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## Crime up sharply in county

By RICK BUSSLER  
Publisher

Crime is on the rise in Steele County. Midway through the year, the Steele County Attorney’s Office is experiencing a 25 percent increase in charges filed over last year. And, in fact, the office is on pace to have the highest number of cases in nearly a decade.

County Attorney Dan McIntosh said there have been 520 felonies and gross misdemeanors filed during the first half of 2015 compared to 400 last year. In contrast, there were 560 during the same time period in 2006.

McIntosh said it’s hard to blame one area for the increase, but his office has noticed a significant jump in the number of domestic violence cases, though he had no specific numbers available. He said his attorneys have seen a spike in repeat domestic assaults, felony strangulation cases and repeat Order for Protection (OFP) violations.

Another area that has experienced growth in

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## Feedlot lawsuit continues as originally filed

By KAREN JORGENSEN  
News Editor



A lawsuit filed by a Westfield Township couple against Dodge County and the operator of a township feedlot will proceed but without amendments to the original complaint, a district court judge decided last week.

In an order and memorandum filed June 23, Judge Joseph P. Chase rejected Dodge County’s argument the suit should be thrown out because of errors in the serving of the papers and also rejected Lowell and Evelyn Trom’s request to amend their original complaint.

The suit stems from action by the Dodge County Board in 2014 to approve a conditional use permit for Nick Masching of Masching Swine Farms for a hog feedlot on his property in Westfield Township.

The Troms challenged that action claiming the county had not followed its own procedures in granting the permit. In November of 2014 District Court Judge Jodi Williamson ruled in the Troms favor and vacated the permit saying Masching could reapply if proper procedures were followed.

Masching did reapply and the Planning and Zoning Commission held a hearing and the County

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Ribs are prepared for the 5th Anual Ribfest at the Serviceman’s Club in Blooming Prairie on Saturday, June 27. About 100 guests enjoyed the meal put on by Eric Loftus and the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club. The event also included a kids’ burger cook-off, ribs and steak cook-off competitions for the adults and a silent auction.

Staff photos by Meredith Knoop

## Ribfest takes off on Saturday

By JAMES KNOOP  
County Sports Editor

The sweet aroma of ribs, hamburgers, steaks and barbeque sauce drifted throughout northern Blooming Prairie on Saturday, June 27, as children and adults competed in the annual cook-off.

The Fifth Annual Ribfest began at 11 a.m. with a kids’ burger competition, giving a younger generation the chance to prove to judges that cooking a good hamburger isn’t just for adults. Anika Foresberg took first place in the competition, edging out Jordyn Williamson, who took second

and third place winner Madelyn Murley.

Making its debut appearance at the ribfest was a steak cook-off, something Ribfest organizer Eric Loftus said was a good addition, not only because it creates variety, but because the event is becoming a national phenomenon. In fact, this year will mark the 26th Annual Steak Cook-off World Championship in Magnolia, Arkansas, with over \$10,000 in winning prizes.

“This is really taking off,” said Loftus, adding that the event is becoming a true sport, with national tournaments and championships. “It’s really coming up pretty quick. It’s a popular thing.”

Contestants also competed in the annual ribs and barbeque sauce competitions, attempting to create the most delicious dish.

Winning the barbeque sauce competition were Richard and Melody Clark, with second place going to Bob Sellers.

The steak champion was Joe Week, with second and third going to Pat Roles and Jeremy Tel-schow, respectively.

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## Blooming Prairie Outback Bowl Dance Team begins active fundraising campaign

By HOWARD LESTRUD  
Times Staff Writer

The 4th of July in Blooming Prairie is a time for families to get together and enjoy a multitude of activities while sipping on an ice cold water or a soda.

This year, the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Blooming Prairie Outback Bowl Dance Team to sell water and soda from vendor carts that were first introduced over 30 years ago by A.J. Lysne Co.

The chamber resurrected a long tradition of cart sales last year by partnering with the St. Croix Warriors, an amateur football team. Years ago, the Blooming Prairie Matmen Club pushed the carts around and raised money for its operation.

Funds derived from this year’s 4th of July sales will be split 50-50 by the Chamber and the BP Outback Bowl Dance Team. The funds earned by the Outback dance group will be used to sponsor 13 young Blooming Prairie girls, ages 8 to 13, who will be part of a dance line to perform at the

Outback Bowl college football game at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 1, 2016.

The local dance team is part of the Just for Kix organization which dancers and coaches have trusted for 29 years to provide memorable educational and imaginative bowl performance opportunities for all skill levels.

The BP Outback dancers were chosen and invited to participate in the Outback Bowl productions.

Local business leaders Tamzen and Doug Johnson have worked on many of the fund-raising projects with the water and pop carts. They recently sat down to share the excitement about the dance team with Just for Kix dance director Elizabeth (Bizzy) Thompson and two parents, Tina Borgen and Pam Lujan.

The fund-raising effort is just one of many the dance group has chosen to support its trip next

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## Fourth of July celebration in Blooming Prairie

The 41st Annual Blooming Prairie Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration will be held Friday and Saturday in Blooming Prairie.

Festivities kick off Friday with the annual antique tractor show at the high school starting at 9 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. The day ends with the J & H Street Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

On Saturday, the Blooming Prairie Lions Club Breakfast will kick off activities at Prairie Manor. The annual Fourth of July parade will start at 2:30 p.m. The day concludes with the annual fireworks display at Victory Field at 10 p.m.



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# Opinion

## Our view

### Sex offenders are everywhere

The quote that stood out at a recent Sex 3 Offender meeting in Owatonna was the following: “There are sex offenders everywhere. And the most dangerous ones are the ones that haven’t been caught; aren’t on anyone’s radar. They’re not registered. “

That is a very scary thought because sexual assault and sexual violence affects all of us. According to Sarah Hustad with the Minnesota Dept. of Corrections, by the time they reach adulthood, 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 7 boys are sexually abused. Also, 1 in 6 adult women and 1 in 33 adult men experience an attempted or actual sexual assault.

In the state of Minnesota, there are 17,500 registered sex offenders. In Steele County there are 100 and 86 of them live in Owatonna. As the experts state, it is important to know that these numbers change every day because people move in and out of communities every day.

In 1997 the state started assigning risk levels. To date there are more than 9,000 people with risk levels; 57 percent are Level 1, 28 percent are Level 2 and 15 percent are Level 3. Statistics also say that most sex offenders had no previous criminal sexual conduct conviction. Only 10 percent have a previous conviction.

Another scary thought is that 67 percent of the victims are those ages 0-17. Strangers comprise only 10 percent of the offenders. More than 60 percent are acquaintances and 26 percent are family members.

One more set of statistics: 90 percent of sex offenders are not convicted of another sex offense; 90 percent are committed by no one with any prior sex conviction; and 90 percent are known to the person they choose to victimize.

Law enforcement officials are not required to conduct sex offender meetings, but as one law enforcement official said “as soon as we don’t the community will be in an uproar.”

While these statistics don’t look good, those experts who deal with sex offenders have developed a strict program that first and foremost emphasis accountability. It also includes finding ways to move the person along in a positive pro-social lifestyle and getting the sex offender to a point where their lives are stable.

If that occurs, that means good news for those who have concerns about sex offenders moving into our communities. It is always a welcome relief to know that something is being done to help these people and to protect those who are or could be victims of sexual predators.



### No struggles to keep faith away from dad while at college

With high school graduation wrapping up a few weeks ago, it’s now time for my family to focus on getting another teenager off to college in less than two months.

That can be a scary proposition, especially when it comes to church and associated faith moments.

Last week my son, Caleb, and I made a trip into the neighboring cheese state to attend college orientation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It brought back many memories of my college days. I also thought about how times were so much different 25 years ago in our world when I enjoyed campus life.

I must admit I worry about my son and how college life will treat him. He has always been a great kid, but that doesn’t erase a parents’ concern about the well-being of a child.

As we were making our way around the student center one afternoon, my son abruptly stopped and darted up to a booth. I noticed the same table with three people standing by it, but paid no attention to what they were doing. As I circled back, I was pleasantly surprised at what I found. What transpired in the next few moments clearly defined to me what my son has taken away from his past 18 years of life.

He signed up for a campus faith club. With no questions asked and hardly any interaction with those providing the



**PURSUIT**  
Rick Bussler

information, Caleb immediately signed his name and phone number indicating his interest in joining this fall. All in front of his father. And with no coaching or coaxing, I might add. I didn’t even say a word.

Caleb had a rough time in high school when he lost a close friend and classmate in a car crash. He took one of his life’s darkest moments and turned it into something positive. Among what he did included strong membership in the group Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Just a few months ago the two of us went through a College 101 Bible class offered by our church. One of the disturbing themes shared with us is how teenagers fall away from church following high school. It’s estimated that between 65 and 94 percent of high school students stop attending church after they graduate. As a parent, that’s the most horrifying statistic in the world.

With what is happening in our world today as far as terrible violence, even in sacred church settings, the Catholic church in shambles and historic decisions affecting our lives and how life can be lived, there is a need for church and God more so than ever before. This definitely is not a time for teens, or anybody for that matter, to stray away from church.

Sometimes, as a parent, I’m left wondering if I connected with my children. But after what happened last week at college, there is no doubt in my mind that my son’s faith is rock solid.

Regardless, I felt as if there has been some divine intervention from above. I walked away from the campus feeling like we had been on the receiving end of a small miracle from God. I truly feel blessed to have a child willing to profess his faith in college when it may not be the most popular thing to do.

