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Steele County votes for township officers

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Last Tuesday, March 8, Steele County residents cast their votes and elected area township officers.

In Aurora Township, candidate Patrick Spindler was elected supervisor, after receiving 13 votes. He will serve a three-year term. Gail Larson also received 13 votes and will serve a two-year term as the township's clerk.

Blooming Prairie Township also elected two officers. Candidate Robert Haberman received 42 votes and will serve as supervisor for a three-year term. Missy Anderson also had 42 votes, and will serve as clerk for a two-year term.

In Berlin Township, Bert Wiersma garnered the most votes (18) for the three-year supervisor term. Other candidates included Brian Begland (four votes), Randy Shott (two votes) and Floyd Baird (one vote). Helen Schmidt had 23 votes for the two-year term as clerk, and candidate Brian Wayne had one vote.

Clinton Falls Township elected Dan Simon to serve as supervisor, with 12 votes. Susan Rypka received 12 votes and will serve as the township's clerk.

Voters in Deerfield Township elected Randy Schroht to serve a three-year term as supervisor, with 19 votes. Candidate Doug Morgan received two votes for supervisor. Deerfield Town-

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Ham BINGO



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Vickie and Jameson Smith play a game of bingo together last Thursday evening at the Pizza Cellar. During the annual Ham Bingo event, bingo players helped raise money to benefit the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Bingo winners had the chance to take home hams (all donated for the occasion by Craig and Robyn Kruckeberg) or Hope Butter. Meat raffles also took place during Ham Bingo.

Couple accused of tax evasion

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Tax evasion charges have been filed against a Blooming Prairie couple that once owned a tanning salon in Owatonna.

Michael Ray Tapp, 43, and Sheridan Jo Tapp, 40, have each been charged with three counts of failing to file income tax returns and three counts of failing to pay income tax. In addition, they are also accused of five counts of failing to remit sales and use tax. In all, the Tapps face 11 counts, including eight felonies and three gross misdemeanors.

The Tapps owned a salon on West Frontage Road called "Tapp the Sun." The business was registered with the state in October 2004. Records indicate that fees charged through the business are subject to sales tax.

In the criminal complaint filed against the couple, they are accused of willfully attempting to evade income tax laws by not filing income tax returns for 2009 and 2010. The complaint claims the Tapps failed to pay more than $29,000 in income tax for both of those years.

The complaint also alleges the Tapps failed to remit sales tax that their business collected between December 2009 and April 2012. They collectively owe more than $45,000 in sales tax, penalties, and interest, according to the complaint.

Between 2007 and 2011, more than 60 letters were sent to the Tapps requesting that they file and pay delinquent tax returns, the complaint alleges. The Tapps did not respond to the requests.

In March 2012, Sheridan called the Minnesota Department of Revenue to pay a traffic ticket. The collection officer asked her about the delinquent returns and outstanding taxes. She told the officer she thought she filed the missing returns, and that she would go online and file all missing returns within the week. She then filed the returns, but did not make any payments.

At one time the MDOR conducted a field visit, which revealed that the business was charging its customers sales tax and federal tanning salon excise tax on the purchase of tanning sessions.

Each tax-related felony charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Although most taxpayers comply with tax laws voluntarily, the MDOR takes enforcement action against noncompliant taxpayers to ensure that tax laws are administered fairly.

MDOR has a 24-hour tip line for anyone who suspects that a person or business is violating tax laws. Tips may be called into 1-800-657-3500 or emailed to tax.fraud@state.mn.us. Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

In 2014, 87 percent of the department's criminal case referrals came from citizen tips.

Annual washer Board Tournament unites friends of Mike Hansen

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The love of life brought around 200 people together to participate in the Fourth Annual Mike Hansen Memorial Washer Board Tournament on Saturday, March 12, at the Eagles Club.

Mike Hansen passed away in November of 2011, leaving behind his wife and their children. Hansen was a hockey coach, and suffered a heart attack while coaching.

His high school friends from Owatonna wanted to create an event in his honor, so they created Mike Hansen Memorial Washer Board Tournament, which always occurs near St. Patrick's Day.

"We just wanted to do something that carried on his legacy and memory," said organizer Wes Jones.

Thirty-two single teams and 44 doubles teams participated in the tournament this year, resulting in a crowd of around 200 people enjoying one another's company. "We have people that are in washer board league and we have novices. A lot of people just come to watch," laughed Jones. "Some new people like to do doubles, so they don't feel as foolish."

'We just wanted to do something that carried on his legacy and memory.'

— Wes Jones, organizer of the Mike Hansen Memorial Washer Board Tournament

To register in the tournament, it costs $15 per participant. There were various t-shirts for sale, and there was a meat raffle going on throughout the day.

Jones said that the goal was to raise $4,000.

All money raised goes toward the Owatonna Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program, which provides opportunity for children that might not be able to afford participation.

Assistant Recreation Director Tim Truelson said that Park and Recreation Scholarship fund offers between $12,000 to $15,000 worth of scholarships per year. Between 400 and 500 scholarships are awarded each year. He called the Mike Hansen Memorial Washer Board Tournament one of the fund's big fundraisers.

"The scholarships go to kids age 3 to 8th grade," said Truelson. "If they can cover 25 percent, the rest could be paid by scholarship."

Since Hansen was a fan of sports and recreation, his friends found the Park and Recreation Scholarship fund to be a fitting

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Staff photo by Anna Segner

Stacy Ohnstead (left) and Pam Arnold (right) competed in the Mike Hansen Washer Board tournament on Saturday, March 12 at the Eagles Club. Money raised goes toward the Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund.

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Our view

Community unites in giving back

Steele County's generosity, it seems, is never-ending.

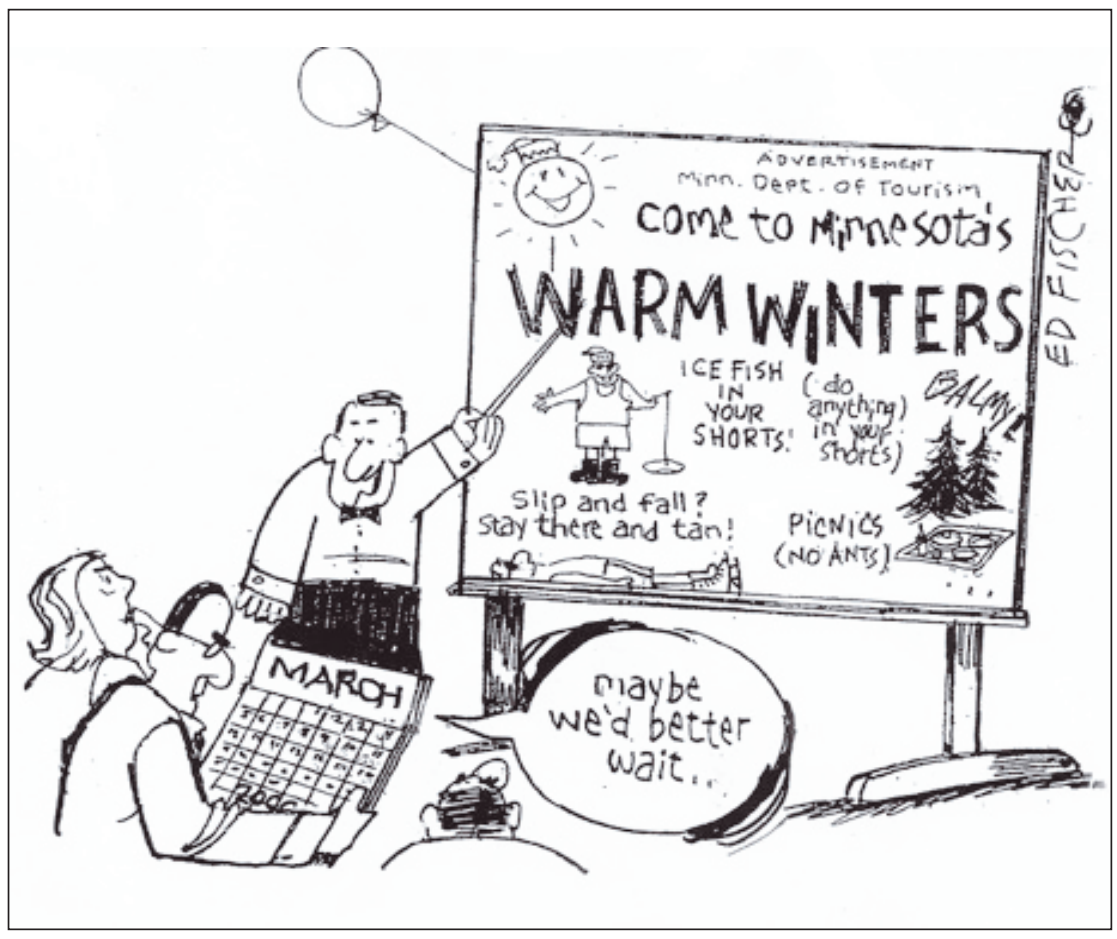
In this edition of the Steele County Times, there are stories about the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's Ham Bingo fundraiser, the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction and even a story about a stranger who stepped forward to help a local family in need.

Events such as Ham Bingo and the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction are usually well attended and are considered to be successful in their fundraising efforts. This outpouring of community support is part of what makes Steele County a great place to live.

Just like other parts of the state, and the world, Steele County has seen its share of disaster, loss and heartache. Yet, there is also much compassion and kindness. When there is a need in the communities of Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Medford, Owatonna and the surrounding area, residents come together to help in whatever way they can.

Next time there's a community event that's designed to support an individual, family or organization, consider offering your help and support. Whether you have some spare time, money or other resources, there are many ways you can get involved, and every little gesture of kindness is appreciated.

As Henry David Thoreau said, "Goodness is the only investment that never fails."



Guest column

Rural Minnesota is leading the way on broadband

By KATHLEEN ANNETTE

The momentum behind bringing broadband border-to-border is surging forward. It is built on a solid foundation of innovative, grassroots efforts--community work that has brought rural Minnesota from 52 percent coverage in 2010 to 80 percent coverage in 2016.

Getting us to the last mile and the last 20 percent, though, will require leadership, investment and cooperation at all levels.

At a November 2015 Blandin Foundation-DEED conference, statewide collaboration hit a high point when nearly 200 community leaders from across the state came together to design a shared vision for broadband in Minnesota: "Everyone in Minnesota will be able to use convenient, affordable world-class broadband networks that enable us to survive and thrive in our communities and across the globe."

As basic as this vision sounds, Minnesota still is far from meeting it. According to the Department of Employment and Economic Development, nearly a quarter of rural Minnesota households lack speeds necessary to do online homework, run an online business or use budding telehealth options.

This stark urban/rural divide hurts all Minnesotans. It's time to look at investing together in solutions already forged at the local level.

It was clear during last year's Office of Broadband Development grant cycle that rural leaders are ready to act on community-created solutions. More than $29 million in ready-made projects vied for the $10.6 million available and we fully expect that number to grow this year.

This readiness did not come about by accident. A decade ago when Blandin Foundation started to focus on broadband, communities were hungry to get connected, but were busy building the bridge (designing an engagement process, researching resources, etc.) while trying to cross it.

That's not the case today. The bridge is built. Blandin Foundation has stood with nearly 80 Minnesota communities as they identified broadband priorities and connected to financial and relational resources they need to succeed.

At Blandin Foundation, we believe communities are at their strongest when they can name and claim the future they want. Rural Minnesota has put in the time and hard work to imagine what a connected future could look like. As a state, we need to come together to claim that future - one that's bright for all Minnesotans.

Dr. Kathleen Annette is president and CEO of the Blandin Foundation.

Farmers need extra protection

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

As Americans celebrate National Ag Day on March 15, there is a movement going on in Minnesota to improve farm safety, especially when it comes to tractors.

While agriculture is important to our very existence in many ways, those who are committed to working the land are often in danger. Farming is one of the deadliest workplaces.

Between 2003 and 2013, 210 Minnesotans died in farm accidents, which now account for one-quarter of all workplace deaths in Minnesota. Tractors were involved in a third of those fatal accidents.

There are many older tractors operating the farm fields of our great land. Something needs to be done to tackle the dangers posed by old and unstable farm tractors.

Minnesota lawmakers are scrambling to make farming a safer occupation. They are considering a couple bills that would allow the state to create a rebate program similar to a successful campaign in New York, where more than 1,400 tractors have been equipped with roll bars aimed at helping farmers survive an accident.

Rep. Paul Anderson, R-Starbuck, is seeking $250,000 in state funds for the tractor program. The proposal has already drawn the support of a couple key members of the governor's staff, including Dave Frederickson, commissioner of the state Agriculture Department.

In the grand scheme of state government, the funding for this bill shouldn't be a big deal. But we hope legislators understand how important this initiative is so we don't continue losing farmers.

In addition to state funding, lawmakers are also hoping to raise about $50,000 in private sector funds for the program. CHS, the nation's largest farmer-owned cooperative, is closely monitoring the safety bill as it generally jumps onboard with funding for agriculture safety.

Under Anderson's idea, farmers who retrofit eligible tractors with rollover protective devices could receive grants covering 70 percent of the costs. Out-of-pocket expense for farmers would be capped at $500.

New York started a rebate program in 2006 and now receives $250,000 in public funding. If Minnesota jumps on the bandwagon, it would have one of the largest tractor rebate programs in the country.

Federal records show that 40 percent of tractors in use on American farms lack rollover protection. In Minnesota, there are about 87,000 older tractors failing to be outfitted with the devices.

Experts say when used with a seat belt, roll bars are 99 percent effective in preventing death or serious injury in a tractor overturn.

In New York, for example, at least 14 farmers who upgraded their tractors with state money reported surviving a rollover or other life-threatening incident on their modified tractors. Many others reported close calls.

Farmers are the stewards of a healthy planet. Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. It is also increasingly contributing to fuel and other bio-products. And we need to do everything possible to keep farmers safe.

I hope state lawmakers will do what's right for our farm friends by going in hot pursuit of protecting them as they operate dangerous equipment.

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Letters to the Editor

Editorial was appreciated

Your editorial on why the paper covers child abuse allegations was well-written. It was both to the point and also struck a neutral tone, which is not always easy to do. Thank you for your work.

Karen Duncan
District Court Judge
Steele County

Reader questions Westfield Township

In attending the annual meeting of Westfield Township in Dodge County, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, there's a staggering amount of over $18,000 for legal fees in their list of expenditures in 2015. This is a shocking amount considering that a year ago the Board was dead-set against spending an estimated amount of $2,000 for legal fees in adopting their own Planning & Zoning for the township. The current board is conducting business as if it were their own private little club and have refused to disclose any and all documentation as requested by myself and others in the past two years. The entire board consisting of Bruce Wolf, Paul Fiebiger, Owen Kirkebon, Larry Schmeling, and Julie Peterson should be held accountable for their own actions and personally re-pay to the township the exorbitant fees that they themselves accumulated, not the taxpayers.

On another note, in review of last week's issue of the "Farm Living" publication, produced by The Times and Dodge County Independent, there are a couple of articles that struggle to explain the feedlot controversy and factory farms. In the Constitution & By-Laws of the Minnesota Farmers Union, they express that a family farm becomes an entity other than a family farm when over half the work is done by outside workers. In the US, any farm with more than 1,000 cattle, 2,500 pigs or 125,000 chickens is referred to as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). In the EU officials have defined intensive as a farm with more than 40,000 poultry or 2,000 pigs.

Government works best on all levels when it operates in a transparent manner and works in the best interest of all its citizens and residents, not for just a select few or a special group.

Brad Trom
Dodge County
Concerned Citizens

Reader enjoys Whispering Oaks in Ellendale

Thank you for highlighting Whispering Oaks assisted living in Ellendale. I have lived there for two years, and it is a home away from home.

The employees are friendly, helpful and courteous. It is neat, clean and quiet.

Activities are planned. There is a chapel service every Friday at 9:30 a.m. done by local pastors. The school kids are here to present programs. Residents can participate as much as they like.

Again, thank you for the article.

Mable Dobberstein
Ellendale

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Elder mediation can help families resolve caregiving conflicts



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Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any services that you know of that help families resolve caregiving conflicts? My mother – who just turned 82 – recently had a stroke, and to make matters worse, my two siblings and I have been perpetually arguing about how to handle her caregiving needs and finances.

Bickering Siblings

Dear Bickering,

It's not unusual when adult children disagree with each other regarding the care of an elder parent. If your siblings are willing, a good possible solution is to hire an "elder care mediator" who can help you work through your disagreements peacefully. Here's what you should know.

Elder mediation

While mediators have been used for years to help divorcing couples sort out legal and financial disagreements and avoid court battles, elder care mediation is a relatively new and specialized service designed to help families resolve disputes that are related to aging parents or other elderly relatives.

Family disagreements over an ill or elderly parent's caregiving needs, living arrangements, financial decisions and medical care are some of the many issues that an elder care mediator can help with. But don't confuse this with family or group therapy. Mediation is only about decision-making, not feelings and emotions.

The job of an elder mediator is to step in as a neutral third party to help ease family tensions, listen to everyone's concerns, hash out disagreements and misunderstandings, and help your family make decisions that are acceptable to everyone.

Good mediators can also assist your family in identifying experts such as estate-planners, geriatric care managers, or health care or financial professionals who can supply important information for family decision making.

Your family also needs to know that the mediation process is completely confidential and voluntary, and can take anywhere from a few hours to several meetings depending on the complexity of your issues. And if some family members live far away, a conference or video call can be used to bring everyone together.

If you're interested in hiring a private elder care mediator, you can expect to pay anywhere from $100 to more than $500 per hour depending on where you live and whom you choose. Or, you may be able to get help through a nonprofit community mediation service which charges little to nothing.

Finding a mediator

To locate an elder mediator, start by contacting your area aging agency (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number), which may be able to refer you to local resources, or search online at Mediate.com. Another good option is the National Association for Community Mediation website (nafcm.org), which can help you search for free or low-cost community-based mediation programs in your area.

Unfortunately, there is currently no formal licensing or national credentialing required for elder mediators, so make sure the person you choose has extensive experience with elder issues that are similar to what your family is dealing with. Also, be sure you ask for references and check them. Most elder mediators are attorneys, social workers, counselors or other professionals who are trained in mediation and conflict resolution.

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

Brothers Mike and Pat Noble, born and raised in BP, are looking to "live the dream" when they open the doors at Noble RV in Owatonna on March 31. They know they are taking a risk in buying 40 acres of prime real estate, in purchasing many campers and RVs, and in building a huge 14,560 square foot building, but they also know it will work! The brothers worked to research the industry before making the decision to buy land and begin contracting. With the baby-boomers starting to retire, the pair knew Noble RV would be a good investment. With four sales already under their belts, the Noble brothers are ready to open up for business!

State Senator Dick Day came to The Prairie café for coffee and donuts on Saturday, March 18. Senator Day came down and discussed several topics with the many citizens that attended. Discussing everything from the University of Minnesota Football Stadium to roads, to the Wins Stadium, to education, to healthcare, to tax increases, and the budget, the Senator was kept busy the entire morning. "I really enjoy coming down to Blooming Prairie and getting to hear from these guys," Senator Day commented following the open forum meeting with residents and area farmers. "They do ask some great questions, and are not afraid to ask questions, which I really enjoy!"

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, March 19 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was at the high school March 11 and collected 85 pints of blood. Some juniors were turned down for donating due to recent MMR shots given to them, otherwise the total would have been close to 100.

Elf Atochem is returning to normal after additional safety procedures have been introduced and damage has been repaired from the February 20 P2 Unit explosion that injured two workers and caused minor damage to the plant. The investigation continues, mostly outside the local plant to determine the cause of the explosion. Some work at outside labs is being done to possibly recreate the explosion- at a smaller scale. The mystery may be unsolved, but Atochem is back to business as usual.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, March 17, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Basketball has been the prime topic of conversation throughout the Blooming Prairie community wsince last Friday night when the Blossoms upset the favored Austin team for the District II title and over 1100 enthusiastic fans from here will travel to Rochester this Wednesday night to support Coach Jim Poole's team in their bid for the Regional championship, according to ticket-sale records.

Keith Ingvalson, senior member of the BP basketball team, was named to the weekly WCCO Radio "Prep Parade All-State Team of the Week." His selection for the honor came on the basis of his performance against hayfield in the District II semi-finals at Austin last Monday, where he lead the team with 22 points and played an outstanding floor game.

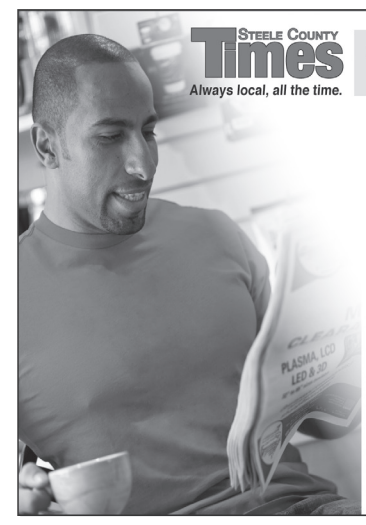
75 Years Ago
Thursday, March 20, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Five Blooming Prairie bowling artists rolled up a winning score Monday night in the American Bowling Congress National Tournament at St. Paul, placing first in all booster teams on the nine 0'clock shift. The five-man team, representing Coufal's, consisted of Ed. Brudwick, George Ressler, Roger Peterson, Ray Zwiener, and Geo. Zwiener. Rolling up a total of 2724 pins in the three games, the Blooming Prairie boys topped the 120 teams rolling Monday night, putting them in the $50.00 cash prize class.

