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Brothers admit to Ellendale home invasion

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Two brothers have admitted their guilt to multiple violent home invasion robberies around the state, including at least one in Steele County.

On June 18, Lennie Dwayne Brooks, 33, of Zumbro Falls, and Randy Lorenzo Brooks, 24, of

Wabasha, entered guilty pleas to three counts each of interference with commerce by robbery, known as the Hobbs Act. They made their pleas in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis before Senior Judge David S. Doty.

Prior to the brothers pleading guilty, Autumn Marie Nichols, 20, and Esperanza Cardenas, 29, each pleaded guilty to one count



of aiding and abetting interference with commerce by robbery on May 14.

The brothers broke into a private residence in Berlin Township near Ellendale on Sept. 23. Randy Brooks held two victims at gunpoint while Lennie Brooks searched the house for money and valuables. They stole approximately \$40,000 in cash,

which was the business proceeds of Holland Auction Company. Cardenas waited in the area in the getaway car.

Two other home invasions took place before and after the Ellendale robbery. On Aug. 16, Lennie and Randy broke into a private residence in Waite Park

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Cruising for cancer in BP

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Blooming Prairie's 9th Annual Cruise for Cancer saw organizer Harvey Farr lead the 150-mile ride on a new ride, a Harley Davidson trike.

Forty-eight participants were entered in the ride, which started under sunny skies at 10:30 a.m. Saturday on the Main Street of Blooming Prairie.

More classic cars than motorcycles were part of the ride, which brought in more than \$2,300 to benefit the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, said Pam Folkens of the Cancer Group.

Folkens praised the work of Harvey and Nancy Farr of J & H Liquors and the volunteer efforts of BP Cancer Group volunteers.

Following a safety meeting and prayer led by Farr, riders headed east on Main Street to Highway 218. Blooming Prairie police cleared the intersection and gave the "all clear" for car drivers and motorcycle riders to go north.

First stop on the route was at the Janesville Purple Goose. Lunch was available for all. Riders then saddled up and headed to the Le Center Municipal Liquor Store. Final stop before returning home at 5 p.m. to enjoy a taco bar, was the Millersburg Boonies.

Farr said he and Nancy rode one day to choose a route. "It originally was 170 miles but we shortened it to 150 miles," said Farr. The route was kept secret with Harvey and Nancy until the day of the ride.

Farr rode solo this year. Usually, he is accompanied by one of his daughters, either Courtney or Whitney. Farr's wife Nancy always stays back to mind the store, J & H Liquors.

Nancy helped pick out the color of the motorcycle trike they purchased in

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POP TAB KING



Jim Spinler, who has become known as Medford's Can Man, took on a new title of Pop Tab King last week when he made a record donation of 3.5 million pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. Just a day later after the donation, Spinler was right back at it collecting aluminum cans and pulling off the tabs to start another collection.

Taboholic shatters previous record donation to Ronald McDonald House

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

He certainly hasn't done the most glamorous work in his professional life as a trash hauler and even in his personal life collecting aluminum cans, but at least for a day last week, the 77-year-old felt like royalty.

As Jim Spinler of Medford turned in his collection of an estimated 3.5 million pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, he became overcome with emotion. "When we drove in the parking lot, I had tears in my eyes," Spinler said. "I felt like a king for a day."

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BP adds new EDA official

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

A Canadian native, Nicholas Ouellette, has been added to the Blooming Prairie, Kasson and Dodge County Economic Development Authority (EDA).

Ouellette is the new EDA coordinator for Blooming Prairie, Kasson and Dodge County. He replaces Stephanie Lawson.

His office is in the BP City Center on Wednesdays in the same quarters with Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Becky Noble. He is in Kasson on Mondays and Thursdays and with Dodge County in Mantorville on Tuesdays.

Ouellette will facilitate Blooming Prairie EDA board meetings and will also work with local and grant applications.

His main duties with the EDA will be:
• To help provide business assistance and advice
• To help with grant writing
• Provide small business counseling

Ouellette will also work in the realm of work force development and housing development. Business retention and expansion will also be addressed by Ouellette.

His first goals include working with grant programs to encourage business owners to restore their properties and to improve visual aesthetics of the community. This may involve painting, repairing brickwork and installation of awnings, for example.

Blooming Prairie will have \$15,000 available in matching grants for business facade improvement. Kasson will have \$20,000 in grant availabilities, Ouellette says. He is circulating these communities with grant applications.

Other projects on Ouellette's radar include working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on a community roadside landscape project on Highways

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Dreams come true at Chateau

BY ALEX MALM
STAFF WRITER

For many years the Chateau Speedway wanted to have its own hall of fame.

That dream became a reality last week as the speedway had its first ever Hall of Fame induction under the leadership of owners Mark and Annette Wytaske.

With 63 years of track history involving 150 drivers in Lansing, the inaugural class featured 15 members, 13 being former drivers and two being lega-

cy members.

The Legacy members were the ones who had the dream and the ambition to build the track, Howard and Art Smith. They owned the track from 1956 to 1966, opening it on June 30, 1956, before passing it along to the next group of owners. Over the years, the track has been owned by over a dozen individuals or partnerships with Mark Wytaske being the latest. Thirty-two Track Championships were represented in the group of 13 drivers. The inductees

included 1962 and 1970 Modified Track Champion Dave Borge of Austin who still sits in the top 20 in the tracks list of all time feature wins. Ole Brua, a three-time track champion when it was a single class sport from 1958-1960. The driver, who was out of Albert Lea, also is still in the Top 20 of all-time feature winners.

Verlin Eaker of Mechanicsville, Iowa, who lived in Blooming Prairie when he raced at Chateau, was the 1961 Modified Track Champion and sits in the top 50 in

all-time feature wins at the track.

Mike Guttormson, who was from Austin was a three-time track champion. Guttormson took titles in the Hobby Stock Class in 1976, the IMCA Modified Class in 1987 and in the WISSOTA Modified Division in 1991 and is still top 10 all-time in feature wins at the facility.

Two-time track champion Don Lowe was from Rose Creek and was a two-time track champion in the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Living members of the Chateau Speedway Inaugural Hall of Fame Class posed for a photo last Friday. Kneeling – Greg Pfeifer – Austin. In Chair – Dave Noble – Plymouth (formerly of Blooming Prairie). Standing left to right: John (Sonny) Van Willigen – Hollandale, Mert Williams – Rochester, Dave Borge – Austin, Leroy Scharkey – Rochester, Dave Noble attendees, Verlin Eaker – Mechanicsville, Iowa (formerly of Blooming Prairie) and Gerhard Wollenburg – Austin.

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Harriet Lehman, 86,
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Robert Goff, 90,
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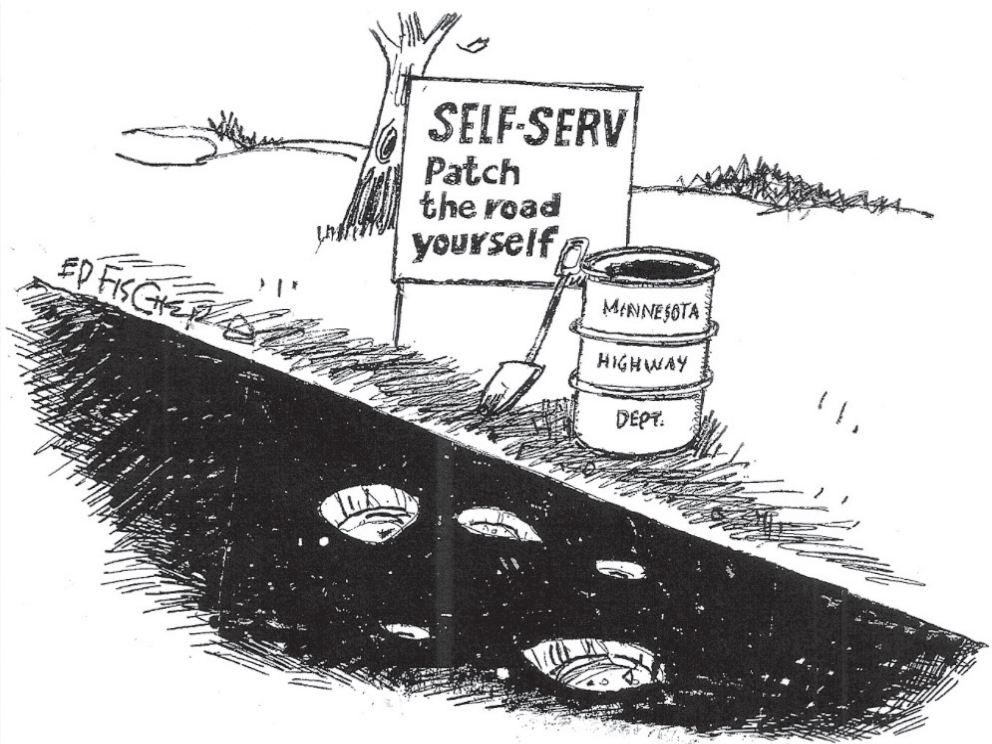
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OUR VIEW

What a remarkable accomplishment from the Pop Tab King



He's become known as the Pop Tab King of Steele County and really the rest of Minnesota. Just a few years shy of the 80 mark, Jim Spinler of Medford turned a few heads last week when he rolled into Rochester with his prized possession—a large bin containing an estimated 3.5 million pop (and probably a few beer as well) tabs. Collecting tabs has become a passion for Spinler over the past three decades and now it was time to cash them in. But Spinler didn't take the money and run off. He poured out his heart and donated the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, which will use the proceeds for its building needs in helping families suffering medical problems that cause them to be away from home. Spinler is reaping the benefits of showcasing kindness and generosity. Many people donated tabs to Spinler over the years. But he also collected a fair share of them through his own efforts of picking up cans while driving his golf cart around Medford. He has inherited the title of Medford's Can Man. It's commendable to see someone like Spinler perform such a great deed like he has. His efforts have not only helped keep the community clean, but they have also provided financial support for such a worthy cause like the Ronald McDonald House. Officials at the Ronald McDonald House hope Spinler's kind act will help inspire others to start even a small collection. Spinler is quick to point out his collection mushroomed from picking up "one tab at a time." Prior to making his donation, he rode in the Straight River Days Parade in Medford with the large bin of tabs. It was neat to hear all the hoots and hollers from people along the parade path expressing their happiness for what Spinler had accomplished. Thank you, Pop Tab King for the positive energy you have brought to Steele County. It's people like you that make this area a remarkable place to call home.



Love 60 years in the making

This past weekend my family celebrated a remarkable accomplishment that doesn't happen nearly as often as it should. Many couples simply don't get the opportunity for various reasons. My parents, Clifford and June Bussler, reached their 60th wedding anniversary. We marked the special occasion by taking a boat dinner cruise around Lake Minnetonka with our immediate family Saturday night. We've done some larger parties in the past for their wedding anniversaries, but this big milestone was saved for a smaller and more intimate party. They were married on Tuesday, June 9, 1959, which also happened to be my mom's birthday. My mom said dad always wanted it to be on her birthday. When I questioned them about why on a Tuesday, they told me it was quite common in those days to get married any day of the week. By the way, they met when my mom was working in the McLeod County Extension Office in Glencoe. My dad, who was involved in 4-H and the county fair, came into the office routinely.



Hot Pursuit RICK BUSSLER

the other certainly wasn't far away. That's why they were so successful in what they did for many years. In their younger days, they volunteered in many local, county, state and national organizations. They both held many officer positions within the Minnesota and National Pork Producer Associations. They enjoyed promoting the pork industry and have always held it dear in their hearts. While the farm chores are long gone, my mom still continues to work full time at a newspaper in Glencoe. And, yes, I was responsible for getting her into the newspaper business after I graduated from high school. Mom keeps hinting retirement may be coming, but we'll see what happens. Both of them have always held family as high importance in their lives. When I was a single parent with two children at home, my parents, especially my mom, stepped in to help me so that I could work. They became guardian angels to my two older children during a time when they desperately needed them the most. The strong

They care about their community

The objective of a successful business is to be a leader in its community. Harvey and Nancy Farr have met that objective with their caring philosophy of always helping to make their community a better place to live. The Farrs own J & H Liquors and are constantly reaching out to help others. Just this past weekend, the Farrs led a fundraiser for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. The fundraiser was a Cruising for Cancer event where participants drove either a motorcycle or classic car on a trek that covered 150 miles. Each participant paid an entry fee. When the riders returned home, they were treated to a taco bar at J & H. The Farrs also help with another fundraiser called the BOB (Bikers of Blooming) motorcycle and car ride that benefits Toys for Tots. With this ride and with other donations, the Toys for Tots fundraiser led by the Farrs raised over \$15,000 last year. This year's event will be on Saturday, July 20. J & H Liquors teams with the Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce in having Monday night Bingo. Pro-



Reflections HOWARD LESTRUD

ceeds from the Bingo are channeled back into the Blooming Prairie community, sometimes helping the police, ambulance and fire department crews. Nancy and Harvey are always supportive of local fundraisers. Nancy also helps with a wine tasting event that benefits the BP Area Chamber of Commerce. The Farrs definitely love their community and show it with a desire to help others in need. When given the opportunity, tell Nancy and Harvey THANK YOU for their leadership in making the Blooming Prairie community a better place to live. There are many other Blooming Prairie business people who are also stalwarts in raising money or helping in other ways to make burdens a lighter load. Nancy and Harvey Farr enjoy their involvement in community activities, and they are always happy when giving. Their faith is also very important to them. Blooming Prairie is indeed a special place because of businesses like the one ran by Nancy and Harvey Farr.



HARVEY and NANCY FARR



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Clifford and June Bussler of Brownton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past weekend at the Port of Excelsior by taking a dinner cruise around Lake Minnetonka with their immediate family.