We all need to take a stand and encourage our children to continue their faith even as they head out on their own. It’s important to keep Christ as the center of our lives no matter how old you are.

Now it’s going to be easier for me to let go of my son knowing that he’s in hot pursuit of maintaining a strong Christian faith, even away from dad and at college.

### Creating jobs in Minnesota



By U.S. Sen. AMY KLOBUCHAR

Earlier this year, I visited Cuba to talk with agriculture and export officials about ways to open up new economic opportunities for businesses and farmers in Minnesota. More than anything else on the trip, I was struck by the enthusiasm of everyday Cubans for renewed ties with the United States. Everywhere I went I saw one date: December 17, 2014 – the day our two countries agreed to start opening up relations. It’s just another day on the calendar for most Americans, but for Cubans, that day – and the hope it has inspired – is one they will always remember.

For fifty years, our country has maintained a trade embargo against Cuba that has failed by every measure. It has not brought change to Cuba. It has not improved the lives of the Cuban people. And it has constrained opportunities for Minnesota businesses to grow and create jobs by restricting commerce to 11 million people who live just 90 miles off of our shores.

If you’ve tried the same approach for fifty years and it hasn’t worked, it’s probably time to change course.

Today, our country has a historic opportunity to do just that – and it’s a moment we must seize. We have a chance to shift from a policy of isolation to a policy that allows Americans to engage the Cuban people through commerce and travel. That process is already underway, but more work remains to fully bring our relationship with Cuba into the 21st century.

That’s why I’ve introduced major bipartisan legislation called the Freedom to Export to Cuba Act, which would lift the trade embargo once and for all and knock down the legal barriers to Americans doing

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[www.steeledodgenews.com](http://www.steeledodgenews.com)

#### This week’s question:

Does the thought of sex offenders in the community scare you?

- \* Yes.
- \* No.
- \* Not worried.

#### Last week’s question:

How Will You Celebrate The Fourth Of July Holiday?

- \* Barbecuing with the family. 13%
- \* Enjoying Fourth of July celebrations. 74%
- \* Just another day in the sun. 13%

*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.*

## Guest Column

### A look back at 2015 accomplishments, a look ahead to 2016

As a new legislator coming to Saint Paul, the 2015 session was a whirlwind of learning new legislative lingo, committee hearings, visiting with constituents, and lengthy floor sessions. I even got to experience a special session, where we debated and passed tweaked budget bills that were vetoed by Governor Dayton last month in addition to a few others.

The bills we passed this year are going to make a big difference for Minnesota schools, farmers, and our aging loved ones. While some disgruntled special interests and members on the other side of the aisle are trying to spin this session in a negative light, I think it’s important to highlight some of



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teacher, I’m excited about what the education bill signed by Governor Dayton will do for our schools. Albert Lea schools are set to see an increase of more than \$500 per student, and increases of more than \$300 for Alden Public Schools, United

the many good things that were passed this year and what we will work to address during the second year of our work in 2016.

As a former teacher, I’m excited about what the education bill signed by Governor Dayton will do for our schools. Albert Lea schools are set to see an increase of more than \$500 per student, and increases of more than \$300 for Alden Public Schools, United

South Central, Blooming Prairie, Hayfield, and Glenville.

We increased school choice for parents, making historic investments in early learning scholarships and programs that will help put more of our youngest learners on a path to future success and help close our state’s achievement gap. We also were able to reduce state-mandated testing, a bill that I chief authored in the House, which will give teachers more time to do what they do best—teach!

The Higher Education bill will freeze tuition for Riverland Community College in 2016, and will actually lower tuition in 2017 saving students money on student loans and making

higher education more affordable. Legislation I worked on to bring more teachers to shortage areas by offering loan forgiveness to new teachers was also included in the Higher Education bill.

Our Agriculture and Environment bill delivered relief to farmers devastated by avian flu and the state agencies who have been working to put a stop to the epidemic.

The Jobs and Energy bill included an unemployment benefits extension for poultry workers laid off due to avian

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# Second Front

## New additions to the Times

Several staffing changes have taken place at the Steele County Times recently, Publisher Rick Bussler announced this week.

The Times has added a pair of graphic designers, a sales specialist and a county news writer over the past few months.

Bussler is thrilled about the recent additions to the Times. “We have landed some quality people who are passionate about what they do,” he said. “They are excited about making a difference in enhancing the overall quality of this community newspaper.”

### Jamie Klemmensen

After working full-time at a daily newspaper for many years, Jamie Klemmensen has opted to cut back to a slower pace and work as a freelance graphic designer. One of her freelance jobs will be part-time design work for the Times.



Klemmensen

Klemmensen brings 16 years of experience from the Rochester Post Bulletin where she most recently was the art director and responsible for the overall design of the monthly Rochester magazine.

She will be primarily responsible for designing all the special sections like the Fourth of July and county fair tabs published throughout the year by the Times.

Klemmensen lives outside of Blooming Prairie with her husband Jay and two small children. He operates an insurance agency in BP.

### Miranda Wadewitz

A recent graduate of Brown College in the Twin Cities, Miranda Wadewitz has landed her first job in graphic design at the Times. She graduated last year with a degree in graphic design.

In her position at the Times, Wadewitz will be responsible for designing all advertising and some design of pages. She said she hopes her work will generate customers for the businesses

and organizations that advertise in the newspaper.

Wadewitz said she fell in love with graphic design while in high school when she took an Adobe Photoshop class. After the class, she knew she wanted to explore a career in which she could utilize Photoshop and other design concepts and techniques.

She actually envisioned working in the Twin Cities, but found out about this opportunity from Klemmensen, who is her aunt. And she hasn’t regretted coming here.

“I love it down here,” Wadewitz said. “It’s quieter and more open. I like to drive a couple miles out of town and be in the country.”

Wadewitz, who grew up in Winona, enjoys fishing, camping and photography.

### Shauna Christensen

The Times has found a BP native to join the newspaper as a sales specialist. Shauna Christensen grew up in BP and is thrilled to take on a new opportunity in her hometown.

After graduating from BP in 2001, Christensen went to Ridgewater College in Willmar for two years

for vet technician. She worked at a vet hospital in Owatonna and a vet clinic in Rochester for nearly 10 years.



Christensen

Most recently she was employed at Cedar Valley Services in Owatonna for two years.

“I wanted to do something different,” said Christensen. “I was looking for something close to home. I’m always open minded and love to try new things.”

Christensen said she enjoys working independently and talking to people. She hopes to come

up with creative sales campaigns for the newspaper and advertising clients.

So far she has found working at the Times to be a positive experience. “I like to work for something that gets a lot of positive feedback,” she said, adding that’s what she hears all the time about the Times.

Christensen enjoys fishing, camping and traveling. She and her husband, Matt, have two small boys and live in BP.

### Anna Segner

Back for another summer of writing stories and taking photos of people around the county is Anna Segner of Owatonna. She worked for the Times last summer and has come back at least for another summer if not longer.

Segner recently graduated from St. Mary’s University in Winona with a degree in literature with a writing emphasis. During college, she wrote for Big River Magazine and posted blogs for Minnesota Public Radio.



Segner

She did not specifically study journalism in college, but had some classes about it. Segner has taken a liking to journalism after her experience with the Times last summer.

“With journalism, you’re always working, but you’re never working,” Segner said. “It’s kind of like having a long conversation with people all day long,” she added.

In her reporting role with the Times, Segner hopes to reach people in places that haven’t previously been covered before.

Segner is also known around the area for another passion—art. She has designed the slogan signs for the Steele County Fair for the past two years and will once again be doing it this year.

In addition to art, Segner enjoys outdoor activities, canoeing and cross country skiing in her spare time.

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Board approved the second permit on Dec. 11, 2014.

On Jan. 9, 2015, the Troms filed a second suit challenging the permit. At the county’s request, Williamson removed herself from the case and it was assigned to Chase who sits in Olmsted County. The summons and complaint was served on County Commissioner Rodney Peterson on Jan. 13. Peterson was chairman of the board when the permit was granted but as a result of a reorganizational meeting on Jan. 6 Commissioner John Allen was the chairman when the summons and complaint were served.

When attorneys for the county and Masching answered the summons and complaint on Feb. 2, the response included a claim of defective service of the summons and complaint and asked that the suit be rejected by the court.

On Feb. 10, the county board approved amendments to the ordinance involving permits for feedlots prompting the Troms to file a request in April that they be permitted to amend their original complaint to include the

changes to the ordinance.

Chase heard oral arguments on both the claim of defective service and amendment in April and last week issued an order denying the request to amend the complaint.

In his memorandum to the request for changes Chase wrote that “the February 2015 ordinance played no role in the December 2014 CUP approval under the old ordinance.” Any action against the new ordinance, he wrote, should be handled separately from the original complaint and the “proposed amendments are premature until and unless an expanded record makes these additional factual allegations germane to the Court’s review.”

In regard to the county’s complaint about service of the summons and complaint Chase wrote that “Dodge County had actual notice of the suit; and the mistake did not prejudice the county’s ability to understand and respond to the allegations against it.”

“The Troms appreciated and respect Judge Chase’s decision to hear the case and claims one

at a time and are pleased that their appeal action over the second CUP will continue against Dependents Dodge County and Masching Swine Farm, LLC,” said James P. Peters, attorney for the Troms.

“They (the Troms) wanted to expand the case, that’s the primary takeaway,” said Paul Reuvers, attorney for Dodge County.

He said the county was pleased with Chase’s decision not to allow the amended complaint at this time even though he “let them off the hook” with regard to the service of the complaint. He added the county was confident of its case in regards to the granting of the permit. The county, he said, wants to continue with the process to get the case resolved.

