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## July 4th Deadlines

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## Heavy rains cause flooding

Staff photo by James Knoop

Heavy rainfall caused flooding in Blooming Prairie on Monday, June 22. Besides streets and fields, much of Central Park was covered with water.

By SHANNON KINLEY  
County Staff Writer

Monday morning brought rain and thunderstorms into Steele County and the surrounding counties. Although the majority of Steele County did not see any flooding the southern portion of the county had some problem areas arise.

Owatonna Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Mike Johnson said the heaviest rainfall was in the New Richland area, however there were also some isolated flood spots in Ellendale.

"We have heavy rain in the southern edge of the county. Some areas reported up to 3.1 inches," Johnson said Monday morning. "There was no structure damage reported, which is a good thing. I-90 in Austin was closed because of flooding, but we are not getting any flooding on our waterways right now."

Johnson was not aware of any accidents or public safety concerns arising from the floods and the winds that passed through. According to the National Weather Service wind speeds ranged from 10 to 15 mph at times with gust of up to 30 mph.

The main problem arose in private residencies basements.

"Right now it is what I call isolated flooding, flooded basements, things like that. This is not going to be a state of emergency where it is affecting roads and things. It is individual homeowners dealing with the problem of flooding," Johnson said.

Johnson offered some advice of how to better protect residents' home. "Many times it can be simple things such as clean-

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Staff photo by Anna Segner

Water flowed high and heavy through the dam at Morehouse Park in Owatonna after the heavy rainfall on June 22.

## NRHEG searching for new superintendent

By ALAN VAN ORMER  
Managing Editor

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School District is seeking a new superintendent. Dr. Dennis Goodwin has accepted a superintendent position in Arizona. He will begin on July 1.

"Someone told me my heart's in Arizona," Goodwin said. He has two children and five grandchildren within a 1 1/2 hours of his new assignment. "This gives me a chance to be close, but not in their backyard. Being around here you see a lot of extended family. I don't want to be a missing grandparent."

School Board President Rick Schultz said we wish Dr. Goodwin the best of luck and are

happy for him to move closer to family. As for the next step, Schultz said via email that the school district would hire an interim superintendent.

As for the future, Schultz added we are looking for a consistent, dedicated superintendent to lead the NRHEG district.

Goodwin's new school is also a rural school with approximately 1,600 students. "It still has the rural flare. I know that area very well," he said. "One of the things on the posting I liked was they wanted a leader who supported and understood the importance of family. That was positive to me."

Goodwin believes his accom-

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## New additions to Ribfest

By ALAN VAN ORMER  
Managing Editor

This year's Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club Ribfest has a few more additions than in past years.

Along with ribs being cooked, steaks and hamburgers will also be part of the early evening activities at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Saturday. The event will start at 3 p.m. and run until all the ribs are gone.

Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Mary Sherman-Ahrens said she is expecting the turnout to be as good as in the past or even better.

"We just keep trying to perfect the event," she said. "We keep trying new things to see what

works best."

As for the steaks, Ahrens said we wanted to entice more cooks. As for young people cooking hamburgers, she wanted to get the entire family involved. "The kids get excited about burgers being judged," she said. "It is a friendly competition for kids and an extra thing for them to get involved in."

Each year there are more sponsors for the Ribfest. In addition, Ahrens said it has grown from a \$500 event to a more than \$5,000 event and has become the second largest fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club behind the annual Gala.

"The good ribs draw people to the event," she said.

## BP Main Street reconstruction starts

By HOWARD LESTRUD  
Staff Writer

For the most part, with the exception of some heavy showers at mid-week, the weather has cooperated with the beginning of work on the reconstruction of Main Street in Blooming Prairie.

Major construction officially began on Monday, June 15, with some street pavement removal being done on the east side of Main Street to 5th Avenue. Directional drilling also began under Highway 218 and the railroad.

The drilling procedure allowed Highway 218 to remain open, explained Matt Smith, vice president of Elcor Construction, Rochester. Elcor holds the general contract on the \$2.7 million project of Steele County and the city of Blooming Prairie.

Ellingson Companies of West Concord was doing the directional drilling on site.

Utility relocations were also happening last week at the intersection of 218 and Main Street, Smith said.

Forrest Hasty, project inspec-

tor for Steele County, said the relocation involving Frontier Communications and city utilities went very smoothly. Once the connections were relocated, the storm sewer could be installed. He also said that the directional drilling was part of the original plan. He said the drilling was to have been completed by the end of last week.

Sidewalk and pavement removal on the east side of Main Street to 5th Ave. was completed last week. This week, work began on underground utilities, sanitary sewer and water main on the east side.

Except for the directional drilling which was initiated on Main Street, west of Highway 218, the bulk of the first week of work was done on the east side of 218. Major street and sidewalk removal on Main Street will start after the 4th of July.

The project sequence will look like this: removals; sanitary sewer and water main; sewer and water services; storm sewer; roadway grading; roadway paving; electrical; sidewalk and signage and striping.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Ellingson Companies of West Concord last week started some directional drilling on the Main Street reconstruction project in Blooming Prairie. The drilling was done to place utilities underground and to be able to keep Highway 218. Initial street construction across 218, east to 5th Ave. included removal of pavement and curbing.



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# Opinion

## Our view

# Enjoying the Fourth of July

Another Fourth of July will soon be upon us. Many will be participating in the Fourth of July celebrations in Owatonna and Blooming Prairie and other communities, while others will be having their own sort of celebration in homes and farms across our newspaper’s coverage areas.

Like many other holidays, the Fourth of July means different things for different people. For some, it is a time for a family get together grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, drinking sodas and just enjoying the outdoors with family members. For others, it means going to a baseball game or other sporting event enjoying the atmosphere with family. And then again there are others, when thinking of Fourth of July, they think of the Red, White and Blue; meaning it brings out the patriotic spirit of those involved.

We have finished our Fourth of July special tab this week. It is a variety of different stories and photos from last year leading up to the big celebration coming up in Blooming Prairie on that day.

While the event is in Blooming Prairie, there will be people coming from all over the counties we cover, as well as from around Minnesota and outside the state of Minnesota.

Anyway you cut it the Fourth of July has a special meaning for almost everyone in one way or another.

Recently, two former Marines were out front of a business raising donations for wounded warriors. The interesting fact was these two veterans served in the Vietnam era. As many of you may know, those coming back from that era were treated nothing better than scum. One told of how he wore his Marine Corps uniform through the airport, only to go into the bathroom to take it off because of being spit upon and other nasty things. He also lost himself in the mountains for at least three years in order to ease his way back into society.

We are fortunate that those types of antics toward our veterans has changed over the years. Today, our veterans are treated with the respect that they deserve for serving their country in time of peace or in time of war.

So no matter what the Fourth of July means to you or how you celebrate our national holiday, at least take one moment to think about or thank a veteran for their service to our country.

Weigh in with our online poll at [www.steeledodgenews.com](http://www.steeledodgenews.com)

### This week’s question:

How will you celebrate the Fourth of July holiday?

- \* Barbecuing with the family
- \* Enjoying Fourth of July celebrations
- \* Just another day in the sun

### Last week’s question:

Did Torii Hunter step over the line with his antics against Kansas City?

- \* Yes, I expected more out of him. 0%
- \* No, He was justified in what he did. 63%
- \* Didn't see the play. 38%

Readers are encouraged to vote at [steeledodgenews.com](http://steeledodgenews.com). This poll is not a pure scientific sampling of readers’ views, but rather, is intended to create community discussion of issues.



# Flippin out at breakfast on farm

Eating out for breakfast has never been as such a flippin good time as last Saturday’s Breakfast on the Farm event in Steele County.

In amongst all the lessons about the dairy operation at the Clover Glen Farm near Claremont, some folks received their breakfast through the air. Jim Kuper, known as the Pancake Man of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has not only been making pancakes for 29 years, but he also throws a little entertainment in with it. He flips pancakes to hungry people as high as 50 feet in the air.

“We love to do that,” said Kuper as he flipped yet another pancake in the air. “We try to make it a special day for the people. We want to make it a family event.”

Kuper said he likes to pick on people who are standing in line smiling. He politely asks them to back up 20 to 30 feet with a plate in hand and flips them pancakes high into the air. Sometimes he tosses them around his back or over his head to the awaiting plate. Most of the flying pancakes land on the plates, but some don’t. He doesn’t mind, though, as it’s all part of his show.

“It’s neat to see the kids’



**PURSUIT**  
Rick Bussler

expression on their face when I throw a pancake to their dad,” he said. He added it’s no fun when food is served in a traditional way and people just sit down right away.

During the time I watched Kuper in action, it was evident

he brings smiles to more than just kids. Adults were also chuckling as pancakes were flying around the room.

The idea of flipping flapjacks actually came from a customer many years ago. “I was standing there making pancakes when a guy asked me to flip him his pancake,” Kuper said.

At Saturday’s breakfast sponsored by the Steele County Dairy Association, Kuper made 3,600 pancakes for more than 900 people. With the help of a special machine he designed that drops pancake batter four at a time, he cranks out 72 pancakes every three minutes.

Kuper blends fresh ingredients with real eggs and milk before making mouth-watering pancakes in front of everyone’s eyes.

The Pancake Man travels to Michigan, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota and all points in between. Kuper specializes in fundraisers, school events, graduation parties, weddings, company picnics and Kiwanis clubs.

Kuper loves the Steele County dairy promotion. “I love how they bring people out on a bus to see the dairy operation,” he said, referring to the transportation offered from the Steele County fairgrounds to the dairy farm. “I give a lot of credit to the dairy association for what they do. It’s a special event.”

He’s definitely one chef I don’t mind seeing flip out over my breakfast as he goes in hot pursuit of satisfying the mouths of many craving mouth-watering pancakes.



# Thankful to the people of Steele County

By **SHANNON KINLEY**  
County Staff Writer

As many of you are aware Bussler Publishing is taking over the Dodge County Independent. As of July 1, I will be starting over in Kasson as the news editor. Although I am incredibly excited for this amazing opportunity and looking forward to learning more about Dodge County I am sad to leave Steele County.

The people of Steele County have been nothing but welcoming since I started with the Steele County Times last July. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the towns and the residents within them and I am so glad that I have been able to share their stories with the rest of our readers.

Since I am originally from Eagan and went to college in

Duluth I didn’t know anything about the small towns or the people. I remember right after I moved I didn’t know where anything was or who anybody was. Everywhere I went I had to type it into my smart phone’s GPS.

I was incredibly nervous but as time went on I was able to establish amazing relationships with people and got to feel not only like a journalist but a member of the community. I could even navigate the county without my GPS.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for how good they have been to me. There have been numerous people who not only have been willing to share their own stories with me, but have also told me about other people’s stories.

I’d like to especially thank the Medford, Owatonna and

NRHEG school districts for making my job fun and enjoyable. Whenever I had a question about something or needed to know who to talk to I was always pointed in the right direction. All of the districts were also great at keeping me updated with what was going on.

I’d also like to thank city officials of all the towns as they, similarly to the school districts, were always willing to clarify things and get me in contact with the right person.

Lastly, I’d like to thank my co-workers in Blooming Prairie. All of them have been incredible to work with and I will miss them greatly. Although I will still technically be on the same team as them I won’t get to see them as often as I did.

I have really enjoyed meeting the variety of people in Steele

County and the various events. During my time here I have gotten to write about all sorts of things from breaking news, to feature stories, to council meetings and school board meetings, to tragedies and even farming, a topic I do not know much about.

Although I will mainly be covering Dodge County now, I will still get to write about Steele County in our special publications (tabs) that come out with the next one being the Steele County Free Fair tab.

Once again thank you to everyone from Steele County who has made my experience a pleasant one. I can only hope that Dodge County is as welcoming as all of you were. Keep in touch.

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# Second Front Page

## Dangerous sex offender to move into Owatonna

Police holding community notification meeting Thursday

By RICK BUSSLER  
Publisher

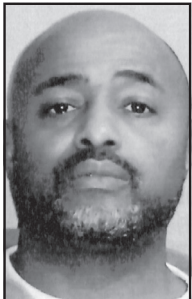
Beginning Monday, a dangerous sex offender from the Twin Cities will be taking up residency in Steele County, bringing the total to four offenders.

William Albert Kibble, 49, is planning to move into the area of 3rd Avenue and 21st Street Northwest in Owatonna, according to Owatonna Police. Kibble has a history of domestic assault and sexual contact with adult female victims.

State officials have classified Kibble as a level three offender, which means he is most likely to reoffend.

In compliance with state law, a community notification meeting will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna. Officials from the Minnesota Department of Corrections and local police will present information about the offender and answer any questions.

“While this notice may be disturbing to receive, it is not our intention to increase fear in the community,” said Joel Hunt, a police detective. “Our desire is to educate the public



Kibble

and keep them informed as a way to enhance the public’s safety.”

Hunt stressed that Kibble is not wanted by police and has served the sentence imposed by the court.

Police said one incident with Kibble involved him assaulting and holding a woman against her will. In another incident, Kibble had contact with a victim by accosting her in a public place and force was used to gain compliance. The victim in the later case did not know Kibble.

The original incidents took place in St. Paul and South St. Paul.

Owatonna police are not allowed to direct where the offender resides. In addition, local police also can’t direct where he works or goes to school.

Convicted sexual and predatory offenders have always been released to live in our communities. It was not until the passage of the Registra-

**LEVEL THREE SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION MEETING**

Thursday at 6 p.m.  
Steele County History Center- Owatonna

tion Act that law enforcement had the ability to track the movement of offenders after their initial release.

There are currently three other Level Three offenders living in Owatonna. They include: Curtis Lavern Enzenhauer, 51, in the 300 block of McKinley Street West; Sean Patrick McKee, 29, in the vicinity of North Elm Avenue and East Rose Street and Richard Villarreal, 29, in the area of North Grove Avenue and East Rose Street.

Brian Broulik of Blooming Prairie is the last dangerous offender in Steele County who reoffended after receiving the level three classification. He is currently spending 27 years in federal prison for possessing child pornography.

## Deadly year for motorcyclists: Rider deaths up 56 percent

Motorcycle rider deaths are significantly higher compared to this time last year. Twenty-five riders have died on Minnesota roads so far in 2015, which is 56 percent more than this time last year when there were 16 motorcycle fatalities.

The latest motorcycle death happened Thursday, June 18, around 9:30 p.m. during a pursuit on County Road 75 near County Road 7 in Stearns County. The driver was thrown from the motorcycle and pronounced dead at the scene. The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating.

So far this year, there have been 158 traffic fatalities in Minnesota; nearly 16 percent of those are motorcycle riders. In 2014, 46 motorcyclists were killed in crashes, according to preliminary reports.

Public safety officials are asking motorcyclists to take safety into their own hands and motorists to look twice for motorcycles.

“Motorcyclists and motorists need to work together to share the road to prevent more motorcycle fatalities,” says Lt. Bob Zak, Minnesota State Patrol. “It’s really unfortunate that there are nine more motorcycle deaths than this time last year, and we need the public’s help to keep this number from increasing.”

**2015 Fatal Motorcycle Crash Facts (these do not include the latest crash)**

Age: Eleven of the riders killed this season were older than 50. Nine riders were between the ages of 30-49. Four riders were in their 20s. It’s important for new riders, riders returning from a break and

experienced riders to take a training course and sharpen and hone skills.

Passengers: Three passengers were killed in the 22 crashes.

Helmet Use: Helmet use is known for 22 of the 25 riders killed. Of those 22 riders, 14 were not wearing a helmet and seven were wearing a helmet.

Location: Seventeen of the crashes happened in rural areas. Four of the crashes occurred in urban areas. Location was not reported for one of the crashes.

Contributing Factors: Contributing factors point to rider error in many of the crashes. Riders were negotiating a curve when 11 of those crashes happened. A second vehicle failing to yield was cited in three of the crashes.

Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC) Program Coordinator Bill Shaffer encourages riders to get trained.

“Training can save a rider’s life,” says Shaffer. “It teaches riders crash-avoidance techniques to stay safe on the road. Any experience level is welcome. You can never get too much training as a new rider, returning rider or experienced rider.”

For more information about affordable training courses provided by MMSC, visit [motorcyclesafety.org](http://motorcyclesafety.org).

The MMSC provides on-cycle and classroom rider training courses, develops

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## Former Mower County judge has final resting place



Washburn

By HOWARD LESTRUD  
Staff Writer

Former Mower County probate judge Sanford Seth Washburn, who was born in 1854 and died in 1928, has finally arrived home.

Through the efforts of his great niece, along with the help of Worlein Funeral Home and caretakers of the Udolpho Cemetery, a proper burial was arranged and completed last May 20 at the Udolpho Cemetery, located just south of Blooming Prairie in Mower County.

From a series of emails, Mary Kittelson, community services director of Worlein Funeral Home in Austin and Blooming Prairie, learned from the great niece, Rebecca Adams of Orlando, Florida, that Washburn’s ashes were never interred. His cremains had been stored at the Valhalla Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, since 1928.

Adams did her research on her great uncle through findagrave.com and was pointed toward Worlein Funeral Home. Kittelson telephoned the Valhalla funeral director, Randy Singer, and learned that the Valhalla crematory was the oldest one west of the Mississippi.

Sanford reportedly died in Illinois. “How his remains got across the river is still a mystery,” Kittelson said.

The cremains had been stored for 87 years, Singer informed Kittelson. It was then agreed that if the sum of \$160 were paid by Adams, the cremains would be shipped to Worlein Funeral Home. The shipment arrived in February (costs paid by Adams).

Kittelson then contacted Doug and Ann Bruggeman, caretakers of the Udolpho Cemetery about arranging a burial for Sanford’s cremains. “They were very excited and said they

were willing to make it happen,” Kittelson said.

The history of the Udolpho Cemetery dates back to 1862. The cemetery is supported by Udolpho Township and by public donations. The Bruggemans state that approximately 150 people are buried in the cemetery. Most recently buried in the Udolpho Cemetery were Bob and Doris Harber in August of 2014.

“We all have loved ones buried there and many of us fully intend to be buried there, too,” said Bruggeman.

Also interred there is a man who marched with General Sherman, a Civil War veteran, and a sister accidentally shot by her brother over pennies on Christmas Eve. “Little cemeteries have so much interesting history,” Bruggeman said.

The cremains were stored in Austin until May 20 when a decision was made to perform the burial on that date. Ann Bruggeman, an online minister, officiated at the service.

Jeff Witt and his daughter Cassie Witt and friends arrived with a horse drawn wagon just prior to the service. Others in attendance at the burial included Doug Bruggeman, Pete and Mary Kittelson, Jeff and Sue Zwiener, Tom Jensen, Jay Peterson and daughter Rachel, Danielle Leek, Jim and Casey Bruggeman, Daysha Zim and a few others.

The service began with a prayer followed by Mary Kittelson explaining to those present just how Judge Washburn came to his final resting place. Ann Bruggeman read the obituary and all recited the Lords Prayer.

The cremains were placed by an existing cemetery marker, one side for Sanford’s mother Julia, one side for father Seth S. and a third side for his two brothers who died in infancy. One open spot remained and has been dedicated to Sanford.

Following the burial, a reception was held with refreshments served.

Kittelson said it is very appropriate that Washburn is in the Udolpho Township cemetery, close to the community where he grew up.

Great niece Adams and Sue Doocy, Research & Archives Manager for the Mower County Historical Society, have located many documents that detail family history of Sanford Seth Washburn. Adams and Doocy have shared many of their findings with the Times.

Much of the obituary infor-



Submitted photo

Sanford Seth Washburn came home to Udolpho Township on May 20, 2015, when he was interred at the Udolpho Cemetery. Washburn is a former probate judge from Austin. A suitable memorial service was led by Ann Bruggeman who was assisted by others, including Jeff Witt and family and their Percheron horses. From left to right are: Jeff and Sue Zweiner, Tommy Jensen, Jeff Witt, Casey and his dad, Jim Bruggeman, Rachel Peterson and her dad, Jay Peterson, Doug & Ann Bruggeman, Sue Doocy, Pete and Mary Kittelson. On the wagon are Tate Miller, Cassy Witt and Danielle Leek. Not pictured but taking the photograph, Daysha Zilm.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

The history of the Udolpho Cemetery dates back to 1862. Doug and Ann Bruggeman are caretakers for the cemetery which is supported by Udolpho Township and by public donations.

mation provided came from the publications of the Mower County News and the Austin Souvenir.

According to the Austin Souvenir, Washburn’s father, Seth S. Washburn, was an early settler of Udolpho Township. He was born in Bethel, Vermont., June 11, 1826. He came to Mower County in 1857 and took up a claim in Section 17. Judge Sanford was one of six children.

Sanford S. Washburn is a native of Vermont, born Dec. 27, 1854. He came with his parents to a farm in Udolpho Township in 1857. Sanford was reared upon the homestead in Udolpho. Both his parents are interred at the Udolpho Cemetery.

Washburn was a lawyer, judge, and farmer during his lifetime.

The Souvenir reported that Washburn’s early education was obtained in the district schools. He attended Austin High School prior to attending the University of Minnesota.

Washburn taught several terms of school in Mower and Freeborn counties in order to secure a means for an advanced education. In 1877 he began a three-year course at the University of Minnesota, during a time he did considerable work on the state experimental farm to assist in defraying expenses.

Returning to farm life for a short time, Washburn took a course in law at the Columbia Law School in New York City.

After pursuing his law studies one year with Lewis & Leslie, Waseca, he was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession in that city for three years.

The Souvenir wrote that Washburn came to Austin in 1887 and in partnership with N.S. Gordon, purchased the Mower County Transcript. He gave up in interest in the newspaper in January of 1890. Washburn at that time was a special agent of the census bureau for Southern Minnesota. In the fall of 1890 he was elected judge of the probate court. He held that post until 1903, serving Mower County for 12 years.