Rudy Luquin, Blooming Prairie youth, who is a native of old Mexico and who speaks Spanish fluently served as the interpreter for the Mexican Secretary of War. The Mexican minister of War, accompanied by his family and another high governmental official of Mexico, arrived in Rochester two weeks ago to go through the Mayo clinic.

Although the clinic has interpreters within the hospital, the Mexican officials, who spoke no English, were seriously handicapped as they went about the city, shopping and making the ordinary contacts with clerks, hotel employees, etc.

A friend of Rudy, living in Rochester, heard of the situation and was responsible for getting Rudy to serve as interpreter for the entire party during their stay in Rochester. The official party consisted of cooks, valets, maids, and personal employees and secretaries of the two officials. Before leaving Rochester Wednesday, the two officials made arrangements with Rudy to serve as interpreter for another party of high government officials from Mexico who plan to visit the Mayo clinic in the near future, one of who is said to be the Mexican President's brother.



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Obituaries

Shirley L. Knutson, 93, Blooming Prairie



Shirley L. Knutson, age 93, of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, died Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie.

Shirley Louise Lea was born February 12, 1923, in Newry Township, Minnesota, the daughter of Alvin H. and Pauline (Peterson) Lea. She attended country school District 111 and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1940.

A lifelong resident of Blooming Prairie, Shirley worked at various businesses in the area over the years. On April 30, 1954, she was united in marriage to Charles Knutson at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. The couple raised three children.

Shirley was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie and active in the Sons of Norway. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed caring for and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children Dean Knutson of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, and Kristal (Doug) Paulson of Albert Lea, Minnesota; granddaughter Brooke Paulson, also of Albert Lea; sisters-in-law Doris Lea and Sharon Lea, both of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota; brother-in-law Donald Yentsch of Blooming Prairie; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Alvin and Pauline Lea, her husband Charles Knutson in 2011, son Paul in 1973, and brothers Marvin "Mike" Lea and Kenneth Lea; sisters-in-law Marilyn Knutson, Elayne Yentsch and Phyllis Anderson; brothers-in-law Ordell Knutson and Gerth Anderson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, with Pastor Charles Leonard officiating. Visitation was held on Friday from 5–7 p.m. at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Interment will be in First Lutheran Cemetery. Services were prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Rev. Ruben C. Spinler, 87, Montgomery



Rev. Ruben C. Spinler, age 87, of Montgomery, died March 14, 2016, at his home.

Funeral mass will be at 12 noon on Friday, March 18, 2016, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Litomysl. Friends may greet the family from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the Brick – Meger Funeral Home (1603 Austin Road, Owatonna) and one hour prior to the funeral mass at church. Interment will be at the church cemetery. There will be a rosary recited on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ruben C. Spinler was born to Stanley Spinler and Anna Spinler née Kubichek on October 31, 1928 as the fourth of six children. Ruben grew up on the farm and learned practical mechanics and construction skills from his father. He then graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1946, and served in the Army during the Korean War, based in Japan.

On Sept. 3, 1952, Ruben married Margaret Jirele and took over the home farm. He also worked a number of other jobs to help bring in income, such as installing cabinetry and appliances, or doing roofing. He and Margaret had five children, who they raised with frequent visits to and from cousins, uncles and aunts.

Ruben also stayed closely involved with the community. He served on the Blooming Prairie school board for many years, served on the Steele County Soil Conservation board and helped continually at Holy Trinity church and St. Isidore's school doing maintenance, snow blowing and the like. Ruben lost his beloved wife Margaret on Nov. 3, 1978 to leukemia, but continued to raise his children and farm until the all of them were at college or in other careers.

During a pilgrimage to the Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, Yukoslovia (now Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ruben was inspired to investigate the priesthood. His eldest son, Michael, was able to take over the family farm, the Diocese of Winona was able to sponsor Ruben to the Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and on June 15, 1994, Ruben Spinler was ordained as a Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Winona.

Father Ruben Spinler was installed as the pastor of the parishes at Rose Creek and Lyle, Minnesota, where he served as the pastor for ten years until his retirement. Even after retirement, he continued to offer the sacraments regularly. As well, Father Spinler was able to officiate the marriages of several of his children and grandchildren and baptized many of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Father Spinler is survived by one sister, Theodora Jirele, Owatonna, and his children Kathleen (Richard) Ruhland, Montgomery, Michael (Julie) Spinler, Blooming Prairie, Mark (Melinda) Spinler Grand Marais, Minnesota, Lisa (Brian) Roesler, Grant, Minnesota and Patrick (Jennifer) Spinler, Kasson. He is survived as well by 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-megerfunealhome.com

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March 16
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March 17
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Erik Anderson
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Avalyn Green

March 18
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Mary Ramsey

March 20
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Johnathan Manges
Pat Noble
Dillon Easton

March 21
Dwayne Gross
Calla Staads
Jan Anderson
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Anniversaries

March 15
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March 17: Unstuffed cabbage, green beans, dinner roll, brownie/mint green icing

March 18: Imitation crab salad on lettuce with tomato wedge, melon wedge, dinner roll, cream puff

March 21: Sweet pepper steak over brown rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, banana

March 22: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, California medley veg., citrus fruit cup

March 23: Baked ham, ALT: Beef steak, sweet potatoes, green beans/mushrooms, dinner roll, strawberry shortcake

TOWNSHIP RESULTS

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ship voters also elected Nicole Wacek to serve as clerk, a two-year term, with 20 votes.

Havana Township elected Mark Burnham to serve a three-year term as chairman, with 13 votes. Angela Jensen was elected to serve as clerk, a two-year term, with 12 votes.

In Lemond Township, Wayne Sommers received nine votes and was elected to serve as supervisor for a three-year term. Write-in candidate Jennelle Olson received nine votes for the two-year township clerk term.

Medford Township voters elected Duane Gallea, with seven votes, to serve as supervisor for a three-year term. Write in candidate Vern Wheeler also received two votes for the supervisor. With ten votes, Harry Buerman was elected to serve a two-year term as clerk.

The voters of Meriden Township elected Matt Herget to serve a three-year term as chairman, with 21 votes. Jerry Kath also had one vote for chairman. David Armstrong was elected to serve as clerk, a two-year term, with a total of 25 votes.

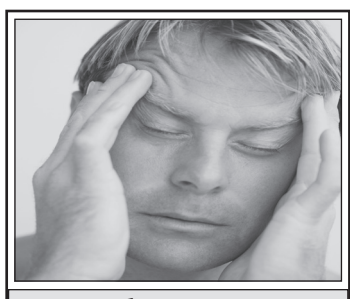
In Merton Township, Brandon Balzer was elected clerk with ten votes. Matt Keller also earned ten votes and was elected to serve as supervisor.

Owatonna Township elected three officers. Dan Stursa will serve as supervisor, a three-year term, after receiving 13 votes. Also bringing in 13 votes was Lyle Meschke, who will serve as clerk for a two-year term. Garret Miller, also with 13 votes, was elected to serve a one-year term as treasurer for the township.

Somerset Township voters elected Jerry Rysavy to serve as supervisor, a three-year term, with seven votes. Cindy Finch had eight votes for the two-year position of treasurer.

In Summit Township, Robert Hareid was elected to serve as supervisor for a three-year term, bringing in eight votes. Floyd Davidson, also receiving eight votes, was elected to serve a two-year term as the township's clerk.

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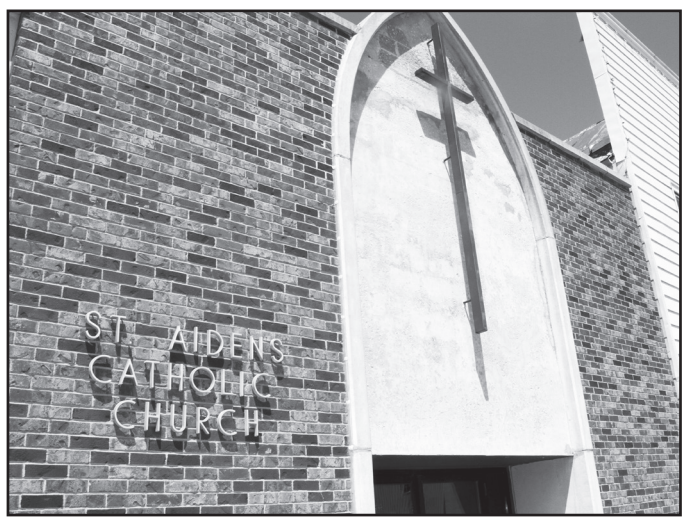
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Pastor's corner

Being present and enjoying the moment



I love to cook and recently, I've been experimenting with a pressure cooker. They've come back onto the scene in electric versions as the answer to speedy, home cooked meals.

A whole chicken? Less than 30 minutes. Mac and cheese? Seven minutes of cooking time. But, do you know what happened as I continued to cook in this speedy fashion?

I missed the movement of stirring risotto for a solid thirty minutes. I missed watching the chicken, in a pan filled with veggies, get browned and crispy in the oven. I missed the way marinara sauce smelled as it simmered in the dutch oven. I missed the slowness, the stillness, the time spent in the kitchen.

We keep trying to make things faster in our world. We like the quickest, the fastest, the speediest because time is a desperate commodity, something of which we never have enough. But I wonder when we do the quick, fast, speedy thing, if we miss something. Sure, we might save time; time that we can spend on the next fast, quick thing.

But there's something about the stillness. The slowness. When we run from one thing to another, how present are we? What smells or tastes or conversations do we miss in the rush? What do we fail to see when we're wrapped up in the hustle? Do we miss the ways that God is present in the everyday, ordinary things?

I think there is balance to be found. I certainly still cook with my pressure cooker, but not every dish. I choose to spend time standing at the stove because it forces me to slow down. To be present. To be still. (Psalm 46:10)

Pastor Lindsay Stolen
Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church

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434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
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Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
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Education hour: 10 a.m.

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Blooming Prairie FFA Chapter hosts 13th annual Toy Show

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

This Saturday, Blooming Prairie FFA members hosted a community event that drew both toy collectors and local families alike.

Sally Peterson, a Blooming Prairie High School senior and FFA member, helped organize the event. "I just like seeing little kids looking at the toys," she said. "They are just in awe." With rows upon rows of collectable toy tractors, cars, trains and still other toys, there was plenty for children and their families to look at on Saturday.

Peterson adds that organizing the event was also enjoyable. "We've been organizing it since about January, getting vendors to come to the show, organizing the food stand and making sure the newspapers are aware of the toy show," said Peterson. The whole FFA chapter, Peterson said, helps plan the event, and helps out on the day of the Toy Show.

"This morning, we started our day at 5:30 a.m. We got breakfast at the Prairie Cafe," said Peterson, on Saturday. "Then, we came back to the school and were helping vendors set up. After that, we were helping with the food stand, and then wherever people were needed."

Although Peterson said that the first ten minutes of the show were "slow," she said the traffic was steady after that. Families and toy collectors alike paid a visit to the high school, where they enjoyed viewing collectable and toy tractors, cars, trains and more.

Peterson said that helping prepare for the Toy Show was a rewarding experience. Through her work preparing for the event, Peterson said that she learned to take initiative and was able to strengthen her organizational skills. It was also enjoyable, said Peterson, to work with different age groups.

"I liked working with all different generations," said Peterson. "When working with older people, we learn from their wisdom, and when we work with younger people, they have a lot of energy. We work with people of all walks of life."



Staff photos by Laura Berndt

Nicklaus, age 8, and Nathaniel Groskreutz, age 4, select their favorite toys during the 13th Annual Blooming Prairie FFA Toy Show, held on Saturday, March 12, at Blooming Prairie High School. Proceeds from the Toy Show will benefit the Blooming Prairie FFA Scholarship Fund.



Greta Sunde, Rachel Thompson, Kalyn Naatz and Chris Wacek helped out with the concession stand during the Blooming Prairie FFA Toy Show on Saturday afternoon.

Proceeds from the Toy Show will benefit the Blooming Prairie FFA Scholarship Fund, which provides two graduating Blooming Prairie seniors pursuing a career in agriculture with one $250 scholarship each.

Although this FFA project is now complete, Peterson said that the local chapter will continue to keep busy throughout the remainder of the school year. The next big project, she said, will be working with the Community Garden. "We're going to work with the elementary kids to get them starting to grow plants and help work it into the curriculum," explained Peterson.

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cause.

Hansen's brother-in-law Wade Westphal said that the event is a big deal to the family. "Boy, it means a lot," commented Westphal. "We used to have trophies with Mike's finger prints, and it really was emotional when a family member or friend won."

This year, the prizes are minimal: a simple glass. Each participant went home with a t-shirt. Organizers said that it is more about a good time, than winning.

Jones predicted that about 40 percent of the crowd were there because they knew Hansen. "The other people just enjoy playing washer board, and that is great too," said Jones.

"Mike would have just loved this event. He was very social and enjoyed having a good time," said Westphal. "It is a good thing that it is all going back to youth sports."



Submitted photo

The family of Mike Hansen has made it every year to the event that honors the memory of their beloved father and husband. Marc, Wendy, Rich and Ian Hansen were happy to attend the 2016 Mike Hansen Washer Board Tournament.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Kenny Seykora concentrates as he tosses his washer straight into a hole in the washer board. Seykora was one of many that participated in the Mike Hansen Washer Board tournament on Saturday, March 12 at the Eagles Club.

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer Corner

Support the fighters, Admire the survivors, Honor the taken.

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group volunteer Cheri Krejci rewarded with free fuel

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

"I just like to help people and I guess I learned that from my mom (Bonnie Sloan)," said Blooming Prairie business woman Cheri Krejci when learned she had been rewarded for her volunteer work, especially that with the Blooming Cancer Group.

Receiving a special thank you for paying it forward in her community, Krejci was selected to receive free fuel from Tanks of Thanks®, a program that recognizes people who go the extra mile for others.

Krejci was recently presented with a $50 Tanks of Thanks gift card, which is redeemable at any Cenex® location, for being a hardworking volunteer for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group.

Krejci has been active with the BP Cancer Group the past 13 years.

An original member of the local Education Board, Krejci has also been a Steele County Hospice volunteer, has helped at the Boys and Girls Club, was a co-chair this past year of the Benefit Bash for the Boys and Girls Club, served on First Lutheran Church Council, and has been in charge of the meatball department at the First Lutheran Lutefisk Dinner for over 20 years.

The Tanks of Thanks program from CHS and Cenex retailers encourages people to nominate neighbors, family and friends for free fuel as a way to thank them for doing good deeds, both large and small. Each month, more than $5,000 in free fuel is given away through the Tanks of Thanks program.

To date, Tanks of Thanks has rewarded nearly 1,100 Minnesota residents with free gas and has recognized more than 17,000 people across the country for their good deeds.

"Tanks of Thanks does more than give away free fuel. It empowers people to continue doing good things for their communities," explains Akhtar Hussain, CHS refined fuels brand marketing manager. "Our Cenex retailers are proud of the communities they serve and the people who make those communities so special."



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Cheri Krejci, known for her extensive involvement in community activities, recently received a Tanks of Thanks gift card from CHS energy, recognizing her for her outstanding community volunteer work, especially with the BP Cancer Group.

According to Hussain, nominating someone for Tanks of Thanks is easy, and anyone can nominate or be nominated for any act of kindness. "Congratulations to Cheri Krejci, and thank you for your contributions to the community," he said.

To make a nomination, visit TanksofThanks.com and briefly describe why someone deserves a Tank of Thanks.

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TISCH DISH



JOE TISCHLER

Hello Steele County

Greetings Steele County! I am very excited to bring you local sports coverage for the Steele County Times.

This initial "Tisch Dish" column will be about my background, what this column will mainly be about every week, and as a request for some assistance.

First, I am a south central Minnesota resident who has strong family ties to the Blooming Prairie community. My mother was one of ten Trom children who grew up in Blooming Prairie. In fact, staff sports writer and retired teacher, LeMar Nelson, taught all ten of the Trom clan at Blooming Prairie High School where my mother was homecoming queen. I come from a big family with too many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews to count. When I started here last week, I met a family member I had yet to meet. So, if you're reading this, there's a chance you and I could be related.

I was born and raised in the Mankato area and am a graduate of Mankato East High School. After spending two years at Minnesota State University, Mankato, I transferred to St. Cloud State University and obtained a Mass Communication degree with an emphasis in Journalism. Following in my older brother and sister's footsteps who are both teachers, I went back to school at MSU, Mankato to achieve a degree in Elementary Education. I spent eight years in the education field either substitute teaching or teaching sixth grade in Dodge City, Kan. and McGregor, Minn. and coaching track and field, basketball, and cross country.

While in McGregor, I got into sports writing for the local newspaper where my dreams of working in sports for a living came to life. I put my teaching career on hold to further pursue this desire. The past four years, I have worked as a freelance sports reporter for the Mankato Free Press and as Sports Information Director at Bethany Lutheran College for two and a half years.

The best game I covered for the newspaper has ties to this area. I was courtside for the 2013 Class AA state girls' basketball championship between New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva and Braham. Carlie Wagner scored 50 of NRHEG's 60 points and had a game-clinching steal at midcourt as the Panthers won their first of two state championships, 60-59.

While LeMar does a great job with his weekly "Outside the Lines" column with a main focus on local events, my "Tisch Dish" segment will have a primary focus on the Minnesota sports scene as a whole. With four professional sports teams and a major university that all cause us so much pain and frustration, there's plenty to talk about.

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NRHEG GIRLS BASKETBALL

Panthers win sub-section crown



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Maddie Wagner goes up for a shot against a quartet of Waterville-Elysian-Morristown defenders in the Section 2AA South Sub-Section championship Monday, March 7.

NRHEG falls in section championship game

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

For the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva girls' basketball to claim their fourth Section 2AA South Sub-Section championship in five years, they would have to beat a team that defeated them twice in the regular season in Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Halfway through the Section 2AA South Sub-Section championship game Monday night, March 7 at Bresnan Arena in Mankato, it looked like the Panthers would suffer a third season setback when they trailed the Buccaneers 33-23.

The Panthers ran the floor and crashed the boards to perfection and with only 6:20 gone in the second half, the Panthers turned the 10-point halftime deficit into a 6-point lead and would hang on for the 55-52 win.

"We just talked about attacking the basket and cracking hard on the boards (at halftime)," said NRHEG coach Onika Peterson. "We had said that's going to make or break us. We've got to make sure we're holding them to one-chance shots and we've got to try to run the floor when we could."

After hitting only three first half 3s, the Panthers started the second stanza draining four 3s by four different players to pull within one at 36-35. Maddie Wagner's offensive putback gave NRHEG a 37-36 lead, the team's first since they lead 15-13 with 5:20 left in the first half.

The rest of the game consisted of maintaining a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Marnie and Maddie Wagner drilled back-to-back 3s and Rachel Collins followed another putback basket as the Panthers led 53-48 with 6:40 remaining.

WEM moved to a half court trapping defense that seemed to rattle the Panthers and pulled within one at 53-52 in the final two minutes. Kayley Camerer connected on two big free throws with 1:15 left to put NRHEG up by 3.

NRHEG's defense held strong in the final seconds as WEM's final attempts at tying the game were off the mark and the Panthers got their win over the Buccaneers in their third try of the season.

"We knew we had to work on staying down low so (WEM) wouldn't get it down to the post, because that was one of their key things last time and we knew who their shooters were so we kept track on that," said NRHEG senior guard Hailey Schuller.

Maddie Wagner led the way with 13 points and Collins added 12 as the Panthers were 10-for-27 from 3-point range.

Section 2AA Championship

Monday's win advanced the Panthers to Friday's Section 2AA championship game against defending section champion Norwood Young America back at Bresnan Arena. Like they did against WEM, the Panthers fell behind early, trailing by double digits at 20-8 with 5:35 left in the first half. Maddie Wagner scored the team's final six points to pull within 30-24 at the break.

The Raiders continued to lead into the second and held a 50-41 advantage with ten minutes remaining. Marnie Wagner hit a pair of jumpers and sister Maddie drilled a 3 from the right wing as part of a 7-0 run to pull the Panthers within 50-48 with 5:50 left.

Norwood followed with five straight points to take a 55-48 lead and would go on to repeat as section champions with a 67-56 win.

The Wagner sisters each netted 20 points and Camerer and Collins both tallied eight.

NRHEG finishes a successful season with a 23-7 record. As disappointing as falling a game short of returning to state is, they have a lot to look forward to.

"We have three great seniors that worked their butt off and gave great leadership," said Peterson. "On the bright side, we have five juniors that are coming back that put up huge minutes for us and we have four other sophomores that came off the bench, one who put up big minutes for us all season. We have a lot of talent coming back and coming up through the program so it's exciting to see."

OHS adapted floor hockey takes 3rd place at state

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

In their third straight state appearance, the Owatonna adapted floor hockey team notched its best finish with a third place showing in the 2016 State Adapted Hockey Tournament - CI Division Friday and Saturday at Bloomington Jefferson High School.

In the opener Friday night, Senior Alex Burns scored six times and assisted on another and sophomore Zach Sencer added three goals and two assists as the Huskies defeated Dakota United 11-8. Junior goalie Nolan Engebretson made 18 saves in the win.