The next step, he said, is to “circulate the record” and attorneys for the two sides will present Chase with their reasons why or why not the permit should have been issued.

He estimated it would be about six months before a final decision will be given.

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crime is residential burglaries, according to McIntosh.

Despite the increase in overall crime, there is some good news. McIntosh said there has not been a jump in violent crimes like robbery, shootings and murders. The last murder in the county was 2009.

The other positive thing with a lack of violent crimes is that it doesn’t tie up attorneys with court time in regards to major

trials. The existing cases generally flow through the system in a reasonable period of time and allow attorneys to handle more cases.

“It’s quantity more than quality so to speak,” McIntosh said.

There are six attorneys who prosecute cases in Steele County as well as the City of Owatonna. McIntosh said the caseload is still manageable with existing staff at this time. But he pointed

out the last time he added an attorney to staff was in 2006 when the crime rate peaked.

“We’re not at a crisis point,” McIntosh said. “We can handle it. We will keep up,” he added.

The county attorney said his office is doing a better job at getting cases to a resolution quicker. “There’s more efficiency in our office,” McIntosh said.



Staff photo by Meredith Knoop

One griller at the Blooming Prairie Ribfest shows off his “armadillo eggs,” a combination of Italian sausage, jalapenos and cream cheese.

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Finally, the winner of the ribs competition was Pat Roles. John Peterson nabbed second place and Bob Sellers took third.

The event cost was \$50, and the meat was supplied.

Following the cook-off was a time of food, fellowship and a silent auction, with guests enjoying half a rack of ribs, beans,

coleslaw and bread. The meal charge was \$15, and all proceeds went to the Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Prairie.

About 100 individuals showed up for the silent auction and meal, and Loftus said the group that came enjoyed a wonderful meal and auction, though he admitted that he expected a

few more people, as their was enough groceries to feed about 200.

“It was a good turnout,” said Loftus. “There was a lot of stuff going on that day. You always want more, but you get what you get.”

# CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Frontier Communications puts customers first

By HOWARD LESTRUD

Staff Correspondent

“Nothing is more important than to be responsive to our customers and putting them first,” says Darrell Hansen, general manager of Frontier Communications.

Hansen oversees the southeast Minnesota region from Lakeville south to Southeastern Minnesota and to the Iowa border.

Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR) offers broadband, voice, video, wireless Internet data access, data security solutions, bundled offerings, specialized bundles for residential customers, small businesses and home offices and advanced communications for medium and large businesses in 28 states.

Frontier has 265 employees in and around the Southern Minnesota area. Frontier has 17,800 employees nationally and plans to nearly double in size by the spring of next year with new acquisitions in Texas, California and Florida.

Frontier Communications has been a local phone company for decades. It has been an active member of the community and is the “go-to service” for Internet and phone service, said Brendan Kelly, marketing manager for Frontier in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Proven to be more responsive than cable, Frontier prides itself in voice, Internet and entertainment service for business and residential. “There is no other provider that offers complete telephone service, high speed internet or Internet recognized data security of the quality we do,” Hansen said.

Credit reporting and credit protection are also offered by Frontier.

A panel in Sweden recently said Frontier has one of the best online services in the world.

Frontier is Minnesota’s second largest local exchange carrier (ILEC) and its Minnesota infrastructure is critical to the success of businesses large and small, educational institutions, health care facilities and public safety agencies and the communities it serves.

In the Blooming Prairie area, the school system is one of Frontier’s largest customers. “We are always improving our network including fiber optic cable for better speeds,” Hansen said. The back bone and network fiber optic is all fed in and out of Frontier’s communities on fiber optic cable.

For the average resident, Frontier can provide phones, tablets, laptops and NEST thermostat remotely run thermostat. A drop cam is also featured where it remotely monitors home and take-home businesses.

Frontier also offers texting services for business appointments, utilizing cell phones and the Internet.

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Darrell Hansen has logged 43 years with Frontier Communications. He is the company’s general manager for southeastern Minnesota, headquartered in Blooming Prairie. Frontier’s network includes 161 wire centers located in 56 counties. Frontier maintains major operations in Blooming Prairie, Chisago City, Lakeville, McGregor and Worthington and provides 93 percent broadband coverage

ternet service where it can stand alone or bundled with no contract or term commitment for residential customers. The price is locked for two years and the customer can cancel at any time.

Frontier also prides itself in customer support. An Internet help desk is available. “Darrell and his crew are in town; reach out to him and his technicians for 24-7 residential and commercial help,” Kelly said.

Just recently, Frontier cooperated with Steele County and the City of Blooming Prairie in relocating utilities on the Main Street, part of extensive street and sidewalk reconstruction.

A Fortune 500 company, Frontier had \$4.77 billion in 2014 and produced \$1.37 billion in revenue for the first quarter of 2015.

“We serve rural America and that personal touch is something you don’t get from other providers,” Kelly said. Frontier has 100 percent of its work force U.S. based. Frontier is also in the top 100 of hiring military veterans.

Frontier employees are always giving back to the community, Hansen said. “I have team members who are Boy Scout leaders, team members who hold positions in local government, team members who volunteer as firefighters, those who lead the local Rotary and those who are active in some other way,” he explained. “I am very thankful for our faithful employees,” Hansen said.

Frontier has invested in its Minnesota broadband network, spending more than \$56 million to enhance and expand service in Frontier’s Minnesota service territory. Frontier has 161 wire centers located in 56 counties.

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# News

## Blooming Prairie Cruise for Cancer assists cancer group

By **JAMES KNOOP**  
County Sports Editor

Motorcycles, cars and pickup trucks roared down main street and up Highway 218 Saturday, June 27, to begin the annual Blooming Prairie Cruise for Cancer ride. Led by J & H Liquors owner Harvey Farr, the bandwagon began their 135-mile trek, stopping at five different locations for drink and conversation. Farr drove the route earlier in the week, alerting store managers that his crew would be coming through. He noted that the managers were more than happy for the extra customers.

The ride marked the fifth straight year that Harvey and his wife, Nancy, have coordinated the event. While the Farris are not directly involved with the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, five years ago they decided that they wanted to support the group in a unique way. “They just wanted to do something to help the cancer group,” said Blooming Prairie Cancer Group member Cheri Krecji. “So it just kind of started from there.” Krecji has served with the Cancer Group for 12 years, and helps with the Cruise for Cancer event each year. Jennifer Milton, another volunteer for the event, said the event has a little bit of every-

thing. Besides the ride, which was lengthened this year, there were also door prizes and a supper put on by the Cancer Group. Each motorcycle cost \$10 to participate and cars were \$20. “It raises money for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group,” said Milton. “It either goes into the community fund or cancer research. It’s a great cause.” Drivers left the J & H Liquors parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and drove until 4:30 p.m., when they arrived back at J & H for the meal and door prizes. Those who turned out enjoyed sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s throughout the day.



Staff photo by James Knoop  
Many motorcycles, cars and pickup trucks participated in the Blooming Prairie Cruise for Cancer ride.

### OUTBACK BOWL DANCING

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud  
Blooming Prairie businesses very actively support local activities and will be helping support the 4th of July celebration this week. The BP Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Blooming Prairie Outback Bowl Dance Team to sell water and pop at the celebration on Saturday afternoon. Above, Tamzen Johnson of Johnson & Doerhoefer signs a corporate sponsor check for the celebration. Also shown, from left to right, are: Pam Lujan, Doug Johnson of Johnson & Doerhoefer, Tina Borgen and Elizabeth (Bizzy) Thompson.

January. The Outback group was formed last April from the local Just for Kix dance line, Borgen said. Dancers on the Blooming Prairie Outback Bowl Dance Team are: Emma Christianson, Linnea Sunde, Emily Trihus, Gracie Rudlong, Emily Krampitz, Asia Thostenson, Rachel Pirkel, Jayde Wacek, Marti Snider, Kassidy Borgen, Samantha Wencil, Layla Lujan and Danae Lujan. Four parents and the director will also be making the trip. Members of the overall BP Just for Kix team will be performing at noon on the 4th of July at the judges stand across from the elementary school. Dancers will be from the 3 to 9 age group. The local Just for Kix group has been in existence for 15 years and starts its season the first full week of school, Thompson said. The BP Outback team will perform during pre-game activi-

ties and at halftime. Thompson said that ESPN broadcast the dance line performance for more than two minutes last year. The 2015-16 Outback Bowl Performance Tour theme is “Salute to Elvis,” Dec. 28 through Jan. 3. About 500 girls will be dancing to the tunes of a 1,500-piece band. “The field is covered with performers,” Thompson said. A DVD of the choreographed dance line routine will be provided the dance group in advance and the group will practice after arriving in Tampa. “Our dancers are so excited,” Thompson said. “We would like to offer this next year, too,” she said. “It’s an honor for the girls and also for the town,” Borgen said. Fundraising goal for the Outback Bowl dance group is \$30,000, Borgen explained. She said costs include the flight, uniforms, shoes, hotel, etc. “We are going down there to represent Blooming Prairie the best possible way we can,” she added. The fundraising for the group is already under way with other fund-raisers planned: • July 1-2, bagging groceries from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hy-Vee in Austin

### Patriotic Display to honor the Fourth of July

By **JAKE NELSON**  
Staff Intern

At 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July the Rotary Club will once again take charge of the fireworks program in Owatonna. The Rotary Club has been involved with the fireworks since 2000 and continue to improve the display each year. This year there was a \$15,000 budget for the fireworks. The fireworks this year will fly higher and brighter than ever before. The fireworks will be launched at the fairgrounds. The best areas to view the display are inside from the grandstands and the surrounding area including the midway and parking lots. According to Wikipedia, fireworks were invented by the Chinese sometime around 1000 A.D. They were brought to Europe by Marco Polo. The English soon adopted the use of fireworks to celebrate important events such as the birth of a prince, crowning of a king, etc. The

practice was spread throughout the English Empire, so fireworks were launched many times in America while it was still a part of the English Empire. On July 4, 1776, fireworks were launched to mock the English. Since the English used fireworks to celebrate a royal birth or death, the colonists launched them to signify the death of the king’s control of the colonies. The first official celebration of the Fourth of July was held July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia with the firing of guns, cannons and fireworks. Celebration of the Fourth in this manner became common practice throughout the States. In 1941 the Fourth of July was declared a federal holiday. The fireworks launched in Owatonna are funded by generous donations from companies and individuals. The Rotary Club encourages viewers to contribute to next years program by donating at the Owatonna Chamber Foundation.

