

The win over Randolph witnessed a combination of good defense and poor shooting, as both teams had a turn with the lead in the game. The Blossoms jumped to an early advantage, but missed a chance for a bigger lead with some poorer than usual shooting. BP was up 18-13 at the half, but the locals felt they had left a lot of points on the floor at the time.

The Rockets made a big run in the second half, credit mainly from two starters who had missed the first game against the Blossoms, but returned to play in this one. Randolph wrested the lead with about eleven minutes left and went up by 4 points, but the Blossoms fought back. Leaning on the defense for some big stops and making a few baskets off the Rocket defense, BP took back the lead.

Down the stretch, the winners kept the slim advantage with clutch free throw shooting. Bobbie Bruns made 4-o- 4 from the free throw line, Maggie Bruns made 2-of-2, and Megan Oswald sealed the win on a free throw. The team heaved a sigh of relief and celebrated the hard-fought victory.

“We won a close, difficult game tonight,” BP head coach



BP’s Bobbie Bruns drives past an opponent earlier this season.

John Bruns said. “We played them last week in a walkover, but two of their starters out for that game returned, and it made quite a difference. I thought both teams battled exceptionally hard in this game, and it could have gone either way. I was very proud of how the girls stayed together, even when things weren’t gong great for them.”

Megan Oswald counted 15 points for the Blossoms,

and Bobbie Bruns and Julia Worke contributed 11 points and nine points, respectively.

Only one other local scored in this game for the Blossoms. Megan Erickson scored 15, and Lindsay Grant chipped in 12 for Randolph.

Blooming Prairie improved to 13-9 overall for the season, while Randolph fell to 14-12. BP will play in the sub-section semi-finals for the fourth season in a row.



NRHEG senior basketball players and cheerleaders stand for a photo with parents on Senior Night.



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MEDFORD HIGH HONOR ROLL



Grade 7

Riley Babcock
Kelsie Casper
Ava Clark
Abigail Cloutier
Ava Cottrell
Avery Dressen
Dakoda DuChene
Broderick Goodnature
Omar Guerrero
Sadie Kern
Annette Kniefel
Emely Lazaro
Isabel Miller
Olivia Mullenberg
Liliana Murphy
Carolina Perez
Kynnedie Schauer
RaeanneSpitzack
Tessa Underdahl

Grade 8

Andrea Bock
Samantha Buecksler
Rian Cloutier
Landon Driscoll
AbigailFitzgerald
Dylan Heiderscheidt
Alex Helgeson
Tate Hermes
Josephine Homeier
Connor Jones
Grace Keller
Jack Meyer
Riley Norland
Payton Ristau
Tyler Steffen
Reagan Sutherland
Mackenzie Zacharias

Grade 9

Logan Buecksler
Isabel DeLeon

Henry Grayson
MacKenzie Kellen
Clara Kniefel
Samantha Miller
Julia Niles
Jack Paulson
Elizabeth Peterson
Nicole Schrot
Hannah Schull
Anna Sobrak
Erika Thurnau
Rosie Tobar
Ava Jae Westbrock
Jeancarlo Zuniga

Grade 10

Jenna Berg
Kinsey Cronin
Garrett Fitzgerald
Johanna Grant
Lizbeth Gutierrez
Madison Jaster
Angela Lippert

Brock Merritt
Mason Nagel
Brooke Purrier
Lily Roehrick
Isabella Steffen
Tyler Stursa
Alex Vandereide
Haley VonRuden
Hanna VonRuden
Miya Weber

Grade 11

Conrad Blome
Sviantlana Danilyuk
Jordan Edel
Taylor Fette
Zachary Finholdt
Veronica Gonzalez
Yazmin Gonzalez
Kaylin Hanson
Hailee Homeier
Emma Kniefel
Morgan Langeslag