I have seen my parents go through a few ups and downs over the years with medical issues and watching them struggle with the farm economy, especially during the 1980s. Things haven't always gone as one would like, but through it all they have found the key secrets to a happy marriage. They credit patience, understanding and a good faith in God as to the reason why they have been together all these years. My mom will tell you it hasn't always been easy, but it has been very good. One thing I have always noticed over the years is how my parents have strived to work together as a team. During their professional careers, they had a fairly large hog operation, though it probably would be considered small by today's standards. My mom and dad worked hard in handling all the farm work. I saw them work side-by-side getting done whatever needed to be done and without any arguing or quarreling. Where one of them was,

bond that they have with my kids continues today even after they have graduated from college. Mom and dad continue to be very active in their church. In fact, they currently serve on their church's anniversary committee for a 125th celebration next summer. It is fun to see them stay active in their community just like I saw when I was growing up. They also enjoy helping out with the subscription renewals for the newspapers as I outlined a few weeks back. Work is in their genes, I guess. I am truly proud of my parents for achieving such a remarkable milestone in their lives. God has blessed them with a wonderful marriage, and he has blessed me with two great parents. This is love 60 years in the making and still going strong. I hope they will go in hot pursuit of keeping it strong for many more years. Happy anniversary, mom and dad!

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: At 12:18 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

CRIME BRIEF

ANOTHER FELONY FOR JOHNSON

It's becoming felony month for an Owatonna man.

A week after being charged with domestic abuse felonies, Tyreese Johnson is facing yet another felony on an unrelated matter.

On June 14, a detective spotted Johnson operating a motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license and equipment violation. Johnson was placed under arrest for the violation after a review of his driving record showed he had six failure to appear or pay fine notations in 2019 alone.

Subsequent to the arrest, police searched his vehicle prior to it being towed. During the search, police found a Springfield 9mm handgun and a loaded 30 round magazine under the front seat.

Court records show that Johnson was convicted in 2012 of a crime of violence, making him ineligible to possess a firearm. He faces a new felony charge of possessing firearm/ammunition.



Johnson

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

With previous supervisory experience, the newest sergeant in the Steele County Sheriff's Office hopes for a smooth transition.

Sheriff Lon Thiele promoted deputy Mike Smith to a patrol sergeant effective June 8. Prior to joining the sheriff's office in 2014, Smith served as a paramedic supervisor with North Memorial Ambulance based in the Twin Cities.

The promotion comes after the retirement of long-time investigative Sgt. Gary Okins. Smith will not, however, replace Okins in investigations. Smith will be assigned to the patrol division. Another deputy will be promoted to investigations, but will not have the rank as sergeant like Okins had.

Thiele said Smith's prior supervisory experience gave him the edge with the promotion. "With him being a supervisor with North, it gave him a really good understanding of what middle management expecta-

tions are," Thiele said. "I believe his background as a supervisor even though in a different field was very helpful," he added.

Sheriff Thiele brought in outside sheriff's agencies to conduct the interviews for the promotion "to keep favoritism out of it."

The sheriff said Smith has been a "very big asset" to the sheriff's office because of his medical background. As a paramedic, Smith is certified to teach others in the agency CPR, First Aid and AED. "Mike's background allows him to train us to keep our certifications current," Thiele said. He added Smith also teaches medical training to other county agencies, which helps keep costs down.

The sheriff's office is currently looking at options of equipping deputies with NARCAN, which is an opioid antagonist used to reverse drug overdoses on the street prior to EMS arriving.



COURTESY STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Mike Smith has been promoted to sergeant in the Steele County Sheriff's Office. Smith, who began his new duties on June 8, is one of four sergeants in the agency.

Smith said he is looking forward to being a team leader with his shift. "I have a good rapport with the guys I work with," he said. "I look forward to the challenges of this new role."

The new sergeant said he was interested in getting promoted because "I like to be pushed." Smith said, "It's nice to push yourself to get better."

More than anything, Smith is looking forward to continuing his role of serving the greater community of Steele County. He wants to keep doing positive work for the communities served by the sheriff's office. "I am a person people can come to for issues," he said. "What a better way to serve than in law enforcement."

In addition to serving with the sheriff's office, Smith is also a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Medford. He has served on the fire department since 2003. He graduated from Medford in 1999.

Smith is one of four sergeants in the sheriff's office. The sheriff's administrative team also includes a chief deputy. The last promotion in the agency was about two years ago.

Driver arrested after chase in BP

A woman is in custody after a police chase through Blooming Prairie Saturday night. Police arrested a woman, and she is being held in the Steele County Detention Center in Owatonna. She had not yet been charged when this edition of the Times went to press.

The chase took place in the area of 1st Street NE and 2nd Avenue NE around 6:25 p.m. Saturday.

The woman was booked on multiple charges. The Times will have more on this story in next week's edition.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 10 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

David D. Bryant, 37, Minneapolis, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault and felony restraining order violation. Bryant was sentenced to \$131, 189 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, maintain employment and 5 years of supervised probation.

Julio C. Cano, 46, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony attempted assault. He was sentenced to \$131 and 103 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Eloi O. Padilla, 65, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of drugs. The defendant was sentenced to \$181, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms, 224 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Sunday P. Puot, 23, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony stalking. Puot was sentenced to \$131 and 38 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 10 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Adam H. Pattishall, 19, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony motor vehicle theft. He was sentenced to \$789.81, 119 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, psychological evaluation, cognitive skill training, 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 June 10 – 16:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jason B. Bennett, 26, New Richland, suspended license and no insurance, \$481.

MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Todd A. Hinegardner, 50, Montour, IA, no export license, \$1,213.

MN STATE PATROL OAKDALE
Keelinn R. McKellar, 25, Fort Madison, IA, speeding, \$141.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER
Kathryn M. Auten, 19, Indianapolis, IN, speeding, \$131; Cameron S. Batchelor, 25, St. Michael, speeding, \$121; Jacob L. Burns, 41, Shakopee, speeding, \$131; Luis Campo-Fernandez, 46, Quincy, MA, speeding, \$121; Chol D. Chol, 40, Fargo, ND, speeding, \$121; Robert N. Constantine, 58, Northfield, seat belt, \$106; Vanessa R. Crawford, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Terrence A. David, 59, Steen, seat belt, \$106; Seth T. Donkers, 21, Wanamingo, seat belt, \$106; William G. Holland, 82, Geneva, seat belt, \$106; Porsha L. Hoskins, 30, Owatonna, seat belt and revoked license, \$306; Keith A. Kauten, 59, Coralville, IA, speeding, \$131; Adam W. Lopez, 36, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Debra A. McGee, 47, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$121; Alexander D. Nagy, 20, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Heather S. O'Geay, 35, Hinckley, revoked license, \$281; Nash C. Petranek, 29, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Adam Philaphon, 27, Bloomington, suspended license, \$281; Diane C. Picha, 52, New Prague, speeding, \$131; Myron C. Pool, 41, Owatonna, vehicle width violation, \$181; Julie A. Rains, 65, Columbia, MO, speeding, \$131; Anthony M. Ross, 29, Owatonna, revoked license and no license, \$381; Julio Ruiz Aguilera, 22, Mankato, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$181; Chase M. Seashore, 21, Faribault, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Christopher L. Stenzel, 19, New Richland, speeding, \$141; Scott S. Sundell, 56, Bloomington, speeding, \$121; Collins U. Ukwuoma, 45, Houston, TX, speeding, \$141; Andrew E. Wheelock,

33, Faribault, seat belt, \$106.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Roxanne R. Ascheman, 37, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia and improper information on license, \$151; Benjamin T. Braaten, 30, Austin, theft, \$150.99, 44 days in county jail; Jessica S. Brannen, 37, Effingham, IL, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Matthew T. Crowley, 27, Bloomington, cancelled license, \$281; Susan K. Eschenbach, 50, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Janette M. Gallea, 81, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Hunter R. Gathje, 18, Owatonna, DWI, \$156, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Ashley K. Johnson, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Suleman M. Khalif, 32, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Steven A. Lamotte, 50, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Richard A. Miller, 42, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Faiza S. Muktar, 21, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Alejandro Ochoa Solorio, 20, invalid license, \$181; Cordarl R. Powell, 31, Owatonna, assault, stay of adjudication, \$200, 12 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, obtain permission to leave the state, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Jean C. Rosa Matos, 28, Albert Lea, invalid license, \$181; Ryan E. Schwarz, 29, Waseca, failure to yield, \$131; Marshall L. Welch, 30, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Yara M. Aleman, 39, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Joshua S. Almendinger, 37, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Makenzie J. Boone, 28, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Aaron R. Brandt, 16, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$221; Carson D. Field, 23, North Salt Lake City, UT, speeding, \$121; Jamil M. Ford, 41, Minneapolis, speeding, \$221; Brandi M. Grant, 38, Owatonna, revoked license and invalid license, \$381; Aye Y. Htoo, 23, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Alex J. Huebl, 22, Waseca, speeding, \$221;

Mario A. Leon Gonzalez, 28, Dodge Center, invalid license, \$181; Wayne R. Miller, 41, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Nicholas A. Morch, 19, Barrington, IL, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$115 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Duane A. Nelson, 53, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Richard J. Nieves, 25, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Jade R. Nordby, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Mavrick R. Raygor, 28, Austin, cancelled license, \$281 and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Brian T. Richter, 43, Byron, speeding, \$121; Dylan R. Rieken, 17, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Juan M. Sanjuanero-Patino, 43, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Shanice Sartin, 27, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Gary R. Sell Jr., 33, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$200, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 100 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Natalie K. Septer, 34, Faribault, expired tabs, \$111; Brock A. Stephenson, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Anquanette M. Woods, 28, Maplewood, speeding and suspended license, \$341; Matthew T. Wurster, 32, Medford, assault, diversion program and 1 year of supervised probation.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE JUNE 17
Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 300 block of 2nd St. SW at 9:39 a.m.

OWATONNA POLICE JUNE 14
Arrest: Police arrested motorists during traffic stops at Main St. W. and Park Square W. at 1:18 a.m., at 26th St. NW and Interstate 35 in Clinton Falls Township at 12:58 p.m. and at Cedar Ave. N. and Winona St. NE at 4:29 p.m. **Fire:** Officers responded to a fire call in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 11:11 a.m.

Crash: At 8:10 p.m., police responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Glendale St. NW and Rose St. W. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

JUNE 15
Child Protection: Police received child protection reports from the 100 block of 17th St. NE at 10:34 a.m. and the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 6:34 p.m. **Hit and Run:** At 7:04 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. **DWI:** Officer made a DWI arrest in the 800 block of Dawn Place NE at 8:05 p.m. **Fireworks:** Police received a fireworks complaint from the 1200 block of Kohlmiere Dr. at 10:25 p.m.

JUNE 16
Suspicion: At 1:12 a.m., police responded to suspicious activity in the 100 block of Pearl St. W. They arrested a subject at the scene. **Vandalism:** Property damage was reported in the 1700 block of Elm Ave. N. at 8:55 a.m. **Shoplifting:** At 10:39 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. **Burglary:** Police began a burglary investigation in the 1200 block of Frontage Rd. E. in Owatonna Township at 10:54 a.m. **Theft:** Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of 30th St. NW at 12:30 p.m. **Domestic:** Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Dawn Place NE at 10:46 p.m.

JUNE 17
Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 7:38 a.m. **Vandalism:** Property damage was reported in the 1000 block of 10th Ave. NE at 12:10 p.m. **Restraining Order:** Restraining order violations occurred in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 4:13 p.m. and the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 8:21 p.m. **Shoplifting:** At 11:08 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

JUNE 18
Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 10:16 a.m. **Theft:** At 1:15 p.m., a motor

vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of 12th St. SE. **Arrest:** Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject at the detention center at 3:09 p.m. **Fraud:** Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 4:05 p.m. **Suspicion:** Police responded to suspicious activity at Grove Ave. S. and Academy St. E. at 5:42 p.m. **Vandalism:** Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 11:21 p.m.

JUNE 19
Disturbance: Police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of 15th St. SE at 2:38 a.m. **Thefts:** Police took theft reports in the 300 block of School St. W. at 11:42 a.m. and the 100 block of 24th Place NW at 4:17 p.m. **Restraining Order:** Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 3:02 p.m. **Suspicion:** Police responded to suspicious activity in the 100 block of Rose St. E. at 5:30 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene. **Vandalism:** Property damage was reported in the 1000 block of Grandview Ave. SW at 7:23 p.m.

JUNE 20
Thefts: Police received theft reports from the 3300 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 5:41 a.m. and the 1200 block of Kast Ave. SE at 4:08 p.m. **Vandalism:** Property damage was reported in the 3600 block of County Road 45 N. at 9:31 a.m. and the 400 block of St. Paul Place NE at 1:09 p.m.

Theft: Citizens reported identity theft in the 1800 block of Bigelow Ave. NE at 11:58 a.m. and the 1200 block of 8th Ave. NE at 3:05 p.m. **Warrant:** Officer made a warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Grove Ave. S. at 7:30 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF JUNE 14
Arrest: Deputies assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 13500 block of 72nd Ave. SW in Berlin Township at 6:57 a.m.

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

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| 1. Joseph Deleon – forged check – no bail | 8. Trae Diaz – card fraud - \$1,000 bail | 15. Richard Doyens – deprive parental rights – no bail |
| 2. Jose Delrio – criminal damage to property - \$3,000 bail | 9. Katrina Doig – false name - \$2,000 bail | 16. Austin Drake-Moreno – disorderly conduct - \$500 bail |
| 3. Rachell Dentz – obstructing – \$3,000 bail | 10. Laura Dominguez – DWI – no bail | 17. Brady Dubose – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail |
| 4. Donald Derrick – theft – no bail | 11. Panfilo Dominguez – DWI – \$6,000 bail | 18. Scott Dungey – DWI – \$3,000 bail |
| 5. James Desbiens – child support – no bail | 12. Eric Doran – weapons – \$6,000 bail | 19. Angel Duran – assault – no bail |
| 6. Michael Deslongchamps – DWI - \$6,000 bail | 13. Aaron Dorn – drugs – no bail | 20. William Durham – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail |
| 7. Rey Diaz – escape tax - \$5,499 bail | 14. John Douthit – cancelled license - \$3,000 bail | |

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

Arkema gains Governor's Award of Honor, again

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Arkema Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) were informed at their regular monthly meeting recently that Arkema received the Governor's Award of Honor for safety. The award was presented Arkema by the Minnesota Safety Council, Arkema Plant Manager Michael Green reported. Arkema has earned that award for three consecutive years, says Lon Trinh, HES (Health Environmental Safety) manager. Trinh has been "very active" in promoting safety at the plant, said Green. Arkema in April conducted a safety drill on site with the help of local First Responders including the Blooming Prairie Police Department, BP Fire Department and the BP Ambulance squad. Arkema employees participated in the drill, which included three scenarios. Green said Arkema has recently completed new

safety initiatives. Plant workers also observed World Safety Day. One of the initiatives involves employees recording acts of safety and for each act, \$5 was donated to the Blooming Cancer Group. The maximum of \$500 was achieved. The Arkema plant was shut down for a week in May. During that time, Manny Katz, global president of Arkema, visited the Arkema plant. Green continued his report to CAP, saying that production was at a steady pace. Arkema had peak production last year, he said, "and we may end close to the 2018 numbers this year." Arkema recently made \$600,000 in capital investments. Green said soybean planting has been slowed because of weather conditions. Arkema uses soybean oil in the manufacture of its products. The planting of soybeans impacts Arkema's pricing it sees for soybean oil. He said the U.S. policy on tar-



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Lon Trinh, HES manager at Arkema, explained the scenarios to be followed during a local safety training exercise in April. Arkema's efforts in safety have helped the company achieve the Governor's Award of Honor for Safety for the third straight year.

iffs may also have an effect on Arkema. Green said there were various employee changes in then past several months. Retiring were Rich Busho and Tom Morgan. Either transferred or leaving the company were: Jim Wobschall (Memphis), Alex Pederson (Minneapolis), Nathan Kraft (Boston) and Bao Nguyen, co-op internship.