- July 8, bussing tables from 4:30-8 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in Austin
- Selling Papa Murphy pizza cards for \$5 (\$20 value)
- Selling Chateau Speedway 50-50 tickets July 31 and Aug. 14
- Corporate sponsors for the water carts are: Vandal’s, Johnson & Doerhoefer, A.J. Lysne

Construction, Miner’s Outdoor & Recreation and Wal-Mart of Austin. “Our Blooming Prairie businesses are so helpful,” Thompson said in expressing thanks from the dance group. Anyone interested in helping support the girls may contact Thompson at 507-279-3417. “The girls are counting down the days until the Outback Bowl,” Borgen said. “Some of the girls haven’t flown in an airplane,” she said. Outback college bowl teams represent the Big 10 Conference and the Southeastern Conference. Last year’s game saw #18 Wisconsin defeat #19 Auburn, 34-31 in overtime.

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tons, enhanced sound and are hearing aid compatible too. Here are some top options.

**Senior-friendly phones**  
If your dad isn’t locked into a cellphone contract, there are three senior-friendly options to consider, all from no-contract cellphone companies.

One of best is GreatCall’s Jitterbug5 (greatcall.com, 800-918-8543). This custom designed Samsung flip-phone offers a backlit keypad with big buttons, large text on a brightly colored screen, and “YES” and “NO” buttons to access the phone’s menu of options versus confusing icons.

# Simplified cellphones for seniors with hearing Problems

It also offers voice dialing, a powerful speakerphone, a built-in camera, and a variety of optional health and safety features like the “5Star” medical alert button that would let your dad call for help and speak to a certified agent 24/7 that could identify his location and dispatch help as needed. “Urgent Care,” which provides access to registered nurses and doctors for advice and diagnoses. And “GreatCall Link,” which keeps family members informed through your dad’s phone activities.

The Jitterbug5 sells for \$99 with a one-time \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and calling plans that start at \$15 per month.

If you’re looking for something a little less expensive, the Doro PhoneEasy 626 sold through Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com, 888-345-5509) is an excellent option.

This flip phone offers a backlit, separated keypad that can speak the numbers as you push them, which is a nice feature for seniors with vision problems. It also has a big easy to read color display screen that offers large text with different color themes.

Other handy features include two speed dial buttons, shortcut buttons to texting and the camera, a powerful two-way speakerphone, and a ICE (in case of emergency) button on the back of the phone that will automatically dial one preprogrammed number.

The Doro 626 sells for \$50 with service plans starting at \$10 per month, and no long-term contract. They even offer discounts to AARP members.

Another budget-friendly cellphone you should look into is the Snapfon ezTWO for seniors (snapfon.com, 800-937-1532), which costs under \$20, with a \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and monthly service plans that start at \$10. If you don’t want the Snapfon service plan (you can go through AT&T or T-Mobile), the phone is \$80.

This is a bar-style phone that provides big buttons, a color screen, enhanced volume with a speaker phone, a speaking keypad, and an SOS emergency alert button on the back of the phone that can sound an alert when pushed and held down for five seconds. It then sends a text message to as many as five emergency contacts and calls those contacts in order until the call is answered. Or, for an additional \$15 per month you can subscribe to their SOS monitoring service that will dispatch help as needed.

**Shared plan options**  
If you want to get your dad a simple cellphone through your cellphone provider, most carriers – like AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile – still offer a few basic cellphones that are inexpensive and hearing aid compatible.

If you’re an AT&T customer the option is the “LG A380.” For Verizon users, there’s the “Samsung Gusto 3” and “LG Revere 3.” If you’re a Sprint customer there’s the “Kyocera Kona” and “Alcatel OneTouch Retro.” And for T-Mobile users there’s the “LG 450.”

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

## History from the news archives

**10 Years Ago**  
**Elisie Slinger, Editor**  
**June 28, 2005**

This year for the first time here the Fourth of July celebration locally will start off on July 2, with the J & H Liquors Street Dance. The Fourth is on a Monday this year; it was decided to have the dance on a Saturday night instead of Sunday.

The dance will feature Rambone and is for those 21 years of age and older. A Fourth of July button is required for admittance. It will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight downtown.

Travis and Allison Hensrud are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Mae, born June 15, 2005, weighing 9 pounds. Hailey is welcomed home by her brother, Dustin, and her sister, Brianna.

**20 Years Ago**  
**Elisie Slinger, Editor**  
**June 27, 1995**

The Rev. 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.

Martha C. Knutson, 90, of 220 3rd St N.W. Blooming Prairie, died June 24, 1995 at Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Victor, Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors**  
**July 1, 1965**

A State 4-H Market Livestock Show will be held Sept. 27-29 on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. The show is a successor to the annual 4-H Junior Livestock Show in So. St. Paul.

Miss Judy Jensen and Ellwood M. Hansen, Jr. were married on Sunday, June 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna. Rev. Olin C. Fjelstad read the double ring service at 2:30 p.m. Sprays of gladiolus and chrysanthemums were used as altar decoration

**75 Years Ago**  
**Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher**  
**June 27, 1940**

Ordell Knutson, 19, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Knutson, living a mile north of Blooming Prairie, was instantly killed by a defective gravel dump truck Friday afternoon in the farmyard of his home.

The ordination of Orville Wold into the ministry of the Lutheran church will be an event here Sunday at the First Lutheran church, as Lutheran dignitaries of this region and members of the congregation hold special services at 3 p.m.

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## Obituaries

### Betty Fierro, 61, formerly of Blooming Prairie

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

She had bravely fought pancreatic cancer for 6 ½ years.

Betty was born in Blooming Prairie, the daughter of Carlo and Esther Ann (Ingvaldson) Hansen. After graduating from Blooming Prairie High School in 1971, Betty went on and attended Rochester Vocational School. She was employed at St. Mary's Hospital as a Pharmacy Technician and worked in hospitals in Minneapolis, Phoe-



nix, Prescott Valley, Ariz., Carson City, Nev. and Las Vegas, at the Nevada Cancer Institute.

Betty was married to David Fierro on October 18, 1975, and welcomed the birth of their son, Christopher on Nov. 7, 1976. They lived in Ellendale for six years and worked in the insurance business. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, cruises, dancing, camping and loved spending time with her cats.

Betty is survived by her hus-

band, David Fierro; her son, Christopher (fiancée, Sabrina Lassalle) of Buckeye, Ariz.; mother, Esther Ann Hansen of Blooming Prairie; sister, Linda Hansen of Blooming Prairie; brother, Arthur of Queens, N.Y., his son, Reed of New Briton, Conn.; Dr. Leslie Hansen of St. Paul; Brian (Peggy) of Fridley, Minn.; aunt, Lorene Ingvaldson of Austin and by many cousins; David's brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and their best friends Pat and Jim Parlin of Austin.

Her father, Carlo Hansen in 2005 and sister-in-law, Mary Hansen, preceded her in death.

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).

## Menus

### Seniors Menu

**June 30:** Grilled Chicken Salad, Melon Wedge, Batter Bun, Rhubarb Cake

**July 1:** Beef Pot Roast w/Vegetables, Waldorf Gelatin Salad, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit

**July 2:** Baked Ham, ALT: Beef Steak, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans/Mushrooms, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

**July 3:** CLOSED

**July 6:** Tomato Juice, Pork Chow Mein Over Rice, Tossed Salad, Pudding/Apricot Garnish

**July 7:** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Baked Custard

**July 8:** Hawaiian Chicken, Parslied Potatoes, Peas/Cauliflower, Orange Slices, Snickerdoodle Bar

### James A. Mowers, 62 formerly of Ellendale

James A. Mowers, formerly of Ellendale, died Friday, June 26 at the Bradley Court Convalescent Center in San Diego, CA.

James (Jim) was born Nov. 17, 1952 in Hartley, Iowa.

He was confirmed at the United Methodist Church of Ellendale and graduated from Ellendale High School.

Following high school, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served seven years in that military branch.

He is survived by his father, Dale, of Albert Lea; by sisters Judy (Howard) Lestrud and Cindi (Darrell) Hansen, all of Blooming Prairie and by brothers Curt (Gail) Mowers, Brainerd and Craig (Karen) Mowers, Albert Lea. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by mother Geraldine and by niece Tammi Jo Lestrud.

A private family interment is planned for a later date.

## BENNETT

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and steelworkers who have been laid off on the Iron Range, as well as provisions to address workforce housing shortages, job training, and broadband funding.