After falling to Anoka-Hennepin 12-5 in the semifinals Saturday afternoon, Owatonna bounced back later in the day to take the third place game 13-7 over St. Cloud Area. The duo of Burns and Sencer were at it again with Sencer leading the way with eight goals and two assists and Burns notching three goals and three assists. Engebretson made 24 stops.

Sencer tallied 14 goals and four assists in the tournament while Burns scored 11 times and assisted on seven goals.

Owatonna finishes their season a 14-1 record.

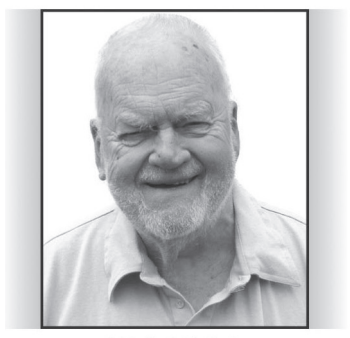


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Zach Sencer high fives Owatonna High School activities director Ryan Swanson as he entered the gym for the pep fest on March 11. The pep fest was a ceremony send-off for the adapted floor hockey team to their first game of the state tournament that night.

Sports

OUTSIDE THE LINES



LEMAR NELSON

A strange season

In the hiatus between winter and spring sports at BPHS, the opportunity arises to sit back for a few days and take inventory of the year so far. Spring sports practice started yesterday, and soon local athletes will all be doing their thing in preparation for another good season. Some random thoughts do creep into my mind, however.

This has certainly been a strange winter of weather, with a roller coaster feel to it. We have had less snow than normal, fewer below zero days than normal, and warmer temps overall for the entire winter. Everyone seems to blame El Nino for these anomalies, but I am also convinced that global warming is eventually having a great effect on our weather patterns as well.

Although there are some die-hards who still won't admit to that phenomenon, the melting ice caps around the world, and the scientists' conclusions that the climate continues to warm have finally convinced most that the transformation is real and indisputable.

No one can predict what will happen in the next few years, but it is certainly something that will capture our attention through the months and years to come.

I suppose we are simply dreaming if we think winter is over, and spring is on the way. The temperatures over the past week have certainly teased us into thinking spring and have restored smiles and a happy mood in most all of us. It is easy to forget the several inches of snow that descended upon us on May 1 just a few years ago, or the major storm in mid-March that forced schools to close not many years ago.

Whatever happens, though, we can always fall back on that truism this time of year. "At least if it snows, it won't last long." Until that happens, we will all bask in the warmer days and sunny skies and not worry about those things over which we have no control. Enjoy it.

Bethel gets Nelson

Another BPHS student, who is both a great athlete and an honor roll student, will be attending Bethel College in St. Paul after Anthony Nelson signed a letter of commitment last week to attend that institution and play football. Former BPHS athlete Shelbi Swenson is already attending that college and is a regular right fielder for the Royal softball team.

Nelson is a three-sport athlete at the local high school, leading the football team to section finals, earning a spot in the elite club of 1,000-point scorers in basketball, and running on a conference champion 4 X 100 relay team last spring. Although recruited for football, Bethel coaches indicated to Nelson that they would welcome him trying out for the basketball team as well. A big tip of the hat this week goes to Nelson for all of his accomplishments during his high school career.

More deaths

Time has away of marching on, and we continue to lose personalities regularly. Last week saw the passing of former

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Anthony Nelson signs on to play at Bethel

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Senior Anthony Nelson became the third athlete in the last two years to sign letters of intent or commitment to continue athletic careers. Seated between his parents Brian and Lois Nelson, Nelson put pen to paper on Friday, Mar. 11, and signed his letter of commitment to play football at Bethel College in St. Paul next fall season.

Nelson was surrounded by his football coaches, many of his football teammates, several other students and representatives of the press. In addition to football at Bethel, Nelson will try out for the basketball team after the football season ends next fall.

Nelson is completing a stellar career at BPHS in three sports-football, basketball, and track, and he also excels in the classroom. As athletic director Ali Mach said in introducing Nelson, "It is an honor to have such a talented student-athlete earn this letter of commitment, but we also recognize his accomplishments in the classroom as well. He is an outstanding student all the way around.

As his mother remarked, " Anthony has been a good son and has worked hard to succeed. Like any mother, we are proud of his accomplishments, and he has made good choices throughout his young life. We realize that he has had good support from all his coaches and his teammates along the way, and we are thankful for that support."

Nelson received plaudits on the football field as the leading receiver on offense and a captain on the defense as well. "I credit my academic talent that it was my obligation to call defenses for the team, and I thought I did a pretty good job of that," said Nelson. Nelson earned All-Conference honors in football and duplicated that in basketball.

He concluded his basketball career by reaching an elite club of 1,000-point scorers, finishing with 1,199 points, including 497 in this last season. He will end his career by running on the track team this spring. Last year he was a member of the 4 X 100 relay team that earned All-Conference honors, and that team came within one second of breaking the school record in that event.

Besides sports, Nelson will major in business at Bethel, but unlike many high school graduates, he is already pretty well set on his future plans. Coming from a long line of farmers, he will eventually farm and follow his father in that occupation. Right now, when he is not playing sports, he is one of five student volunteers who serve as junior ambassadors for the local chamber of commerce. His father is proud of Anthony's accomplishments, but admitted, "I am sad to see his high school career end. I actually felt a little depressed during that last week of basketball when I realized I wouldn't see him play high school basketball again. He has been a good son, and we are thankful he has made good choices as he has grown up!"

As AD Mach concluded, "We are proud that Anthony has the opportunity and the intelligence to continue a career at a good college like Bethel. We will follow his exploits as he moves on with his life." Nelson is a great exponent of someone who is a born leader and can set a great example to his teammates and younger students.



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Anthony Nelson holds up his signed letter of commitment to play football at Bethel in the fall.

Coach Piller reflects on basketball season

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

After years working with junior varsity and junior high basketball players, Nathan Piller replaced long-time varsity coach John Bruns and guided the Blossoms to a ten –win season. In Piller's own words, it was a mixed bag season. "No. 1 for me was to hope the boys had fun. That's why we do this-to play hard, win our share of games, and have fun."

There were some big moments in games when the team had success and came out on top, and there were other times when the game became frustrating to Coach Piller and the players themselves. When the team looks back on the season, it will realize that opponents in the conference and the area provided some of the best competition around.

"Four of the losses, said Piller, " came against teams that competed in the Minnesota state tournament, including Maple River, Goodhue, and St. Clair. There were games that were within reach that may have added to the win column, and that helps how the team feels about things. That is a big factor in how one measures the success of a season".

Coach Piller graduated from high school at Nashua, Iowa, and received his college degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. He taught four years at Collins, Iowa, and then moved to Blooming Prairie 16 years ago to teach art in the high school. He coached junior high basketball for 8 years and was the varsity assistant for seven. He and his wife, Kathy, have two boys- junior Zach and 7th grader Alex.

"Every team I have ever coached,' continued Coach Piller, "wishes it had won more of its games, but a big question is did the players give it their best



Head Coach Nathan Piller

effort? I think the boys have to give the ultimate answer, but I though they gave good effort in practice and in games. That was a big factor in how we determined success."

As far as the team was concerned, Anthony Nelson became one of then most prolific scorers in BPHS history, joining an elite club with 1,199 career points, including 497 in this senior year. He also had the best field goal and free throw shooting percentage on the team. He averaged 18.4 points per game. Sophomores Jake Ressler and Marten Thomas and senior Mitchell Jones led the rebounding for the team.

Nelson recently signed a letter of intent to play football at Bethel College in St. Paul. He ended his career at BPHS with a stellar season as a receiver on the state playoff football team and is also one of the fastest runners on the Blossom track team.

Getting back to the basketball season for the Blossoms, Coach Piller is the first to admit that this initial year as the head coach has been a learning experience for him, as well as for the young players on the team. Piller remarked, "I have gone over all of our game videos, done lots of self-assessment, and there are things I would have done differently. There is lots of room for improvement, and planning for next year has already begun."

One thing the coaches emphasize is that athletics are a tremendous platform for developing positive character traits like comradery, responsibility, industriousness, and enthusiasm, and overall, the team represented itself well on the court, as well as off the court.

Coach Piller concluded, " The enthusiasm off the court, such as hosting BPRA events like 7th and 8th grade tournaments, and working concessions. was gratifying. One of my greatest memories from the year came when the team played host to a birthday party for an elementary student."

These relationships and the fun the team had in practices, games, and off-the-court activities comprised the things that the players will remember for years. For Coach Piller and the boys, that is what it's all about.

Youth basketball teams win awards

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Mark Arjes, director of Youth 1st visited Blooming Prairie High School Monday, March 7,to honor two elementary basketball teams with Youth 1st Team Awards for positive conduct and good sportsmanship.

The Prairie Ridge Orthodontics 3rd grade boys team and the General Equipment 4th – 6th grade girls team received awards.

Youth 1st is a 501c-3 non-profit based in Owatonna. Owatonna Parks and Recreation implemented a Conduct 1st environment into the youth basketball program that involves almost two dozen teams in the area, playing a competitive schedule of games through the winter.

Arjes spoke briefly to the audience of players and parents in the gym about the program and some of the qualities, values and benefits attained by the participation. "Remember," he stated, "the world doesn't revolve around you. The team is the most important concept and comes before the individual.'

"We put Youth 1st by connecting conduct, character and community through a values-based approach to programs like youth basketball," remarked Arjes, "and many life lessons can be learned through participation in these activities."

"One of the great things about receiving the Youth 1st Team Award rests in the fact that it's the referees who vote on the teams to receive the honor," he added.

The Youth 1st organization operates in partnership with the Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department and has many sponsors who provide advice and support to the program. The MN Timberwolves Fast Break Foundation, Minnesota Twins Community Fund, The Walser Foundation, Federated Insurance and several local businesses and companies are just some of the groups involved.

A plaque was presented to the teams and individual certificates were also presented to each team member. The short program and presentation invoked a feeling of pride among the players and their parents.





Staff file photos by Laura Berndt

TOP RIGHT: The Prairie Ridge Orthodontics 3rd grade boys team was named a Youth 1st Team Award winner for the team's outstanding sportsmanship during the 2015-2016 Owatonna Parks & Recreation youth basketball season. From left to right in the first row are Jaydon King, Lucas Smith, Jack Bruns, Carter Bishop and Alec Wangen. In the second row are Evan Fysken, Braden Farr, Cooper Cooke, Brady Kittelson and Blake Kramer. In the third row are Coach Matt Kittelson, Coach John Bruns, Coach Jared Cooke and Mark Arjes, of Youth 1st.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The General Equipment 4th – 6th grade girls team was recognized on last Monday evening as a Youth 1st Team Award winner. The team earned this honor based upon the team's outstanding sportsmanship during the 2015-2016 Owatonna Parks & Recreation youth basketball season. Above, from left to right in the front row, are Hailey Schumacher, Zoey Perkins, Sienna Fyksen and Macy Lembke. In the second row are Coach Jennifer Thomas, Lily Graves, Lily Schammel, Rachel Winzenburg, Sophie Thomas and Addison Doocy. Not pictured are Claire Foster and Shanna Halverson.

Public Safety

Blotter spotlight:
Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident at 3:55 p.m. on March 4 in Blooming Prairie.

Active911 begins

Dodge County improves communications for first responders

Emergency communications for first responders are improving in Dodge County.

The sheriff's office has launched a new tool called Active911 to improve communications between dispatch and first responders, including police, fire and EMS. Active 911 is a digital messaging system that delivers alarms, maps, and other critical information instantly to first responder's smartphones when an emergency call is dispatched.

Sheriff Scott Rose said when dispatch initiates a call, the Active911 program sends the call information to all the responder's on the system in that category.

For example, if dispatch receives a medical call in Dodge Center, the Active911 system will send that information to all the first responders on the Dodge Center Fire Department as well as everyone on the Dodge Center Ambulance list. Responders will be able to look on their smartphones and see the call information, its location and who was dispatched.

Active911 also has a feature that allows responders to indicate whether they are responding or are unavailable. This updates in real time to everyone that was dispatched, letting them know exactly who is responding. It also has a map showing where everyone is responding from.

"This is a great tool for calls where departments may see, based on who is responding, that they need to call for more help or mutual aid," Rose said. He added the Active911 system also maps the incident and can navigate the responder directly to the location.

This system also has a feature for fire department and ambulance services that allows them to display in real time who is responding on a computer screen at the hall.

In 2015, Dispatch Supervisor Mike Burton and Emergency Management Director Matt Maas did a great deal of research on different vendors providing this type of service, according to Rose. They also met with area fire departments and ambulance services to discuss their needs and concerns.

The goal, Rose said, was to find more advanced tools to better communications between dispatch and responders for critical incidents.

Active911 was a vendor that, after integrating it with the county's Computer Aided Dispatch system, provided a service that was seamless – with automation requiring no extra steps by dispatch to get the information out to responders.

In its first week, the sheriff's office had over 150 first responders sign up for this service. The cost for Active911 is $11 per year per user, a cost that is passed through to the various departments.

Dodge County's Dispatch Center provides emergency dispatch services for two police departments, three ambulance services, and six fire departments.

"Whether it's with technology, equipment, or training – the staff at the Dodge County Sheriff's Office is constantly working to improve the services they provide the citizens of Dodge County," Rose said.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

March 4

Crash. Police responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at 3:57 p.m.

Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident at 3:55 p.m.

Owatonna Police

March 4

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests in the 300 block of Adams Ave. NW at 9:10 a.m. and in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 4:58 p.m.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 400 block of North St. W. at 5:41 p.m.

Assault. At 5:43 p.m., police responded to an assault in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of Broadway St. E. at 11:28 p.m.

March 5

Crash. At 11:29 a.m., paramedics and officers responded to a crash with injuries in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE.

Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 100 block of Allan Ave. SW at 12:19 p.m.

Drunkenness. At 11:52 p.m., police responded to a report of an intoxicated individual at Oak Ave. N. and Pearl St. W.

March 6

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Strand Dr. NW at 5:01 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Road Hazard. At 12:20 p.m., officer responded to a report of a road hazard in the 300 block of School St. W. He arrested a subject at the scene.

Weapon. Shots were heard fired in the 1100 block of School St. E. at 8:35 p.m. Police responded and made an arrest.

March 7

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of 16th St. NE at 10:14 a.m.

Fraud. Police received a report of fraud in the 300 block of Arglen Dr. NW at 12:27 p.m.

Crash. At 3:49 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred at 26th St. NW and County Rd. 45 N.

Burglary. Police responded to a burglary in the 400 block of Oak Ave. N. at 3:50 p.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 11:01 p.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Domestic. At 10:57 p.m., police made an arrest following a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of Rice Lake St. E.

March 8

Burglary. At 8:29 a.m., a burglary occurred in the 100 block of 18th St. SW.

Shoplifting. Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 9:28 a.m.

Driving. Officers received a driving complaint and made an arrest in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 1:13 p.m.

Disturbance. Police responded to a noise complaint in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 2:55 p.m. They issued a citation.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 200 block of Broadway St. E. at 11:19 a.m.

Theft. Police took a theft report in the 500 block of Elm Ave. S. at 6:59 p.m.

March 9

Death. At 4:26 a.m., police began a death investigation in the 1200 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 1500 block of 9th Ave. NE at 7:59 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 19:39 a.m.

March 10

Restraining Order. Police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S. at 1:37 a.m.

Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 10:50 a.m.

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W. at 11:12 a.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1900 block of Greenwood Dr. NE at 3:51 p.m.

Arrest. Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 8:02 p.m.

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Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of fraud in the 7400 block of Lemond Rd. at 12:48 p.m.

March 5

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 3900 block of Hwy. 30 W. at 12:32 p.m.

Arrest. Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Oak Ave. N. and Rose St. W. at 9:03 p.m.

March 6

Suspicion. At 9:48 a.m., deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 200 block of Main St. S.

March 7

Medical. Deputies assisted with a medical emergency at the detention center at 12:05 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 2:11 p.m.

Arson. At 9:54 p.m., deputies responded to arson on Interstate 35 southbound.

March 8

Crash. At 6:54 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 4000 block of Cedar Ave.

March 10

Driving. Deputies received a driving complaint from 52nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd. at 12:03 p.m. They found the driver and issued a citation.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 29 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Kaylynn A. Smart, 28, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime and misdemeanor false name to peace officer. Smart was sentenced to $100, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 40 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 29 – March 4:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Christopher N. Easley, 24, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Todd M. Knuth, 30, Cottage Grove, speeding, $221; Heather M. Krumrie, 27, Albert Lea, permit violation, $131; Xavier A. Sogoyou, 38, Shakopee, speeding, $121.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Lucas C. Bray, 37, Waseca, ATV violation, $131; Cody W. Grunwald, 22, Waseca, firearm violation, $181; Jason J. Porter, 36, Owatonna, fishing – extra line, $131; Lee D. Ramsey, 27, Blooming Prairie, snowmobile registration violation, $106.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Slender Aye, 30, St. Paul, speeding, $131; Ricky A. Beatty, 54, Faribault, cancelled license, $281, 3 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Matthew D. Chandler, 31, Owatonna, speeding; Ryan L. Domaszek, 29, Minocqua, WI, seat belt, $106; Quincy D. Donnell, 44, Kansas City, KS, no MN license, $181;

Scott Fielding, 50, Albert Lea, speeding, $141; Ibaneri A. Figueroa, 46, Austin, no MN license and suspended license, $381; Faith M. Fischer, 36, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Cody L. Hendrickson, 32, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $106;

Jameson S. Hugstad-Vaa, 27, Apple Valley, speeding, $221; Joel T. Johnson, 47, Waconia, speeding, $121; Clifton J. Kopischke, 40, Mankato, nonconforming steering wheel system, $231; Bryan B. Koster, 28, Northwood, IA, speeding, $121;

Angela M. McManus, 38, Kearney, NE, unsafe lane usage, $131; Maynor R. Montoya-Montenegro, 36, Riverside, CA, no MN license, $181; Pascal F. Nde, 27, Moundsview, speeding and no MN license, $221; Ren S. Ross, 17, Faribault, speeding, $131;

Todd J. Roudabush, 39, Minneapolis, speeding, $131; Hafiz V. Sannor, 21, Brooklyn Park, speeding, $131; Abdulah A. Sharif-Ahmed, 25, Kansas City, MO, speeding, $131; Michael W. Sutcliffe, 44, Norwalk, IA, speeding, $121;

Matthew L. Swalm, 22, Minneapolis, speeding, $131; Marijolina Vuleta, 46, Waseca, speeding, $221; Delmer G. Weiss Robbins, 22, Albert Lea, revoked license, $281; Veronica Yanez, 36, Waite Park, speeding, $221.

Owatonna Police Department

Klayton R. Ament, 34, Owatonna, theft, $131; Devin M. Brandvold, 22, Owatonna, DWI, $406, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation;

Kelcie P. Brown, 24, Sanborn, no MN license, $181; Matthew D. Chandler, 31, Owatonna, theft, $200; Lindsay N. Clore, 35, Owatonna, DWI, $381, 3 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Jodi M. Endicott, 40, Shoreview, assault, $300, mental health evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Lindsey A. French, 29, Rochester, possession of Marijuana, $131; Ryan R. Haberman, 24, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, $481;

Robert C. Lyons, 52, Owatonna, DWI, $406, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Gary D. Mosley, 24, Willmar, no insurance, $281; Thomas P. Nelson, 55, Rochester, theft, $181; Sunday O. Ojulu, 38, Owatonna, no insurance, $281; Ashley M. Padilla, 24, Waseca, revoked license and traffic violation, $481;

Garrett S. Rath, 18, Kasson, following vehicle too closely, $131; Abaas N. Said, 21, St. Cloud, failure to yield, $878.41 and 90 days in county jail; Mason E. Smith, 25, Faribault, stop sign, $131;

Scott J. Smith, 58, Owatonna, stop sign, $131; Steven J. St. Martin, 17, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Trevor S. St. Martin, 37, Faribault, theft, $181; Diana Z. Villarreal, 33, Owatonna, DWI, $406, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation.

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In addition to writing weekly game recaps of our local teams for this publication, I am always looking for special feature or interest stories to cover and this where I need your help.

If you know of any special grade school, high school, amateur, or any kind of athlete who you think deserves special mention, please send your suggestion my way at bpjoe@frontier.com. The readers of Steele County would like to know what type of great athletes and great people this community has.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I look forward to meeting all of you out at the games and out in the community.

OUTSIDE THE LINES
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first Lady Nancy Reagan and a popular novelist, Pat Conroy. Both had large followings that will miss the two for different reasons.

Nancy Reagan was most noted as the soul mate and protector of her husband throughout his presidency and beyond. She is given credit for modernizing and transforming the White House, but also for her fierce devotion to Reagan when he began suffering from Alzheimer's disease. She died at the age of 94 and was buried beside her husband at the Eagan library site in Simi Valley, California.

Conroy wrote several novels, but he is best known for two books, both of which were made into very popular movies. "The Prince of Tides" starred Nick Nolte and Barbara Streisand, and "The Great Santini" starred Robert Duvall. One of his other popular novels was one of his last, "Beach Music".

Santani was patterned after Conroy's father, an army officer who raised his son with harsh and strict discipline. Conroy was an army brat, who moved frequently in his early years, before settling down in South Carolina. He was born in Atlanta, but died in South Carolina of pancreatic cancer at the age of 70. He was married three times and had several children by all his wives.

