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More support for new school

Just one week before the school referendum was set to go before voters, another business joined in support of a new high school for Owatonna.

On May 6, Gopher Sport announced that if the referendum passes on May 14, it wants to contribute equipment to ensure students at the high school have more opportunities to be physically active throughout the school day.

Gopher Sport would contribute a meaningful amount of high quality equipment for the school's physical education program, fitness room, STEM Makerspace classes and outfit classrooms with active seating and active work stations.

These gifts would be made possible through Gopher, STEM-Supplies and Moving Minds brands.

"Gopher Sport has been in the Owatonna community since 1947, and we have a commitment to give back to our community," said Todd Jennings, CEO of Gopher Sport. "If the referendum passes on May 14, we would be delighted to support the new high school with innovative equipment that will help the students enjoy more active and healthy lives."

Superintendent Jeff Elstad said, "We continue to be thankful for the generosity of our local businesses and continue to be amazed by the pride felt by all who live and work within our community."

Gopher Sport joins Mayo Clinic, Viracon, Wenger Corporation, Wenger Foundation and Federated Insurance in support of a new high school.

Voters head to the polls today (Tuesday) to decide the fate of a $116 million bond referendum to build a new high school that would replace the current century-old facility.

The Times will have more on the outcome of the referendum online at steeledodgenews.com and in next week's edition.

WORLD HALL OF FAME

STAFF PHOTOS BY RICK BUSSLER

For 75 years, Luverne Wanous has been entertaining thousands of people with his old-time music on the concertina. Last week, he performed at the Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie. The Owatonna musician has been named to the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame. "I'll go as long as I can play my main squeeze," he says.

"This is unreal, **unexpected and I'm honored** to be in a class of musicians like that."

Luverne Wanous
Concertina Hall of Famer

Veteran concertina musician hits a high note in career

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Seventy-five years after he played for a Farmer's Union meeting with his button accordion at 8 years old, Luverne Wanous is being recognized for his contributions to performing old-time music and being hailed as a hall of famer.

On Tuesday, May 14, Wanous, of Owatonna, will be inducted into the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame at the Park Ballroom in New Prague. He will join the company of 264 other legend concertina musicians that have been inducted since 1976. He is the first inductee ever from Steele County.

Wanous said never in his wildest dreams did he ever expect to be inducted into the Hall of Fame when he started out playing as a

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Man accused of stalking parole agent

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

A man who had been on probation for prior crimes is now accused of stalking his former probation officer.

CASEY SCHUENEMAN

The Steele County Attorney's Office has charged Casey Craig Schueneman, 38, of Waldorf, with gross misdemeanor stalking in addition to felony drug possession.

On May 6, Owatonna Police received a complaint from a probation agent with the Minnesota Department of Corrections stating he was being stalked by Schueneman. The agent told police he saw a strange vehicle outside his residence around 7:15 a.m. When the agent left his residence with his children, the vehicle followed him to a gas station. The agent went inside and noticed the driver appeared to be taking photographs of his vehicle.

Upon exiting the store, Schueneman called out to the agent, who immediately recognized the man's voice as one of his past probationers who had been off supervision for the past six months. Schueneman made a comment to the agent, "Now the hunter has become the hunted."

Later that day, Schueneman's vehicle was found at a residence on 1st Street NE in Blooming Prairie. Officers began surveillance and when he left the residence, they moved in and took him into custody. Unmarked patrol vehicles boxed the vehicle in to prevent Schueneman from fleeing.

During the arrest, Schueneman became enraged and attempted to fight by pulling away and trying to grasp one of the officer's firearms. Schueneman began yelling that officers would have to kill him as he wasn't going back to

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BP feeds starving children

500 volunteers complete 2-day effort

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

It takes teamwork to pack over 101,000 food packs for the Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack. This team consists, from left to right, Tyler Anderson, Claire Staloch, Gabe Staloch and Kay Zellmer. They chanted: "1-2-3-4, Feeding Children with Four."

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." -- Matthew 25:35

This Bible verse printed on Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack t-shirts symbolized a community-wide effort in Blooming Prairie on Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, to provide food for those in need around the world.

First Lutheran Church provided its facilities for this ambitious project, which drew nearly 500 volunteers.

Volunteers worked on five shifts, from 4-6 p.m. and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30-10:30 a..m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday.

"I am just amazed at how the community responded to this community effort," said Rev. Mike Walerius, associate pastor at First Lutheran Church.

First Lutheran Church, Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, St. Columbanus Catholic Church and Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl were represented by their parishioners.

Three Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack staff members, Lucas Nelson, Tess Shoderg and Irene Duguay coordinated the two-day effort.

As volunteers arrived Friday and Saturday, they immediately were greeted by a large semi truck, which featured large images of some of

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A shopper's delight for BP woman

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't just a normal trip to the grocery store for Karen Valentine.

Karen was on stage on this particular visit to the grocery store. She was at Vandal's Family Market on Saturday, May 11 to collect on a six-minute shopping spree.

She won the shopping spree after buying a $10 chance to win a mystery prize at a Blooming Prairie Education Foundation fundraiser. She had two choices for a prize, either a Weber grill and cash, or a shopping spree. She chose the shopping spree.

Vandal's donated $300 of the prize and the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce put up the remaining $200.

With her husband Ron and other family members in the store with her, Karen zipped through the store and easily surpassed the $500 value of the shopping excursion. In fact, she surpassed the maximum value by notching $810 worth of merchandise.

Vandal's owners Brandy Vandal-Holmberg, Brady Holmberg and Waco Vandal made it easier for Valentine to cash in on her prize by placing shopping carts at various points in the store.

Karen started the spree by going down Aisle 1 and methodically going down other aisles until she hit the meat case. She then loaded up on chicken and beef.

She also navigated through the frozen foods and ended in the candy aisle. She told her grand-

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OUR VIEW

Thanking law enforcers during National Police Week

This week communities across the state are celebrating National Police Week by thanking and celebrating local law enforcement in many different ways.

As we continue our tradition of doing so once again this year we published our Public Safety Special Section, which honors our local law enforcement personnel as well as our noble first responders who put their lives on the line every day to help those who need help the most. Besides police officers, we also want to salute local firefighters, EMS workers and dispatchers. Many of the firefighters and EMS workers are volunteers.

Now more than ever a special observance like Police Week is really important.

Often times, our society is filled with negativity and there isn't enough positivity in our society or enough appreciation shown for people who dedicate their lives serving our communities.

Police officers and other first responders are put in some of the most difficult situations imaginable, and every day when they head to work or respond to a call, they don't know what awaits them.

In small communities like ours, they also help out in a number of different ways, whether it's helping to make sure kids get the right size bike helmets or helping out with community outreach events. Officers with Blooming Prairie Police, for example, are hosting an open house this week.

The work that these men and women do goes beyond what is expected of them and while it's appreciated by many, it's not appreciated enough.

Thank you to our local law enforcement personnel from the sheriff's offices in Steele and Dodge counties, police departments in Blooming Prairie and Owatonna as well as the Minnesota State Patrol. We salute all those public safety heroes who keep us safe in the comforts of our own homes and as we venture out into public.

Be sure to thank members of local law enforcement any time you get a chance no matter what time of the year it is. But especially make sure to do so this week.

Another life milestone for son

Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

It was with enormous pride that I watched my son graduate this past weekend from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with family and friends cheering him on.

Behind the back drop of the famous Camp Randall Stadium, more than 5,000 graduates received their degrees with about 50,000 people in attendance. My son earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He hopes to share his talents and abilities in the commercial real estate business.

While it's exciting to see my son's accomplishment, it's a little scary to think I now have two children who have graduated from college. It's even scarier to think I graduated from college almost 30 years ago.

One of the highlights of the graduation ceremony was the guest speaker, J.J. Watt, a star football player with the Houston Texans. He came back to his alma mater at the University of Wisconsin where he played two seasons of college football. His theme was, "Dream Big, Work Hard."

Watt shared a strong message about how the University of Wisconsin shaped him into the person he is today. He did it without any prepared notes or teleprompter. He said he had to turn away speech writers who wanted to help him because he felt people wanted to hear what he had to say and not other people. The NFL legend certainly didn't disappoint anyone during his speech.

Watt told the audience, "I truly believe that you should have as big of dreams as you want in this world. Never let anyone tell you you can't accomplish those dreams."

To accomplish those dreams, he said, you must be willing to put in the work, the time, the effort, the energy and the sacrifices. He stressed the path to those dreams often never goes the way you envision it to. "It will be difficult. It will not look the way you want I to look, but in the end, if you stay focused, if you stay true, if you have the passion for your dream, you will get there no matter how difficult the path will be," he said.

No one accomplishes their dreams on their own. "You need help, both good and bad, and positive and negative," he said. "You can use negative energy to power your dream. It will not look the way you want it to look, but in the end, if you stay focused, if you stay true, if you have the passion for your dream, you will get there."

A few years ago Watt was devastated by an injury. At about the same time, his girlfriend was also injured. He related how he felt bad about not being able to help her as much as he wanted to.

"No matter how big you are, no matter how strong you are, no matter how tough you may be, everyone needs to ask for help at some point in their life," said Watt.

He said on the path to your dreams, you will not do it alone. "Don't be afraid to ask for help," Watt said. There is no reason why we can't help each other accomplish our dreams."

Watt implored people to try and change the world for the better as they go. "If we each do a little bit, if we each try and help each other out, if we're each not afraid to ask for help, we can do some unbelievable things," Watt said. "Together we can change the world one person at a time."

His message certainly sets the tone for all high school and college aged graduates this graduation season.

I hope graduates, my son included, will go in hot pursuit of accomplishing their dreams knowing that the path likely won't always be easy.

GUEST COLUMN

Child care shortage negatively impacts communities

BY TIM PENNY

As the final snow melts away and spring flowers appear, our staff at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is looking ahead to a busy year of programming for our 20-county region This spring, our Early Childhood team has already been focused on providing trainings to area child care providers, while working with several communities on addressing the child care shortage.

Most people are aware by now that our state is dealing with a child care shortage which negatively impacts families and the local economy. One of the areas where we have been able to work towards addressing the shortage is through providing quality training opportunities for child care providers. It is critically important to make sure current providers decide to stay in the field. According to the Center for Rural Policy and Development, Greater Minnesota lost 15,000 licensed, family-based child care slots between 2006 and 2015. Family-based child care is a challenging, labor-intensive field that requires licensure and ongoing training and long hours. It demands child development and business skills, and despite the strain on family budgets to pay for their child's care, the compensation for frontline child care workers is typically low and offers few if any benefits.

Since we launched our Quality Child Care Program (QCCP) in 2013, we have held about 50 training sessions across the region to date, working with nearly 700 child care providers. A few weeks ago we held two

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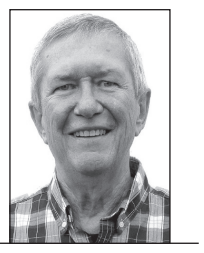
Want to be a judge?



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

We are all a bit judgmental in our own ways but do we want to carry it farther and desire to be a judge, one who wears a black robe?

Judicial selection was the topic of a special panel discussion on Wednesday, May 8 as part of Law Day in Steele County.

Law enforcement and the judicial system were on display on the first floor with agencies providing an opportunity for the public to become better educated about law and the courts.

Following a day-long pot pourri of Steele County Courthouse action, a panel led by retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson explored how judges are selected in Minnesota.

Retired Justice Anderson brought a sharp wit and a strong judicial dossier to the panel discussion. He used his lengthy experience as a Supreme Court Justice as a platform for the discussion.

Also on the panel were Judge Karen Duncan and attorneys Ann Barker, Mark Walbran and Bill Hoversten. Hoversten is currently a member of the Judicial Selection Commission. Barker is a former commission member.

Anderson introduced himself coyly, saying "I'm somebody who used to be. . ."

In Minnesota, judicial selection rests with the governor, Anderson explained. "It's political with a big P and partisan is also attached to it," said Anderson in explaining the current judicial selection process.

Justice Anderson went back into history to trace the judicial leanings of former governors Orville Freeman, Elmer L. Andersen, Harold LeVander, Rudy Perpich, Al Quie, Arne Carlson, Jesse Ventura, Tim Pawlenty and Mark Dayton.

Anderson said Gov. Quie was an iconic figure in setting up the judicial selection process. He referred to the late Gov. Perpich as a governor dedicated to diversifying the bench.

Some judges are appointed and some are elected, Walbran pointed out. Judges currently must retire upon reaching 70. Justice Alan Page is the most recent retiree of the Supreme Court.

Justice Anderson asked what type of education is necessary before becoming a judge. "The school of hard knocks," quickly replied Judge Duncan.

In desiring to be a judge, hopefuls must fill out an application. "It is one of the longest applications you ever will fill out," Duncan said.

One of the qualifications to becoming a judge is to "be learned in the law," said Justice Anderson. Ironically, lawyers define how learned judicial applicants should be, he said.

"I don't think it matters what type of degree you have," said attorney Barker. "Persevere, think critically, express a need, be empathetic and be patient," she said, adding knowing constitutional law and criminal procedure is important.

"Be involved in your community," Barker emphasized.

Barker said a selection commission should have a good combination of professional and lay people. She served on Gov. Jesse Ventura's selection commission.

Family law and criminal matters are also important ingredients when searching for a judicial candidate, the panel agreed.

Interacting with people and listen interactively are important judicial qualities, Duncan believes. "You also want a sense of fair play," she said.

Justice Anderson said it was important to know who one's adversaries have been. Barker said she and Judge Duncan were on different sides when practicing law.

Hoversten, a former law clerk, said he saw what a good law clerk and a bad law clerk looked like. Generally, law clerks become lawyers.

In his fifth year on the judicial selection commission, Hoversten said judges should be compassionate and fair. "We look for people following an even keel and someone who is balanced in giving people a day in court," he added.

Anderson said people should not go to undergraduate school thinking they will become a judge. "If you want to be a lawyer, be a good lawyer," he said.

Experience life, Anderson said about discussing judicial qualities. He agreed with fellow panelists saying "hard knocks" and "empathy" are important

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STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

A panel of judges and attorneys discussed the state judicial selection process on Law Day at the Steele County Courthouse in Owatonna on Wednesday, May 8. Panel members from left to right are: Retired Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, attorney Bill Hoversten, attorney Ann Barker, Judge Karen Duncan and attorney Mark Walbran

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Warrior Wagons help children's cancer victims

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It's about building trust in the Lord.

That was an emotional message brought to a group of mostly women gathered at First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie on a chilly May Day. Attendance was listed at 120.

It was a third annual Guest Day where Lutheran Church Women of First Lutheran invited women of 12 other churches to share a message of hope. That message was brought by a spirited young woman named Heidi Becker who shared her son Drew's journey with cancer, which ended on Jan. 19, 2017.

Heidi and her husband Josh, formerly of Austin and now of Chicago, are founders of Warrior Wagons, Inc., a non-profit organization. This is a program where they provide collapsible Radio Flyer red wagons to families on a child's cancer journey.

The wagons have mainly been delivered through Mayo Health Systems. Just recently, some have been donated through Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Since 2016, the Beckers have provided over 50 of the red wagons to young families fighting cancer.

Becker spoke to church women at a gathering at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church two years ago, thus many who heard her message then were present this past May Day to hear how the Warrior Wagon program has grown.

The idea developed with the Beckers when they took their youngster to hundreds of doctor and hospital visits. The wagons contain necessities for moving back and forth during hospital stays.

The name Warrior Wagons was tagged by Heidi and Josh after they learned the name Drew is of Greek origin and means "Man, Warrior."

Some of the wagons' contents include hard silverware, hard plates, large towels, laundry bag, Kleenex, books, games and quilts.

"You are like my groupies," Heidi smiled while accepting 10 quilts from the women of Red Oak Grove. Presenting the quilts from Red Oak Grove were Judy Wambeam, Suzanne Hamersma and Linda Christianson.

STAFF PHOTOS BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Women of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church presented 10 quilts to Heidi Becker for her Warrior wagons project. Shown presenting the quilts at Guest Day at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday May 1 are: Judy Wambeam, Suzanne Hamersma and Linda Christianson.

Heidi also accepted quilts crafted by women of First Lutheran. Donna Maixner and Kaye Toquam presented the quilts on behalf of First Lutheran.

"When the going gets tough. . . we know **God will take care of us.**"

Heidi Becker
Warrior Wagons

Drew was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer just under two. "He had cancer from head to toe and had it in his bone marrow," Heidi related.

"He was really in bad shape and we knew we were going to make him better," Heidi said, in explaining the family's plan to follow his progress carefully during treatment.

Drew underwent bone marrow transplants and also weathered immune therapy. "We made some tough decisions during his journey," Heidi related.

"It wasn't meant to be and was in God's hands," Heidi says.

Drew loved tractors, especially green ones, Heidi smiles. "He also wanted a corn head, not a bean head," her eyes glistened and her voice choked.

"He even got to drive a combine, and I think he liked this better than going to Disney World," Heidi tells. The Kennedy Space Center was also a favorite of Drew during his visit to Florida.

Drew passed away six days after he returned from Florida. During his young life, he went through 12 surgeries and spent 116 nights in the hospital.

Heidi and Josh, with daughter Molly at their side, continued to fight cancer after Drew's death by investing in Warrior Wagons.

"Gratitude was important to us, as we counted our blessings, we entered into a trust with the Lord. God does take care of us. Trust is so important and you don't have to be afraid.

"When the going gets tough. . .we know God will take care of us."

Heidi said Drew had such "a

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CHILDREN: *Mobilepacks*

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the recipients of FMSC.

Nelson, coordinator for mobile pack projects around the U.S., said volunteers packed over 101,088 meals that filled 468 boxes.

Planners for the two-day event have been working on the project since January.

"The coolest part of this project is to see how **God is working in so many communities** around the U.S."

Lucas Nelson
FMSC Mobilepack Coordinator

First Lutheran's Luther Rooms were used for the actual food packaging. Volunteers entered on the east side of the church to register. They then proceeded to the sanctuary where FMSC staff members showed a video and explained how the packing would work. A marketplace was also set up in the church lobby to promote the two-day event.

The packaging stations were manned by 8-10 volunteers of all ages.

"For the mobile pack, we encourage all ages to participate," Nelson said.

With music blaring in the background, volunteers cheered each time they filled a box. Stations also competed to see who could pack the most boxes in a 10-minute period of time.

Each station resembled a smooth oiled assembly line with the young kids injecting the explosive energy that was contagious for those of a more advanced age.

Some of the volunteers had packed food at permanent FMSC sites in Eagan, Coon Rapids and Chanhassen. Nelson said other sites are located in Chicago (3), Richardson, Texas and in Mesa, Ariz.

Each meal pack contains a vitamin blend, soy meal, rice and dehydrated vegetables. Nelson said these meals will feed 280 kids one meal a day for one year.

The food is shipped to many countries around the world including Central America, Africa, Haiti, South America, Asia and Nicaragua. Nelson said most of the food goes to Haiti and Nicaragua.

"The coolest part of this project is to see how God is working in so many communities around the U.S.," Nelson remarked. Nelson's wife Beck also works for FMSC in the marketplace.

At the conclusion of each shift, volunteers were encouraged to meet in the sanctuary where staff members thanked volunteers for recording some stunning packaging numbers. Volunteers also prayed over the food they had just packed.

On their way out of the church, volunteers were offered samples of prepared samples of the FMSC food.

GUEST COLUMN

Omnibus bills are a poor way to legislate

BY PEGGY BENNETT

On April 23, the Minnesota House began the process of crafting a state budget, as comprehensive spending bills that fund all areas of state government began arriving on the House floor.

These proposals, often referred to as omnibus bills, are massive. Omnibus bills are comprised of a large number of smaller bills that are generally related in subject. The health and human services finance legislation alone is more than 1,100 pages. It is believed to be the biggest committee bill in the Legislature's history.

Both sides of the aisle use these giant bills to either try to force legislators to vote for what they judge to be bad legislation (by putting the "good and the bad" together in one bill), or to hide their own member votes on controversial issues which makes legislators' votes less transparent to the public. This is not fair to the public who deserve to know how their representatives vote on important issues.

I detest omnibus bills and do not believe they are a good way to do legislative business. Because of this, I coauthored a bipartisan bill that would limit the use of omnibus bills in the Minnesota House. Sadly, the bill did not get a hearing this session.

When you are dealing with legislation that is this immense, it is inevitable that you will find provisions that you want to support and others that you won't support under any circumstances – and that's the dilemma facing every lawmaker when these bills are before the full House. Each representative must ask themselves if the good outweighs the bad.

Take, for example, the House E-12 Education Finance omnibus bill that was approved on Tuesday, April 23. I love the fact that this bill would increase funding for our schools, and I support that. The bill also contains two of my provisions, one that would make government spending more accountable for education related grants and the other provides for schools that hold vocational tech classes outside of the school day.

However, this bill also adds more than 30 new mandates on our local schools, taking away local control from both parents and school boards - including a comprehensive sex education mandate that would drive concerning sex education requirements down to the preschool level. The bill guts Early Learning Scholarships intended to give parents choices for their child's early education, as well as starts and expands expensive new long term programs while we have current financial obligations that our state has not adequately funded.

The same could be said for the giant health and human services spending bill. There are a number of provisions I could have supported in this mammoth bill, but the bill also raises the cost of health care on all Minnesotans as well as cuts funding for our nursing homes. I fought for and helped win increased funding for our nursing homes four years ago so they could stay open and our loved ones could remain close to us. How can I now vote to cut that funding, putting our local nursing homes in jeopardy of closing?

In the end, I felt I had to vote against both of these bills, even though there were a number of individual provisions in each that I could have supported.

Omnibus bills are a poor way to legislate. They force legislators to vote against things they would normally support and vote for things they would not support. They also create an incredible lack of transparency for the public. This practice must end.

Peggy Bennett is a state representative for District 27A, which includes the City of Blooming Prairie, Freeborn County and southern Dodge County. She lives in Albert Lea.

SHOPPING SPREE: *Valentine*

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STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Karen Valentine of Blooming Prairie pulls items off the shelves at Vandal's Family Market while participating in a six-minute shopping spree she won by buying a raffle ticket for a Blooming Prairie Education Foundation fundraiser.

children they each could have a candy item from her collection.

Asked if she had a main focus in making the shopper's run, Karen replied: "I did not want to trip and fall."

Admitting there was stress involved, Karen said she believed her pulse was "about 200" when she finished her adventure.

She had been rehearsing for the spree for some time. "For about the past 15 store visits, I made helpful notes," she said.

As the cash register total passed $500, husband Ron pulled out his credit card and even went to the candy aisle to pick a favorite sweet item to be added to the bill.

STALKING: *Schueneman*

FROM A1

prison.

Schueneman was transported to Owatonna Hospital. While at the hospital, one of the officers overheard Schueneman tell emergency room staff that while being confronted by police, he ate a ¼ ounce of methamphetamine.