The legislation I was most excited about was the Health and Human Services (HHS) bill signed by the Governor last month. The HHS bill includes generational reforms that will help keep doors open at senior care facilities in Greater Minnesota, and makes funding more equitable for facilities in rural areas compared to the Metro.

Two of the largest facilities here in Albert Lea—Good Samaritan Society and St. John's Lutheran Home—will see funding increases of more than 30%. This will help nursing homes

like these and others provide quality care for our aging loved ones, and keep our elders close to their families by preventing closures.

All of these incredible accomplishments were made on a bipartisan basis, approved by the GOP House, the DFL Senate, and DFL Governor Dayton. It's a consistent goal of mine to put people before politics, and I'm glad that on many occasions this session legislators on both sides were successfully able to do that and work on legislation that will be good for our state.

With the 2015 session now in the rear-view mirror, we are now looking ahead to 2016. Two issues at the top of my list for 2016 are transportation and

middle class tax relief.

House Republicans worked to limit spending and keep government from growing faster than family budgets, and were able to leave more than \$800 million unspent as a safety cushion in case of an economic downturn. This money will be available for tax relief and transportation next session, and many experts expect the budget surplus to grow to \$1 billion or more over the next year.

It's my hope we will be able to come together on a long-term transportation plan that addresses our roads and bridges without raising taxes. While we weren't able to come to an agreement this year, we passed new funding for smaller cities like Wells, Glenville, and

Hayfield to fix their roads, and passed more than \$150 million in bonding funds for high-priority road and bridge projects across the state.

What do you hope to see the legislature focus on next year? I will be meeting with as many constituents as possible over the summer, getting feedback and hearing from people in our community about their hopes and ideas for the 2016 session. Please contact my office any time at [rep.peggy.bennett@house.mn](mailto:rep.peggy.bennett@house.mn) or call 651-296-8216. I'm so blessed to be your voice in Saint Paul, and am truly grateful for the trust you've placed in me to represent District 27A.

## KLOBUCHAR

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ness in Cuba. The bill will also help create new opportunities for businesses and farmers by boosting U.S. exports and allowing Cubans greater access to American products.

Ultimately, I believe that passing my legislation and lifting the trade embargo will help usher in a new era for exporters in Minnesota and across the country to access this important market that we have blocked for 50 years. And my bill builds on some of the steps our country has already taken to normalize ties with Cuba, which will provide a big boost to Minnesota. Through the humanitar-

ian exception to the embargo, Minnesota exported about \$20 million in agricultural products to Cuba in 2013. With the president's recent action alone, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture estimates that exports could increase by another \$20 million.

It's also important to emphasize what my bill does not do. There are many outstanding issues between our two countries that must be dealt with, especially our concerns about the Cuban government's repressive policies. That's why my bill does not repeal provisions of current law that address hu-

man rights in Cuba or that allow individuals and businesses to pursue claims against the Cuban government for expropriated property.

Make no mistake: we already do business in Cuba. But unlike many other countries, we needlessly hamstringing our own businesses seeking to export their products there. And the embargo prevents Cubans from obtaining food and other goods we take for granted in the United States. These travel and trade restrictions also come at a cost to our economy because they prevent our farmers, ranchers, and businesses from fully accessing a market that is so

close to home and that needs high-quality food and other goods.

For too long, these opportunities have been closed to our businesses because of a failed and outdated embargo that hasn't secured our interests. It's time to turn the page. It's time to build on the progress we've made and fully lift the restrictions that keep Minnesotans from competing for business in Cuba and creating jobs here at home.

**Sen. Klobuchar is Minnesota's senior senator and the author of bipartisan legislation to lift the trade embargo with Cuba**

## Milestones

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### June 30

Jeremy Hocking

#### July 1

Imogene Symes, Andrea Rumpza, Barb Lorenzen, Brittany Schewe, Nicole Schabert, Mia Amberg

#### July 2

Gina Schafer, Steve Ingvalson, Kaden Thomas, Haley Ann McIntosh, Steve Braaten

#### July 3

Anika Hansen, Mark Noble, Ashley Valek, Ashton Chase Greene, Luke Larkowski

#### July 4

Bernice Stender, Jean Shaw, Sheila Wiese, Kelli Naatz, Jay Braaten

#### July 5

Peggy Tashima, Jonathon Hines, Makenna Boehnke

#### July 6

Micalyn Trihus, Anthony Nelson, Rachel Klemmensen, Breanna Koster, Nick Schiefert, Orene Dennis, Sarah Esplan

#### Anniversaries

##### June 30

Mike & Mandy Trom  
Roger & Joanne Sorenson

#### July 2

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Nancy & Brad Clark

#### July 3

Renee & Dale Tollefson

#### July 6

Bob & Loretta Ingvalson

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lots of books about Legos® that you can check out. Come and build with your friends!

Then don't forget to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 2 for Pony Tales with Stephanie Bruggeman and one of her four-footed friends. Stephanie, from SKM Riding, will share some horsey books. Kids can then do a craft and spend some time with a pony. Last month kids were able to groom the pony. Thanks to Stephanie for volunteering her time and her ponies so we can all enjoy them.

Finally, watch for us in the parade. Give us a call if you would like to march with fellow Library Lovers. You may even see some characters you recognize. See you at the library!

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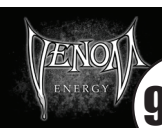
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## Area Church Spotlight



Red Oak Grove Lutheran, Austin

## Pastor's Corner

### Who are we in the midst of this?

"It has been a long season of disquiet in our country. From Ferguson to Baltimore, simmering racial tensions have boiled over into violence. But this ... the fatal shooting of nine African Americans in a church is a stark, raw manifestation of the sin that is racism. The church was desecrated. The people of that congregation were desecrated. The aspiration voiced in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are "one nation under God" was desecrated." ( ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton)

As one of your local pastors, I boldly ask, who are we in the midst of this? As one who lives by faith, knowing that I am a "sinner and saint" (Lu-

ther's description of a Christian who knows his sinfulness but also has a faithfulness to repent for this sin before God), I am a deeply saddened person in the midst of this.

I have learned that two of the pastor's killed in the AME Church in Charleston, S.C. were graduates of our Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, S.C. The shooter, a 21 year old man, was a confirmed member of one of our Lutheran Churches in Columbia. These two facts put me and perhaps all of us in a calm Midwestern community in the midst of this tragedy. Many of us have a hard time believing we could be part of any problem regarding racism. I too feel that way at times,

but the more I read and try to understand the tense matters in our nation today; I realize that I also have a part in our big problem, the sin of racism.

We too easily make comparisons between "us and them" to justify our actions and what we believe. But when we do that we have already fallen into the sin of racism by agreeing to the "us and them" mentality.

When I was a child, the first song I remember singing in Sunday school included this line, "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight. Jesus loves all the little children of the world." The truth of God in this song was clear then (1960's) is it still true for us now?



If we look to Christ as our example, we would be humbled as Christ humbled himself, lowering himself from the heights of holy privilege with God the Father, to walk alongside you and me on the dusty paths of an earthly life. He did this so that we might know God's desire to be one with us that we would also be one with each other. My prayer is that we will become those who choose to be humbled and to walk alongside "all who are precious in His sight."

*The Rev. Charlie Leonard  
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH

## Shipping Department



Minimizer of Blooming Prairie prides itself in the shipping area, where it delivers all of its products to its customers in an on-time and quality manner. The shipping department, the Minimizer Department of the Month, consists of, from left to right: Sam Reynolds, Greg Gauthier, Geraldine Wurst, John Meredith and Ben Hughes.



Greg Gauthier is the manager of shipping and manufacturing for Minimizer, Tested and Tortured. He leads a six-member professional shipping department.

## JC Penny once famously said, “Give me a shipping clerk with a goal and I give you a man who will make history ...”

**THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO RUN THE SHIPPING DEPARTMENT AT MINIMIZER** in Blooming Prairie are making their own kind of “history” by building an “on-time and accurate” shipping track record where each month edges just a little closer to perfect.

“Part of our definition of product quality is shipping that product on time ... and with all the proper components,” says Greg Gauthier, shipping and light manufacturing manager for Minimizer. “The rest of the team works so hard to sell and then produce products that people will love ... we feel a responsibility to complete the job they’ve started by getting those products accurately and on-time to our customers.”

Minimizer is in its 31st year in business, after founder Dick Kruckeberg invented a better fender for heavy trucks and trailers. In those early years just 2 or 3 people did most of the tasks required to sell, make and ship products; but with growth in sales has come growth in each area of the company.

“Today I’m pleased to say our shipping department often needs to get out hundreds of parts in a day,” says the founder’s son Craig Kruckeberg, CEO and Chief Visionary for over 20 of those 31 years. “That’s a challenge we only hoped for back in the early years.”

Meeting that challenge in the shipping department are Gauthier, a 20-plus year veteran with Caterpillar in Owatonna before coming to

Minimizer. Five other distribution specialists work with Greg: John Meredith, Kaci Kremer, Sam Reynolds, Ben Hughes and Geraldine Wurst.

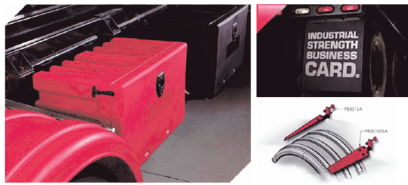
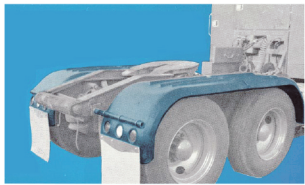
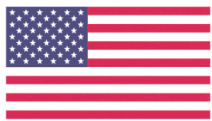
Products are shipped from a 7000 sq. ft. shipping center on the south end of Blooming Prairie, and just a few feet from the manufacturing area those parts were made in. Shipments go out LTL (less than a truckload) with commercial carriers and by small package carriers (UPS, FedEx). The department operates five days a week. Some of those orders are large stocking orders with 5 to 30 sets of fenders and brackets; plus custom molded floor mats, mud flaps and tool boxes.