If/Then

A quote from Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken' says, "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both". A Broadway theater company is currently touring the country with an original musical titled 'If/Then', which gives a 40 year-old woman the opportunity to explore two different lives. How her life would have been, if she had chosen an alternate existence offers the opportunity to try both lives is the basis for the show.

I think, like most of us, she would have lived her life the way she did, given the choice she had. I saw the production last weekend, and I found it to be one of the most entertaining and thought-provoking productions I have seen for a long time. It is an original musical and starred Idina Manzel in the original Broadway presentation and received Tony nominations for the Best Song and Best Original Musical of 2015.

Trivia

For BPHS sports history lovers, it was 50 years ago last week that the Blossoms upset Austin 76-65 to win the District Two championship and advance to the region tournament. That win triggered two more victories, and provided the only appearance at the state tournament for the BPHS basketball boys.

Let's close with this little gem about which to reflect: "Trouble came knocking at the door, but hearing laughter inside, moved on."

Ladies Bowling League

Week 8

	Won	Lost
Kosters' Kar Corner	19	13
Epic Contracting	17	15
J&H Liquor/Dairy Queen	17	15
F & M Bank	16	16
Pizza Cellar/Cue Co.	14	18
DOE	13	19

HIGH TEAM (scratch)
F & M Bank 570

HIGH TEAM (handicap)
J&H Liquor/Dairy Queen 550

HIGH TEAM SERIES (Scratch)
F & M Bank 1648

HIGH TEAM SERIES (Handicap)
J&H Liquor/Dairy Queen 1637

HIGH GAME INDIVIDUAL
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2. Judy Esplan 163

HIGH SERIES INDIVIDUAL
1. Joann Nielsen 458
2. Jenny Hendrickson 438

Public Safety/News

Exchange Club of Steele County inducts new members



Submitted photo

The Exchange Club of Steele County inducted two new members on March 4, during their regular meeting at Valleyview Assisted Living in Owatonna. Inducted into the Club were Tim Klinkner (left) and Ron VanNurden (center). The ceremony was lead by Lakes & Prairies Exchange District 4 Director Randy Sobrack, who is also the Exchange Club of Steele County president. Exchange clubs conduct programs of service in Americanism, Community, Youth and the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories workshops will take place in Blooming Prairie

Discover how to find, sort through, and craft your memories and turn them into a memoir or a "tell-able" personal story. Each class in this series stands alone and includes two hours of lecture, writing exercises, and small group discussions.

Following each two-hour workshop, participants can take part in a "Writer's Roundtable," where they can bring one to two pages of written work to read and get feedback from the group.

All participants can get written feedback on their writing via email with Kevin Strauss. On the night of the last session, volunteers can read their work as part of the "Writer's Read Concert".

All workshops take place 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Council Chambers, 138 Highway Avenue South, Blooming Prairie.

Dates are as follows:

• April 4 — Introduction to Memoir Writing

• April 18 — Writing About Real People

• April 25 — Writing About Real Places (homes, farms, and more!)

• May 2 — Writing A Crisis, Conflict or Change

• May 16 — Including a "Turning Point" in Your Story

• May 23 — Revising and Editing Your Story

• May 23, 8 p.m. "Writers Read" Volunteer Story Concert

Come hear some of the stories that your neighbors and friends have written.

To register for this free workshop series, contact Blooming Prairie Public Library by phone at 507-583-7750 or via e-mail at bpbl@selco.info.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Blooming Prairie Women of Today to host Easter Egg Hunt

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, the Blooming Prairie Women of Today will host the 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Blooming Prairie City Park. The event is open to kids ages 10 and under. There will be candy, prizes and fun galore. The Women of Today greatly appreciate everyone who helped sponsor this event.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Court News
Steele County

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Sydney G. Alberts, 19, Mantorville, speeding, $121; Mitchell C. Allore, 27, North Mankato, speeding, $141; Julie D. Anderson, 54, Ellendale, speeding, $131; Anita M. Anhalt, 49, Hollandale, speeding, $141; Nicholas J. Bauemfeind, 22, Faribault, speeding, $121;

Stephanie K. Blaha, 26, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Jason D. Boone, 42, Albert Lea, speeding, $121; Cassandra M. Brandon, 26, Northfield, speeding, $121; Linda C. Brueck, 67, Pine Island, speeding, $121;

Keith A. Burggraff, 28, Ellendale, speeding, $121; David L. Clinger, 46, Clairton, PA, speeding, $221; John C. Conklin, 56, La Crescent, speeding, $121; Trisha C. David, 36, Meriden, sale of radar jammer, $131;

Gary F. Dorschner, 57, Kasson, speeding, $121; Roddric D. Drumgold, 36, Austin, speeding, $221; Gregory L. Dube, 62, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Enoch E. Elliott, 18, Minneapolis, speeding, $281;

Brianna B. Forsberg, 32, Owatonna, speeding, $221; Diana L. Foster, 36, Ellendale, speeding, $121; Matthew R. Hiller, 26, Mankato, speeding, $121; Carissa L. Hoha, 31, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Kameron J. Holmes, 19, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $131; Jay W. Hyma, 61, Wauwatosa, WI, speeding, $121; Brady L. Jensen, 29, Hartland, speeding, $121; Randall C. Johnson, 26, Olivia, speeding, $221;

Anne M. Joubert, 35, Waterville, speeding, $141; Rachel H. Karnick, 46, Faribault, speeding, $121; Derek J. Kelling, 19, Owatonna, no insurance, $281; Nickie K. Kerrigan, 57, Northfield, speeding, $121; Cole S. Krauth, 21, Faribault, speeding, $221;

Harlan R. Kruger, 34, Ellendale, registration violation, speeding and no insurance, $371; Becky A. Lovgren, 34, Owatonna, speeding, $221; Jami A. Marzolf, 31, Albert Lea, speeding, $121; S

hane N. Melsha, 24, Burnsville, fleeing a peace officer and revoked license, $381, 19 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Philip Melton, 34, suspended license and speeding, $321; Jeffrey C. Michel, 30, Owatonna, speeding, $121;

Matthew D. Olson, 21, Mankato, no insurance and speeding, $341; Rafael Ortiz-Cruz, 27, Austin, invalid license, $181; Gregory J. Pittman, 66, Waseca, speeding, $121; Abraham D. Ryan, 22, Faribault, registration violation, $181; Sharnaye L. Scroggins, 25, Austin, littering, no license, speeding and no child passenger restraint system, $552;

Trevor S. St. Martin, 37, Faribault, expired plates, $40, 3 days in county jail and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Ruach P. Thuok, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, $281;

Han N. Vorwerk, 34, Dodge Center, domestic assault, $281, 25 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, and 1 year of supervised probation;

Leslee M. Winter, 49, Waseca, speeding, $131.

Police Blotter
Dodge County

March 2

Suspicion. Deputies found suspicious activity in the 100 block of Main St. W. in Hayfield at 1:50 a.m.

Harassment. At 12:03 p.m., deputies received a report of harassment on 6th St. E. in Mantorville. Investigations are pending.

Trespassing. Deputy responded to a trespassing incident in the 22300 block of County Hwy. 34 in Kasson at 12:45 p.m.

Civil. Deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 23300 block of County Hwy. 24 in West Concord at 4:46 p.m.

March 3

Narcotics. Deputy made a traffic stop at Main St. E. and 2nd Ave. SE in Dodge Center at 2:20 a.m. The driver was arrested for controlled substance possession and an Olmsted County warrant.

Restraining Order. Deputies received a walk-in complaint of an order for protection violation at 8:59 a.m. They arrested the male party in Mower County and transported him to the Steele County Jail.

Sexual Assault. Deputies began an investigation of a sexual assault in the county at 11:55 p.m.

March 4

Harassment. A citizen reported being the victim of harassment in the 500 block of 3rd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 6:51 a.m.

Fraud. A Dodge Center resident reported credit card fraud and ID theft on Main St. W. at 1:41 p.m.

Larceny. At 6:10 p.m., deputy took a report of the theft of a coat and keys on Main St. W. in Dodge Center.

March 5

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 9:48 p.m.

March 7

Disturbance. At 2:16 p.m., a male party was causing a disturbance on 2nd St. NE in Hayfield.

Suspicion. Deputies received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of 12th Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 5:24 p.m.

March 8

Larceny. Deputy took a report of the theft of a TV in the 100 block of 2nd St. NE in Hayfield at 11:22 a.m.

Court News
Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Feb. 29 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Luis E. Cota-Cardenas, 25, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of drugs. He was sentenced to 48 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Feb. 29 – March 7:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Rasheed A. Ali Arami, 22, Mankato, speeding, $130; Jedidiah J. Burt, 35, West Concord, parking violation, $32; Geoffrey R. Flynn, 47, Mantorville, parking violation, $32; Joy I. Meyers, 22, Winona, speeding, $220; Jordan B. Miller, 19, Harmony, speeding, $120;

Sheryl L. Nelson, 54, Brownsdale, speeding, $130; Isaac C. Olson, 27, Dodge Center, parking violation, $32; Marie C. Omarro, 42, West Concord, DWI, $480, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 1 year of supervised probation;

Christine E. Patzner, 22, St. Charles, parking violation, $32; Pedro A. Perez, 21, Dodge Center, theft, $23.22 and 1 year of probation; Jaden L. Petersen, 25, Blooming Prairie, parking violation, $32; Chuoi B. Ruach, 30, Faribault, DWI, $1,085, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 90 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Jeffrey R. Snider, 38, Rochester, speeding, $220.

Kasson Police Department

Stephen D. Boyd, 41, Kasson, license violation, $180; Bradley D. Eberhart-Budensik, 25, Kasson, text messaging, $50 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Duane W. Hennes, 56, Burnsville, parking violation, $32;

Jeremy P. Keller, 20, Rochester, no insurance, $280; Jordan D. Schaefer, 24, Eyota, speeding, $120; Michael B. Vagt, 29, Byron, revoked license, $280.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Karen E. Cole, 22, Hayfield, no insurance and expired registration, $310; Kimberly J. Damon, 46, West Concord, speeding, $130; Lori A. Kryzer, 56, Mantorville, speeding, $120;

Dustin D. Majerus, 23, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $130; Branden A. Monson, 24, Rochester, speeding, $120; Isaac C. Olson, 27, Dodge Center, speeding, $50 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction;

Tracy L. Stephens, 54, Kasson, DWI, $505, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation.

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police

Derrick Jacqueay Roberson, 37, arrested at 9:25 a.m. March 4, extradition matter – parole violation, body only.

Ricky Scott Steele, 41, arrested at 4:59 p.m. March 4, felony burglary, possession of stolen property and check forgery, held for court.

Paulo Tarelo Garcia, 30, arrested at 6:19 a.m. March 6, felony domestic assault by strangulation, held for court.

Michael Jon Robinson, 51, arrested at 12:26 p.m. March 6, cancelled license, held for court.

Shelly Lynn Phipps, 34, arrested at 10:49 p.m. March 6, felony possession of firearm as a felon, controlled substance and introduce controlled substance to correctional facility, held for court.

Tristan James Klemer, 19, arrested at 11:15 p.m. March 7, felony possession of firearm as a felon, held for court.

Dillin Robert Schultz, 23, arrested at 11:33 p.m. March 7, domestic assault, held for court.

Tywanda Lorraine Johnson, 18, arrested at 9:43 a.m. March 8, disorderly conduct warrant arrest, $200 bail.

Jason Dean Batt, 36, arrested at 2:24 p.m. March 8, cancelled license, held for court.

Christopher Michael Powers, 40, arrested at 2:01 a.m. March 10, violation of order for protection, held for court.

Peter Russell Caudillo, 23, arrested at 11:19 p.m. March 10, possession of Marijuana and warrants arrest, body only.

Steele County Sheriff

Elizabeth Marie Dwyer, 40, arrested at 9:10 p.m. March 6, controlled substance warrant arrest, body only.

Curtis Daniel Schumann, 35, arrested at 6:35 a.m. March 7, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Duane Gustave Lyke, 51, arrested at 7:14 a.m. March 7, felony possession of firearm as a felon, held for court.

Janniffer Lyne Suchanek, 32, arrested at 3:19 p.m. March 7, probation apprehension and detention order, held for court.

James Ryan Rongve, 32, arrested at 5 p.m. March 7, probation warrant arrest, held for court.

Michael Steven Lehnertz, 28, arrested at 7:21 p.m. March 8, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Jefrey Allen Wolf, 27, arrested at 8:26 p.m. March 8, warrant arrest, $10,000 bail.

Jason Dean Batt, 36, arrested at 3 p.m. March 9, felony probation violation, body only.

Owatonna Fire

March 5

Pedestrian Hit. At 11:32 a.m., fire personnel responded to a motor vehicle and pedestrian crash at 2630 Third Ave. NE.

Injury Crash. The department assisted police and paramedics with a motor vehicle crash with injuries on 26th Street Northwest.

March 7

Police Matter. The fire department assisted police officers with a "police matter" in the 7800 block of 48th Street Southeast at 6:41 a.m.

Alarm. A fire alarm activated at 252 Chestnut Ave. at 4:42 p.m. Firefighters found no fire and the activation was ruled unintentional.

Vehicle Fire. At 6:38 p.m., the fire department put out a car fire on Interstate 35.

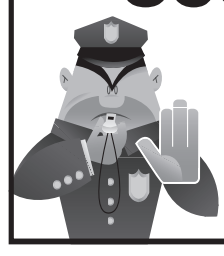
March 8

Fire Alarm. The fire department responded to a fire alarm at 1301 Lincoln Ave. at 1:59 a.m. No fire was reported and the alarm was unintentional.

Smoke Detector. A smoke detector went off at 730 Cedar Ave. S. at 9:01 a.m. There was no fire and the activation was unintentional.

SHERIFF'S TIPLINE

866-878-7964



If you have information about any crimes in Steele County, call the sheriff's tipline. You may remain anonymous.

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

ACTIVE WARRANTS

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

Richard Collins – check forgery – no bail
Robert Connell – theft, shoplifting - $1,000 bail
Abel Cordova – DUI – no bail
Omar Cordova Jr. – stalking, revoked license – no bail
Robles-Cordova – license violation - $500 bail
Alberto Corona – DUI – no bail
William Corwin – cancelled license - $6,000 bail
Harold Crafton – give false name - $500 bail
Jose Crisanto – cancelled license - $1,000 bail
Elias Cruz – DWI - $12,000 bail
Jose Cruz – DWI - $1,400 bail
Maria Cruz – assault - $300 bail
Stuart Culpepper – DWI - $700 bail
Joel Dahl – DWI - $3,000 bail
Hasan Dama – suspended license - $500 bail
James Davis – domestic assault – no bail
Lonell Davis – cancelled license – no bail
Roderick Davis – registration violation - $1,000 bail
Jeanne Day – worthless check - $10,000 bail
Maurice Daye – burglary – no bail

Ellendale City Council rids city clerk's office of odor

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Last Thursday evening, the Ellendale City Council unanimously voted to purge the city clerk's office building of an unpleasant, and potentially unhealthy, odor.

The smell had been previously noticed by city staff and other visitors to the building, and the city elected to investigate the odor. During the last council meeting, the group heard from Jim Schlueter, of Rainbow International, who had performed some investigative tests in the building. Schlueter said that, during the test, one potentially harmful spore was discovered.

City Mayor Mark Skroch asked how soon the city should address the problem, and Schlueter indicated that the problem should be addressed as soon as possible. "I would do something about it," he cautioned. "Whenever there's the possibility of mold, you want to take care of it as soon as possible."

Council voted to follow Schlueter's recommendation to "fog" the building. The process would cost about $400, but Schlueter said the fogging would kill thee harmful spores and should also eliminate the odor that's been permeating the building. The fogging, said Schlueter, would not harm any of the electronic equipment inside the building, and would infiltrate every crack and crevice where the spores could be found. The building, he added, would need to be vacant for three hours after the fogging took place. The council agreed that the problem needed to be taken care of immediately, and invited Schlueter and his colleague to complete the work the following day.

In other business, council approved Glen Hedberg's request to construct a privacy fence, as long as he followed all setback requirements and other conditions outlined in city ordinances. Hedberg also inquired about the possibility of housing a few chickens within city limits. Hedberg stated that he did not want any roosters, and planned to have no more than four chickens, should council consider his request. The council explained that, in order to allow chickens with city limits, they would have to redo existing city ordinances. As the council had a full agenda that evening, Mayor Skroch suggested council revisit the matter at another time.

The council also heard from Donnavon Eaker, who had attended the Blandin Community Leadership Training as an Ellendale representative. Eaker had approached the council during their last meeting and asked that the council express their support for her efforts. During last Thursday's meeting, Eaker thanked the council for indicating that they would support her efforts and provided the council with an update. She stated that seven people had attended the first core action committee meeting and would meet again in the near future.

The Ellendale City Council will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in the Ellendale City clerk's office.

Nortonna Lodge to meet March 21 in Owatonna

The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway will meet on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Supper will be served at 6 p.m. for a cost of $7 and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Elks Lodge, 126 East Vine Street.

The guest speaker is Dr. Lawrence Moe who will share the story of Carl Ben Eielson, the famous pilot and explorer who was born in North Dakota to Norwegian immigrant parents. Dr. Moe is an English professor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul.

For more information on the Nortonna Lodge of the Sons of Norway, contact Nina Zak at 507-451-5841 or Cindy Hokanson at 507-451-9301.

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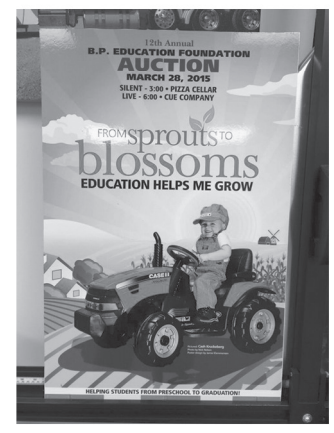
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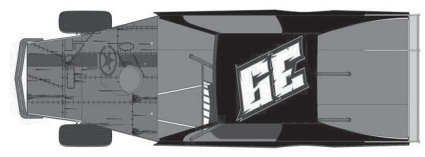
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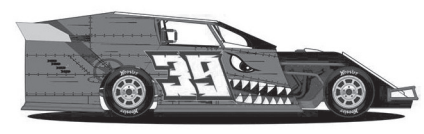
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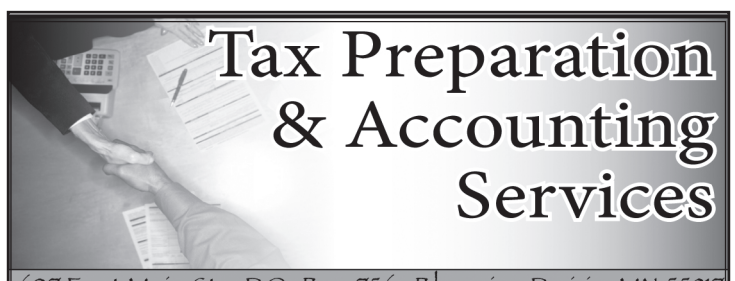




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A labor of love

Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction features variety of items

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

At the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation (BPEF) Annual Auction, guests can bid on items including gift baskets, concert tickets, signed sports memorabilia and much more. There are also a number of handcrafted items available at the auction.

The BPEF strives to support the local school district in a variety of ways, helping fund technology purchases, equipment, projects and other programs. The BPEF's 13th annual fundraising auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. The silent auction begins at the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie at 3 p.m., followed by a live auction at 6 p.m. at the Cue Company.

Gerry Berg, of Blooming Prairie, said she has been donating handmade items to the auction for several years. Berg began working with wood about 20 years ago, when a woodcarving class was offered through Blooming Prairie Community Education. For many years, Berg has donated a hand-carved Santa to the BPEF Auction.

"I start with a block of wood and carve the outline on a band saw," explained Berg. "After it is carved and sanded smooth, I paint it and seal it up. Then, it's ready to go." Sometimes, Berg also uses pre-cut pieces of wood, but the majority of her Santas are hand-carved. The Santa also comes with a doily, which is also handmade by another community member.

Some years, the Santas are what Berg describes as "old-world," and other years they are made to look more modern. The Santa usually wears a long robe and holds something in his hands. One year, Berg made a Santa holding a scroll of good boys and girls' names, and the list included the names of her own children and grandchildren.



Submitted photo
Michelle Turner, a 1979 graduate from Blooming Prairie High School, made this punch pillow, which will be available to bid on at the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction. The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, with a silent auction beginning at 3 p.m. and a live auction at 6 p.m.



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Wally Wilke, a former Blooming Prairie educator, enjoys donating items like this hand carved child's rocking chair, to the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Auction. Wilke has been carving wood ever since he was an elementary school student.

This year, Berg is also looking forward to helping set up the event on the day of the auction. "I guess I was always interested in doing something for the schools," she said. "I think the auction is an interesting thing to see; maybe people find something there that they want or need. It also helps the schools."

Michelle (Noble) Turner, a 1979 graduate from Blooming Prairie High School (BPHS), also donates items to the BPEF Auction on a regular basis. Usually, she donates some type of needlework or baked goods. Some years, she donates both.