Grade 12

Mary Braasch-Turi
Jason Domstrand
Bailey DuChene
Meredith Gillis
Taylore Keppers
Rachael Luebbe
Anthony Manderfeld
Jade Pekarek
Sophie Proehl
Brandon Sisler
Brianna Sisler
Claire Stewart
Austin VonRuden
Kelsey Walock

HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Maizee Alberts
Mia Amberg
Jacqueline Arriaga
Mya Borwege
London Caron
Jacquelyn Cole
Presley Condon
Natas Doyon
Tyler Ernste
Lily George
Hannah Hansen
Beau Lawson
Aiden Little
Luis Lopez
Rachel Miller
Addison O’Connor
HunterPerdue
Mataya Roos
Ethan Solomon
Lauren Stinocher
Kourtney Stoneking
Montana Strommer

Grade 8

Autumn Bender
Joshua Bluhm
Hanna Chadbourn

Casey Chambers
Kylie Dusek
Jacob Esch
Morgan Jones
Lydia Krenske
Beau LaCroix
Adalia List
Carter Luebbe
Jenesis McGuire
Kael Neumann
Cohen O’Connor
HunterPeterson
Makinley Smith
Martina Smith
Paige Stadler
Cohen Stursa
Annabelle Troester
Josephine Witter

Grade 9

Cole Anderson
Jacob Andrews
Carter Blome
JordanCapello
Payton Caron
Reed Cumberland
Paige Davis
Jazmyne Duncan

Jacob Ernste
Cheyenne Fedder
Ryllei Federly
Nicole Harfmann
Johnathan Houston
Isabelle Huizel
Kimberly Jarvi
Nathan Johnson
Megan Klein
Jacob Kucera
Lynn Larson
Journey Palluck
Justin Ristau
Scott Scholljegerdes
Brielle Smith
Jayme Stransky
Malachi Sutcliffe
AmeliaThompson
Jared Zuniga

Grade 10

Braden Barbeau
Brayden Beede
Emily Chadwick
Roberta Domstrand
Isaac Enzenauer
Jasive Guerrero
Gavin Hermes

Malia Kircher
Matthew Knutson
Blake Lawson
Ernesto Lazaro
Sierra Lustig
Alexander Oatway
Luz Peralta
Logan Schmit
Peyton Seiler
Gunner White
Halli Zumbrunnen

Grade 11

Jade Arriaga
Cayden Benton
Wyatt Brewer
Natily Buck
William Chester
Emily Cloutier
Kylie Cumberland
Boden Devoe
River Dishar
Jacey Dressen
Devon Federly
ShelbyGanske
Riley Hill
ShawnJohnson
Hannah Knutson

Sierra Larson
Kylie Mador
Kevin Robles
Elizabeth Ruiz Becerra
Makayla Smith
Carson Sobrack
Dylan Stenzel
Jeremiah Sutcliffe
Abigail Tellijohn
Lanaya Wacek

Grade 12

Journey Anderst
Zackariah Andrews
Andria Archibald
Tanner Barbeau
Camisha Chavis
Isaiah Chavis
Warren Garza
Ryan Hermanstorfer
Brett Johnson
Cody Kosel
Bryce Lisowski
Sergio Palma
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DISTRICT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.: 74-JV-19-57

Summons and Notice
Termination of Parental
Rights Matter

represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) and taking permanent custody of the child/ren named in the Petition.