“Getting it on time is half the battle. Getting it absolutely right is the other half,” said Greg. Getting it “absolutely right” includes getting the documentation right as well. “The time when you could just put anyone in the shipping process is long past for Minimizer,” he said. Our team are extensively trained, certified on various pieces of equipment from forklifts to software.

On a busy day the department might put together 30 to 50 skids of products. Getting that right is “what makes the job fun” said Greg. “It’s fun to see the team working together and it’s fun to see that much freight go off the docks.”



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OUTSIDE



THE LINES  
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**Rife with ribs**

The tantalizing aroma of cooking ribs dominated the parking lot and dining area of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club last Saturday, as the 5th annual Ribfest took place. Organized by volunteer Eric Loftus and sponsored by the local Boys & Girls Club, the event raised funds for the club’s programming, but also satiated the appetites of approximately 100 diners.

Awards were earned for best burgers (a children’s competition), best steaks and best ribs. Pat Roles earned top honors for his ribs and Joe Week took first for his steak offering. Approximately a dozen cookers entered the competition.

Loftus praised the efforts of the cookers and the closeness of the competition, and Unit Director Mary Ahrens remarked that everyone enjoyed the dinner and the silent auction.

“It was a fun time, although we were somewhat disappointed at the turnout. We did everything we could to publicize the event and provide an entertaining afternoon, but we still could have handled a much larger crowd of barbecue rib lovers. We did raise some funds for the club, and I would anticipate a sixth annual event next year.”

**Season now over**

The BPHS spring sports season is now officially completed, with season summaries for baseball and track ready to run in the sports section. Last week the softball and golf seasons were summarized. Except for the All-Area softball and baseball teams, high school athletic action will be non-existent until the fall sports teams begin practice in early August.

We hope that the athletes will take the opportunity to participate in other pursuits for a couple of months and report next fall with high hopes and in good physical condition. Enjoy the summer, and we will touch base again next fall.

**BPHS all-area teams picked**

The two daily papers in our immediate areas have selected their all-area teams in softball and baseball, and the BP Blossoms earned their share of picks for the teams. Among the selections, Tessa Ivers earned the People’s Press Softball Player of the Year honor.

Three other Blossom players joined Ivers on the nine-player All-Area team. Two Owatonna Huskies and two NRHEG Panthers rounded out the squad. Ivers batted .481 for the Blossoms, had 27 hits and scored 26 runs to wind up a stellar career. She also was named a second team All-State softball player.

Sophomore Bria Baldwin batted .347, drove in 15 runs and scored 23. She had a .958 fielding average. Another sophomore, Elly Strunk, led the team in the circle, pitching 119 innings and finishing the season with a 9-9 record. She had a 5.14 era, with 69 strikeouts for her efforts.

Rounding out the local selections, senior Madison Worke anchored the shortstop position and batted second in the lineup. She hit .304, scored 19 runs and had 57 assists. Abby Wayne and McKenna Hein both made honorable mention spots, with .354 and .353 batting averages respectively.

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Staff photo by James Knoop

An old tradition for a new generation

A free baseball/softball clinic called Playball! Minnesota was put on by Youth 1st and Great River Energy last Saturday at Manthey Park in Owatonna. Kids ages 6 through 16 showed up to learn the game of baseball, including proper batting and fielding techniques. A free picnic lunch was also available to parents and kids.

Blooming Prairie sports season summaries

By LEMAR NELSON  
Staff Sports Writer

**Baseball**

Although the team record still showed four wins against 16 losses, Coach Matt Kittelson believed there was improvement in the players’ performance, and the 3-9 conference record indicated some better days ahead. Most of the reason for that optimism stems from the fact that only three seniors

played significant innings for the Blossoms.

At the annual post-season meeting, Sam Swenson received the Team MVP honors, John Rumpza the Most Outstanding Player and Lucas Noble the Most Improved. Swenson and Rumpza made the All-Conference team, with Riley Olson an honorable mention. Three Blossoms — Rumpza, Swenson and Olson — also were named to the Sub-Section team. Eight players earned spots on the Conference Academic team, and Swenson

and Rumpza landed on the Academic All-State team.

As Kittelson remarked, “A season opening win over Bethlehem Academy, an 11-5 win over Lyle-Pacelli and an extra inning victory over eventual conference champion WEM provided some great highlights for the team. A couple tight two-run losses to sub-section champion Hayfield demonstrated that the team could play with anyone.”

Seven different Blossoms had at least three innings on the mound, with Swenson and Rumpza both logging over 30

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Local resident sponsors BP golfers

By JAMES KNOOP  
County Sports Editor

Junior golfers from around Minnesota and four other states gathered at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska Monday, June 29, for the Trusted Choice Big “I” Junior Golf Tournament.

Among them were Blooming Prairie students Taylor Christianson and Tommy Braaten, who competed under the sponsorship of Jay Klemmensen of Eagle Prairie Insurance. The tournament, put on by the Minnesota Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Association, is the state qualifier for the national junior golfer championship.

Klemmensen is a member of the association, and while he is

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Staff photos by Jamie Klemmensen

Top: Taylor Christianson prepares for a stroke on hole 15 at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska.

Bottom: Tommy Braaten follows through on hole 16 at the Trusted Choice Big “I” Junior Golf Tournament.





These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of June 26.

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**First Heat**—Johnston, Kylie Kath, Kadden Kath, Ovrebø, Arndt, Kohnert, Henderson, Bruns  
**Second Heat**—Zvorak, Larson, Schlangen, Chisholm, Wytaske, Condit, Schrage

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Connors  
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**Second Heat**—K. Adams, Holland, Prudoehl, Ludington, Connors

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**First Heat**—Franklin, Wheeler, Baer, Goergen, Hernandez, Stark, L. Hainka  
**Second Heat**—Wytaske, Patzner, Born, Misgen, Cisneros, D. Hainka

**USRA Modified**  
**Feature**—Joe Horgdal, Jason Cummins, Brandon Davis, Darwyn Karau, Doug Hillson, Todd Scharkey, Greg Jensen, Alex Hanson, Greg Pfeifer Jr., Jacob Dahle  
**First Heat**—Davis, Pfeifer Jr., Cummins, Hillson, Jensen  
**Second Heat**—Horgdal, Scharkey, Karau, Hanson, Dahle  
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# HometownLiving Community Calendar



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1 p.m. BPBL Lego Mania  
6:30 p.m. Lions Club  
**July 2:**  
12 p.m. American Legion  
**July 6:**  
2 p.m. BPBL Movie Day  
7 p.m. BPWT General Mtg, Lutheran Church  
**July 7:**  
7:30 p.m. BP Eastern Star  
**July 8:**  
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6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl  
**July 7:**  
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

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## IN BRIEF

### Daikin & Dash for Cancer

Daikan & Dash for Cancer 2015 will be held on July 18 at the Steele County Fairgrounds. The run will start at 8 a.m., north of the ball diamonds.  
All of the registration fees go to the Relay for Life of Steele County. For race details and registration visit [www.relayforlife5k.com](http://www.relayforlife5k.com).

## OWATONNA

- June 30:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
**July 1:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Garden Time  
**July 2:**  
10 a.m. OPL Lego Mania  
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films  
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time  
7 p.m. Owatonna 11 @ 7 Concert Series  
**July 3:**  
10 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Lowe's  
**July 6:**  
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club  
1 p.m. Owatonna, Woman's Club bridge group, SeniorPlace  
**July 7:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time 9:30 & 10:30  
5 p.m. Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall  
7 p.m. City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall  
**July 8:**  
9:30 a.m. OPL Garden Time  
3 p.m. OPL Adventure Club

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## MEDFORD

- July 2:**  
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner  
**July 6:**  
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner  
**July 7:**  
7 p.m. Medford Park Brd  
**July 8:**  
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg

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## IN BRIEF

### Teller exhibition opens on July 5

Dee Teller has created a whole new series of paintings. They are Asian Brush Paintings on rice paper with ink and watercolor.  
The exhibition will open on Sunday, July 5, and run through July 26. The artist reception is on Sunday, July 12, from 1 to 5 p.m.  
Dee will do a gallery talk and demonstration at 2:00. She is using the ancient Chinese artists approach to these pieces.

## SPOT LIGHT

### Low cost spay/neuter services for dogs, cats and rabbits

On Saturday, July 11, 2015, the Steele County Humane Society, in conjunction with Kindest Cut, will be offering low cost spay/neuter services for dogs, cats and rabbits.  
Along with house cats, free roaming, community outdoor cats (feral cats) are welcome. For more information and to register, contact Kindest Cut at 763-489-7729, by email at [coordinator@kindestcutmn.com](mailto:coordinator@kindestcutmn.com) or visit their website at [kindestcutmn.com](http://kindestcutmn.com). You will hear from Kindest Cut within two business days to arrange your appointment. Space is limited so pre-register today.