This year, Turner made some "vintage" style towels, and also made a "punch pillow" that depicts the state of Minnesota, with a bright red heart marking Blooming Prairie's location. Turner said that Blooming Prairie is a "great small town," and that she is happy to donate items for the BPEF Auction.

"I think about the benefits it gives to the kids at school, for opportunities they don't normally have," said Turner. "That's why I decided to donate."

When Turner was a BPHS student, she enjoyed the closeness of the student body. "I had four first cousins and a future aunt in my graduating class," she recalls, with a laugh.

Turner adds that, while the auction is for a great cause, it's also fun to attend. "The entertainment value is there," she said. "There's people bidding and going against one another, once they find something they really want to purchase. It's a fun evening event."

Turner also appreciates the BPEF committee, which works hard to organize the annual event. "I want to thank the committee that works so hard on it, for all the hard work they put into it," said Turner. "And, people who donate to it are awesome, too."

Wally Wilke is another Blooming Prairie resident who enjoys donating items for the BPEF Auction. Wilke is a retired teacher, who spent over 30 years in the Blooming Prairie School District.

Wilke's children also went through the Blooming Prairie school system, and Wilke believes they got an excellent education. "It's a very good school. For this size, they offer a lot of different courses and they offer a lot of activities," Wilke said.

Since Blooming Prairie is smaller in size, Wilke also believes that students are also able to participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities. "All my kids got a good education and have done well, and by having this Education Foundation, they're able to run some programs and provide some aid that wouldn't be there," reflects Wilke. "I think the quality of education is maintained, partially due to the fact that we've got the Education Foundation."

Wilke usually donates creations, made of wood, to the BPEF Auction. "I started woodworking when I was in elementary school," Wilke remembers. "I had an uncle that had a lumber yard, and I'd go down and bum lumber off of him. He'd say, 'What are you going to make?' And I'd say, 'I don't know until I get the wood.' Then I would go and build something."

Usually, Wilke donates a child's rocking chair and children's wooden blocks to the BPEF Auction, although, in year past, he's donated "almost everything" that can be made of wood. Wilke's wife, Jean, will also be donating a quilt to the auction.

Wilke said that the community has been very supportive of his woodworking over the years. Some people, he said, have even bought multiple chairs. Recently, Wilke said one couple even came back, 20 years later, and asked him to "tune up" their chairs, so that the grandkids could enjoy them for another 20 years.

"I enjoy woodworking and I enjoy doing stuff for the Education Foundation, so it kind of goes hand-in-hand," said Wilke.

GRIEF RELIEF



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Education news

Owatonna students named to Dean's List

The following students were named to the fall Dean's List at Creighton University for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Lara Butler, of Owatonna
Morgan Malo, of Owatonna
Nora Rubish, of Owatonna
Tess Starman, of Owatonna

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Steele County Free Fair to host fish fry

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Steele County Free Fair board is trying something new and hosting a fish fry dinner this Friday, March 18, at Hy-Vee. The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m.

"This is just to keep the fair out in front of the public. Winter is starting to wrap up, and we thought it would be fun to get people together," said Fair secretary and manager Jim Gleason.

For $9.99, the fish fry menu includes baked cod, a pasta choice, bay scallops, swai breaded fish, hushpuppies, veggies, mashed potatoes and coleslaw. Kids can eat for $5.99.

A & W Root Beer floats will be available for $1.

Gleason said that Hy-Vee has been a good partner. "They offered to do it, and we enjoy working with good folks," said Gleason. He also stated that Hy-Vee is generous in the portion of each meal price that goes to the fair.

Similar to the mail-outs that the Steele County Free Fair sent out in December, funds raised at the fish fry will go toward the Steele County Free Fair Building Fund.

The building fund has a current focus of paying off the loans that the fair received from the county for the construction of the Radel Pavilion. Gleason said that the letters have generated between $7,000 and $8,000.

There has been talk about looking ahead to the next few years, when the fair will likely need to replace the two remaining livestock barns that were built in 1958.

"They're still functional, but they are not attractive buildings to be proud of," said Fair Board President Dan Deml, in November. "The way that they were constructed does not justify significant upgrades. That's not even really much of an option. They are low and the doors are small, which severely limits off-season rental."

This summer, the fair will not be hosting another Barn Dance. Gleason said that the fish fry is replacing the Barn Dance for this year.

"The barn dance is a lot of work, and you need a big group to put it all together," he said. "We'll see how this goes!"

Gleason said that most, if not all, of the fair board will be present at the Fish Fry and would love to see the community come out for a delicious meal.

Building Fund benefit dinner

Friday, March 18

4 - 7 p.m.

HyVee Casual Dining Area

Proceeds benefit the Steele County Free Fair Building Fund

Medford residents' park dreams might be more than a pipe dream

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Medford Park Board welcomed residents to dream about what they would like incorporated in area parks.

Over the past six months, the park board has been discussing the futures of the various green spaces. On March 9, they opened that conversation up to the community during a public meeting at City Hall.

"This is an opportunity to think about what you would want the parks to look like in 20 years," Park Board Member Jerry Paschke said to the few that gathered to suggest ideas.

"We're not looking for the nuts and bolts about how to make something happen, because if we only did that, nothing would ever happen," said Paschke.

The meeting ran as an open forum for discussion. Park maps and notepads were arranged on each table for residents to review and write down their ideas.

Eight green spaces were up for discussion, including: Central Park, Straight River Park, Radel Park on First Street Southeast, Jones green space on Second Street Southwest, Frank Woodfill Wildlife Refuge (a mile south of Medford on County Road 45), Outlet A at the end of Riverview, Old Water Tower Site (on First Street Southwest, and the New Water Tower Site (on Third Avenue Southeast).



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Conversations about the future of Medford's parks and green spaces occurred at the public meeting hosted by the Park Board on the evening of March 9 at City Hall.

Park board members were present at the meeting and were available to chat about ideas.

The city presented ideas, and community members added to the list. Ideas for the parks ranged from community gardens to drinking fountains to play areas.

Another idea was a river trail for Frank Woods Wildlife Refuge.

Diane Ristau suggested pickle ball courts for the Radel Park. She said that she has played with her family at the Owatonna pickle ball courts in Morehouse Park, and they really enjoyed the game. She mentioned that, if courts were in Medford, it would be fun to get a Medford league together.

The ideas will be considered in a 20-year plan. The park board hopes to get assistance in drafting a plan from the University of Minnesota.

New park board member Grace Bartlett said that the public meeting was partially an effort to appeal to the University of Minnesota's funding and assistance. "We want to hear from the community and get people involved," she said.

Adam Jirak, of the city's Public Works department, was passionate about making the green spaces the best that they can be.

"We need other places beyond the Straight River Park for kids to play," said Jirak. "I'm not from the city, but I would have loved to easily get to a park to shoot hoops with friends when I was little."

He spoke about how the Old Water Tower site is small, but it could function as a fun area if it had a small playground, half basketball court and a small pavilion.

"We have to be careful about what we can and can't do. Certain areas of town have more to offer kids, and we have to be concerned with safety. Some areas are more isolated than others," said Jirak. "I'd like to see places that parents trust for their kids."

All ideas are going to be reviewed and considered over the next year as the Park Board develops a plan.

Local family receives surprise donation from generous stranger

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

When Daniel Dut, a 2nd grade student at Medford Elementary School, was diagnosed with cancer, the community was extremely supportive. Months later, people – including complete strangers – continue to show their support for Daniel and his family.

Last week, Daniel's parents, Nicole and Mayen "Daniel" Dut (Mr. Dut), paid a visit to the elementary school, where they met with Medford Elementary Principal Mark Ristau. Ristau led the couple to Daniel's classroom, where teacher Ellen Hansen and her friend, Jake Ableman, were waiting. Ableman works for Bell Mortgage, a division of Bell State Bank and Trust, which has a "Pay it Forward" program.

'We just want to recognize a lot of people for the great moral support and love right here.'

— Mayen "Daniel" Dut , father of Daniel Dut

"We have a Pay it Forward Program and I'd like to donate $1,000 to you, to do whatever you want, with whatever you guys want to use it for," Ableman told the couple, who was very moved by the gesture. "Once I was aware what you were going through, I just

SURPRISE DONATION
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Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Last Tuesday, March 8, Jake Ableman presented a check to Mayen "Daniel" and Nicole Dut, the parents of Daniel Dut, a 2nd grade student at Medford Elementary School, in the amount of $1,000. Ableman works for Bell Mortgage, a division of Bell State Bank and Trust, which has a "Pay it Forward" program, and wanted to make a donation to help the family in their time of need. Daniel was diagnosed with cancer and recently had a major operation. Daniel's parents are pleased to report that he is doing well and making progress with his recovery.

STEELE TALKIN'



MELISSA KOCH

Being a team player

Being part of a team is a basic tool and life skill that is required by employees. If you have read any help wanted ads, chances are you have seen a post similar to "job requires someone who is a team player."

Youth within the 4-H Youth Development program have many opportunities to build their collaboration skills. Traditionally, 4-H is known for its leadership experiences, in which youth have opportunities within a club to share and give back to their community in a variety of ways, such as a demonstration given at a Lions Club meeting. Today, 4-H works to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning into both traditional 4-H Clubs, as well as in after school enrichment settings here in Steele County.

A blog post I read recently titled, "Collaborating is an Engineering Habit of Mind" by Cynthia Berger, explored how early experiences with engineering can help support learning across the curriculum. Most will agree that collaboration is more than just working in a group. Cynthia states, "Collaboration means engaging in highly creative group work that sparks innovation and productivity."

This year, Steele County 4-H is working to grow more opportunities for its 4-H youth to experience hands-on STEM learning at all levels of a member's experience. This year, at the after school sites, 4-H is bringing in science that will "Shake, Rattle, and Roll", giving youth the chance to work together to inquire how to solve various engineering puzzles.

Youth have explored power cars, roller coasters, amusement parks, earthquakes, contraptions and the magic of science. Local 4-H clubs have hands-on team building science exploration at their fingers tips here at the Extension Office. Leaders can check out various lessons on food science, physics, magic, aerospace and animal science, to name a few.

These lessons allow for collaboration where the team has a clear goal in mind, members are focused on a task, everyone is engaged and participating, and team members share ideas respectfully. When youth are engaged in their team, you will find them communicating clearly and engaged in reflection where they think about what others have shared and weigh in on the alternatives. At a Steele County 4-H science program, you will hear early scientists using words like "hypothesis" as they gather knowledge to make a prediction.

Engineering habits at the most basic level are essential for any citizen in our high-tech world, which increasingly requires STEM literacy to make informed decisions. Collaboration and being a team player are valuable keys to opening doors for career success. As these young engineers are given time for collaboration they, too, will be valuable in any career they pursue.

Check out other youth development opportunities at our website at http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/steele.

For more information, contact us at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685.

Steele Talkin' is a weekly column featuring officials from various organizations throughout Steele County. Melissa Koch is a 4-H Program Coordinator with University of Minnesota Extension in Steele County.

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4:30 p.m. Fire Commission meeting
4:45 p.m. BP Boys & Girls Club Brd Mtg
5:30 p.m. Ambulance Commission meeting
March 16:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
March 22:
BP Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
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March 15:
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March 17:
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
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March 17:
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March 21:
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7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
March 16:
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4 p.m. Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
March 17:
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SPOT LIGHT

Catholic Daughters of Court St. Anne host Spring Salad Lunch and Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Anne #1840 are hosting a Spring Salad Lunch and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Christ the King Church Hall, 205 2nd Ave. NW in Medford.

A soup and salad lunch, including desserts, will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at a cost of $8 per person. Along with the delicious lunch, there will be home baked treats available for purchase, special raffle items and door prizes.

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Anne support many local, state and national charities throughout the year, including local youth scholarships and education, Habitat for Humanity, Birthright, support of our military and disaster relief.

Other counties

Freeborn
March 18:
Albert Lea High School Band & Orchestra Trip to Florida
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, Albert Lea
March 19:
Albert Lea High School Band & Orchestra Trip to Florida
Albert Lea Public Library Closed
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, Albert Lea

Mower
March 18:
Hot Reads For Cold Nights
Shoe Away Hunger Footwear Collection
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
12 p.m. St. Patty's Day Feast, Mower County Senior Center
3 p.m. Austin Home and Vacation Show, Packer Arena, Austin

Chamber Spotlight

Blooming Prairie buses reach contentment in new garage

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

All buses that are part of the Blooming Prairie Bus Company have found a new home and contentment to boot.

"It's like a dream come true," says Kevin Christianson, general manager of the Blooming Prairie (BP) Bus Company. He says a late arriving winter allowed contractors to utilize cooperating temperatures during the construction process.

Dahl & Sons, of Blooming Prairie, constructed the 120 by 98 foot pole building that faces Highway 218 and is directly across to the west from the Blooming Prairie Ambulance Garage.

The new garage building is divided with a state and county code required firewall that included over 400 sheets of sheetrock, says Christianson. The floor surface is recycled blacktop that came from the Blooming Prairie Main Street reconstruction project, Christianson said.

The old bus building was demolished late last fall. The building was built in 1959 and expanded in 1961. "The old garage held 12 buses with many of the back ends sticking out of the undersized building," Christianson says.

The new garage provides a good fit for the bus company's 13 buses. Thirteen large doors were installed in the new building, with seven on the front side and six on the back. The new doors measure 12 by 14 feet compared to the old 10 by 10 foot doors.

The color scheme for the building was selected by Katie Kreutter and Jodi Staska. Kreutter is the daughter of bus company owner Bill Reagan. Staska is a secretary for the bus company.

Bus drivers are thrilled with the new conveniences offered with the new bus garage. Drivers can drive to the rear side on the west when bringing the vehicle back from a day of delivery. Early in the morning, after Dean Peterson has positioned buses for departure, drivers arrive and take their buses on designated routes. Motion lighting east and west helps in maneuvering buses, Peterson said.

"We have heard lots of compliments about our new garage," Christianson said. The community and the bus garage needed a new storage facility, he emphasized.

With the construction of a new garage, the BP Bus Company has also renovated a quonset building behind the garage and made it a repair facility. Christianson and



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Bus Company manager Kevin Christianson (right) and maintenance chief Dean Peterson (left) are shown in front of the new bus garage located on South Highway 218. The facility houses 13 buses.

Peterson manage that operation. "We wash the buses here and do routine maintenance on them," Peterson said. "It's much easier to maintain equipment than before," says Peterson.

Both the garage and the repair facility feature LED lighting. Plumber Larry Christianson, of Prairie Plumbing and Heating, and Mike Matayas Electrical did work on the repair facility

Major repair work is done at the Owatonna Bus Company garage.

The BP Bus Company has 13 school buses, holding a capacity from 54 passengers to 77 passengers. The new garage can store 14 buses. Christianson says 350 students from pre-school through 12th grade are transported on nine different routes. Two buses are used for school activities and two are kept as spares. The driving crew totals 16.

Christianson, a veteran of the transportation business, also oversees a company called KDC Inc. This firm delivers special needs students to other locations. He has 10 employees in this group.

BP Bus Company owner Bill Reagan also has bus companies in Mason City, Albert Lea, St. Louis Park and Owatonna.

"Our new facilities are first class all the way and our drivers are very happy," Christianson concluded.

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Somber and inspiring stories shared during "Minnesota Disasters" exhibit

From man-made catastrophes to Mother Nature's fury, disasters leave an indelible mark on our landscape and our memories.

"Minnesota Disasters" a new exhibit at the Steele County History Center brings these events to life with stories told through extraordinary photographs and film, featuring a Steele County disaster component. "Minnesota Disasters", opens at the Steele County History Center on March 31, 2016.

Minnesotans are no strangers to disasters. They have faced devastating swarms of grasshoppers, tornadoes, bridge collapses, fires and floods. Using photos, text and film, "Minnesota Disasters" explores the preparation, reaction and aftermath to catastrophe in our state. Intertwined with details of those calamities are the incredible stories of human vulnerability and resilience.

"On Thursday, March 31, we'll open the exhibit to the public for the first time", said Kim Purscell, Executive Director of the Steele County Historical Society. "That evening, following a "launch reception" we'll host a panel discussion entitled Survivor Perspectives, where a panel of six Steele County residents will recount their experiences having survived the 1967 tornado, the 2010 flood, and the 2010 tornado. This event is open to the public and is free of charge for members, $2 admission for non-members."

This exhibit is on temporary loan from the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul and will be traveling to venues throughout Minnesota. The Minnesota Historical Society Traveling Exhibits Program has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008.

The Steele County History Center is a part of the Steele County Historical Society, a non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1949. Its mission is to preserve and share Steele County history today for tomorrow. The Society collects, preserves and tells the story of Steele County's past through museum exhibits, research, collections, tours, educational programs and book publishing.



Submitted photo

"Minnesota Disasters", opens at the Steele County History Center on March 31, 2016.

N.R.H.E.G. Spring

A - HONOR ROLL

GRADE 6
Dobberstein, Alex
Dutton, Marlee
Eads, Severin
Gushwa, Elsabet
Hagen, Ashley
Harpel, Cora
Horejsi, Jordan
Knudson, Brenlee
Kormann, Cassie
Kruger, Kylee
Kyllo, Ava
Martin, Rhys
Mueller, Matthew
Nicholson, Cameron
Nielsen, Brennan
Peterson, Anna
Petsinger, Nikolas
Stenzel, Clay
Stork, Sophie
Utpadel, Journey
Vaale, Torri

GRADE 7
Arndt, Cloie
Baker, Elli
Blowers, Bridgette
Christenson, Tory
Crabtree, Hanna
Duncan, Trenten
Gaona Quezada, Luisa
Gushwa, Tewodros
Huisman, Hannah
Jacobson, Anna
Johns, Sarah
Johnson Kendall
Kitzer, Alexi
Klemmensen, Emma
Knutson, Madison
Lee, Katie
Martin, Cassidy
Nissen, Cambria
Nydegger, Daniel
Schlaak, Kardell
Schultz, Riley
Stafford, Jonah
Stencel, Carter
Strom, Lorelei
Tufte, Grace

GRADE 8
Bartlett, Madison
Combs, Alexandra
Domeier, Jayna
Fell, Evan
Jensen, Angelie
Karl, Elizabeth
Kath, Summer
Kofstad, Grace
Maloney, Maggie

GRADE 9
Marcks, Cherysh
Medrano, Destiny
Peterson, Paige
Prigge, Annie
Schumacher, Cierra
Sepulveda, Aracelis
Stene, Holly
Williams, Mia
Anderson, Alexis
Christopherson, Olivia
Goette, Caitlin
Ignaszewski, Lexie
Johnson, Aubrey
Kraay, Dalton
Westrum, Hailey
Wobschall, Brooke
Worrell, Laura

GRADE 10
Anderson, Brianna
Bell, Lillian
Blowers, Samiha
Dobberstein, Evan
Ferris, Christian
Harden, Kelly
Katzung, Michelle
Lewer, Benjamin
Lundberg , Benjamin
Malakowsky, Jason
McNett, Renee
Misgen, Payton
Morstad, Leah
Mortensen, Justin
Nielsen, Lillie
Olson, Aaron
Olson, Chancellor
Pederson, Carma
Peterson, Nikita
Possin, Kyra
Prigge, Emily
Rhoades, Makenzi
Schoenrock, Betsy
Stenzel, Christopher
Techau, Nathaniel
Tollefson, Emma
Utpadel, Jerret
Wayne, Tali

GRADE 11
Aaseth, Natalie
Agrimson, Chad
Baker, Oakley
Johns, Grace
McKay, Jennifer
Nelson, Lacey
Prigge, Samuel
Ramaker, Gretchen
Schultz, Jack
Surat, Maci
Wagner, Madison
Wagner, Marnie
Westrum, Mitchell

GRADE 12
Bailey, Anna
Christopherson, Abby
Eder, Emily
Edon, Nicole
Fitterer, Wyatt
Hagen, Lizzy
Ignaszewski, Cole
Lewer, Katharine
Lundberg, Anna
McCamish, Whittney
Mortenson, Marissa
Nafe, Jessica
Nelson, Clayton
Powell, Corrie
Schuller, Hailey
Stencel, Torrie
Tieskotter, Taylar
Wallin, Nicole
Wibben, Kayanna

B - HONOR ROLL

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Baas, Madalynn
Beck, Jaxon
Bogue, Hunter
Budach, Bo
Combs, Autumn
Hansen, Brayden
Huisman, Isaiah
Johannsen, Madison
Johnson, Asa
Knutson, Maverick
LaCanne, Miranda
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Peterson, Porter
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Chicas, Riley
DeLaFosse, Abigail
Guerra, Breanna
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Johnson, Ashton
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Routh, Thor
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Winter, Klarissa

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KIK Graphics acquires SixTwo Graphics

KIK Graphics continues to grow seven years after its debut.

KIK owner Tyler Kruckeberg announced his company has acquired SixTwo Graphics out of Albert Lea. All SixTwo operations will be relocated to Blooming Prairie.

"It's an exciting time for us at KIK," Kruckeberg said. "This is a big addition that will bring more business to Blooming Prairie."

SixTwo Graphics is a major player in the racing game. SixTwo owner Aaron Haggerty says his company wrapped more than 600 racecars over the past four years, from places as far away as Arizona and Saskatchewan.

"I'm really excited," Haggerty said. "I think this is going to be a great deal for everyone."

Haggerty will continue to focus on racecars for KIK, with plans to expand his role in the future.