The Mower County News on Feb. 23, 1928, reported in an obituary that Washburn was in office, historical records showed, when the officials were known as he “Court House Gang,” for they were in reality ganged together for many years -- the others being O.J. Simmons, clerk; G. Seebach, treasurer; J.C. Johnson, sheriff and Robert Johnson, auditor. They worked in harmony, at least in politics, records indicate.

Washburn was a Republican. He was said to be honest and conscientious. Reports said Washburn had a keen mind and gave advice to many who sought his help and trusted him.

In 1887 Washburn married Minnetta Comstock, a school teacher. They had three children, Sanford C., Willard Wallace and Eleanor. The judge had three sisters, Jennie E. Adams, Udolpho; Hattie L. Washburn and Dr. Emma Washburn-Rog-

ers of Carbondale Ill., at whose home Washburn died in 1928.

The Mower County News writes that Washburn lived in Austin in his younger days and also spent time in California, Washington and then moved to Carbondale, Illinois., to be with his sister, Dr. Rogers, to receive treatment and medical care. He suffered a pneumonia attack, a sickness he never fully recovered. He died on Feb. 10, 1928, in Carbondale, Illinois.

Sanford’s wife Minnie died a month before Sanford in Washington state. Adams said she has not been able to determine where she was buried.

Great-niece Adams has been interested in genealogy since visiting her aunt Beatrice Adams Morris in Blooming Prairie in 1965.

Adams’ father was John Quincy Adams (1924-1995, buried Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.), son of Earl Stanley Adams (1895-1976, buried Bohemian cemetery in Myrtle, Minnesota, Freeborn County), son of Jennie Washburn (Sanford’s sister) and William Thomas Adams (both buried at Udolpho). Until recently Adams did not have time to research. With tools like ancestry.com it became much easier to research from a desk in the home.

Some of Adams’ family grew up on property now owned by Jay Peterson. He was in attendance at the burial.

Adams has been researching all relatives starting with the ones she personally knew.

She stumbled across Sanford’s death information on findagrave.com.

Adams says she is not the next of kin but has been in contact with a descendant who did not indicate an interest in being involved in the story. She says five great-grandchildren are still living and she has only been able to locate one.

Explaining why she helped bring Sanford Washburn back to Udolpho Township, Adams said she “thought it was the right thing to do.”

Adams said she loves following ancestors and trying to figure out why they went where they went. “I feel like they are real characters in my life story. Every time I find another piece of the puzzle, I get excited.”

Adams has contacted Anderson Memorials about inscribing Washburn’s information on the existing monument at the Udolpho Cemetery.



# Public Safety

## MOTORCYLISTS

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awareness campaigns and informational materials, and coordinates third-party skills testing for motorcycle license endorsement through the Basic Rider Course and evening testing at select DVS Exam Stations.

Motorcycle safety is a component of Toward Zero Deaths (TZD), the state’s primary road safety initiative. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes — educa-

tion, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

Recent MMSC Activity and Statistics

- There are more than 236,000 registered motorcycles and more than 414,000 licensed operators in Minnesota.

- During the 2014 training season, MMSC trained more than 6,000 students statewide.

- New 2015 courses include 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course and Motorcycle Road Guard Certificate. A complete list of courses and descriptions is available online at [motorcyclesafety.org](http://motorcyclesafety.org).

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## Two injured in separate cycle crashes

Two men were injured, one of them seriously, in motorcycle crashes on Father’s Day in Dodge and Freeborn counties.

The first crash happened on Highway 30 east of Blooming Prairie around 1:40 p.m. Sunday. The State Patrol reported David G. Malecha, 66, of Waterville received non-life threatening injuries when the motorcycle he was operating went off the road at a curve.

Blooming Prairie Ambulance trans-

ported Malecha to the Austin hospital where he was treated and released.

Dodge County Sheriff’s Office assisted the patrol at the crash.

The other crash happened on Interstate 35 in the construction zone near Geneva around 8:17 p.m. Sunday. Jason E. Wendelboe, 46, of Frederic, Wis. suffered serious injuries when his motorcycle crashed in the single-lane construction zone.

The State Patrol said Wendelboe was

not wearing a helmet and suffered head injuries. He was taken to a hospital in Albert Lea.

Alcohol was believed to have been a factor in the crash, according to the patrol.

Geneva Fire Department and Freeborn County Sheriff’s Office assisted the patrol with the crash, which resulted in a temporary detour of the roadway.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Steele County

#### Blooming Prairie Police

##### June 14

**Crash.** Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at 1:11 p.m. A citation was issued to a driver.

**Domestic.** At 10:04 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the city. They arrested a subject at the scene.

#### Owatonna Police

##### June 12

**Vandalism.** At 6:43 a.m., officer took property damage report in the 1000 block of Minnesota Ave. SE.

**Burglary.** Police began a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Rice St. E. at 8:51 a.m.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 2100 block of Park Dr. NW at 9:27 a.m.

**Warrants.** Officers made two warrant arrests – at 3:28 p.m. in the 300 block of Main St. E. and at 6:03 p.m. in the 100 block of 18th St. NE.

##### June 13

**Criminal Sex.** At 12:24 a.m., officers began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 600 block of 23rd St. NE.

**Drugs.** Drug activity was reported in the 200 block of Chambers Ave. SE at 3:11 a.m.

**Theft.** Officer took theft report at 11:15 a.m. in the 1600 block of Mosher Ave. SW.

##### June 14

**Warrants.** Throughout the day, police arrested three subjects for outstanding warrants. The arrests were in the 100 block of 18th St. NE at 12:22 p.m., in the 500 block of Oak Ave. S. at 2:46 p.m. and at 19th St. NE and Cedar Ave. N. at 10:13 p.m.

**Arrest.** A traffic stop resulted in a motorist being taken into custody at Broadway St. E. and Grove Ave. N. At 9:31 p.m.

**Restraining Order.** Police received a report that a restraining order had been violated in the 200 block of Beech Ave. NE at 9:36 p.m.

**Suspicion.** Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 300 block of School St. W. at 11:36 p.m. A citation was issued at the scene.

##### June 15

**Shoplifting.** A shoplifting incident occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:25 p.m.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 2:24 p.m.

##### June 16

**Shoplifting.** At 12:35 p.m., officers responded to a shoplifting incident in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of Franklin Ave. SW at 1:58 p.m.

**Criminal Sex.** Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 3000 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 2 p.m.

**Restraining Order.** At 1:56 p.m., a restraining order was violated in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

##### June 17

**Warrant.** Officer arrested a subject

for an outstanding warrant in the 700 block of Oak Ave. N. at 6:27 a.m.

**Domestic.** At 8 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of 24th St. NE. An adult was taken into custody.

**Arrest.** Following a traffic stop at 14th St. NE and Elm Ave. N., a motorist was arrested at 10:20 p.m.

**Juvenile.** Police received a juvenile complaint from the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 11:18 p.m.

##### June 18

**Arrest.** Officers arrested a motorist in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 10:43 a.m.

**Theft.** A citizen reported that his or her identity had been stolen in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 4:40 p.m.

**Fight.** Police responded to a fight in the 200 block of Vine St. E. at 8:28 p.m.

**Child Protection.** At 7:25 p.m., officer took a child protection report in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

#### Steele County Sheriff

##### June 13

**Animal.** At 8:48 a.m., deputies responded to an animal call in the 8300 block of 78th St. SW.

##### June 14

**DWI.** Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 6800 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:36 a.m.

**Suspicion.** A suspicious activity report was received from the 300 block of 1st Ave. NE at 1:49 a.m.

**Domestic.** Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 10200 block of Bixby Lane at 3:08 p.m.

**Theft.** Deputy took theft report in the 500 block of 2nd St. SW at 4:29 p.m.

##### June 15

**Burglary.** Deputies began an investigation of a burglary in the 300 block of 5th Ave. E. at 12:02 p.m.

**Drugs.** At 7:23 p.m., a deputy arrested a subject for drug activity in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W.

##### June 16

**Burglary.** At 12:13 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 300 block of 5th Ave. E.

**Juvenile.** Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 100 block of Main St. E.

##### June 17

**DWI.** At 1:39 p.m., deputies received a report of drunken driving at Central Ave. W. and Frontage Rd. E.

##### June 18

**Animal Bite.** Deputies received information regarding an animal bite in the 600 block of Dutton Dr. at 1:29 p.m.

**Suspicion.** At 1:42 p.m., deputy responded to a suspicious activity report in the 300 block of 1st Ave. SW.

## COURT NEWS

### Steele County

*The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 8 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:*

Heath J. Baier, 34, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. Baier was sentenced to \$1,081, 180 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no contact

with victim, and 5 years of supervised probation.

Travis L. Clemmensens, 45, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault and misdemeanor domestic assault. He was sentenced to \$581, 270 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim and 5 years of supervised probation.

Dammon D. Nailon, 33, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats. The defendant was sentenced to \$581, 60 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, cognitive skill training, no contact with victim, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, and 5 years of supervised probation.

Emily A. Nelson, 30, St. Louis Park, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. Nelson was sentenced to \$131, 167 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, and 5 years of supervised probation.

Andrez Quintana, 25, Minneapolis, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime and misdemeanor false name to peace officer. The defendant was sentenced to \$131, 60 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 3 years of supervised probation.

*The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 8 – 12:*

#### Blooming Prairie Police Department

Dennis J. Hedberg, 40, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Michael S. Hutchinson, 22, Austin, speeding, \$121.

#### MN State Patrol Rochester

John L. Badjie, 39, Brooklyn Park, cancelled license, \$281, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; William O. Bakken, 26, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Anders W. Brekke, 29, North Mankato, speeding, \$121; Brooke A. Camerer, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Esmeralda Castanon, 23, Albert Lea, registration violation and no insurance, \$581;

Mario A. Cesario, 48, Minneapolis, invalid license, \$81; Todd M. Gillette, 50, Waterville, registration violation, \$181; Angel E. Herrera Patino, 44, Robinsdale, speeding, \$131; Cassandra A. Higgins, 23, New Brighton, speeding, \$131; Maxwell C. Hoods, 24, Cedar Rapids, IA, speeding, \$131;

Jeremiah W. Johnson, 36, Owatonna, brakes violation, \$281; Patrick J. Kritzer, 62, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Matthew T. Larson, 43, Owatonna, brakes violation and stop lights violation, \$221; Jose A. Linares-Hernandez, 30, Crete, NE, seat belt, \$106; Edwin Luhda, 39, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Kevin H. Mans, 49, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Timothy C. Melcher, 24, Norfolk, NE, speeding, \$281; Timothy J. Neuenschwander, 36, Sun Prairie, WI, speeding, \$121;

Akway O. Nygow, 41, Fridley, speeding, \$121; Samira A. Osman, 27, Faribault, speeding, \$381; Angela A. Padilla, 49, Owatonna, no license in

possession, \$101; Lacy N. Porter, 40, Minneapolis, passing parked emergency vehicle, \$131; Linda K. Rien-deau, 55, Ellendale, DWI, \$406, and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jacob A. Schmit, 25, Austin, vehicle gross weight violation and failure to maintain parts in safe and proper operating condition, \$731;

Angel Z. Simbaina, 24, Minneapolis, invalid license, \$181; Robert N. Sponberg, 62, Bloomington, speeding, \$141; Lori K. Tiggs, 44, West Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$131; Justin T. Wright, 19, Woodbury, speeding and no insurance, \$341; Sisounthone Xayachak, 29, Albert Lea, revoked license, \$281.

#### Owatonna Police Department

Randy J. Dohrmann, 29, Kenyon, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Jeremiah J. Ellis, 42, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Mario A. Fernandez-Guerra, 29, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Miguel A. Garza, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Josue Gutierrez, 19, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$131 and 3 days in county jail; Helen J. Haugen, 60, Kenyon, expired tabs, \$111;

Jennifer E. Jenkins, 45, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Rachelle M. Judson, 16, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Ashley K. Juelfs, 26, Faribault, shoplifting, \$131 and 2 days in county jail; Shannan M. Mitchell, 33, Faribault, financial transaction card fraud, \$581, 63 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, and 2 years of supervised probation;

Cody D. Olson, 20, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Nicholas S. Osterhus, 26, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; John S. Peck, 40, Shakopee, speeding, \$121; Eugene G. Peterson, 79, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Pearl E. Rendon, 38, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 1 year of supervised probation; Kyla R. Robertson, 16, Owatonna, inattentive driving, \$121;

Elizabeth N. Veldman, 33, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Jordan A. Vick, 25, Owatonna, window tint violation, \$131; Christian S. Warner, 28, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 1 year of supervised probation; Timothy A. Weis, 20, Austin, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181; Shannetta M. Williams, 27, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181.

#### Steele County Sheriff's Office

April R. Batten, 27, Claremont, speeding, \$141; Beth A. Bogen, 40, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Anthony J. Bohlen, 25, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, and 3 years of supervised probation;

John M. Burns, 50, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Margaret M. Cornell, 27, Kansas City, MO, speeding, \$121; Richard M. Cory, 53, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$131; Don M. Cotran, 34, Urbandale, IA, speeding, \$121; David W. Craft, 53, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Patricia J. Friedman, 55, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Sarah R. Houdek, 43, Owatonna, driving through barricade, \$121; Edward T. Lawsom, 36, Medford, revoked license, \$281; Bette-Jayne E. Lindstrom, 47, Rochester, invalid license,

\$181; Tammy R. Matejcek, 41, Lake-land, speeding, \$221; Daniel Medrano, 24, St. Louis Park, no insurance, \$281;

Cara L. Olson, 51, New Richland, speeding, \$131; Wilma J. Peterson, 69, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jeffrey L. Schroeder, 53, Blooming Prairie, white license plate light violation and speeding, \$161; Kelsey J. Schultz, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; McKayla J. Sikel, 21, Claremont, speeding, \$121; Ronnie D. Spies, 67, Waseca, seat belt, \$106;

Garrett R. Taylor, 23, Medford, speeding, \$221; Jennifer L. Vanek, 45, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Gary J. Walburn, 40, Morristown, speeding, \$381; Reagan N. West, 40, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Kevin M. Willis, 35, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181; Mitchell W. Witte, 19, Morristown, speeding, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jason A. Wobschall, 36, Owatonna, DWI, \$206, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 1 year of supervised probation; Kari M. Wright, 25, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181.

## COURT NEWS

### Dodge County

*The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 8 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:*

Christopher L. Bartlett, 21, Blooming Prairie, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats. He was sentenced to \$1,080, 2 days in county jail, chemical assessment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, anger management, domestic abuse counseling, no contact with victim, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Ellen L. Bartlett, 48, Hayfield, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Marijuana. Bartlett was sentenced to \$1,000, 5 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Michael J. Vihnicka, 61, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,000, 13 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, anger management, domestic abuse evaluation, no contact with victim, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

*The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 8 – 15:*

#### Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Brady J. Becker, 18, Hayfield, speeding, \$140; Mikayla G. Becker, 16, Hayfield, speeding, \$140; Kenneth P. Behounek, 69, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Michael P. Biwer, 36, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; El-lie J. Fate, 33, Ellendale, speeding, \$140; David W. Hamilton, 25, North

Mankato, speeding, \$220; Karen V. Norby, 52, Waseca, speeding, \$120; Robyrta R. Peterson, 23, Kasson, speeding, \$280; Mitchell G. Vipond, 24, St. Cloud, no insurance, 90 days in county jail; Brian J. Warner, 25, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105.

#### Kasson Police Department

Douglas O. Hakomaki, 67, West Concord, speeding, \$130; Daniel D. Rappe, 17, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Todd L. Scharkey, 52, Rochester, disorderly conduct, \$385, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Cami R. Thalacker, 41, Rochester, speeding, \$130; David W. Vrieze, 77, West Concord, seat belt, \$105; Calvin L. Weaver, 63, Kasson, failure to yield, \$130.

#### MN State Patrol Rochester

Bryce A. Barney, 18, Claremont, speeding, \$120; Beth S. Fahning-Hanggi, 51, Deer River, seat belt, \$105.

#### West Concord Police Department

Brian T. Kjosar, 44, Hayfield, seat belt, \$105; Jorge D. Rivera Vazquez, 29, West Concord, invalid license, \$180.

#### Owatonna Fire

##### June 15

Vehicle Fires. Owatonna Fire responded to two passenger vehicle fires – at 4:34 a.m. on Interstate 35 and at 5:52 a.m. on Interstate 35 at mile marker 41.

##### June 16

Vehicle Fire. At 8:09 p.m., a passenger vehicle fire occurred in the 200 block of 26th St. NE.

System Activation. Fire personnel responded to an extinguishing system activation in the 600 block of El Dorado St. SE at 8:34 p.m.

##### June 17

Water. At 5:13 p.m., fire fighters assisted with a water problem in the 700 block of Lee St. NE.

##### June 18

Extraction. Fire rescue extricated a victim from a vehicle on Interstate 35 at 3:42 p.m.

#### Steele Arrests

##### Blooming Prairie Police

Nicholas Robert David, 34, arrested at 10:22 p.m. June 14, assault, held for court.

##### Owatonna Police

Abdi Mohamad Mohamad, 28, arrested at 3:35 p.m. June 12, warrant arrest, body only.

Jaime Gonzalez-Maldonado, 40, arrested at 12:45 a.m. June 13, assault and domestic assault, held for court.

Derek James Kelling, 18, arrested at 3 p.m. June 14, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.

Joshua David Randall, 37, arrested at 9:41 p.m. June 14, cancelled license, held for court.

Brandon Jon Jen, 24, arrested at 12:40 p.m. June 14, probation viola-

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Gilberto Sanchez – DWI - \$12,000 bail  
Maria Sanchez – theft - \$500 bail  
Roberto Sanchez – criminal sexual conduct – no bail  
Russell Sanchez – theft - \$200 bail  
Julio Sanchez-Beltran – no license, false information - \$500 bail  
Sanchez-Sifuentes – traffic - \$1,000 bail  
Abel Santamaria-Peres – invalid license - \$500 bail

Jose Saucedo – theft - \$3,000 bail  
Teresa Saucedo – DWI - \$12,000 bail  
Benjamin Savedra – DWI – no bail  
Jorge Sebastian – invalid license - \$500 bail  
Todd Senholtz – order for protection violation - \$6,000 bail  
Benjamin Shannon – theft - \$3,000 bail  
Aman Sheikh-Yusuf – theft by check – no bail

George Shelton – possession of pistol – no bail  
Oscar Sias – terroristic threats - \$25,000 bail  
Pedro Sifuentes – DWI – no bail  
Angela Silvas – assault - \$1,000 bail  
Mohinder Singh – civil warrant - \$431.66 bail  
Michael Sinn – revoked license, no insurance - \$1,000 bail

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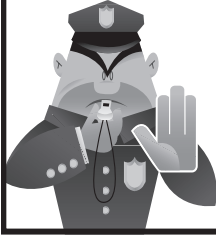
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**Dear Frankie,**  
The high cost of veterinary care has become a problem for millions of pet owners today, but it can be especially difficult for seniors living on a fixed income. Routine medical care can cost hundreds of dollars, while urgent/specialized treatments and procedures can run into the thousands. But, it is possible to reduce your pet care costs without sacrificing their health. Here are some tips that can help you save.

Shop around: If you're not attached to a particular veterinarian, call some different vet clinics in your area and compare costs. When you call, get price quotes on basic services like annual exams and vaccinations, as well as bigger-ticket items, like to repair a broken leg, so you can compare. Also, check to see if you live near a veterinary medical school (see aavmc.org for a listing). Many schools provide low-cost care

# How seniors can tame pet care costs

provided by students who are overseen by their professors. Ask your vet for help: To help make your vet bills more manageable, see if your vet's office accepts monthly payments so you don't have to pay the entire cost up front. Also, find out if your vet offers discounts to senior citizens or reduces fees for annual checkups if you bring in multiple pets.

Search for low-cost care: Many municipal and nonprofit animal shelters offer free or low-cost spaying and neutering programs and vaccinations, and some work with local vets who are willing to provide care at reduced prices for low-income and senior pet owners. Call your local shelter or humane society to find out what's available in your area.

Look for financial assistance: There are a number of state and national organizations that provide financial assistance to pet owners in need. To locate these programs, the U.S. Humane Society provides a listing on their website that you can access at [humanesociety.org/petfinancialaid](http://humanesociety.org/petfinancialaid).

Buy cheaper medicine: Medicine purchased at the vet's office is usually much more expensive than you can get from a regular pharmacy or online. Instead, get a prescription from your vet (ask for generic is possible) so you can shop for the best price.

Most pharmacies such as Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Kmart, Rite Aid and Target fill prescriptions for pets inexpensively, so long as that same drug is also prescribed to humans. And, many pharmacies offer pet

discount savings programs too.

You can also save by shopping online at one of the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites accredited by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, like 1-800-Pet-Meds (1800petmeds.com), Drs. Foster & Smith (drsfostersmith.com), KV Supply (kvsupply.com), and PetCareRx (petcar-erx.com).

Consider pet insurance: If you can afford it, pet insurance is another option worth looking into. You can get a basic policy for under \$10 per month, and some insurers provide discounts for insuring multiple pets. See [petinsurancereview.com](http://petinsurancereview.com) to compare policies. Membership discount plans like Pet Assure (petassure.com) are another way to save, but you'll need to use a vet in their network.