Police conducted a search warrant on Schueneman's vehicle. In the vehicle, officers found three small plastic bags containing meth with a combined weight of about 21.8 grams, according to the criminal complaint. Police also seized about $3,200 in cash. The search also yielded butane, scales and a baseball bat.

While at the jail, Schueneman told a police detective that he still planned to take an officer's gun either at the jail, in transport or at the courthouse in order to commit suicide by cop. Schueneman allegedly told police that it "wasn't a matter of if an attack would happen, but when."

Police also confiscated a series of videos that Schueneman taped on his smart phone. In the videos, Schueneman is heard saying, "I'm tailing him (the agent) now. We'll see what he thinks, uh, when he sees me. I think he already did and he's scared and runnin."

Another video recorded audio of Schueneman saying, "I followed him here, tailed him, like a (expletive) predator. (Expletive,) let's see how he acts when I (expletive), when he comes out."

Schueneman faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on the felony third-degree drug charge.

He remains in custody in the Steele County Detention Center.

Schueneman has a long history of mental illness and was charged with attempted murder in 2008 for hitting his girlfriend's car on Highway 14 west of Owatonna. At the time, court documents showed Schueneman reported a history of mental illness since age 8. He said he was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia and mood disorders among others.

REFLECTIONS: *Lestrud*

FROM A2

qualifications. "If you want to be a judge, you have to like to make decisions," Anderson said.

Anderson also discussed questions should not be posed to judicial candidates. "Don't ask about abortion, don't ask who was your favorite justice and don't ask for an opinion on capital punishment," Anderson said.

Anderson said he likes a candidate with a healthy ego. He discounted humility and self doubt.

Justice is the easy part of being a judge; making the right decision is the toughest part, said Anderson.

GUEST COLUMN: *Penny*

FROM A2

QCCP trainings, one in Byron and another in New Ulm. What struck me about these meetings is that many of these providers have been in the business for 30 or more years. As these dedicated individuals retire, we will need more people who are interested in going into the child care business to replace them. SMIF will offer more QCCP sessions this fall, where we hope to see many new providers.

Our Early Childhood team just began the process of working with five communities - Albert Lea, Austin, Eagle Lake, Watonwan County and Wells - on a new program called Communities Addressing the Child Care Shortage. Each community, which was selected through a competitive application process, will work with our team for six to 18 months to develop individualized action plans to address local child care needs. Oftentimes the assumption is that building a new child care center will solve the problem, but we know this is not always the case. Some creative solutions include partnering with faith communities or senior living facilities to use existing space, employers providing on-site care or sponsoring outside care, using existing commercial space, or attracting new family child care providers to the field. Naturally, home-based child care will also be an important part of the solution for many cities. We look forward to seeing the unique solutions pursued by our participating communities.

One opportunity for provider training will occur this fall at SMIF's Early Childhood Care Conference, slated for Oct. 25-26. At this annual event, nearly 500 early childhood professionals from the region gather in Owatonna to get the tools they need to provide quality care. For questions about this, or our QCCP opportunities, contact Teri Steckelberg, Early Childhood Director, at teris@smifoundation.org.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

Tim Penny is the president and CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation based in Owatonna. He also served in the U.S. Congress from 1982-94.

OBITUARIES

Ferris Decker, 85, Blooming Prairie

Ferris "Chip" Leland Decker, age 85 of Blooming Prairie, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie.

Chip was born on July 23, 1933 at home in Waltham, to Alex and Irene (Dahle) Decker. He was baptized at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in rural Waltham. Chip graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1953. Following high school in February of 1955, he enlisted into the Unites States Army, serving his country until his honorable discharge in February of 1957. Chip's father passed away when he was 14 and he and his brother took over the farm at that time.

On March 17, 1958, Chip married Patricia "Pat" Kading at the minister, Rev. Weeks home in Hayfield. Together they raised five children: Mitchell, Mark, Todd, Diane and Allison. Chip was a dairy and crop farmer and was also a licensed and bonded livestock dealer. He raised his family on the same farm he grew up on. Chip was a loving husband and very good father, who was a hard worker and loved his family dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Decker of Blooming Prairie, children, Mitchell (Julie) Klempf of Dodge Center, Mark Decker of Waltham, Todd (Tiffany) Decker of Waltham, Diane (Dan) Bergstrom of Austin, Allison (Ben) Bergstrom of Dexter; 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren with one on the way; siblings, Janice Hartzell of San Antonio, Texas, Jille Peterson of Austin, Bob (Judy) Beck of Shakopee, Sandra (Joe) Ketelboeter of Shakopee, Jennelle (Denny) Betz of Farmington; sisters-in-law, Isabelle Decker of Brownsville, Texas, Sally Beck of Shakopee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Irene Decker; step-mom, Alice Schultz; siblings, Alex Decker, Barbara Decker, Marlys Decker, Mary (Ray) Greene, Gary Beck, and Karen Stoen; brothers-in-law, Donald Hertzell and Harold Peterson.

A private family service will be held at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home Chapel in Blooming Prairie. Interment will be in Waltham Cemetery, rural Waltham, with military honors by the Blooming Prairie Honor Guard.

Worlein Funeral Home of Blooming Prairie is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Dorothy V. Kruger, 93, Blooming Prairie

Dorothy V. Kruger, age 93 of Blooming Prairie, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie.

Dorothy Viola Harber was born on June 27, 1925 in Bancroft Township, Freeborn County, the daughter of Thomas Earl and Viola Emelyn (Selstad) Harber. Dorothy lived in the Blooming Prairie area all her life and attended Blooming Prairie High School, graduating in 1943.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Russel B. Kruger on Dec. 21, 1944 at First Lutheran Parsonage in Blooming Prairie. Together they raised five children, Larry, Keith, Anita, Steven, and Laura. Dorothy and Russel lived and farmed with the Harbers till 1950, then moved to their own farm in Newry Township, where she enjoyed the many aspects of farm life.

Church was very important to Dorothy and she was a member of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school, bible school, was memorial secretary for 18 years and was actively involved in the quilting group. She lovingly made the quilts for each child baptized at the church. Even in her 90s, she created as many as 70 quilts a year for church, family and friends. She was a wonderful cook and baker and anyone that stopped by the farm was sure to get a good meal and a tin of cookies to go. She enjoyed mowing her lawn, tending her garden and helping on the farm. Above all Dorothy loved her family dearly. She will be missed.

Survivors include her children, Larry (Jane) Kruger of Rochester, Keith (Lana) Kruger of Blooming Prairie, Anita Kruger of Minneapolis, Steven (Laura) Kruger of Keller, Texas, Laura (Greg) Seward of Champlin; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Viola Harber; husband, Russel Kruger; brother, Bob (Doris) Harber; sister, Betty (Clifford) Bruggeman.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, rural Austin, with Rev. Richard Hegal officiating. Interment was in Red Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Austin.

Worlein Funeral Home of Blooming Prairie is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

BOOK NOOK

Book sale returns to library

NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Get ready for our semi-annual book sale at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library! It will begin on Friday, May 17 from noon to 5 p.m. It will then continue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, which is also the citywide garage sale day.

We do not have set prices but just ask for monetary donations to the Friends of the Library. On Monday, May 20, customers can come in with bags and fill them up for the cost of $1.

It amazes me how many items have been donated since our last sale in the fall. There will be tables filled with fiction, non-fiction, romance and western paperbacks, children's books, and DVDs.

All money raised during the book sale will be used by the Friends group to supplement programming for all ages.

At our last monthly meeting, great ideas were suggested about programs the library can offer to interest adults. I hope to also find more programs that would engage our preteens and young adults. Join us at our final Friends of the Library meeting for this season on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. and share your great ideas too!

COLLEGE NEWS

Area students graduate from colleges

Several area students have achieved college degrees from their respective colleges.

Haily Adams and Lindsey Schiefert of Blooming Prairie received college degrees from Minnesota State University at Mankato.

Adams received a bachelor of science degree in sociology while Schiefert was awarded a bachelor of science degree in special education: academic and behav srat. Schiefert also graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Adams and Schiefert were among 1,700 students receiving 2,304 degrees at graduation ceremonies May 11 in Mankato.

Nathan John Clark of Owatonna was among a record 3,428 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln during commencement May 3 and 4.

Clark earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the College of Business.

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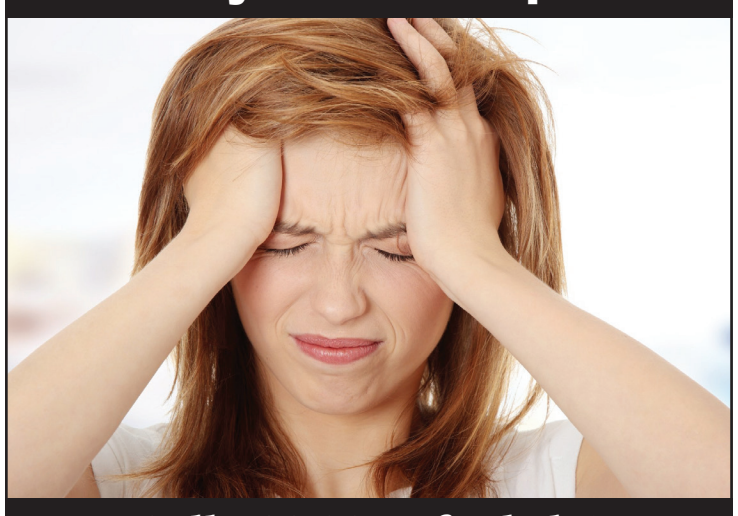

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Recipe Corner

Banana Cake

Ingredients

2/3 c.	*soft butter*
1 1/2 c.	*sugar*
2 lg.	*eggs*
2 1/3 c.	*flour*
1 1/4 tsp.	*baking powder*
1 1/4 tsp.	*baking soda*
1 tsp.	*salt*
1 1/4 c.	*mashed bananas*
2/3 c.	*buttermilk*

Mix all together and put in a sprayed 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees 30 - 40 minutes. When cooled - frost.

Frosting Recipe

1 c.	*brown sugar*
5 Tbls.	*butter*
1/4 c.	*milk*

Boil brown sugar, butter, milk for 1 minute. Cool and add *1 c.* powdered sugar and beat until smooth. Spread on cake and enjoy.

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May 20
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Patty Ingvalson
Terry Trotman
Martin Krampitz

May 21
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Dawn Ingvalson

Anniversaries

May 14
Roger & Lisa Toms

May 15
Jim & Nicole Richards
Mary & Paul Master

May 17
Jason & Kaylene Jensen

May 18
Brian & Sue Bowman

May 19
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PASTOR'S COLUMN

The Ten Commandments and Salvation

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"God's Law, the Ten Commandments, was the essence of the gospel proclamation of Wesley, Moody, Whitfield and Jonathan Edwards, all these men that God so greatly used. They said that if you don't use the Law, you'll almost certainly lead to false conversions.

"This great tragedy has happened, simply because we haven't followed the Biblical example of sharing the law with the unsaved. We are to preach law to the proud and grace to the humble. Whenever Jesus approached a proud arrogant self-righteous person with the gospel, He gave law before grace, always. With the law He broke the hard heart, and with the gospel He healed the broken heart." The moral law shows them they are sinners and God's grace shows them how they can be saved.

That is why the scriptures say, The law is a schoolmaster that leads us to Christ (Gal 3:24) and once we are led to Christ His Goodness leads us to repentance (Rom 2:4) They both work together. First you need the Law with those who think they are good enough to make it on their own merits but then God's goodness can lead them to repentance.

Why did He Jesus share the moral law? "Because He always did those things that were pleasing in the Father's sight, He did those things that God approved of. And our Father God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. We see this so often in Scripture, the rich young ruler, the arrogant self-righteous lawyer that stood up and tempted Jesus. Both times, Jesus gave the Law. He gave the Ten Commandments. But when they came to Him with humility, with a knowledge of sin by the Law, that is the Godly Jews, he gave them grace."

Once the law humbles you God can give you grace and save you as you repent, trust and follow Him.

"Paul says in Romans 7:7, "I had not known sin except by the Law." Charles Finney said, "Evermore the Law must prepare the way for the gospel." And Finney had an 80% retention rate. He said, "Evermore the Law must prepare the way for the gospel. To overlook this in instructing souls is almost certain to result in false hope, the introduction of a false standard of Christian experience, and to fill the church with false converts."

I hope today you will come to Christ knowing you are a sinner because you know you have broken the moral law. Yet, He came to save sinners, that's all of us. Won't you humble yourself today and say God please forgive me of my sins I know I am a sinner and in need of your grace. Make me into the kind of person you want me to be. A loving follower of Jesus. I trust you to be my Savior today. Amen

He will then save you from a certain eternal destiny in hell and give you everlasting life with Him.

AREA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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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

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Blooming Prairie
Senior Pastor:
Rev. Heidi Heimgartner
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Rev. Mike Walerius
507-583-6621
firstlutheranbp.com
Worship Service- 9 a.m.
Sunday School- 10 a.m.

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Pastor Sandy Miller
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Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m. Sun.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN – LCMS
2500 7th Ave. NE., Owatonna
Pastor Greg Schlicker
Pastor Mark Neumann
507-451-4125
goodshepherdowatonna.com
Worship: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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
507-465-8366
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.

REDEEMER 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. JOHN'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sargeant
Pastor Collin Duling
507-251-5568
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN-- ELCA
1301 Lincoln Ave.
Owatonna
Pastors Dave Klawiter and Jacie Richmond
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stjohnowatonna.org
Worship: 5 p.m. Thursday & Saturday; 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Summer Services: 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Sunday

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Pastor Dwight DoBell
507-567-2474
Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA
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Worship: 10:30 a.m..

TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
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Deacon: Kris Oppegard
Worship: 5 p.m. Saturday; 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
104 First St. SE., Hayfield
Pastor Paul Hauschild
507-477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Worship: 8 a.m.
& 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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108 Third Ave. SW., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
507-451-0447
8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service
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Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
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Worship: 8:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC

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Fr. Adam McMillan, Parochial Vicar
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Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday

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Sunday Mass:
9:30 a.m.c with Children's Church
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2nd Thursday
Litomysl Pastoral Council:
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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St., Hayfield
Father Thomas Niehaus
507-477-2256
Mass: 8 a.m. Sun.
& 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Reconciliation: 7:30 a.m. Sun.

SACRED HEART PARISH
810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
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507-451-1588
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Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday;
8:30 a.m. &10 a.m. Sun.
Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sun.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Sat.
Adoration:
8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Thurs.

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
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Mass: 10 a.m. Sun.
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Reconciliation: 9 a.m.
First Friday & Saturday

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Sunday Mass: 8 & 10 a.m.
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Sunday Connections: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Eliazar Talamantes
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Pastor Randy Cirksena
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www.ellendaleumc.org
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

OWATONNA UNITED METHODIST
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Loren Olson, Pastor
Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor
Joyce Parker, Associate Pastor
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Biblestudy: 9 a.m. Sun.
Reformers Unanimous Meetings: 7 p.m. Friday

CEDAR CREEK
30 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Aaron de Neui
507-477-2255
www.cedarcreekchurch.org
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.

DESTINY CHRISTIAN
2515 Harvest Lane NW
Owatonna
Pastors Joe & Vicki Braucht
www.destinycc.org
Worship: 6 p.m. Sat.

ELEVATION NORTH
2002 Austin Road, Owatonna
Pastor Doug Jones
507-363-3099
www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com
Worship (English): 10 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Worship (Spanish): 2 p.m. Sun.
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Spanish Evangelism & Prayer: 7 p.m. Friday

NEW BEGINNINGS
332 14th St. NE., Owatonna
Pastors Scott & Joan Peterson
507-413-0209
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.

SIMPLE CHURCH
4515 NW 22nd Ave., Owatonna
(Country Goods building across the freeway from Cabela's)
Pastor Todd Lundgren
507-451-5661
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wednesday

MENNONITE

PRAIRIE MENNONITE
13638 750th St., Blooming Prairie
Bishop Dennis Martin
507-583-7532
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting:
7:30 p.m. Wed.

MORMON

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Bishop Rick Bremner
507-433-9042
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.

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Wednesday Activities: Sept – May (see website for schedule)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
109 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Kirk Johnston
507-477-2631
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
P.O. Box 66, Claremont
507-528-2320
Pastor Douglas Walters
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2373 Seventh Ave. NE, Owatonna
Pastor Brian Beavers
507-340-7143
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sat.
Bible Study: 11 a.m. Sat.

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211 Main St. S., Medford
Rev. Richard Waters
507-451-4596
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.

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beautiful trust in others and always trusted and obeyed." She said, "it was amazing to see Drew show that trust and obedience."

Heidi said some of the family's best moments came in 2016. She identified a favorite hymn that summarized the family's gratitude: 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

"We set high standards for Drew," said Heidi, "and, he reached them." Heidi challenged those on a cancer journey to build a relationship with God. "Smile in the midst of our trials," she challenged.

"We have to rely on trust and remember Drew's trust. We can obey God joyfully. Find that joy and make the best of each day."

Drew's memory lives on with Warrior Wagons, Heidi insists. "There are kids fighting cancer everywhere," she says. Drew's joy and hope is passed on to others, Heidi believes.

There is a process for distributing the Warrior Wagons. They are given to newly diagnosed cancer patients and mainly to those age 7 and below. The youngsters must also be treated at an approved medical facility.

The wagons are presented by staff at a hospital, Heidi explained. A woman attending last week's event asked the retail value of a Warrior Wagon. The answer: $250.

Heidi, who went to school to be a meteorologist, says she enjoys telling people about Drew. "I have given presentations to those as young as 3 and as old as 100," Heidi said.

HALL OF FAME: *Wanous* FROM A1

youngster in the 1940s. "It's a great honor to accept this," he said. "This is unreal, unexpected and I'm honored to be in a class of musicians like that."

He recalls his first gig at the Steele Center Town Hall in 1944 when the farm kid got a ride from a neighbor to go perform at the Farmer's Union meeting. Wanous received 75 cents for playing.

Since his debut in Steele County, Wanous has entertained thousands across the world, mostly in the U.S. for decades. He got his first big start when he performed with Chic Racek at the Steele County Fair in 1952. He has played at the fair every year since then.

When Wanous served in the U.S. Army in 1958, he performed as a one-man band in Germany for 19 months. Upon his discharge in 1960, Wanous came back home and within a week, he began dazzling crowds with his concertina music. And he hasn't stopped ever since.

In the early 1960s, Wanous formed a seven-piece band that was popular for more than 20 years. The popularity of old-time music has since waned, but that doesn't keep Wanous from sharing his love of concertina music.

Even at 83 years old, Wanous continues to play as a one-piece band throughout the region. He's averaging more than 100 shows a year at nursing homes, senior citizen dances, anniversaries and birthdays. One of the more unusual places he has performed was at a quilting bee for women.

Wanous credits his late father for teaching him how to play a push-button accordion. He enjoyed showing off his talents at his one room country school for many years. "Instead of participating in Christmas programs, I played the accordion," he said.

What may come as a surprise to many people is that Wanous doesn't have a clue, even to this day, how to read music. Along with some help from his dad, he basically self-taught himself by "playing by ear."

Though he doesn't know music, at least how to read it from a sheet, Wanous is comfortable playing more than 325 songs on his own. He keeps a list of them scratched in his handwritten notebook by his side when performing.

Wanous is humbled by this latest honor of the Hall of Fame. "I didn't do it by myself," he said. "I did it with the help of others. I can't take all the credit. There were good players behind me that made me sound good," he said.

And, Wanous points back to his skill level. "I can't read a note of music, what am I to brag about," he says. "I don't claim to be a concertina jock, and I don't claim to be the best."

The Hall of Fame member gets great satisfaction out of entertaining people. "I've been blessed to be playing this long for people's enjoyment," said Wanous. "I've always loved music. It makes me happy," he added.

When he's performing, Wanous especially enjoys watching people react to his music. "I enjoy people clapping their hands, tapping their feet and some even get up and dance," he said. "I enjoy making people have fun."

Over the years Wanous has battled two cancer scares, but through it all he has continued playing. And, despite his age, he's not about to stop now. "I'll go as long as I can play my main squeeze," he said with a smile.

In addition to many other performances he has booked for this year, Wanous plans to be back at the Steele County Fair once again performing at the entrances of the Four Seasons Centre.

HomeSellers celebrates

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Steve and Lisa Vaith of HomeSellers of Blooming Prairie celebrated their 20th anniversary recently. They served some chocolate anniversary cake to passers by. Their realty office is located on Main Street.

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This week's Panther of the Week is Joya Paczkowski. Joya lives in the country by New Richland with her parents Mona and Matt. She has one older sister and one older brother. Joya is in Mrs. Ihrke's second grade class at NRHEG.

She LOVES school and has a huge smile on her face every morning! Joya's name is so fitting for her because she is full of JOY! She is kind to others and is a great friend! She's also a great role model for others because she is always showing her Panther Pride. Joya is very respectful to her teachers and works hard in school.

Joya likes to do art and read at school. Junie B Jones and Magic Tree House books are her favorite! Joya likes cheese pizza and spaghetti. She enjoys playing on her swingset, coloring, and watching TV.

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'Let me check my phone'

791 days of sobriety for drug court grad Destiny Reich

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"How many days of sobriety are you at?"

Destiny Reich, 28, of Owatonna, replied to a friend's inquiry, "Let me check my phone." Her research on her phone revealed 791 days.

These 791 days reflected significant progress in the Steele Waseca Drug Court program and meant that she represents the 43rd overall graduate from the program.

Prior to donning a robe symbolizing graduation from the program on Wednesday, May 8, Reich fielded some questions from the media. Asked how she became involved in drug Court, she responded: "I got in trouble and was convicted in April of 2017 of second-degree sale of methamphetamines.

Had Reich not agreed to be part of the program, she faced 48 months in prison and five years of probation.

"I didn't go to prison and it was because of Drug Court," Reich said.

When she came to Drug Court, she was unemployable and had surrendered custody of her three children for 18 months. Steele County took custody of the children under the child protection program.

Reich has since been "clean" for 26 months, is self-employed, cleaning houses, and has custody of her children one again. She also wed Daniel Reb on July 2, 2018.

"Drug Court has given me the accountability I needed to lead a good, productive life," Destiny says proudly. Talking about her

> "I didn't go to prison and it was **because of Drug Court**."
>
> **Destiny Reich**
> Drug Court Graduate

fellow Drug Court participants, Reich said, "We're all good friends."

In recovery, it is good to have positive friends, Reich says.

She says she was a "completely different person" in 2010 when she was drinking and doing

SEE **DRUG COURT, B3**

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Destiny Reich was surrounded by her children during Steele Waseca Drug Court graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, May 8 at the Steele County Courthouse in Owatonna. Pictured with Destiny are: Zayleigh, 10; Tyler, 6 and Trynity, 11.

EXPLORING ART

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Assistant instructor Christa Kain helps teach technique to Blooming Prairie student Madelyn Harvey during a special enrichment workshop at Owatonna Arts Center.

BP students mold pottery in Owatonna Arts program

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Ella Salinas shapes her piece on the wheel during a special enrichment workshop offered to select Blooming Prairie students this spring at the Owatonna Arts Center.