WITNESS, the Honorable

Karen R. Duncan
February 15, 2019

Judge of District Court

BY:

Robin Hoesley
Court Administrator

2/19, 2/26, 3/5



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Parent

Katy Leigh George

NOTICE TO: Katy Leigh George, above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court located at Steele County Court Administration 111 E Main St. Owatonna, Minnesota, alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. Notice is hereby given that the matter of said Termination of Parental Rights Petition will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 111 E Main St. Owatonna, Minnesota, on March 18, 2019 at 8:30 AM or as soon after as the Matter can be heard.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

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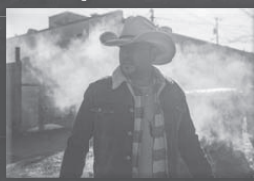
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In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019. The Board of Audit for Aurora Township will be held at 6:30 pm Monday, March 4th, 2019 at the Aurora Town Hall. The monthly Board Meeting will follow at 7 pm. Patrick Spindler,

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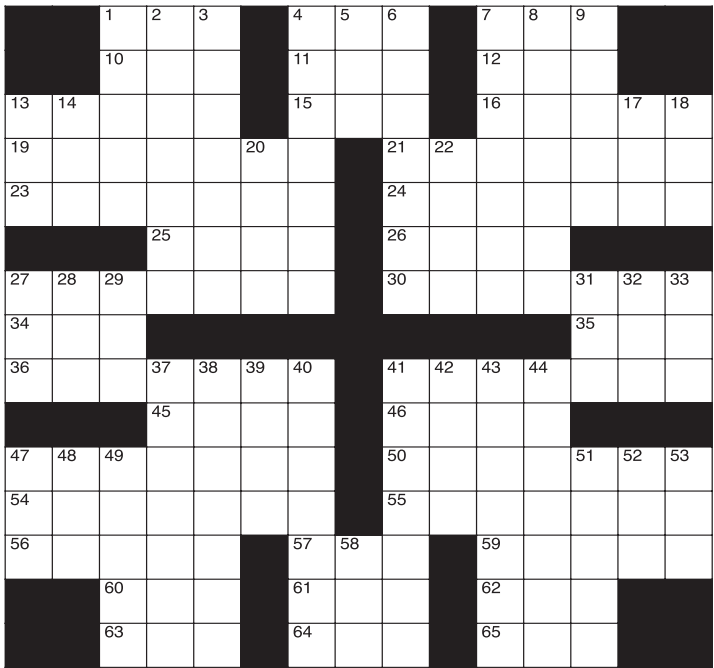
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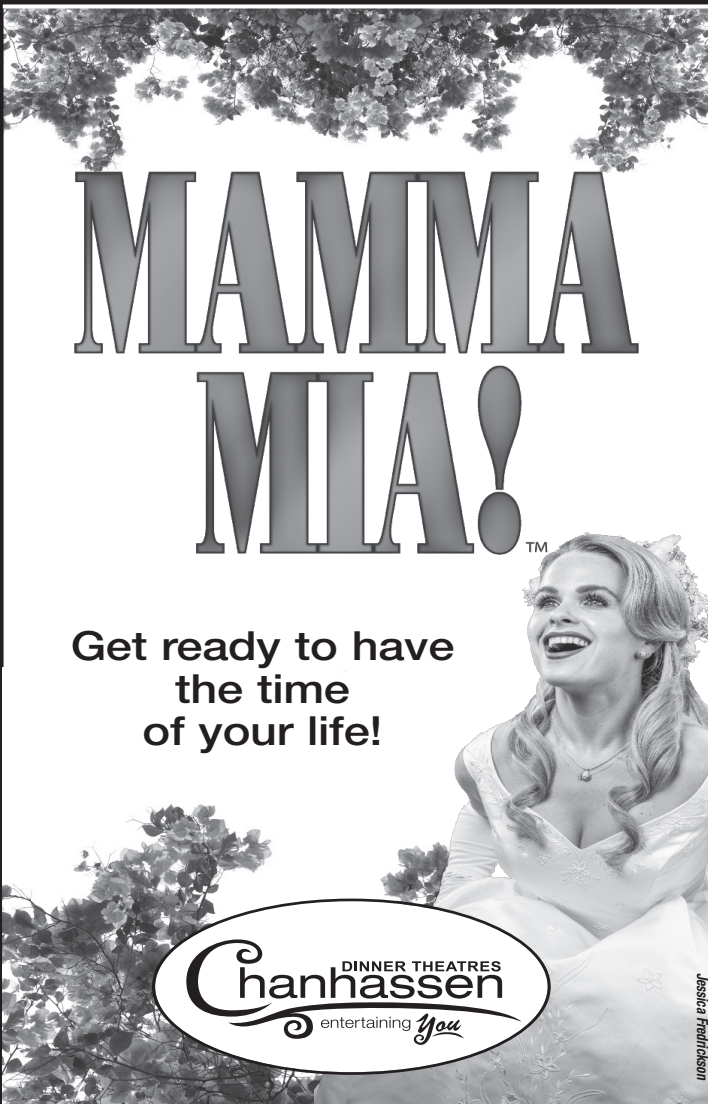
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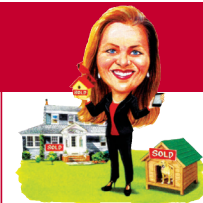
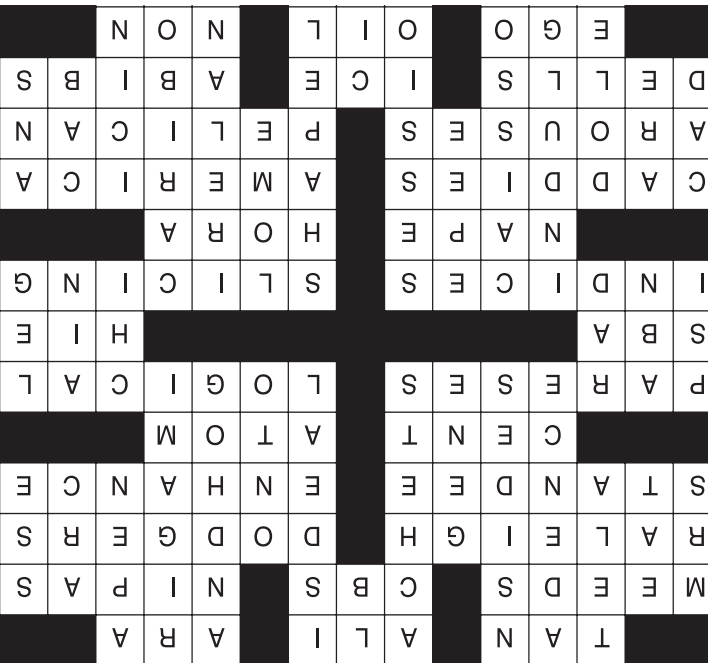
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Blizzard shuts down SE MN