New team members are: Scott Gedde, plant engineer; Crystal Roach, QC supervisor; Erik Anderson, operator; Ethan Hofmman, material handler, Rothan Bhagchandani, engineer co-op and Shivann Yadav, engineer co-op. The CAP group will not meet in July and will resume its regularly monthly schedule on Wednesday night, Aug. 10 at the BP City Center.

CRUISING: for cancer in BP FROM A1

Florida and had shipped to Minnesota. The color is called cherry red and silver. All riders shared a similar goal and that was to raise money for a good cause, the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. The event raised \$2,500 last year. "The ride gives me enjoyment and it shows what we can do for others in need," Farr said. "Cancer touches everyone," he said sadly. Farr said he lost three uncles to cancer and has a brother Bobby of Newry Township who is a cancer survivor. The Farris sponsor another fundraiser coming up Saturday, July 20. It is the BOB (Bikers of Blooming) Ride. The ride, also open to motorcycles and classic cars, raised over \$15,000 for toys for Tots last year. The husband and wife team of Joe and Mary Burr, rural Blooming Prairie, share the Farris' support of a cancer benefit. Cancer has touched Mary, who has been on a journey fighting breast cancer. The Burrs participated in the ride for the first time by driving a 1967 Chevelle. Joe bought the vehicle just after returning from Vietnam. He bought the still-shiny white vehicle from a dealer in Waseca.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Harvey Farr, organizer of the Cruising for Cancer fundraiser, shows off his new 2019 Harley Davidson trike. He led this year's fundraiser for a cure to cancer.



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Mary and Joe Burr drove a 1967 Chevelle in last Saturday's Cruisin' for Cancer fundraiser in Blooming Prairie. The ride began at J & H Liquors on Main Street.

"I don't know for sure but think it has close to 300,000 miles on it," remarked Burr. He also owns another collector vehicle, a 1937, two-door Chevrolet sedan. Burr was a firefighter in Los Angeles County, Calif., for 28 years. Burr moved from Beech, Iowa to Blooming Prairie in 1957. He graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1963. He and his wife Mary of 47 years came to Blooming Prairie on their honeymoon.

They moved to Blooming Prairie permanently in 2001. There were some other first timers on this year's ride. Tim Wurst drove his 2004 red Chevy Corvette in the ride. "It was fun and for a great cause," Tim said when returning to Blooming Prairie from the day's six-hour ride. Tim Wacek of Blooming Prairie rode his Harley on the ride and was followed in a 2004 Ford Mustang by his wife Mary, her sister

Lois, sister-in-law Susan and niece Melanie. Jill Trotman rode a motorcycle with her father Tim. It was her first Cruise for Cancer ride. "She was nervous but excited," said Jill's mother Amy who gave her husband and daughter a royal sendoff. As the bikes and cars left town, the Main Street of Blooming Prairie appeared to be deserted. The seeds of support for the BP Cancer Group had been planted.

BP Council approves 2018 audit

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2018 Audit Presentation took place at the Blooming Prairie City Council's June Meeting on Monday, June 10. The council approved the audit that was prepared by Abdo, Eick and Meyer LLP and presented by Certified Public Accountant Erin Enstad at the meeting. The cash in the general fund decreased by \$1,512, compared to the previous year where the general fund increased by \$5,270. The sanitary sewer fund reflected an increase in its cash account of \$36,067. This is the first year the fund has accrued cash in several years, there are major projects that will need to be undertaken in the coming years. This means that rates will need to be addressed in 2020. The storm sewer fund (\$8,279), the ambulance funds (\$48,530) and the cemetery fund (\$2,274) all saw increases in their respective cash accounts. The full audit report is available in the Administrative Office. Abdo, Eick and Meyer LLP examined payroll, disbursements, cash recipients, check records and any investment transactions. Another thing the audit team did was to look and make sure the city is following all the state statute that they are required to follow.

The council also established a public hearing on July 8 at 7 p.m. for the council to hear public input about the proposed updates of the city's current ordinances, removing old ordinances and adding select ordinances. BP contracted with the American Legal Publishing Corporation along with the League of Minnesota Cities to review its current ordinances and make suggestions of the changes needed. Former City Administrator Mike Jones and current City Administrator Andrew Langholz then reviewed the ordinances and made additional adjustments. The final part of the process is to hold a public hearing to gain input. Once the ordinances have been approved, they will be uploaded to the city's website. In other action, the council: • Approved the payment of Ulland Brothers, Inc. for the work completed on the 2019 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$63,833.83. • Approved the process change for the city's accounts payable and accounts receivable departments to ensure all bills and checks are accounted for by the responsible department. The change was made to help the city avoid any unnecessary late charges.

• Approved the Mandatory Wear Policy in regards to bullet proof vests for the Blooming Prairie Police Department. Previously, BPPD did not have a Mandatory Wear Policy and with the new vests that were purchased for three officers, the council believes the policy will improve officer safety and it's also required to qualify for additional funding for reimbursement. BP police officers are now required to wear bullet proof vest while in uniform or acting in an official capacity. Officers have the ability to

wear vests that go under their uniform shirt or they can wear an external vest carrier. • Approved an application for permit to consume liquor in the park for a staff luncheon at the BP Fire Department Park Pavilion on July 10. • Approved the Municipal Delegation Agreement application, which certifies Daniel Murphy as the Certified Building Official. The council also discussed the closure of an approach intersecting County Roads 46 and 15.

POP TAB: king FROM A1

"They really made me feel like a king."

Jim Spinler
Pop Tab King

And Spinler had every reason to feel good about his generous contribution. Spinler's gift was the single largest tab donation to be ever received by the Rochester chapter of Ronald McDonald, according to Jacob Dreyer, spokesperson for Ronald McDonald. "It's a pretty rare one," Dreyer said, noting the previous record was 1 million a few years ago. "He developed a heart for our mission by knowing someone who had gone here years ago. It's inspiring and heartwarming when they care so much about the children." The House, Dreyer said, relies on the generosity of people like Spinler. "We hope it's inspiring for others," Dreyer said of Spinler's donation. "It was a huge blessing for us." Spinler's idea to utilize the Ronald McDonald House for his donation came 30 years ago when a friend of his had a boy who stayed there. Spinler decided at that time he wanted to donate his collection to the house as a way to help other families in need. "I thank the Lord my kids never had to be in the hospital or have to stay there," Spinler said. He started saving the tabs more than 30 years ago. When Spinler began utilizing the large bin, he never thought he would have been able to fill even half of it. About a year ago, the bin was overflowing with tabs. It was bulging at the seams and had to be secured by large yellow straps. Since last year, he kept the collection going by adding several 5 gallon buckets. Spinler nearly gave up on the collection about five years ago. "But more and more people started bringing them down so I decided to keep going," he said. One of the main reasons he kept going was because it didn't cost him anything other than his time. On June 17, Spinler hauled the bin to a recycling center in Rochester where the tabs weighed in at 2,120 pounds. Spinler said it takes about 1,500 tabs to make a pound. "When we took them to the center, they just couldn't believe it," he said. It took workers about 45 minutes to remove all the tabs from the container. While Spinler made the donation, his generosity attracted media attention outside the Ronald McDonald House. He also got an opportunity to tour the entire facility. Eventually,

his name will be added to the wall of donations inside the house. "They really made me feel like a king," he said. What makes Spinler feel especially proud is that he accomplished the collection on his own. "Nobody told me I had to do it," he said. "If I would have been forced to do it, I probably would have never done it. I did it all on my own," he added. And he's glad he didn't listen to other people throughout his decades of collecting. "Others told me to sell the tabs for myself," Spinler said. "But I wanted to help charity. Ninety percent of people just think about themselves. That's the biggest problem (of our society)." Spinler continued, "Everybody should do some kind of charity work. I'm glad I could do it so that I could help somebody else out." After returning home from the Ronald McDonald House, Spinler found himself filled with excitement over his accomplishment. "I couldn't even sleep Monday night because I was so wound up in happiness," he said. "Maybe some day somebody else can do something like this." Said Ronald McDonald's Dreyer: "We hope it will inspire others to start their own small collections." Ronald McDonald's pop tab program raises about \$15,000 each year for the Rochester house, according to Dreyer. The House serves around 750 families from across the U.S. and the world each year. It provides a home-away-from-home and offers support to families seeking medical care for their children at the Mayo Clinic. Even though he can barely walk anymore, Spinler isn't about to quit collecting tabs. He utilizes a golf cart, which he has had for about 18 years, to get around town to pick up tabs. Just a day after the record donation, he was right back at collecting aluminum cans and pulling off the tabs. "I'm going to keep on until I die," he says. But he's well aware that he'll never hitting the 3 million mark was an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "It's something that will never happen to me again," Spinler said. He added his son has agreed to step in to take care of the collection if something happens to him. He said the collection begins all over again with "one tab at a time."

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You can find these monitors at pharmacies, medical supply stores or online, and you don't need a prescription to buy one. Prices typically range between \$40 and \$100.

SEE SAVVY, A10

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago June 23, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Severe weather hit the area on June 17. Tornadoes were spotted in Austin causing structural damage. The worst hit area was Todd Park where trees were down and power lines damaged. Bloomington Prairie had strong winds and hail. BP lost power for several hours.

Three directors were re-elected to the Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric Board during the 73rd annual meeting June 2. Duane R. Edwardson of Ellendale, Kenneth S. Prestegard of Owatonna and Raymond F. Duchene of Faribault were all re-elected to the board. Steele-Waseca has more than 9,200 service locations in a nine county area.

The Bloomington Prairie City Council approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B for \$300,000.

Benji Bishop takes great pride in his excavating services. He and his wife, Nicki, own Bishop Excavating in Bloomington Prairie. They are both graduates of Bloomington Prairie. The company services a 50-mile radius around Bloomington Prairie.

20 Years Ago June 22, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

It was donation time for the Merry Lane 4-H Club. Members recently made their spring donations totaling \$800 to three different groups or projects in need of money. Club president Jessica Wonderlich presented a \$500 check to the City of Bloomington Prairie to install a new drinking fountain at Pine Springs Pool. The club also gave \$150 to the library for the Friends of the Library program and \$150 to the BP Education Foundation.

There was good news and bad news when groups dealing with the issue of seasonal housing met June 16 in Bloomington Prairie. Good in as far as progress in possible land purchase from two sources for migrant housing; bad, because chances are any help seems doubtful for 1999. Most ideas spawned discussion for housing plans for next summer.

It's time to think about the Second Annual Neighborhood Block Party to be held Aug. 22-28 in Bloomington Prairie. Last year, the Healthy Youth-Healthy Bloomington Prairie group started an event they hoped would reach young and old, starting block parties in and around Bloomington Prairie. It was very successful with many areas of town hosting get-togethers.

50 Years Ago June 18, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Philip T. Coughlin, a native of Bloomington Prairie, met an untimely death about 3:30 p.m. June 15 when his boat overturned on Little Elk Lake, about four miles north of Zimmerman, Minn., and he drown. His lifeless body was recovered about 15 minutes after the accident in 12 feet of water. Philip was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coughlin. He was born in 1940.

The Bloomington Prairie School Board authorized the calling of bids for the construction of two temporary classrooms at its regular monthly meeting. The classrooms will be located west of the high school gymnasium. Superintendent M. McFarlin stated the two temporary classrooms will be constructed similar to a house and they will be disposed of after a building program. It is expected the temporary facilities will be in use for the next two or three years until permanent facilities can be constructed.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bloomington Prairie was entered some-

time last Thursday evening, June 12, and vandalism done to the interior. Police have apprehended three juveniles in connection with the vandalism.

Steele County should hold a special election to approve funding of a county owned nursing home to replace the existing Cedarview facility in Owatonna, according to a report released by the Steele County Welfare Department. Essentially, the report recommends that the county should resubmit the nursing home proposal that was rejected by voters in last November's general election.

In conjunction with June Dairy Month, First National Bank in Bloomington Prairie will be giving away a free heifer calf to some lucky youngster. The calf will be on display in the bank lobby on June 20 with free ice cream given out later in the day.

75 Years Ago JUNE 22, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Waist gunner Kermit Olstad, who was reported missing in action while engaged in a raid over Germany April 24, has paid the supreme price. The grim war department death message was received here Wednesday night of last week by Marshal Glen Dennis, who delivered it to the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olstad, six miles east of Bloomington Prairie.

Merville Bray, member of the Bloomington Prairie gun club and a native son, brought fame and honor to his hometown Sunday when he scored an upset in the Minnesota State Trap-shooting Tournament at the Twin Cities gun club by defeating 140 of the best bluerock shooters in the northwest.

The Hans Jensen town residence sold Monday evening at public auction was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Janning for \$3,600. Mrs. Janning resides west of Bloomington Prairie and plans on retiring from the farm and move to her newly purchased property.

Mrs. Oscar Bakke is on the sick list this week.