Look for other ways to save: In addition to cutting your veterinary bills, you can also save on pet food and other supplies depending on where you shop. Target, Walmart, Costco and the dollar stores typically offer much lower prices than supermarkets and specialty retailers like Petco and PetSmart. You can also save on treats and toys at sites like [coupaw.com](http://coupaw.com) and [doggyloot.com](http://doggyloot.com).

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## History from the news archives

**10 Years Ago**  
**Elsie Slinger, Editor**  
**June 24, 2005**

Sometime has lapsed since the record voting turnout for the \$18.9 million referendum last Tuesday, but the defeat doesn't help unfog what decisions lay ahead. "We're still in reflecting mode, looking at ways to resolve the issues," said Blooming Prairie Superintendent Barry Olson. "We still have a 50 year old building that doesn't fit our needs."

Local voters rejected the bond measure for a new school with 1,042-739 count. With a distract containing 2,526

registered voters, more than 70 percent of the people showed up at the polls to cast their vote – with 58 percent saying no.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Elsie Singer, Editor**

Pastor Dick Hegal was recognized last week at First Lutheran Church for the 25th anniversary of his ordination. A reception was held following the service. There he was presented with a new alb, given to him by the congregation.

The "Lord is my Shepard" (Psalm 23) is Pastor Hegal's favorite Bible verse and has inspired him to follow that

Shepard at an early age to enter the ministry. Pastor Wolter of Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Canton, Ohio was his mentor. He was the shepherd who inspired him and was the speaker at his ordination on June 28, 1970.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Victor, Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors**  
**June 24, 1965**

Mr. Levena Ingvalson and Mrs. Halvor Todale returned home Friday of last week after a 3139 mile trip to Barrhead, Canada. Barrhead is located 100 miles northwest of Edmonton.

While in Canada, they visited with an uncle Ben Christianson, who is 90 years old, and his sons and daughter and their families. They also visited with Chris Matison, who lives at the Senior Citizens Rest Home in Barrhead. Mr. Matison is the grandfather of the hired man of the late Ole Christianson.

Enroute home they visited relatives at Cloquet, Minn., Minnot, North Dakota, and Camp Creek, Canada, and Cardston, which is near Glacier National Park, of which they also toured. One of the interesting sights was the remainder of a six inch snowfall which had occurred a day before they trav-

eled in the area.

Mrs. Ingvalson and Mrs. Todalen will long remember the trip as it gave them the opportunity to see cousins they had not visited with since their grade school days at Corning.

**75 Years Ago**  
**Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher**

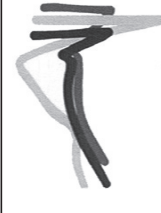
There's some boys in town who think they can ride donkeys which don't want to be ridden! They've even gone so far as to say they'll ride em' and play a kittenball game at the same time. It's going to be good. The donkeys will be here

Monday night and the ball club has arranged for a donkeyball game at the ball park Monday night at 8:15.

The marriage of Miss Madonna Schissel, daughter of J.P. Schissel of Minneapolis to George Curtin, of Blooming Prairie took place at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, June 22, at Incarnation church in Minneapolis. The Rev. Father Ryan performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives and friends.

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## Obituaries

### Adela Ochoa-Dominquez, 87, Blooming Prairie

Adela Ochoa-Dominguez, 87 of Blooming Prairie, died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, June 17, 2015 at her daughter's home in Bricelyn, Minn.

She was surrounded by her loving family.

Adela was born Oct. 20, 1927 in Goliad, Texas to Facundo and Florentina (Garcia) Ochoa. She grew up near San Antonio before her marriage to Juan Dominguez, Sr. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Geneva.

Juan Sr. passed away in February 1997. She enjoyed reading Spanish novels, sewing, cooking and watching novellas on the



Spanish TV station. Adela loved being a homemaker and raising her family of six. She also raised seven of her grandchildren.

Adela is survived by her six children; Guadalupe Garcia of Dinuba, Calif., Guillermo (Memo) Dominguez of Blooming Prairie, Maria (Regino) Ortega of Dodge Center, Delfa (Jose Angel) Padilla of Austin, Adela Deluna of Bricelyn, Gloria (Robert) Salinas of Bloom-

ing Prairie, and her five siblings, 31 grandchildren and 78 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Facundo and Florentina Ochoa, her husband Juan Dominguez Sr., son Juan Dominguez Jr., granddaughter Marlena Grant.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015 at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie with the Rev. Steve Peterson officiating.

Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2015, at Worlein Blooming Prairie Fu-

neral Home, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. A Rosary Service will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2015, at the beginning of the visitation. Interment will be in the Blooming Prairie Cemetery.

Memorials can be directed to the Dominguez family, or to recipient of donor's choice. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

### Shirley Burton, 62, formerly of Blooming Prairie

Shirley A. Burton of Albert Lea, formerly of Blooming Prairie and New Richland, died on Monday, June 15, 2015, at Good Samaritan Society in Albert Lea. She was 62.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1953, in Albert Lea, the daughter of Ralph and Margella (Bakken) Besser. Shirley was baptized and confirmed at the First Congregation Church in New Richland, where she was still a member.

After she graduated from New Richland High School, Shirley married Vern Burton. They



were later divorced. One beautiful daughter was born to this union, Jessica. For the past 25 years, Shirley has shared her life with Jens Andersen.

Throughout her life, Shirley had worked at Brown Printing in Waseca, Quirams Bakery in New Richland, but most enjoyment came from 23 years of doing day care in her home. She loved having children around

and caring for them. She enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers, cooking, gambling and games of any kind.

She is survived by her life's partner Jens Andersen of Blooming Prairie; mother, Margella Besser of Waterville; sister, Susan (Michael) Pfeffer of New Richland; brother, Allen (Halane) Besser of Alden; nieces and nephews, James (Pam) Pfeffer of Mont Alto, Pa, Jill (Jerry) Johnson of Waseca, Jamie (Matt) Holm of St. Cloud, Jared (Lisa) Besser of Clarks Grove, and Jeremy (Rachel) Besser of

Albert Lea; and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Ralph Besser; daughter Jessica Burton; and brother Todd Besser.

The way Shirley teasingly picked on those she loved brings smiles to our faces. -"Girls don't be afraid of your veggies." She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Memorial services were held on June 21 at the First Congregational Church of New Richland.

## Death Notice

Betty Darlene (Hansen) Fierro, age 61 of Las Vegas, Nevada, died Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Valley Regional Hospital where she had been since March 1, 2015.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with the Rev. Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Visitation will be held

from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery, Blooming Prairie. The family prefers that memorials be directed to The American Cancer

Society. Services performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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tion warrant, body only.

Eric James Ohnstad, 37, arrested at 1:20 p.m. June 15, felony extradition hearing, \$9,750 bail.

Andrew Wallace Swant, 36, arrested at 8:17 p.m. June 17, domestic assault and assault, held for court.

Louis Duane Bennett, 38, arrested at 10:49 p.m. June 17, false name, held for court.

John Frederick Olson, 63, arrested at 10:53 a.m. June 18, cancelled license, held for court.

Yusuf Odowa Ali, 20, arrested at

1:55 p.m. June 18, domestic assault and assault, held for court.

Abby Marie Stano, 29, arrested at 1:30 a.m. June 19, DWI, held for court.

Jessica Ann Thissen, 33, arrested at 1:52 a.m. June 19, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.

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Steven Marshall Baynes, 50, arrested at 1:12 a.m. June 14, DWI and controlled substance, held for court.

Kodie William Swenson, 18, arrested at 4 p.m. June 14, felony burglary,

held for court.

Deanna Carol Zak, 31, arrested June 15, felony domestic assault and assault, held for court.

Joshua Dale Wiedemann, 25, arrested at 6 p.m. June 15, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Kevin Michael Carey, 41, arrested at 8:33 p.m. June 15, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Justin Gerald Sabyan, 24, arrested at 8:55 p.m. June 15, felony possession of controlled substance, held for

court.

Anthony James Iverson, 29, arrested at 6 p.m. June 16, warrant arrest, \$1,000 bail.

Cheyanna Rose Flaherty, 22, arrested at 2:16 p.m. June 17, DUI and introduce contraband into correctional facility, held for court.

Joshua Alvin Kauffmann, 29, arrested at 4 p.m. June 17, probation violation, held for court.

## FLOODING

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ing their eaves troughs, making sure their downspouts and things are attached to drain the water away from their structures. Other times there are backups into the homes. If it is sanitary sewer back ups you can install a check valve, which is really a highly recommended item that prevents that from happening."

In Blooming Prairie rainfall caused flooding, not only in farmer's fields, but in town as well. According to Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad, the worst flooding spots were on Main Street by the park and 3rd Street. Skillestad was quick to ask residents to do their part, not only during the current

flooding, but also in preventing future flooding.

"We have to have people make sure they don't drive through the water," said Skillestad, adding that a car stuck on the road is a hazard to other drivers.

Skillestad said the street department had a difficult task unplugging drains and flushing sewers, adding that because of the recent rainfall, residents have been mowing more often and blowing their grass clippings onto the road. While the amount of flooding is comparable to recent years, the drains clogged with grass could be the cause of this year's main problems, according to Skillestad.

"That can plug drains and cause more flooding," said Skillestad. "It's causing a really big issue, and we're asking residents to keep grass clippings off the road. It's a serious ongoing issue."

Flash flood warnings were mainly in Iowa, however Mower County had a flash flood warning in effect until 10 a.m. Monday.

Steele County Management maintains an on call state of readiness 24 hours a day, seven days a week through its programs such as Severe Weather Spotter Program (SKYWARN), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Radio

Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Community Awareness Emergency Response Team (CAER).

"We have a really good weather network of spotters from the Steele County SKYWARN and the fire departments spotters. They are out there to keep tabs of what is going on and if need be they put out the emergency warnings and they also give us good weather reports after the storm goes through," Johnson said.

*County Sports Editor James Knoop contributed to this report.*

## SEARCH

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plishments include putting the strategic plan in place, improving security of the children and keeping the finances solid. "I actually think the district is in really good shape financially," he said.

One program that is dear to his heart is expanding the shop program. "I found that exciting to see those kids out in the community doing projects," he said. "I see that as very positive."

He said there is still much to do academically. Goodwin feels

there are more programs that can benefit students in enhanced curriculum, as well as students struggling. "Supporting the entire spectrum; we had plans for them was a matter of getting them installed."

Goodwin also feels that he is leaving the next superintendent a financially sound district. "We are sitting very strong financially," he said. "One of my goals was to get our general fund balance up over \$2.5 million. I believe we are going to hit that

this year. I said I wanted it done in three years and got it done in two years."

Under Goodwin's leadership, the school district also implements a technology infrastructure that included iPads for students in grades K-8 and Chromebooks for students in

grades 9-12. Then there was his relationship with members of the staff. "We are a people industry and when you have a people industry there are people you do great with and people you struggle with," he said. "There are some people I found to be pretty amazing."

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#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| <b>June 23</b><br>Breckin Cochlin, Callie Iverson, Claire Staloch, Nora Bodurtha, Efren Hernandez                                                             | <b>Anniversaries</b><br><b>June 23</b><br>LaVerne & Donna Strand<br>Adam & Sadie Swenson                                  |
| <b>June 24</b><br>Jim Alwes, Yvonne Lee, Eliot Gimbel                                                                                                         | <b>June 24</b><br>Erik & Michelle Vigland                                                                                 |
| <b>June 25</b><br>Marie Morem, Lynn Miller, Thomas Erickson, Tyler Allison                                                                                    | <b>June 25</b><br>Barry & Diane Olson<br>Jeri & Bud Alwes Konecne<br>John & Jennie Konecne                                |
| <b>June 26</b><br>Mark Ditlevson, Jody Easton, Jeff Butler, Avery Allison, Brady Kittelson                                                                    | <b>June 26</b><br>James & Joyce Johns<br>Heidi & Paul Heimgartner                                                         |
| <b>June 27</b><br>Jessica Skinner, Lisa Bruns, Shirley Rogers, Beth Krebs, Jessica Smith, Matthew Harber, Ewi Reinke, Julia Garza, Emily Thoen, John Mersdith | <b>June 27</b><br>Randy & Kay Zellmer<br>Beth & Dan Trom<br>Pam & Keith Doerhoefer                                        |
| <b>June 28</b><br>Mark Symes, Amanda Tocko, Robert Wolf                                                                                                       | <b>June 28</b><br>Amy & Mark Hinzmann                                                                                     |
| <b>June 29</b><br>LeAnn Vogt, Lauren Schabert, Jon Krejci, Marge Oxley                                                                                        | <b>June 29</b><br>Doug & Sandra Novak<br>John & Margaret Whiting<br>Nathan & Kathryn Piller<br>Anthony & Natalie Sorensen |

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#### Library Book Nook

Nancy Vaillancourt

So why do libraries promote Summer Reading Programs? Why do over 82 million children attend library programs every year? What is so important about encouraging children and giving them incentives to read over summer vacation? The short answer is: to help children become better readers. A recent study from Dominican University found that students who participated in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate. Children who are

not reading over the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time school begins in the fall. But the benefits of reading over the summer, even just six books, can lead to higher scores in reading and math.

Parents noted that when their children are taking part in the Summer reading Program, they spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were better prepared for school in the fall, and could read more confidently. But these results don't end when school begins; they continue throughout a child's education.

The June Book Fair will be held at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library next Thursday, June 25 from 1-3 p.m. Can't make it at that time? Come in as soon as possible after the book fair, and you will still get your book. All the kids who have read at least 20 minutes a day for 10 days in June will be able to choose a new Scholastic book to keep in their very own home library.

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## Area Church Spotlight



Prairie Mennonite Church, Blooming Prairie

## Pastor's Corner

### Jesus gets mad and War-Room



Some time ago, something I read got me thinking and wondering. I was reading a book with a chapter entitled, “The day Jesus got mad”. Intriguing title don’t you think? We usually picture Jesus as forbearing, smiling, embracing children, etc., but mad? He actually did grow angry more than once, but perhaps the most well known in the Bible was when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers in the temple and called them a den of thieves (Mark 11:15-17). I’ve always associated his anger with what WAS going on (ripping off people in the temple), rather than what wasn’t.

Could it be that Jesus was at least partially mad because of what WASN’T going on? What wasn’t going on that should have been? “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Prayer and concern for the nations WASN’T going on. I’ve been wondering exactly how that should be lived out in our lives. What can each of our churches do to become more and more a “House of prayer for the Nations?”

There are many more places in the Bible that speak clearly to the need to pray. Ephesians 6:12, 13, 18 says, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactic of

the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heaven. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day... Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.”

In Matthew 6:6, Jesus says, “But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. When I com-

bine these Scriptures on prayer, it suggests that any room that we pray is literally a room where a spiritual war is fought. A war room!

Speaking of war room: Keep an eye out for a movie coming out this summer called “WAR ROOM.” It’s from the makers of the great Christian movies, “Facing the Giants,” “Fireproof” and “Courageous.” “WAR ROOM” will emphasize the power of prayer. It’s a one-day event coming to a local theater near you Aug. 28. Don’t miss it!

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# Fireworks

## 4th of July Safety

### 4th of July decorating safety tips; here is what you need to know to keep it safe.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There is roughly more than \$35,000,000 per year in fire damages nationally. These fires are due to fireworks, and decorations that are accented with fireworks. This ends up being expensive, not only for the government, and insurance companies, but also families who lose everything due to a fire. Even with insurance, families lose their private possessions that may not be replicable or their lives.

#### Tip #1

Have a fire extinguisher readily available. This way if there was an accidental fire, the fire can be put out quickly.

#### Tip #2

Have water buckets and a hose available. This is also important in the case that a fire becomes larger than a small extinguisher can take care of.

#### Tip #3

Bird safety is also important when it comes to 4th of July decorations. They end up eating the decorations, getting caught in them or getting hurt. If you have a family bird, or even if you want to consider the safety of a wild bird, keep in mind that the bright colors of red, white and blue will attract a bird as a chew toy.

#### Tip #4

Alcohol is a favorite of many for the holiday celebrations. However, it is important to keep alcohol away from children and animals. There is a potential risk of alcohol poisoning if consumed by a child or animal.

#### Tip #5

Some decorations have smaller parts or dangerous chemicals. This is another area that can be dangerous to small children and animals. If there is going to be small children and animals around, it is important to make sure that the decorations are safe in the lower areas.

#### Tip #6

When you are disposing of 4th of July decorations and fireworks, make sure that they are completely free of heat and fire. This way there will not be a smoldering fire happening after the party is over.

#### Tip #7

When you decorate the area that you will be setting off fireworks, it is important to make sure that the decorations are a safe distance from the actual fireworks. This should be a roped off area that is away from children.

#### Tip #8

Make sure that the area you are lighting fireworks off is also free of bushes, dry grass, trees, streamers, balloons, flammable helium and other fire hazardous materials.

#### Tip #9

Safety includes removing small pieces of balloons, fireworks and other items that are able to choke small children. The main thing about decorations that is dangerous to small children is either choking or being strangled by them.

#### Tip #10

Stay away from illegal fireworks. They are illegal due to the increased danger involved with certain types of fireworks. Here is a list of the fireworks to avoid:

- Large re-loadable mortar shells
- Cherry bombs
- Ariel bombs
- M-80 salutes
- Large firecrackers

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**THE LINES**  
LeMar Nelson

We are now into real summer according to the calendar, and most of us are thinking about activities and trips we want to take before the season quickly transforms again into fall. With Labor Day the latest that it can possibly be, I find myself all out of kilter with the time.

It is hard to visualize that the Blooming Prairie High School football team will play three regular season games before school even begins. The other fall sports will also be in competition before the first class bell rings on Tuesday, Sept. 8. I find it difficult to wrap my mind around such a late Labor Day and the beginning of school. Unfortunately, we don't have any choice in the matter and we will just have to live with it. Good luck with that.

### Ribfest on tap

This is my last chance to put in a plug for the 5th annual ribfest at the Servicemen's Club this coming Saturday, June 27. The event is sponsored by the local Boys and Girls Club, and is under the supervision of master cooker Eric Lofthus. He and the club board directors have put in much labor to make this a success, and the public is encouraged to attend and support the local club. Approximately a dozen to 15 cooks are expected to demonstrate their skill at cooking ribs.

This is one of only two major fundraisers the club sponsors each year, and it generally provides a lot of succulent rib-tasting, a silent auction and a raffle drawing, plus awards for best ribs, best steaks and best burgers. This year a full meal of ribs, cole slaw and Lansing Corners beans will be served, beginning at 3 p.m. at a cost of \$15 each. Judging of ribs and steaks begins at 2 p.m., and drawings and awards will be presented at 5:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any member of the board of directors or at the ribfest itself on Saturday.

### An old-fashioned fourth

After the ribfest on June 27, the annual Fourth of July celebration will not be far behind, and this year again promises to have something for everyone, starting in the afternoon of July 3 and culminating in the impressive fireworks display at 10 p.m. on July 4. Personally I have relatives from near and far who make it a point to have the Fourth open on their calendar so that they can attend the festivities, and they enjoy every minute of the event.

In this changing society in which many families use this holiday as a weekend vacation, I always maintain that the best vacation is to spend it right here in the old hometown. It becomes more difficult each year to find enough volunteers to man all the events, but seems to come together in time.

The parade this year will be a bigger one again, with several bands involved. Even the tractors and antique cars entertain the thousands of people who line the streets to watch the passing units, and the military groups always command everyone's attention and respect.

One of the only drawbacks is that button sales have been slow, according to the chamber office. The entire celebration is funded by contributions and the button sales. Businesses are urged to buy a display for their business

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## MEDFORD SPORTS

# Coach pleased with season results

By JAMES KNOOP  
County Sports Editor

The state track and field tournament eluded Medford athletes this year, but that didn't take away from a solid season for the Medford crew.

"I thought our team made great strides from the beginning of the year to the end," said Track Coach and Activities Director Kevin Werk. "I think everyone improved on their times

(and) distances."

Werk added that getting outside earlier due to the fair-weathered spring season helped athletes improve more quickly than previous years.

Going into the season, Werk said the boys and girls had a fairly simply overall goal — getting as many athletes as possible to the section and state meets. While none advanced to state, 11 athletes represented Medford at sections, which Werk said was more than the

previous year. One of those 11 was Lucas Cronin, a senior who Werk said really shined this season.

"This was his first year pole vaulting, and he started the year going around nine feet," said Werk. "He ended the year going 12-5 and placing third at sections.

Werk said that overall he was very happy with how the season unfolded.

"We had a really hard-work- ing group of kids, and they were



Staff photo by James Knoop  
Medford pole vaulter, Brody Berg, attempts a vault during a NRHEG meet.

fun to work with," said Werk, adding that he was also thrilled with the performances he saw from the seventh to ninth grad- ers. "They got a lot of experi-

ence at varsity meets this year, and I am excited to see what they will do in the next couple of years."

# A band of brothers

## Players say brotherhood the reason for success

By JAMES KNOOP  
County Sports Editor

There were plenty of reasons why the 2015 Medford baseball team should not have won 13 games.

For one thing, the school had only won 16 games in the past three seasons combined. For another, the varsity had only nine players, the bare re- quirement for a team, and one shy of having a single substitute. Having only two seniors could also have been a prob- lem.

Coach Jon Chappuis admit- ted that going into the season, there were many questions.

"Coming into the season, we were unsure of what to expect," said Chappuis. "We only had two seniors and start- ed as many as four freshman throughout the season."

The young, short-handed Tig- ers woke from years of slum- ber to pounce back into Gopher Conference conversation, and they did it quickly.

After a season-opening 2-1 victory over Maple River, the Tigers bounded past every op- ponent, winning seven straight games to begin the season. They would win thirteen before the season ended.