A blizzard shut down southeastern Minnesota this past weekend, leaving many challenges for people to clear away snow. Bottom right: A major roof collapse under the heavy weight of the snow took place at McNeilus Steel in Dodge Center. No injuries were reported. Top left: Work crews were busy rescuing several stranded motorists on U.S. Highway 218 north of Pratt. Top right: Tucker Anderson, 5, and Maci Anderson, 2, enjoy the snow on a picnic table outside of their Owatonna house. Thanks to our readers for submitting photos of the blizzard.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Calling all grape growers or wine makers

University of Minnesota Extension and the Southern Minnesota Wine Grower Alliance are hosting a Vineyard and Winery Management Workshop at Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery by Faribault on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can register at <https://z.umn.edu/42tk>. At this hands-on event, grape growers will sharpen their skills and learn new techniques for managing cold hardy grapes and making high quality Minnesota wine. Participants will walk Chankaska's beautiful vineyard and discuss tips for pruning grapevines that have been

damaged by the polar vortex. They will then learn how to re-train grapevines to different trellis styles. Following the tour, participants will learn ways to optimize their vineyard's pest management plan, by combining effectiveness and sustainability. The activity will focus on hot topic issues like bunch rot diseases and spotted wing drosophila. The day will conclude with a tour of Chankaska's innovative wine cellar, with Chankaska winemakers and UMN enology specialist Drew Horton. Speakers include UMN Extension educators Annie Klodd and Natalie