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- Owatonna Weekend Out
- Movies in the Park
- Calendar Photo Contest

Programs coming in the Fall Brochure (released July 23 registration begins July 25)

- Football
- Volleyball
- Swim Lessons
- Basketball

June 21:	Season Pass Food Discount day at RSWP
June 23:	RSWP Ducky Dash
June 24:	Session 2- Little Outdoor Adventurers-Nature Camp through the Seasons
June 24:	Session 1-Big Outdoor Adventurers-Nature Camp through the Seasons
June 25:	Adult Leisure Pursuits Membership Picnic and Dance
June 27:	Rec on the Go-Brown Park
July 5:	Season Pass Food Discount day at RSWP
July 8:	Session 2 swim lessons begin this week
July 8:	STEM Camp II Session 2
July 8:	STEM Camp III ONLY session
July 12:	Movie in the Park-Lincoln Soccer Complex
July 12-14:	Owatonna's 9th Annual Weekend Out
July 15:	Session 2- Big Outdoor Adventurers-Nature Camp through the Seasons
July 15:	STEM Camp I Session 1
July 17:	MN Twins Bus Trip
July 18:	Rec on the Go-Manthey Park
July 19:	Season Pass Food Discount day at RSWP
July 22:	Session 3 swim lessons begin this week
July 22:	STEM Camp II Session 3
July 23:	Fall Brochure released
July 25:	Adult Fall Softball Registration deadline
July 25:	Adult Fall Kickball Registration deadline
July 25:	Rec on the Go-Owatonna Education Center (old Washington school)
July 25-27:	Crazy Days
July 29:	STEM Camp I Session 2
August 1:	Rec on the Go-Willow Run Townhomes
August 2:	Season Pass Food Discount day at RSWP
August 5:	Session 3- Big Outdoor Adventurers-Nature Camp through the Seasons
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August 6-8:	Aviation Exploration
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Spiritual realignment



Rev. Stephanie Wood
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I’m currently sitting at the auto shop waiting for my car to get its oil changed and a tune up. Somehow these regular check-ups always come sooner than I expect and always feel like an inconvenience. However, the consequences of not taking my car in is a very expensive lawn ornament with a defunct engine. Changing your oil is necessary, not optional.

What if we approached vacations, retreats and spiritual reflection with the same level of certainty. Every few months or hours of work, you need to have a check-up. If you don’t, you are going to become an unhelpful blob that may become short tempered or apathetic. I’m not referring to the six month dental clean or an

annual physical. Instead it’s a spiritual review and reset.

Hopefully you have a regular refuel on a Sunday Morning, through daily devotions or a weekly Bible study. Yet sometimes we need to go a step further. While my car’s alignment gets checked, the tires rotated and the oil changed, I wonder what is included in my imaginary spiritual check-up? Realignment, refocus and renewal?

The auto technician has told me that one of my tires is out of alignment. When I asked the impact this has on my car, I learned that one of the major consequences is that one tire gets worn more unevenly than the rest. As a result, the tire may need to be replaced sooner than the others.

While at recent retreats, I appreciated the opportunity to get myself spiritually realigned. Sometimes unexpected events or the demands of a season can cause you to lose your alignment. After you or I check in on what demands are wearing us down and where we feel unbalanced, we can figure out how to get back into alignment. Perhaps we need to change some of our habits or ask for some support so that we can be better balanced and aligned with the Holy Spirit.

By being on vacation, a church retreat or even sitting by a campfire or walking in the neighborhood, we can open ourselves up for that spiritual check-in. The engine can’t run on old oil just

as we can’t run without rest and relaxation. We need time to recharge and refocus. After all, God saw enough value in rest that he created a whole day dedicated to it. It’s helpful to take time to reconnect with creation, others and God. To remember that you have a purpose and God created you uniquely to live out that purpose. To reflect on God’s presence in your life and God’s commitment to support you.

This summer I invite you to take in your regular checkup. It may seem time consuming and inconvenient at first but it will help you run more balanced and with more energy going forward. Take the time, however small, to rest in the grace of God.

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Norman Barnhart the magician played some magic tricks for more than 100 kids at the Blooming Prairie City Center on Wednesday, June 19. His objective in making kids laugh was to spur them on to read books this summer. Shown from left with Magic Norman are: Abigail Kennedy, Avery Spinler, Lydia Kennedy, Meghan Spinler and Miriam Kennedy.

SAVVY: FROM A6

In most cases, original Medicare will not cover a home blood pressure monitor, but if you have a Medicare Advantage plan or a private health insurance policy it's worth checking into, because some plans may provide coverage.

Some of the best automatic arm monitors as recommended by Consumer Reports are the Omron 10 Series BP786N (\$75); Rite Aid Deluxe Automatic (\$60); Omron Evolv BP7000 (\$70); and A&D Medical UA767F (\$45).

How to Measure

After you buy a monitor, it's a good idea to take it to your doctor's office so they can check its accuracy and make sure you're using it

properly. Here are some additional steps to follow to ensure you get accurate readings at home.

- **Relax:** Don't exercise, smoke or drink caffeinated drinks or alcohol for at least 30 minutes before measuring. Sit quietly for at least five minutes before you take a measurement and remain quiet during the test.
- **Sit correctly:** Sit with your back straight and supported (on a dining chair, rather than a sofa). Your feet should be flat on the floor and your legs should not be crossed. Your arm should be supported on a flat surface (such as a table) with the upper arm at heart level.

Make sure the middle of the cuff is placed directly above the bend of the elbow. Check your monitor's instructions for an illustration.

- **Put the cuff directly on your bare skin:** Putting it over clothes can raise your systolic (upper) number by up to 40 mmHg.
- **Measure at the same time every day:** It's important to take the readings at the same time each day, such as morning and evening. It doesn't matter whether you do it before or after taking medication. Just be consistent.
- **Go to the bathroom:** A full bladder can rise your systolic pressure by 10 to 15 mmHg.

Abracadabra !!

Read some books, magician urges

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"Abracadabra!" It's magic.

"Run to the library and read some books," urged magician Norman Barnhart as he put on a scintillating magic and comedy show for more than 100 Blooming Prairie youngsters last Wednesday, June 19.

Barnhart was back for his 18th year of performing at the Blooming Prairie Library.

His audience consisted of kids from the Blooming Prairie Youth Club and youngsters from local day care centers.

"Wow! Has it been that long?" said local librarian Nancy Vaillancourt. She introduced Barnhart, but first asked the youngsters how many have been reading at least 20 minutes a day. Lots of hands went up.

Barnhart told the kids that his objective in putting

on a magic show for them is to get them excited about reading.

As he moved quickly through his show, Barnhart repeatedly said, "Are you ready for the show?" As he was about half way through his performance, he said, "Let's get started with the show."

One of Barnhart's more enthusiastic show watchers was seated in the back row of the Blooming Prairie City Center. He was none other than BP Police Chief Greg Skillestad, who also is known as Greg the Great, a magician in his own right.

"If you're ready for a trick, clap your hands," Barnhart encouraged the kids.

"You are all equally special and we're all different

and unique," Barnhart told the kids.

"Go to the library and check out some books because reading makes your brain grow," Norm the magician told his audience.

"I suppose we should start the show now," Norm chided as he neared the completion of the show.

Norm did some card tricks to the delight of the kids. "There's a very special card you should use and that's the library card," said Barnhart.

"I hope you find some books that will make your dreams come true," Barnhart challenged the kids.

"Now, the show can begin," Barnhart said in conclusion.

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Lawmakers urge parents to be vigilant over sex education

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

After a controversial school funding bill sponsored by Todd Lippert (D) of the Minnesota House of Representatives passed earlier this year, requiring the state to develop a statewide curriculum for sexual education, the State Senate voted with a majority to deny the bill.

However, similar legislation could be put forth in the future, meaning that those who care about local representation when it comes to school curriculum have a few worries. “This is not an attack on one party or to promote another party, this is just getting together and deciding what’s best for our kids,” Rep. Peggy Bennett, R-Albert Lea, said during a discussion June 18.

The discussion was held at the Owatonna Library and was hosted by the Conservative Coalition of

Owatonna. Both District 27A Rep. Bennett (R) and District 24A Rep. John Petersburg, R-Waseca, were in attendance.

Bennett gave a lengthy presentation on the effects a similar bill as the one introduced could have on school curriculum moving forward, while also stressing the need for local control over education.

“Currently Minnesota law is pretty basic, and we leave sex education up to our local school districts,” Bennett said. “So, it’s up to the parents and the local school board, and the teachers and so on to decide what’s best for the kids in terms of sex education.” The current law does stipulate that sex education must include certain topics such as STDs and abstinence being taught against unplanned pregnancies.

The proposed law would have created a statewide curriculum when it comes to sex education. “What

the comprehensive sex ed bill would require, would be medically accurate instructions that is age and developmentally appropriate on human anatomy, reproduction, sexual development, consent, bodily autonomy, and healthy relationships, including relationships involving diverse sexual orientations and gender identities,” Bennett explained.

Abstinence would also be touched upon, as would the relationship between substance abuse and sexual behavior and health. “Now when you read that on paper, that doesn’t sound really bad but, in my mind, as I study this, the devil is in the details, and you need to look at a number of things,” Bennett said. “We need to look at both who is behind it, what’s the agenda, what are they pushing, and what it looks like in other states because that shows us how it might look here,

and we also need to look ahead at what this might become.”

“First of all, I believe frankly this is an assault on local control for our school districts,” Bennett said. “I believe sex education is a very personal and delicate subject and there’s a lot of opinions from parents on how they want that to be taught to their child and what they want their child exposed to and therefore I believe it belongs to be decided at a local level.”

Bennett explained that it is her opinion that parents, and teachers, and local school districts know their kids and students the best, and thus would have a better understanding on how to approach such a subject. “They also care about their kids the most, we might say at the state level that we care about kids, but your kids are

SEE SEX EDUCATION, B2

Board updated on BP playground upgrades

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The yearlong project to upgrade the Blooming Prairie Elementary playground has been completed, the school announced on Monday, June 17.

The upgrades cost approximately \$50,000 and were paid for by donations from multiple area groups, according to board chairman Rodney Krell.

“All the equipment that was out there was outdated and boring,” Krell said. “They put in all new equipment and there is now a lot more for the kids to do.”

The upgrades also include replace some black-topped areas with grass.

In other action, the board:

- Approved the resignation of Cory Hendrickson as an assistant track coach, Chelsea Van Roekel as a third-grade teacher and head track coach, Tyler Krekling as a physical education teacher and coach and Jenna Volgario as an assistant volleyball coach.
- Approved the reassignments of Stacy Magnus from part-time speech clinician/part-time special coordinator to full-time special education coordinator, Ann Stephenson from part-time teacher/coordinator to full-time special education teacher, Heather Schiller from kindergarten teacher to first-grade teacher, Rhea Carlson from ECSE teacher to a kindergarten teacher with the implementation of the Bridges Program, Andrew Hardecopf will replace Justin Kiehne as an interventionist and Justin Kiehne will replace Andrew Hardecopf was a fifth-grade teacher.

Approved the employment of Sara Reinke as the assistant academic triathlon coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Approved outgoing superintendent Barry Olson to serve as community education director for another year. There was a recommendation for Chris Staloch to replace Olson as community education director. Krell said Olson graciously offered to the position for the next year pro bono.

The CED is responsible for many different education programs in the BP community that are for adults. An example of a course provided through community education is 55 Alive, which is a mature driver improvement course that can help individuals get discounts on their insurance.

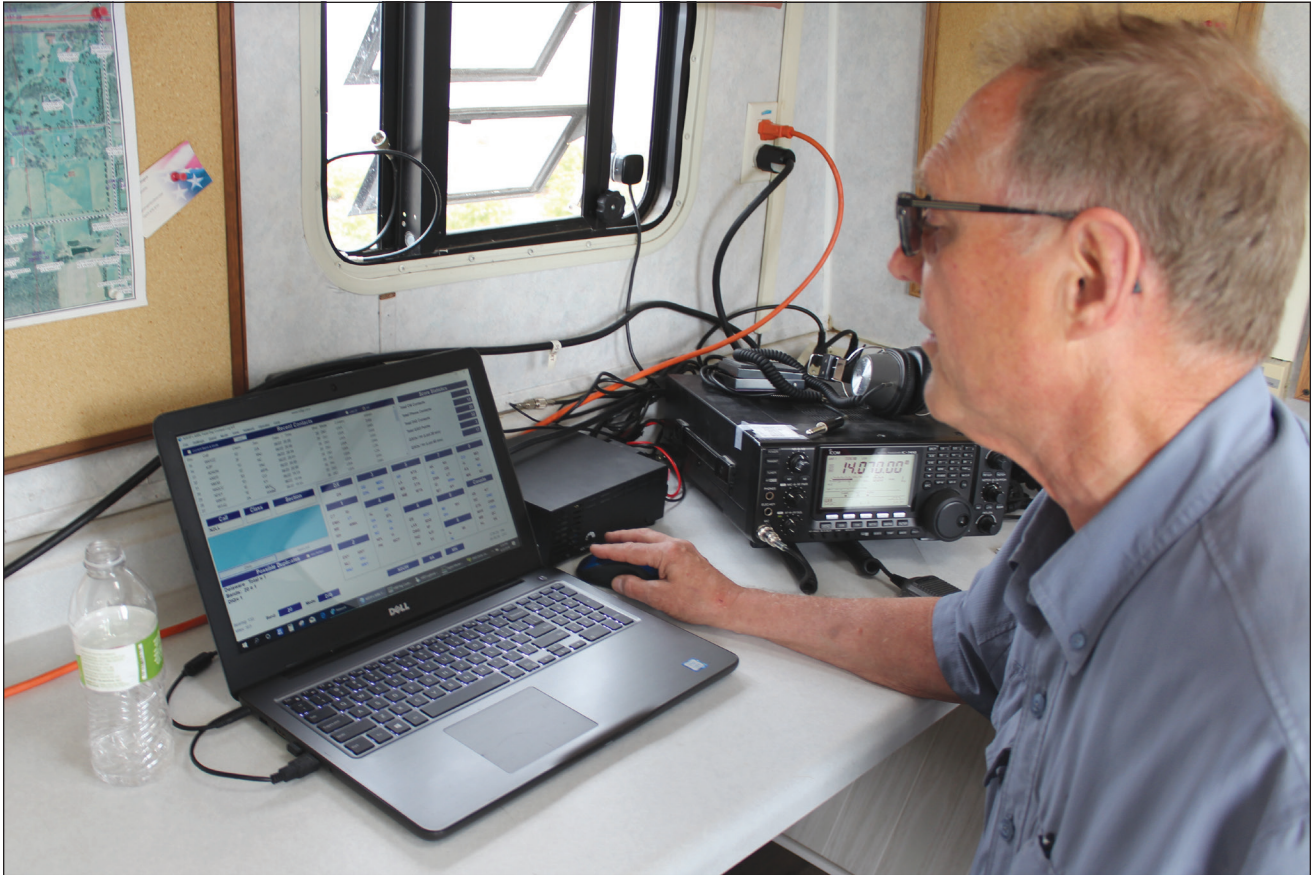
Approved two staff members’ maternity/family leaves.