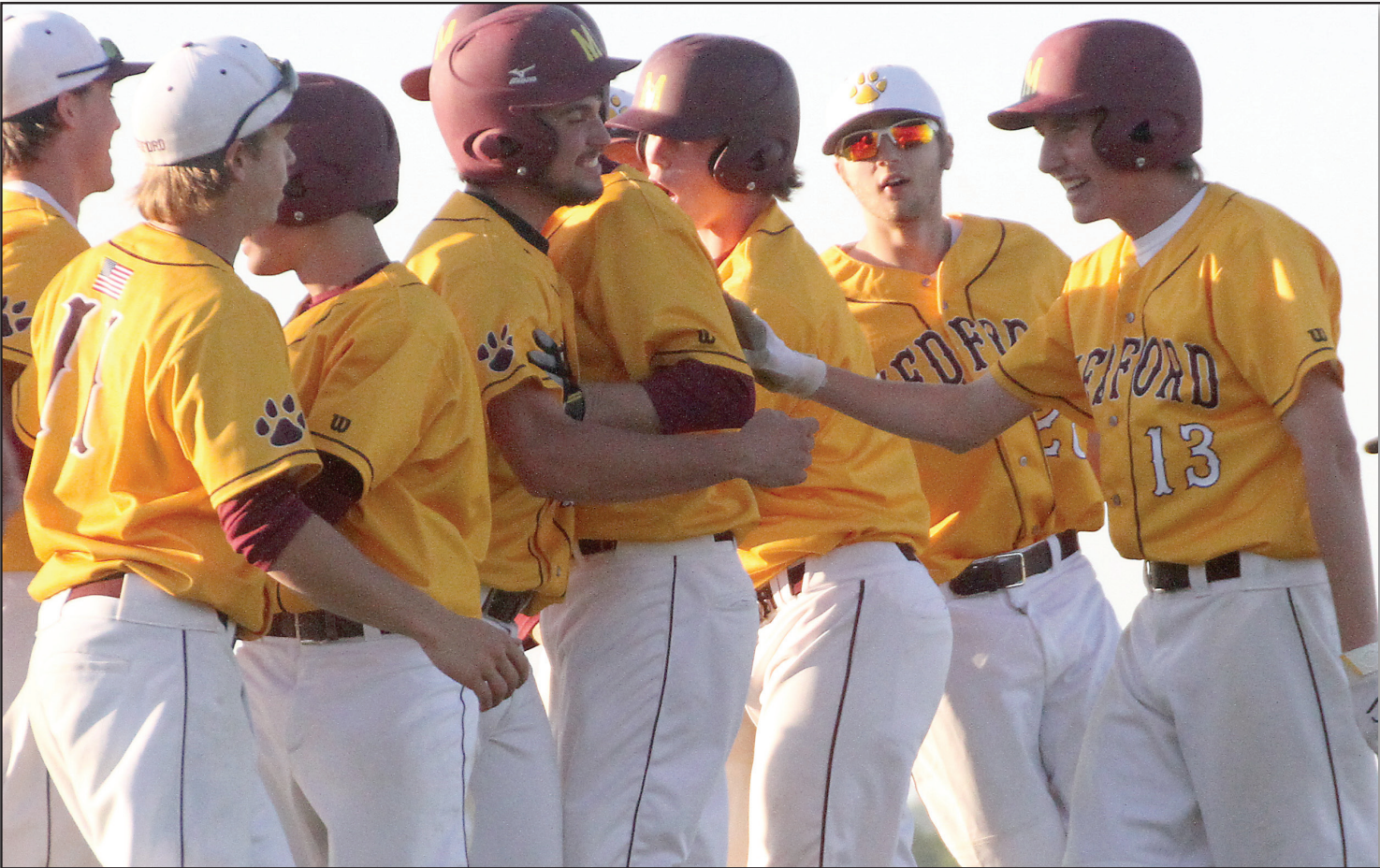
While there were plenty of reasons the Tigers should not have had the season they en- joyed, there were several posi- tives that overshadowed the negatives.

### Only nine players

While Medford's coach and players admitted a short-stacked roster brought challenges, they all agreed those challenges were outweighed by the benefits.

"Having only nine players was difficult at times, because no one was able to take breaks," said senior AJ Chappuis, "but it also helped build our chemistry. I believe (its) what made our team so close."

"(It) made us rely on each other heavily," said senior Nick VonRuden. "We made sure



Staff photo by James Knoop  
Medford players celebrate after defeating Southland in 10 innings in the first round of sub-section play. The Tigers won the contest 7-6 with an RBI hit from Nick VonRuden.

that everyone's grades were high and no one was getting in trouble. I also think that is what made us a close group of guys."

Coach Chappuis admitted the shortage brought struggles as a coach.

"It was difficult to manage, because they couldn't take breaks when (they) were tired or struggled," said Chappuis. "They learned to rely on each other and depend on each other. This group lunched together, found common interests togeth- er and just spent time together like successful teams do."

### The family

The Medford boys quickly became what many of the play- ers would call a family — a group of incredibly close team- mates who always had each oth- er's interests above their own.

"I felt like the team was close right away at the beginning of the season," said AJ. "We had fun while getting our work done, and I feel like that helped a lot."

According to freshman Jarvis VonRuden, the team knew their ability to play well together be- fore the first game, since most of the players played together in summer ball.

"We all knew it was going to be a good year after a suc- cessful legion season during the summer," said Jarvis. "We all had eight other brothers that had each other's backs no mat- ter what happened."

While the small team became figurative "brothers," there were actually three sets of brothers on the team, including Nate and Nick Meixner, Wyatt and Cole Volkmann and Nick and Jarvis VonRuden. AJ Chappuis is also a cousin of the VonRudens.

### The season

It didn't take long for the the close-knit team to show their school that their confidence was more than smoke and mirrors. The Tigers won seven straight games to begin the season, the same number of wins they to- taled the season prior.

While a 2-3 finish to the month of April would bring the team somewhat back to reality, the Tigers weren't about to fin- ish quietly. They would end the regular season 3-3, amassing a 12-6 finish, but the Tigers still had one more surprise up their sleeves.

In the first round of sub- section play, the Tigers hosted Southland, a team that Coach

Chappuis said had a strong his- tory of playing their best ball in sections play.

Tied 6-6 after the full seven innings of play, the two teams would exchange missed op- portunities in extra innings, as both Southland and Medford stranded runners throughout the eighth and ninth innings. But in the bottom of the 10th, an RBI single by Nick VonRuden cleared the Medford bench as the team celebrated a dramatic finish on the pitching mound.

### Memories

Although Medford went on to lose twice to finish their sec- tions run, the team holds onto memories they will not likely soon forget.

For AJ, the greatest memory will be the statement the team made by their many wins.

"No one really expected us to be a top contender by looking at the past season," said AJ. "It was good to show everyone that we are able to be a good team and play well with other good teams."

Jarvis will remember watch- ing his brother Nick's walk-off single against Southland. Nick said that besides the Southland victory, the team's trip to Min-

neota halfway through the sea- son was a great memory, adding that the team really bonded dur- ing the round-robin tournament.

For Coach Chappuis, one highlight was watching the team's two seniors bring the team together.

"With only two seniors, it took both of them to have the success that we had," said Chappuis. "AJ and Nick came as a package. They did this together and both led tremen- dously. They brought the team together like a band of brothers. They definitely built a tradition that will continue."

AJ's play and leadership also landed him a spot on the 2015 Class A Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Asso- ciation All-State team.

While Nick and AJ will leave for college in the fall, Coach Chappuis said the bond cre- ated this past season will not be quickly broken.

"This team (came) together for the common good of just having fun and playing baseball together," said Chappuis.

For now, Medford players and fans can reminisce about the season that was and look forward to what may be in the 2016 season.

# Rain doesn't stop racing: Zvorak wins thriller at Chateau Raceway

By: TODD NARVESON  
Guest Writer

Even after almost four inches of rain fell at Chateau Raceway on Wednesday evening, the race program went on as scheduled despite the flooded infield. This week's show was presented by Southern Minnesota Seamless and Albert Lea Steel.

Blake Dorweiler continued his dominance of the Y-Waste Removal Hornet division this week. Dorweiler took the lead from Cody Hyatt about half-

way though the 12-lap race. It was Dorweiler's fifth win in six programs this season. Hyatt would finish second with Pat- rick Wells in third.

Matt Brooks took the lead off of row one in the 15-lap Mis- gen Auto Parts Pure Stock fea- ture. He was chased by Stacy Krohnberg and Jason Newkirk early on. Ross Spitzer charged his way from 12th to fourth in one lap. Krohnberg got along- side Brooks to nab the lead in lap three and Newkirk followed along to second.

The top four ran in a tight pack and Newkirk challenged for the lead eight laps into the race. Newkirk slipped past on lap nine while Spitzer raced Krohnberg for second.

Newkirk held on to pick up his first win of the season while Spitzer was a close second. Stacy Krohnberg ended up in third with Brooks in fourth and Brady Krohnberg was fifth at the checkered flag.

The KIK Graphics & Printing USRA B-Mod feature got off to a rough start with three yellow

flags before one lap could get in the books. After things settled down the race turned into an absolute classic. After destroy- ing his car last week A.J. Zvor- ak was back in a car the Jerry Young had been racing. Zvorak took the lead off of row one and was followed closely by Ben Moudry.

Moudry took the lead on lap two while Alex Williamson stormed from eighth to third. Shaun Walski also put on a show as he drove from 15th to fifth on lap three. Zvorak ran the

high line to the lead on lap four, but Moudry returned the favor and led lap five while William- son hung right with the leaders.

The top three ran close on lap seven as Zvorak once again got the lead. A caution for Mike Chisholm on lap eight slowed things down and tightened up the pack even further. On the restart, Zvorak and Moudry resumed their battle while Kath was all over Williamson

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE SOFTBALL

Blossoms look back on even season

By LEMAR NELSON  
Staff Sports Writer

It may seem a wasted effort to some, but the Blooming Prairie High School softball team finished the 2015 season exactly even at 11-11, including a 5-3 record in the Gopher Conference. The non-conference record stood at 6-8.

The Blossoms claimed second place in the sub-section tournament, losing to Hayfield in the finals. They rebounded to defeat WEM in the losers’ bracket of the Section 1A tournament, but then fell 10-0 to Fillmore Central to end the season. With just three seniors on the team, Coach Ali Mach is hopeful that the relative youth and another year of experience will provide some optimism for the 2016 campaign.

Among the three seniors, Tessa Ivers led the team with her work behind the plate and her ability at bat. Her teammates named her the MVP, and she also made the All-Conference and All-Section team. She capped her career by being named to the second team All-State squad. Senior Madison Worke and sophomore Bria Baldwin also made the All-Conference team, and sophomore Elly Strunk was named an honorable mention.

At the annual awards program for the team, Strunk joined Ivers for the Silver Slugger award, and Worke and Strunk earned spots on the All-Section team, as well as Ivers. Twelve players earned letters, including the three seniors Ivers, Worke and Jessica Ferguson. Juniors earning letters included Abby Wayne, Anika Nowlan and Kalyn Naatz; sophomores included Strunk, Jasmine Anderson and Baldwin; and three ninth-graders - Linnea Sunde, Emma Christianson and McKenna Hein.

Eight of the team members made the Academic All-Conference team, and Ivers and Worke earned places on the



Staff photo by James Knoop  
Blooming Prairie's Tessa Ivers catches strike three in a regular season matchup against Bethlehem Academy.

State All-Academic team. The team received the Section 1A Team Academic Bronze Champions honor.

In individual statistics for the season, Ivers led the team by hitting .481, in hits at 37 and runs scored with 26. Strunk batted .423 and led the team with 25 RBIs. Nowlan and Baldwin batted .368 and .347, respectively. Worke and Ivers both had a dozen walks, and Naatz trailed Strunk in RBIs with 18. Ivers played the entire

season without an error, and Baldwin had only one error in 21 games.

In the circle, Strunk finished the year with a 9-9 record, pitching 119 innings, giving up 134 hits, walking 71 and striking out 95 batters. She had an earned run average of 5.14. Worke pitched three games, with a 1-1 record and McKenna Hein won the only game she pitched, with a 3.86 era. Jasmine Anderson lost the one game she pitched.

It turned into an average season with the 11-11 record, but it held several highs and lows. A doubleheader win over Waseca, three wins over WEM and two sub-section victories stand out, and close losses to Byron, Triton and Mankato Loyola disappointed the team. The familiar cry of “wait until next year” was sounded in the Blossom comments at the conclusion of the 2015 season.

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and then distribute the buttons to customers. Between those sales and some small contributions by many people, our old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration can continue in the coming years.

I, for one, would find it rather disheartening not to be able to enjoy this most important holiday without the activities and entertainment this community provides. Support the day and acknowledge the significance of the date. I will see you there!

**A planned tantrum**

When the Minnesota Twins outfielder Torri Hunter practi-

cally undressed to show his displeasure at a caked third strike last week, I agree with my fellow Times staff writer that it was utterly classless and lowered every sports fan’s image of Mr. Nice Guy. But the more I think about the incident, the more I am convinced that it was mostly an act by Hunter. The Twins were in the midst of a week of poor baseball, and they needed a spark of some kind to get them back to playing winning baseball like they had through the month of May. Sure, the ploy didn’t work immediately, and it diminished our opinion of Hunter as a good ambassador of the game, but it

may have been a little desperation move to wake the team up.

The team continued to lose more than they won for a while, but now they have been playing much better in the last week. It was certainly not the best way to shake a team out of the doldrums, but it may ultimately have worked. Maybe we can forgive Hunter for one of his very few lapses in good sense. I do.

Speaking of the Twins, the team has been one of the big surprises of the season so far, and they are still in contention behind Kansas City for a division title. I realize that we have two-thirds of the season left to

play, but I think this will continue to be a season of surprises.

With the play of rookie Eddie Rosario and the recent call-up of another heralded rookie in Byron Buxton, one can’t help but be a little excited to follow the team again for a change. Keep it up, Twins!

Let’s close with a little religious humor: A man in confession asked his priest, “Is it a sin to play golf on Sunday?” The priest replied, “The way you play, it is a sin to golf on any day.” Finally, many men play golf religiously - every Sunday. We’ll talk again.

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for third. Moudry again stole the lead on lap 12, but Zvorak drove right back by on lap 14. A late race yellow would set up a great finish.

Zvorak would hold on for the win but Kath robbed Moudry of second by .018 second at the checkered flag. Zvorak and Moudry exchanged the lead at the start-finish line seven times in an epic battle for the win.

Bernie Adams led the Power 96 WISSOTA Polydome Dirt Track Series Street Stocks with Brent Holland, Noah Grinstead and Fred Prudoehl in formation. Grinstead, Prudoehl and Derek Ludington went three wide for third on lap two. Holland made slight contact with Adams and spun to bring out the caution. Holland would go to the tail for the incident.

When the race resumed Adams held the lead with Grinstead and Ludington right behind him. Nick Schwebach closed on the

top three and drove by both Ludington and Grinstead for second on the fifth circuit. Three laps later Schwebach made a bid for the lead right on the leader Adams. Adams got a touch loose on lap 11 and Schwebach took over the lead.

Adams would give it one last run on lap 17, but Schwebach became the sixth different winner in six night of racing in the division. Adams took second with Kory Adams in third Ludington ended up fourth and Prudoehl was fifth.

The question in the Farm Boy BBQ WISSOTA Polydome Dirt Track Series Midwest Modifieds was could anyone stop Dan Wheeler’s domination. At the end of 18-laps the answer was “no” as Wheeler won his fifth of the season and 12th feature win overall, but it was not easy. Garitt Wytaske led early on until David Swearingen got to the point on lap two.

Wheeler raced his way through traffic and was up to second on lap three. Wheeler quickly challenged for the lead as Robbie Franklin looked to join the race up front.

Jared Boumeester gave Wheeler a pretty good run for a few laps, but Wheeler drove away late to get yet another checkered flag. Boumeester was second with Swearingen in third place. Franklin rebounded from the back to finish fourth and Jeremy Misgen was fifth.

The largest field of French’s Repair & Fabrication USRA Modifieds since August 24, 2012 took to the track with 17-cars on the speedway for their 25-lap feature. Brandon Davis took off from row one followed by Josh Angst. Brad Waits was on the charge from ninth and slipped by Keith Foss and Doug Hillson and found himself in third. Davis had a half straightaway lead on lap five and Angst held a five

car length advantage on Waits for second. Waits would reel in Angst on lap eight and make the pass one lap later. Davis entered lapped traffic on lap 14 while Waits tried to cut the deficit. Todd Scharkey stalled on lap 14 to bring out the caution and the crowd got fired up to see if Waits had anything for Davis.

The green flag came out and Davis again took off and pulled away. Joe Ludemann would bring out the final caution on lap 17 and bring the pack back to Davis’ rear bumper. This time Waits got a tremendous restart and hung right with Davis. Waits dove low on lap 20 and they were side-by-side for the lead.

Waits took the point on lap 20 and held off a last ditch effort from Davis on the final lap to win his first at Chateau and his sixth win of the season. Angst would come home in third with Darwyn Karau on fourth and Foss was fifth.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE GOLF

Teams led by sophomores

By LEMAR NELSON  
Staff Sports Writer

Although hampered all season by two few numbers, sophomore Taylor Christianson had an exceptional year individually, culminating in a 12th place finish at the State 1A Golf Tournament at Pebble Creek Course near Becker.

The boys, too, did not have enough numbers for team competition, but Tommy Braaten, another sophomore, just missed qualifying for the state meet by one stroke.

Christianson earned a string of medalist honors, with the conference, sub-section and section low scores all in her hands. She and Alexa Rudlong both earned spots in the All-Conference team, and Rudlong and Sabrina Stanley joined Christianson in qualifying for the section meet. Christianson earned MVP honors.

Christianson averaged 44.3 shots for nine holes all season, and she golfed a consistent 88.7 over 18 holes. She improved that score in both the section and the state meet. Rudlong, the lone senior on the team, averaged 55 for nine holes and 110 over the 18-hole courses. Just a ninth-grader, Stanley showed much improvement over the season, averaging 60 over nine holes and 120 on the longer courses.

With Christianson and Stan-

ley returning, Coach Erik Vigeland is hopeful that a few more girls will join the team and provide scoring for team competition. The golf record for an individual is held by state champion Lisa Meshke, who shot a 34 in both 1997 and 2000 for nine holes and fired a blistering 70 over 18 holes in 2000. The low team score for nine holes was a 179 in 1997, and the score for 18 holes was 371 in 1998.

The boys also played short of a team all season, but Braaten, Jon Hatch and Brody Carlson all qualified for the section tournament. Braaten also made the All-Conference team with an 82 in that meet, and both Hatch and Carlson earned an Honorable Mention. Both Carlson and Hatch were juniors this season.

Braaten averaged just over 41 strokes for nine-hole meets, and improved to 81 for 18 holes. Hatch and Carlson both shot just under 50 for nine holes. Hatch averaged 89.5 for 18 holes, and Carlson shot 95.8 on average. Braaten earned MVP honors.

Derek Resler holds the nine-hole individual record with a four under par 33 in 2009, while Mike Ressler and Steven Busho share honors for 18-hole scores. Ressler carded a 71 in 1987, and Busho duplicated that feat in 2004. Team records include a 149 for nine holes in 1987 and a 306 for 18 holes in 1987 as well.

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These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of June 19.

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| <b>USRA Modified</b><br><b>Feature</b> —Brad Waits, Brandon Davis, Josh Angst, Darwyn Karau, Keith Foss, Jake Timm, Joe Horgdal, Jason Cummins, Jacob Dahle, Greg Pfeifer Jr., Doug Hillson, Alex Hanson, Greg Jensen, Joe Ludemann, Todd Scharkey, Brian Albrecht, Michael Wytaske<br><b>First Heat</b> —Waits, Hillson, Foss, Jensen, Timm, Wytaske<br><b>Second Heat</b> —Angst, Horgdal, Karau, Albrecht, Cummins, Pfeifer Jr.<br><b>Third Heat</b> —Scharkey, Hanson, Davis, Dahle, Ludemann | <b>Second Heat</b> —Schwebach, K. Adams, Prudoehl, Grinstead, Connors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>WISSOTA Midwest Modified</b><br><b>Feature</b> —Dan Wheeler, Jared Boumeester, David Swearingen, Robbie Franklin, Garitt Wytaske, Jeremy Misgen, Ryan Wetzstein, Josh Ihlenfeld, Brayten Cisneros, Luke Hainka, Darryl Hainka, Jesse Baer, Jacob Stark, Ryan Goergen<br><b>First Heat</b> —Boumeester, Franklin, Ihlenfeld, Wytaske, Misgen, L. Hainka, Baer<br><b>Second Heat</b> —Swearingen, Wheeler, Goergen, Wetzstein, Cisneros, Stark, D. Hainka                                        | <b>USRA B-Mod</b><br><b>Feature</b> —AJ Zvorak, Kylie Kath, Ben Moudry, Alex Williamson, Scott Demmer, Kadden Kath, Jayden Larson, Dustin Kruse, Anthony Condit, Josh Ihlenfeld, Terry Kohnert, Kyle Brown, Taylor Ausrud, Morgan Schrage, Tanner Johnston, Mike Chisholm, Shaun Walski, AJ Johnston<br><b>First Heat</b> —Zvorak, Chisholm, Walski, Kohnert, Larson, Condit<br><b>Second Heat</b> —Ihlenfeld, A. Johnston, Kadden Kath, Williamson, Brown, Ausrud<br><b>Third Heat</b> —Kylie Kath, Moudry, Demmer, Kruse, T. Johnston, Schrage<br><b>Pure Stock</b><br><b>Feature</b> —Jason Newkirk, Ross Spitzer, Stacy Krohnberg, Matt Brooks, Brady Krohnberg, Katie Elward, David Stevens, Adam Godeke, Ryan Jacobsen, Anna Brouwers, Jeremy Wenzel, Jesse Stahl<br><b>First Heat</b> —S. Krohnberg, Brooks, Stahl, Godeke, Stevens, Wenzel<br><b>Second Heat</b> —B. Krohnberg, Newkirk, Jacobsen, Elward, Brouwers, Spitzer<br><b>Hornets</b><br><b>Feature</b> —Blake Dorweiler, Cody Hyatt, Patrick Wells, Alan Schmidt, Ralph Hanks, Nick Sillman, Todd Tachery |

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# MedfordLiving

## Straight River Days



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All the contestants are up on stage during Little Miss Medford.