## OTHER COUNTIES

- Mower**  
**June 30:**  
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: Wake Up and Wiggle, APL  
12 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, St Edwards Catholic Church  
2 p.m. Beginners' Wheel Throwing, ArtWorks Center  
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym  
4 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Free Family Yoga, APL  
**July 1:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library  
1st Responders Meeting, Lyle  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
11 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Movie at the Library, Austin Public Library  
11 a.m. Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser, Accentra Credit Union  
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle  
1 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Movie at the Library, Austin Public Library  
1 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Southland HS  
5 p.m. Grand Meadow Farmers Market  
5 p.m. Summer Clay, Austin ArtWorks Center  
6:30 p.m. Peace Garden Concert: Austin Community Jazz Band, Hormel Historic Home  
**July 2:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: All Ages Storytime, Austin Public Library  
11 a.m. Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser, Accentra Credit Union  
2 p.m. Beginners' Wheel Throwing, Austin ArtWorks 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  
5 p.m. Stained Glass, Austin ArtWorks Center  
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)  
6:30 p.m. Water Aerobics - Session 1, Austin Municipal Pool  
**July 3:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library  
Freedom Fest  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle  
2 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Family Movie Matinee, APL  
6:30 p.m. Chateau Raceway: Points Night  
8 p.m. Jaycees Street Dance, Torge's Live Sports Pub & Grill  
8:30 p.m. Austin Community Band Concert, Bandshell Community Park  
**July 4:**  
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library  
Freedom Fest  
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market  
9 a.m. Masonic Pancake Feed, Austin Masonic Lodge  
9 a.m. SPAMTown Disc Golf Tournament, Todd Park  
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson  
1 p.m. Farmers Market, Brownsdale  
1 p.m. SPAM®Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake  
**July 5:**  
Freedom Fest  
11 a.m. Dan Ulwelling 25 Mile Bike Race, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center  
1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room  
1 p.m. SPAM®Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake  
**July 6:**  
Annual Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center  
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle  
2 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club Program: Open Art Hour, APL

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# Public Safety

## Recent events shed dark light on profession

Recent events throughout the country have shed a very dark light on our profession – events sensationalized by national media when in reality, they are highlighting the bad decisions made by a fraction of a percentage of over 900,000 dedicated law enforcement officers nationwide. Over 900,000 dedicated law enforcement officers that have taken on responsibilities and risks in their respective communities that most would never consider.

According to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports, an estimated 1.16 million violent crimes occurred nationwide in 2013. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been over 20,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. There are just over 20,500 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Nearly 1,500 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years – an average of one death every 60 hours – 117 killed in the line of duty last year.

On average, over the last decade, there have been 58,930 assaults against law enforcement each year, resulting in over 15,000 injuries.

The men and women serving the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office patrol day and night to help keep our families safe. They work nights, weekends, and holidays. They often miss important family gatherings, school functions, and other events that many of us take for granted. Our deputies’ spouses and kids also make great sacrifices for the safety of our community. These deputies see the best and worst our society has to offer. They respond to some of the most heartbreaking scenes, scenes that are life altering for those involved. These men and women are the first ones through the door, risking their lives to help protect and/or save someone they’ve likely never met, while everyone else runs the other way. They say goodbye to their spouses and kids every day knowing that on any given day, during any given

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incident, they might not come home.

What kind of person takes on a job like this? It takes very special person, and a very special spouse, to take on these responsibilities and find a balance between this job and family. We are very fortunate here in Dodge County to have an amazing group of men and women in uniform, dedicated to help make Dodge County a great place to live and raise a family. Men and women who take real ownership in our community, many moving here to raise their families - Families who have supported them knowing this job does not come without great challenge, sacrifice, compromise, and commitment. Men and women who come to work risking their lives every day to help keep our communities safe, often taking these risks to help people they don’t even know.

Next time you see one of them, or one of their spouses, think about the sacrifices they and their families make for you every day and thank them for their service.

Your Sheriff,  
Scott

*Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose writes a monthly column on our public safety pages. Rose was elected as sheriff last fall and took office in January.*

### Blotter Spotlight:

**Suspicious Activity.** On June 22 at 8:33 a.m., deputies received a report that there were several packages full of bones in the 74100 block of 140th Ave. in Blooming Prairie. Deputies responded and discovered that they were from meat.

## Intensive supervision program for Level 3 sex offender

By ANNA SEGNER  
County Staff Writer

Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Owatonna Police Department officials held a public meeting on Thursday to discuss the intensive supervised release of a Level 3 sex offender that is moving to Owatonna.

William Albert Kibble, Jr. is moving in with a family member in town after he is released from prison at the end of June. Kibble is to live in the area of 3rd Avenue NW and 21st Street NW in Owatonna.

The public notification process of Kibble’s plan to reside in Owatonna is a part of the Community Notification Act. As a Level 3 Offender, Kibble will be under intensive supervised release. He will be under this supervision until Jan. 26, 2026.

Kibble has a history of domestic assault and sexual contact with adult female victims. Kibble assaulted one victim and then proceeded to hold her against her will.

In 1985, Kibble was charged with



Kibble

criminal sexual conduct in the 4th degree. He was pretending to raise money for a charity with friends to gain closeness with two females. Contact with victim includes attempts to remove clothing and touching. The offender was not known to these victims.

Other than the incident in 1985, the offender has been known by victims or in a relationship with victims. He also is known to have issues with substance abuse.

According to agent Jason Mullenbach of the Minnesota Department of Corrections, the supervision is tight. Kibble will be living life on a strict schedule that has to be preapproved by an agent.

As a Level 3 offender, agents are entitled to stop by Kibble’s residence at any time, and they stop

at least four times a week, according to Mullenbach. He added that like all Level 3 offenders, Kibble would be hooked up to GPS, which allows agents to know where he is and where he is going if he were to not be abiding by the pre-approved schedule.

During the meeting, the Minnesota Department of Corrections officials asks the community to not focus on this one offender, but rather educate themselves on sex offenders and sexual violence. The Minnesota Department of Corrections shared that latest numbers show 100 sex offenders living in Steele County, 86 of those in Owatonna.

In case one should notice Kibble in an area or situation that does not seem “quite right,” Mullenbach encourages a call to the Owatonna Police Department at 507-444-3800. To report criminal activity of this offender or any other, call 911.

“You are the eyes and ears of the community, and it really helps us out,” said Mullenbach.

### Public Safety Brief

#### Facebook leads to suspected car prowler

Facebook messaging by a man talking about committing crimes around Owatonna has led to a felony charge.

Cody Luchi faces a felony of possessing burglary and theft tools and misdemeanors of fleeing police on foot and possessing a small amount of marijuana.

Police responded to a residence on June 17 over concerns from Facebook messaging. Police learned that Luchi sent out messaging about car and garage shopping.

Later that night, police were called to the area of the 200 block of E. Phelps Avenue for a suspicious person in the alley. An officer found three people in the alley and one took off when he was told to stop.

Another officer found Luchi dodging in and out between houses in the area. When the officer caught him,

he was sweating profusely while trying to put on a sweatshirt. The officer checked the area and found a backpack in some foliage near where he was apprehended.

Inside the backpack were a small amount of marijuana, about \$43 in loose change, a slim-jim tool used to unlock vehicles and several wallets and women’s style coin purses.

Police arrested Luchi and took him to jail for his efforts.

### POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

#### Blooming Prairie Police

June 21

**Trespassing.** Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the city at 4:29 a.m.

June 22

**Fraud.** A citizen reported being the victim of fraud at 9:27 a.m.

June 23

**Arrest.** Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the city at 6:45 p.m.

#### Owatonna Police

June 19

**Drunken Driving.** At 1:16 a.m., police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 26th St. NW and Frontage Rd. W.

**Warrant.** Officer made a warrant arrest at Bridge St. W. and Lemond Rd. SW at 1:47 a.m.

**Vandalism.** Property damage was reported in the 2700 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 2:26 p.m.

**Restraining Order.** At 2:36 p.m., police received a report of a restraining order violation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of School St. W. at 4:14 p.m.

**Juvenile.** Police received a juvenile complaint from the 3000 block of St. Paul Rd. at 6:51 p.m.

**Suspicion.** At 7:51 p.m., officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 100 block of Park Square E.

June 20

**Juvenile.** At 12:20 a.m., officer responded to a juvenile complaint in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. A citation was issued at the scene.

**DWI.** Police made a DWI arrest in the 300 block of 18th St. SE at 1:40 a.m.

**Animal.** Officers responded to the 1100 block of Park Dr. NW at 3:38 p.m. for an animal call.

**Burglary.** Police began an investigation of a burglary in the 1300 block of Bigelow Ave. NE at 8:21 p.m.

June 21

**Fight.** Police responded to a fight

in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 12:38 a.m.

**Vandalism.** At 11:03 a.m., police took a property damage report in the 1500 block of 7th Ave. NE.

**Shoplifting.** Officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 5:31 p.m.

June 22

**Thefts.** Two thefts were reported throughout the day – at 1:29 p.m. in the 200 block of Bridge St. W. and at 3:47 p.m. in the 100 block of Pearl St. W.

**Weapon Violation.** Shots were heard fired at 23rd St. NE and St. Paul Rd. NE at 3:19 p.m.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in injuries occurred at 39th Ave. NW and Park Dr. NW at 8:58 p.m.

**Vandalism.** Police received a property damage report from the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:32 p.m.

**Burglary.** At 11:52 p.m., police responded to a burglary report in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. S.

June 23

**Burglary.** Police began an investigation of a burglary in the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 10:44 a.m.

**Fraud.** A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:52 p.m.

**Drunkenness.** At 8:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of an intoxicated individual in the 200 block of Main St. E. An arrest was made at the scene.