"He's got a lot of experience, which will only serve to benefit us," Kruckeberg said. "Aaron's eye for quality combined with KIK's excellent reputation means our company is in great shape for the future."



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KIK Graphics owner Tyler Kruckeberg (left) & SixTwo Graphics owner Aaron Haggerty (right) pose for a photo at KIK Graphics.

Steele County History Center to host the largest artifact show in the region

The Steele County History Center will host the Gopher State Archeological Society and the largest annual artifact show in the region on Saturday, March 19, at 1700 Austin Road, Owatonna.

This event is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers a fantastic opportunity to see many of the region's largest and most complete private collections.

Many collections will feature personally found artifacts from Steele County and around the state. There will displays covering all time periods and a wide range of items from arrowheads to Native American Beadwork.

Our local archeological record spans 11,000 thousand years, and items from Steele County dating back to the Paleo time period will be on display. Collectors from around the region will feature items such as stone arrowheads and knives, stone axes, copper tools and bone tools. More recent historical items such as fur trade artifacts, beadwork, baskets and Native American art will also be on display.

The intent of the show is to encourage communication and education among collectors, professional archeologists and the public. Tom Amble, of the Gopher State Archeological Society, said, "Every collector dreams of finding a Clovis point. They are over 11,000 years old and a prize of any collection. Yet, collectors may not realize is that no undisturbed Minnesota Clovis site has ever been effectively researched and documented by our state archeologists. We want to raise awareness of issues like this among collectors so they know how important it may be to report a find."



Submitted photo

The Steele County History Center will host the Gopher State Archeological Society and the largest annual artifact show in the region on Saturday, March 19 at 1700 Austin Road, Owatonna. Above are some of local artifacts from Steele and Waseca County that were on display during last year's show.

Amble explains that other topics such as responsible and legal collecting and identifying fakes are discussed at every show.

Kim Purscell, Executive Director of the Steele County History Center said, "This will be our fourth year hosting this fun and fascinating event. Last year was well attended; we encourage everyone to come back this year and to spread the word. This is a rare opportunity to get hands-on with Steele County's earliest history."

Anyone interested in artifacts or local history will find the event to be a great way to spend an hour or the whole day.

There will be items for sale or trade. If there are items you have found or that has been passed along in your family, bring them to the show. There will be a number of knowledgeable people on hand to give you some opinions as to what you have – is it 10,000 years old, 300 years old, or possibly a modern replica? Inquiring minds should attend this show.

Volunteer open house event at Blooming Prairie Elementary

Would you like to make a positive difference in the life of a child?

Blooming Prairie Elementary School is hosting a volunteer open house in partnership with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) on Tuesday, March 22 at 9 a.m. in the school conference room/office.

Listening to a child read, helping with vocabulary words, or drilling basic math facts, are just some of the volunteer activities available.

Common Good Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) partners with agencies to bring them life-experienced volunteers who are over age 55. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is a nationwide movement of over 400,000 Senior Corps volunteers who have a passion for their communities.

Catholic Charities facilitates the Common Good RSVP and has partnered with Blooming Prairie Elementary to provide volunteers supportive benefits at no cost to the school or the volunteer.

These free benefits for volunteers 55 and over include mileage reimbursement, supplemental accident and liability insurance and ongoing volunteer support and recognition, which are funded through grants.

To find out how you can make a difference helping students in the Blooming Prairie Elementary School and receive these free volunteer benefits, please join us. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Michael Maas, Common Good RSVP Regional Program Coordinator, at 507-450-1518.

Allina Health hosts upcoming community health dialogue

On Thursday, March 24, Allina Health will host a community health dialogue to gather ideas about what we can do to address community health needs in Steele and Dodge counties.

Allina Health would like to hear from community members to help determine what role we can play in addressing important health issues in the community.

"We are looking for feedback from community members with many perspectives as residents, workers and neighbors. Your input will guide decisions about community-based programs and services over the next three years," says Natalie Ginter, director of Community Engagement in the south region for Allina Health.

The community health dialogue is an opportunity for community members to provide their input on priority health areas including mental health and wellness, healthy aging (over 50 years of age) and chronic disease prevention and self-management. All residents are invited to attend.

While as many people as possible will be accommodated, participants are asked to register for planning purposes. To register, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHNAregister.

Community dialogue event

- Steele County Historical Society 1700 Austin Road, Owatonna
- Thursday, March 24
- 8-8:30 a.m., light breakfast and networking
- 8:30-10:30 a.m., community dialogue

Participants will receive a $10 gift card as a token of appreciation. Translation and interpretation services are available where needed.

Those who can't attend are asked to share their input on this online survey: http://tinyurl.com/Allina-input.

GENEROUS DONATION

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thought I'd like to help out."

The Duts expressed their gratitude to Ableman. They also said that the entire community has been very supportive during Daniel's battle with cancer. "We just want to recognize a lot of people for the great moral support and love right here," said Mr. Dut, on Tuesday.

"He's doing a lot better. We're just thanking God," said Mr. Dut, of his son's progress. "It's been a miracle: his life, and everything that's been going on. It's continual progress, but everything is moving in a great direction, medical-wise."

Daniel recently had an operation to prevent the cancer from spreading. "We're really thankful, too, about the time he went in," said Mr. Dut. If the surgery hadn't taken place so quickly, said Mr. Dut, Daniel could have lost his eyesight. The surgery went well, but doctors are continuing to monitor his progress carefully.

"He's a tough little kid, that's for sure," said Principal Ristau, of Daniel.

"He is very positive," added Nicole.

Daniel's parents say that their son has remained strong in his faith and that his recent experiences have only strengthened their faith in God.

"We want to give credit to God. We want to give him the glory," said Mr. Dut. Once Daniel is healed and feeling better, the family wants to share their experiences with the rest of the community. Right now, however, their main priority is to help Daniel feel better and to remain positive.

"We believe that God has done a great miracle in his life and he shared this with us," said Mr. Dut. "It's not just his life, but it's also impacted other people and the community and the city."

To learn more about Daniel's journey, or to make a donation to help the family, visit Daniel's GoFundMe site at www.gofundme.com/3ghwq2wh.

Donations can also be made through the Hometown Credit Union in Owtonna, under the "Daniel Dut Jr. Benefit."

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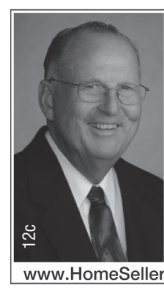
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Overcoming differences

People gather to understand Muslim customs and perspectives

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Community members and professionals in the southern Minnesota area gathered at the Owatonna Public Library on March 9 to seek understanding of Muslim customs and perspectives.

Doherty Staffing Solutions hosted two sessions of an educational presentation by Dr. Shah Khan, a scientist with a biotech company. After serving two terms as Communications Director of the Islamic Center of Minnesota, Khan was elected president of the organization. He is now serving his second term.

Doherty Staffing Solutions is one of the Midwest's largest contract and temporary staffing agencies. This is the first time that they have hosted a Muslim education event. They invited many of their clients.

Approximately 60 individuals came to each session.

Jeannie Kavitz, of Cottage Woods Senior Communities in Rochester, came to the session because there are a number of Muslims that work at the senior communities.

"I want to learn more about the Islamic customs, so we can accommodate appropriately," said Kavitz. She planned on sharing the information she learned with her co-workers.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Dr. Shah Khan gave a presentation about Islamic faith and traditions at the Owatonna Public Library for the afternoon session of "Understanding Muslim Culture and Perspectives" on March 9. The educational event was hosted by Doherty. Khan is a scientist with a biotech company, and he is currently serving his second term as the president of the Islamic Center of Minnesota.

Human Resources Director Brian Denny, of Jack Links Beef Jerky in Mankato, also came to educate himself. "We have individuals of the Muslim faith working with us, and I want to gain a better understanding," said Denny. "There is so much that we hear in the news, and I want to bring more accurate knowledge into the workplace."

Khan's presentation was titled "Islam: the Natural Way." His presentation had a primary goal of explaining some of the foundations of Islam.

He began his presentation by asking the audience of nearly 60 individuals what they think when they think of Islam. Answers included "dress," "Middle East," "religion" and "fear."

Khan explained that he asked this question to establish the fact that there is little understanding of the true teachings of Islam.

He showed a map of the world and explained that Muslims come from all races, nationalities and cultures.

He began by explaining that Islam is a monotheistic religion, meaning that Islam believes in one God. "Allah" is the Arabic word for "God".

" (Allah) is always merciful, and his mercy does not end," explained Khan.

Khan's presentation depicted a map that explained that Judaism, Christianity and Islam are "sister monotheistic religions," because all three religions claim the prophet Abraham as their common forefather.

"What I see here is that when Christians and Muslims talk, they should be hugging because they are both of the Abrahamic faith," said Khan. "Life is short. We need reasons to love each other, not hate each other."

He said that Islam highly values peace, kindness, discipline and submission to God, and any action that is not peaceful is not a true act of the Islamic faith.

He shared details about the prophet Muhammed, the Qur'an, the five pillars of Islam and the ritual of prayer. Since the topic is so vast, he also provided the audience with extra reading material.

"I spent six years in school studying biochemistry," said Khan. "But, I will spend my life understanding religion. That is why I consider myself a student of knowledge."

Freedom of religion was a topic debated in the audience. After questions, Khan noted that a common mistake when understanding Islam is the confusion of religion, culture and government.

He encouraged the audience to try and look past the false information and rumors about Islam and try to truly understand.

"We can see and hear, but we understand with logic," he said. "If my laptop is broken, do I take it to Menards? … No….Same goes for if you have questions about Islam. You don't Google search, you should ask someone who practices Islam."

"If I gave one person in this room a new perspective on Islam, than I am happy," he said.

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Dodge Soil, Water District wants to be leader in conservation

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

The Dodge County Soil and Water Conservation District wants to be a leader in the conservation field, Director Adam King told Dodge County Board members last week.

King reviewed the district's 2015 projects and previewed what is on schedule for 2016.

For 2015, King said, the district had total revenues of $155,001.30 compared to the budgeted $176,935. Expenditures for the year were budgeted at $188,974, he said, with actual expenditures of $176,112.12.

The loss of $14,993.94, King said, was taken from reserve funds.

The district, he said, oversees several conservation projects, the Dodge County Water Plan and feedlots.

The county Water Plan, King said, involves six areas. The district does public well testing and associated services, maintains the Dodge County well database, helps with the Citizen Stream Monitoring Program, the Nitrate Monitoring Network and other ground water related programs, helps with county grant applications and other duties requested by the county to satisfy objectives of the Dodge County Water Management Plan.



During the past year, he said, the district also applied for three Clean Water Fund grants. These included, he said, the Dodge Saturated Buffer Project implementation, the Middle Fork Zumbro Critical Source Area Restoration, and the Ripley Nitrogen Reduction implementation.

The district has increased its budget for 2016 to $349,988, primarily because of new grants that have been received, he said.

The Clean Water fund grants that will run for three years will allow for the installation of at least nine saturated buffers in the headwaters of the Cedar River and Salem Creek Watersheds, installation of six sediment reducing projects in Ellington and Milton Townships and installing six nitrogen reducing projects in the Ripley Ditch System.

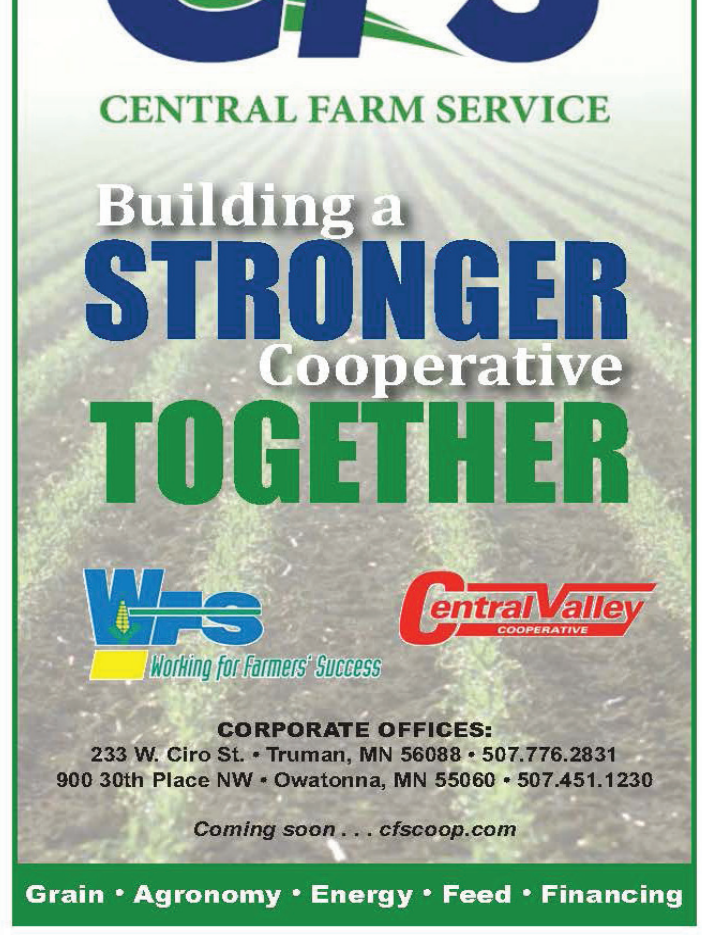
The county has also been able to get a new education/outreach position that will include rain garden workshops, a presence at the Dodge County Expo and Dodge County Fair, a Soil Health Committee, fifth grade presentations and other field days and outreach programs.

The district will also be assisting landowners to comply with the new buffer and soil loss law.









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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE 14: OTHER CIVIL
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
Court File No.: 74-CV-15-1089

Federal National
Mortgage Association,

Plaintiff,
vs.

Gregory M. Lindholm,
Mary Lindholm,
Thorp Loan and Thrift Company
d/b/a ITT Financial Services,
John Doe and Mary Roe,
Defendant(s).

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 25, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $179,300.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Gregory M. Lindholm and Mary Lindholm, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association.
LENDER: Suntrust Mortgage, Inc.
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
Loss Mitigation Phone Number: 1-866-570-5277
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded November 02, 2011, Steele County Recorder's Office, as Document No. A000380944
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8693 SE 34th Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-019-3301 and 04-019-3302
AMOUNT DUE UNDER JUDGMENT & DECREE: $212,836.17
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree granted and entered in the above-cited action on the 19th of January, 2016, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above-entitled action from said Defendants, Gregory M. Lindholm, and Mary Lindholm, the Sheriff of Steele County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on April 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree:
A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 106 North, Range 19 West, described as follows:
Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; thence North 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East (assumed bearing) 300 feet along the West line of said Section 19 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East 434 feet; thence North 90 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East 425 feet; thence South 02 degrees, 38 minutes, 19 seconds West 434.46 feet; thence South 90 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds West 405 feet to the point of beginning (containing 4.1 acres, more or less),
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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 the confirmation of 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, will be six (6) months from the date of the sale confirmation.

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By:/s/ John P. Dockry_____

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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: 09/23/2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $100,700.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Dale L. Louks and Bonjonette Louks, Husband and Wife; and Lanny R. Louks
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Heartland Home Finance, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 10/12/2004 as Document Number A000326422 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC its Trustee
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 03/05/2015 as Document Number A000401080 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 17-016-1153
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing Ten (10) rods West of the Southeast corner of Lot Four (4) of Lot Eighteen (18) in the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Sixteen (16) in Township One Hundred and Seven (107) North of Range Twenty (20) West, running thence North Ten (10) rods, thence West Four and one-half (4 1/2) rods, thence South Ten (10) rods, thence East Four and one-half (4 1/2) rods to the place of beginning.
ABSTRACT
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 240 Northview, Owatonna, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Heartland Home Finance, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: BSI Financial Services Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100311010000110412
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE: $107,178.23
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 05/10/2016 at 10:00AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 E. Pearl, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law.
The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:
If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 11/10/2016, or the next business day if 11/10/2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

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Dated: 03/08/2016

Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC its Trustee, Mortgagee/ Mortgage Assignee
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74 - PR-16-407

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

Estate of
Donna J. Budig,
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 21, 2003, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Michelle J. Budig, whose address is 111 High Point Drive, Amherst, MA, 01002, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

Date: March 7, 2016

____Kris Schmitz__
Registrar

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Foreclosure

15-102238

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 6, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $252,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Paul A. Beiser and Virginia Beiser, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100137510000066342
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Lakeland Mortgage Corporation
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 25, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A 319624
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 1, Block 3, Oakridge Bluffs Third Addition
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 555 Oakland Path SE, Medford, MN 55049
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-114-0301
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $217,369.50
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 11, 2016, 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 September 11, 2016, or the next business day if September 11, 2016 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: January 7, 2016

Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA")
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for March 11, 2016, at 10:00 AM, has been postponed to April 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM , and will be held at Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by October 12, 2016. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 2/18/2016
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Brady/Schultz to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Brady/Glynn to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all.
• Approve the Personnel Report. Ayes all.
• Approve a Resolution Adopting Negotiated Changes to the 2015 -2016 Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union Local #320 Detention Center Non-Licensed Essential Correctional Sergeants Labor Agreement.
Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office.
C. Approval of the Commercial Lease with MNPrairie. Ayes all.
3. Glynn/Schultz to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016. Ayes all.
4. Glynn/Brady to approve the revisions of the three policies and forms regarding requests of information: Summary Data Procedure, Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public and the Data Practices Policy for Data Subjects. Ayes all.
5. Huntington/Schultz to approve the Riverland Supervisory Management Training Proposal at a cost of $16,000. Ayes all.
6. Glynn/Brady to approve continued staff planning of a holiday employee recognition event. Ayes all.
7. Brady/Schultz to approve the Maintenance & Support Contract with TriMin for IFS (Integrated Financial System). Ayes all.
8. Schultz/Huntington to approve the revised bylaws for the Steele County Safety Advisory Committee. Ayes all.
9. Glynn/Huntington to approve the process/timeline and evaluation tool for the Steele County Administrator's Performance Review. Ayes all.
10. Glynn/Brady offered a Resolution that Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) is constructing a reciprocating engine electric generation facility fueled by natural gas with a capacity of 38.8 Megawatts. Upon the vote being taken five commissioners vote in favor thereof, none absent not voting.
11. Brady/Huntington to approve the out of state travel request for Rick Kvien, Steele County Recorder to attend an annual Fidlar Software training from May 23-25th 2016 in Iowa. Ayes all.
12. Huntington/Schultz to approve the 2015 Annual Feedlot Report and authorize the Chair to sign. Ayes all.
13. Huntington/Glynn to approve the service agreement allowing the County to use Point & Pay as their third party vendor to process credit cards transactions. Ayes all.
14. Glynn/Brady to authorize the sheriff to sell/trade older shotguns/rifles in exchange for other weapons or ammunition. Ayes all.
15. Brady/Huntington to authorize the sheriff to auction off old radios using a local auction business or online service such as MinnBid. Ayes all.
16. Glynn/Huntington to accept low bid from Krejci Ford in the amount of $77,500 for three squad cars and to approve the purchase of three cameras from Watch Guard for the squads at an approximate cost of $5,000 each. Ayes all.
17. Huntington/Schultz to approve the lease agreement with Steele County Transitional Housing to utilize County property (315 South Cedar Avenue) as transitional housing, until such time that the property is needed for County expansion at the Courthouse/Attorney's Office campus. Ayes all.
18. Huntington/Glynn offered a Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners delegates the Environmental Services Office the responsibility of coordinating, assembling, writing and implementing the revised Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §103B.301.Upon the vote being taken five commissioners vote in favor thereof, none absent not voting.
19. Commissioner Reports:
Glynn reported on his attendance at the MNPrairie meeting.
Huntington –No report.
Schultz reported on his attendance at the Steele County Fair Board, City of Owatonna meeting regarding storm water fee.
Ebeling reported on his attendance at the MNPrairie meeting and SCCL meeting.
20. Glynn/Huntington to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
2/18/2016

A'viands, LLC.	15,411.83
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	7,942.75
Compass Minerals America	10,828.30
Honeywell, Inc.	5,615.22
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	3,209.02
Jones Hough & Smith, Inc.	8,271.13
Leo A. Hoffmann Center, Inc.	8,928.00
Loken Excavating & Drainage	2,387.21
Mayo Clinic	8,680.50
Kellyanna Moore MD.	3,000.00
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	8,406.27
Oertel Architects	53,590.96
Owatonna Groundsmaters, Inc.	5,770.77
Steele County Central Services	4,179.40
Steele County Treasurer	9,348.49
Turnkey Corrections	8,234.46
Waste Management of WI-MN	53,322.23
87 Warrants under $2,000	39,623.60
Total:	**256,750.14**

21. Huntington/Glynn to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:14 p.m. Ayes all.

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LAWN MOWING PROPOSALS

Steele County is accepting proposals for lawn mowing and trimming at Beaver Lake Park, Hope School, Straight River Canoe Landing, and Crane Creek Park.

Steele County is also accepting proposals for lawn mowing out at the Steele County Landfill. Contractor must maintain bodily injury and property damage liability in the amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence. Proposals shall list each park separately and the landfill separately, and the price to mow and trim per each time.

Proposals shall be submitted to Steve Schroht, Four Seasons Centre / Park & Rec Director at 1525 South Elm Ave, P.O. Box 57, Owatonna, MN 55060. Proposals must be received by Thursday March 31, 2016 at 3 p.m. Parks questions may be directed to Steve Schroht Steele County Park and Rec Director at (507)451-1093 or Landfill questions may be directed to Bruce Holland, Landfill Supervisor, at (507)402-1719.