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Area students are getting a chance to explore art by getting their hands dirty and molding pottery.

Last year Medford students were given the opportunity to participate in a pottery class at the Owatonna Arts Center, and this year it was Blooming Prairie students who tried their hand at the wheel.

The student enrichment workshop is in its second year. "It's our way of reaching out to other schools in Steele County," Education Coordinator Karly Ohnstad said of the program.

"They may not have access to an arts center, and so we invite them to come here and have fun with the clay, and learn about the ceramics," she explained. The OAC contacts an art teacher from each school who then selects students they think would appreciate and thrive in the program.

Veteran Arts Center instructor Judy Srsen teaches the students. "Judy is phenomenal," Srsen's assistant Christa Kain said. "She taught me since the age of three, and she still teaches me. She has such a positive attitude and loves to help people of all age groups learn."

"The fact that Judy was able to teach Christa at a young age shows that these opportunities that we give young people blossom into the future," Creative Director Silvan Durben said.

The opportunity for students to get to work with pottery wheels

SEE **EXPLORING ARTS B2**

South Central welcomes telepsychiatry

Steele Talkin'
PATTY HOCKING

Every year, approximately 42 million Americans struggle with mental illness.

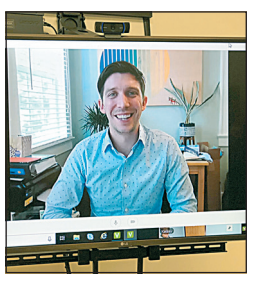
Many people with mental illness require psychotropic medication to manage their symptoms and these necessary medications are often prescribed by psychiatrists. Patient demands have far exceeded the availability of community psychiatrists. As fewer young psychiatrists enter the field, many existing psychiatrists are being stretched by these rising demands, and according to statistics, many are nearing retirement.

To increase access to psychiatric care at South Central Human Relation Center, an alternate option called Telepsychiatry is now available. Telepsychiatry meets the quality standard of traditional in-person care provided at SCHRC and our patients who have had telepsychiatry appointments have been very pleased with the experience.

Telepsychiatry is:

- A service that provides psychiatric evaluations, consultation and treatment with a licensed psychiatrist.
- Real-time, two-way audio-video communication on a large TV screen.
- Offered in a comfortable, private setting.
- Reimbursable by insurance plans.
- HIPAA compliant and secure.
- Supported by the American Psychiatric Association, which supports the patient-doctor relationship required by law to prescribe medications.

At SHRC we had a wonderful opportunity to introduce telehealth services when one of our Senior Psychiatrists, who for many years split his time between the hospital and SCHRC, took a full-time position at the hospital.



DR. GALINDO

At South Central Human Relations Center, we are pleased to introduce our telepsychiatrist, Dr. Juan Pablo Galindo, who has been practicing at SCHRC since December and is now available to treat new patients ages 18 and older.

SEE **STEELE TALKIN', B2**

Special athletes compete in BP

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The Cat in the Hat of Dr. Seuss and her two friends, Thing 1 and Thing 2 were special guests at the 2019 ZED Activity Day at the Blooming Prairie High School track on Friday, May 10. Shown from left are: Zach Archer, Ali Mach and Baylee Sorensen.

29th Annual ZED Activity Day involves 150 kids

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was an exciting day for 150 special education kids on Friday, May 10 at the Blooming Prairie High School track.

These students in grades K-6 were the star attractions on this special Zumbro Education District (ZED) Activity Day. It was the 29th annual ZED Activity Day.

Mostly sunny skies provided a perfect backdrop to celebrate ZED Activity Day 2019.

Seven schools were represented on this busy day of many kinds of activity. Blooming Prairie was the host school. Other schools sending representatives to this special day were: Triton, Hayfield, Stewartville, Byron, Pine Island and Kasson-Mantorville.

There was lots of pomp and circumstance on this special day. The Blooming Prairie High School played peppy tunes, the local American Legion supplied a color guard and all BP Elementary students were released for a few hours in the morning to cheer on the heroes of the day, the special education students.

SEE **SPECIAL ATHLETES, B2**

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie special education youngsters lead off the parade on ZED (Zumbro Education District) Activity Day on Friday, May 10.

Music Booster's Music Hall of Fame to induct its first members

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
STAFF WRITER

There will be a new feature of the 2019 Pops Concert at Owatonna High School this month as the Music Boosters of Owatonna name the first members of Owatonna Music Hall of Fame.

The 2019 honorees include Harry Wenger, Roger Tenney, James VanDemark; the father-son duo of Arnold Krueger Sr. and Jr. and the Wenger Corp.

There will be a reception from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at Owatonna High School's Small Group Forum room with a program at 6 p.m. The honorees will also be introduced at the Pops Concert, which begins at 7 p.m.

HARRY WENGER

Harry Wenger was born in 1906 in Wayland, Iowa, graduating from the University of Iowa in 1932.

He came to Owatonna in 1936 as band, orchestra and choir director.

While teaching, Wenger also had a business he started in the basement of his home, making conductors' batons by hand. In 1947, he took a leave of absence from his position as director of music for the Owatonna public schools and founded a new company, originally called Wenger Music Equipment Co.

He returned to Owatonna schools in 1950 and continued to teach for several years while also running his new company.

As the company continued to grow, Wenger left teaching to devote full time to his business.

Wenger served as president of the Wenger Corp. from 1953 to 1970 and served as chairman of the board until 1983.

Among the many honors and awards he received were the Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota Music Educators Association, the Edwin Franko Goldman Award from the American School Band Director's Association and the Gold Key Distinguished Service Award from the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce.

He served on the boards of Vandercook College of Music, Owatonna Foundation, First National Bank in Owatonna and the Minnesota Orchestra and was a past president of the Music Industry Council. He also wrote a book, "Strawkirk Farm," about his youth.

Harry Wenger died in 1992.

ARNOLD KRUEGER

The elder Arnold Krueger came to Owatonna in 1950 to begin what became a 50-year career as string teacher and conductor of the Owatonna High School Orchestras. A native of Aberdeen, S.D., he graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1946 and from Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen in 1950.

In 1953, he received a Ford Foundation Fellowship and created a year-long project to study and observe high school music programs, examining the balance between band and orchestras.

He received numerous honors throughout his career, including the first ever "Teacher of the Year" award from the American String Teachers Association. He was inducted into the Aberdeen High School Hall of Fame in 2008, the Minnesota Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in the early 1990s and named Northern State University's Most Distinguished Alumni in 2008.

As a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the OHS orchestra was invited to perform at one of its conferences.

He also played 1st violin in the Mankato Symphony Orchestra for 15 years and continues to play violin at his church.

In addition to his music, he and his wife, Erlys, created a wildlife reserve on land they purchased in 1972. He has been a beekeeper selling honey and honeycombs, started making wine in the 1970s (which he continues to do) and carved and painted duck decoys. In 2004, at the age of 76, he took up rosemaling, which he also continues.

He and Erlys, who died in 2009, had two children, Arnold, a violinist with the Minnesota Orchestra, and Eleda, who teachers violin and voice.

ARNOLD KRUEGER

The younger Arnold Krueger grew up in Owatonna and in 2018 retired after a 45-year career with the Minnesota Orchestra.

He has said he looks back on his education in the Owatonna Public School System with appreciation and gratitude.

"I was constantly supported and encouraged by teachers, administrators and school board members who placed a high value on the experience of playing a musical instrument and performing classical music," he wrote in his biography for the Hall of Fame.

He studied violin throughout his school years and was a member of the Owatonna High School Orchestra. After graduating from OHS in 1967, he attended the University of Minnesota where he studied with the concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra and majored in violin performance.

His first year after graduation from the University was spent as a member of the Golden Strings, a dinner music string group that performed nightly shows in the Radisson Hotel Flame Room Restaurant in downtown Minneapolis.

A year later an opening occurred in the Minnesota Orchestra, he auditioned and began playing with the orchestra in September 1972, a position he held until he retired in January 2018.

"I believe that my career as a professional violinist is the result of the strong musical foundation that I received in the Owatonna Public School System," he wrote.

ROGER TENNEY

Roger Tenney arrived in Owatonna in 1960 to begin a long career as choir director at Owatonna High School.

He studied with F. Meilius and Olaf Christiansen at St. Olaf College and began his conducting career at the age of 15 in churches and continued later in the army. He began his public school teaching career in Mountain Lake before coming to Owatonna.

He soon built the choir program in Owatonna to a point that in 1962 the OHS Concert Choir was selected to represent the state of Minnesota at the Seattle World's Fair. By 1967 the program had grown to include six choirs and in May 1967 the Concert Choir performed at the White House for President Lyndon Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey during Tenney's acceptance of the "National Teacher of the Year" award.

Other honors for Tenney and the choir included eight performances before the Minnesota Music Educators Association, ACDA state, divisional and national conventions, many choral festivals, the grand opening of the Ordway Theater in St. Paul and during the 100th anniversary season of Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Locally, Tenney directed church choirs; the Roger Tenney Chorale, a semi-professional choir; community choirs and summer music programs.

JAMES VANDEMARK

James VanDemark is a graduate of Owatonna High School where he received early guidance in music from OHS Orchestra Director Arnold Krueger.

"Some people seemed destined to lead unconventional lives, and James VanDemark is certainly one of them," wrote the New York Times in the first of three profiles of him. It went on to describe how, in a highly diverse career spanning nearly five decades, he has been a performer, academic, boxer, producer and entrepreneur.

At the age of 23 he became the youngest faculty member appointed for a professorial position at a major music school when he became a professor of double bass at the Eastman School of Music. His students perform in many of the world's great orchestras and have been nominated for numerous Grammy Awards in different categories including classical, contemporary, jazz and bluegrass.

His own performing career has included solo appearances with the New York Philharmonic, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic, National Symphony of Mexico, Netherlands Radio Symphony and others.

He has also made chamber music appearances with the Cleveland Guarnieri, Muir, Colo. and Ying Quartets as well as with legendary pianists Andre Watts, Alfred Brendel and Gary Graffman. VanDemark is also the recipient of commissioned works by many composers including three Pulitzer Prize winners.

Acclaimed for his extensive work in the Native American community, he has commissioned and developed the Native collaborative musical work "Circle of Faith" and has helped produce more than 40 performances of the work in the United States and Canada.

He is also an accomplished amateur boxer and has been profiled in The Wall Street Journal, The Strad and ESPN's E-60 and other publications. His conditioning and boxing program for college students, musicians and the general public has also brought him considerable acclaim.

WENGER CORPORATION

It was 1946 and music programs were booming in schools all across America. Regional organizations and music associations were forming everywhere. And in Owatonna, Harry Wenger was the high school band director and known around town as the "Music Man."

His passion was music education and he had built the local programs into national award winners but he was troubled by the lack of good equipment. So when he needed something, he invented and built it himself.

He started in his basement, as a side venture alongside his teaching. He and his wife, Ruth, would travel to state music conventions and take orders for the products he made, like the sousaphone chair that helped students support the bulky instrument. He perfected a choral riser and staging systems.

As the company grew, it moved from Wenger's basement, to an old horse barn, to the Steele County Fair Grounds and finally to a full-scale manufacturing facility.

Products that have been designed over the years include Sound Module Practice Rooms, Tourmaster portable choral risers, music posture chairs, music stands and the Showmobile Mobile Performance Center.

Wenger served as president of the company until 1970 when his son, Jerry, took over the position. When Jerry Wenger turned over the presidency in 1992 the company line included more than 100 products.

Today the company employs more than 500 people and offers nearly 600 products from its Owatonna facility.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming High School junior Riauna Bishop practiced some warmup pitches with Seth Pack, fifth grader from Hayfield. Riauna is a pitcher for the Blooming Prairie varsity softball team.

ZED ACTIVITY DAY FROM B1

"It was a wonderful day to see the kids participate in all kinds of activities," remarked Chris Staloch, principal at the Blooming Prairie High School.

Many Blooming Prairie High School students also volunteered to help with the activities.

The day had a Dr. Seuss theme and the Cat in the Hat, aka as Ali Mach, assistant BP high school principal, made rounds on the track.

Most of the activities centered around leg races. Wheel chair bound students also got into the competition.

The joy of winning was shared by all students. "Everybody is a winner here," Staloch said.

This special activity day brings everyone together and makes everyone feel good about themselves," commented Patrick Gordon, executive director of ZED. "It's really rewarding to see these kids and staff, smile, laugh and feel good about life," Gordon said.

Gordon, in his second year as ZED director, said these activities allow kids to interact and to sample victory.

A group of volunteers steadily put up ribbons allowing participants to experience victory. The reverberation from the bleachers made it seem like a scene at a Friday night football game.

Gordon said planning began long ago. "We have it down to a science," he said proudly.

Watching the participants cross the finish line, Lynna Reese, ZED special education assistant, said, "This is the best day and the kids are so exuberant and awesome."

"The Awesome Blossoms always come through," Reese said.

Riauna Bishop, star pitcher for the Blooming Prairie High School softball team, was even playing catch with ZED participant Seth Pack of Hayfield. "He was a good catcher," Bishop beamed.

First grader Joanna Kenney of Stewartville was asked what her favorite part of the day was. "The tattoos," she answered.

Following the day's activities, the kids enjoyed lunch on the track infield and participated in an awards ceremony.

It was then time to board the bus and head home after a busy day at the track.

EXPLORING ART: *Pottery* FROM B1

and clay was also highlighted by Durben and his staff. "They get to experience a different medium," he said. "It gives them new ways of thinking and learning."

"What I think is really wonderful about this project is that it's an opportunity to enrich young people's art experiences," said Durben. "Not all schools have the equipment, and we want to encourage the arts to grow and like all things you start doing that with the young."

Kain echoed Durben's thoughts on the workshop. "This is a great program. I think art at any age is spectacular, especially at a young age," she said. "Creativity is really where life moves forward."

"With ceramics and clay, everything is hands-on and tactile and that's great," Kain said. "I love that it's hands-on." The students who participate in the program are able to use pottery wheels, clay, and sculpting tools in order to make their creations.

Once finished shaping their works, the students let them dry as greenware before firing them in the kiln twice and adding glaze. When they are finished, they will be fully functioning works of pottery created by each student individually.

The program is able to continue on due to grants by local businesses and organizations. This year Federated Insurance offered the Arts Center a grant. "We couldn't do it without them," Ohnstad said.

"Last year I got to help and I saw great progression in the students," Ohnstad added. "I think we will see that this year as well. It was a lot of fun working with the teacher."

By offering programs like this the Owatonna Arts Center is able to foster a love for the arts at a young age throughout the county. "It's fun, but they're going to learn, and they're going to take pieces home," Ohnstad said.

"This is our way of reaching out to our fellow communities," she explained. "It's about teaching the students an art form like ceramics and they get a chance to use equipment they may not get to use every day. It's really about inspiring them to want to do art and try a new art form."

STEELE TALKIN': FROM B1

Dr. Galindo studied at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., graduated as a member of the Alpha Omega Medical Honor Society from the University School of Osteopathic Medicine Arizona in Mesa, received his bachelor of science in psychology from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. and studied at Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr. Galindo's experience includes psychiatric and medical coverage for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in Louisville, Ky. He has dedicated his time and talents to troubled teens, children with intellectual disabilities and underserved populations. He is fluent in spoken and written Spanish and English and has dual Mexican and U.S. Citizenship.

Patty Hocking, RN, is the director of nursing at South Central Human Relations Center in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors from various organizations throughout Steele County.

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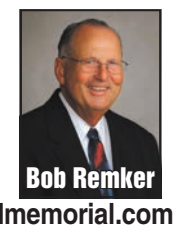

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BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: Drugs: Drug activity occurred in the 300 block of School St E at 2:20 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of April 29 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Martin J. Klaustermeier, 24, Medford, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of drugs. He was sentenced to $381, 103 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

Eloy Tarango, 40, previously appeared and was convicted of felony escape from custody. The defendant was sentenced to $131, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 5 years of supervised probation.

Ryan S. Theissen, 36, Waterville, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Theissen was sentenced to $131, 60 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of April 29 – May 5:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Erika E. Bergstad, 24, Hayfield, expired tabs and no insurance, $311; Scott E. Wagaman, 49, Blooming Prairie, domestic assault, $381, 2 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Falconer R. Bellefy, 23, Owatonna, seat belt and revoked license, $306; Brett J. Bleuer, 17, Algona, IA, speeding, $131; Sydney M. Coloff, 21, Cedar Falls, IA, speeding, $131; Deanna S. Duffee, 42, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Theodor R. Fanning, 28, Rochester, speeding, $131; Joni R. Freeman, 56, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Nathanael J. Harken, 19, St. Louis Park, speeding, $141; Gilberto J. Hernandez, 34, Faribault, revoked license and no license, $381; Davina L. Herron, 27, Waseca, no license, $181; Ramin Hosseinabad, 30, Lincoln, NE, speeding, $221; Nicholas R. Janey, 32, Montrose, speeding, $121; Brian J. Kocina, 45, New Prague, speeding, $121; John P. Mohr, 59, Glencoe, speeding, $131; Jordan L. Schoen, 33, Irving, TX, speeding, $221; Angel A. Torres-Gonzalez, 41, Minneapolis, no license, $181; Dawn R. Van Dyke, 54, Hansell, IA, speeding, $121; Caleb J. Wittman, 23, Faribault, tires extending beyond fenders, $131; Zachary C. Zimmerman, 29, Mahtowa, seat belt, $106.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Richard A. Aase, 73, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Abdifatah A. Abdi, 27, Owatonna, no insurance and expired tabs, $311; Nashid A. Abdul-Zahir, 43, Owatonna, theft, 30 days in county jail; Eric G. Avila, 25, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Krystal Bernal, 22, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and window tint violation, $531; Cristian J. Brogren, 24, Minneapolis, DWI, $406, 27 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 216 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Tracy A. Callahan, 31, Ellendale, texting while driving, $131; Evangelina Castro, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Steven L. Christensen, 67, Brook Park, seat belt and expired license, $206; Jessica A. Dahle, 42, Faribault, possession of marijuana, $131; Yosseline S. De La Paz Carranza, 24, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, $131, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Alex W. Diel, 32, Waseca, failure to yield, $131; Skyler S. Eaton, 18, Owatonna, speeding, $201; Mario A. Fernandez-Guerra, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Jose G. Garza Jr., 47, Albert Lea, cancelled license, $381, 2 days in county jail, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; MaryJean Grubish, 40, Owatonna, texting while driving, $131; Kasey A. Grunwald, 25, Medford, speeding, $121; Jacob T. Harlicker, 19, Owatonna, failure to stop, $131; Justin L. Himle, 24, Owatonna, failure to yield, $131; Holly L. Hoff, 38, St. Paul, improper information on license, $106; Dylan M. Hoover, 19, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Alize L. Johnson, 20, St. Paul, tampering with motor vehicle, $631, 88 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Jane A. Kelvie, 68, Owatonna, expired tabs, $111; Zachary S. Lawson, 26, Broken Arrow, OK, possession of paraphernalia, $381; Daniel A. Lyke, 18, Claremont, speeding, $141; Brittney J. Mead, 22, Ellendale, speeding and expired tabs, $161; Jill A. Mews, 32, Owatonna, expired tabs, $111; Blake D. Oakland, 28, Owatonna, speeding, $281; Rudy S. Perez, 52, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, $281; Matthew J. Schultz, 24, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, $181; Joseph M. Wencl, 18, Owatonna, underage possession of alcohol, $181.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rachal L. Albrecht, 22, speeding, $131; Stacy E. Bailey, 35, Geneva, speeding, $121; Sergio E. Carrillo, 23, Mankato, speeding, $141; Logan S. Claussen, 21, Hollandale, speeding, $141; Giovanni Gonzales, 16, Medford, speeding, $121; Jonathan W. Graham, 32, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $141; Jose L. Gutierrez, 18, Owatonna, speeding, no insurance and revoked license, $521; Thor W. Hanson, 26, Albert Lea, passing parked emergency vehicle, $131; Burke N. Henderson, 17, Owatonna, speeding, $221; Donna J. Hodgkins, 48, Waseca, speeding, $141; Casey P. Hoehn, 37, Orono, speeding, $121; Tamara G. Johnson, 58, Blooming Prairie, failure to yield, $100; Nicole E. Logsdon, 17, Waseca, stop sign, $131; Larry R. Roberts, 43, Ellendale, speeding, $141; Caitlyn M. Schaub, 23, Austin, speeding, $141; Jason M. Snow, 38, Kasson, speeding, $141; David L. Stephens, 28, Austin, speeding, $111; Heidi C. Tenold, 50, Medford, speeding, $141; Andrew M. Tieman, 51, Rochester, speeding, $121; Douglas P. Trom, 61, Blooming Prairie, stop sign, $131; Alejandro Vega, 21, Faribault, no insurance, $281; Karen R. Wheelock, 59, Mankato, expired tabs, $111.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE

May 3

Hit and Run: At 3 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of 2nd St. NW.

Assault: Police responded to an assault in the 200 block of 4th Ave. NE at 4:36 p.m.

May 5

Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of 4th Ave. NE at 12:10 p.m.

May 6

Arrest: Officers assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 500 block of 1st St. NE at 1:16 p.m.

OWATONNA POLICE

May 3

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 600 block of Eisenhower Dr. NW at 10:24 a.m.

Threats: Police responded to a subject making threats in the 300 block of School St. E. at 10:58 a.m.

Drugs: Drug activity occurred in the 300 block of School St. E. at 2:20 p.m.

May 4

Theft: Police received a theft report from the 1500 block of Elm Ave. S. at 11:54 a.m.

Crash: At 11:59 a.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 16th St. SE and Truman Ave. SE.

Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 1:33 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:17 p.m.

Fraud: Police arrested a subject for fraud in the 400 block of North St. W. at 10:52 p.m.

May 5

DWI: Officer arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 1:04 a.m.

Shoplifting: Police made a shoplifting arrest in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 4:06 a.m.

Hit and Run: At 11:34 a.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W.

May 6

Burglary: Officers responded to a burglary in the 100 block of Broadway St. E. at 5:28 p.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 700 block of Bridge St. W. at 6:13 p.m.

May 7

Drugs: Police responded to drug activity in the 800 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 8:06 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 300 block of Arglen Dr. NW at 9:48 a.m.

Juvenile: Police received a juvenile complaint from the 1500 block of St. Paul Road NE at 2:30 p.m.

DWI: Officer arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 300 block of 18th St. SE at 7:28 p.m.

May 8

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 10:33 p.m.

May 9

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at Main St. E. and Park Square E. at 2:55 p.m.

Crash: At 6:12 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred in the 1300 block of Hayes Ave. SE.

Mental Health: Officer responded to a mental health incident in the 1100 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 7:42 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

May 3

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop on Interstate 35 in Medford Township at 10:31 p.m.

May 4

Littering: Deputies responded to an illegal dumping incident at Highway 30 E. and 54th Ave. SE in Blooming Prairie Township at 4:39 p.m.