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The Albert Lea Area Shrine Club enjoyed scooting around in their little cars and performing various driving routines.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley

Analynn Kniefel, daughter of Amber and Keith Kniefel gets ready to do a turn for the judges during the Tiny Miss Medford Pageant on Thursday, June 18.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley

Roywn Norton, daughter of Maila and Kris Norton, took the Tiny Miss title at the Little and Tiny Miss Medford Pageant on Thursday, June 18. The Tiny Miss category had six girls age three to six.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Kids watch the parade and await the candy.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Enjoying the Medford Straight River Days parade on a float.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Sam, a collie local to Medford, enjoyed the Straight River Day Parade, even though the horns and revved engines made him a little squeamish at times.



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These youngsters are providing goodies for those along the parade route during Straight River Days.



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Mandy Arnold and Brooklyn Arnold share a moment of their own at the Straight River Days Parade.

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# New opportunity for Steele County residents

Thank you to many of you for attending last weekend’s Straight River Days celebration. We had thousands of you in town for the many day and evening events.

Celebrating, too, was an All-School Reunion commemorating Medford’s Centennial Year of MHS graduation classes. All of us did bring in the official start of summer in great style. Thank you also to the volunteers, Civic Club members and city employees for planning all the details and making everything run smoothly.

Unique city festivals are a part of each of Steele County’s small communities. Here is a new opportunity for residents who live or work in Blooming Prairie, Ellendale or Medford or have an interest in the future of these communities or this region.

The mayors of Blooming Prairie, Ellendale and I do meet with some frequency sharing possibilities and concerns that affect us individually or as a group of small cities. Two years ago, we started discussion about keeping our respective small-town personalities while working with or influenced by the surrounding larger communities-Austin, Albert Lea, Faribault and our own county seat, Owatonna.

We agreed that a need for development of citizens about civic responsibility, increased networking, and knowledge of community stakeholders within each of our communities was critical for our futures.

We approached the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids about their consideration in accepting our three communities

## MEDFORD MAYOR LINES



Lois Nelson

for their Blandin Community Leadership Program. They have accepted us! The program is set for the week of October 19-23. Three additional dates are scheduled for Dec. 8, Feb. 16, 2016, and April 26, 2016 with each day hosted by one of the communities.

Each community is represented on the Steering Committee consisting of representatives from schools, city, businesses and Blandin alumni.

This program involves a week-long stay at the Sugar Bay Lodge in Grand Rapids with intense individual and group work around the nine dimensions of a healthy community: Spirituality & Wellness, Life-long Learning, Inclusion, Economic Opportunity, Community Leadership, Safety & Security, Infrastructure & Services, Environmental Stewardship, and Recreational & Artistic Opportunity.

The individual outcomes will include an expanded perspective on a community’s health and readiness in each of the nine topical areas; increased personal growth as this program is facilitated by recognized experts and 24 new friends. (Each group is limited to 24 participants.)

Based on just population, this would mean 10 people from Blooming Prairie, eight from Medford and six from Ellendale. In the final selection, Blandin staff makes that determination so the numbers may vary slightly. In three to five years time, we can again request this program and then, maybe each community will have their own full contingent of candidates!

You may be approached by a steering committee member directly encouraging you to consider this opportunity or you can go directly to [www.blandin-foundation.org](http://www.blandin-foundation.org) for more details. Here click on the pinecones and then click on our communities under events. The application is available on the Blandin website with a deadline of Aug. 17.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mayor H Peterson, Mayor Mark Skroch or myself, any of the local alumni or other steering committee members. Again, this is a first-class program that will benefit your employer, yourself and each of our communities now and well into the future. There will be opportunity to meet all the selected participants, alternates and steering committee members prior to departure setting the stage for this experience.

Have a wonderful summer and consider applying to the Blandin Community Leadership Program.

*Mayor Lois M Nelson is serving her third year as Medford Mayor.*

## Medford alumnus returns to band roots

By SHANNON KINLEY  
County Staff Writer

This past weekend was filled with reliving old memories and creating new ones during Medford’s Straight River Days. Matt Heaser was happy to join in the celebration by performing for the town he was raised in with his band Diesel Drive.

Diesel Drive performed Friday, June 19, after the parade in Straight River Park.

Heaser, who currently lives in St. Charles, moved to Medford in the fifth grade and stayed until halfway through his senior year in 2004 when his family had to relocate. While in high school he played with a band called The End.

“I haven’t really been able to see a lot of people in years, so this 100-year reunion is really cool because I will get to touch base with a lot of people from a lot of grades,” Heaser said in an interview before the performance. “It is nice to have alumni on stage.”

Heaser first knew he wanted to pursue music in the third grade after being inspired from his mother who sings and other family members.

“Everything my family ever did we always had karaoke... whether it was a graduation or a wedding or something else. I just picked up at it at a young age. It was my thing above anything,” he said.

The band, which is made up of six members, has now officially been together for a little over a year, but has been in the works for around four years before that. Before coming to the band Heaser played in a band called Inertia and a couple other of the members played in the band Stanby.

All of the members previously played classic and hard rock, but decided it was time for something different.



Submitted photo by Nikki Fieseler  
Justin Mundt on steel guitar (left), Mike Proctor on rhythm guitar, lead singer Matt Heaser and lead guitar T.J. Ellsworth perform at Mac’s Park Place in Mazeppa, Minnesota on June 12.

Heaser, who is the lead singer, and T.J. Ellsworth, who is the lead guitar, came up with the idea.

“I enjoyed the rock shows because they were really high energy, so we talked about it and said we can do the same thing with country, especially the way country sound is changing nowadays,” Heaser said. “We wanted to put together a country rock band with a lot of heavy guitars and the same energy.”

The main reason the two wanted to start a country band was because of the over saturation of rock bands, especially in their scene doing covers. “We all grew up on farms, I grew up on a Jennie-O Turkey farm, so we were all farm boys,” Heaser said.

Other band members include Justin Mundt, Mike Proctor, Steven Hansen and Tim Hasler. The band mainly does covers of top 40 songs including Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line, but is also currently working on a couple of their own songs.

“We do some old, some new and everything in between. All the new rocking country, but we put our own edge on stuff too so that we can keep that energy high up,” he said.

Last September the band picked up the booking agency “Music Works” based out of Minneapolis and is currently working on its first album.

This summer the band has around 15 street dance performances and typically performs a show every weekend. The band gets together on average twice a week to practice. The time commitment can be a challenge even though it is still a part-time gig.

“It is like having six marriages. Everybody has their own life, wife, kids and whatever else they have going on so joining all six of us together several times a week for practice and shows is a challenge,” Heaser said. “We definitely have to take it very seriously and it has to be a part of our lives, it is definitely more than just a hobby.”

Heaser enjoys being in the band because of the rush he gets when he goes on stage and interacting with the crowd.

“Getting to know all the people out there. Basically our job is to come and throw a party everywhere we go. People are smiling constantly and we get to feed off of that energy and that is something you can’t find anywhere else,” he said.

# Medford 4th Quarter Honor Roll



### High Honor Roll

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| <b>Grade 9</b><br>Isabel Brady<br>Cassandra Brase<br>Morgan Cammock<br>Madelyn Cloutier<br>Ian Gillis<br>Amanda Honsey<br>Josephine Kubat<br>Trenton Lund<br>Jasmine Panos<br>Kyra Rahn<br>Emily Steffen<br>Kayleigh Walock<br>Grace Wobbrock | <b>Grade 10</b><br>Rachel Bluhm<br>Rebecca Edel<br>Sydney Langeslag<br>Amanda Litsheim<br>Danielle Morgan<br>Joshua Schauer<br>Mikayla Spinler<br>Christopher Zuniga | <b>Grade 11</b><br>Jessica Deering<br>Cierra DuChene<br>Michelle Honsey<br>Nicholas Meixner<br><br><b>Grade 12</b><br>Trevor Archibald<br>Katelyn Chester<br>Lucas Cronin<br>Alisha Litsheim<br>Caitlin Matson<br>Maia Peters |
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### Regular Honor Roll

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| Benamyn Sutcliffe<br>Taylor Theisen<br>Cole Volkmann<br>Javis VonRuden<br><b>Grade 10</b><br>Brooke Crosby<br>Tye Devoe<br>Ben Ficht--Babcock<br>Ashley Gilbertson<br>Krystal Hanson<br>Michael Kanne<br>Holly Larson<br>Ethan Lunning<br>Amelia Manderfeld<br>Callie Nagel<br>Jonathon O’Daffer<br>Noah Parrish<br>Jacob Pleschourt<br>Anthony Stephens<br>William Stransky | <b>Grade 11</b><br>Cassandra Borwege<br>Alyssa Butterfield<br>Madison Dewolf--Gillis<br>Adam Goetze<br>Rogelio Gonzales<br>Ciera Green<br>Preston Hanson<br>Taylor Hooks--Witter<br>Sarah Manderfeld<br>Cody Rehman<br>Karli Schienbein<br>Taya Sexton<br>Wyatt Volkmann<br>Ryley Weise<br><br><b>Grade 12</b><br>Nathan Carty<br>Aaron Chappuis<br>Stephanie Choudek | Nathan Elzen<br>Shelby Gramse<br>Trevor Grems<br>Carly Hein<br>Mickey Hildebrandt<br>Katherine Ivance<br>Christopher Janousek<br>Jesse Kaderlik<br>Cassidy Kavitz<br>Lorissa Kilness<br>Jennifer Larson<br>Mariah Larson<br>Brittney Lemke<br>Bailie MacIntosh<br>Blake McCarty<br>Alyssa Noble<br>Mary Schalm<br>Ashley Schauer<br>Nicholas VonRuden |
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# Ellendale-GenevaLiving

## Thunderstorm knocks down tree, narrowly misses delivery truck

Storm hits on 5th anniversary of tornado

By RICK BUSSLER  
Publisher

Unlike five years ago to the date, Steele County dodged a big bullet with severe weather on June 17.

A severe thunderstorm swept across nearly the same area last Wednesday afternoon as the tornado did in 2010. It was the fifth anniversary of the tornado that ripped through Ellendale and other parts of Steele County. But unlike 2010, there was hardly any damage except for a large tree that blocked a road north of Ellendale for several hours.

Highway crews responded to the area of County Road 14 at SW 128th Street to remove a large tree from the roadway. The fallen tree nearly missed hitting a Fed-Ex truck, according to Mark Lee, Ellendale fire chief. Lee said one of his fire trucks was following the Fed-Ex truck and saw the tree go down.

“It must have been a good down burst,” Lee said, adding the heavy wind seemed confined to the area where the tree went down.

Lee said there were also unconfirmed reports of building damage near Beaver Lake and Zion Lutheran Church.

A funnel cloud was spotted near Otisco in Waseca County at about the same time as the thunderstorm hit Steele County, Lee said.

“We’re lucky it didn’t turn out to be worse,” Lee said. “It turned out to be a dud.”

Sheriff Lon Thiele said storm spotters were activated in Ellendale and Blooming Prairie during the storm. They monitored the weather conditions for about three hours, he said.

Thiele said in addition to heavy rains and strong winds in the Ellendale area, there was dime-sized hail reported in the Hope area. Nearly two inches of rain fell on the area during the storm.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler  
Highway crews responded to the area of County Road 14 at SW 128th Street to remove a large tree from the roadway during a severe thunderstorm that rocked Steele County on June 17.

### REFLECTIONS

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Submitted photo  
Edwin Jensen will be helping his mother, Clara Jensen White, celebrate her 105th birthday on July 26. Clara is shown with son Ed and her granddaughter Suzanne Swanson. Clara resides in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Original Dixieland Band (keyboards and vocalist). Norrine has even been a part of Norma

B. and Company (accompanist-arranger-vocalist) from 1974 to the present. She was part of

the Sons of Norway Christmas concert (accompanist-arranger-vocalist) from 1996 to 2011. Norrine has been organist and choir Director at First Lutheran Church of Ellendale from 1954 to the present.

While Norrine has been teaching, Ed has farmed. His mother, Clara Jensen Shite, is still living and will celebrate her 105th birthday on July 26 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Norrine has been very active over the years in the Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT), holding the position of music director. She is currently working on the South Pacific production at ACT.

When not practicing her music, Norrine traces her Norwegian heritage by traveling to Norway. She has been there six times. Norrine and Ed have also visited Ed’s family in Sweden and Denmark. Norrine said she is seriously thinking about leading another tour group to Norway next year.

Norrine has helped preserve history of the area by working on an Ellendale exhibit at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna. The exhibit, finished on April 1, will be there until the end of the year. She also loves gardening. “I am up to my nose in zinnias,” she laughs.

Ed is a veteran of the Korean War and also played amateur baseball during his younger days. He played for the Albert Lea Packers and for Ellendale. Ed also played fastpitch softball.

The first display Norrine and Ed worked on at the Steele County Fairgrounds centered on Beaver Lake. A round table discussion involving many who had fond memories of Beaver Lake, led Norrine to writing her history of Beaver Lake.

She writes that early physical evidence found in the fields on the Jensen farm, bordering the lake, proved that Native American tribes lived around Beaver Lake.

When working the fields, Ed,

called “Hawkeye Ed” by Norrine, found numerous tools and artifact left by the Indians. The items included hammers, axes, tomahawks, arrowheads, spear points, scrapers, bowls, grinders, corn girding stones and other carved stones. These artifacts date back to 1680 and previous.

Small hills on the far west end of Beaver Lake were said to be Indian burial mounds, Norrine writes in her history. Jensen said that tribes included the Dakota (Sioux).

The Dakota consisted of seven tribal groups, later classified in three divisions: the Santee (eastern), the Wicicyela (middle) and the Teton (western), Jensen writes. It was the Santee, composed of four related tribes -- the Mdewakanton, Wahpekute, Wahpeton and the Sisseton -- who lived in presents day Minnesota. The Wahpekute lived and hunted in this middle area of southern Minnesota.

How did Beaver Lake get its name? Norrine said beavers

built a dam on the east tip of the lake. An old blacksmith located on the east shore of Beaver Lake, William Ellis, was responsible, records indicate, in taking out the beaver dam and building the first road.

The first school in Berlin Township opened in the winter of 1857-58 in an old log blacksmith shop which stood on the west side of the lake.

The first post office was established in 1856. The post office was located on the east shore of the lake and remained open until Feb. 13, 1904, when the mail to this area was distributed from a post office in the new town of Ellendale (est. 1900). Norinne and her brother Stan tore down the old post office in the early 1950s. She wishes the post office and its old, rustic boxes could have been saved but she said they were an “eye sore.”

NEXT: Jesse James Gang visits Beaver Lake



Submitted photo  
Beaver Lake is often a quiet lake that looks like a mirror. This view is looking at the dock on the south side of Beaver Lake.

### Weekly crossword

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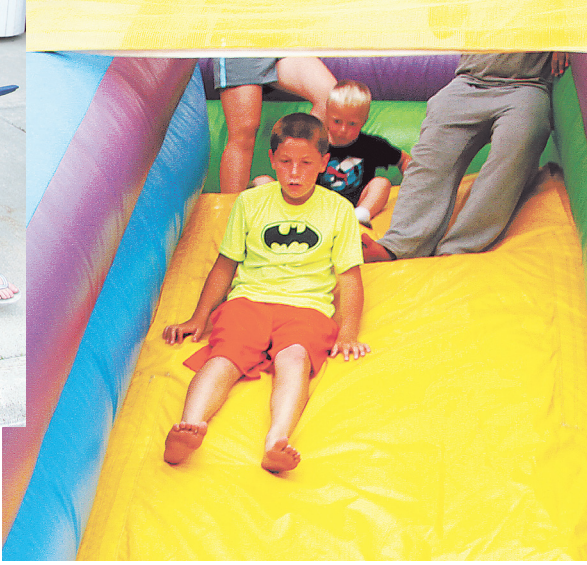
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# Ellendale Days

## June 26 - 28

**Friday, June 26th**

7:00—10:00 PM, **Family Movie Night**, Community Center  
8:00—10:00 PM, **Lions Meat Raffle**, Muni  
8:00 PM – Midnight, **Live Music**, Muni

**Sunday, June 28th**

10:00 AM, **Praise in the Park**, Community Church Service, City Park (rain, Methodist Church)  
11:00 AM, **Picnic in the Park**, City Park  
11:30 AM—2:00 PM, **Tractor Pull & Lions Food Tent**, Bus Shed

**All Day Events Friday & Saturday**

**Paint Until You Faint**, Country Charm  
**Spinart**, Country Charm  
**Garage Sales**, First Lutheran Church and homes throughout town  
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**Saturday, June 27th**

8:00 AM, **5K Run/Walk NRHEG Fundraiser**, City Park  
8:30 AM, **Lions Coffee & Rolls**, Bus Shed  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM, **Car Show**, Bus Shed  
9:30 AM, **Amazing Race**, First Lutheran Church  
10:00 AM, **Paint & Plant**, City Park  
10:00 AM—2:00 PM, **Reptile Zoo**, City Park  
11:00 AM, **Revved Up Main Street Golf Cart Decorating/Judging at 1:00 PM**, 3rd Street outside Muni  
**Noon, Car Judging**  
4:00 PM, **Parade**, Main Street (Cindy Bartness, 507/684-3098)  
Following parade, **Kiddie Tractor Pull**, Fire Hall  
Following parade, **Turtle Races**, City Park  
Following Parade—8:00 PM, **Dan Stursa Band**, City Stage  
5:00—7:00 PM, **Commercial Club Pork Chop Dinner**, Community Center  
9:00 PM—Midnight, **Teen Dance**, Community Center  
8:00 PM—Midnight, **Live Music**, Muni

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Carolyn Wheeler

## Daily message on community importance

“There is a destiny that makes us brothers; no one goes his way alone. All that we put into the lives of others comes back into our own.” This saying is printed on the community room wall at Youngdahl Living, a 16-unit permanent supportive housing complex in Owatonna. The words are there to honor the legacy of the building namesake, former Governor Luther W. Youngdahl. However, they are a daily message of the importance of community to the tenants, staff and visitors. The phrase, from a poet Edwin Markham, was used at Youngdahl’s retirement ceremony many years ago.

In January 2012, after four years of fund raising and one year of building, Youngdahl Living opened with a mission statement to “promote access for individuals with serious mental illness to housing with supportive services that are: based on individual’s needs, preferences and desires; safe, decent and accessible to transportation; flexible in terms of locations, intensity and schedule; effective to help individuals access and maintain housing.”

Since that time, tenants have included 36 people between the ages of 19 and 56, including 24 from Steele County, five from Waseca County and four from Dodge County. Tenants are adults 18 and over. Some may have children, who can visit for limited periods of time, but not live there permanently. All units have leases and Fair Housing laws apply.

Tenants pay a percent of their income toward rent must be low income to be eligible for rent subsidies. All must complete background checks for criminal and credit history. This screening allows us to decline those who pose a risk to others and/or the facility. All apartments are one-bedroom, with kitchens, allowing tenants to do their own cooking.

The idea for Youngdahl Living grew out of a regional need for permanent housing options for those with mental illness and homelessness who had been through multiple stays at hospitals, community treatment facilities, shelters, and have not attained health and housing stability.

Planning involved representatives from MNPrairie, Owatonna HRA, South Central Human Relations Center (SCHRC) and counties of southeast Minnesota.

And where did the Youngdahl name come in? Gov. Youngdahl was known during his time in office (1947 – 1951) to be a passionate supporter of the rights of those with mental illness. One of his more newsworthy acts occurred on Halloween evening in 1949.

That night, on the grounds of the Anoka State Hospital, he lit a bonfire and burned 359 strait-jackets. He said: “As little as eighteen months ago all but one of our mental hospitals used mechanical restraints.

STEELE TALKIN'

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Staff photos by Rick Bussler  
Hundreds of people lined the downtown streets of Owatonna for the sixth annual Henry Wenger Marching Band Festival Saturday. The Owatonna Marching Band performed as an exhibition unit during the festival, which featured 14 bands. The winners were KMS Marching Saints in Class A, Milaca in Class AA and 77 Lancers of Mankato in Class AAA. Mankato took the grand prize with the highest score while the 728 Cadets won People’s Choice.



## Medford School Board adds new member

By SHANNON KINLEY  
County Staff Writer

As of this August the Medford School Board will add a new member, but not just any member, a student representative.

Discussion of adding a student to the board came about this past January after a couple of school board members attended the Minnesota State School Board Association (MSBA) conference and met some other schools who currently have student school board members.

The conversation was formally brought up at the board’s May meeting and approved last week during its June meeting.

“I think it gives us a more formal opportunity to get feedback from a representative of the student body,” said Superintendent Rich Dahman. “The president of the student council has been elected by their classmates to represent them, so that seems like a very good fit for the person who is going to be the school board student body representative.”