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Delinquent Taxes

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

State of Minnesota **District Court**
County of Steele **3rd Judicial District**

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Steele County on which delinquent real property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Steele County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested persons must either pay the tax and penalty plus interest and costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by April 20, 2016, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and cost.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 11, 2016. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five-weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a Confession of Judgment as an alternative method of paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund which you owe delinquent property tax.

TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH INTEREST AND COSTS MUST BE ADDED TO PAY THE TAX IN FULL, CONTACT THE STEELE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, STEELE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 630 FLORENCE AVE., OWATONNA, MINNESOTA 55060. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (507) 444-7410.

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Kristi Maiers
District Court Administrator
3rd Judicial District

District Court Seal

Date: 1/25/16

NAME OF OWNER	DESCRIPTION	TAX PENALTY INTEREST TOTAL
DAVID P WACEK & AMANDA BOEHME 3126 SE 108TH STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	01-007-4201 SECT- 07 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 ALL TH PT OF S1/2 OF NW1/4 DESCRIBED BY: COM SW COR TH N655.63' TO TPOB TH N418.61' E451.05' S418.61' W451.05' TO TPOB	3,566.00 519.24 101.63 4,186.87
STEVEN A HJELMEN 13170 SE 94TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	01-013-1100 SECT- 13 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 E1/2 OF NE1/4	3,026.00 322.60 83.22 3,431.82
MERTON G & TRUDY L NELSON 1954 SW 168TH ST ELLENDALE MN 56026	02-033-3200 SECT- 33 TWP- 105 RNG- 20 COM SE COR SW1/4 TH W1707.04' N770.45' NELY 61.70' NELY 138.89' NELY 113.91' E83' SELY 287.52' E419.02' S128.98' E728.02' S848' TO BEG	706.00 90.60 19.42 816.02
BRUCE A NELSON 10377 SE 44TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	04-031-2100 SECT- 31 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 NE1/4 OF SE1/4	992.00 119.20 27.28 1,138.48
BRUCE A NELSON 10377 SE 44TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917 O-VICTORIA NELSON 3654 SE 108TH ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	04-031-3200 SECT- 31 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 S1/2 OF SW1/4 EXCEPT COM SE COR TH W543.14' W882.45' N168.73' N75.48' E809.10' S259.86'	1,996.00 219.60 54.89 2,270.49
BRUCE A & MARILYN C NELSON 10377 SE 44TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	04-031-3201 SECT- 31 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 ALL TH PT S1/2 OF SW1/4 COM SE COR TH W543.14' TO TPOB TH W882.45' N168.73' N75.48' E809.10' S259.86' TO TPOB	1,008.00 120.80 27.72 1,156.52
BRUCE A NELSON 10377 SE 44TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	04-032-3400 SECT- 32 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 NW1/4 OF SW1/4	2,602.00 280.20 71.56 2,953.76
DWAYNE PAULSON 75417 135TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917 O-RONALD A & DEBRA G PAULSON PO BOX 504 BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917-4500	04-034-2404 SECT- 34 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 STRIP OF LAND BEG ON SW COR OF N1/2 OF SE1/4 LYING W OF CMSP RR, TH E 9 R & 12', NWLY TO PT ON W LN OF N1/2 OF SE1/4 22 R N OF PT OF BEG, TH S TO BEG.	434.00 80.76 12.37 527.13
VICTOR M CONTRERAS 10119 BIXBY PLACE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	04-103-0024 SECT- 34 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 T.H. KELLY'S VILL. OF BIXBY KELLY'S ADD. LOT 24	903.00 110.30 24.83 1,038.13
BRUCE A NELSON 10377 SE 44TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917 O-VICTORIA NELSON 3654 SE 108TH ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	05-036-2102 SECT- 36 TWP- 106 RNG- 20 S1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4	468.00 66.80 12.87 547.67
JEFF BORCHERT & TODD MATEJCEK 2448 SCHOOL STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	06-030-1102 SECT- 30 TWP- 106 RNG- 21 COM NE COR NE1/4 W1572' TO PT OF BEG S172' E272' S110' W272' S355.8' NELY 238.67' NELY 45.96' S814.5' W1322.41' N1317.97' E1072.39' TO BEG EXCEPT COM S110'W272' S355.8' TO CLINE OF DITCH S62°11'15" W300.12' N777.83' E265.44' TO POB	430.91 80.33 12.28 523.52
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-005-2411 SECT- 05 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 LOT 3 IN SE1/4	120.00 32.00 3.30 155.30
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-005-3304 SECT- 05 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 W1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 EX COM AT SW COR OF SW 1/4 E128' ALG S LN OF SW1/4 N635' TO PT BEG N128' E270' S281'W270' TO BEG & COM SW COR OF SW1/4 E18.4' ALG S LN OF SW1/4 TO BEG EX E25' OF W1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 EX N115'	1,186.00 138.60 32.62 1,357.22
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-006-2200 SECT- 06 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 SE1/4 OF SE1/4	1,466.00 166.60 40.32 1,672.92
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-007-1302 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 TRIANGULAR PIECE OF LAND IN NE1/4 LY S OF HWY 14 BEG 470' E OF SW COR OF NE1/4 TH NELY ALG CTR HWY 14 TO CTR OF JD#1 TH SWLY ALG CTR OF DITCH TO S LN OF NE1/4 W ALG S	176.00 37.60 4.84 218.44
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-007-2400 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 SE1/4 W OF DITCH	1,466.00 166.60 40.32 1,672.92
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-007-3000 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 SW1/4 EX COM AT A PT 1755' E & 667' S OF NW COR OF SW1/4, TH W 33' TO PT OF BEG; SWLY 277', SELY 150', NELY 120', NW LY 213' TO BEG. & EX PARCEL 09-007-5001	5,386.00 558.60 148.12 6,092.72
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-007-3103 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 COM AT A PT 1755' E & 667' S OF NW COR OF SW1/4, TH W 33' TO PT OF BEG; SWLY 277', SELY 150'; NELY 120'; NW LY 213' TO BEG.	538.00 95.32 15.33 648.65
PHILLIP M & SIGRID I BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093	09-007-4100 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 COM 1815.52' N OF SW COR NW1/4 TH N837.13' E969.55' S650' E723.06' N650' E800' TO NE COR NW1/4 S831.21' W2498.91' TO BEG	2,434.00 263.40 66.94 2,764.34
PHILLIP BRASE 9853 CRANE CREEK ROAD WASECA MN 56093 O-TWILA BRASE & RHONDA PETERSON RT 1 BOX 240 MANKATO MN 56001	09-007-4202 SECT- 07 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 COM AT SW COR OF NW1/4 N711.70' E2507.15' S711.63' W2512.46' TO BEG	2,318.00 251.80 63.75 2,633.55
JONATHAN A BRASE 9849 W HWY 14 WASECA MN 56093	09-018-1200 SECT- 18 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 ALL TH PT OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 LYING N OF DM&E RR ROW AND LYING W OF THE FOLLOWING DESC LN:COM NE COR OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 TH W330' TO TPOB TH S402.25' S24' S589.75' TO	1,702.00 258.28 48.51 2,008.79
COLE D RACEK 5367 SW 28TH STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	09-026-1101 SECT- 26 TWP- 107 RNG- 21 THAT PART OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 COM 738.34' W OF NE COR ALG N LN TH W279.51' TH S516.23' TH N84°57'01" E295.67' TH N490.59' TO TPOB	833.00 103.30 22.91 959.21
TRACEY A MULLENBACH & KANDEE L TRUSTEES 7622 DANE ROAD OWATONNA MN 55060	10-035-3302 SECT- 35 TWP- 108 RNG- 19 ALL THAT PART SW1/4 COM SW COR SW1/4 E789' TO PT OF BEG N224' E207' S224' W207' TO BEG	40.00 24.00 1.10 65.10
COMPLEX % JOHN JOHNSON 4578 COUNTY ROAD 45 OWATONNA MN 55060	11-005-1103 SECT- 05 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 S 709.9' OF N1/2 OF NE1/4 SEC. 5 LYING E OF STEELE COUNTY HWY # 45 & W OF CHIC., MIL., ST. PAUL RR R/W.	2,298.00 341.72 65.49 2,705.21
JOSEPH P ALBERTS 5993 NE 24TH AVE MEDFORD MN 55049-8041	11-013-3401 SECT- 13 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 SW1/4 BEG NW COR SW1/4 E395.62' S347.64' W395.62' N347.64' TO BEG	309.00 50.90 8.50 368.40
ANDREW DAVID LEE % RIVER VIEW P O BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049 O-RIVER VIEW P O BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	12-100-0102 SECT- 20 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 CLINTON FALLS VILLAGE ALL THAT PART OF SUBLOT 2 OF BLOCKS 1 & 8 BEG AT NE COR OF SUBLOT 2 TH S94.38' SWLY90.27' NWLY157.27' E136.07' TO BEG	282.00 59.48 8.04 349.52
JASON & KELLY SCHWARTZ 4653 COUNTY ROAD 45 N OWATONNA MN 55060	12-100-1600 SECT- 20 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 CLINTON FALLS VILLAGE ALL THAT PART LOTS 1,2, & 3 BLK 16 & PART S1/2 OF VACATED 3RD ST & MILL POND RELICTIONS COM AT SW COR SEC 21 N330' TO TO PT OF BEG SUB TO HWY EASEMENT & WALK EASEMENT	1,366.00 156.60 37.57 1,560.17
TANYA ARTMANN 717 S CEDAR AVE APT 1 OWATONNA MN 55060	12-101-0102 SECT- 21 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 PART OF SUBD OF SW 1/4 SEC 21 SUBLOT 2 OF SAW MILL LOT EXCEPT W33' AND EXCEPT COM 33' E OF W COR SUBLOT 2 TH N22.26' N56*E 20.63' TH S15* E 34.99' TH	1,928.00 289.92 54.95 2,272.87
PAUL A & JEAN A ANDERSON 230 3RD ST NE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-025-1047 SECT- 25 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 BEG 403' W OF INTER OF N SIDE OF 1ST ST & W SIDE OF CM&ST.P PR W ON N LN 1ST ST 60' - N 160' - E 60' TO BEG. IN NE1/4	780.00 98.00 21.45 899.45
KEITH J JOHNSON 75376 100TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917-9355	14-036-1401 SECT- 36 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 COM NE COR OF NW1/4 TH S81.76' TO PT OF BEG TH E420.65' S940.29' W420.65' N940.29' TO PT OF BEG	641.00 109.74 18.27 769.01
KEITH J JOHNSON 75376 100TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917-9355	14-036-4102 SECT- 36 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 COM AT NW COR SEC 36 TH S95.65' E2012.51' S715.29' TO PT OF BEG TH S225' E661.17' N225' W661.17' TO PT OF BEG	236.00 53.04 6.73 295.77
SANDRA J & JEFFREY L HOLMES 127 N CENTER AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-100-1006 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 10 S66' OF LOTS 5 & 6 7.37 VILLAGE OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE	268.00 46.80 322.17
CARLSON BUILDERS INC P.O. BOX 637 BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-103-0409 BRAINERD BLK 4 LOT 9 & W1/2 OF LOT 8 BRAINERDS ADDITION	308.00 63.12 8.78 379.90
DEEANN RASMUSSEN 522 NE 1ST STREET PO BOX 486 BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-103-0509 BRAINERD BLK.5 BRAINERDS ADD. LOTS 9 & 10	581.00 101.34 16.56 698.90
KENNETH S ZYLSTRA 11882 725TH STREET PO BOX 613 BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-103-0708 BRAINERD BLK.7 BRAINERDS ADD. LOT 8	62.62 28.77 1.78 93.17
KEITH J JOHNSON 75376 100TH AVE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917-9355	14-103-1201 BRAINERD BLK.12 BRAINERDS ADD. LOT 1	63.93 28.95 1.82 94.70
MARTHA SKOGEBO TRUSTEE OF THE JUDITH K KOLLAR FAMILY TRUST 327 NW 3RD STREET BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-104-0204 BELL & MEEHANS BLK.2 BELL & MEEHANS LOT 4	1,318.00 151.80 36.25 1,506.05
DEAN R & MARY R AHRENS 104 SW 1ST ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-107-0112 VIRTUES BLK.1 VIRTUES LOT 12	1,204.00 140.40 33.11 1,377.51
ERIC J ISENOR 221 SW 2ND ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-107-0803 VIRTUES BLK.8 VIRTUES LOT 3 & E.5 FT. LOT 4	374.00 57.40 10.29 441.69
HOMES OF EXCELLENCE LLC 10232 CHICAGO CIRCLE BLOOMINGTON MN 55420	14-108-0207 PARKVIEW BLK.2 PARKVIEW LOT 7	1,410.00 217.40 40.19 1,667.59
JERRY D & SALLY J WILLIAMSON 332 SW 4TH STREET BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-117-0308 LOT- 003 BLOK- 003 BLK 3 LOT 3 EX W58.04' & W1.5' OF BLK 3 LOT 4 PRAIRIE PARK MANOR ADDN	1,594.00 179.40 43.84 1,817.24
JASON L & KAYLENE R JENSEN 521 MEMORIAL DRIVE SW BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-123-0209 S/T/R 36-105-19 LOT/BK 009-002 BLK 2 LOT 9 PRAIRIE ADDITION #2	1,960.00 216.00 53.90 2,229.90
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0101 S/T/R 14-025-19 LOT/BK 001-001 BLK 1 LOT 1 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 1.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0102 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 002-001 BLK 1 LOT 2 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0103 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 003-001 BLK 1 LOT 3 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0104 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 004-001 BLK 1 LOT 4 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0105 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 005-001 BLK 1 LOT 5 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0106 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 006-001 BLK 1 LOT 6 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0107 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 007-001 BLK 1 LOT 7 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0108 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 008-001 BLK 1 LOT 8 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0109 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 009-001 BLK 1 LOT 9 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0110 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 010-001 BLK 1 LOT 10 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0111 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 011-001 BLK 1 LOT 1 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0112 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 012-001 BLK 1 LOT 12 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0113 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 013-001 BLK 1 LOT 13 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0114 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 014-001 BLK 1 LOT 14 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0115 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 015-001 BLK 1 LOT 15 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0116 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 016-001 BLK 1 LOT 16 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0117 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 017-001 BLK 1 LOT 17 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0118 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 018-001 BLK 1 LOT 18 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0119 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 019-001 BLK 1 LOT 19 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0201 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 001-002 BLK 2 LOT 1 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0202 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 002-002 BLK 2 LOT 2 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0203 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 003-002 BLK 2 LOT 3 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0204 S/T/R 25-105-18 LOT/BK 004-002 BLK 2 LOT 4 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MERRILL P BACON 125 HIGHLAND DRIVE OXNARD CA 93035	14-127-0205 S/T/R 25-105-19 LOT/BK 005-002 BLK 2 LOT 5 TOM PETERSON 2ND ADDITION	82.00 31.48 2.34 115.82
MICHAEL D RESSLER PO BOX 274 BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-130-0102 SECT- 25 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 BLK 1 LOT 2 & S1/2 OF LOT 3 PAUL HABERMANN ADDN	3,405.26 360.53 93.64 3,859.42
IRIS M HUNTER 210 4TH AVE W PO BOX 74 ELLENDALE MN 56026	15-101-0806 FIRST RR ADDITION BLK 8 LOTS 6 & 7 EX E 35' LOT 7 FIRST RAILWAY ADDN	372.00 57.20 10.23 439.43
SEAN & ASHLEY CASEY PO BOX 344 ELLENDALE MN 56026	15-104-0505 E CRY ADDITION BLK. E. CRY. ADD. COM. NE COR. L. 5 E. TO E LINE OF ADD. S. 100' W. TO SE COR. L.6 N. 100' TO BEG. & LOTS 5 & 6	46.10 24.61 1.27 71.98
CAMERON BETTIN 1700 WOODCREST AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	15-104-0516 E CRY ADDITION BLK. E CRY. ADD. LOTS 16 & 17 A STRIP OF LAND ON E. SIDE OF LOTS 16 & 17	1,036.00 123.60 28.49 1,188.09
AQUARIUS PO BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-008-2012 SECT- 08 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 COM SE COR L 14; TH N 100', W 2641/2' TO PT ON CNTR LN PEARL ST SLY EXTEN- SION, TH S 100', TH E ALG S LN L 14 TO BEG.	2,568.00 379.52 73.19 3,020.71
GREEN ACRES TRUST P O BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-100-0701 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK. 7 LOTS 1-2 & 3	34.00 24.76 0.97 59.73
GREEN ACRES TRUST P O BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-100-0801 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK. 8 LOTS 1 & 2 THAT PART OF L.3 COM. AT PT. ON SW COR. L.3 N. 95'-W. 36' TO BEG E1/2 OF VACATED THIRD ST NE ADJACENT TO LOTS 1 TO 18 INC	156.00 41.84 4.45 202.29
GREEN ACRES TRUST P O BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-100-0807 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK.8 LOTS 7-8-9- & COM. NW COR. L.3-BLK. 8-E. 36'-S.70' W. 36'	72.00 30.08 2.05 104.13
ALLEY CAT PO BOX 320 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-0405 JOHNSON & COMPANY BLK 4 JOHNSON & CO. LOTS 5-6-19-20 & N 6' OF LOT 4 & 21	1,572.00 240.08 44.80 1,856.88