May 5

Crash: At 9:55 a.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred on Highway 218 in Blooming Prairie Township.

May 6

Restraining Order: Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 8500 block of 88th St. SW in Lemond Township at 10:57 a.m.

CRIME BRIEF

WANTED FUGITIVE TAKES OFF FROM POLICE

MICHAEL LEHNERTZ

A man wanted for felony drug charges took off running from police after running towards the squad car.

Officers jailed Michael Lehnertz, 31, of Owatonna, on a fleeing police and second-degree controlled substance warrant in mid April. He also faces a citation for fleeing police on foot for the most recent incident.

According to police, two officers were patrolling on Oak Avenue near School Street when they saw Lehnertz, who was familiar to them from past professional contacts. They also knew he was a fugitive from the Department of Corrections.

As officers were slowing down, Lehnertz began to run toward their squad. Police said as he neared the passenger side, the man kept on going and yelling, "Hahaha, later suckers."

A foot pursuit ensured and a short time later officers tackled Lehnertz to the ground and was taken into custody.

May 7

Child Protection: Deputies received a child protection report from the 900 block of 92nd Ave. SE in Meriden Township at 1:04 p.m.

Shoplifting: Deputy made a shoplifting arrest in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 2:13 p.m.

May 8

Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 8:25 p.m.

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

1. Faisal Abdullahi – fleeing a peace officer – no bail
2. Mohammad Abusbeih – motor vehicle - $1,000 bail
3. Luis Acosta – warrant - $20,000 bail
4. Veronica Adame – disorderly conduct - $1,000 bail
5. Daniel Adams – DWI - $12,000 bail
6. Randy Aguilar – DWI – no bail
7. Rashid Ahmed – assault - $10,000 bail
8. Belen Alaniz - DWI - $12,500 bail
9. Omar Alfaro – minor consumption - $500 bail
10. Abdisalam Ali – controlled substance - $5,000 bail
11. Roger Allen – false info - $1,500 bail
12. Juan Alvarez – cont delinq minor - $6,000 bail
13. Darren Anderson – theft by check - $5,000 bail
14. Norman Anderson – assault - $2,000 bail
15. Darla Andrews – theft by check - $19,000 bail
16. Andrew Anzaldua – DWI - $1,000 bail
17. Jose Aquilas – DWI - $12,000 bail
18. George Arcos – DWI - $2,000 bail
19. Jorge Arias – DWI – no bail
20. Michael Armstead – DWI - $500 bail

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

DRUG COURT: *Destiny Reich* FROM B1

drugs. She was 19 at the time.

Reich was celebrating her graduation but has more success on which to build, she says. "I have a big support group and wish to keep in contact with these people," she related.

She hopes to go back to college and become a phlebotomist, a nurse or other health worker trained in drawing venous blood for testing or donation.

Looking into the eyes of her three children, Reich said the kids are very proud of her. "They are like my little cheerleaders," she smiled.

Sitting beside their mother and showing an unrestricted love for their mother were Zayleigh Reich-Pete, 10; Tyler Gartner, 6 and Trynity Reich-Pete, 11. The family resides in Owatonna.

Reich's day of graduation was actually part of Law Day, which saw various county agencies put up booths to tell about their services.

"Welcome to Law Day" Third District Judge Joseph A. Bueltel greeted a packed courtroom as he presided over another session of Steele Waseca Drug Court.

Drug Court graduations typically happen on the last Wednesday of the month, but on this day, it coincided with Law Day. Bueltel also paid tribute to Reich, her family and friends.

"We want people to be clean and sober and get on with their lives," Judge Bueltel stated.

Bueltel then prepared to visit with all participants of Drug Court and learn their degrees of progress in the program.

Bueltel is generally the authority person who asks questions of the Drug Court participants. This time, he challenged the Drug Court participants to think of a question of the day. "It's all about learning from each other," he said.

Sending a terse message to all participants, Bueltel said Drug Court wants all participants to be set up for success and not failure.

Following a visit with each Drug Court participant in attendance, Bueltel then opened the graduation ceremonies and asked for comments from family members, friends and agency representatives.

"I'm really nervous," Reich confessed as she stepped before the bench.

The judge read a letter of congratulations from U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar. "Your graduation is a testament to your commitment and determination," Sen. Klobuchar wrote.

"Congratulations mama."

Tyler Gartner
Reich's Son

Steele County Board Chairman Greg Krueger congratulated Reich and challenged her to keep up the good work. Fellow commissioner Rick Gnemi said the graduation "is another step in your life." He thanked her for being positive.

Nicole Grams, coordinator for the Steele Waseca Drug Court, provided some history of the Drug Court progression.

Grams spoke about planning, which began in 2013 and resulted in the program being implemented in July of 2014.

Grams explained that the program was implemented to respond to high risk/high need substance abusers who continued to cycle in and out of the local justice system and jails.

Drug Courts, which started in Florida, have proven to be most effective as a response based on research for these particular offenders to reduce recidivism and assist them in their pathway to recovery.

"We are constantly seeking to enhance and improve our services," Grams said.

The Steele Waseca Drug Court has received grants to grow the program. One grant allowed the Drug Court to launch a DWI track that specifically targeted how to best serve high risk/high need DWI offenders.

Grams said SWDC has served 174 participants with 80 either withdrawing from the program, or electing to serve their jail/prison time, transferred to another Drug Court or were terminated based on new criminal behavior or rejection of services.

Today, SWDC has 49 participants. The program is rigorous, Grams said, and has four phases with a minimum of 18 months required in the program.

SWDC requires court attendance ranging from weekly to monthly, contingent on the phase. Recovery related programming includes treatment, support meetings, mental health meetings, completion of cognitive skills programs that help to change thinking, which changes behaviors and recovery events.

At least three hours of self-help recovery meetings are required weekly. Participants must submit to a minimum of twice weekly random testing.

All participants must complete treatment, make meaningful connections in the recovery community, obtain a valid driver license, earn a GED/Diploma, gain employment and comply with child support and payment of fines, fees and restitution prior to graduation.

The combined total of sobriety amongst the Steele Waseca Drug Court group is 13,650 days, an estimated average of 37.40 combined years. Average sobriety per participant is 278 days.

Reich started the program on Feb. 1, 2017 and has participated for 27 months. She has taken over 216 tests and has been committed to self-care, being active in the recovery community. Grams said Reich says her Drug Court involvement has "dramatically changed how Destiny parents her children."

Grams said Reich must continue to focus on herself. "We saw her grow in this program and become very driven," Grams said.

Probation officer Jessica Bedney paid tribute to Reich's resourcefulness.

Social worker Dave Wright told Reich it was an honor to be part of her life. He said faith was very important to her.

County Attorney Dan McIntosh said her biggest measure in her success was her giving her kids an opportunity for a better life.

"This is a happy day," said Joel Easton, Steele County probation officer.

Reich's sister, Briona Madson, said there were "lots of ups and downs" during Reich's recovery. "It's been a journey," she added.

Even Reich's young son offered words to his mother: "Congratulations mama."

Reich's in-laws, Roger and Kathy Reb, saluted Reich's accomplishments. "She is like a breath of fresh air," Kathy said. "She's kept such a positive attitude," Kathy said.

Reich was also given the chance to speak. "I am really grateful," she said. "Drug Court gave me a second chance to be a mom and a person."

"Everything is because of God," Reich told those in the courtroom.

AUTO RACING

Chateau Speedway kicks off 63rd anniversary season with plenty of excitement

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW GRAGE

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Owatonna's Kadden Kath celebrates in victory lane after winning the Action Builders USRA Class B Modified race at Chateau Speedway on Friday, May 10.

The 2019 racing season is officially under way at Chateau Speedway in Lansing. Friday Nights Season Opener, sponsored by Countryside Auto of Austin and Power 96, saw a great season opening crowd and car count as everyone was anxious to see the season get underway. The Season Opener was delayed one week after snow and rain had the track to wet to work on and put officials behind on completing necessary upgrades to the facility. Among the changes was the realigning of the fence in front of the grandstand, as well as the Victory Lane and signage fence in the infield. The strong winds and snow from one of the spring storms had torn up the victory lane sign which had to be replaced for this year. The high water table this spring made drilling post holes and installing them a challenge as the holes filled with water as officials tried to complete there work. The heavy rains this past week created more challenges as well as it had the track saturated and officials were not able to get on the track till late morning Friday after some much needed sunshine finally dried things out a bit. The rain also had the Cedar River up again leaving water standing in the infield creating Lake Chateau which comes and goes throughout the summer months. But with all the weather drama behind them the track was able to kick off its 63rd anniversary season with all the action fans and drivers have been use to. Plenty of side by side and three wide action highlighted the seven classes which packed the pits with 101 cars.

With just two cautions through the fourteen heat events of the night the first half of the program rolled off rather rapidly. After intermission the fast pace continued as the first three features of the night went caution free before things slowed a bit with at least two cautions in each of the final four events.

Five drivers started their season off with clean sweeps as they garnered both there Heat and feature wins. Leading off was Brady Krohnberg of Walters who swept to a pair of wins in pacing the Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks. Brady out dueled Troy Maas of Faribault on both occasions. Troy had the lead in both events before having to settle for a pair of second place finishes. Krohnberg made a move on the outside coming out of turn four to take the lead at the white flag in the heat, than made the same move midway through the feature again to get to the front. Michael Wick of Faribault took third in the feature ahead of Josh Sousa of Alden and Kendra Neis of Chatfield. The field ran a caution free main event.

In the Action Builders USRA B Mod feature defending track champion Kadden Kath of Owatonna took advantage of a front row spot to lead flag to flag in the second of three caution free features. Matt Brooks of Austin drove a nice race coming from a row three starting spot to take home a second place finish. Alex Schubbe of North Mankato, who started along side Kath on the front row came home third followed by Michael Wytaske of Hartland and Scott Demmer of Ellendale. Demmer, along with Jeremy Schaufenbuel of New Hampton, Iowa, grabbed the classes heat wins.

In the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks, Jason Newkirk had a pair of early leads turn into a pair of second place finishes. In his heat event, after the first caution of the night, he was passed by Eric Riley of Morris off the restart and in the feature after leading for the first thirteen laps of the fifteen lap main event he lost the lead to Kory Adams of Stacyville, Iowa, as the duo worked thru lapped traffic. Adams, the defending track champion in the class, held off Newkirk over the final two laps to hang on for the win. Bernie Adams of Stacyville, Iowa, came home third followed by Mike Blowers of Waseca and Riley. The classes other heat win went to Jesse Stahl of Austin. Stahl, defending track champion in the Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks, was making his debut in the class.

It was a wild WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature event with Jason VandeKamp of Scandia completing a sweep with a midrace pass of Cole Anderson of Northfield. Michael Wytaske of Hartland held the early lead before he lost it to Anderson off a restart after a lap five caution. Anderson held the lead until lap ten when he went a bit high in turn four leaving the door open on the bottom for Jason to slide through. Kylie Kath of Claremont came on strong as the feature rolled on as he worked from row four to take home second late. Anderson held on for third ahead of Wytaske, who picked up a heat win on the night, and Tony Konold of Clear Lake South Dakota.

In French's Repair USRA A Mod action it was a clean sweep for Brandon Davis of Hayfield. After leading flag to flag for his heat win he had to work from row four in the feature to score the season opening win. Defending track champion Darwyn Karau lead early before Davis caught him for the lead. Karau fell to third as Jason Cummins, working from row five came up through the field to take the runnersup spot. Taton Hansen of Spicer who finished fourth was the only other car on the lead lap at the end of the race. Dustin Brown of Thornton, Iowa, took home fifth. Karau had the classes other heat win.

Leading the way with the nights high car count for a single class was the Y-Waste WISSOTA Hornets with 22 cars. With two cars not making the call for the feature it still made for a very crowded twenty car feature field. Seth Scholl of Holmen, Wisconsin, was top dog for the night as he scored a pair of wins leading every lap of both his heat and feature to secure the sweep. Jeremiah Anderson of La Crosse Wisconsin came home in second ahead of Jerry Coopman of Mankato, Defending track Champion Brian Adams of Montgomery and Dirk Digger of Owatonna. Along with Scholl, Coopman and Digger took home heat wins.

Logan Brown (Clear Lake, Iowa) paced the KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods for Opening Night. Brown jumped out of row two to the front on drop of the green in the feature but didn't lead every lap. Off a restart on lap six Ryan Hensel (Forest, Wisconsin) got the jump on him and lead for a lap before Logan went back to the front for the rest of the race. Things turned worse for Hensel after that as mechanical issues forced him off the track two laps later. Taton Hansen survived a late incident to come home second. Hansen, who started back in row six, had been doing a nice job of working through the field when a car spun right in front of him and collected him. After sitting in the middle of the track for a few moments he was able to continue and come home in the runnerup spot. Jerry Larson, who came down from Grand Rapids came home third followed by Bobby Ruehlow (Mason City, Iowa) and Nick Hauge (Mason City, Iowa). The classes other heat win belonged to defending track champion Nathan Kilwine. Kilwine came from the back of his heat to score his win and was making a good run through the field again in the feature before mechanical issues sent him to the pits.

The season opener was just the first of what promises to be a very exciting summer at the track. The schedule features 22 race nights running through the two-night second annual Autumn Extravaganza at the end of September. Several exciting specials are on the schedule for the year including two big ones coming up the end of this month. Memorial Day weekend has two big shows. Friday, May 24 the track will host the Toot Trucking IMCA Stock Car Shootout with a $1,000 to win main event. Then on Sunday, May 26, at 6 p.m. it will be the Spirit of 83 Memorial.

The Memorial is the continuation of the Mike Guttormson Memorial, which has been run Memorial Day weekend since the former track champion and WISSOTA 100 Champion passed away in 1997 after winning his final feature race at the track. The event, which was run as part of a regular Friday Night show in the past, will now have its own night. USRA A Mod drivers will be running for at least $1,600 to win on that Sunday night in the Memorial feature event. The popular Kids Night will wrap up the month on May 31 with youngsters getting a chance to climb in one of the cars and take a lap around the track prior to the races that night. There are also Bike Giveaways planned for that night.

CHATEAU SPEEDWAY RESULTS

Friday, May 10

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods—A feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 5-Logan Brown – Clear Lake IA, [4]; 2. 96-Taton Hansen - Spicer, [11]; 3. 81-Jerry Larson – Grand Rapids, [2]; 4. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow – Mason City IA, [5]; 5. 22-Nick Hauge – Mason City IA, [10]; 6. 2C-Cole Bennerotte - Byron, [6]; 7. 17-Tanner Prehn – Forest City IA, [8]; 8. 14-Micheal Bryant – Mason City IA, [9]; 9. (DNF) 7-Ryan Hensel – Forest WI, [3]; 10. (DNF) 89-Allen Royle – Northfield, [12]; 11. (DNF) 97-Davis Royle – Northfield, [1]; 12. (DNF) 15-Nathan Kilwine – Glenville, [7].

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 5-Logan Brown, [5]; 2. 81-Jerry Larson, [1]; 3. 17-Tanner Prehn, [3]; 4. 2C-Cole Bennerotte, [4]; 5. (DNF) 96-Taton Hansen, [2]; (DQ) 89-Allen Royle, [6].

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [6]; 2. 7-Ryan Hensel, [1]; 3. 97-Davis Royle, [3]; 4. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [5]; 5. 14-Micheal Bryant, [4]; 6. 22-Nick Hauge, [2].

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds—A feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 16-Jason VandeKamp - Scandia, [5]; 2. 83-Kylie Kath – Claremont, [7]; 3. 97A-Cole Anderson - Northfield, [4]; 4. 37-Michael Wytaske - Hartland, [2]; 5. 15K-Tony Konold – Clear Lake SD, [6]; 6. 23-Mitch Weiss - Osceola, [9]; 7. 77T-Casey Trom - Austin, [12]; 8. 78-Nate Erickson – New Richmond WI, [10]; 9. 15-Michael Gilomen - Faribault, [17]; 10. 28S-Spencer Stock - Eyota, [11]; 11. 79-Jeremy Misgen – New Richland, [13]; 12. 23B-Britt Olson Jr, - Waseca,[14]; 13. 14-Cole Kroneman – Austin, [15]; 14. 86-Noel Hoppe – New Richland, [16]; 15. (DNF) 97-Cory Asmussen - Waseca, [1]; 16. (DNF) G12-Ryan Goergen – Stacyville IA, [3]; 17. (DNF) 4-Brayten Cisneros – Blooming Prairie, [8].

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 37-Michael Wytaske, [2]; 2. 97A-Cole Anderson, [1]; 3. 15K-Tony Konold, [3]; 4. 83-Kylie Kath, [6]; 5. 23-Mitch Weiss, [9]; 6. 28S-Spencer Stock, [4]; 7. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [5]; 8. 14-Cole Kroneman, [7]; 9. (DNF) 15-Michael Gilomen, [8].

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 16-Jason VandeKamp, [3]; 2. G12-Ryan Goergen, [8]; 3. 97-Cory Asmussen, [1]; 4. 4-Brayten Cisneros, [2]; 5. 78-Nate Erickson, [5]; 6. 77T-Casey Trom, [6]; 7. 23B-Britt Olson Jr, [7]; 8. 86-Noel Hoppe, [4].

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets—A feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 11-Seth Scholl – Holman WI, [4]; 2. 22X-Jeremiah Anderson – La Crosse WI, [3]; 3. 19-Jerry Coopman - Mankato, [6]; 4. 0-Brian Adams - Montgomery, [1]; 5. 20T-Dirk Digger - Owatonna, [2]; 6. 193-Daniel Knish - Kilkenny, [22]; 7. 14-Justin Schelitzche - Cologne, [9]; 8. 79T-Taylor Pearson -Burnsville, [7]; 9. 22-Shawn Grabinger - Lakeville, [13]; 10. 41-Ashley Bell - Lakeville, [15]; 11. 89-Timothy Gores – Garden City, [11]; 12. 5-Nick Sillman – Minnesota Lake, [12]; 13. 92-Justin Anderson – Holmen WI, [8]; 14. 34CJ-Caylie Blowers - Waseca, [18]; 15. 21D-Brandon Downs - Austin, [14]; 16. 6-Timothy Barnett - Owatonna, [16]; 17. 17-Ryan Timm - Austin, [19]; 18. (DNF) 28-Patrick Andrus - Austin, [17]; 19. (DNF) 21-Jake Smith – St Joseph, [21]; 20. (DNF) 29-Tommie Tesch - Waseca, [5]; (DNS) 9-Nate Coopman - Mankato, ; (DNS) 16-Blake Jacobson - Burnsville,

Heat 1 (5 Laps): 1. 11-Seth Scholl, [1]; 2. 14-Justin Schelitzche, [6]; 3. 29-Tommie Tesch, [3]; 4. 9-Nate Coopman, [4]; 5. 22-Shawn Grabinger, [7]; 6. 6-Timothy Barnett, [2]; 7. 17-Ryan Timm, [8]; 8. (DNF) 21-Jake Smith, [5].

Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 19-Jerry Coopman, [4]; 2. 92-Justin Anderson, [1]; 3. 79T-Taylor Pearson, [5]; 4. 89-Timothy Gores, [7]; 5. 21D-Brandon Downs, [3]; 6. 28-Patrick Andrus, [2]; (DNS) 193-Daniel Knish.

Heat 3 (5 Laps): 1. 20T-Dirk Digger, [2]; 2. 22X-Jeremiah Anderson, [5]; 3. 0-Brian Adams, [7]; 4. 5-Nick Sillman, [4]; 5. 41-Ashley Bell, [3]; 6. 34CJ-Caylie Blowers, [6]; 7. 16-Blake Jacobson, [1].

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks—A feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 26-Brady Krohnberg - Walters, [4]; 2. 1-Troy Maas - Faribault, [1]; 3. 17-Michael Wick - Faribault, [3]; 4. 3G-Josh Sousa - Alden, [5]; 5. 96-Kyndra Neis - Chatfield, [2]; 6. (DNF) 11-Michael Gift - Faribault, [6].

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 26-Brady Krohnberg, [5]; 2. 1-Troy Maas, [4]; 3. 17-Michael Wick, [6]; 4. 3G-Josh Sousa, [1]; 5. 96-Kyndra Neis, [2]; 6. 11-Michael Gift, [3]

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks—A feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. 01-Kory Adams – Stacyville IA, [1]; 2. 32-Jason Newkirk – Austin, [2]; 3. 101-Bernie Adams – Stacyville IA, [3]; 4. 34-Mike Blowers - Waseca, [6]; 5. 51-Eric Riley - Morris, [5]; 6. 15-Zach Elward - Hayfield, [8]; 7. 21-Jesse Stahl - Austin, [7]; 8. 46-Stacy Krohnberg - Walters, [4]; 9. 99-Greg Lammers - Owatonna, [10]; 10. 42-Cody Hyatt - Waseca, [12]; 11. 5-Brittany Smith – St Joseph, [14]; 12. 11S-Kyle Sivesind - Stewartville, [13]; 13. 31-Raey Hastings IV - Austin, [16]; 14. 2-Fred Prudoehl - Winona, [11]; 15. (DNF) 47-Brent Holland - Glenville, [9]; (DNS) 16-Jacob Bennett - Austin.

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 51-Eric Riley, [4]; 2. 32-Jason Newkirk, [2]; 3. 15-Zach Elward, [8]; 4. 01-Kory Adams, [6]; 5. 47-Brent Holland, [7]; 6. (DNF) 5-Brittany Smith, [1]; 7. (DNF) 16-Jacob Bennett, [5]; (DNS) 31-Raey Hastings IV,

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 21-Jesse Stahl, [6]; 2. 34-Mike Blowers, [5]; 3. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [1]; 4. 101-Ken Adams, [7]; 5. 99-Greg Lammers, [4]; 6. 2-Fred Prudoehl, [2]; 7. 42-Cody Hyatt, [8]; 8. 11S-Kyle Sivesind, [3]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods—A feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 83X-Kadden Kath - Owatonna, [1]; 2. 44-Matthew Brooks - Austin, [6]; 3. 72-Alex Schubbe – North Mankato, [2]; 4. 38-Michael Wytaske - Hartland, [5]; 5. 30-Scott Demmer - Ellendale, [10]; 6. 34-Jeremy Schaufenbuel – New Hampton IA, [7]; 7. 51-Shawn Evans - Kenyon, [4]; 8. 73-Kenny Boge – Orchard IA, [3]; 9. 99-Noah Grinstead - Austin, [15]; 10. 02K-Hunter Kennedy – St Ansgar IA, [11]; 11. 33S-Dustin Steinbrink - Austin, [8]; 12. 83K-Kobie Kath - Owatonna, [12]; 13. 81K-Caleb Korpi - Claremont, [9]; 14. (DNF) 44Z-Anton Nelson – Hayfield , [14]; 15. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw - Brownsdale, [13].