The student council president, Cierra (CJ) DuChene, will be required to attend all regular board meetings as well as any other public sessions that may arise from August through June. If she is not able to attend, an assigned alternate, whom is yet to be decided, will attend in her place.

In 1993, the Minnesota State Legislature enacted a law that required school districts to have a student representative on their school boards. However, three years later the mandate was repealed and districts could decide on their own if they wanted a student on the board. Currently about 90 of the 333 public school districts in the state have some form of student school board member representation, according to MSBA.

Some schools that have student school board members include: Albert Lea, Austin, Faribault, Rochester, St. Charles, St. Peter, White Bear Lake and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage.

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## Beaver Lake is a mirror for reflections of history

(EDITOR’S NOTE: A three-part series begins this week on Beaver Lake. Norrine and Edwin Jensen are the sources of some interesting history about the lake.)

By HOWARD LESTRUD  
Staff Writer

A scrapbook entitled “Fun Times at Beaver Lake” helps tell Norrine and Edwin Jensen’s story about Beaver Lake, the only fresh water lake in Steele County.

Beaver Lake totals 99 acres and is located just 2 1/2 miles northwest of Ellendale. More

than 100 cabins border the lake. Fourteen year-round homes are also located near the lake. People are still building new homes on the lake.

Visit Norrine and Ed’s beautiful lake home overlooking Beaver Lake and it won’t be long before Ed brings out his scrapbook of memories, the documentation done by him and his wife of 61 years.

Norrine and Ed are not your typical married couple in their 80s. “We are very active people and love history,” Norrine said. “History is recorded for posterity so it’s not forgotten.”

Three years ago, Norrine constructed an eight-page historical

piece on Beaver Lake. The manuscript is available from Norrine and Ed and is also on record with the Ellendale Area Heritage Society at the Ellendale Community Center. The lake is clean and spring fed.

Before we explore some history of Beaver Lake, let’s take a look at some of the background of two key players at Beaver Lake, Norrine and Ed. The Jensens are always ready to sit down at their dining room table and talk history of Beaver Lake. Ed also likes to go over his collection of information on one-room schools in Freeborn County and Steele County.

Norrine says she is the only person alive who can claim to have been born on the main street of Ellendale. Her parents are Noel and Ardis Thompson. How many years ago was this? Norrine won’t directly reveal her age. Ed turns 87 on July 2.

Ed’s Danish heritage was anchored in the Clarks Grove area. Norrine said she graduated with Ed’s brother Wyman and met Ed on the streets of Geneva. Both attended Ellendale High School. The couple was married in 1954.

The Jensens said they played “a game of checkers,” meaning they moved a few times during their early years of marriage. A final move was to the 450 acres that they currently occupy near Beaver Lake. It was owned by



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud  
Norrine and Edwin Jensen are historians to the fullest extent, and especially when it comes to the history of Beaver Lake. The Jensens have helped preserve Beaver Lake history which has surrounded their family homestead. Here, the Jensens look at a scrapbook entitled (Fun Times at Beaver Lake.)



Norrine’s parents.

“Gee, we thought, this would be a nice place to build a house,” Norrine said. She said she and Ed paid a dollar to her parents for the land. “I don’t think we paid them,” Ed volunteered.

“We went to Ellendale and tried to get money but they wouldn’t give us any money,” Norrine recalls. The Jensens then received financing from Fahning Homes in Waterville. “We’ve added on twice and raised four kids here,” Norrine said.

Jensen children include: Faith, Arizona; Steven, Ellendale; Suzanne, Sidney, Nebraska and Jane, Albert Lea.

Norrine, a 1957 graduate of St. Olaf College, taught vocal music two years at New Richland High School (1957-59)

and then began raising a family. She worked two years part time in the Ellendale schools (1959-61). She said she took nine years vacation to raise her family. Norrine then taught 25 years at Albert Lea Elementary School (1968-93). Norrine also earned a master’s degree in vocal performance.

Music is still a big part of Norrine’s life. She plays the piano, organ and accordion. I still love to play the organ and enjoy playing hymns,” she said.

Music has been Norrine’s life, being part of the Roger Tenney Chorale in Owatonna, 1975-85. From 1975 to the present, she has been a part of the Owatonna

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# HometownLiving

## Community Calendar



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley  
Maddie Snyder (left), Annaca Forsberg and Abbie Snyder practice their gymnastics skills while anxiously awaiting the parade in Central Park for last year's July 4 parade.

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**June 23:**  
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6 p.m. BPBL Book Club  
**June 24:**  
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time  
**June 27:**  
5th Annual Ribfest Cook-Off, BPSC  
**June 30:**  
7 p.m. BP P&Z Brd Mtg

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### ELLENDALE/GENEVA

**June 23:**  
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl  
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl  
**June 24:**  
1 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, United Methodist Church, Ellndl  
**June 25:**  
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm  
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm  
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm  
7:30 p.m. Ellendale City Council Mtg (2nd & 4th Thurs), Training/Mtg Rm  
**June 29:**  
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl  
**June 30:**  
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

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### IN BRIEF

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### OWATONNA

**June 23:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
10 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Famous Dave's, Owa  
4 p.m. OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office  
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Planning Commission, Council Chambers, City Hall  
6 p.m. Steele Co Commission  
7 p.m. Steele Co.: Co Brd Mtg, Administration Center BR  
**June 25:**  
2 p.m. OPL Indie & World Films  
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time  
7 p.m. OPL Indie & World Films  
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, The Producers  
**June 26:**  
7 p.m. Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna  
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, The Producers  
**June 27:**  
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, The Producers  
**June 29:**  
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club  
**June 30:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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### IN BRIEF

**Donating blood during holiday**  
Three times and places have been set up to donate blood in Owatonna.  
They include 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 3 at Lowe's, 1280 21st Ave. N., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 13 at Ag Power Enterprises, 3555 18th St., SW and noon to 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, 512 S. Elm Ave.

## SPOT LIGHT

### Bereavement class slated

A five-week bereavement support group for those who have experienced a loss will begin on Tuesday, July 14, and continue through Tuesday, Aug. 11.  
This education and support group will provide materials and discussions on a variety of topics to assist participants in their grieving process. The group will meet weekly in the conference room at the Mower County Senior Center.  
The meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a different presenter each week and will be followed by an informal lunch gathering for anyone interested.  
The support group is open to the public at no charge. If more information is needed please contact Mary at 507-433-5000 or 507-583-7561.

### OTHER COUNTIES

**Mower**  
**June 23:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL  
9:30 a.m. Mower Co Brd of Commissioners Mtg  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Wake Up and Wiggle, APL  
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym  
4 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Free Family Yoga, APL  
5 p.m. Designing Decorative Tiles, ArtWorks Center  
**June 24:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: "Moo!" Trunk Show, APL  
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle  
2 p.m. Fairy Garden Class, Mower County Senior Center  
5 p.m. GM Farmers Market  
5 p.m. Summer Clay, ArtWorks Center  
5:30 p.m. Izaak Walton League Steak Cookout, Todd Park  
6 p.m. Classical Music for Dummies, ArtWorks Center  
7 p.m. Austin Community Band Concert  
**June 25:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL  
SPAMTown Challenge Baseball Tournament, Marcusen Park  
9:30 a.m. Senior Special: Karla Bloem & Alice, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10 a.m. Kids' Portrait Drawing, ArtWorks Center  
10 a.m. Treasure Hunt & Side Walk Chalk Mural Contest, GMPL  
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: All Ages Storytime, APL  
1 p.m. Family/Children's Program: Karla Bloem and Alice, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center  
2 p.m. History of Family Names, Mower County Senior Center  
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym  
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market  
4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market  
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)  
6 p.m. Uncork & Create: Peacock, ArtWorks Center  
7 p.m. Foreverlin Concert, Freedom Event Center  
**June 26:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10 a.m. Kids' Portrait Drawing, ArtWorks Center  
10 a.m. StoryTime! :) GMPL  
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle  
2 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Family Movie Matinee, APL  
5 p.m. Food Specials, Lyle Liquor  
6:30 p.m. Chateau Raceway: Points Night  
7 p.m. Bean Bag Tourney, Lyle Liquor  
7 p.m. Family Fun Night Featuring Singer/Storyteller Jack Pearson, GM Public School Gym  
8 p.m. Music, Lyle Liquor  
**June 27:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL  
SPAMTown Challenge Baseball Tournament, Marcusen Park  
7 a.m. 17th Annual Shooting Star Bike Ride, Starts in LeRoy  
8 a.m. 3B Will be open, Lyle  
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market  
9 a.m. C.H.I.P. - Community Home Improvement Project, various locations around Austin  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10 a.m. Kids' Studio: Planet Paint, ArtWorks Center  
10 a.m. Lyle Classic Car Show, City Park  
10 a.m. Truck, Tractor, & Semi Pull, South End of Town, Lyle  
1 p.m. SPAM®Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake  
8 p.m. Street Dance, Lyle Legion  
**June 28:**  
Antique Tractor & Eq. Display, South End of Town, Lyle

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# Blooming PrairieLiving

## A visit 30 years later

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**  
Managing Editor

It took more than 30 years and plenty of perseverance, but Cynthia Loreda Lopez finally had an opportunity to meet a woman that showed her kindness when she was being bullied at seven years old.

“I knew her immediately from the email picture she had sent me. Of course, I ran right to her,” said Sister Anna Louise Kemen, the woman Lopez had been searching for all that time. “She recognized me and she called me by name and then we gave each other big hugs. We couldn’t stop hugging.”

Kemen is from the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato.

As her bus was drawing closer to her Minnesota destination, Lopez said she was so ecstatic that she would be able to see Kemen. “This is a prayer I’ve been asking for since I was seven. It was like ‘you are so real,’” she said. “I remember all of this time staying consistent, praying and believing. As long as you don’t give up, it is the desires of your heart when you put it first.”

Kemen was the person who helped Lopez through tough times while her family worked at an asparagus migrant camp eight miles north of Blooming Prairie. A little boy bullied her. Lopez was told she was ugly around a group of children.

“It hurt so bad that I didn’t come out again,” she said. “I



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer  
**Cynthia Lopez explains something to Sister Anna Louise Kemen (left) and Becky Noble during a visit at School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato on Saturday. Lopez had been waiting for more than 30 years to visit with Kemen.**

was embarrassed and humiliated. I didn’t want to play with any kids. I was by myself.”

At that time Kemen entered into her life. She was working for Catholic Social Services and had started a Hispanic outreach program for the Dioceses of Winona. During the summer Kemen would go down to Blooming Prairie and work in the Guadalupe Center on Blooming Prairie’s Main Street gathering clothing, dishes, towels and any other supplies that migrant families might need when they came to work. In the evening, Kemen would go out and visit the migrant families in the camps.

“I was trying to be a service to the people who came up from the south,” Kemen said. “I knew that there was only so much space in their trucks and they had their families.”

One Saturday at the Guadalupe Center, Cynthia went with her mother to look for clothes. Kemen tapped Cynthia on the shoulder and asked if she could read Cynthia a book. Cynthia recalls that she was always taught to never speak to strangers. She turned to her mother and her mother gave her a wink saying it was okay. The two grew very close. In addition, Cynthia’s English started to improve. Then

Kemen disappeared and Lopez was alone.

One thing that also connected with the two involved strawberries and cherries. After she left, Kemen sent Cynthia a box of clothes including a white gown full of cherries.

“I grew to love Annie very much,” Lopez said. “I never forgot her love and kindness. I asked the Lord to protect her wherever she may be and grant one day that I can say thank you to her.”

On Jan. 14, 2014, Lopez was surfing on the Internet when she ran across the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce website and sent a message. One day Kemen replied to her in an email.

“My heart jumped for joy because of how much she meant to me and how I wanted to tell my story of her love and kindness,” Lopez said. “I can say now God had answered my prayers.”

For the first time, Lopez did something out of her comfort zone by taking a bus to Minnesota to meet Kemen. A large boulder on the road somewhere near Oklahoma City caused a detour of sorts. She missed her connection to Owatonna, but found another route to Jackson, Minn., where the two met

## Storm sewer fees doubling for citizens

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**  
Managing Editor

A resolution has been adopted to increase the storm sewer fees for the city of Blooming Prairie at \$4 a month for residential, school and church properties and \$8 a month for commercial and industrial properties.

The Blooming Prairie City Council approved the resolution during its June Board meeting. City council members Bill Newman and Tara Gimbel were not present.

City Administrator Mike Jones said the city had taken a big hit on the Center Avenue North storm water project. The city spent \$40,000. “When you are only collecting \$22,000 and spent \$40,000 in one year, it does have an effect on your cash flow,” he said. “With the storm water ponds that we continue to build, I’m allocating a portion of that cost to the storm water fund to make the annual payment on the bond issue instead of letting the levy pick it up. It is nice to build the cash back up because we kind of dragged it down.”

A second resolution was adopted requesting funds from the Steele County one-half percent Transportation Sales Tax to assist the city of Blooming Prairie with its share of the cost of the Main Street East Street and utilities improvement.

According to a memo by Jones to the city council, Steele County is indicating it is using \$500,000 of the transportation sales tax to fund a portion of the Main Street East Project.

The resolution asks for financial assistances form the tax fund to help cover some of the parking lane costs. The construction cost allocation of the parking lane is more than \$339,000 and with engineering and administration costs, would push that number more than \$400,000.

In other business, the city council:

\*Set the date of a public hearing for 6:45 p.m., July 13, to address the 6th Street NW Utility and Street Improvement Project;

\*Approved Change Order #1 to the 6th Street NW Street and Utility Improvement Project.

\*Approved payment request #1 from Schwickert’s Tecta America LLC for the work completed on the City Center Roof Replacement Project for \$61,595.

\*Approved the resolution for the installation of pedestrian-activated flashing LED yield sign at the marked crosswalk on Highway 218 and 2nd Street Southeast.

\*Approved the 2014 audit report prepared and presented by Abdo, Eick & Meyers LLP.

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## Minimizer releases Slick Plate

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Made of poly plastic, the Slick Plate removes the need for grease and prolongs the life of the fifth wheel. Less friction also makes for easier handling and maneuverability.

“I wish they would’ve had this when my father was a truck

driver, because every time he’d come home on the weekends, I had to clean the grease off everything!” Minimizer CEO Craig Kruckeberg said. “The grease gets everywhere, but with our new Slick Plate, there’s no need for it.”

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fifth wheel. It also comes with a five-year warranty.

“It’s quicker than welding and really easy to put on,” Kruckeberg said. “It just makes life so much easier.”

To find Minimizer’s Slick Plate, contact your nearest distributor by visiting [www.minimizer.com](http://www.minimizer.com).

## CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT B to Z Hardware will make the best of Main Street construction interruption

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**  
Staff Correspondent

Main Street reconstruction in Blooming Prairie, slated to begin just after the 4th of July, will cause a business interruption for some but Greg Johnson of B to Z Hardware said his store will make the best of it.

“It’s going to be beautiful when the sidewalk and street construction is finished,” Johnson said.

Look for the employees to wear hard hats and offer some super construction sales and bargains during the construction phase which is expected to be finished in October.

B to Z, located at 323 Main St. E., has about 14-18 parking spots behind the store. Johnson said the store has a plan of attack and encourages customers and senior center visitors to be more aware of how the parking should be arranged to allow free flow of traffic. Johnson said he plans to stripe parking spaces before the construction begins. About 60 percent of B to Z’s customers use the back entrance now because trips are either for rentals or to pick up heavier “stuff.”

“We are a need store and that’s what a hometown hardware store should be,” Johnson said. B to Z attracts customers from Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Hayfield and half way to Austin to the south and half way to Owatonna to the north.

B to Z Hardware’s history dates back to the early 1990s when the store was opened up under the Betlach and Zwiener surnames. Jeff Peach bought the store in the late 1990s. Peach invited Johnson to manage his store in 2006. Prior to that time, Johnson had worked 19 years at Jostens and lived in Owatonna.

“I fell in love with this town and have been here ever since,” Johnson said. He and wife Kathy moved to BP in March of 2007. Kathy still works at Jostens and has been there for 30 years. Johnson became part owner of the store in 2011.

A small town hardware store has many advantages over large box stores, Johnson said. “When in a small town, you must be customer orientated and try to help the customers with problems and projects, whether they be electrical, plumbing or otherwise,” he said. Customers rely on B to Z workers to help them make decisions. The store even makes house calls to deliver salt or to



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud  
**Shipments are in at B to Z Hardware in Blooming Prairie. Now, it’s up to the crew at the store to stack the shelves. Shown from left are Dennis Borgia, Dawson Huer and owner Greg Johnson.**

help customers with projects.

B to Z carries “a little of everything” and it is a goal to keep the store full of items at all times. “We try to keep specialty items in stock because if we have them, the customer will stop again rather than heading for a big box store,” Johnson said. “We strive to give the personal touch and want to make people comfortable,” he said.

The store was very busy this spring with the garden center being open.

Even though the store is named B to Z, it often offers items A-Z.

B to Z Hardware is very entrenched in the community and helps many charitable causes. Just last spring, the store donated 80 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the Prairie Manor Care Center. B to Z also donates to local church festivals and make contributions to the schools, to the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, to the Education Foundation, to the fire department, to the ambulance squad and to other causes.

The local store is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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#### Orange-Cranberry Salad

- 1 pkg. raspberry jello
- 1/2 orange, unpeeled
- 2 c. hot water
- 2 c. cranberries
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 can crushed pineapple

By *Mrs. Ruben Carlson*

Dissolve Jello in hot water, stir in sugar. Cool. Put orange, including peeling, and cranberries through a food chopper. Add the fruit, including all the juices. Put in a mold and let set.

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# Weddings

## Top 6 destination wedding tips

### 1. Pick the Perfect Spot

The location of your wedding determines not only the mood (rustic, sophisticated, beachy), but also the travel, time and budget required to pull it off. You want your guests to walk away from your wedding weekend saying, “That was so them!” Your wedding elements -- not just location, but also activities and overall vibe -- should say something about your personal style and your passions. Did he propose on vacation in Paris? Then why not host a swank wedding in the City of Lights? Are you foodies? Think about gathering your crew in a place like Tuscany or California wine country. Or if you love outdoor adventures, consider Costa Rica, where guests can zipline through the treetops before the rehearsal dinner.

### 2. Time It Right

Unfortunately, the best weather in popular vacation destinations tends to correlate with tourist season, when there are typically more crowds, fewer hotel and venue availabilities, and higher rates all around. If you choose to marry during high season, you’ll want to reserve hotel blocks and venues immediately and send out save-the-dates 10 to 12 months in advance so guests can book their flights and accommodations before prices skyrocket. If you choose the shoulder season (right after high season), you may be able to save yourself and your guests some money and still enjoy great weather. While the off-season will mean fewer crowds, the weather can be iffy, and you may find that many stores, venues and vendors close up shop.

### 3. Take a Trip

We seriously can’t recommend this enough: Take at least one planning trip and if you can swing it, two or three is ideal. On the first trip, you’ll need to scout and secure your key venues -- ceremony and reception spaces, hotels for guests, a rehearsal dinner venue -- and local suppliers such as caterers, florists and photographers. Next (or during a second trip), you’ll need to schedule “tastings” with your caterer, see sample bouquets from the florist, plan a hair and makeup session with a local salon and organize activities (golf, tennis, walking tours, museums) for your guests.

### 4. Factor in the Extra Expenses

If done right, a destination wedding can cost no more -- and maybe even less -- than hosting the same party at home (depending on where you live, of course). For example, if you live in a US metropolitan city where event facilities are in high demand, like New York City, then holding your wedding in Mexico will likely be less expensive than doing it at home, even when you factor in airfare, hotel expenses and planning trips. Still there are extra expenses you’ll need to factor in for any destination wedding, including importing key vendors and décor, welcome bags for guests, additional activities for guests and travel costs for you and your immediate families (including the planning trips, not just the big day).

### 5. Research Local Marriage Requirements

The legal side of tying the knot in a different country can be complicated. Many countries have a “residency requirement” (for example, 24 hours in Turks and Caicos and 7 days in England), which means you must reside in the country for a certain length of time before your ceremony. Although this is usually just a few days, it can be longer. France requires you to arrive at least 40 days before you marry!

### 6. Get a Move On It Already!

Not to stress you out, but you’re basically competing in the Olympics of wedding planning -- the long-distance affair. You need to be twice as organized as a local couple and pre-think everything, because you won’t have much time to make up your mind, especially

if you can only do one or two planning trips. Every trip should be one fat to-do list of appointments with vendors, coordinators and venue

managers, so do your research, set up appointments and form a clear vision of what you want before you go.

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# News/Legals

## STEELE TALKIN’

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most are restraint free. The bonfire which I am lighting tonight consists of 359 strait-jackets, 196 cuffs, 91 straps, and 25 canvas mittens.” ...; “what this bonfire symbolizes tonight will carry on in public thinking until every last thing is done to make the state hospital truly a house of hope for those most misunderstood...” The Youngdahl family allowed us to use this name.

Youngdahl has a “housing first” approach. This offers permanent, supportive housing as quickly as possible to individuals experiencing homelessness, and then provides the supportive services and connections to community-based resources people need to keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness.

Services are offered, but are not required. We find that most tenants do accept services. Services in Housing First are offered through a harm reduction philosophy, in a non-judgmental manner and from a client-centered position.

Supports are provided on site or off site, and there is an expectation that individuals served



Youngdahl

greater independence and improved life satisfaction.

The skills worker in Housing First can expect to model and teach skills and tenant’s apartment and in the community.

Skills workers may have one-on-one time with tenants to teach things like budgeting, cooking, cleaning, laundry, grocery shopping, and the like. A bus stop is nearby and tenants use that to get to appointments in the community such as working with human services, shopping, doctor appointments.