Approved four kindergarten sections. With the introduction of the Bridges Program there was board action requested. “The Bridges Program is like a kindergarten class,” Krell said. “But it’s meant for kids who have like summer birthdays that maybe aren’t quite ready for kindergarten. So, it will be a little less aggressive class.”

Approved Staloch to replace Olson with the designation of the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA).

Approved moving BP’s election years to even years. In order to do that, members of the current school board accepted an additional year added to their current term.

Approved CliftonLarsonAllen to perform the 2018 audit. The audit will tentatively begin on approximately Aug.19.



Radio operator Mike Conrad uses a computer to digitally link up with radio signals from across North America during last weekend's ARRL National Field Day. During the field day, radio operators tested their preparedness and attempted to reach as many other signals as they could.

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Sending signals

Amateur radio enthusiasts convene for annual field day

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Amateur radio operators from across Steele County got together this past weekend for the annual American Radio Relay League (ARRL) National Field Day.

The test/competition is conducted throughout the United States and Canada and sees amateur radio operators connecting up for a 24-hour period beginning Saturday at 1 p.m. local time until Sunday at 1 p.m.

SEE SENDING SIGNALS, B3

Focused on the past, organizers worry about the future

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

While focusing on the past of the Ellendale area, a charter member of the organization that keeps history alive is now worried about the future.

For 30 years, Barb Mrotz has served as president of the Ellendale Area Heritage Society. But as she grows older, she warns the end may be near for her involvement with the organization.

She has enjoyed the company of Lloyd Kaplan, who joined EAHS in 2000 after he retired from farming. But the pair of history buffs would like to turn over the reigns to others.

“We are coming to our end,” Mrotz said of the

organization she helped found in 1989.

Part of the struggle they are facing is getting the younger generation to take hold. “It’s hard to get young people interested in this history,” Mrotz admits.

Though EAHS deals with the past, Mrotz doesn’t like to think of it as a historical society. “It’s the entire area, not just Ellendale,” she said. “And it’s heritage and not history.”

Mrotz says she has remained active for so many years because she doesn’t want the heritage of the area forgotten or to go untold. “We think the people who are in our past are who we are,” she said. “It’s the stories about who we are and what made us who we are,” she added.

One of the events that Mrotz and her group take great pride in will happen this weekend during Ellendale Days. On Saturday, EAHS will host a history tour in the city park featuring the past of Kernie’s Night Club, a local goldmine and Ellendale Tool Company, which eventually grew into Owatonna Tool. The event gets underway at 12 p.m.

This is the third year for the history tour, and EAHS always looks at making it better. “We have made modifications to the history tour every year,” Mrotz said, noting this year everything will be done in one spot instead of moving around to various locations like in the past.

“We’re trying to get people to come to town,” Kaplan said. “It’s a hard thing to do when you do the same thing every year,” he added.

During this year’s history tour, storytellers will be dressed in costume and there will be tools and other artifacts on display for people to look at.

Both Mrotz and Kaplan hope the EAHS will continue for years to come even if they’re not involved directly.

“It brings back the memories of the small towns,” Kaplan said of their work.

Added Mrotz, “Our futures are iffy, but we all have a past.”

Anyone interested in joining EAHS can contact Mrotz at 507-688-2257.

Enjoy small town charm in Ellendale



Steele Talkin'
STEPHANIE KIBLER

There is nothing like a small town festival. The energy on Main Street, the food vendors, street dances, turtle races and more! What a fantastic way to spend a weekend.

Neighbors and businesses come together to offer fun for the whole family. Ellendale Days is sure to offer something for everyone.

Thursday, June 27 kicks off Ellendale Days with Christmas in June offering free ice cream treats.

Friday, June 28 consists of the 401K Color Run, sponsored by the First Lutheran Church Youth. The run will begin in the city park, for more information call 507-684-2451. The evening features a variety of food vendors, Bingo followed by Unsung Hero Awards sponsored by the ECAG, a street dance featuring Band Neon Live with local boy Nick Wayne (\$5 cover charge), and Wishes in the Night, also sponsored by the ECAG.

Saturday, June 29 opens with City Wide Garage, Alzheimer’s Walk (registration at 8 a.m.), Car Show, a Vendor Market, Face Painting, Softball Tournaments

featuring the Lion’s Club Food Wagon, Parent/Child Bean Bag Tournament, Historical Presentation by the Ellendale Area Heritage Society with lunch provided by the First Lutheran Church Youth and root beer floats sponsored by the Community Foundation of Ellendale, Adult Bean Bags, Kiddie Parade, Annual Parade sponsored by the Ellendale Lions Club, Turtle Races, Lions Club Games, Human Foosball sponsored by First Lutheran Youth, Ellendale Commercial Club Pork Chop Supper, Kiddie Tractor Pull, sponsored by Ellendale Firemen, Pie in the Face sponsored by the ECAG, Lions Club Meat Raffle, Street Dance featuring the Band Neon Live offering a Jimmy Buffet Tribute with Nick Wayne, Youth Dance for ages 5-17 sponsored by Ellendale Firemen and the City of Ellendale.

Sunday, June 30 features the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Tractor Pull, Worship in the Park (if rain service will be at the Methodist church), Lions Club Food Wagon and Motorcycle Show.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new friends and enjoying all that small town living has to offer.

Stephanie Kibler is a member of the Ellendale City Council. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.

Medford citizens comment on future Main Street project

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

In order to gauge public thought on the Main Street project currently in the early stages of planning and development, the City of Medford held an open house on Wednesday, June 19 at the Medford School.

While construction on the project will not get underway until 2021, the city felt that it was important to educate the public and get feedback. Many of the concerns were from people who live on or own businesses on Main Street. There were also those who had thoughts on how extensive the project should be and what amenities they would like to see with it.

There were boards with information that the public could pore through, as well as a map of Main Street that was used as a way to add comments using post-it notes. Members of the city administration, county public works, and Bolton & Menk, who will be working on the project, were on hand to listen and answer questions.

“This is a big project for the City of Medford,” County Engineer Greg Ilkka said of the scope and scale of the project. The city has opted to take the lead on the project, but the county will still work with them seeing as it is a county highway. “We’re basically just a second set of eyes,” Ilkka said of the county having plan approval.

As it stands now, the schedule of the project begins in the planning stage, meaning this year the city and its residents will decide what to build. In 2020, the project will become more defined as the city and engineer Joe Duncan will determine how to approach building the project with an early spring feasibility report.

The actual construction will be set to begin in April 2021 and be underway until to July 2022 after the city conducts a bidding process and selects the contractor



Citizens of Medford share ideas and opinions on the 2021-2022 Main Street reconstruction project with engineers and city employees during last Wednesday's open house. Those in attendance were able to write down ideas or concerns on post-it notes, which were placed on an aerial view of the street. The city is still in early stages of planning for this project and will take public suggestions under consideration as they move forward.

that will best fit the price and needs of the project.

Although it is still in the early stages of full development, the core aims of the project will be to reconstruct Main Street (CSAH 45) between 5th Avenue SE to 2nd Avenue NW. The project will include improvement of paving condition, the replacement of utilities and drainage structures, and the addressing of traffic safety and mobility needs, consideration for intersection control changes, and identifying opportunities for downtown beautification will also be part of the project.

“The biggest thing to note right now is that we are in the very beginning stages,” Madeline Dahlheimer, a landscape architect with Bolton & Menk, said of the project. “The goal with this meeting is to get people’s input on what are the issues and opportunities that they see in the corridor.”

City Engineer Joe Duncan from Bolton & Menk will be working on the project and also spoke of the initial stage as very preliminary. “It’s extremely early, and that is the point of it all, to bring the public in and get the engagement before we start making any decisions,” Duncan said.

“We will address and digest all of the comments made by the public who took their time out today to come to the open house. People who use the street and live on the street have a lot of good points that we need to take into account as we enter into design.”

Some aspects of the project are being heavily considered even in this early stage, among them utility improvements. The city will be looking to consolidate two older water mains into one under the umbrella of utility improvements.

“Nothing is really for sure, but we are talking a total reconstruction, we are talking water main replacement, we’re talking new storm sewer, we are talking new pavements and curbs and gutters,” Duncan said of some of the preliminary discussions on the project.

Cost is yet to be determined, considering the project is in such an early stage of development, and the final cost will be contingent on what the city opts to include in the project and the contractor bids available. The city will also be holding a public hearing at the city council chambers later on as the project moves along its initial steps.

A variety of summer events to enjoy



MAYOR
LOIS NELSON

School is out in Medford! Congratulations to all graduating seniors!

Summer has us busy with the June scheduled events and activities.

The Medford pool is open for the summer family enjoyment and swimming lessons. Getting the pool ready is a big task for city public works employees and volunteers. The city website: www.medfordminnesota.com gives hours of operation, party schedule and any special events held throughout the summer.

The new entrance signs to the city, funded largely with the Community Growth Initiative grant awarded to the city last year by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, are installed and dedicated. The new signage required a number of hands and talent to accomplish from a host of volunteers and businesses. Thanks to everyone who had a part in this project.

The Medford Civic Club hosted the 48th year of Medford Straight River Days June 12-15. This group sponsors numerous events and fund raises for school district scholarships throughout the year. Straight River Days is its major event where time and energy go into its planning the year round. The Club is made up of energetic, creative members who bring something new to the celebration each year.

This year was no exception starting with the kick-off Wednesday evening with a tribute to all area veterans at the community memorial. Music, program, conversation and eats were all a part of the evening.

Thursday, the Miss Medford Pageant included all age groups of young ladies enjoying all the decorations and support of friends and family,

The parade was Friday night...always a special event. Candy is collected and almost equals the accumulation of Halloween!

Straight River Park was the site for both Friday night’s family events and those all day Saturday. Garage sales were included on every block with people still talking about the treasures found.

Wednesday, June 19, was the open house for the public to come and give their input to City Engineer Joe Duncan, Bolton and Menk, who is the lead project person on the proposed reconstruction of Main Street in 2021. This is also County Road 45 so County Engineer, Greg Ilkka, attended listening to suggestions and concerns. This project includes reworking the entire street surface while the city also replaces the water main with a larger size and installing it deeper to minimize freezing water concerns during the winter months.

Medford Farmers’ Market is back for these summer months! Now, at a new location-UltraOutlet of Minnesota & More; and a new day and time-Sundays 11 a.m.-2 p.m., starting June 23. Fresh vegetables, fruits and craft items will be available from a variety of vendors. The 19 stores at the Outlet will also be glad to see you stop for a wide selection of merchandise. Specials coincided with the weekend. Just check out their website: www.medfordoutletcenter.com/sales/ or visit their Facebook page.

Summer and the Fourth of July are just around the corner. Here and in every community, just watch out for active little people. We all wish you a safe and fun-filled summer. Mayor Lois

Lois M Nelson is serving her seventh year as Medford Mayor. She writes regularly for this newspaper.

Little Theatre awards scholarship to Hager

Little Theatre of Owatonna (LTO) is pleased to announce its 2019 Sarah Foreman Post-Secondary Scholarship winner as Cassandra Hager of Owatonna.

Hager will receive a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Foreman, a long-time LTO leader, who died in February 2006. Foreman’s work as director extended through 30 years, direct-

ing 18 shows and serving 11 years on the LTO Board during three separate terms. Her extensive contribution and dedication to theatre in Owatonna is memorialized in this scholarship.

This scholarship recognizes and supports a Steele County resident whose studies and/or participation in theatre

distinguish him/her and that offer promise of continued participation in community theatre. “Theatre gives us culture and gives those who enjoy theatre, either being involved or watching, the opportunity to engage right here in our own town,” said Hager, who will be a senior at Morningside College studying

music education. “I hope to get involved with the theater where I am teaching and either conduct pit or become the music director for shows.”

Hager graduated from OHS in 2016. She was involved in marching band during her high school career. Outside of school, Hager was active in various church activities often in-

volving children and music as well as Job’s Daughters. She has done backstage work and/or served as an usher for nearly 20 LTO productions.

Hager was recognized on opening night of LTO’s summer production, Once on this Island, on June 20. She is a member of the production’s pit crew.

Little Theatre of Owa-

tonna is committed to providing dramatic arts opportunities and incentives to citizens of Steele County. This scholarship is funded by donations and memorials. A portion of each show’s profits is directed to the scholarships offered by LTO through the generous supports of its patrons and the Owatonna community.

LAWMAKERS URGE PARENTS TO BE: vigilant

much more important to you and I respect that, and I think as a state we need to respect that,” Bennett said.

She referred to statewide efforts to control education, especially sex education as “big box sex education.” Bennett compared the affect of big box stores on local hardware stores and services to that of statewide curriculum laws. “I don’t ever think sex education should be big box education.”

As a former teacher, Bennett is not against sex education in any way, but feels that local control is the best way for each district to decide on how to approach the subject. “It’s got to be locally driven and it really should be addressed by parents,” Bennett said.

“I believe there’s a place for sex ed in our schools, I’m not saying we shouldn’t teach sex education at all, I think it’s important to teach the biology of sex and some of the basic things, I believe abstinence should be taught as the only 100% way to not get pregnant and not get a sexually transmitted disease, but we also probably do need to teach about contraception, and I don’t have a problem with that,” she said.

Bennett looked at other states which have passed similar laws and how that might indicate what a comprehensive statewide law such as this would look like in the future. She singled out California’s statewide agenda, which includes

teaching gender identity to kindergarteners.

“That really messes with a child’s head, and not every parent agrees that that should be taught to their child,” Bennett of this proposal. “What we put into their minds stays there.” Bennett used her experience of teaching children to explain that a young child can be impressionable.

She also talked about how states with these laws often require schools to explain and describe sexual practices including masturbation, which California wants taught to middle schoolers. “Why we need to teach that in our schools is beyond me,” Bennett said. “Are they trying to promote sex, or teach it?”