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 30-Scott Demmer, [6]; 2. 33S-Dustin Steinbrink, [8]; 3. 72-Alex Schubbe, [5]; 4. 51-Shawn Evans, [1]; 5. 81K-Caleb Korpi, [3]; 6. 02K-Hunter Kennedy, [7]; (DNS) 44Z-Anton Nelson, ; (DNS) 99-Noah Grinstead.

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 34-Jeremy Schaufenbuel, [6]; 2. 83X-Kadden Kath, [7]; 3. 44-Matthew Brooks, [3]; 4. 38-Michael Wytaske, [2]; 5. 73-Kenny Boge, [4]; 6. 83K-Kobie Kath, [5]; 7. 55-Brody Shaw, [1].

French's Repair USRA Modifieds—A feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 50-Brandon Davis - Hayfield, [8]; 2. 71-Jason Cummins – New Richland, [10]; 3. 23-Darwin Karau - Kasson, [2]; 4. 96H-Taton Hansen - Spicer, [6]; 5. 65D-Dustin Brown – Thornton IA, [7]; 6. S43-Shaun Olson – Albert Lea, [11]; 7. (DNF) 7-A.J. Roschen – Somerset WI, [9]; 8. (DNF) 72-Doug Hillson – Blooming Prairie, [4]; 9. (DNF) 29H-Joe Horgdal - Kasson, [5]; 10. (DNF) 24-Charlie Steinberg - Kasson, [1]; 11. (DNF) 96-Greg Jensen – Albert Lea, [12]; 12. (DNF) 73-Greg Pfeifer Jr, - Austin, [3]; (DNS) 51-Blake Arndt - Brownsdale.

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 50-Brandon Davis, [1]; 2. 71-Jason Cummins, [4]; 3. 96H-Taton Hansen, [2]; 4. 73-Greg Pfeifer Jr, [3]; 5. 24-Charlie Steinberg, [5]; 6. S43-Shaun Olson, [7]; 7. (DNF) 51-Blake Arndt, [6].

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SOFTBALL

Owatonna upsets No. 8-ranked Farmington

STAFF REPORT

Owatonna softball earned its best win of the season on Tuesday, May 7 when the Huskies (4-11 overall, 3-10 Big 9 Conference) conquered Farmington, 2-0, at Morehouse Park.

The Tigers (11-5 overall, 8-3 South Suburban Conference) were ranked No. 8 in Class 4A at the time of the game, but dropped out of the top 10 later in the week.

Pitcher Kaitlyn Madole earned the win after pitching all seven innings. She surrendered six hits with four strikeouts and one walk.

Parris Hoveden led the Huskies offense by going 2-for-3 at the plate. Liv Larson and Patricia Biegert each had an RBI, and Madole and Hoveden each scored.

However, the celebration was short-lived as Class 3A No. 2 Faribault (16-1 overall, 11-1 Big Conference) defeated Owatonna, 10-0, on Thursday, May 9 at Morehouse Park.

Big year of water monitoring underway in Cedar

After about an inch of rain fell locally, the Cedar River Watershed District staff headed out May 9 for its second round this year of water-quality monitoring.

Ten sites throughout the Minnesota side of the Cedar River watershed are sampled about 10 times per year by CRWD staff after rainfall and during baseflow when there has not been recent precipitation.

While CRWD monitors local stream quality every year, the state ramps it up every 10 years. Called intensive water monitoring, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's effort collects additional data to help detect if water quality is improving.

"Monitoring the water is like doing a health check-up. You have to detect the problems before you can prescribe a solution," said Susan Olson, a CRWD board member who chairs the Cedar River One Watershed, One Plan's Policy Committee. "These efforts will show problem areas and help us prioritize areas for restoration and protection."

Complimentary to CRWD's local monitoring, MPCA will add biological monitoring to study the populations of fish and macroinvertebrates (creatures without a backbone like mayflies and dragonflies). This monitoring is part of a statewide effort, funded by the Legacy Amendment, to gauge the health of all 80 major watersheds in Minnesota. MPCA conducts intensive water monitoring every 10 years in each watershed on a rotating basis.

"In Minnesota, we have both chemical and biological water-quality standards for our streams. We need to understand both in order to track the health of a watershed and river system like the Cedar," said Bill Thompson, MPCA project manager.

In 2009, MPCA first conducted intensive water monitoring in the Cedar River watershed. That monitoring showed many water-quality challenges in the watershed, including high levels of sediment that cloud the water and damage stream habitat. High nutrient levels also were present, which leads to poorer water quality.

State agencies and local partners, including CRWD, Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and the City of Austin, used the data to determine the maximum amounts of pollutants that local rivers and lakes can accept and still meet water-quality standards. The partners also used the data to develop strategies to restore and protect water quality of the Cedar River, its tributaries and Geneva Lake, which is the headwaters of Turtle Creek in neighboring Freeborn County.

Created in 2007 in response to record floods, CRWD's top goals are flood reduction and improved water quality. To date, CRWD has finished nine of 25 projects under its nearly $9 million Capital Improvement Plan for water quality and flooding.

CRWD's conducts its monitoring program annually from spring through fall, testing for the following parameters:

• **Total suspended solids** – soil and other particles that make the water cloudy and fill in stream channels, which in turn makes it hard for fish and other aquatic life to thrive.

• **Phosphorus** – a nutrient that can cause algae to grow, degrading fish habitat and recreational opportunities.

• **Nitrogen** – a nutrient that can be toxic to fish and aquatic insects, and can make water unhealthy for people to drink.

• **Dissolved oxygen** – fish and other aquatic life require a certain level to survive.

• Conductivity – how electrical current passes through the water can detect pollutants like chloride.

MPCA staff will contact landowners to inform them of monitoring efforts and gain permission to sample stations on their property. From mid-June through September, MPCA will sample rivers, streams and ditches for fish, habitat, indicator bacteria and water chemistry, such as temperature, oxygen and nutrients.

State and local partners also maintain ongoing monitoring of stream flow and chemical monitoring at several river sites, including on the Cedar River just south of Austin and Turtle Creek just west of Austin.

In addition to the Cedar this year, MPCA will conduct intensive water monitoring in the Shell Rock and Winnebago watersheds in southern Minnesota; St. Louis River in northeast Minnesota; Buffalo and Upper Red rivers in northwest Minnesota; and Chippewa and Mississippi River-St. Cloud watersheds in central Minnesota.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

CRWD technician Larry Callahan collects a water sample in April from the Cedar River east of Blooming Prairie during the first sampling run of the year for CRWD's monitoring program.

MPCA also depends on volunteers to monitor the clarity of lakes and streams. See which water resources in the Cedar need citizen volunteers on this webpage: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/find-site-and-sign.

For more information:

• We Are Water MN exhibit April 27-June 16 at Austin's Jay C. Hormel Nature Center: www.cedarriverwd.org

• Biological monitoring: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/biological-monitoring-water-minnesota

• Volunteer citizen monitoring: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/citizen-water-monitoring

• Cedar River Watershed District monitoring: www.cedarriverwd.org/water-monitoring/

• Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network (includes continuous nitrate monitoring of the Cedar River): www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-pollutant-load-monitoring

• CRWD's Capital Improvement Plan (25 water-quality projects): www.cedarriverwd.org/capital-improvement-plan/

Supporting Minnesota butterflies in our yards and gardens

On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

Most people probably know that milkweed species are the only host plants for monarch butterfly caterpillars. The larval stage, which we call caterpillars, of several butterflies and moths rely on certain plants for their food source. Fortunately, many of these plants are ones that we can easily include in our landscaping and gardens.

Flowering plants are an important nectar source for adult butterflies, but caterpillars eat foliage, or leaves, meaning they don't rely on flowers. Caterpillars are voracious eaters; the primary goal of caterpillars is to eat and get energy stored up for going through metamorphosis and becoming an adult - a butterfly or moth. Think of the book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The caterpillar eats and eats through each page before becoming a butterfly. The goal of butterflies and moths in their adult form is to reproduce; they only need a bit of sugar, by way of nectar, to keep up their energy.

Black swallowtail caterpillars use herbs in the parsley family. This includes parsley, dill, cilantro and others. Tiger swallowtails eat the leaves of several trees like cherry, birch, poplar, aspen, and willow. Those same trees, plus elm, are host plants for Mourning Cloak caterpillars. Other trees that are good food sources are snowberry, cherry, apple, and plum trees which Hummingbird sphinx moth and Whitelined sphinx moth caterpillars eat, in addition to the leaves of grapes and primrose.

If you don't mind sharing some of your garden produce, White cabbage caterpillars will munch on members of the mustard family, like broccoli and cabbage. Sulphur caterpillars will eat legumes like beans and peas. Hummingbird sphinx moth caterpillars eat the leaves of snowberry, cherry, and plum trees and Whitelined sphinx moths munch on the leaves of grapes and apples, in addition to primrose and willow.

Even some of our weeds provide a food source for caterpillars. Thistles and nettles are the hosts for Red Admiral and Painted Lady caterpillars. Some native plants we can integrate in the landscape, like Little Bluestem, serve as a host plant for several butterfly larvae. The rare Dakota Skipper also uses Little Bluestem, though it will eat some other grasses too. However, integrating Little Bluestem in your yard won't do much for the Dakota Skipper, as it seems to need native, undisturbed prairie. That's why some counties in Minnesota have critical habitat status, because they still contain native prairie vital to the survival of the Dakota Skipper.

There are many easily available native plants that provide nectar for adult butterflies and moths, too. Asters, coneflowers, and goldenrod are used by several different butterflies and moths. Along with providing food for monarch caterpillars, milkweed flowers provide nectar for adult Swallowtail, Buckeye, and Red Admiral butterflies.

We often think about milkweed as a good source of food for monarch butterflies, but we can provide food sources for various Minnesota native butterflies by adding trees, vegetables, and ornamentals in our landscapes. Luckily, there is a wide selection of plants from which we can choose.

On the Farm is written by Claire LaCanne, agricultural educator with the University of Minnesota Extension in Steele and Rice counties. She writes for this newspaper regularly.

Optimism through delays regarding spring planting

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
STAFF WRITER

The weather has not been real good to area farmers this spring but local growers are getting their crops in the ground.

Although the May 6 crop report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture said that only 6% of the corn in Minnesota had been planted statewide, the situation is considerably better in Dodge and Steele counties.

Jon Klejeski, an agronomist with CHS, said that the local CHS service territory covers an area from St. Charles and west to Grand Meadow.

While corn planting is behind in all areas, farmers on the eastern side are further along than those on the western edge. In areas on the eastern and southern side, he said, between 60 and 70% of the corn is planted while it is a lower amount in the area west of Interstate 35.

Although rains last week slowed planting, he said, a couple of days of good weather this week and the corn planting can be back on track.

The third week in May is often considered a time when the season's corn planting should be finished, and while Klejeski said it might be a challenge to finish by then, farmers are not feeling the need to change their plans to planting soybeans.

An important date for planting corn, he said, comes in June. If fields are planted too early in the spring, or too late in June, they cannot be covered by crop insurance.

Another weather problem facing farmers this year, he said, is that spring flooding raised river levels on the upper Mississippi and closed many of the locks slowing down barge traffic. Much of the fertilizer used by area farmers comes up the Mississippi River from Iowa to Winona.

The locks have since reopened but the shutdowns caused a backup in getting fertilizer up the river.

According to the May 6 crop report, Minnesota's corn planting was only a day behind the previous year but 17 days behind the five-year average.

Soybean planting in Minnesota was at less than 1% of the expected acres planted, the USDA said, but soybeans are generally planted later than corn.

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago
May 12, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

For the last 36 years, Richard Zaske has motivated and enriched the lives of students. Zaske is retiring at the end of the current school year. On May 6, the Blooming Prairie Teachers Association honored him with a dinner at Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie. Zaske's wife, Diane, is also retiring after 37 years of teaching at Washington Elementary School in Owatonna.

Blooming Prairie High School art teacher Nate Piller was recently awarded the Picturing America grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The high school will be using the grant materials in the next school year.

Two BP fourth graders came home from the Southwest Regional Science Fair with third place overall finishes in their respective categories. Leah Inwards placed third in the Behavior and Social Sciences category while Zach Sisler took home third in the Plant Sciences category.

Darrell Ingvaldson, an agent with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Brownsdale, recently received the 2008 Farm Bureau Crop Insurance Agent of the Year award.

The right wing at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie has been renovated and they are currently looking for bids for the left wing. New woodwork separates some of the rooms on the right wing.

20 Years Ago
May 11, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Blooming Prairie Ambulance will be celebrating 26 years in action. The volunteer service was started in 1973 and in 1974 it received its first ambulance. Prior to receiving the community's first ambulance, Donald Peterson, Sr., founding member of the volunteer service, would contact the Blooming Prairie Funeral Home and use the hearse as a rescue vehicle if an accident occurred.

Customer Appreciation Sale will take place at B to Z Hardware in Blooming Prairie May 13-15. Free knife sharpening will take place every day with a limit of three. Refreshments will also be offered during the appreciation.

The youth at First Lutheran will be holding a rummage sale May 15 to raise funds for their summer trips. The sale will be at the church. Ten youth and chaperones will either be going to Juarez, Mexico on mission work or to an adventure camp in Cross Winds by a national forest in Wisconsin.

50 Years Ago
May 7, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

The Blooming Prairie Firemen's benefit dance held last Friday evening, May 2, at the Terp Ballroom in Austin, was the most successful ever. A record crowd was in attendance at the dance and everyone present reported a most enjoyable time.

Little was accomplished at a taxpayers' protest held in the Community Building in Blooming Prairie on April 30. Over 75 irate property owners were in attendance at the protest in an effort to determine why real estate taxes took such a large boost in BP this year. Steele County Assessor Curtis Bullard of Owatonna was in attendance at the protest.

75 Years Ago
May 11, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Joan Johnson has been elected head of the youth center in Blooming Prairie. The opening date of the center is May 16. The club will be open Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 until 10:30 and Saturday nights from 8 to 12.

Spuds by the carload—shipped in open cars like coal—leave the local Milwaukee station daily, Sam Harms, Blooming Prairie's "potato king" sold Uncle Sam 47,000 sacks or breaking the allotment down, 470,000 pounds of field-run potatoes. When loaded each car contains approximately 1,000 bushels.

Miss Nelda Lee, who for several months past, has been attending business college in the Twin Cities, has accepted a position in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in BP. Miss Lee was formerly employed as stenographer in Attorney Thorson's office before entering business college.

Griminess of the European conflict has again struck this community. Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olstad received the usual informal, sad news-bearing telegram from the adjutant general, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. stating that their son, Waist Gunner Kermit Olstad, was missing in action while on a mission over Germany. Kermit graduated from Blooming Prairie with the Class of 1941.

Mayo Clinic welcomes two new physician assistants in Owatonna

KAYLA COOK

MEGAN ALM

Megan Alm, P.A.-C., and Kayla Cook, P.A.-C., have joined Mayo Clinic Health System in Owatonna.

Alm will treat patients in the Occupational Medicine Department, while Cook will see patients in Same Day Clinic.

"I look forward to providing compassionate care to patients while helping them reach optimal wellness in the workplace," says Alm. "I cannot wait to establish relationships within this community and continue to learn from some of the best in medicine."

Alm completed her Master of Science in physician assistant studies at Bethel University in St. Paul. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. She has special interest in injury and disability prevention, employee wellness, and musculoskeletal injury management.

Cook completed her Master of Science in physician assistant studies at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. She has special interest in pediatrics and weight management.

"I am looking forward to working collaboratively with my colleagues, and utilizing their diverse knowledge and expertise to provide optimal care for my patients," says Cook.

SMMPA earns top safety award

Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency has been honored with a Governor's Safety Award.

SMMPA picked up the top award for excellence in workplace safety and health during the Governor's Safety Awards ceremony May 8 at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake. SMMPA was one of 294 employers to be honored through the awards program, which is coordinated by the Minnesota Safety Council.

"Every day in Minnesota, about 100 workers get injured or ill to the point that they can't go back to their job the next day," said Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council. "Congratulations to SMMPA for their hard work to make sure their employees are not part of this statistic."

Dave Geschwind, executive director and CEO of SMMPA said, "Working together, we have created a safety culture here at SMMPA, and this award shows our collective commitment to that culture. I'm proud of our team for placing such a high value not only on their own safety, but that of their coworkers."

Since 1934, the annual Governor's Safety Awards program has honored Minnesota employers with exceptional safety performance. Applicants are judged on several years of injury data as it compares with their industry's national statistics, and on their progress in implementing a comprehensive safety program.

SMMPA received a Meritorious Achievement Award for exemplary workplace safety efforts during 2018.

The agency provides electricity and related services to 18 municipally operated utilities throughout southern Minnesota, including Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and Austin.

NRHEG hosts Jack and Beanstalk

Scores of local children teamed up with two professional actors to present Prairie Fire Children's Theatre's original musical version of the classic tale, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The performance was held May 3 at the NRHEG Elementary gym in Ellendale.

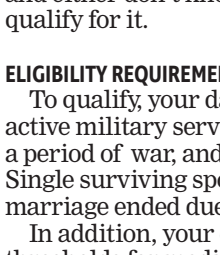
"Jack and the Beanstalk," with script and original music by Bob Gribas and Angela Rinaldi Gribas and costume and set design by Deborah Pick, continued Prairie Fire's tradition of presenting classic tales as you've never seen them done before. Follow Jack's adventure up and down the beanstalk through the worlds of "Orchestrania," where all the people sing; "Featherville," whose inhabitants are most "fowl" and "Giantland" where he meets the mischievous Trolls (and of course, "The Big Guy.")

The local casts featured: Carter Flatland, Sierra Misgen, Grace Starman, Fynn Baumann, Kylie Olson, Cheyanne Torres, Kaylyn Eide, Zoe Wilson, Braylon Carlson, Kalia Medrano, Faith Phillips, Olivia Vaale, Gabby Schlaak, Jozie Klimmek, Sophia Williams, Mason Hayes, Lexi McGannon, Winter Pederson, Gavin Lewison, Ariel Anhalt, Addie Stadheim, Kyera Eustice, Dylan Riskedahl, Brooklyn Sommer, Sofia Bunn and Mya Wilson.

Prairie Fire Theatre's professionals Will and Caylyn co-directed the production and played the roles of The Giant and The Storyteller.

NRHEG PTO sponsored this Prairie Fire Children's Theatre residency.

The Long-Term Care Benefit Many Veterans Are Missing Out On


THE SAVVY SENIOR
Brought to you by: Prairie Manor Care Center
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Dear Savvy Senior,

I have heard that the VA has a benefit that can help veterans and spouses with long-term care costs. We recently had to move my 86-year-old father – who served in the army nearly 60 years ago – into an assisted living facility, and my mom isn't far behind. Can the VA help?

Seeking Aid

Dear Seeking,

The Veterans Administration does indeed have a little-known, underutilized benefit that can help wartime veterans and their surviving spouses pay for a variety of long-term care costs.

This benefit, called "Aid and Attendance," is a special pension that's paid in addition to a basic pension. It pays a maximum of $2,230 a month to married veterans; $1,881 a month to single veterans; or $1,209 a month to a surviving spouse. The money is tax free, and can be used to pay for in-home care, assisted living and nursing home care.

Today, only around 230,000 veterans and survivors receiving Aid and Attendance, but millions more are eligible and either don't know about it, or don't think they can qualify for it.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify, your dad must have served at least 90 days of active military service with at least one day of service during a period of war, and not have been discharged dishonorably. Single surviving spouses of wartime vets are eligible if their marriage ended due to death.

In addition, your dad will also have to meet certain thresholds for medical and financial need to be eligible.

To qualify medically he must be either disabled, or over the age of 65 and need help with basic everyday living tasks such as eating, dressing, bathing or going to the bathroom. Being blind or in a nursing home or assisted living facility due to mental disability also qualifies him. Single surviving spouses have no age restrictions, but they must require help with basic everyday living tasks to be eligible.

To qualify financially, your parents must have limited assets, under $127,061, excluding their home, vehicle and personal belongings. And their annual income (minus medical and long-term care expenses) cannot exceed the Maximum Allowable Pension Rate (MAPR), which in 2019 is $26,766 for a veteran and their spouse; $22,577 for a single veteran; and $14,509 for a surviving spouse.

To calculate your parent's income qualifications, add up their income over the past year (including Social Security, pensions, interest income from investments, annuities, etc.), minus any out-of-pocket medical expenses, prescription drugs, insurance premiums and long-term care costs over that same period of time. If the final tally is under the MAPR, and he meets the other requirements, he should be eligible for aid.

HOW TO APPLY

To learn more, or to apply for Aid and Attendance, contact your regional VA benefit office (see Benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp or call 800–827–1000) where you can apply in person. You can also apply by writing the Pension Management Center for your state (see Benefits.va.gov/pension/resources-contact.asp). You'll need to include evidence, like VA Form 21-2680 (VA.gov/vaforms) which your dad's doctor can fill out that shows his need for Aid and Attendance.

If you need some help, you can appoint a Veteran Service Officer (VSO), a VA-accredited attorney or claims agent to represent your dad. See www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vso-search to locate someone.

If your dad is eligible, it will take between six and 12 months for his application to be processed, so be patient.

You should also know that if your dad's Aid and Attendance application is approved, the VA will send a lump sum retroactive payment covering the time from the day you filed the application until the day it was approved. Then your dad receives monthly payments going forward.

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

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MAY 21
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MAY 19
7 p.m. – NRHEG Baccalaureate, NR HS Gym

MAY 20
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
4 p.m. – NRHEG FFA Banquet, NR HS Commons
6:30 p.m. – School Board Meeting, Ellendale Media Center

MAY 21
3:30 p.m. – Home Alone Class, Ellendale Media Center
6:15 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do, Ellendale Gym North

MAY 22
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

MAY 18
7 a.m. – Farmers Market, Central Park
9 a.m. – Retrofit 2019 Collection Event, Retrofit

MAY 19
Just for Kix Dance Recital, Four Seasons

MAY 20
4 p.m. – Owatonna HRA Meeting, City Admin Building
6 p.m. – Sons of Norway Syttende Mai Dinner and Program, Elks Lodge
6 p.m. – Movies for All, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. – Medford City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

MAY 21
Noon – Genealogy Club, History Center
4:30 p.m. – Owatonna Library Board Meeting, Owatonna Library
5:30 p.m. – Paul Bunyan's Axe, Goldy & Coaches, Torey's
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

MAY 22
8 a.m. – Downtown Cleanup

Little Theatre sets new season lineup

Little Theatre of Owatonna (LTO) is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Season with these entertaining performances! More details of these plays, as well as audition information, will be available on LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org as it becomes available.

2019-2020 Season

FALL 2019:
Native Gardens by Karen Zacarias
Directed by Linda Karnauskas
Tech Directed by Brenda Hager
Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company
Dates: Oct. 18-20; Oct 25-27

WINTER 2020:
The Odd Couple by Neil Simon
Directed by Jeffrey Jackson
Tech Directed by Kathy Purdie
Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company
Dates: Feb. 14-16; 21-23

SPRING 2020:
Cat's Cradl by Leslie Sands
Directed by Jon Terrill
Tech Director by Mary Butler Fraser
Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc. New York
Dates: April 24-26; May 1-3

SUMMER 2020:
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Directed by Bev Cashman
Tech Directed by Kathy Purdie
Presented by arrangement with The Musical Company, LP.
June 18-21; June 25-28

Festival of Tables supports those entering medical field

Magical night on May 21 in Owatonna

By HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It's a sellout once again! It also will be a magical day.