Delinquent Taxes

EMIL C & MONIQUE M JOHNSON 105 3RD AVE SW MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-0501 1,268.00 JOHNSON & COMPANY BLK. 5 LOTS 1,2,3,4 JOHNSON & CO. ADD.	146.80 34.87 1,449.67
RENAE COLLEEN KEPPERS 411 3RD AVE SW MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-2401 BLK.24 JOHNSON & CO ADD. LOT 1 & 2	1,464.67 166.47 40.28 1,671.42
JAYME WETZSTEIN 325 SE 4TH STREET MEDFORD MN 55049	16-110-0102 BLK 1 LOT 2 BLUFF VIEW ADDITION	2,192.00 239.20 60.28 2,491.48
BRENT A & MICHELLE JONES 4100 NW 66TH STREET LOT 13 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-112-0207 LOT- 007 BLOK- 002 BLOCK 2 LOT 7 JONES ADDN #3	318.00 64.52 9.06 391.58
NORTHERN BUILDING CONTRACTORS, LLP 2696 HOFFMAN DRIVE OWATONNA MN 55060 O-LEONA M STOCKWELL 1490 119TH LN NE MINNEAPOLIS MN 55449	17-005-0103 SECT- 05 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BLK 1 LOT 3 STOCKWELL ADDITION NO. 2	490.71 68.70 16.96 576.37
MACHELLE DRIVDAHL 546 E MAIN STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-010-2307 SECT- 10 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM. 2 R. S. & 30R E. OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 N & S 81/2R X E & W 4 R.	527.19 63.59 14.50 605.28
DALE L & BONJONETTE R LOUKS & LANNY R LOUKS 240 NORTHVIEW OWATONNA MN 55060	17-016-1153 SECT- 16 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM. 10R. W. OF SE COR. L.4 OF L.18 IN NE1/4 N.10R-W.41/2R-S.10R-E.41/2R TO BEG.	714.00 91.40 19.64 825.04
CASEY G CONNOR 1250 SUNNYDALE PL SE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-100-1505 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 15 E26' OF L3 & W23'9" OF LOT 4 ORIGINAL TOWN	2,720.00 400.80 77.52 3,198.32
ZACHARY D KELLER 122 PHELPS ST E OWATONNA MN 55060	17-101-0116 PHELPS ADDITION BLK 1 E1/2 OF LOT 9 PHELPS	979.56 117.96 26.94 1,124.45
CASEY G CONNOR 1250 SUNNYDALE PL SE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-104-0327 BLK 3 LOTS 27-28-29-30 PETTITS	5.75 0.81 0.06 6.62
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC C/O M & T BANK 475 CROSSPOINT PKWY GETZVILLE NY 14068	17-108-0305 E. ABBOTTS # 2 BLK.3 LOT 5 E. ABBOTTS 2ND	1,370.00 211.80 39.05 1,620.85
CMAZ PROPERTIES LLC 1405 10TH STREET CIRCLE SE NEW PRAGUE MN 56071	17-109-0311 ABBOTTS BEG AT INT OF N LN OF W ROSE ST & W LN OF N OAK AVE TH W116' N38.30' E116' S38.30' BEG BLK 3 ABBOTTS EX COM INT N LN ROSE E10.1' S13.3' W10.1' TO BEG	3,566.00 519.24 101.63 4,186.87
HEATHER & CHRIS MUSEL 410 NORTH OAK OWATONNA MN 55060	17-109-0312 ABBOTTS COM AT INT OF N LN OF W ROSE ST & W LN OF N OAK AVE TH N38.30' TO PT OF BEG TH W116' NW56.22' E108' S55.68' BEG IN BLK 3	1,392.00 214.88 39.67 1,646.55
O-ROBERT W BINKLEY & PHYLLIS A 1212 ST PAUL ROAD OWATONNA MN 55060	ABBOTTS EX COM INT N LN W ROSE ST & W LN N OAK AVE W116' N38.3' BEG NE56.22' E10.1' SW56.22' W10.1'	
WINDSOR BAY PROPERTIES, LLC P O BOX 241 OWATONNA MN 55060	17-113-0107 MERRILL ODELL BLK.1 W.60' OF LOT 3 MERRILL-O'DELLS	647.00 110.58 18.44 776.02
GENE B & TAMMY J NERAD 560 MOUND STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-127-0113 O'BRIEN BLK 1 S 90 3/4' OF W 82 1/2' OF LOTS 10&11 O'BRIENS	1,344.00 154.40 36.96 1,535.36
STEVEN J COLBY & LISA R SECKAR 520 MOUND ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-127-0119 O'BRIEN BLK 1 LOT 16 EX. N 50' O'BRIENS	367.00 56.70 10.09 433.79
MARGARET H HEIDTKE 547 CHERRY OWATONNA MN 55060	17-129-0501 DARTT'S # 2 BLK.5 W.4R. OF LOT 1 DARTTS 2ND	317.00 51.70 8.72 377.42
MERLE K & ADELA SPRUNG 256 LARCH ST OWATONNA MN 55060 O-SHIRLEY M SCHLEIF ET AL 10490 261ST STREET CHISAGO CITY MO 55013	17-132-0615 BELMONT BLK.6 LOT 15 BELMONT	236.00 43.60 6.49 286.09
JAMES N & MAURA T WHITEIS LE % JOSEPH R WHITEIS 1829 3RD AVE S #204 MINNEAPOLIS MN 55404 O-JOSEPH R WHITEIS 515 W 36TH STREET MINNEAPOLIS MN 55403	17-136-0326 REPLAT OF HIGHLAND PARK - CHAMBERS BLK.3 N.7' OF L.5 & N.47' OF 4 & LOTS 26 & 27 RE-PLAT OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDN	152.18 35.22 4.19 191.59
JAMES & TRACY E KAUFMAN 253 NE 16TH ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-164-0112 ELM HEIGHTS BLK 1 E 90' OF LOTS 12 & 13 ELM HEIGHTS	1,634.00 183.40 44.94 1,862.34
AMBER M STRANSKY 413 MCINDOE STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-170-0201 KOSMOSKI BLK.2 LOT 1 KOSMOSKI	940.00 114.00 25.85 1,079.85
ASHLEY R VON RUDEN & RICHARD VON RUDEN 724 NE 13TH STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-175-0110 NORTHROP'S SUNRISE BLK.1 LOT 10 NORTHROPS SUNRISE	1,348.00 154.80 37.07 1,539.87
ROYAL TRUST SOLUTIONS LLC 1005 REED LAND TRUST PO BOX 241 OWATONNA MN 55060	17-188-0606 NAEFKE BLK.6 LOT 6 NAEFKE	1,271.00 197.94 36.22 1,505.16
JODIE A ERICKSON 320 NE 16TH ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-223-0102 VIP LOT 2 VIP	1,376.00 157.60 37.84 1,571.44
WINDSOR BAY PROPERTIES, LLC P O BOX 241 OWATONNA MN 55060	17-226-0204 BLK 2 LOT 4 PARKVIEW	1,006.00 160.84 28.67 1,195.51
DALE C CHRISTENSEN & MARJORIE A 365 NW 23RD ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-255-0202 LISMORE BLK 2 LOT 2 LISMORE ADDN.	636.00 83.60 17.49 737.09
TERESA M THOMPSON 423 MORNING DRIVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-264-0203 BAIRD # 2 BLK 2 LOT 3 BAIRD # 2	546.11 52.90 28.49 627.50
WESTWOOD APTS OF OWATONNA LLC 1108 6TH ST NE WASECA MN 56093	17-296-0102 CEDAR HILLS ESTATES BLK 1 E 176' OF LOT 2 EX BEG NW COR L2, S138.09 TO SW COR L2, E68', N37', W18', N TO N LN L2, W ALG N LN TO PT OF BEG CEDAR HILLS	4,845.14 698.32 5,681.54
SKYVIEW ESTATES PARAMARK CORPORATION PO BOX 249 ROCHESTER MN 55903	17-296-0103 CEDAR HILLS ESTATES	372.00 72.08
GLORIA V CONTRERAS 420 ALLAN AVE SW OWATONNA MN 55060		
TRIPP OIL INC PO BOX 84 DUNDAS MN 55019		
SAKI SWARUP, LLC 150 SAINT JOHN DRIVE OWATONNA MN 55060		
MONTEGO E PENA 535 KIM LANE OWATONNA MN 55060		
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSN INC PO BOX 249 ROCHESTER MN 55903		
GROWTH HOLDINGS LLC 530 S FRONT STREET SUITE 100 MANKATO MN 56001		
JOHN & JENNIFER MARTIN 1230 BELLFLOWER LANE OWATONNA MN 55060		
RACHEL A GOODWIN 2640 NE 7TH AVE OWATONNA MN 55060		
ROBERT I & DIANNE G DUFFEE 1725 WOODLAWN AVE OWATONNA MN 55060		
JANICE AUSTIN-BOE 11 CARRIAGE LANE OWATONNA MN 55060		
KAREN JEAN THISSEN 1130 FOXTAIL LN SE OWATONNA MN 55060		
	BLK 1 LOT 2 CEDAR HILLS ESTATE COM AT A POINT WHICH IS 176' W & 181.07' N OF SE COR LOT 2 THENCE S181.07' E68' N37' W18' OF BEG	10.60 454.68
	17-318-0104 RADEL'S COUNTRY CLUB # 2 BLK 1 LOT 4 RADEL COUNTRY CLUB NO 2	1,498.00 169.80 41.20 1,709.00
	17-326-0104 MATHEWS NORTHTOWN THAT PART LOT 3 BLK 1 MATHEWS NORTHTOWN ADDN DESC BY COM NW COR TH E233' S198' W227.47' TO W LINE TH N198.08' TO BEG	5,604.00 804.56 159.71 6,568.27
	17-338-0208 SAHF BLK 2 LOT 8 SAHF ADDN	6,823.00 702.30 187.63 7,712.93
	17-359-0204 RADEL'S COUNTRY CLUB # 4 BLK 2 LOT 4 RADEL'S COUNTRY CLUB	1,264.00 146.40 434.76 1,445.16
	17-411-0129 SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSES BLOCK 1 LOT 29 SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSES ADDN	344.00 68.16 9.80 421.96
	17-425-0101 SECT- 08 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 THAT PART OF B1 L1 JAYCO ADDN #2 DESC BY COM SW COR L1 TH E159.59' N217.48' TH NWLY 111.45' TO NWLY LN L1 TH SWLY ALG WLY LN L1 264.80' TH S66.98' TO POB	148.15 40.74 4.22 193.11
	17-437-0216 RADEL'S FRANCIS BLK 2 LOT 16 RADEL'S FRANCIS ADDN	1,277.00 147.70 35.12<

Albert Lea High School student joins Rep. Bennett at State of the State Address



Submitted photo

Above, from left to right, are Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt, Alex Syverson and Rep. Peggy Bennett. Rep. Bennett invited local student Alex Syverson to attend the State of the State Address on March 10.

On March 10, Representative Peggy Bennett attended the Governor's State of the State Address, which was held at the University of Minnesota.

Legislators are able to bring one guest with them to the State of the State, and Rep. Bennett invited local student Alex Syverson to attend the address with her.

Alex is a senior at Albert Lea High School, and is actively involved in the area's Youth in Government program.

"Alex is such a great example of the top-notch young people we have in our schools," said Rep. Bennett. "As a long-time teacher at Sibley Elementary School, I had the joy of watching Alex grow from a little kindergartener into the fine young man that he is now. It was a real pleasure to have him join me at this special event."

"Alex has made a concerted effort to be engaged in government and the political process," she said. "I believe it is so critical that citizens of all ages are engaged with the democratic process on some level; government works best when it takes input from citizens. Young men and women like Alex are our future leaders, and I applaud his dedication."

Blooming Prairie school menus

BPES Breakfast Menu:

March 15: Long John, vegetable selection, apple juice, milk

March 16: WG bagel with cream cheese, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

March 17: French toast bread loaf, vegetable selection, orange juice, milk

March 18: Breakfast round, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

March 21: Yogurt, graham crackers, vegetable selection, canned fruit, milk

March 22: WG muffin, vegetable selection, apple juice, milk

March 23: Cinnamon roll, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

BPES Lunch Menu:

March 15: Pancakes, ham slice, breakfast potatoes; hot ham and cheese on waffle, breakfast potatoes; baby carrots, cauliflower, seasonal fruit

March 16: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, WG dinner roll; pizza burger, mashed potatoes and gravy; baby spinach, celery sticks, seasonal fruit

March 17: Beefy nachos, homemade cheese sauce, calico bean bake; fish with cheese on WG bun, calico bean bake; cauliflower, tomatoes, fresh vegetable choice, seasonal fruit

March 18: Macaroni and cheese, roasted broccoli; country chicken in a bread bowl, roasted broccoli; baby carrots, garbanzo beans, seasonal fruit

March 21: Corn dog, rotini, carrots; chicken cacciatore over rotini, carrots and WG breadstick; broccoli florets, radishes, seasonal fruit

March 22: Walking taco, spiced pinto beans; BBQ riblet on WG bun, spiced pinto beans; red pepper slices, cauliflower, seasonal fruit

March 23: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, WG bread slices; meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, WG bread slices; baby spinach, pepper medley, seasonal fruit

BPHS Lunch Menu:

March 15: Orange chicken Lo Mein; peas, baby carrots, cauliflower, seasonal fruit

March 16: Spaghetti boat, green beans; baby spinach, celery sticks, romaine lettuce, seasonal fruit

March 17: Chicken calzini, calico bean bake; corn, cauliflower, tomatoes, seasonal fruit

March 18: Macaroni and cheese, roasted broccoli; broccoli, baby carrots, garbanzo beans, seasonal fruit

March 21: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, WG bread slices; peas, broccoli florets, radishes, seasonal fruit

March 22: Turkey hot pockets, tomato soup; jicama sticks, tomato slices, celery sticks, seasonal fruit

March 23: Cheese quesadilla, roasted cauliflower; pinto beans, baby carrots, broccoli florets, seasonal fruit

NRHEG school menus

NRHEG Breakfast Menu:

March 15: Pancake and sausage bites

March 16: Breakfast pizza

March 17: Muffins

March 18: Doughnuts

March 21: French toast

March 22: Egg-sausage and cheese on English muffin

March 23: Mini pancake

NRHEG Lunch Menu:

March 15: Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, peaches, cottage cheese

March 16: Hot dog or brat on a bun, baked beans, chips, broccoli with dip, pears, apple crisp

March 17: Beef taco with toppings, golden corn, baby carrots, seasoned rice, applesauce

March 18: Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, celery sticks, mandarin oranges

March 21: Pizza sticks with marinara sauce, green beans, seasoned noodles, baby carrots, pears

March 22: Chicken patty on a bun, tater tots, baked beans, peaches, fresh fruit

March 23: Mini corndogs, soft pretzel with cheese sauce, peas, grape tomatoes, applesauce

Medford school menus

Medford School Breakfast Menu:

March 15: Cinnamon roll OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, apple juice, milk

March 16: Egg and cheese biscuit OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

March 17: Blueberry coffee cake OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, orange juice, milk

March 18: Ham and cheese bagel OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

March 21: French toast sticks, sausage patty OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, canned fruit, milk

March 22: Long John OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, orange juice, milk

March 23: Breakfast stacker OR choice of WG cereal, graham crackers; vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

Medford School Lunch Menu:

March 15: Chicken bacon melt, sweet potato fries; turkey BLT salad, yogurt pack; baby carrots, cauliflower, seasonal fruit

March 16: Chicken patty, baked beans; Asian spinach salad, ham and Swiss bagel; baby spinach, celery sticks, seasonal fruit

March 17: Beefy nachos with cheese sauce; crispy chicken salad, honey mustard ham wrap; cauliflower, tomatoes, fresh vegetable choice, seasonal fruit

March 18: Pizza parlor pizza, green beans; chicken Caesar salad, egg salad on wheat; baby carrots, garbanzo beans, seasonal fruit

March 21: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, WG bread slices; buffalo chicken salad, WG chips, salsa and cheese; broccoli florets, radishes, seasonal fruit

March 22: Walking taco, refried beans; turkey BLT salad, Italian sub; red pepper slices, cauliflower, seasonal fruit

March 23: Corn dog, rotini, carrots; chef salad, vegetable focaccia; baby spinach, pepper medley, seasonal fruit

Student of the Week



Arianna Hansen is in Mrs. Williams' 5th grade class, and spends a large portion of her day with Mrs. Chicos as well. She lives in New Richland.

Arianna loves to do crafts, which includes drawing, making bracelets and duct tape art. She also likes to play and watch different sports. Arianna's talents include singing, dancing and being creative.

She shows Panther Pride toward her classmates and teachers everyday. She is very responsible and respectful. One area that really stands out with Arianna is her positivity. She takes on any challenge she is faced with and does her best to work through them.

New Richland-Harland-Ellledale-Geneva (NRHEG) staff said they are very lucky to have Arianna represent their school!

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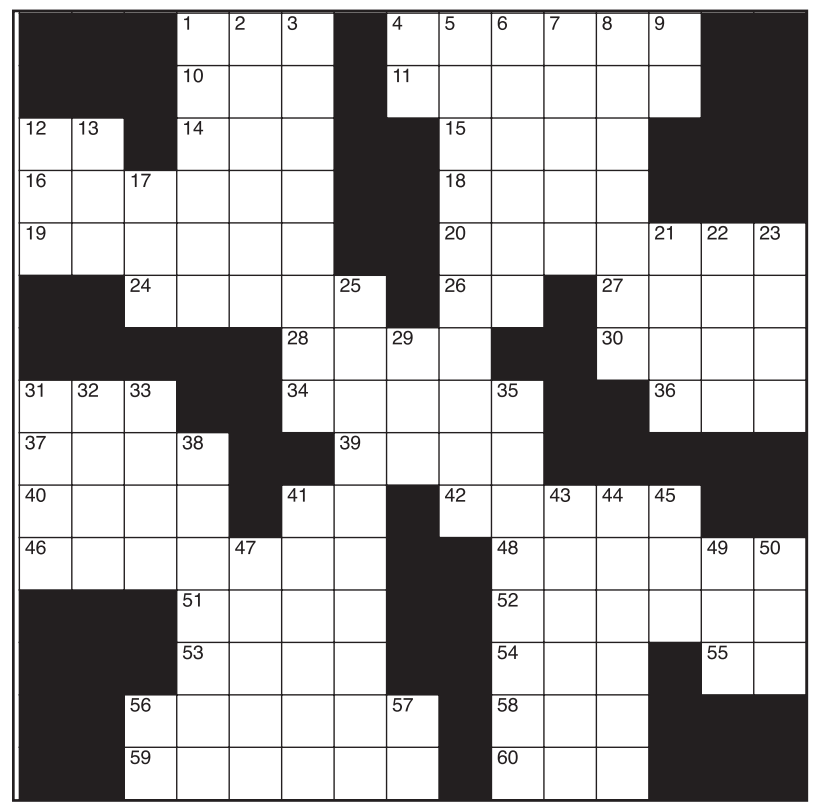
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mythological bird
4. Norwegian sea inlets
10. Military mailbox
11. Curved span
12. One hundred grams
14. Chest muscle (slang)
15. Old Portuguese pennies
16. Remove connection
18. Gas storage container
19. Conakry is the capital
20. Erstwhile
24. W. Australian capital
26. Dr. Laura's initials
27. Death notice
28. Irtysh River city
30. So. Am. country
31. Last in an large series
34. Term for alternative musical passage
36. 12
37. A nestling hawk or falcon
39. Vice president
40. Detailed criteria for a piece of work
41. Six
42. Gossipy
46. Relating to the body
48. Incendiary liquid used in firebombs
51. Plunder
52. Niger capital
53. Game of chukkas
54. Genus Hedera
55. Government prosecutor
56. Plural of genus
58. Born of
59. Livebearers tropical fishes
60. Doctor of Education



CLUES DOWN

1. Plundering
2. Can-_____, kitchen tool
3. Crested Australian parrot
4. 4th tone of scale
5. Author of "The Rings"
6. Mains
7. Major European river
8. PC publishing
9. 40th state
12. A tight embrace
13. Large African antelope
17. Impertinence
21. Wild Eurasian mountain goat
22. City in Malaysia
23. Small ornamental bag
25. Nelson's ship
29. Point midway between S and SE
31. "Untouchables" Elliot
32. Misprint
33. Heme
35. Italian mountain range
38. Surgical knife
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NRHEG students excel in 'The Stock Market Game'

By JESSICA NAFE
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Students from New-Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) high school's Internet Investing class are competing against 1,534 other teams throughout Minnesota in the Stock Market Game (SMG), and two teams of NRHEG students are in the top five in the state.

"The Wolves of Wall Street" team, which includes team members Trey Hoppe, Brody Hanson and Trai Wicks, are currently ranked first in the region, and second in the state, with a balance of $124,318. Ranked third in the region, and fifth in state with a balance of $119,594, is team "Cashin' Out," consisting of Tyler Raimann, John Cole and Luke Overgaard.

The Internet Investing class, taught by Family and Consumer Science (FACS) teacher LaDona Flowers, has a total of five teams participating in the SMG, a virtual stock market. Students begin with $100,000 and work to build up their portfolio through smart investments. Since the game began at the end of January, the NRHEG Internet Investing students have gained economic knowledge through daily strategic planning and decision making.

On a typical day in the SMG, students have to research the stock market, finding the good stocks and buying accordingly. Emulating real-world investors, students have to decide when to keep the stocks growing or sell them based on how they believe the value of the investments will grow or decline.

"It's a challenge to find the right time to invest, buy, or sell," Wicks said.

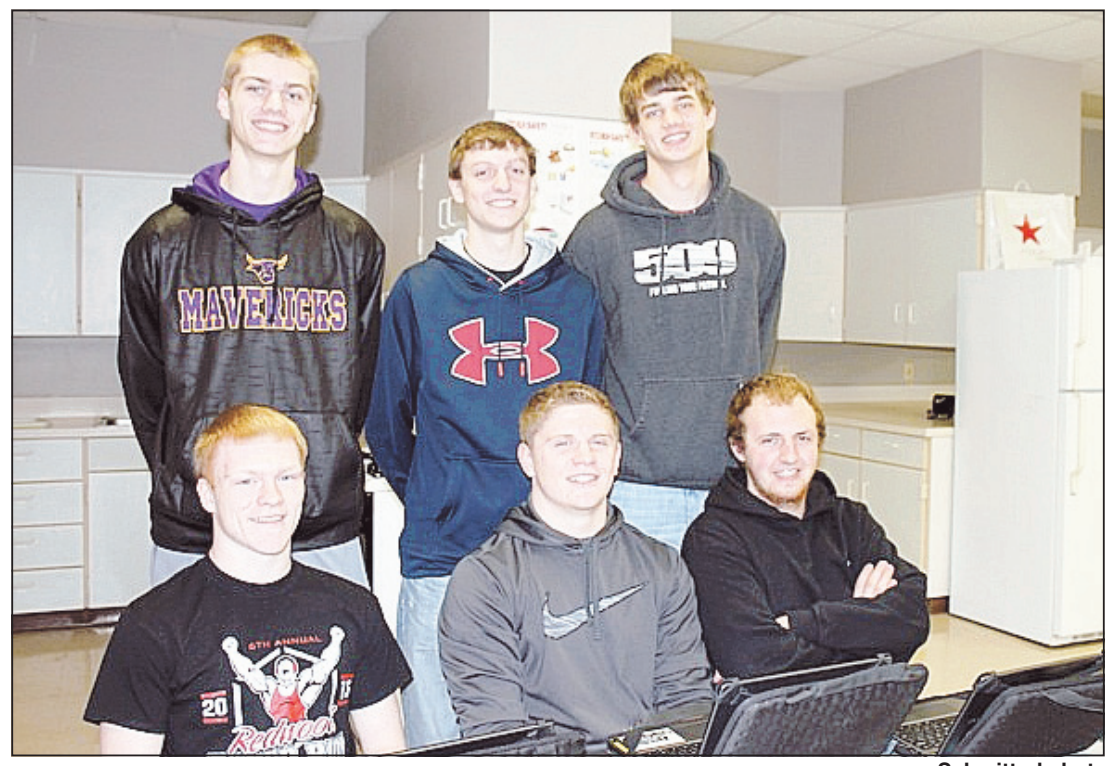
His teammate Hanson agreed and commented, "It's hard to find when the company is going to be at its lowest price."

Although the game certainly has its challenges and a plethora of risks, the NRHEG students enjoy the SMG. "I look forward to it everyday," Cole commented. Not only do the students have a good time in the investing class, but they are also learning important skills that can transfer into the real-world.

"It's given me good knowledge of the stock market," Overgaard stated. He, along with his teammates, is looking forward to putting what they've learned from the SMG into practice after high school.

"I could see myself doing this in the future," Cole said.

According to Mrs. Flowers, that is the ultimate goal of her FACS classes: to prepare students for success beyond high school and the NRHEG community.



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Students from NRHEG High School have found success in "The Stock Market Game" and are among the top five teams in the state. Above, from left to right in the front row, are Trai Wicks, Trey Hoppe and Brody Hanson. Standing are John Cole, Luke Overgaurd and Tyler Raimann.



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