Rep. Petersburg also shared a few remarks on the subject. “One of the concerns I had with this bill was really looking at the fact that sexuality isn’t just physical, it’s emotional and social as well, and I’m concerned when bills like this are teaching things that are a little more controversial to impressionable kids,” Petersburg said.

“I actually do think that mandated sex education is more dangerous to kids whose parents aren’t involved than those whose parents are, because if they are involved then they can at least coach the child and give them direction, so I think we have to be real careful on how we do this,” Petersburg opined. “To me that’s where the challenge here is.”



Minnesota State Rep. Peggy Bennett, R-Albert Lea, gives a presentation on sex education in our schools during a Conservative Coalition of Owatonna discussion held at the Owatonna Public Library on June 18.

Petersburg agreed with Bennett that the current system, which leaves it up to local school districts and parents to decide how they want sexual education to be taught to their students, is the best.

“Think back to the days when schools started,” Bennet said. “It was a group of parents that got together and said ‘hey let’s hire a teacher,’ and they had their one room school

house, and they were actively involved in that, and gradually we’ve lost touch with that, and we need to get back involved.”

In conclusion, Bennett told those in attendance that parents concerned over this subject need to be vigilant, and that the 2020 election will be paramount to any future outcome of another possible bill like the one introduced by Rep. Lippert.

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Cedar River Watershed to build more upland projects in Dobbins

Nearly \$2 million in projects are planned for construction this summer to slow and treat storm water from more than 1,200 acres of mostly farmland in the Dobbins Creek headwaters of Mower County.

On June 19, the Cedar River Watershed District Board of Managers approved bids on three of the projects, totaling nearly \$1.7 million, in Red Rock Township. Earlier this spring, the board approved a \$364,000 project, Dexter 30, in Dexter Township.

With these projects, CRWD overall will have field structures in place to slow and treat storm water flowing from more than 2,200 acres of mostly cropland in Dobbins (a subwatershed of the Cedar River) or about 8% of its overall land.

“It’s exciting to be moving forward with more projects that will make a difference in our watershed,” CRWD project manager Cody Fox said. “None of this would be happening without the partnerships that we continue to make with landowners, farmers and township officials.”

Reduced flooding and improved water quality are goals of the projects led by the Cedar River Watershed District. They are part of CRWD’s overall Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a nearly \$9 million, 25-project initiative started in 2016.

All located southeast of Brownsdale, the four projects will construct earthen berms in Dexter and Red Rock townships, north of Interstate 90.

The berms will capture and slowly release large amounts of storm water, allowing much of the rainwater’s sediment – often containing excess nutrients, chemicals and bacteria – to settle out in each project’s basin.

Once released from the berms, the treated storm water will flow into one of Dobbins Creek’s two branches before they converge at Austin’s Jay C. Hormel Nature Center and flow into East Side Lake and the Cedar River State Water Trail.



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CRWD project manager Cody Fox (in red) explains during a June 11 field tour how the upstream berm of the Dobbins 1 project works when storm water is flowing through the structure, reducing flooding and improving water quality. Grass is getting established on the berms, which were completed in late 2018 in the headwaters area of Dobbins Creek’s north branch in Dexter and Red Rock townships of Mower County.

Projects heading to construction include:

- **Dexter 30** – Located in the headwaters of Dobbins Creek’s south branch, this project will slow and treat stormwater from 490 acres in Dexter Township. It also will protect 30 acres of mostly former cropland by putting the land under a permanent conservation easement with the watershed district, creating wildlife habitat.

- **250th Street** – About 470 acres will drain to this project site on the north side of 250th Street (southeast of Brownsdale) in Red Rock Township. Stormwater will be slowed and treated on a tributary stream that connects nearby to Dobbins Creek’s north branch. Watershed modeling suggests that the frequency of stormwater overtopping 250th Street will be reduced immediately downstream of the project.

- **Red Rock 26 and Red Rock 27** – These similar-sized projects in the South Dobbins’ headwaters of Red Rock Township will slow and treat stormwater from about 125 acres each or 250 acres combined.

CRWD is working to finalize two additional CIP structures for construction later this year also in the Dobbins watershed. Dobbins is targeted heavily by CRWD due to its propensity for flash flooding that causes water-quality issues and flood damage to rural and urban infrastructure and properties.

Upland water storage is a focus of the CIP initiative because it decreases the amount and speed of stormwater flow, which reduces the potential for significant streambank erosion downstream.

To date, CRWD has completed nine of 25 projects planned under its CIP initiative. The overall goal of CIP is to reduce flooding by 8% at the Cedar River-Dobbins Creek confluence in southeast Austin.

In 2018, CRWD built five CIP projects in the North Dobbins headwaters of Dexter Township, including Dobbins 1 – one of the largest CIP projects planned – that consists of two berms for treating stormwater from about 810 acres, west of Dexter.

At capacity, Dobbins 1’s storage will cover more land (over 50 acres) with stormwater than Austin’s 40-acre East Side Lake. Under the project, 80 acres of farmland also were enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), keeping the land from being farmed for a decade.

CIP projects are funded by a \$3.2 million grant from The Hormel Foundation with nearly another \$4 million thus far in funding from state grants and state bonding. Up to \$1 million from a CRWD local project levy is available, if needed.

Capturing sediment with these CIP projects is an important strategy for water quality. Sediment is loose particles of sand, clay, silt and other substances mostly from eroding soils on land or streambanks that makes streams cloudy, which is harmful to fish and plant life while also filling in lakes and streams.

Most sediment is contaminated by pollutants, such as excess nutrients, chemicals and bacteria. One of those nutrients, phosphorus, can – when in excessive levels often from pastures and cropland – cause water pollution by promoting significant algae growth. Water quality can be harmed further when bacteria consume dead algae and use up dissolved oxygen, suffocating fish and other aquatic life.

To view an interactive story map and download photos related to completed CIP projects by CRWD, go online to:

www.cedarriverwd.org/capital-improvement-plan/

SENDING: signals FROM B1

One of the main purposes for the field day is to test each group’s readiness in case of an emergency situation. These could range from a flood, to a bad storm, to even something like infrastructure issues.

Mike Conrad, who organizes the event each year, explained that amateur radio operators have been called in to help assist emergency personnel during situations such as the 2007 flooding in Rushford, Minn., and the aftermath of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017.

“A few operators went over to Rushford, and they were rotating in and out,” he said of their assistance during the flooding. “For several days, the only communication out of Rushford was amateur radio.”

Conrad has been participating in the event since 2008, and he says that he was always interested in amateur radio. “I had an interest years and years ago and never really did anything with it,” he said. “A lot was because back then you had to know Morse code to do it.”

After the requirement for using Morse code was dropped as a mandatory part of the event, Conrad said he took a beginner’s class and has been active in it ever since. “I’ve been the field day organizer for the last five years or so.”

According to Conrad, there were about 20 participants this year, which is a little bit down from previous years, a result he attributes to the sun experiencing a solar minimum, which means there is less ions in the atmosphere to bounce the radio signals off of.

“Sun spots can and do affect radio communication and right now the sun is at a solar minimum,” fellow radio operator Tom Karnauskas explained. “So particularly at the higher frequency the sky is not being charged for the higher frequencies.” This means that the higher frequency signals will not be able to bounce off the sun’s charge in the atmosphere.

During the event there are 83 designated regions scattered throughout North America that each host their own teams of radio operators. “Last year we had about 900 contacts,” Conrad said of the many radio operators they connected up with at last year’s event.

The competitive aspect comes into play as each team tries to reach these 83 zones spread across North America. The team who connects with the most gets the bragging rights for the year. The Steele County team has come within two or three of the 83 regions in prior years, but has never connected with all 83.

“When we connect up, we give our call sign, and how many transmitters we’re running, and what they call the class, which just describes that we’re operating off of generator power rather than traditional electricity and that we’re in a public place, and our location, in our case it’s Minnesota” Conrad said.

While some states with large populations such as California, Florida, and New York are split up into different regions, Minnesota’s smaller population means that the entire state counts as one single region.

“Last year, there were 37,000 amateurs that participated in this event,” Conrad said. This included folks from all over North American, including Canada. “Mostly it’s just because people enjoy it, and it’s fun, but there’s an importance behind doing it, and that’s practice.”

For those who would like to get involved in amateur radio, Conrad says the best approach would be to participate in an event like this one. “They should jump at the chance and come to events like this,” he said. “That’s kind of another reason for us to do this.”

For 24 hours Conrad and his fellow radio operators were able to connect up with other operators throughout the continent in what was a fun way to test their emergency preparedness. “We are a tool the county can use,” Conrad said of the group.

Toquams to host Woodchip Bioreactor Field Day

The Dodge Soil & Water Conservation District extends an invitation for people to attend the Woodchip Bioreactor Field Day on Friday, June 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Roger Toquam family farm located near Blooming Prairie.

Topics of discussion include: what is a woodchip bioreactor, design and installation process, benefits downstream and bioreactor construction demonstration.

Presenters will be Paul Sweeney of Ecosystem Service Exchange, Mark

Dittrich of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Keegan Kult of Ag Drainage Management. Several others have been invited.

The Soil & Water district says farmers, students, SWCD supervisors, conservation employees

and the general public should attend this field day.

The Toquam family farm is located at 11931 685th St., Blooming Prairie.

For more information, contact Jessica Bakken at 507-374-6384.

High hay prices should encourage you to scout your alfalfa

Hay prices are currently high in Minnesota, which should give farmers even more incentive to scout their alfalfa fields this year. Right now and throughout June is the optimal time to begin scouting for insect problems in alfalfa. Be on the lookout for alfalfa weevil; get out in your stands of alfalfa to search for these buggers before they cause enough damage to hurt your bottom dollar.

Alfalfa weevil (*Hypera postica*) is a beetle in the curculio family that is typically an early-season issue in Minnesota. The immature stage, or larval stage, causes the most damage. They can skeletonize leaves to the point where only leaf veins remain. This damage looks similar to Japanese beetle damage. The larvae vary from yellow to green



On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

with a white stripe down their back. Most often, farmers become aware of the larvae when they find them on their mowers during the year’s first cutting.

Scouting should ideally begin a bit before then, starting in mid-May and continuing into June. Use a sweep net to determine if larvae are out in the field. If they’re present, select 30 plants across the field and

cut them at ground level. Measure and record the height of each plant and shake into a 5-gallon pail to determine the average number of larvae per stem. Use the U of MN Extension economic threshold table to determine if weevil counts are high enough to warrant treatment. Higher hay prices mean that a farmer should tolerate a lower number of alfalfa weevils. You can find the economic threshold table at: <https://z.umn.edu/alfalfaweevil>

When deciding how to treat your weevil issue, remember that parasitoid wasps help suppress populations and they are also susceptible to the insecticides that we use to manage alfalfa weevils. The insecticides labeled for alfalfa weevil include pyrethroids and organo-

phosphates. It’s important to follow best management practices, including only treating if there is a real issue. Otherwise, practices that significantly reduce parasitoid wasp populations may cause flare-ups of alfalfa weevil in following years. Keep in mind that insecticide treatment is generally not useful after the first cutting of the year as larvae develop in to adults in June, though that window may be longer this year. In the adult stage, they do not damage plants and will not lay additional eggs until the next spring.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural educator for the University of Minnesota Extension for Steele and Rice counties. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.

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JUNE 27
1 p.m. — June Bookfair, BP Library
Prohibition Dinner, Servicemens Club

JUNE 28
11 a.m. — STEM Club, BP Library

JULY 1
1 p.m. — Movie Mondays, BP Library

JULY 2
10:30 a.m. — Storytime, BP Library
1 p.m. — LEGO Mania, BP Library

ELLEDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

JUNE 27
7:30 p.m. — Ellendale City Council Meeting, Community Building

JUNE 28
Ellendale Days
10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building

JUNE 29
Ellendale Days
12:30 p.m. — Ellendale Area Historical Society Tour, Ellendale Park

JUNE 30
Ellendale Days

JULY 1
10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building
6 p.m. — Ellendale Fire Department Meeting, Community Building
6 p.m. — Ellendale Community Foundation Meeting, Community Building

JULY 3
10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

JUNE 27
8 a.m. — Fresh Farms, Anytime Fitness
10 a.m. — June Bookfair, Owatonna Library
Noon — Family Summer Event, Cabela's
2 p.m. — Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. — 11 at 7 Concert Series, Central Park

JUNE 28
9:30 a.m. — STEM Club, Owatonna Library
2 p.m. — Sandy Rickerl Retirement Celebration, Owatonna Arts Center

JUNE 29
7 a.m. — Farmers Market, Central Park
Noon — Family Summer Event, Cabela's

JUNE 30
1 p.m. — Family Summer Event, Cabela's

JULY 2
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Summer Storytime, Owatonna Library
Noon — West Hills Commission Meeting, City Admin Building
4 p.m. — The North Market, Grace Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. — Owatonna City Council Study Session, City Admin Building
7 p.m. — Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

JULY 3
9:30 a.m. — Garden Time, Owatonna Library
10 a.m. — LEGO Mania, Owatonna Library

Pollinator Day to be celebrated in Owatonna Saturday

The Steele County Master Gardeners and the Bee Friendly Environmental Alliance of Steele County will be celebrating Pollinator Day at the Owatonna Farmer's Market in Central Park on Saturday, June 29 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Join the gardeners for fun, family friendly activities and learn how you can help the butterflies, bees, and birds that provide plant pollination that grows flowers and many of our food crops.

There will be face painting by Rebecca and coloring pages for children as well as an opportunity for children and adults to sign a pledge to commit to protecting pollinators. Information about pollinators and gardening with native pollinator plants will be available. Mid-morning there will be a sing-a-long with singer/song-writer Rachel Schroeder to learn a song or two about pollinators! The Master Gardeners will also have a variety of native pollinator plants for sale.

Owatonna Mayor Tom Kuntz has proclaimed June 19–25 as Pollinator Week in Owatonna. In March, the Owatonna City Council passed a resolution to be a Pollinator Friendly City joining more than 30 Minnesota cities and counties in pledging to increase flowering habitat, limiting pesticide use that is lethal to pollinators, and encouraging residents and property owners to incorporate pollinator friendly plants in City landscapes. This summer the Bee Friendly Environmental Alliance will be establishing a new pollinator garden on Bridge Street across from the Owatonna Public Utilities building.

Join in on June 29 in Central Park near the fountain to learn how you can be a part of this effort to help pollinators and make our world a better place to live.