The Youngdahl Living mission statement led to setting goals about stable housing, stable mental health and chemical health, and physical health. Results from March of this year are: 80 percent of the tenants remained in housing for six consecutive months or longer,

through the intervention will access a broader range of community resources, have meaningful daily activities, and work towards

94 percent of tenants reduced use of acute care (Emergency Departments/Hospitals) by over 50 percent, and 100 percent of the tenants completed a health assessment by a registered nurse within 45 days of moving in.

What works here? Why has living at Youngdahl made a positive impact for the tenants? These are some of the things that we hear: “I feel safe here - It took me a while to believe this was real, and that I’d be able to stay, but I’ve been able to work on mental health and chemical problems, knowing I have a place I can stay. – They promote a sense of community and family here - Youngdahl has given my family a huge sense of security that they know I’m finally in a safe place where I can work hard to succeed. – Since being here, I’ve been able to stay sober, have more stable mental health, but also cook for myself freely and as a result lose pounds.”

The successes of Youngdahl have brought statewide attention and now the model is being repeated in Winona. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

and other stakeholders will break ground in September on “Hiawatha Bluffs”, a 20-unit apartment complex using similar grant-based construction funding.

They also plan to serve adults who have mental health, chemical health and homelessness. In a recent survey by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, our area of Southeast Minnesota ranked above many other areas of the state for providing permanent supportive housing. By providing this resource, we offer a respectful, effective tool so people can regain their lives. Mental illness is not a choice. And who of us does not need a home?

*Steele Talkin’ is a column featuring various organizations around Steele County. Carolyn Wheeler, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., is the executive director of the South Central Human Relations Center in Owatonna.*

## BOARD MEMBER

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“It provides an opportunity for them (the school board) to hear directly from a student on different agenda items that impact students,” Dahman said of the benefits to having a student representative.

“For the student it really helps them to continue to develop their leadership skills and gives them an opportunity to share their thoughts on the different agenda items that fall onto the school board’s plate.”

The student council’s executive board will be attending the National Student Council Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the end of June where they will talk with other schools that have student representatives to get more information.

DuChene has been in the student council since the eighth grade. When she found out that the board was considering adding the student council president

as a board member she was really excited and a little surprised.

“I think it is a great idea that will help out a lot this year. It will help connect the student body to the administration, add a student’s perspective on decisions and I’ll be able to bring back the things I learned from the administration to the student council and the rest of the student body,” DuChene said.

As the student representative, DuChene will not be able to vote, as her position is solely advisory. However, she will be able to comment on agenda items and suggest agenda items.

“I am looking forward to learning new things, taking part in an awesome opportunity, having more responsibility, helping make decisions to make my school a better place and becoming the first student ever to be on the Medford School Board,” DuChene said.

“I am not nervous at all about becoming a school board member. I feel like I am ready for this opportunity because I have been a leader for so long, gone to conventions to become a better leader, helped make decisions in the council to benefit every-

one...”

Next June the board will revisit the decision to see if it was successful. “If it is successful I would imagine that it will be something that we continue in the future,” Dahman said.

### Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 6/3/2015

Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

1. Huntington called to order at 8:20 a.m.
2. Human Resources Director Julie Johnson outlined the process of the finalist interviews for the Community Services Director/CHS Administrator position.
3. The Board conducted the interviews for the two finalists, Amy Roggenbuck and Josh Berg.
4. The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m.
5. The Board reconvened at 11:05 a.m.
6. The Board received an overview of staff comments from presentations made by the finalists.
7. Ebeling/Glynn to make a conditional offer of employment to Amy Roggenbuck based on satisfactory completion of the conditions of employment and directing the Human Resources Director and County Administrator to negotiate salary and benefits with recommendation to be made by the Internal Central Services Committee to the full Board of Commissioners. Ayes all.
8. Glynn/Brady to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 11:20 p.m. Ayes all.

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A resolution for a high school staff member to be placed on unrequested leave of absence for the equivalent of a .2 FTE will be addressed. Discussion. A motion is in order. C. Revised FY '15 Budget A budget revision has been completed as shown below. Discussion. A motion is in order.

#### Summary of All Funds

| Fund              | Revenues       | Expenditures   | Balance        |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General           | \$7,286,400.58 | \$7,409,816.58 | (\$123,416.00) |
| Food Service      | \$385,149.00   | \$381,434.00   | \$3,715.00     |
| Community Service | \$141,768.41   | \$152,753.41   | (\$10,985.00)  |
| Debt Service      | \$1,138,003.00 | \$1,162,425.00 | (\$24,422.00)  |
| Trust             | \$0.00         | \$300.00       | (\$300.00)     |
| Student Activity  | \$2,085.00     | \$3,036.00     | (\$951.00)     |
| Totals            | \$8,953,405.99 | \$9,109,764.99 | (\$156,359.00) |

#### Summary of General Fund

| Fund                 | Revenues       | Expenditures   | Balance        |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General              | \$6,648,108.58 | \$6,917,079.58 | (\$268,971.00) |
| Operating Capital    | \$190,448.00   | \$230,041.00   | (\$39,593.00)  |
| Deferred Maintenance | \$49,261.00    | \$51,400.00    | (\$2,139.00)   |
| Health & Safety      | \$371,156.00   | \$207,860.00   | \$163,296.00   |
| Disabled Access      | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Safe Schools         | \$27,427.00    | \$3,436.00     | \$23,991.00    |
| Totals               | \$7,286,400.58 | \$7,409,816.58 | (\$123,416.00) |

- D. Transportation Contract Our Transportation Contract expires 6/30/15. Information relating to a new contract will be reviewed by Mr. Olson. Discussion. A motion is in order. E. Principals' Contract FY '16 The Principals' Contract was previously approved on 6/16/14 for two years. Due to the additional administrative position, this contract has been revised by adding Alison Mach and revising the previously approved pay amounts for John Worke and Chris Staloch. Discussion. A motion is in order. F. Health and Safety Policy/Budget FY '16 A requirement to receive Health & Safety funding is that the School Board must have a Health and Safety Policy in place. There have been no changes to this policy; however, the policy is then required to be adopted as it currently exists. Discussion. A motion is in order. The other requirement to receive Health & Safety funding is that the School Board must annually adopt a budget delineated by finance code. Discussion. A motion is in order. G. Designation of the Identified Official with Authority A new process is being implemented by MDE which they are calling the “External User Access Recertification System”. This requires School Board action naming the Iowa (identified official with authority) for a district and a copy of that action must be presented to MDE. It is recommended that Superintendent Olson be named as the official for the District. Discussion. A motion is in order. H. SASS School Board action is required in order to continue electronic payments to SASS (School Administrative Specialty Services) for superintendent administrative services. There will continue to be a \$5 per month charge from Farmers & Merchants State Bank for the electronic payments. Discussion. A motion is in order. I. District Audit FY '15 Clifton Larson Allen’s fee for conducting the annual district audit for fiscal year '14 was \$17,300. They are leaving their base fee the same for fiscal year '15. There will be an additional charge that could amount up to \$1,500 for the implementation of GASB 68 which involves pension audit reporting. The audit is tentatively scheduled to begin July 27, 2015. Discussion. A motion is in order. J. Spanish Trip

## Foreclosure

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 30, 2009 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$172,430.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Shannon C. Vick and Alicia J. Vick, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 4, 2009 as Document Number A000368124 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 13, Block 3, North Country Addition No. 3, City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2450 TIMBERWOOD LANE NE, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$170,176.95 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 175940313 TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None 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 above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 16, 2015 at 10:00 am PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff’s office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2015. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

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

Dated: April 23, 2015

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By: Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. \*Curt N. Trisko, Esq.\* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (14-1898-FC02)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed from: June 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM to July 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Said sale will be held at the main office of the Steele County Sheriff, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, in the City of Owatonna, County of Steele, State of Minnesota. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2016.

Dated: June 17, 2015

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A Spanish Trip is planned for June 2nd through June 11th. They will be traveling to London, Paris, and Madrid. The trips occur every other year. Discussion. A motion is in order.

### VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY:

- A. General School Board Election Timeline for those NOT Subject to a Primary The timeline for the upcoming general election will be reviewed B. Committee Reports Ag/Industrial Trades Krell Hameister (alternate) Building and Grounds/Facilities Sunde, Hameister Peterson (alternate) Communication Braaten Thurnau (alternate) Community Education Peterson Hameister (alternate) Education Foundation Hameister Vigeland (alternate) Finance Peterson, Thurnau Krell (alternate) Greenhouse Thurnau Krell (alternate) Meet and Confer Thurnau Braaten (alternate) MSBA & MSHSL Peterson Vigeland (alternate) Needs Assessment Braaten Sunde (alternate) Negotiations Sunde, Krell, Peterson Staff Development Hameister Krell (alternate) Steele County Collaborative Krell Peterson (alternate) Technology Sunde Braaten (alternate) Transportation Krell Vigeland (alternate) Wellness Vigeland Braaten (alternate) ZED Vigeland Peterson (alternate)

C. Enrollment Data Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year as of May 12, 2015, is 413 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 296 at the high school (grades 7-12) (285 attending BPHS and 11 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 8 seniors and 3 juniors which all attend full-time.

Enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year ending on May 30, 2014, was 412 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 303 at the high school (grades 7-12) (293 attending BPHS and 10 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consisted of 3 seniors and 5 juniors which all attended full-time and 2 part-time juniors.

- D. Dates to Note May 14 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room May 15 Elementary Play at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym May 16 Elementary Play at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Gym May 18 School Board Meeting in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.) May 20 Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. May 25 Memorial Day – No School May 27 Graduation Practice/Last Day for Seniors Baccalaureate at First Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. May 29 Last Day of School for Students with dismissal at 1:00 p.m. for Teacher Inservice May 30 or June 1 Teacher Inservice (3.5 hours) May 31 Graduation June 2-11 Spanish Trip June 11 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room June 15 School Board Meeting in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.)

### VII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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# OwatonnaLiving

## Second annual Power of the Purse raises over \$20,000

By SHANNON KINLEY  
County Staff Writer

110 women gathered to enjoy appetizers, cocktails, desserts, and purses to support a good cause at the second annual Power of the Purse event held last Tuesday, June 16 at the Owaotna Country Club.

The event, which is put on by the United Way Women’s Leadership Council, featured both a silent and live auction as well as a wall of wine with all the proceeds going toward the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

The Women’s Leadership Council is made up of around 75 women who help to advance the mission of the United Way by donating an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

“In total the Women’s Leadership Council has donated almost \$100,000 to United Way of Steele County. Talk about the power of the purse, the power of women,” said United Way Executive Director Kim Schaufenbuel during the evening’s program. “I just love all the enthusiasm here and the special joy that comes from spending time among other women, especially women that are working on our community and trying to make things better.”

This year the event raised \$20,450 with a goal of \$15,000, as compared to last year’s total of \$14,000. Whereas last year’s event was needed to get the program up and running, this year the proceeds will pay for shipping costs associated with the Imagination Library.

United Way Director of Strategic Operations Tanya Paley was please with the event’s turn out.

“It is a great energy in the

room and a lot of really fun people. I’m very pleased with the number of people that are here. Last year we had around 100 people and this year it is more, so it is growing so that is fun to see,” Paley said.

The Imagination Library is designed for children from birth to the age of five. Each month the child is enrolled n the program they get an age-appropriate book maile to their house at no cost to the family.

“The thing that is special about this program is just the fact that we make it easy for families. It is free and it is coming to their home because we know how busy families are and how transportation can sometimes be a problem,” Paley said. “We know families want to be able to read to their children so we want to make that as easy as possible.”

When Steele County first signed up for the program it was estimated that around 350 kids would enroll in the program within the first year, however, currently there are over 900 children enrolled.

There were 77 items featured in the silent auction, mainly themed purses such as twin’s gear, hair products, or athletic equipment. The live auction featured ten items some of which included one dessert a month for a year, an airplane ride for two, cupcake decorating party for eight and an Italian dinner for six.

Jennifer Wayne, of Blooming Prairie, attended the event last year and decided to return this year after being invited by a co-worker.

“It is just a really good program for kids. I am a strong advocate of reading to kids when they are young and getting

books in their hands,” she said. “Getting books into the hands of every kid in Steele County is really important. I know that there is a lot of kids that probably don’t get books.”

Marty Feters, of Owatonna, also attended the event last year, as she is a member of the Women’s Leadership Council.

“I’m excited about the increase they’ve had this year in selling tickets and just the quality of these purses. They are just amazing donations from the women in the Leadership Council and from other ladies who couldn’t come tonight who wanted to be a part of it,” she said.

Feters enjoyed having a ladies night out and seeing all of the purses. In fact, she had her eye on about a dozen of the purses in the silent auction.

“It is just exciting to know that literacy is being multiplied in our county and that there is good support behind it. There are a lot of people who are willing to take part in it,” Feters said.

Medford Mayor Lois Nelson attended the event for the first time this year because she was not able to last year due to a scheduling conflict.

“I want to support the Imagination Library and literacy for kids, I am all for it. It is a great way to catch up with long-time acquaintances and meet new people and while you are here to enjoy the wonderful wine, food and company,” Nelson said.

Nelson thinks the program is important, “Because I am a grandmother who reads to her grandkids, whose parents read to their kids and I truly believe that that connection from birth on to age five. It gives them something to look forward to each month,” she said.



Staff photos by Shannon Kinley  
ABOVE: Alisha Davidson, of Owatonna picks out a cork number for the wall of wine at the Power of the Purse fundraiser on Tuesday, June 16.  
LEFT: These purses were just some of the displays during the Power of the Purse fundraiser.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley  
Marty Feters of Owatonna (left) and Jennifer Wayner of Blooming Prairie check out the purses in the silent auction during the Power of the Purse fundraiser on Tuesday, June 16.

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Submitted photo  
Mike McGuire, Director of Steele County Probation Services and Waseca County Court Services, and MACPO President Deanna Ruffing at the 58th annual MACPO spring conference on May 20.

## McGuire recognized for his contributions to the probations field

By SHANNON KINLEY  
County Staff Writer

For over 30 years Mike McGuire has dedicated his life to the field of probations. Last month he was recognized for his long-lived contributions to the field by receiving the Al Reker Distinguished Service Award.

McGuire, who currently serves as the Director of Steele County Probation Services and Waseca County Court Services, received the award at the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) 58th annual spring conference on May 20.

“I was kind of shocked, it is certainly not the thing one ever expects,” McGuire said. “It means an awful lot. I am ridiculously honored to be listed as a recipient of the award because I know most of the people who have won it in the past 30 some years and to be included with them is really an honor.”

The day of the conference happened to coincide with the last David Letterman Late Show so instead of just saying the winner is they decided to announce it doing Letterman’s famous top 10. They started out with general facts about the award winner that applied to many people in the room and as the list went on the facts got more specific.

“They got about four or five in and I thought this is quite a coincidence that they all still apply to me,” he said.

The award recognizes contributions made by an individual over a sustained period of time to the field of probation. In addition, it acknowledges membership involvement rather than just retirement.

The man behind the award, Al Reker, was one of the charter members of MACPO and a native of southwestern Minnesota where he served as the Chief Probation Officer for Nobles County for many years until his death from cancer.

MACPO President Deanna Ruffing referred to the award as “the most prestigious award” given at the conference. Staff often nominate potential award winners and an awards committee makes the final decision.

“We are looking for that sustained period of time in contributions to the field, not just years of service but exceptional service and dedication,” Ruffing said.

Ruffing went on to say, “For the period of time that Mike has provided service in the field he has served both in juvenile and in the adult field of corrections and he has developed programming to forward the purpose of probation. His contributions both personally and professionally to the community is something that really set him apart.”

McGuire first became interested in the field after he graduated from college and started working at a group home for delinquent children in Bird Island, Minnesota in the 1970s.

“I really enjoyed working with them and kind of helping get them squared away and pointed in the right direction. Eventually that led to getting a job as a probations officer and I haven’t looked back at all since then. It has been something I’ve really enjoyed for 34 years,” he said.

In 1981 McGuire became a Juvenile Probations Officer and Adult Probations Officer for Blue Earth County Court Services and was promoted to Juvenile Corrections Supervisor in 1995. McGuire became the Director of Steele County Probation Services in 2003 and in 2013 he was contracted to be the Waseca County Court Services Director and currently pulls double duty.

McGuire enjoys the field because of the good he and his staff can have in the lives of others.

“I think that we can do a lot of good things. We try to protect public safety by making sure that people who should be locked up for a while are locked up for a while,” McGuire said. “We try to help those same people develop some skills and get some help so they don’t keep committing offenses and when we are successful that is really fantastic.”

Probation Officer Samantha Ahrens has worked under McGuire since 2007 and was one of the three staff members to nominate him for the award.

“Mike has dedicated his life to helping others and has never expected a thing in return. He is humble and deeply cares for other people, including his staff. In a profession that is mostly thankless, it is great to hear how appreciated we are from our boss nearly every day. Mike has always stood behind his probation officers and trusts us to do our work,” Ahrens said.

The award nomination letter written by Ahrens, Jenny Tonjum and Tim Schammel states, “He has a level of calmness and sincerity that will leave his clients thanking him, even if they were just informed a probation violation was about to be filed on them. Mike is very good at seeing the silver lining of any situation. He shows a genuine concern for his staff and there is rarely a day that passes where Mike is not thanking us for what we do as Probation Officers.”

McGuire plans to retire Aug. 19 and said he does not have any specific plans other than to travel a bit with his wife Kris. “As of right now both of us are healthy so we are going to take advantage of that, go do some things, spend a little bit of money and enjoy some things,” McGuire said.



## OPU open house

Staff photos taken by Shannon Kinley

(LEFT) Owatonna Public Utilities decided to renovate the old power plant building after the June 2010 flood destroyed the first floor of OPU’s previous office building and wreaked havoc on the power plant. OPU held a open house and dedication ceremony to show off the newly renovated facility to the public on Thursday, June 18.



Owatonna Public Utilities General Manager Mark Fritsch cuts a ribbon along with city officials, the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and OPU employees during the OPU Open House to celebrate the newly renovated building.



Veterans from the Owatonna V.F.W. lead the crowd in saying the Pledge of Allegiance along with a flag raising ceremony outside of the Owatonna Public Utilities newly renovated building during the open house on Thursday, June 18.



Owatonna Public Utilities General Manager Mark Fritsch gets ready to cut the ribbon along with city officials, the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and OPU employees during the OPU Open House to celebrate the newly renovated building.

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Smiles radiated from the faces of kids of all ages Saturday morning at the Breakfast on the Farm event at the Clover Glen Farms near Claremont. Lily Klejeski, 3, appeared to have a great time getting a tattoo of “Got Milk?” stamped on her forehead Saturday during the dairy promotion. Lily is the daughter of Jon and Kim Klejeski, the co-owners of Clover Glen.

# Breakfast on the Farm



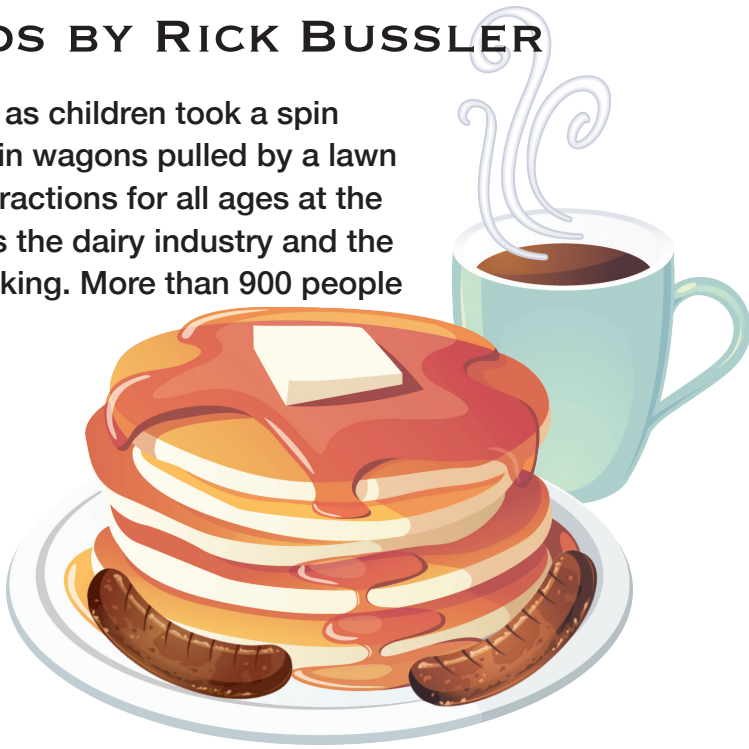
Sebastian Sanchez-Sorensen, 2, of Owatonna, appears to have his hands full in dealing with a dairy calf Saturday at the Breakfast on the Farm event sponsored by the Steele County Dairy Association. Kids not only got to pet the calves, but they also had their pictures taken and made into buttons. Sebastian came to the event with his mother, Michelle Sorensen.



Small children like Fletcher Iacovino, 3, of Owatonna, enjoyed playing with a dairy calf during a tour of the Clover Glen Farms Saturday. Fletcher is the son of Jason of Shannon Iacovino.

## PHOTOS BY RICK BUSSLER

Excitement abounded as children took a spin around the dairy farm in wagons pulled by a lawn mower. There were attractions for all ages at the event, which promotes the dairy industry and the importance of cow milking. More than 900 people attended the event.







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Tuesday, June 23, 2015

# What do cows eat and how much?

Nutritionist educates public during breakfast event on Steele County dairy farm



Staff photo by Rick Bussler  
Jon Wilcox, a dairy nutritionist from Faribault, gave a demonstration on what cows eat at Saturday's on the farm event near Claremont.