Local magician Greg Skillestad, also Blooming Prairie Police Chief, will provide entertainment prior to the luncheon.

One of the most popular Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary fundraisers is again a sellout. It's the Festival Tables and it will be held Tuesday, May 21 at Torey's Restaurant, 208 N. Cedar, in downtown Owatonna.

This will be the eighth annual event that provides scholarships for those individuals choosing the enter the medical field.

This year marks the first time the event has been held at Torey's, which features new and expanded facilities from its previous location. It also marks a move from the Owatonna Country Club, the site of seven previous events.

Joanne Sorenson and Sue Simons are co-chairs of the Festival of Tables fundraiser. They report a sellout of 168.

"This is a fun event and gives people the opportunity to show off some of their collectibles. Twenty-one tables will be featured this year," said Mary Greene, Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary president.

Each table has a theme and features some colorful decorating.

Thirteen medical scholarships were presented in 2018, mainly because of the proceeds earned with the Festival of Tables event.

Twelve scholarships will be given this year, says Greene. Scholarships are either $500 or $1,000. "We are in the process of notifying recipients," says Greene. Deb Albrecht is chair of the scholarship committee.

Two previous scholarship recipients, Kathryn DuFrene and Anne Draeger will deliver thank yous for receiving Hospital Auxiliary scholarships. Draeger is currently director of nursing at the Owatonna Allina Hospital.

Three Hospital Auxiliary members have had displays each of the years the fundraiser has existed.

This year, Joanne Sorenson will have two tables titled "Norge, Land of the Midnight Sun."

Marcia Sullivan of the Pink Pantry Gift Shop will be hostess with other gift shop day chairs for a table titled "Arizona Dreamin."

Mary Greene will again have a table, sharing it with Nancy Westphal. The theme is "Dr. Seuss."

Greene said the Hospital Auxiliary Festival of Tables Committee is indebted to the many individuals and businesses that either donated monies or food items to the event.

Donations of $1 and $5 will give guests a chance to win baskets containing special prizes.

For the 2019 Festival of Tables, 25 bagged bottles of wine will have a code attached and it will coincide with a special prize. Donation of $20 is asked for a chance to win a wine bag and special prize.

Two special baskets will contain items with a total value of over $300.

"Everyone in the community stands to win because the cause is strengthening the impact of this medical community," said Greene.

"It's fun for all and no real stress involved in organizing the event," said Sorenson.

Menu for the day will include bacon-wrapped turkey tenderloins, rice pilaf, cooked carrots, greens, roll, coffee, punch, water and a dessert.

"I'm just amazed at the creativity shown by the table decorators," said Greene. "The tables represent some fun and whimsical efforts," she added.

(STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD)

Joanne Sorenson of Blooming Prairie has had a decorative table at the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary's Festival of Tables every year for the past six years. Last year's table by Joanne was called "Deutschland."

SUBMITTED PHOTO

A new wine game will be featured at the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary Festival of Tables event on Tuesday, May 21. Twenty-five bottles of wine will be decoratively wrapped and will contain a code that will result in winning a prize.

Wizard of Oz to take stage in BP

A beloved classic with the Scarecrow, Wicked Witch, Dorothy and others is coming to Blooming Prairie.

The Blooming Prairie PTO is presenting the Wizard of Oz with the help of the Children's Theatre of Barrett, Minn.

The performances will take place on Friday, May 17. At 1 p.m., the show will be presented for the entire elementary school and staff. No parents are allowed at the afternoon performance. At 7 p.m., there will be a second show open to the public at the high school gym. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for students with Pre-K and under free.

Team members from the Children's Theatre are Danae Michelle DeShazer and Derek Brookens. DeShazer is from Overland Park, Kan., while Brookens grew up in Port Allegany, Pa. Both have extensive theatre backgrounds.

Event to mark Norway's Constitution Day

The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway will hold its annual Syttende Mai dinner on Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 126 East View St., in Owatonna.

Syttende Mai is Norway's Constitution Day. The annual celebration dinner will feature torsk, meatballs, potatoes, vegetable, cucumber salad, lingonberry sauce, lefse, rice creme with strawberry sauce and krumkake.

Guest speaker is Janet Letnes Martin, author and entrepreneur, on "Growing up Rural in a Scandinavian Lutheran Community - with the Smell of Barn and Remembrances of Hot Pads, Hot Dishes, and Hot Flashes!"

Reserve your spot for the Syttende Mai dinner by Monday, May 13, by contacting Trudy Haugen at 507-451-7865. Cost is $12.

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

Spring Fling set for BP Saturday

Yes, it is spring even though it may not seem to feel or look like it.

The Sixth Annual Sons of the American Legion Spring Fling Roast Pork Sandwich Feed will be held Saturday, May 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club located at 2104 4th St. NE, just off U.S. Highway 218.

The menu will include roast pork sandwiches, coleslaw, pork and beans, chips, dessert, milk and coffee.

Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be asked.

Many attractive door prizes will be given away. A silent auction is also planned.

The event, always a popular one in the Blooming Prairie community, is sponsored by Blooming Prairie American Legion Squadron #52.

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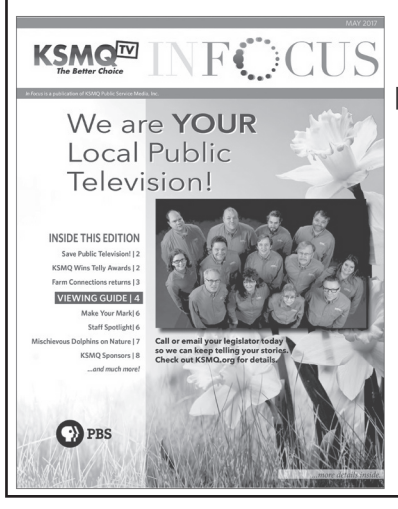

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OWATONNA Prom 2019

Owatonna prom-goers stand for a photo between the Grand march and the Prom on Saturday at the Steele County Four Seasons Centre.

Tyler Harris, Mariana Reim, Hunter Zempel and Jerez Autridge stands for photo after Owatonna's 2019 Grand March.

Andrew Munns, Sol Havelka, Matthew Williams, Steven Eckard, David Keller and Jaden Dallenbach celebrate the end of the Grand March and the beginning of the prom by jumping off the stage.

A pair of couples stand a photo before the 2019 Owatonna Prom.

Owatonna's Joe Edel, Maggie Marks, Nick Staska and Kiaia Elstad stand on stage for a photo after Owatonna's Grand March on Saturday.

Owatonna prom-goers pose for a photo to show off their slick threads.

Owatona's Hunter Menden, Liam Dublin, Isiah Noeldner, Zach Jerpbak, Brandon Stieger and Nolan Jacobson stand for photo before the Huskies' 2019 Prom at the Four Season Centre.

Hometown Sports

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BASEBALL

Blossoms snap slide, rout Tigers

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

The Blossoms baseball squad celebrates after picking up a win against hayfield on Thursday, April 25.

Blooming Prairie baseball ended a four-game losing streak on Saturday at Medford when the Awesome Blossoms (4-10 overall, 2-9 Gopher Conference) clobbered the Tigers, 12-1, in Gopher Conference action.

"After Friday night's 10-run loss to NRHEG, I wasn't sure how we would respond on a Saturday afternoon trip to Medford," BP head coach Matt Kittelson said. " The boys showed up ready to play. Ian [Wayne] and Payton [Simon] did a fantastic job of locating pitches and they played great defense behind them."

BP put the game out reach early after scoring five runs in the first inning and four runs in the second-inning to build a 9-0 advantage.

Medford (6-7 overall, 4-5 Gopher Conference) scored a single run in the bottom of the fourth, but the Blossoms answered with three more to end the game 12-1 after five innings.

Ian Wayne earned the win, while Jordyn Hansen took the loss.

Wayne pitched 3.1 innings and surrendered one run on four hits and struck out one while walking none.

Simon earned the save after pitching the final 1.2 innings for the Blossoms. He allowed no runs on one hit with one strikeout and no

SEE **BP BASEBALL, C6**

LACROSSE

Owatonna splits pair with Mankato

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna and Mankato boys' lacrosse teams took turns winning on each other's field this past week.

Mankato (6-2 overall, 4-2 Big 9 Conference) won 10-5 at OHS on Tuesday, May 7, and the Huskies (2-6 overall, 2-4 Big 9 Conference) won 8-7 on Thursday at Mankato Kennedy School.

Owatonna's Dom Wondra and Luke Kubicek each scored two goals and Dawson Ringhofer, Tommy Wall, Noah Brandt and Mason Oland each had a single goal on Thursday. Brandt had the Huskies' lone assist.

Goalkeeper Ryker Richardson made 15 saves on 22 shots on goal.

SEE **LACROSSE, C6**

STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Owatonna's Dawson Ringhofer and Ethan Stockwell work together to ball away from a Mankato player at OHS on Tuesday, May 7.

SOFTBALL

Panthers win another

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva softball continued its sparkling season with an easy 16-2 win at Medford (2-8 overall, 1-7 Gopher Conference on Tuesday, May 7.

"It was another good team win," NRHEG head coach Wendy Schultz said. "We took advantage of Medford miscues, but we also hit the ball pretty well."

Panthers' pitcher Sophie Stork continued her dazzling season by striking out 10 Tiger batters in the five innings.

The game was decided in the first inning, when the Panthers scored 12 runs, and they coasted to the win from there.

NRHEG (11-2 overall, 9-1 Gopher Conference) added the final four runs in the fifth inning. Medford plated its two runs in the fourth.

Sarah Johns led the Panthers from the plate. She went 3-for-3, including a long home run.

Cloie Arndt added a pair of singles, and Ava Kyllo, Sidney Schultz, Erin Jacobson, Madison Knudson, Stork and Grace Tufte each contributed a hit to the attack.

NRHEG had 10 total hits and two errors; Medford had three hits and 6 errors.

Stork walked just one in twirling the victory.

NRHEG also won 15-0 at Lyle/Austin Pacelli (5-6 overall, 2-4 Southeast Conference) on Saturday, however, stats were not able in time to go to press.

STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

NRHEG pitcher Sarah Johns throws a pitch during the Panthers' 2018 season.

CHEERLEADING

NRHEG cheerleader Laura Worrell signs with Gophers

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Laura Worrell will be cheering on the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers football team from the sidelines next season.

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva senior and future spirit squad member held a celebratory signing on Wednesday, May 8 at the high school's gym lobby.

Worrell had already planned on attending Minnesota, but she decided after the winter sports season ended that she would tryout for the squad.

"I wasn't quite ready to let go of the sport," Worrell said. "It's been in the back of my mind the past couple of years, but I also have always said that if i were to cheer in college it would only be on the U of M team."

She was with her mother with when the results where posted on the doors outside of

SEE **CHEER, C6**

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN STORK

Laura Worrell pose for a photo along with her parents, Taff and Jean Worrell, after her celebratory signing at NRHEG High School on Wednesday, May 8.

BASEBALL

Buccaneers shut out Tigers

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

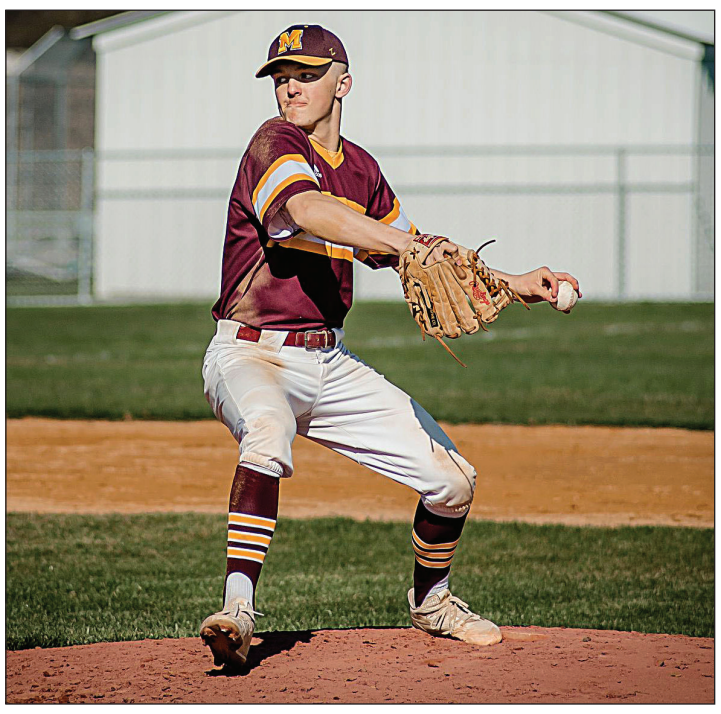

PHOTO COURTESY OF SKYE DEVOE

Medford's Willie VonRuden throws a pitch against Hayfield earlier this season.

Two of the top pitchers in southern Minnesota battled it out as Medford (6-7 overall, 4-5 Gopher Conference) and Willie VonRuden took on Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (10-4 overall, 9-3 Gopher Conference) and Bladyn Bartelt on Saturday at MHS.

The Buccaneers defeated the Tigers 2-0, but both pitchers were impressive in the outing.

"Willie [VonRuden] had his best performance of the season and matched Bladyn Bartelt pitch for pitch," Medford head coach John Chappuis said. "[He had] 15 strikeouts and one walk. You can't get a better outing against one of the top teams in the section. Hats off to Bladyn.

"We were able to get eight baserunners on and five in scoring position, just couldn't get a timely hit to score them," he continued. "Willie was perfect through four. In top of the fifth, he gave up his only walk and after a steal, the next hitter hit a soft ground ball up the middle that snuck through. He did a good job of trying not to do too much and just put the ball in play."

VonRuden pitched all seven innings.

Aj Vandereide and Jordan Edel had Medford only hits. VonRuden and Edel were walked twice, and Jordyn Hansen and Boden Devoe walked once each.

"We don't have time to dwell on this loss," Chappuis said. "We have to get ready for a Blooming Prairie team that is hitting their stride at the right time on Saturday. Plain and simple, we have to do a better job of putting the ball in play."

MEDFORD 10-RUNS NRHEG

Medford earned a solid Gopher Conference win on Tuesday against New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (5-9 overall, 5-7 Gopher Conference).

"Since last week, we have been talking about minimizing our mistakes and maximizing on the other teams' mistakes," Chappuis said. "The last two games we have done a great job of that. On top of that, we have been aggressive on the base paths and scoring runs."

The Tigers beat the Panthers 18-8 in six innings.

Vandereide earned the win after he pitched 5.2 innings. He allowed eight runs on seven hits with four strike outs and six walks.

"AJ Vandereide struggled with control early and then settled in,"Chappuis said. "He is also settling in at the plate and we are starting to see what he is capable of when he is hitting the ball well.

SEE **MEDFORD BASEBALL, C3**

ATHLETICS

2019 Gopher's Coaches Caravan set to visit Owatonna on May 21

STAFF REPORT

Owatonna is one of the four stops of the 2019 Gopher Athletics Coaches Caravan.

The event will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at Torey's Restaurant and Bar at 5:30 p.m. The event is already sold out according the Gophersports.com.

Director of Athletics Mark Coyle, head football coach P.J. Fleck, head volleyball coach Hugh McCutcheon, men's hockey coach Bob Motzko, men's basketball coach Richard Pitino and women's basketball coach Lindsay Whalen are scheduled to attend the event.

The caravan is a new opportunity for Gopher fans to get up close and personal with some of the biggest names in Gopher athletics and provide fans with an inside look. These evening events will include an autograph session, Goldy Gopher, Paul Bunyan's Axe, food and beverage, silent auction with Gopher memorabilia, as well as a program hosted by the voice of the Gophers, Mike Grimm.

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SOFTBALL

Blossoms fall below .500 for first time this season

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Awesome Blossom softball fell below the .500 mark for the first time this season in a high scoring game where host Triton (3-7 overall, 1-7 Hiawatha Valley Conference) outslugged Blooming Prairie, 11-9.

The non-conference tilt at Dodge Center moved the Blossoms to a 6-7 overall record for the season and 4-6 in the Gopher Conference.

The Blossoms had four players with two hits each, but Triton hit even better and errors led to seven unearned runs for the Cobras.

Bobbie Bruns had two singles and scored twice; Allison Krohnberg included a double in her two hits and scored a run.

Maya Lembke doubled, drove in a run and scored once; and Julia Worke had a double, two RBIs and counted a run.

Riauna Bishop pitched all seven innings, allowing 11 runs, (four earned), and 15 hits, while striking out four and walking just one batter.

BUCS WILTS BLOSSOM

BP fell 4-1 at Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (14-0 overall, 11-0 Gopher Conference) on Monday, May 6.

The Blossoms hung with the No. 2 ranked team in Class A pretty well, but four errors hurt their cause and saddled pitcher Riauna Bishop with the loss.

Bishop pitched all six innings, allowing the four runs on four hits and two walks. She also had five strikeouts.

BP mounted five hits against the Bucs, two singles from Marti Snider and a single and double from Julia Worke.

STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Blooming Prairie softball looks to get back on track after losting back-to-back games this past week.

BASEBALL

Tasker pitches NRHEG past BP

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

It was another case of too many errors and too little fire power for Blooming Prairie baseball, as New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva coasted to a 10-0 victory over the Awesome Blossoms (4-10 overall, 2-9 Gopher Conference) at New Richland on Friday, May 10.

The Panthers (5-9 overall, 5-7 Gopher Conference) scored runs in all but one inning in the five-inning Gopher Conference battle.

Nich Staloch jumpstarted the offense for NRHEG in the bottom of the first inning with a leadoff double. Staloch went on the score off a Kordell Schlaak single. Schlaak later scored when Spencer Tufte singled.

"Overall, I thought it was the most complete game we have played this year," NRHEG coach Drew Paukert said.

"Jake [Tasker] really settled in nicely from the get go and looked as comfortable as I have seen him on the mound in quite sometime. We were able to play some solid defense behind him as well. This was a great performance for us coming off of a tough game at Medford."

PHOTO COURTESY OF SKYE DEVOE

NRHEG's Kordell Schlaak makes a catch as a Medford runner slides into base in this Gopher Conference contest.

The Panthers Devin Buendorf singled to leadoff the second-inning. He went on to score off a ground ball by Jake Tasker.

Staloch and Sawyer VanMaldeghem hit back-to-back RBIs after the Blossoms walked a couple of Panthers, and Schlaak added another RBI in the fourth-inning.

Staloch and VanMaldeghem each had to hits to drive in the final three runs after Tufte and Buendorf singled in the fifth-inning.

NRHEG finished the game with 10 runs on nine hits and zero errors while BP was held to zero runs on two hits and committed four errors.

"[We had] Too many errors again in this one and only two hits," BP coach Matt Kittelson said. "We aren't going to win many ball games with just two hits. We need to start changing our approach with two strikes and make the routine plays in the field."

Tasker pitched the victory for the Panthers after he pitched all five innings. He had four strikeouts while allowing only two hits and walking no Blossoms.

Luke Larkoski was saddled with the loss.

Alex Miller and Ian Wayne had the lone singles for BP.

GOLF

Eagles win Gopher Conference match

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

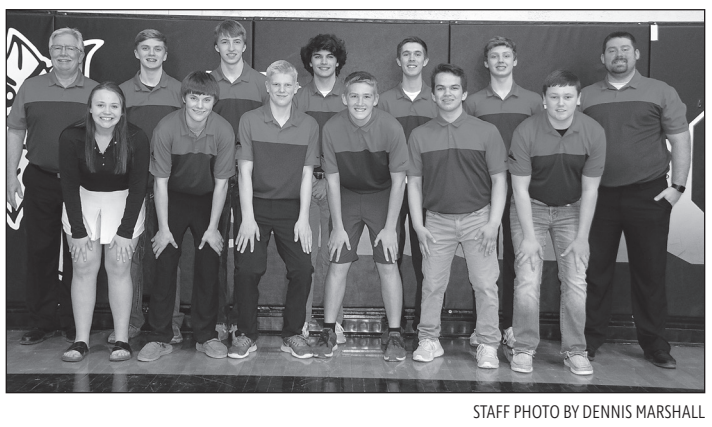
Maple River boys' golf team ran away from the pack to win a Gopher Conference golf match at Riverside Town and Country Club in Blue Earth on Tuesday, May 7.

Bethlehem Academy edge United South Central 178 to 179 to claim runner-up. Blooming Prairie finished fourth with a score of 194, ahead of Hayfield (206) and New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (221).

Maple River's Andrew Hoppe earned medalist honors with a sizzling 34, and teammate Mason Sohre and Hayfield's Keegan Bronson tied for second with a 38 each.

Khrystian Peterson shot a 39 for Bethlehem Academy to finish fourth.

Colin Jordison carded a 45 to lead the Blossoms. Garrett Farr added a 48, Kollyn Alwes shot 49 and David Kartes toured the course in 52.



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The Blooming Prairie golf team stands for a photo.

Boone Carlson and Ethan Grant each shot 66 to round out the Blossoms' scoring.

ACTIVITIES

Upcoming events of the Owatonna Parks and Recreation

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SUMMER ADULT BEAN BAG LEAGUE – NEW!

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Location: Fairgrounds Park
Dates: Tuesdays, beginning June 4
Time: Evenings, games beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Deadline to register is June 21. Register online at http://ciowatonna.mn.us/293/Online-Registration, in person at 540 West Hills Circle or by calling 444-4321. Bus will load at 9:45 a.m. from City Hall (540 West Hills Circle). Bus will depart by 10:00 a.m. Thank you to R & K Electric for sponsoring the bus.

FRIDAY CAMP

TR Friday Camp is almost here. Our first day of camp will be Friday, June 14 and we will run through Friday, August 9 (no camp July 5). We are working hard to re-vamp Friday Camp so that we can all have even more fun and we cannot wait to see what you all think. Camp will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Friday and as always, there will be swimming in Lake Kohlmier.

Register for camp online at the Parks and Recreation Website, over the phone at 507-774-7110, or at the Therapeutic Recreation office at 500 Dunnell Drive.

Dates: Fridays June 14 through Aug. 9
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Where: Lake Kohlmier Beach
Fee: $140

2019 SEASON PASSES FOR RIVER SPRINGS WATER PARK

Individual Season Pass: $85

Family Season Pass: Includes 3 people, $180.00 ($20.00 for each additional person

JUNIOR HIGH POOL - EARLY MORNING LAP SWIM

Cost: $3 per person per session or 20 punch pass available for $45

Dates: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Not available: May 27 and when Owatonna schools are closed or have a two-hour late start due to inclement weather.

Last day is June 5 and will begin again September 4, 2019. Lap swim will be offered at River Springs Water Park beginning June 6.