Hoidal, John and Jenny Thull of the UMN Horticultural Research Center, Chankaska vineyard manager Jamieson Lindquist, winemaker Mike Drash, and UMN enology specialist Drew Horton. Pre-registration before March 22 is \$30 for SMWGA members and \$35 for non-members. Learn more about the workshop at: <https://z.umn.edu/42u1> and register at <https://z.umn.edu/42tk>. For more information, contact Lisa Smiley, Director of the Southern Minnesota Wine Grower Alliance, at winegroweralliance@gmail.com or 651-492-5393.

Crop insect updates for the upcoming growing season

Farmers will likely deal with new insect pests this 2019 growing season.

Some of these insects, like Japanese beetle and Brown Marmorated stink bug, have been present in yards, gardens, and commercial horticulture for awhile, but are now being found in agricultural fields. Other insects, like soybean aphids, are familiar, but require strategic management in the face of insecticide resistance. When dealing with insects that can harm crops, it's common to adapt a "must kill them all NOW," mentality, but following the principles of integrated pest management, such as scouting, using thresholds, and choosing pesticides carefully, will help farmers make economically and environmentally sound decisions.

Japanese beetle was found in Minnesota in 1968 and has been a pest in yards and gardens for the past several. Recently, Japanese beetles have been observed feeding on soybeans; they are generalist feeders which feed on over 300 plant species. The adult beetles feed between leaf veins causing defoliation in a lacey pattern, also known as skeletonizing. Heavy infestations of adults can cause significant defoliation which can lead to reduced soybean yield, though soybeans can tolerate a good deal of defoliation before yield is impacted.

To determine if treatment is necessary, estimate defoliation from a minimum of 10 plants from throughout the field. Select a leaf from the top, middle, and bottom third of each plant and average percent defoliation for the field's canopy. Treatment is recommended if adults are present and defoliation reaches 30 percent for vegetative plants (before flowering), or 20 percent for reproductive plants. The Brown Marmorated stink bug (BMSB) was discovered in MN in 2010 and



On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

has been an issue in fruit production for a few years. In soybean, BMSB pierces developing grain and pod with its mouthparts. They cause damage by sucking nutrients from the plant and possibly causing secondary infection from fungal pathogens. Feeding causes

abortion, deformation, and discoloration of seed, which can affect yield and quality and can also cause delayed plant maturity ("stay-green syndrome").

Because stink bugs are often more abundant on field edges, scouting should include locations throughout the field, including the interior. The thresholds for treatment are 10 bugs/25 sweeps for soybean grown for grain. At this point, there have not been any fields found with stink bug densities near treatable levels in Minnesota. There are also predatory stink bugs which are beneficial for keeping other insect pests in check. Confirm stink bug species with an agricultural professional or your Extension Educator.

Along with these latest issues, there are some new challenges regarding a familiar insect as well. Soybean aphid has shown resistance to certain pyrethroid insecticides in Minnesota. To manage insecticide-resistant aphids, apply insecticides only when needed (scout and use the economic threshold of 250 aphids/plant to determine when to apply insecticides), apply insecticides correctly with proper rates and good coverage, and check efficacy of insecticide three to five days after application. Also, if fields need to be re-treated, alternate insecticide groups, don't follow up with another pyrethroid insecticide.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension director for Steele and Rice counties. She writes for this newspaper regularly.

Workshop to focus on writing a pre-harvest marketing plan

Grain farmers and agri-business professionals are invited to attend a Marketing Plan workshop provided by the University of Minnesota Extension with sponsorship from Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

Successfully marketing commodities in low price times is one of the top ways a producer can generate a higher margin. Determining when and how to marketing a crop is a challenge in today's market with low corn and soybeans prices in 2019.