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Eagles Scholarship winners



The Owatonna Eagles recently presented scholarships. The 2019 Don Tuerk Memorial Scholarship Committee and scholarship winners included, from left: Dwight Roos, trustee; Ron Ankrum, Aerie secretary; Benjamin Witikko, Sam Hovden-Marlin; Dale Benjamin, Robert Kniefel and Julia Hansen. Congratulations to the scholarship winners.

Celebrating prohibition's 100th anniversary in BP

A special program celebrating the 100th anniversary start of prohibition is planned for the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Thursday night, June 27. The program is sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion and is limited to 70 guests in the Liberty Room. Sign up by June 20, calling 507-583-7884. Burgers will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The presentation by Steve Wencil will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10, which includes the burger basket.

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- JUNE 27-30**
- THURSDAY, JUNE 27**
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- FRIDAY, JUNE 28**
4:01 p.m.- 401K Color Run Starts at the park
5 p.m.- Food vendors open
7 p.m.- Bingo
In front of Community Building
8 p.m.- Street Dance- Neon Live featuring Nick Wayne
Behind the bar
8:15 p.m.- Unsung Hero Community Building (after bingo)
8:45 p.m.- Wishes in the Night Football Field
- SATURDAY, JUNE 29**
8 a.m.- Citywide Garage Sales
8 a.m.- Registration for Alzheimer's Walk
Next to Floors 4U
8 a.m.-4 p.m.- Vendor Market
Next to Doc Misen Building
Face Painting
Next to Doc Misen Building
9 a.m.- Alzheimer's Walk
Starts next to Floors 4U
10 a.m. & 12 p.m.- Softball Tournaments
10 a.m.- Lion's Club Food Wagon
10-12:30 p.m.- Parent/Child Bean Bag Tournament
- Behind the bar
12 p.m.- Historical tour at the Park
12 p.m.- Lunch at the Park
12 p.m.- Root Beer floats at the Park
1-6 p.m.- Adult Bean Bags Behind the bar
2 p.m.- Kiddie Parade Line up at Pioneer Seed Building
4 p.m.- Annual Parade
4:30 p.m.- Lions Club Games
Grass behind the bank
4:30 p.m.- Human Football Lot south of Post Office
5-7 p.m.- Ellendale Commercial Club Pork Chop Supper
5:30 p.m.- Kiddie Tractor Pull
In front of Post Office
6:30 p.m.- Pie in the Face Lot south of Post Office
7:30 p.m.- Lions Club Meat Raffle
At the bar
8 p.m.- Street Dance- Neon Live featuring Nick Wayne
9 p.m.- Youth Dance Community Building
- SUNDAY, JUNE 30**
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.- Pancake Breakfast
9 a.m.- Tractor Pull registration
Tractor Pull
10 a.m.- Worship in the park (Methodist Church if rain)
10 a.m.- Lions Club Food Wagon
TBD- Motorcycle Show
Next to bar

Colleges host open houses for adults pursuing business degrees

If you are a working adult looking to start or complete a degree, Riverland Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato have partnered to deliver an innovative, fully online, flexible program. Learn more about our innovative FlexPaceSM program that allows working adults to earn business degrees at an Open House scheduled for June 26 at the Owatonna Campus from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event will also be streamed live via the internet for those that can't make a personal appearance.

The FlexPace program is intended for any working adult looking to get a business degree. If you have no credits, some credits, or a degree in a different field, we can work with you to meet your educational goals. Riverland offers a Business Certificate, an Associate's Degree in Business, and we are partnering with Minnesota State Mankato to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration. All programs are fully online, taken one class at a time, and designed to meet your needs. A presentation highlighting the program features will be at 5 and 6 p.m. Minnesota State Mankato faculty will join the discussion remotely to explain bachelor's degree portion of the program. For those unable to attend in person, the event will be streamed live at www.riverland.edu/FPLive. To learn more about the FlexPaceSM program, go to www.riverland.edu/flexpace.

Riverland Community College, a member of the Minnesota State system, is a community college that inspires personal success through education. Approximately 9,000 students are served annually through a wide range of credit-based educational opportunities and non-credit courses. Campuses are located in Albert Lea, Austin and Owatonna. Riverland may be found on the Internet at www.riverland.edu.

Minnesota State includes 30 community and technical colleges and seven state universities serving approximately 375,000 students. It is the third-largest system of two-year colleges and four-year universities in the United States.

Veterans outreach for June set

Any area veterans needing help with their benefits can utilize the county's veterans service officer.

Rene Gilormini will hold his June outreach hours on Thursday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie and 11 a.m. at the Ellendale Community Building.

Steele County makes it veterans officer available each month in the local communities for veterans assistance.



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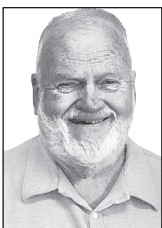
It is just less than three weeks ago that the largest invasion in history to a place in Normandy, France, when U.S. British, and Canadian troops conducted the assault that ultimately changed the course of World War II and ultimately led to the surrender of Germany. It was an invasion that succeeded, despite numerous problems of logistics, several delays in the attack, and major weather problems.

The operation actually began planning stages in 1943, under the direction of General Dwight Eisenhower, and practice attacks took place over the next year. Finally on June 6, 1944, an assault of 24,000 allied troops landed amphibious craft on the beaches in the bloodiest battle of

the war. Five beaches were targeted in the attack, including Omaha, the one that ultimately suffered the most casualties in the operation.

The attack proved slow going, as the troops had to climb cliffs and locate the enemy one soldier at a time, and none of the battles led to a successful conclusion. The second day, however, finally vanquished the German army, and the invasion was credited with turning the tide of war. It was estimated that up to 9,000 allies were killed in the invasion, and the same number of German soldiers probably lost their lives.

I am a little slow in recognizing this historic event, but lately I have been given to thinking about the importance and effect that the many incidents of war and historical episodes have had on our



Outside the Lines

LEMAR NELSON

civilization. The D-Day invasion illustrates just one of the many such events. It is worth spending a few minutes occasionally to reminisce about these life-changing incidents. At least, it has been for me recently.

WEATHER STILL NEWS

This certainly has been a year to remember, when it comes to dealing with

weather events. Just about the time we think inclement weather has departed, and farmers can get back to their usual work, another hard rain or serious storms come crashing through the area. It happened again last week, and it has become more than just a nuisance

I know that we could consider ourselves lucky when compared with the poor folks farther south in our country, but it would seem to more that a little real pleasant weather would be deserved now that summer is officially here. Would you agree with me?

OUT AND AROUND

My inquiring neighbors tell me that the Chamber of Commerce picnic at Brookside campground last week proved an unqualified success. Congratulations to the Stenders for their work in providing

such an entertaining and pleasant evening. It pleased all those who attended.

A reminder that this Thursday a dinner celebrating the 100 years since prohibition will be held at the Servicemen's Club. It should be a fun evening, and I know that the food will be delicious. Plan to attend for an entertaining occasion.

It is now just a little over two weeks until the newest edition of the Old Fashioned Fourth populates the streets and the park while everyone waits for the big parade. We don't anticipate weather disrupting the activities as happened last year. We can hope so, anyway.

A number of people in the know insist that BP's parade is unique and a one of a kind. Where else can you get bands, politicians, and farm machinery all on display at the same time?

That is probably the biggest reason why hardly anybody wants to miss the BP Old-fashioned Fourth, and it continues to be a most popular event, not just in the community, but also in a wide area surrounding.

I didn't get any reports from the event, but I am hoping that the BP Youth Club had a successful ribfest. That event was always a favorite of mine, and I know that the club counts the ribfest an important part of funding the program schedule at the club. I hope the community stepped up to support this annual event.

As we move deeper into summer, we continue to wish for settled weather and some decent growing conditions so that crops and growing conditions be favorable. Farmers deserve that. Enjoy summer, and we'll talk again

HOCKEY

Cloud named Huskies new girls' head coach



PHOTO COURTESY OF TONY CLOUD

New Owatonna girls' hockey coach Tony Cloud.

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

New Owatonna girls' hockey coach Tony Cloud has been bidding his time waiting for head coaching position.

Cloud served as an assistant girls soccer and hockey coach during his first season at Owatonna this past year.

"As a long-time assistant who has been wanting to get a crack at a head coaching job, and I saw that opportunity here in Owatonna and I am happy it's here with a team I have already worked with," Cloud said. "I have been wanting to become a head high school hockey coach for a few years now. I have been preparing myself for that as my next step."

He said his transition to Owatonna was easy, partly because his wife had already been a teacher for the district

for three years when he made the move.

"We got married last summer," Cloud said. "So, we were kind of doing a long distance relationship for five years. That's what drew me to Owatonna."

Cloud spent nine seasons at Rogers High School before coming to Owatonna. He was an assistant boys hockey coach for four years and an assistant for the girls program for five years.

"A couple years later I was working at the ice arena and bumped into a former coach of mine, who was coaching the Roger's boys high school team," Cloud said. "I asked him if he needed any help with the program and I jumped right on the ice with them."

Cloud played hockey and graduated from Elk River in 2006. He was helped the Elks reach the state tournament his

junior season.

Cloud replaces Sarah Murray, who accepted the women's hockey head coaching position at Saint Mary's University in Minneapolis.

"We were all very lucky to work with Sarah [Murray]," Cloud said. "It was an honor to have her and I was lucky enough to get hired onto her staff and I got to learn from her with all her background and experience."

Cloud said he has expectations are high for Huskies this season with a talented group returning. The last just two players to graduation.

"Our team is really set up well for the future," he said. "We only really open up a few spots on our top team and finding players to fill into those roles is going to be the next step for us, but we have so really promising talent with our incoming senior class."

AUTO RACING

Hall of Fame Induction Highlights Friday Night At Chateau Speedway

SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW GRAGE

The inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony highlighted a great night of racing action Friday Night at Chateau Speedway in Lansing with 13 former drivers and the original owners, builders and promoters of the famed facility were honored at Intermission.

The eight living members of the class of inductees were all on hand as well as family representatives of the other seven members. Drivers on hand for the nights Induction were Dave Bjorge, Verlin Eaker, Dave Noble, Greg Pfeifer, LeRoy Scharkey, John (Sonny) VanWilligen, Mert Williams and Gerhard Woltenberg. Family Members were on hand to represent Ole Brua, Mike Guttormson, Don Lowe, Don McAllister, Don Wytaske and Legacy Inductees Howard and Art Smith the original owners. The awards were designed by Adams Graphix and Sponsored by Buck Monson Photo's.

The Inductees as well as all the fans in attendance were treated to an outstanding night of racing action in seven classes. The night was originally only suppose to feature six classes of cars but the KEVCO Outlaw Mini Mods were rained out where they were suppose to run in North Iowa.

So the group, which runs half schedule at Chateau Speedway called and asked if they could join the nights program. Track owner Mark Wytaske, standing in the rain as well in Lansing, looked at the radar and figured the rain was going to be gone by about two hours before scheduled race time so told the group to come on in. For once the radar screen proved correct and by just after 5 p.m. the rain stopped and by race time at 7:15 p.m. The track was bathed in sunshine with blue sky's overhead making it perfect night to enjoy a night of racing.

The nights racing action was sponsored by Y Waste of Austin and Med City Collision of Rochester with the features once again

featuring plenty of side by side and three and even four wide racing action that fans have come to expect and enjoy.

One of the highlights of the nights action came in the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock feature. The front half of the field fanned out four wide at the drop of the green before Jason Newkirk of Austin took control of the top spot ahead of Cody Hyatt of Waseca and Kory Adams (Stacyville, Iowa). Meanwhile Zach Elward of Hayfield worked his way from midpack into the mix and on lap twelve with Newkirk and Adams going at it side by side. Elward slipped outside of both of them as they came down the front straightaway three wide and went from third to first. Elward went on to scored his fourth feature win of the season in the caution free main event. Adams outdueled Newkirk for third with Jesse Stahl of Austin coming home fourth just ahead of Hyatt. Elward also had a heat win on the night giving him his second clean sweep of the year. Bernie Adams (Stacyville, Iowa) took home the classes other heat win.

In WISSOTA Midwest Modified action Tianna Mithun of New Richland was looking for her first feature win as she jumped from row two to the front on the drop of the green. She paced the field for about half the race. Tianna was doing a nice job of holding her line around the bottom of the track as Dan Wheeler of Savage was putting pressure on her. However on lap eleven she drifted a little high in turn four and opened the door for Dan and he slid on by for the lead. Dan would go onto pick up his first Feature win of the year.

Mithun meanwhile got back on her line and kept Kylie Kath of Claremont behind her the rest of the way to score a runnerup finish. Ryan Wetzstein of West Conocord and Michael Wytaske of Hartland made up the rest of the top five. Kath and Wytaske scored the classes heat wins.

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks put on a

caution free feature with Andrew Eischen's of Taopii picking up his first feature win. Michael Wick of Faribault, starting outside front row, grabbed the early lead with Andrew coming out of row two and pulling into second on the first lap. Eischen's pulled along side Wick and the two drove side by side for much of the first seven laps until Andrew was able to finish off his pass. Wick's run turned sour on the last lap as he spun out and instead of finishing second fell all the way back to sixth. Jack Maas of Faribault who picked up the heat win on the night for the class came home in second ahead of Josh Sousa of Alden, Troy Maas of Faribault and Michael Gift of Faribault.

The Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets had the closest finish of the night. Joe Frahm of Stewartville held the early lead until Ryan Timm of Austin took control on lap three. Two laps later Justin Schelitzche of Cologne moved into second where he stayed for just one lap before taking over the lead. With all the lead swapping up front Jerry Coopman, who started last car in the field was picking his way forward. Moving up to second with just a hand full of laps left the top two went side by side the last couple laps and all the way to the line. Justin looked like he was going to hang on as they came out of turn four for the checkers but Coopman got just enough of a push off the corner to win by a nose. Timm held on for third with Nick Sillman from Minnesota Lake finishing just ahead of Frahm. Coopman and Timm had the nights heat wins for the division.

Parker Hale of Grand Meadow, making his first appearance of the season at the track put on a nice show as he came from back in row four to outduel Kadden Kath of Owatonna for his first feature win of the year at the track in the Action Builders USRA B Mod Class. Kath started on the outside front row and jumped to the early lead.