By RICK BUSSLER  
Publisher

Dairy cows eat about 102 pounds of wet feed every day. That's one of the more interesting facts people walked away with after touring a Steele County dairy operation as part of last Saturday's Breakfast on the Farm event. More than 900 people attended the dairy month promotion at Clover Glen Farms located near Claremont.

Jon Wilcox, a dairy nutritionist from Faribault, gave a demonstration on what cows eat. Cows eat a combination of hay, corn silage, soybean meal and other bi-products, according to Wilcox.

Feeding cows is more complex than just having a farmer "throw some hay over the side of a fence," Wilcox said.

Once a cow eats, the food is stored in the rumen, which Wilcox compares to a large barrel. "A cow's rumen is like a big 50-gallon tank," he said. "It's like a cement mixer where it keeps turning and churning around."

As a nutritionist for Clover Glen Farms, Wilcox is constantly monitoring different records to make sure the cows are producing a high amount of milk and components. Whatever Wilcox is doing seems to be working. Clover Glen is one of the top herds in the county and its Swiss herd is the third highest in the entire state, according

to Jon Klejeski, one of the owners of Clover Glen. In addition to Swiss, Clover Glen also has Holsteins. There are 71 milking cows on the farm.

Klejeski said his herd produces up to 85 pounds of milk each day, well above the state average. A normal dairy herd produces around 65 pounds, Wilcox noted.

Besides good nutrition, the production of milk depends largely on environment. "They are very comfortable out here and that's not always the case," Wilcox said of Clover Glen's cows. "It takes people who are hard working and dedicated to milk cows," he added.

Keeping the cows comfortable has been a major goal for Glenn Johnson, who farms with Klejeski. There is no pasture available for Clover Glen's cows so they are kept inside at all times. The barn features flooring made up of five inches of ground up tires and soft pads.

"It's squishy to your feet," Johnson explained. "It's softer than laying in the grass."

Cows, Johnson said, spend as long as 18 hours each day lying down. "They need a comfortable place to live," he said. "If that cow is not happy, she is not going to milk," he added.

Johnson hopes people realize that animal care is of utmost importance to dairy farmers. "We want people to know that we are taking good care of the animals," he said. "They're a part of our family."



We want people to know that we are taking good care of the animals. They're a part of our family.

Glenn Johnson  
Clover Glen Farms



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Cows eat a combination of hay, corn silage, soybean meal and other bi-products, according to Jon Wilcox.

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| Jeff Borchert & Todd Matejcek<br>2448 School Street<br>Owatonna, MN 55060                                 | 06-030-1102<br>All that part of the N½ of the NE¼ of Sec 30, T 106 N, R 21 W, Steele County, Minnesota, described by:<br>Commencing at the NE corner of said NE¼; thence N 90°00’ W, assumed bearing, 1572.00’ along the N line of said NE¼ to the True Point of Beginning; thence S 0°00’ E 172.00’; thence N 90°00’ E 272.00’; thence S 0°00’ E 110.00’; thence N 90°00’ W 272.00’; thence S 0°00’ E 355.80’ to the centerline of a drainage ditch; thence N 62°11’16” E 238.67’ along said ditch centerline; thence northeasterly along said ditch centerline and along a tangential curve concave to the NW, central angle 5°57’31”, radius 441.96’, arc length 45.96’ to a point on the E line of the NW¼ of said NE¼, last said point being S 0°05’12” E 502.93’ from the NE corner of said NW¼ of NE¼; thence S 0°05’12” E 814.50’ to the SE corner of said NW¼ of NE¼; thence S 89°58’36” W 1322.41’ to the SW corner of said NW¼ of NE¼; thence N 0°04’38” W 1317.97’ to the NW corner of said NE¼; thence N 90°00’ E 1072.39’ to said True Point of Beginning.<br>Excepting therefrom the following described property:<br>All that part of the NE¼ of the NE¼ and all that part of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 30, T 106 N, R 21 W, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the NE corner of said NE¼; thence N 90°00’00” W, assumed bearing, 1572.00 feet along the N line of said NE¼ to the True Point of Beginning; thence S 0°00’00” W 172.00’; thence S 90°00’00” E 272.00’; thence S 00°00’00” W 110.00’; thence N 90°00’00” W 272.00’; thence S 00°00’00” W 355.80’ to the centerline of a drainage ditch; thence S 62° 11’15” W 300.12’ along said ditch centerline; thence N 00°00’00” E 777.83’ to the N line of said NE¼; thence S 90°00’00” E 265.45’ to said True Point of Beginning. Containing 5.00 acres, more or less.<br>Subject to a public highway easement along the north line of said NE¼. | \$2,071.73  |
| Wells Fargo Bank NA<br>C/O Frclsru Dept. Mac<br>X7801-013<br>3476 Stateview Blvd.<br>Fort Mills SC, 29715 | 06-032-3401<br>Beginning at a point on the W line of the SW¼, Sec 32, T 106 N, R 21 W, which point is 1,542.32’ N of the SW corner thereof; thence N 359.35’, on said W line of said quarter section; thence E 363.66”, at a right angle; thence S 359.35’, at a right angle, thence W 363.66” at a right angle, to the point of beginning, being part of the NW¼ of SW¼, Sec 32, T 106 N, R 21 W, subject to a highway easement on the W 50’ thereof, Steele County, Minnesota.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$3,921.42  |
| Paul E. Steinberg<br>6649 SW 38 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Owatonna, MN 55060                                | 09-006-4301<br>Beginning at the SE corner of the S½ of the NW¼ of Sec 6, T 107 N, R 21 W, and running thence N 530’ along the E line thereof; thence W 657’ parallel to the S line thereof; thence S 530’ parallel to the E line thereof to the S line of said S½ of the NW¼; thence E 657’ to the point of beginning; together with the right to drain the said premises into and through the drainage titles presently running from the described parcel through the balance of the S½ of the NW¼ of said Sec 6, with the grantee to assume the obligation of paying a pro-rata share of the expense of maintaining and improving such drainage lines, the pro-rata portion to be determined with the area drained.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$11,043.19 |
| Paul E. Steinberg<br>6649 SW 38 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Owatonna, MN 55060                                | 09-034-1401<br>All that part of the NE¼, Sec 34, T 107 N, R 21 W, Steele County, MN, described by: Beginning at the NW corner of said NE¼ thence N 89°56’18” E, assumed bearing, 585.08’ along the N line of said NE¼; thence S 00°08’24” E 1154.00’ along a line parallel with the W line of said NE¼; thence S 89°56’18” W 585.08’ to the W line of said NE¼; thence N 00°08’24” W 1154.00’ to beginning. Containing 15.5 acres, more or less.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$16,492.38 |
| Darren D. Hagen<br>5442 Co Rd 45 N<br>Medford, MN 55049                                                   | 12-100-1105<br>The South 22 feet of Lot 6, and Lot 5, all in Block 11, Village of Clinton Falls, also known as Town of Clinton, Minnesota                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$209.89    |
| Darren D. Hagen<br>5442 Co Rd 45 N<br>Medford, MN 55049                                                   | 12-100-1108<br>Lot 7 except the South 44 feet and Lot 8, all in Block 11, Village of Clinton Falls, also known as Town of Clinton, Minnesota                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$187.19    |
| Renee Jane Weston<br>204 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W.<br>PO Box 562<br>Ellendale, MN 56026                   | 15-100-0714<br>Lot 14, Block 7 in Village of Ellendale, MN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$13,638.10 |
| Frank A & Cindy J Green<br>602 Jansen Place<br>Ellendale, MN 56026                                        | 15-105-2901<br>Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Block 29, in South Park Addition, City of Ellendale, Steele County, Minnesota.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$14,647.08 |
| D.J. Gravel, Inc.<br>%Doug Klemmensen<br>14270 SW 52 <sup>nd</sup> Ave<br>Ellendale, MN 56026-4401        | 15-115-0001<br>Lot 1, Block 2, and all that part of Outlot A, Block 2, Country View Estates in the NE¼ of NE¼ of Sec 26, T 105 N, R 21 W, as the same is platted and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; described as follows:<br>Commencing at the NE corner of said Outlot A; thence S 00°31’06” W a distance of 384.30’, on the E line of said Outlot A, to the SE corner of said Outlot A; thence N 89°20’01” W a distance of 91.31’, on the S line of said Outlot A, the NW corner of Lot 1, Block 2 in said Country View Estates; thence N 13°53’32” E a distance of 394.77’, to the Point of Beginning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$133.51    |
| D.J. Gravel, Inc.<br>%Doug Klemmensen<br>14270 SW 52 <sup>nd</sup> Ave<br>Ellendale, MN 56026-4401        | 15-115-0101<br>Block 1 Lot 1 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$4,829.98  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0102<br>Block 1 Lot 2 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,766.22  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0103<br>Block 1 Lot 3 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,811.26  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0104<br>Block 1 Lot 4 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,710.25  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0105<br>Block 1 Lot 5 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,697.37  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0106<br>Block 1 Lot 6 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,886.27  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0108<br>Block 1 Lot 8 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,757.44  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0110<br>Block 1 Lot 10 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,679.23  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0111<br>Block 1 Lot 11 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,766.21  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0112<br>Block 1 Lot 12 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,777.16  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0114<br>Block 1 Lot 14 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,737.38  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0205<br>Block 2 Lot 5 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,626.00  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0206<br>Block 2 Lot 6 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,611.98  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0207<br>Block 2 Lot 7 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,611.98  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0208<br>Block 2 Lot 8 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,639.10  |
|                                                                                                           | 15-115-0209<br>Block 2 Lot 9 Country View Estates Addition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,724.15  |
| Joseph L. White<br>% Niles-Wiese Const. Co, Inc.<br>112 S. Main Street<br>PO Box 419<br>Medford, MN 55049 | 16-101-0101<br>Lots 1 & 2, excepting Railroad right of way, in Block 1 in Johnson & Company’s Addition to the Village (now City) of Medford, MN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$447.35    |
| Gary L. Wiese<br>1905 Creekview Ln NE<br>Owatonna, MN 55060                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |
| Daniel C. Niles<br>11822 Co Rd 45 S<br>Bloomington, MN 55917                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |

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| Jason A. Allen<br>252 W. McKinley<br>Owatonna, MN 55060                    | 17-016-2058<br>Commencing at NW corner of Lot 2 in SE¼ of Sec 16, T 107 N, R 20 W, thence running E 6 Rods; thence S 8 Rods to the N line of McKinley Street; thence W 6 Rods to the W line of said Lot 2; thence N 8 rods along the W line of said Lot 2 to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom: That portion of the above real estate for street purposes | \$10,095.22 |
| Richard B. Polesky<br>260 NW 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br>Owatonna, MN 55060 | 17-100-0917<br>Sublot 1 of Lot 17 in Block 9 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, also described as the N 1/3 of Lot 17 in Block 9, Original Town (now City) of Owatonna                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$15,093.27 |
| Juanita M. Hoff<br>674 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave E<br>Dickinson, ND 58601       | 17-411-0106<br>Lot 6, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, MN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$7,045.41  |

FAILURE TO REDEEM THE LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The amounts listed above must be paid to redeem if paid on or before June 30, 2015. Please contact the Steele County Auditor’s Office to verify the amount due if paid after June 30, 2015.

Inquiries about the delinquent tax proceedings described above can be made to the Steele County Auditor at the address listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

Laura Ihrke  
Steele County Auditor  
Steele County Administration Center  
630 Florence Avenue  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
Telephone: (507) 444-7410

(County Seal)

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04  
DATE: June 5, 2015

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: March 18, 2013

2. Mortgagors: Larry William Lindquist and Annette K. Lindquist, husband and wife

3. Mortgages: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie

4. Recording Information: Recorded on March 29, 2013, as Document Number T000070097 (or in Book 27 of Mortgages, Page 81), in the Office of the Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-114-0204

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: The East 30 feet of Lot 3; and Lot 4; Block 2, Hansen Heights Addition, to the Village of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota according to the recorded plat thereof. Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) x

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 193 8th Street NW, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.

INFORMATION REGARDING F O R E C L O S U R E

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was \$110,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$110,793.05.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on July 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff’s Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor’s personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, “If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23.” If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on Not applicable.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE

IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A. 300 First Street NW, Austin, MN 55912

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie

6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14,

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2000

MORTGAGOR: Ryan R. Staska, a single person and Katrina J. Olivo, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Sterling State Bank, Corporation.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 13, 2000 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A283439.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated June 30, 2000 Recorded July 13, 2000, as Document No. A283440.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Sterling State Bank, Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 209 3rd Street Southeast, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 14-106-0303 and 14-106-0304

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: See attached legal description COMMENCING AT A POINT 66 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, BRAINERD AND OLSON’S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE. THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET. THENCE EAST 50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE THIRD STREET (FORMERLY SEVENTH STREET), THENCE WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (BEING IN BLOCK 3, BRAINERD AND OLSON’S ADDITION AND IN SECTIONS 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 105 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST,) AND COMMENCING AT A POINT 66 FEET SOUTH AND 50 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, BRAINERD AND OLSON’S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE, STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET, THENCE EAST 25 FEET, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE THIRD STREET (FORMERLY SEVENTH STREET), THENCE WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (BEING IN BLOCK 3, BRAINERD AND OLSON’S ADDITION AND IN SECTION 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 105 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST.) COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$74,970.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO

Dated: June 2, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
400 N. Sibley Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage  
Sterling State Bank, Corporation

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
135 - 15-004191 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

6/23, 6/30, 7/7 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

6/16, 6/23

BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$58,602.09

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: August 7, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff’s Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 February 8, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: June 2, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
400 N. Sibley Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage  
Sterling State Bank, Corporation

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
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6/23, 6/30, 7/7 7/14, 7/21, 7/28



# Legal Notices

## Foreclosure

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 24, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$149,454.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Beth M. Smith, a single person MORTGAGEE: Homeservices Lending, LLC Series A DBA Edina Realty Mortgage, a Delaware Limited Liability Company DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 2, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17836 as Document Number T000066673 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on December 27, 2010 as Document Number T000066778 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 25, Block 1, Radel Addition No. 4, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 595 24TH STREET NE, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$147,196.86 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Homeservices Lending, LLC Series A DBA Edina Realty Mortgage, a Delaware Limited Liability Company RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.271.0125 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None 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 above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 7, 2015 at 10:00 am PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2016.

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

Dated: May 11, 2015  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee  
SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

BY  
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(15-0801-FC01)

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23

## Foreclosure

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 4/25/2005 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$ 127,715.58 MORTGAGOR(S): Gregory Scott James and Delane Renee James, Joint Tenants, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 4/28/2005 as Document Number A000331487 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 7/21/2014 as Document Number A000397931 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 17-119-0506 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 5, Riverside Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota ABSTRACT PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 223 Highland Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: None T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: N/A THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE: \$137,943.69 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 preforeclosure 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: 7/16/2015 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 6 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 1/16/2016, or the next business day if 1/16/2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: 5/26/2015  
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee  
Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee  
925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

5/26, 6/2, 6/9 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

## Foreclosure

### 15-100256 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,102.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Irene Rosales, a single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100053612101765390 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Primelending, a Plainscapital Company SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 15, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000387332 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: October 3, 2013 filed: October 15, 2013, recorded as document number A000394082 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Six (6) Rods of East Four (4) Rods of Lot Five (5), Block Six (6), in Phelps Addition to the City of Owatonna PROPERTY ADDRESS: 251 East University St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-101-0610 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,218.44 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: August 4, 2015, 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 February 4, 2016, or the next business day if February 4, 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: June 2, 2015  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY  
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12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200  
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(952) 831-4060

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6/9, 6/16, 6/23 6/30, 7/7, 7/14

## Foreclosure

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04  
DATE: June 4, 2015

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:**

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED  
1. Date of Mortgage: July 21, 2008  
2. Mortgagors: Larry W. Lindquist, Annette Lindquist, husband and wife; Lee E. Lindquist, Sandra Lindquist, husband and wife  
3. Mortgagees: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie  
4. Recording Information: Recorded on September 12, 2008, as Document Number A000359522, in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. \*See below information on Amendments to Mortgage.  
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable

\*Said Mortgage was amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated August 10, 2011, filed on October 10, 2011, and recorded as Document No. A000380482 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota. It was further amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated March 8, 2013, filed on July 1, 2013, and recorded as Document No. A000392225 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota.

REGARDING PREMISES  
6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-025-1008  
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.  
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 402 Industrial Drive, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917  
9. OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA  
10. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.  
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.  
INFORMATION REGARDING F O R E C L O S U R E  
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.  
12. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was \$270,000.00.  
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$273,766.41.  
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on July 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.  
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale. 16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on Not applicable.

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A. 300 First Street NW, Austin, MN 55912  
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie

EXHIBIT "A"  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
LARRY W. LINDQUIST AND LEE E. LINDQUIST

Starting at the East Quarter Corner of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; thence West 1260.75 feet at an angle of 89°41' turned from North to West from the East line of the Northeast Quarter

of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; thence North 624.0 feet at a deflection angle of 89°41' right, to a point which is hereinafter called the point of beginning; thence North 118.53 feet on a Northerly extension of the last described line; thence Southwesterly 46.63 feet at a deflection angle of 139°48.8' left; thence Southwesterly 421.68 feet at a deflection angle of 04°46.3' right; to the Easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific R.R.; thence Southeasterly 69.18 feet at a deflection angle of 69°38' left; on said right-of-way line; thence East 299.17 feet at a deflection angle of 65°00.5' left; thence North 280.0 feet at a deflection angle of 90°19' left, to the point of beginning; being part of the South Half of Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; and containing 1.70 acres; subject to an easement for ingress and egress over the south 20' thereof.

6/9, 6/16, 6/23 6/30, 7/7, 7/14

## Foreclosure

### 15-100509 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 8, 2003 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$175,750.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Timothy A. Rogers and Karen J. Rogers, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 9, 2003, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A 309242 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South 240 feet of the East 1263.67 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, containing 6.96 acres PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5300 SW 8th St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-011-2201 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$140,738.10 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise

## STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, July 6th, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit applications.

Doug Van Zuiilen has requested a Conditional Use Permit to place a 20,000 gallon diesel tank on his property located in the W1/2 of the NE ¼, Section 36, Havana Township. The property address is 8949 SE 38th St., Claremont.

Mathiowetz Construction has requested to renew Interim Use Permit #2010-05 allowing the mining of sand and gravel on 35 acres located in the N ½ of the SE ¼ and the S ½ of the NE ¼, Section 2, Lemond Township on property owned by Vera Meixner.

Mathiowetz Construction has requested to renew Interim Use Permit #2011-01 allowing the mining of sand and gravel on property located west of the railroad in the NW ¼, Section 28, Owatonna Township on property owned by Sandra Jirele. The property address is 2035 SW 28th St.

Milestone Materials has requested to renew Conditional Use Permit #194 allowing the mining of sand and gravel and the quarrying of rock on several parcels located in the S ½ of the SW¼ of Section 1, the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 2, the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 11, and the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 12 of Lemond Township. The property address is 5145 51st St. SW. and is owned by Mathy Construction.

Crane Creek Asphalt as request to place a temporary asphalt plant in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 1, Lemond Township. The property address is 5145 51st St. SW. and is owned by Mathy Construction.

Milestone Materials has requested to renew Conditional Use Permit #347 allowing the mining of sand and gravel on property located in the S ½ of the SW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 36, Meriden Township. The property is owned by Mathy Construction.

Scott Steffen has requested to construct an agricultural building not associated with a residence on property located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 8, Havana Township.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

Dale Oolman  
Steele County Zoning Director  
630 Florence Ave. P.O. Box 890  
Owatonna, MN 55060  
(507) 444-7482

6/23

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA May 14, 2015

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14 2015, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathi Peterson, Rodney Krell, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Braaten

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the May 18, 2015, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hameister  
Clerk of the School Board  
Independent School District #756  
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota



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**Mail:** Steele County Historical Society

Attn: Personnel Committee

1700 Austin Road Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

► Applications must be submitted by July 3, 2015.



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# Short-term I-35 Bridge Street off-ramp closed in Owatonna

The northbound Interstate 35 Bridge Street off-ramp will be closed for five days in Owatonna beginning June 22 as construction crews replace a large storm sewer culvert, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The short-term closure is needed for Mathiowetz Construction to construct a large storm sewer culvert under I-35 and the Bridge Street off-ramp at exit 41. The Bridge Street off-ramp at exit 41 will have a long-term closure later this season from mid-September through the end of October when the ramp is reconstructed.

During this short-term closure, northbound traffic seeking to detour at Bridge Street should proceed north to exit 43 (26th Street) to get onto the I-35 southbound lanes. Motorists can then proceed south to the southbound Bridge Street exit, which is open.

Northbound traffic is crossed over into the southbound lanes of I-35 south of Bridge Street. Northbound traffic continues in a single lane, while southbound uses the other lane. Northbound traffic will cross back over to two lanes north of Steele County Road 2.

The \$19.1 million project is taking place over two years to replace the concrete I-35 roadways through Owatonna, as well as replace bridges and include additional safety features on the corridor. The project, with prime contractor Mathiowetz Construction, began the second year of construction in April and is expected to be complete in fall 2015.

Because of the traffic volumes on I-35, traffic backups and delays occur during weekend travel periods through this construction workzone, so motorists should adjust their travel plans to account for delays.

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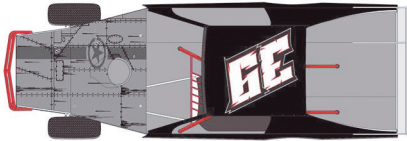
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