Make plans to attend the local workshop, held in Owatonna, to help

determine how to write a pre-harvest marketing plan along with a review of pricing tools. The workshop will be held March 6 from 9 -11 a.m. at the Steele County Community Center, 1380 S. Elm St., Owatonna.

Attendees will get the opportunity to execute a pre-harvest plan in a simulation game. The workshop is conducted by Ed Usset, marketing specialist and David Bau and Nathan Hulinsky, Extension educators in Ag Business Management.

This event is free of cost and no pre-registration is required.

Fair searching for Hall of Fame nominations

A reminder from the Steele County Free Fair that May 1 is the deadline to submit nominations for this year's Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available at the fair office and also on-line at SteeleCountyFreeFair@scff.org.

There are two types of awards. The first type is the Hall of Fame membership. These nominees are judged on their impact or influence upon the livestock industry - county, state, and national, their leadership in the livestock industry, and other

relevant contributions with county being a priority.

The other type of award is the Hall of Fame Service award. These nominees are to be individuals that grew up in Steele County and went on to do outstanding work in the livestock industry beyond the county and possibly the state. State and national contributions are the priority for this award.

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Holden Charles Cody, Parents: Alexia and Andrew, May 2.

Harper Elizabeth Simmons, Parents: Emily and Erik, May 2.

Henry Daniel Ludwig, Parents: Michelle and Chad, May 3.

Jaxon Bradley Maas, Parents: Stephanie and Benjamin, May 5.

Madison Lynn Peterson, Parent: Michelle Zvorak, May 5.

Eldon Sterling Wimer, Parents: Megan and Steven, May 6.

Kashton Robert Lloyd, Parents: Ashley and Erik, May 7.

Margo Mae Thorson, Parents: Lisa and Dustin, May 8.

Emmett Martin Ahrens, Parents: Kelley and Paul, May 9.

Dominick Liam Trocinski, Parents: Aurora and Tyler, May 9.

Levi Dennis Erickson, Parents: Jenny and Henry, May 11.

Owen Charles Hager, Parents: Kristen and Benjamin, May 14.

Julian Jose Riha, Parent: Natasha Reyes, May 14.

Myles Jeffrey Schelling, Parents: Nichole and Bronson, May 14.

Gia Rose Malterer, Parents: Stephanie and David, May 15.

Mohamed Ibrahim Abdi, Parents: Ayan Abdulle and Ibrahim Hussein, May 16.

Joelle Evelyn Marks, Parents: Kelsey and Jeffery, May 17.

Avie Rose Undhjem, Parents: Amanda and Chad, May 17.

Noah Mark Kortz, Parents: Courtney and Tyler, May 18.

Eiza Aurora Mendoza, Parents: Yolanda and Irving, May 18.

Yazeed Mustafa Hussein, Parents: Safi Kayad and Mustafa Jama, May 19.

Lily Ann Barron, Parents: Elizabeth and Mateo, May 20.

Charlie Marie Sletten, Parents: Christine and Shannon, May 22.

Jasper John Dahl, Parents: Crimson and Jerrod, May 23.

Elijah Paul Ingram, Parents: Chelsie and Aaron, May 23.

Kaden Matthew Remund, Parents: Amanda and Matthew, May 23.

Jaycee Elizabeth Theuer, Parents: Jamie and Jeffrey, May 23.

Brigid Therese Blessing, Parents: Anna and Joseph, May 24.

Leo Antonio Ramirez, Parents: Bonnie and Juan, May 25.

Oakley Dean Holland, Parents: Paige and Taylor, May 26.

Charlee Marie Burr, Parents: Amanda and Christopher, May 28.

Emryn Elise Nomeland, Parents: Faith and Leif, May 28.

Easton Robert Lee, Parents: Kimberly and Michael, May 30.

STEELE COUNTY DEATHS
MAY 2018

Sharon Stark, 80, Owatonna, May 1.

Thomas Chouanard, 75, Owatonna, May 2.