WEST HILLS POOL OPEN SWIM

Cost: $4 weekdays, $5 weekends

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

{Additional Hours may be available during school breaks}

Not available: May 26, 27, July 4, September 2

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASSES (SWIMMING LESSON INSTRUCTOR):

May Class

Fee $225 (no refund will be issued if you do not pass)

Class meeting times: May 12 through 22

May 12 (Sun): 8 a.m. to noon at West Hills Social Commons; Monday, May 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at West Hills Social Commons; Wednesday, May 15 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Owatonna Middle School; Sunday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Hills Social Commons; Monday, May 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at West Hills Social Commons and Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at West Hills Social Commons.

SPRING INTO TENNIS

Tennis Social Drill and Play at the West Hills

Friday, April 26 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

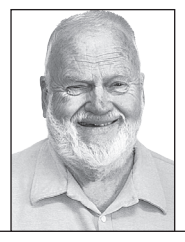
All ages are welcome. Drill and play with appropriate age group and skill level. Refreshments and snacks will be provided by the OTA. Free to OTA members. $10 for individuals and $25 for families. Pre-Registration is encouraged but not required. Sign up by calling 444-4290 or at http://owatonnaparksrec.maxgalaxy.net/Home.aspx

HEALTHY AND SAFE SUMMER

Wednesday, May 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m at the Four Seasons Building (1525 S Elm Ave).

Join us for an evening of education and fun to prepare your kids for summer. Activities and topics include water safety, ID cards, teddy bear check ups, fire house, bicycle rodeo, K-9 demo, State Patrol Helicopter landing and more. This event is free and open to the public.

A TOUGH WEEK IN SPORTS



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

The weather may have been a little more cooperative last week, but the Blooming Prairie Awesome Blossom opposition certainly wasn't. The team lost a competitive game to Waterville-lysian-Morristown earlier in the week, but was routed by NRHEG last Friday in a five-inning contest.

The team savaged the team with a 12-1 win over Medford on Saturday.

The softball team fell behind .500 with a pair of losses to WEM and Triton.

They now are 6-7 for the year, with playoffs coming up in the next couple of weeks. It will be a hectic few weeks for sure.

The track team is having a modicum of success, and the golf boys finished fourth at a Gopher Conference meet at Maple River.

Playoffs loom for all of the spring sports soon.

A DAY FOR MOTHERS

On Sunday, we honored all the mothers among us when the annual Mother's Day celebrated them. Although I am of the firm opinion that mothers deserve much more than one day, it still is nice to give tribute to them on this special day each year.

A woman by the name of Anna Jarvis lobbied hard to set aside a special day to honor mothers, and Woodrow Wilson made an official proclamation in 1914 that the second Sunday in May be observed as Mother's Day. It is a celebration honoring the mothers of the family and their influence on society. I hope everyone took advantage of the special day and did something for his or her mother.

HONORS ABOUND

The annual Minnesota Safety and Heath conference recently held at Mystic Lake Casino honored local company Arkema as one of the employers for their hard work in making sure their employees are part of the 100 or so employees in the state who are injured and unable to report for work.

"This is a great recognition of the hard work our employees do every day to keep themselves and their co-workers safe," Arkema Plant Manager Michael Green said.

This is not the first time the local plant has been honored with this award, and the company is proud to be among the honorees.

BPHS students Tim Wolf and Kalden Finley earned the Minnesota State Future Farmer of America (FFA) State Degree and now hope to continue pursuit of degrees with the American FFA Degree. "The degree is something that both students have worked extremely hard to attain, "Advisor William Rinkenburger said.

Both students see farming as part of their future, although FFA activities have filled their high school careers. The local FFA is at one of its strongest points in several years, with membership steady at a high level.

BIG PROJECTS

The Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack project wrapped up last week and was judged a roaring success. The project succeeded because of the countless hours of volunteer work by many residents. One can hardly believe that the teams packaging meals for 100,000 people.

The entire community had to come together to make the project a success, and taking care of others is what has made this community stand out from many others.

A big tip of the hat to the community and all its volunteers for their efforts in helping feed starving children everywhere.

FOR SALE

This coming Saturday is the annual citywide garage sale, and everyone will be looking for bargains. Note that often one man's junk is another man's treasure. My hope for everyone involved is that the community will be blessed with good weather. In my experience, cool and rainy days often put a damper on the proceedings, and it would be a pleasant day if the weather cooperates. Good luck to everyone in the hunt for those elusive bargains.

AWARDS PRESENTED

I hope readers will forgive me, but I was a week ahead of myself with my Awards Night comments. That program was held this last Wednesday, when BPHS held the annual exercise, and, as has been the case in the past few years, a huge amount of money in the form of scholarships was presented to the various students. Several students were also honored with various awards such as the Citizenship Award, Male and Female Athletes of the Year awards and Music accomplishments.

Although that program is usually not attended by many more than parents, I think it is a valuable part of the high school curriculum and I think it probably should get a little more attention than it does. We should make academics just as important as we do the other activities, such as athletics or music. Anyway, I commend those honored students for their contributions to the local high school.

Let's hope for some continued good weather and winning games for the Twins, and we'll talk again.

BASEBALL

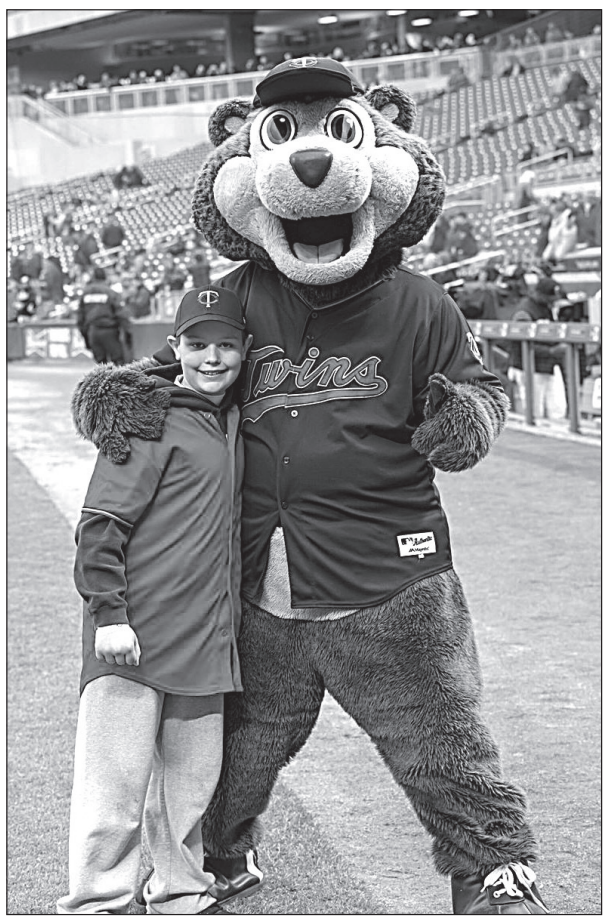


PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAWN LARSON

Ellendale elementary student Wyatt Larson stands for photo with Minnesota Twins' mascot T.C. Bear after bringing out the baseball to start the game against the Houston Astros on Wednesday, May 1.

Ellendale elementary student brings out ball to start Minnesota Twins game

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Ellendale fifth-grader Wyatt Larson received the privilege of bringing out the baseball to start the Minnesota Twins and Houston Astros game on Wednesday, May 1 at Target Field.

Wyatt and father Shawn Larson, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's head wrestling and junior varsity baseball coach, received tickets to the game from from the Twins through the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association.

"We are extremely thankful to the Twins organization," Shawn Larson said.

"It is impressive to me how they do so many things to make people feel like they are part of the game. In this situation they gave an opportunity to a kid that already loves baseball, and the Twins and made him about as happy as he could be.

"I know the word awesome is used in situations that do not actually inspire awe, but this was pretty awesome."

NRHEG head baseball coach Drew Paukert said Wyatt earned the opportunity because of all the hard work and help he provides the Panthers as one of the team's student-managers.

TRACK AND FIELD

Section 1A True Team Meet results

At Dover-Eyota High School
BOYS

Team Results: Lewiston-Altura 819.5, St. Charles 811.5, Lanesboro/Fillmore Central/Mabel-Canton 804, Rushford-Peterson/Houston 765.5, Chatfield 626, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 599.5, Grand Meadow/LeRoy-Ostrander/Kingsland 556, Triton 536, Blooming Prairie 461, Medford 393, Dover-Eyota 376.5, Hayfield 315.5, Kenyon-Wanamingo 198, Wabasha-Kellogg 160, Schaeffer Academy 133.

3,200-meter relay: 1, Lanesboro/Fillmore Central/Mabel-Canton 8:39.79; 5, Medford 9:03.97; 13, Blooming Prairie 10:13.51.

110 hurdles: 1, Marcus Weaver (LA) 15.73; 7, Xavier Rennie (BP) 18.07.

100 dash: 1, Brady Glynn (DE) 11.20; 6, Gabe Hagen (BP) 11.71; 18, Mitchell Fiebiger (BP) 12.10; 19, Jerone Chavis (Medford) 12.12; 22, Devan List (Medford).

800 relay: 1, Lanesboro/Fillmore Central/Mabel-Canton 1:37.54; 5, Blooming Prairie 1:39.27.

1,600 run: 1, Axel Daood (SC) 4:45.32; 17, Garrett Fitzgerald (Medford) 5:18.80; 24, Isaac Ille (BP) 5:32.77; 27, Tyler Forystek (BP) 5:37.31; 28, Connor Davis (Medford) 6:53.22.

400 relay: 1, Triton 45.60; 4, Medford 47.58; 6, Blooming Prairie 48.13.

400 dash: 1, Carson Kiehne (LFCMB) 51.86; 14, Samuel Skillestad (BP) 56.85; 16, Henry Grayson (Medford) 57.49; 19, Tanner Barbeau (Medford) 58.98; 25, Carson Brennecke (BP) 1:03.64.

300 hurdles: 1, JT Rein (LFCMB) 43.33; 12, Rennie (BP) 47.65; 18, Mason Brown (BP) 1:05.35.

800 run: 1, Korrigan Diercks (St. Charles) 2:02.81; 11, Ille (BP) 2:15.04; 20, Cohen Stursa (Medford) 2:23.00; 26, Isaac Arnold (BP) 2:37.88.

200 dash: 1, Glynn (DE) 22.47; 9, Chavis (Medford) 24.33; 19, Ezra Klley (BP) 25.24; 20, Skillestad (BP) 25.69; 23, Devon Federly (Medford) 25.89.

3,200 run: 1, Daood (St. Charles) 10:31.92; 16, Hosea Baker (BP) 11:55.13; 17, Austin Erickson (BP) 11:55.14; 22, Adam Larson (BP) 12:28.16.

1,600 relay: 1, Lewiston-Altura 3:36.62; 7, Medford 3:53.80; 8, Blooming Prairie 3:54.78.

Long jump: 1, Evan Daley (LA) 21-0; 10, List (Medford) 17-11.75; 12, james Wohlferd (BP) 17-07; 23, Kiley (BP) 14-10.

Triple jump: 1, Marcus Weaver (LA) 43-01.5; 8, Ryan Hermanstorfer (Medford) 38-00.25; 13, Rennie (BP) 36-04.75; 16, Wohlferd (BP) 35-7.25; 20, Tanner Barbeau (Medford) 35-01.75.

High jump: 1, Felix Vierthaler (LA) 6-04; 17, Federly (Medford) 5-02; 19, Sam Smith (BP) 4-10; 19, Ille (BP) 4-10.

Pole vault: 1, Greyson Higbe-Harrah (LFCMB) 12-0; 3, Brett Johnson (Medford) 12-0; 11, Fiebiger (BP) 9-0.

Shot put: 1, Hagen (BP) 44-09.5; 9, Kael Hermanstorfer 40-03; 22, Jacob Gasner (Medford) 32-11; 26, Jack Matson (BP) 30-00.5.

Discus: 1, Joe Callahan (DE) 144-01; 3, Hermanstorfer (Medford) 125-09; 9, Hagen (BP) 112-08.5; 13, Gasner (Medford) 110-09; 25, Matson (BP) 81-08.

100 wheelchair dash: 1, Peyton Gunnarson (LA) 17.30.

200 wheelchair dash: 1, Gunnarson (LA) 31.62.

800 wheelchair dash: 1, Gunnarson (LA) 2:18.20.

Shot put wheelchair: 1, Luke Johnston (Medford) 21-04.5.

GIRLS

Team Results: Grand Meadow/Leroy-Ostrander/Kingsland/Southland 809, Lanesboro/Fillmore Central/Mabel-Canton 766.5, St. Charles 660, Dover-Eyota 651.5, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 638.5, Rushford-Peterson/Houston 615.5, Chatfield 607, Lewiston-Altura 582, Medford 422.5, Blooming Prairie 396.5, Hayfield 396.5, Kenyon-Wanamingo 392.5, Wabasha-Kellogg 362.5, Triton 351.5, Schaeffer Academy 81.

3,200-meter relay: 1, Lanesboro/Fillmore Central/Mabel-Canton 10:29.10; 12, Blooming Prairie 12:12.36.

100 hurdles: 1, Emma Breitsprecher (LFCMB) 15.83; 9, Greta Sunde (BP) 18.68; 10, Rachael Oswald (BP) 18.72.

100 dash: 1, Anika Reiland (GMLOKS) 12.83; 11, Jacquelyn Cole (Medford) 13.86; 18, Brooke Purrier (Medford) 14.22; 24, Abby Braaten (BP) 14.92; 28, Abby Hefling (BP) 15.74.

800 relay: 1, St. Charles 1:50.73; 5, Medford 1:55.28; 10, Blooming Prairie 2:01.01.

1,600 run: 1, Natasha Sortland (ZM) 5:07.85; 21, Kelsey Walock (Medford) 6:53.42; 22, Asha Lighthizer (BP) 7:00.95; 23, Ashleigh Alwes (BP) 7:13.75.

400 relay: 1, GMLOKS 52.11; 3, Medford 53.36; 12, Blooming Prairie 57.86.

400 dash: 1, Nell Graham (Triton) 59.25; 17, Clara Kniefel (Medford) 1:08.00; 25, Taylor Wurst (BP) 1:15.38; 27, Josie Lorenz (BP) 1:19.48.

300 hurdles: 1, Breitsprecher (LFCMB) 47.25; 10, Racheal Oswald (BP) 53.46; 17, Mackenzie Kellen (Medford) 55.12; 25, Megan Oswald (BP) 59.44.

800 run: 1, Katrina Sortland (ZM) 2:21.49; 17, Anna Kittelson (BP) 2:43.57; 18, Clara Kniefel (Medford) 2:50.12; 26, Isabelle Sunde (BP) 3:03.67; 27, Savannah Larson (Medford) 3:12.88.

200 dash: 1, Graham (Triton) 25.93; 17, Sierra Larson (BP) 28.99; 18, Cole (Medford) 29.17; 21, Gemini Johnson (BP) 29.76; 25, Eliana Tobar (Medford) 30.89.

3,200 run: 1, Natasha Sortland (ZM) 11:25.34; 14, Abby Smith (BP) 14:17.82; 18, Lighthizer (BP) 15:06.41.

1,600 relay: 1, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 4:17.76; 10, Blooming Prairie 4:43.97.

Long jump: 1, Lindsey Root (St. Charles) 16-10; 4, Emma Kniefel (Medford) 15-10; 6, Kiley Nihart (Medford) 15-03.5; 14, Johnson (BP) 14-2; 26, Braaten (BP) 12-01.75.

Triple jump: 1, Emma Kniefel (Medford) 34-04.5; 8, Kellen (Medford) 30-06.5; 22, Megan Oswald (BP) 27-10.

High jump: 1, Rachael Luebbe (Medford) 5-00; 10, Isabel DeLeon (Medford) 4-04; 21, Anna Paulky (BP) 4-0; 22, Larson (BP) 4-0.

Pole vault: 1, Johnson (BP) 8-06; 9, Kellen (Medford) 7-06; 16, Isabelle Sunde (BP) 6-0.

Shot put: 1, Lila Gronseth (Hayfield) 34-05; 2, Kinsey Cronin (Medford) 34-0; 5, Micalyn Trihus (BP) 32-0; 21, Jenna Berg (Medford) 25-06; 27, Viridiana Villareal (BP) 21-11.

Discus: 1, Kaleah Davis (RPH) 112-01; 8, Trihus (BP) 91-0; 9, Cronin (Medford) 90-09; 20, Pauly (BP) 73-04; 25, Berg (Medford) 62-09.

SOFTBALL

Another successful Corky's weekend in the books

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

PHOTO COURTESY OF LOREN DEITZ

CWS won the hometown tournament for the third consecutive year. The team is primarily based out of Faribault.

It was another massively successful year as the 40th annual Corky's Early Bird Softball Classic came to end on Sunday, May 5.

The three-day tournament featured 200 teams, 4,000 attendees and raised $45,000 for charity.

"[There are] Hundreds of people to thank but I'll start with the Faribault crew," tournament director Loren Deitz said. "Thank you Lynn Anderson Kiefer (TD), Brad "Opie" Babcock (UIC), Stefanie Ruhter (Sales), Joe's Bar & Grill and Faribault Parks and Recreation for your hard work and passion for the sport of softball. Great job handling a few hiccups and helping Faribault to run smoothly.

"Thank you to the core Owatonna crew," he continued. "Brad Tiedeken (UIC), Doug and Cherie Meier (Concessions), Owatonna Girls Fastpitch (Concessions), Mark Cunningham and the KC Hall crew, Owatonna Park and Recreation Grounds Crew, Dietz family (Sales), Jeff "Barnsey" Barnes (Honorary Captain), Corky Ebeling (Assistant Director), and all the Volunteer Grillers. I couldn't have done it without you all. Thank you to Lee Eckert (UIC) and Doug Sorenson (UIC) and to Spurgy's Bar and Grill for helping run the Waseca tournament and concessions. Great first year in Waseca."

The tournament will split the $45,000 between WeAllPlay to build an inclusive playground and Miracle baseball and softball field; Owatonna Park and Recreation's Youth Scholarship Fund; Faribault Park and Recreation's Youth Scholarship Fund; Relight the Park Fund; Owatonna Girls Fastpitch Softball and Owatonna Young Life.

Monsta Athletics Black Sheeps from California won the open division of the tournament and Steve Whaley earned Most Valuable Player.

Red Stars from Iowa won the C Class and Nick King earned MVP. New Breed Gorillaz from Illinois won the Owatonna D Class and CJ Spink was MVP.

Samuri Sams from Nebraska won the Faribault D Class and Justin Davis was MVP.

CWS won the hometown tournament.

A total of $18,000 worth of prizes was awarded to the top teams, and more than 10,000 pork patties were consumed during the tournament.

Deitz said the tournament couldn't be as successful as it is without the support of its sponsors and vendors that include Monsta Athletics, College City Beverage, Knights of Columbus (Owatonna), PHD Sports, Doug and Cherie Meier Concessions, Spurgy's Bar and Grill, Joe's Bar and Grill (Faribault), Grandpa Al's (Faribault), GS Sports, Demarini SP, Smash it Sports, Big Top Tent Rental, On1 Athletics, Spiderz batting gloves, Holiday Inn and Suites (Owatonna), Country Inn and Suites (Owatonna), Comfort Inn (Owatonna), Baymont Inn and Suites (Owatonna), Days Inn and Suites, Grandstay Inn and Suite, Super 8 (Owatonna), Insty Prints (Owatonna), Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Corky's Grillers, Steele County Times, Lowe's Home Improvement (Owatonna), Randy's Meats, Fairline Security and Advocare/Helix.

As a result of the continued support from all the teams, sponsors and vendors Deitz received the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism 10 Years of Service Award and the 2019 Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Champion of the Year.

MEDFORD BASEBALL: *Tigers win easily over LCWM*

FROM C1

Up and down the line-up, we are finding ways to get on base."

DeVoe picked up the save after he pitched the final 0.1 inning.

The Tigers had nine total hits. Vandereide led the way with three hits and a RBI. VonRuden had two hits including a double, three RBIs and was walked once. Sutcliffe had four RBIs and one hit. Hansen had three RBIs and one hit. Paulson added a hit and a RBI.

Medford's Finholdt, Zach Wetmore and Edel did not record a hit, but they were walked two, three and four times, respectively.

Tufte took the loss for the Panthers.

"It was a back and forth game the first three innings," NRHEG head coach Drew Paukert said. "I thought did a good job offensively tonight. We were able to get nine total hits from seven players tonight, and we also did a nice job of working some counts and getting runners on via walk or being hit by pitches. The third and fourth innings were big for us. We were able to have Nick Staloch lead off with a single in the fourth, followed by an Addion Deyle single that allowed them to both to advance on a bad throw. Jake Tasker walked to load the bases. From there, we were able to plate those three, highlighted by a Kordell Schlaak single.

"Nick Staloch started on the mound and went the first three innings for us tonight," he continued. "Spencer Tufte and Jake Tasker both pitched in the eight-run fourth-inng for Medford. I thought we did enough to win the game offensively, it was the errors we had late in the game and our inability to throw strikes in the zone consistently tonight that allowed a close game to turn into a six-inning game for us."

Schlaak finished the game with two hits, a RBI, a stolen base and scored once; Tasker had one hits, walked three times and scored three times; Tutfe had a hit, a RBI and scored once; Blake Ihrke had two hits, two RBIs and scored once and Deyle had a single hit and scored twice.

TIGERS SMASH KNIGHTS

Medford won 16-7 at Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (1-12 overall, 0-5 Valley Conference) on Monday, May 6.

"It was good to get the bats going and play well," Chappuis said. "We had good hitting, good pitching from guys that haven't been on the mound much, and we stole double digit bases. Many good things happened heading into a busy two weeks."

Hansen earned the win. He pitched three innings and allowed three runs on five hits and struck out four with four walks.

Paulson pitched two innings. He allowed three runs on four hits with two strikeouts and two walks.

Finholdt pitched one inning. He didn't surrender any hits or runs, and he struck out three and walked one.

Devoe also pitched one inning. He allowed one run on zero hits with one strikeout and two walks.

VonRuden led the way with four hits. He had four RBIs and scored three runs.

Vandereide, Devoe and Finholdt had two hits each. Devoe also had three RBIs and scored once.

Paulson, Finholdt, Hansen and Sutcliffe each had a RBI, and Sutcliffe, Hansen, Edel and Paulson each had one hit.

Luke Rennie

Anika Sunde

MAY
BLOSSOMS OF THE MONTH

Blooming Prairie High School

Luke Rennie - Junior

The senior high student of the month is Luke Rennie, who is a junior. His favorite class is pre-calc. He likes math and finds pre-calc challenging.
"Luke has high expectations for himself and strives to meet them at every turn. He soaks in information during class and is a great friend to his peers," said one of his teachers. Another teacher commented, "Luke is an intelligent student. He has unique interests such as drones. Luke will be successful in life."
A third teacher said, "Luke does a great job staying focused on his independent work and challenges himself with interesting projects. His attention to detail adds to his quality of work." His special interests are trap shooting, baseball, hunting and drone photography. He has two cats and eight chickens. Luke has two siblings, Xavier and Clare.