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HALL OF FAME: *Induction Highlights* FROM B6

Parker made some early moves and was quickly in the top five battling with Alex Schubbe of North Mankato and Matt Brooks of Austin in some thrilling three wide action. Hale moved to fourth on lap five and picked up another spot a lap later. A caution flag put him just behind Kath in the double wide restart. He wasted no time getting along side Kadden and kept the heat on until he eventually nosed ahead and cleared him. Kadden held off Noah Grinstead of Austin for second while Schubbe and Brooks rounded out the top five. Brooks and Kath had heat wins on the night.

The French's Repair USRA A Mod Feature saw pole sitter Josh Angst of Winona lead flag to flag for his first feature win of the year at Lansing but it was anything but a Friday night moonlight drive. Brandon Davis of Hayfield who has taken all but one of the features this year at the track coming into the night moved into second early and started looking inside and out for a place to try and make a move. Davis never found the room and the two crossed nose to tail at the end of twenty-five hard fought laps. Darwyn Karau of Kasson, Jason Cummins of New Richland and Ryan Wetzstein of West Conocrd chased the top two home. Angst also had a heat win on the night giving him a sweep while Davis took the other heat win.

The KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods, for a class that wasn't even suppose to run, lined up with a solid sixteen car field. Bobby Ruehlow (Mason City, Iowa) started on the pole and grabbed the early lead out of a three car duel with Nathan Kilwine of Glenville and Logan Brown (Clear Lake, Iowa). With the top three going back and forth and side by side Ruehlow ended up side-ways in the middle of turn one bringing out one of two cautions in the race on lap six. Brown inherited the lead for the restart and held the spot for just a couple laps until Ryan Hensel (Forest, Wisconsin) got the better of him. Ryan, after also wining a heat on the night capped off a perfect night with his second feature win of the year. Kilwine came home second ahead of Brown. Justin Besch of International Falls took fourth just ahead of Tyler Jonson also down from International Falls.



Zach Elward, of Hayfield, stands for a photo in victory lane after winning the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock Feature race on Friday at Chateau Speedway.

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Ruehlow had the classes other heat win.
Racing action will continue next Friday night with "The Dirt Show Night."

The popular dirt track racing radio program sponsors a night every year and there is sure to be lots of giveaways for the fans throughout the night. Hot laps at 6:30 p.m. with the first green flag of the night scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

6/21/2019 at Chateau Speedway

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods

A Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 7-Ryan Hensel-Forest WI, [4]; 2. 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [2]; 3. 5-Logan Brown-Clear Lake IA, [3]; 4. 10-Justin Besch-International Falls, [6]; 5. 18J-Tyler Jonson-International Falls, [7]; 6. 81-Jerry Larson-Grand Rapids, [5]; 7. 14F-Blake Ferris-Emo Ontario Canada, [11]; 8. 4AL-Dane Olson-International Falls, [10]; 9. 2C-Cole Bennerotte-Byron, [9]; 10. 25B-Bobby Daniels-Des Moines IA, [16]; 11. 29-Scott Johnson-Owatonna, [8]; 12. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [12]; 13. 25C-Chase Daniels-Des Moines IA, [13]; 14. 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [15]; 15. 25L-Lucas Daniels-Des Moines IA, [14]; 16. (DNF) 1R-Bobby Ruehlow-Mason City IA, [1].

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 7-Ryan Hensel, [1]; 2. 5-Logan

Brown, [3]; 3. 29-Scott Johnson, [2]; 4. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [4]; 5. 2C-Cole Bennerotte, [6]; 6. (DNF) 25C-Chase Daniels, [7]; 7. (DNF) 25L-Lucas Daniels, [8]; (DQ) 25B-Bobby Daniels, [5].

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [1]; 2. 10-Justin Besch, [8]; 3. 81-Jerry Larson, [4]; 4. 18J-Tyler Jonson, [5]; 5. 4AL-Dane Olson, [2]; 6. 14F-Blake Ferris, [3]; 7. 14-Micheal Bryant, [6]; 8. (DNF) 22-Nick Hauge, [7].

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. RED1-Dan Wheeler-Savage, [7]; 2. 53-Tianna Mithun-New Richland, [3]; 3. 83-Kylie Kath-Claremont, [8]; 4. 90-Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord, [6]; 5. 37-Michael Wytaske-Hartland, [4]; 6. 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [1]; 7. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [5]; 8. 79-Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, [12]; 9. 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [10]; 10. 23B-Britt Olson Jr-Waseca, [14]; 11. 86-Noel Hoppe-Waseca, [9]; 12. 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [2]; 13. 14-Cole Kroneman-Austin, [13]; (DNS) 77T-Casey Trom-Austin.

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 83-Kylie Kath, [1]; 2. RED1-Dan Wheeler, [5]; 3. 53-Tianna Mithun, [2]; 4. 79H-Luke Hainka, [7]; 5. 86-Noel Hoppe, [4]; 6. (DNF) 14-Cole Kroneman, [3]; 7. (DNF) 23B-Britt Olson Jr, [6].

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 37-Michael Wytaske, [1]; 2. G12-Ryan Goergen, [2]; 3. 90-Ryan Wetzstein, [4]; 4. 98D-Christopher Deno, [3]; 5. 33-Darryl Hainka, [6]; 6. 77T-Casey Trom, [5]; 7. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [7].

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock

A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 7X-Andrew Eischens-Taopi, [3]; 2. 31-Jack Maas-Faribault, [5]; 3. 3G-Josh Sousa-Alden, [1]; 4. 1-Troy Maas-Faribault, [4]; 5. 17-Michael Wick-Faribault, [2]; 6. 96-Kyndra Neis-Chatfield, [7]; 7. 11-Michael Gift-Faribault, [6].

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 31-Jack Maas, [1]; 2. 1-Troy Maas, [2]; 3. 17-Michael Wick, [5]; 4. 3G-Josh Sousa, [6]; 5. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [7]; 6. 11-Michael Gift, [4]; 7. 96-Kyndra Neis, [3].

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet

A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 19-Jerry Coopman-Mankato, [11]; 2. 14-Justin Schelitzche-Cologne, [8]; 3. 17-Ryan Timm-Austin, [1]; 4. 5-Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake, [6]; 5. 20-Joe Frahm-Stewartville, [4]; 6. 36-Adam Grans-ee-Waseca, [10]; 7. 79T-TJ Pearson-Burnsville, [7]; 8. 21-Brandon Downs-Austini, [3]; 9. 6-TJ Barnett-Owatonna, [9]; 10. (DNF) 9-Nate Coopman-Mankato, [5]; 11. (DNF) 28-Patrick Andrus-Austin, [2].

Heat 1 (5 Laps): 1. 9-Nate

Coopman, [6]; 2. 5-Nick Sillman, [4]; 3. 14-Justin Schelitzche, [5]; 4. 28-Patrick Andrus, [2]; 5. 6-Timothy Barnett, [3]; (DQ) 19-Jerry Coopman, [1].

Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 17-Ryan Timm, [2]; 2. 79T-Taylor Pearson, [1]; 3. 21-Brandon Downs, [3]; 4. 20-Joe Frahm, [4]; 5. 36-Adam Gransee, [5].

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock

A Feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [6]; 2. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [5]; 3. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [4]; 4. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [8]; 5. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [3]; 6. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [7]; 7. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [2]; 8. 22-Ryan Jacobsen-LeRoy, [9]; 9. 31-Raey Hastings IV-Austin, [10]; 10. 39J-Dan Klingfus-Austin, [1]; 11. 99-Greg Lammers-Owatonna, [11].

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 101-Ken Adams, [2]; 2. 32-Jason Newkirk, [4]; 3. 01-Kory Adams, [3]; 4. 42-Cody Hyatt, [1]; 5. 22-Ryan Jacobsen, [6]; 6. 99-Greg Lammers, [5].

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward, 02:29.395[3]; 2. 21-Jesse Stahl, 02:32.944[5]; 3. 47-Brent Holland, 02:34.063[1]; 4. 39J-Dan Klingfus, 02:34.063[2]; 5. 31-Raey Hastings IV, 02:34.063[4].

Action Builders USRA B-Mods

A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 28-Parker Hale-Grand

Meadow, [8]; 2. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [2]; 3. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [1]; 4. 72-Alex Schubbe-North Mankato, [6]; 5. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [3]; 6. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [7]; 7. 30-Scott Demmer-Elendale, [5]; 8. 56H-Brandon Hare-Elma IA, [10]; 9. 54-Jett Sorensen-Rochester, [13]; 10. RED1-Scott Splittstoesser-Cottage Grove, [11]; 11. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Claremont, [12]; 12. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw-Brownsdale, [4]; 13. (DNF) 5-Jesse Baer-Minnesota Lake, [9].

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 83X-Kadden Kath, 02:20.036[2]; 2. 28-Parker Hale, 02:20.302[1]; 3. 99-Noah Grinstead, 02:21.410[3]; 4. 72-Alex Schubbe, 02:28.797[5]; 5. 56H-Brandon Hare, 02:24.204[6]; 6. RED1-Scott Splittstoesser, 02:25.977[7]; 7. 81K-Caleb Korpi, 02:28.797[4].

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 44-Matthew Brooks, 02:20.404[1]; 2. 55-Brody Shaw, 02:26.274[2]; 3. 30-Scott Demmer, 02:26.965[5]; 4. 83K-Kobie Kath, 02:28.671[4]; 5. 5-Jesse Baer, 00:56.299[6]; 6. (DNF) 54-Jett Sorensen, 00:56.299[3].

French's Repair USRA Modifieds

A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 99-Josh Angst-Winona, [1]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [6]; 3. 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [3]; 4. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [7]; 5. 90-Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord, [8]; 6. 02-Jacob Dahle-Morristown, [13]; 7. 3A-Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, [9]; 8. 15-Chris Loberg-Elma IA, [12]; 9. 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [15]; 10. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [14]; 11. 8C-Chris Clark-Jackson WY, [11]; 12. (DNF) 6-Dustin Kruse-Brandon SD, [4]; 13. (DNF) 51-Blake Arndt-Brownsdale, [10]; 14. (DNF) S43-Shaun Olson-Albert Lea, [5]; (DNS) 21-Troy Gudmonson-Savage.

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 99-Josh Angst, 04:15.132[2]; 2. 71-Jason Cummins, 04:16.783[7]; 3. 23-Darwin Karau, 04:16.984[6]; 4. 90-Ryan Wetzstein, 04:20.921[3]; 5. 3A-Taylor Ausrud, 04:19.669[1]; 6. 8C-Chris Clark, 04:20.686[4]; 7. 15-Chris Loberg, 04:20.686[5]; 8. (DNF) 96-Greg Jensen, 04:20.686[8].

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 50-Brandon Davis, [3]; 2. 51-Blake Arndt, [1]; 3. 6-Dustin Kruse, [6]; 4. S43-Shaun Olson, [5]; 5. 21-Troy Gudmonson, [7]; 6. (DNF) 02-Jacob Dahle, [4]; 7. (DNF) 77-Jacob Stark, [2].

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 12, 2004 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$140,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Lavern D. Ehlers and Eunice E. Ehlers, husband and wife, Delmar W. Ehlers, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Centex Home Equity Company, LLC

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Centex Home Equity Company, LLC

SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 3, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A 319812

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Centex Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-C

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 25, Township 106 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said SE 1/4; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 862.07 feet along the West line of said SE 1/4 to true point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 862.07 feet along the West line of said SE 1/4; thence South 28 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East 484.09 feet; thence South 03 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds East 215.16 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 14 seconds East 122.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds West 196.15 feet; thence South 79 degrees 22 minutes 24 seconds West 111.46 feet; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds West 257.43 feet to said true point of beginning PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9543 89th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-025-2301 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,461.73 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been com-

plied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 23, 2019, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 23, 2020, or the next business day if January 23, 2020 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 24, 2019

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Centex Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-C Assignee of Mortgagee

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No:
74-PR-19-1000

NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Doris A. Jones Tidball
a/k/a Doris Ann Tidball
Deceased

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated May 16, 2018 and condil(s) to the will, and separate writings(s) under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Bennett A. Tidball whose address is 215 Maple Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060 as personal representative of the Estate of Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. A charitable beneficiary may be request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41,



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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: June 30, 2010

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$134,564.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Traci A. Langstaff, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advisors Mortgage, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 1, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17761 as Document Number T000066016 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on March 20, 2019 as Document Number T000077114 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 1, Maplewood Terrace Townhouses No. 2, Owatonna, Minnesota, Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 13 AUGUSTA PLACE, 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: \$118,693.01

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisors Mortgage, LLC RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-421-0105 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100199600012390478 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 20, 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 February 20, 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

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MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 19, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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By: /s/

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Notice is hereby given that he City Council of the City of Blooming Prairie will meet in the Council Chambers located in the City Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019, to consider updating the Blooming Prairie Code of Ordinances. A copy of the Code of Ordinances is available at Administration Office located in the City Center for reviewal.

Andrew Langholz
City Administrator
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- _____ to speeches of freedom
- _____ to cool off
- _____ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- _____ the Declaration of Independence
- _____ a pie-eating contest
- _____ decorated bicycles
- _____ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
- _____ in the parade
- _____ fireworks light up the sky
- _____ patriotic songs
- _____ our country's flag
- _____ with family and friends

Help me find and circle all the words that begin with the letter 'F' on this page!

Betsy Ross is said to have sewn the first American flag.

singing

listening

picnicking

swimming

Hot dog! Fire up the grill.

I love decorating my bicycle and riding it in the parade. And the fireworks are so cool! But, what is the celebration really about?

hanging

entering

visiting

watching

A cool slice of watermelon on a hot July day makes life just ducky.

This is our celebration of our country's independence. It means that we are not controlled by other countries. We are free. That's why we also call the Fourth of July **Independence Day**.

Famous People Pop Quiz!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- King _____ III of England did not permit the colonies in America to have people to represent them in the British government, which upset and angered the colonists
- 13 American Colonies wanted to break away from the British Empire; Paul _____ took a midnight ride on his horse to warn the people near Boston that British troops were coming
- George _____ was the Commander of the Continental Army (American forces) during the Revolutionary War; later became the first President (April 1789)
- writer of the Declaration of Independence; served as President of the United States; Thomas _____
- politician, scientist and inventor; diplomat who helped ensure victory of the American Revolution; Benjamin _____
- seamstress who worked making chair and couch cushions and pillows; credited with making the very first American flag; Betsy _____

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