Richard Schuster, 84, Owatonna, May 2.

Mary Gonzales, 70, Owatonna, May 5.

Paul Perry, 93, Owatonna, May 6.

Scott Easton, 55, Blooming Prairie, May 7.

Gerald Oxley, 87, Blooming Prairie, May 7.

Berniece Babczak, 94, Owatonna, May 9.

Donna Schuller, 84, Owatonna, May 9.

Frances Cunningham, 89, Owatonna, May 10.

Daniel Broadhead, 65, Northfield, May 12.

Mary Spitzack, 90, Owatonna, May 12.

Owen Hager, 1 day, Owatonna, May 14.

Myron Homuth, 78, Owatonna, May 14.

Steven Hamson, 57, Owatonna, May 15.

Randall Moe, 58, Owatonna, May 15.

Walter Reisdorfer, 88, Faribault, May 17.

Ella Jepson, 89, Owatonna, May 18.

Arleigh Canny, 74, Owatonna, May 19.

Elaine Fox, 92, Owatonna, May 19.

June Hovey, 73, Austin, May 21.

Albert Liverseed, 89, Owatonna, May 23.

George Clauser, 90, Owatonna, May 25.

Victoria Peterson, 65, Owatonna, May 27.

Tinh An, 80, Owatonna, May 28.

Irene Smith, 94, Owatonna, May 28.

David Diekmann, 67, Owatonna, May 29.

STEELE COUNTY MARRIAGES
MAY 2018

Brian Lee Berge and Kiley Michelle Adams, May 4.

Shanae Dawn Johnson and Nathan Scott Cummings, May 5.

Jacob Wilder Broesder and Sarah Elizabeth Baumgard, May 5.

Dalton Ronald Sellner and Jessica Lynn Phillips, May 6.

Joshua Thomas Karaus and Jacqueline Diane Smidt, May 11.

Jordan Thomas Bos and Jessica Dar Sedivy, May 12.

David Jacob Granlund and

Anna Christine Harman, May 12.

Alana Nichelle Peterson and Brandon Errol Titus, May 13.

Kiel Lee Larsen and Lani Dyani Mimmack, May 18.

Aryanna Angelique Miller and Cody William Grunwald, May 18.

Alyssa Laura Lyke and William James Gillies, May 19.

William Clayton Brown and Janet Louise Mees, May 19.

Temaine Octavius Johnson and Ashley Sapphire Charpentier, May 19.

Brandon J. Smith and Ashley Marie Wagner, May 19.

Leslie Robert Shawback Jr. and Pamela Jean Grochowski, May 19.

Ronald Julius Hawley and Sarah Christine Helget, May 19.

Mitchell Ronald Geiger and Kathrine Rose Clark, May 22.

Orlando Danny Trevino and Erin Lee Boyd, May 25.

Tony Charles Sneiderman and Jon Leonard Olson III, May 26.

John Hamilton Thompson and Carrie Kathleen Drake, May 26.

Aaron Michael Adam Heim and Kelsey Lynn Hafstad, May 26.

Benjamin Robert Huro and Angela Marie Hennes, May 26.

STEELE COUNTY DIVORCES
MAY 2018

Andrew John Schmidt and Brittany Marie Schmidt.

LaTricia Kaiser and Jacob Richard Kaiser.

Mitchell Ronald Geiger and Amber Kathleen Solis.

Anthony Dexter Wayne Francis and Salena Phommahaxay Francis.

Tracy Lynn Wedin and Milo Rodney Wedin.

Christopher John Olson and Mary Jo Olson.

Piled high



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Snow was piled high everywhere you looked this past weekend in southern Minnesota. Up to a foot of snow fell on the region before heavy winds created blizzard conditions late Saturday and Sunday. Jennifer Bastyr of Owatonna was dressed for the elements checking out the deep snow by their house. She is the daughter of Jason and Jackie Bastyr.

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