Anika Sunde - 8th Grade

The junior high student of the month is Anika Sunde, who is in eighth grade. Her favorite class is art. She says art allows her to express herself through design and creativity.
Some comments shared by staff members about Anika include:
- *"Anika is always kind and attentive and works hard to cooperate with others in class."*
- *"Anika is always so positive, kind and respectful to her peers and adults."*
- *"Anika is a student who has a bright attitude and outlook. She always has a smile and is curious about things in class and wonders how it relates to her. She works really hard in class and strives to do her best."*
- *"Anika is a kind, helpful and smart young lady. She always gives her best effort."*
- *"Anika is a conscientious and responsible student. Does a good job staying on task and keeps her work area neat."*

Anika's special interests are art and baking. She has a sibling, Isabelle. She also has a pet dog named Finley.

The Blossom of the Month is sponsored by this community booster:
Comfortable Dentistry
Main Street Dental Clinics 507-583-2141
405 E. Main Street, Blooming Prairie

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 20, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $103,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Larry M. Jarvis, single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 25, 2008 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 15747 as Document Number T000062717 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Lot 2 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line between said Lot 2 and Lot 3 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 7 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 2 and 3 approximately 85 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 2 and 3, and thence Easterly along the line between said Lots 2 and 3, 86.19 feet to the place of beginning.
Also all of Lot 3 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna, excepting therefrom the following: Beginning at a point in the line between said 3 and Lot 4 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch Street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 12 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 3 and 4 approximately 107.62 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 3 and 4; and thence Easterly along the line between Lots 3 and 4, 110.86 feet to the place of beginning.
All the above described real estate is conveyed subject to and together with all riparian rights.
REGISTERED PROPERTY
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 510 MAPLE DRIVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1967
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $68,139.24
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-150-0103
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 11, 2020.

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

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

Dated: April 16, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 24, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $112,930.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Anthony B. Decristofaro, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 26, 2012 as Document Number A000387582 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 13, Block 1, Ray Nell Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1915 BIGELOW AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $72,005.09
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-259-0113
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 25, 2020.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: April 29, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: CIVIL OTHER/ MISCELLANEOUS

Case No.: 74-CV-19-507

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff

vs.

LORI NELSON, solely in her capacity as Personal Representative of the Estate of Craig Steven Olson, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
CRAIG STEVEN OLSON,
JOHN DOE and MARY ROE,

Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CRAIG STEVEN OLSON AND THE OCCUPANT(S) OF 716 S OAK AVENUE, OWATONNA, MINNESOTA.

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

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Trott Law, P.C., 25 Dale Street North, St. Paul, MN 55102.

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

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

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

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

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

The North 4 rods of the East 16 rods of the South 1/2 of Lot 18 in the North East 1/4 of section 16 in Township 107 North, of Range 20 West.
REGISTERED PROPERTY

The object of said action is to obtain a court order nunc pro tunc pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 555.01 to reform the legal description of the subject property in warranty deed Document No. 269719; Plaintiff's mortgage Document No. A000358263, both filed with the Steele County Recorder's Office; and declaring that Plaintiff's mortgage is a valid, first mortgage lien on the subject property.,

TROTT LAW, P.C.

Dated: April 19, 2019

By:
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 11, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $112,930.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Cory Stucky an unmarried man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, Ltd., a Texas entity
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 2, 2015 as Document Number A000404445 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on July 30, 2018 as Document Number A000419422 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 4, Original Townsite of the Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 119 2ND ST NE, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN 55917
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $111,899.16
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Envoy Mortgage, Ltd., a Texas entity
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Flagstar Bank
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-100-0404
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100273872511022451
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2019.

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

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

Dated: March 6, 2019

PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 30, 2020.

Dated: May 3, 2019

PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

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By: /s/

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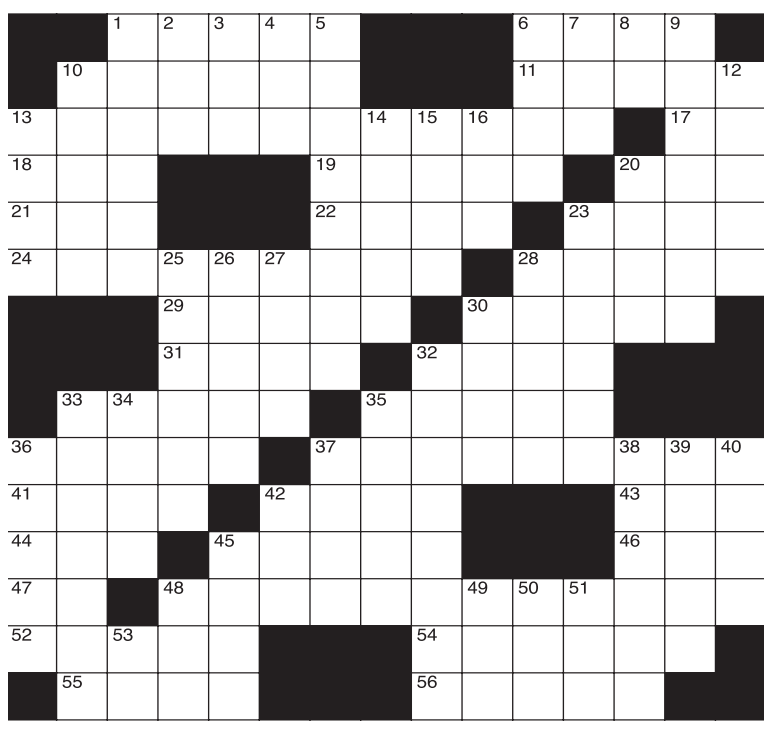
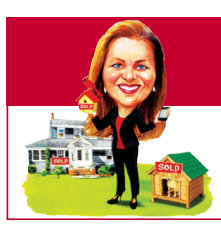
CLUES ACROSS
1. LA team member
6. Young Fr. woman (abbr.)
10. Per __, each
11. Foots
13. Veggie toy
17. Overdose
18. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
19. So. Am. plain (Span.)
20. Point midway between N and NE
21. Single
22. Inactive
23. Mother of Hermes
24. Gives a new meaning
28. Silent players
29. One who adds Cluny trim
30. Men or boys
31. God of War
32. Self-immolation by fire ritual
33. Inevitable events
35. Add piquancy
36. Skin lesions
37. Cannabis
41. River of NE Turkey
42. 2 family struggle
43. A young swine
44. __ student, learns healing
45. 55300 MN
46. Opie actor Howard
47. World's oldest news gathering organization (abbr.)
48. Luke's Jedi mentor
52. Japan's knife & scissor city
54. Medical antiseptic & dye
55. Early female flyers
56. Loses heat

CLUES DOWN
1. No longer practicing
2. Military mailbox
3. Cowboy Carson
4. 7th Greek letter
5. Nautical ladder rungs
6. Hmong
7. Fellow
8. Maltese pound
9. Coal blacks
10. Japan Airlines bird
12. Different concepts
13. Secure a ship with ropes
14. Elder
15. Belongs to famous computer
16. Point midway between NE and E
20. Moniker
23. Environment
25. Fills with joy
26. Transportation charges
27. Frosts
28. Counterpart
30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
32. Grimly humorous
33. A dog's front foot
34. Mures River city
35. Steam bath
36. South African Music Awards
37. Sound made by a cat
38. Clothing protectors
39. Wife of Amphion
40. God of fire (Hindu)
42. Favorite weekday (abbr.)
45. Japanese sashes
48. Klutz
49. "__ Koo," Debbie Harry debut album
50. Tokyo
51. Hardly any
53. Cathode

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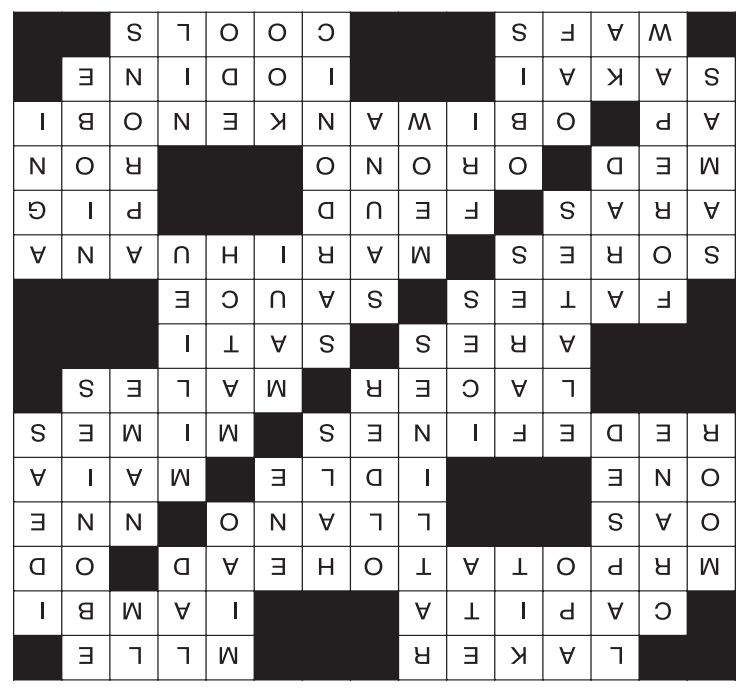

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the mortgage dated November 22, 2005, executed by Don A. Hagen, a single person, as Mortgagor(s), to Wells Federal Bank, FSB, a federally-chartered savings bank, as Mortgagee(s), and filed for record November 29, 2005, in the Office of the County Recorders, Steele County, Minnesota as document number A000337214.
2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: No Assignments.
3.The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: $157,500.00.
4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.
5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.
6.At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: $118,066.57.
7.Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Steele County, Minnesota and described as follows:
All that part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and all that part of the North Half of the SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 105 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by:
Commencing at the northeast corner of said SE ¼; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes 31 seconds East, assumed bearing, 12.49 feet along the east line of said SE ¼ to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds West 1123.68 feet; thence southwesterly along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, central angle 88 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds, radius 116.50 feet, arc length 180.39 feet thence South 2 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds West 158.58 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds West 175.91 feet; thence South 2 degrees 27 minutes 06 seconds East 410.13 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 20 seconds East 367.42 feet; thence North 15 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds East 422.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds West 291.59 feet; thence North 2 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds East 157.12 feet; thence northeasterly along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, central angle 88 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds, radius 83.50 feet, arc length 129.29 feet; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds East 1124.64 feet to the east line of said SE ¼; thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes 31 seconds West 33.01 feet to said True Point on Beginning.
will be sold by the sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction on July 9, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 E. Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.
8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 months after the date of sale.
9. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
10. Unless the mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, the mortgagor and/or its assigns must vacate the property by 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 2020.
11. In order to comply with Minn. Stat. Section 580.025, the undersigned hereby states that the following information is correct to the best of its knowledge:
(a) The street address and tax identification number of the mortgaged property:

15380 44th Avenue SE
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Tax Identification Number:
01-030-2101

(b) Transaction agent and transaction agent's mortgage identification number: N/A
(c) Residential mortgage servicer, broker and/or originator: N/A
(d) Lender: Citizens Community Federal successor by merger with Wells Federal Bank, FSB
12. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: May 9, 2019

Citizens Community Federal successor by merger with Wells Federal Bank, FSB, Mortgagee
By:_/s/ David A. Lutz
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NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA March 18, 2019

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

OPEN FORUM –
No comments.
I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Jenny Thurnau, John Sunde, Steve Ille,Rodney Krell; Kelly Braaten
ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal, High School Principal, Associate Principal, BPTA Members; Member of the Press
MEMBERS ABSENT:
Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the March payroll amount. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Principal reports were given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach.
VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignation, Donations
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the minutes, bills, treasurer's report, resignation, and donations as presented. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Anthony Cornell as a Special Education Teacher at the high school effective February 26, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the employment of Anthony Cornell as a junior high baseball coach. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
Motion by Steve Ille and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Justin Kiehne as JV baseball. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Jenna Volgarino as the Elementary Science Fair Advisor. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay/1 Abstention-Krell)
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the employment of Brynn Rhodes as Speech-Language Pathologist starting with the 2019-20 school. Motion carried.
(5 Aye/0 Nay)
C. Superintendent Contract
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a three-year Superintendent Contract for Christopher Staloch with an effective date of July 1, 2019. Motion carried.
(Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye-Thurnau, Sunde, Ille, Krell, Braaten/0 Nay).
D. Volunteer Coaches
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve Tyler Krekling as a volunteer softball coach. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
E. Weather Days
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve two days of pay for the non-certified paraprofessionals and clerical staff that missed numerous days/hours of work due to inclement weather. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
F. Class Sizes/Sections
Programs are being reviewed due to possible changes. Discussion. No action required.
G. Prom DJ
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the DJ for Prom. Services to be provided by Midwest Sound. Prom will be hosted with the St. Croix Boat & Packet Company. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Committee Reports
A report update was given on the following committee: Education Foundation, Negotiations, and ZED.
B. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year as of March 13, 2019, was 415 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 338 at the high school (grades 7-12) (333 attending BPHS and 5 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 3 seniors and 2 juniors with attendance being full-time.
C. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
1. BPTA Negotiations
2. Safety Grant
3. Part-time clerical position opening at the high school
4. Elementary Principal position opening
5. Mr. Krell thanked all of those involved with the hiring process for the new Superintendent of Schools.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.
Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).

A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Thurnau
Pro Tempore Clerk
of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

5/14

NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA March 14, 2019

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dean Meshke

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the March 18, 2019, regular school board meeting.

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

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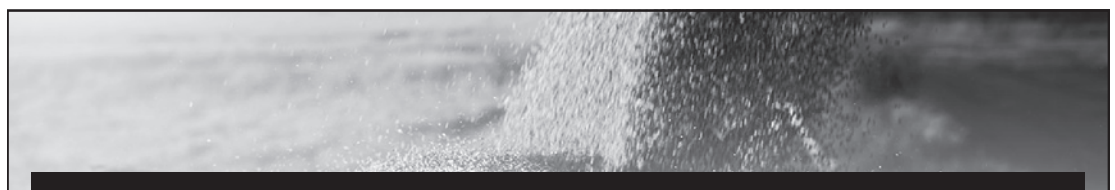

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BP BASEBALL: *Lose to conference leader*

FROM C1

walks.

Hansen pitched just 1.2 innings before being relieved. He allowed six runs on nine hits with one strikeout and two walks. Jack Paulson pitched 2.2 innings and Zach Finholdt pitched 0.2 inning. Paulson also surrendered six runs and three hits with a pair strikeouts and no walks. Finholdt allowed zero runs on two hits. He stuck out one and walked none.

BP had a total of 14 hits and only committed one error.

Karson Vigeland had four and Alex Miller had three.

They each also had two RBIs, as did Jarrett Larson.

Wayne had three RBIs, Simon had one RBI and Colin Lerum, Luke Rennie and Vigeland each stole a base for the Blossoms.

Medford managed just five hits and committed two errors.

The Tigers' Jeremiah Sutcliffe had two hits, including a double.

AJ Vandereide, Bodie Devoe and Finholdt had Medford's other three hits.

BLOSSOMS LOSE TO WEM

BP struggled, as the team dropped another game, 6-1, at conference-leading Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (10-4 overall, 8-2 Gopher Conference) on Monday, May 6.

The Buccaneers scored three unearned runs in the first inning, and that was enough to seal the victory.

A dropped foul ball in that first inning opened the gates for the home team, and the Blossoms never could recover. They mustered just five hits in the game, plating their lone run in the third inning on Vigeland's single.

WEM added a single run in the third and two more runs in the fourth.

"We have to get better in the field on ordinary plays," Kittelson said after the loss. "We make a lot of outstanding plays, but then we botch the routine ones.

"We also could not get any timely hits,' he continued. "We left seven runners on base, including once with the bases loaded"

Wayne pitched all six innings, giving up six runs on six hits with three strikeouts and walks. Only three of the runs scored on Wayne were earned.

The Blossoms had five hits by Vigeland, Trent Swenson, Rennie, Miller and Wayne. BP committed two errors while the Bucs had none.

STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Blooming Prairie catcher Tim Wolf prepares for a pitch against Hayfield on Thursday, April 25.

LACROSSE: *JV triumphs*

FROM C1

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Owatonna's Noah Brandt tracks down the ball after winning a faceoff against Northfield on Tuesday, May 7 at OHS.

Mankato's goal scorers were Stephen Schwartz (3), Andrew Steiert (1), Parker Steindl (1), Benjamin Kies (1) and Joshua Austin (1).

On Tuesday, Owatonna and Mankato were tied 5-5 at halftime before Mankato shutout the Huskies in the second half.

Zach Kirsch scored two goals for Owatonna, and Wall, Oland and Caleb Belting had one goal each.

Kirsch also had the Huskies' only assist.

Richardson made seven saves on nine shot on goal and Korban Stricklin made seven saves on 15 shots on goal.

RAIDERS OVERPOWER HUSKIES

Owatonna started the week with a tough 14-9 loss to Northfield at OHS on Monday, May 6.

"It was a very physical game from both teams and fast transitions," Owatonna head coach Scott Seykora said after the Monday. "I thought Owatonna played the best game they have all year. They showed a lot of grit and did better at possessing the ball in our offensive zone. Northfield has one of the best goalies in the state and it was a big step for our offense to put up nine goals against him."

The Huskies pulled within one goal with two minutes and 43 seconds left in the third quarter, but the Raiders scored three goals in the final 2:11 and Owatonna was able to recover.

Wall scores four goals and had an assist; Oland had two goals and three assists; Kirsch, Wondra and Kubicek had a goal each and Brandt and Mason Rhoades each had an assist.

Owatonna's junior varsity claimed a 7-4 victory over Northfield and Austin Mundt and Casey Johnson had two goals each.

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Owatonna's Dom Wondra works to get free against Mankato on Tuesday, May 7 at OHS.

CHEER: *Practice starts next weekend*

FROM C1

the Maturi Pavilion after the three-day tryouts.

"Each day was essentially a different tryout; tumbling, rouser and stunt," Worrell said. "The last day was the formal tryouts and the results were posted by the end of the last day. At first it was a shock, like I just did that?

"I put in a lot of work the last couple months preparing myself for tryouts, and knowing that it paid off is so rewarding," she continued. "It's amazing to be apart of the spirit squad and it's pretty cool I get to continue one of my favorite hobbies in college."

Some of Worrell's top achievements from cheerleading include her freshman year when her competition team won WOW Nationals in Minneapolis or where the Panthers' stunt group finished fourth at the state competition this past season, but the her favorite memories are the times she spent with teammates and coaches off the mat.

"I enjoy the relationships the most," she said. "The ones that you build between your other teammates and coach, it's a big family."

Worrell, who's cheered all four years on high school, plans on majoring in kinesiology and entering the medical field. She said the NRHEG's elementary cheer camps were pivotal in spiking her interest in the sport at a young age.

"Its always fun and rewarding to achieve a goal that you've been working on or watching others achieve their goals," she said. "We start practice this coming weekend and will continue throughout the summer, and I am super excited."

Fans could also possibly see Worrell cheering at the Gopher women's basketball games this season.

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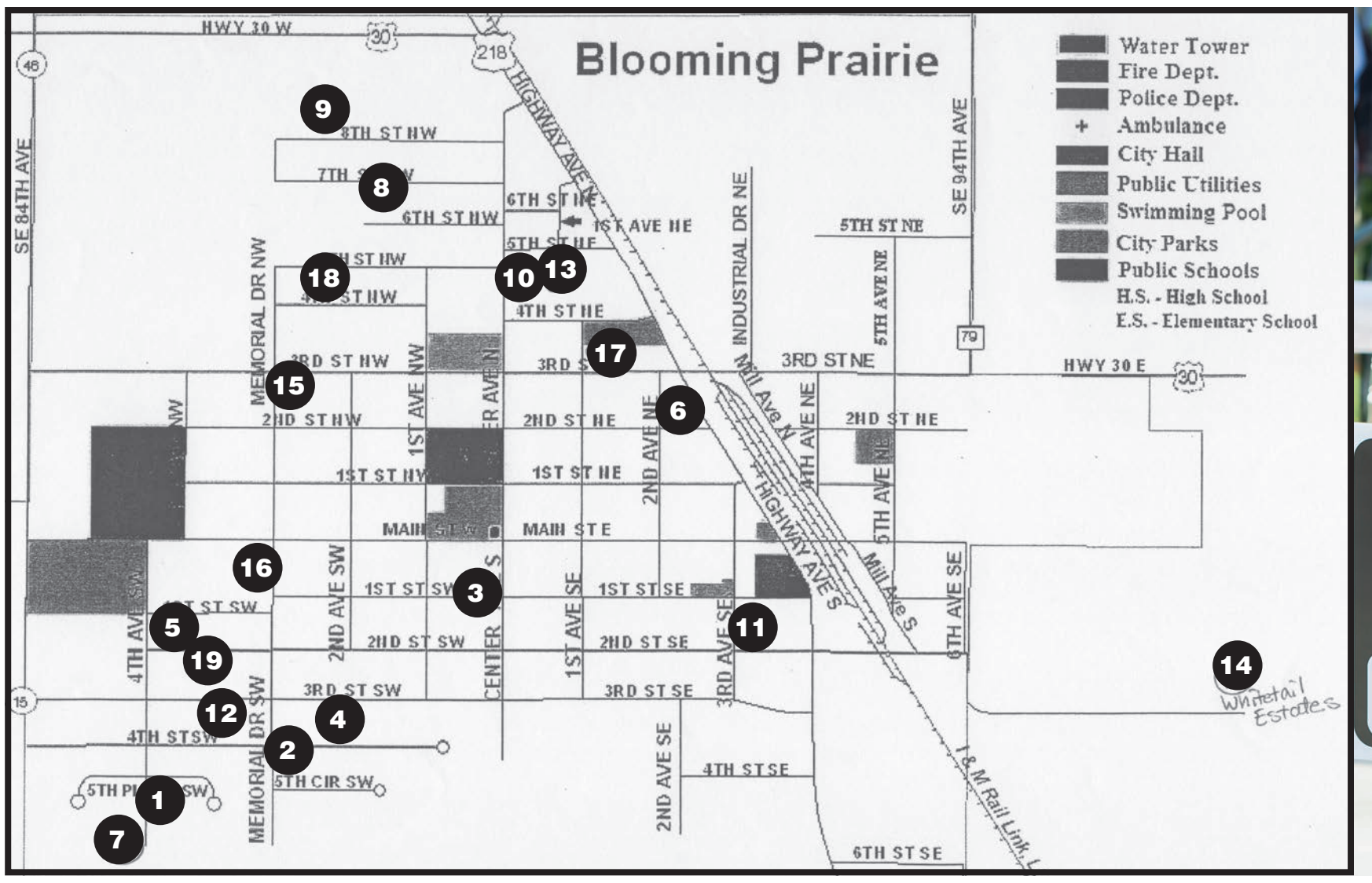

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