**Restraining Order.** A restraining order was violated in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 9:21 p.m.

June 24

**Burglary.** Officers responded to a burglary in the 1400 block of Springwood Place NE at 7:18 a.m.

**Restraining Order.** At 1:40 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 200 block of 21st St. NW.

**Fraud.** Two citizens reported being the victims of fraud - in the 2200 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 3:09 p.m. and in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 4:47 p.m.

June 25

**DWI.** At 12:15 a.m., police arrested a motorist for drunken driving at Elm Ave. S. and Mill St. E.

**Burglary.** A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Hillsdale St. NW at 7:58 a.m.

**Warrant.** Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Cedardale Dr. SE at 11:52 a.m.

**Assault.** Police responded to an assault in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 12:38 p.m.

**Hit and Run.** A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:50 p.m.

**Disturbance.** At 5:32 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Vine St. E. for a noise complaint. They made an arrest at the scene.

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June 19

**DWI.** Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 400 block of Main St. S. at 2:29 a.m.

**Theft.** Deputy took theft report in the 500 block of Forest Lane SE at 5:30 a.m.

**Vandalism.** At 7:39 a.m., property damage was reported in the 200 block of 4th Ave. W.

June 20

**Drunken Driving.** Deputies made two DWI arrests – at 7:54 p.m. at 26th St. NE and Mineral Springs Parkway and at 11:01 p.m. at Central Ave. W. and Riverview Dr.

**Trespassing.** Deputies received information regarding a trespassing incident in the 200 block of Central Ave. E. at 11:58 p.m.

June 21

**Domestic.** At 6:44 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 3500 block of Hwy. 30 W. They issued a citation at the scene.

June 22

**Fraud.** A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1500 block of 28th St. SW at 1:18 p.m.

**Crash.** Deputies assisted MN State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident resulting in injuries at 71st St. NE and 84th Ave. NE at 4:19 p.m.

June 23

**Suspicion.** At 11:06 p.m., deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW. They took a subject into custody.

June 25

**Weapon Violation.** Shots were heard fired in the 100 block of Beaver Lake Rd. W. at 12:48 a.m.

### COURT NEWS Steele County

*The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 15 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:*

Anjanette S. Wells, 41, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of possession of Cocaine/Heroin/Methamphetamine. Wells was sentenced to \$131, 90 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

Abdi M. Mohamed, 28, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. The defendant was sentenced to \$131, 180 days in county jail, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 120 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Devin T. Zilm, 24, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony fleeing in a motor vehicle and gross misdemeanor DWI. Zilm was sentenced to \$381, 45 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, 30 days of electronic alcohol home monitor, 40 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

*The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 15 – 19:*

#### Blooming Prairie Police Department

Victor D. Peterson, 19, Blooming Prairie, underage drinking and driving, \$381, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 1 year of

supervised probation; Ajay Wilson, 29, Johnson City, TN, suspended registration and no child passenger restraint system, \$431.

#### MN State Patrol Rochester

Gregory G. Amazi, 63, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Hilary H. Criswell, 23, Indianola, IA, speeding, \$131; Ryan S. Ericson, 20, Mahtomedi, speeding, \$121; Hanna M. Garrison, 23, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Cody J. Haugen, 27, Owatonna, suspended license, \$181; Mackenzie M. Hill, 20, Owatonna, minor consumption and seat belt, \$206;

Kameron J. Holmes, 18, Blooming Prairie, invalid license and speeding, \$231; Stephanie J. Malcy, 49, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Terry J. Mikesell, 37, Ellendale, failure to stop for human flagger at railroad crossing, \$181;

Hussein O. Rashid, 26, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Christopher Renteria, 23, Albert Lea, DWI, \$381, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, and 1 year of supervised probation; Tim D. Schroft, 55, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Debra M. Williamson, 45, Blooming Prairie, window tint violation, \$131.

#### Owatonna Police Department

Brandon T. Bray, 37, St. Cloud, false name to peace officer, \$131 and 180 days in county jail; Kayshawny A. Chambers, 19, Fergus, obstruction of legal process, \$131

and 1 year of supervised probation; Bridget E. Dickie, 23, Waseca, shoplifting, \$181;

Teresa A. Dulac, 53, Owatonna, failure to stop for railroad crossing, \$181; Ian J. Dunn, 21, Owatonna, social host ordinance violation, \$181; Nicholas L. George, 34, Oakdale, speeding and no insurance, \$321;

Willie C. Hampton, 33, Owatonna, damage to property, \$1,660.73, 5 days in county jail, and 2 years of supervised probation; Frances L. Hansen, 81, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Cody J. Haugen, 27, Owatonna, suspended license, \$181; Mackenzie M. Hill, 20, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181;

Anthony J. Iverson, 29, Albert Lea, shoplifting, \$381, 21 days in county jail; Aleksander Jovanov, 29, Cache, OK, careless driving, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

David D. Kubat, 59, Owatonna, aid and abet theft, \$131 and 1 year of supervised probation; Lloyd W. Kuefner, 41, Waseca, irregular driving, \$121; Joshua D. Randall, 37, Elysian, cancelled license, \$181, 3 days in county jail, obtain driver’s license and 2 years of unsupervised probation;

Devin J. Sawyer, 20, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181; Christine L. Schlaak, 54, New Richland, speeding, \$141; Michael R. Sirek, 32, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Jacob W.

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## SHERIFF'S TIPLINE

# 866-878-7964



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

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Dustin Lee Sjuts – DWI - \$2,000 bail  
Brandon Lamar Smith – no MN license - \$178 bail  
David Kenneth Smith – theft - \$20,000 bail  
Milton Lamar Smith – DWI - \$6,000 bail  
Paul Randall Smock – possession of stolen property - \$20,000 bail  
Gumecindo Solis – child endangerment - \$3,000 bail

Jorge Solis – aggravated violence - \$3,000 bail  
Josefina Solis – child neglect - \$3,000 bail  
Juan Solis – theft - \$1,000 bail  
Jose Sosa – DWI – no bail  
Shane Spencer – traffic - \$1,000 bail  
Donald Springer – careless driving - \$500 bail  
Anthony St. Ongi – assault - \$500 bail

Darusi Stackhouse – no MN license - \$500 bail  
Bashir Sudi – theft by check - \$10,000 bail  
Pablo Tagle – theft by swindle - \$1,000 bail  
Alvin Taylor – DWI - \$3,000 bail  
Bruce Taylor – no insurance - \$500 bail  
Adam Techau – contempt of court  
John Tedd – domestic assault – no bail

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

## ACTIVE WARRANTS



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Snesrud, 24, Faribault, shoplifting, \$131 and 90 days in county jail; Dennis L. Solvang, 40, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Agustin Torres, 25, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Maribel Torres-Garza, 31, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Travis J. Troska, 35, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$341 and 1 year of supervised probation.

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Alejandro Avila, 20, Medford, no MN license, \$181; Salvador Berber, 49, Dodge Center, speeding, \$221; Brandin D. Botten, 27, Medford, revoked license, \$281; Carter A. Broton, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Fredrick M. Flemming, 66, Owatonna, driving through barricade, \$121;

Shaun R. Harty, 30, Waseca, driving through barricade, \$121; Lora B. Jenkins, 53, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Hamin T. Jones, 34, Dallas, TX, failure to yield right of way to emergency vehicle, \$181; Gerald E. Kaplan, 56, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; David A. Miner, 38, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141; Orrin W. Mortensen, 51, Faribault, stop sign, \$131; Brian L. Petersen, 46, Blooming Prairie, DWI, \$606, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, and 2 years of supervised probation; Theodore J. Peterson, 35, Shakopee, speeding, \$381;

Michael S. Pinsonneault, 57, Spooner, WI, DWI, \$381, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, and 2 years of supervised probation; Kimberly J. Prusha, 28, Owatonna, theft, \$381; Debra D. Quintanilla, 41, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Nathan C. Rogers, 20, Cambridge, underage possession of alcohol and open bottle, \$281; Beverly A. Romanini, 51, Lemont, IL, speeding, \$121; Madlain Vander, 50, Austin, speeding, \$141.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 275 complaints for the week of June 17 – 23. Some of them include: **June 17 Burglary.** At 6:54 a.m., a Dodge Center resident called deputies to report that someone was trying to break into his or her home on 2nd Ave. SE. **Disturbance.** Deputies responded to a disturbance between a male and female party in the 300 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 10:19 a.m. It included the theft of items in-

cluding a cell phone.

**Animal.** Minnesota Energy reported at 3:31 p.m. that an employee was bitten by a dog while reading meters on June 16 in the 500 block of 2nd St. in Claremont.

**June 18 Intoxication.** Deputies responded to a report of drunkenness at State Hwy. 30 and 230th Ave. in Hayfield at 2:41 a.m.

**Juvenile.** At 8:38 a.m., deputies received a juvenile complaint that two young children were in the street in the 100 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.

**Suspicion.** Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report of a vehicle being occupied by a male and a female at County Rd. 20 and County Rd. 7 in Dodge Center. Deputies issued a citation for revoked license and arrested one subject on an apprehension order.

**June 19 Environment. Environmental dumping occurred in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 7:31 p.m.**

**Animal.** A Dodge Center man reported at 8:18 p.m. that there were two dead robins in his front yard in the 100 block of Main St. W.

**June 20 Theft.** At 6:35 a.m., a pick-up truck was reported stolen from the 100 block of 2nd St. SE in Dodge Center.

**Suspicion.** Deputies received a suspicious activity report at 7:02 p.m. that a black BMW was driving around a hog barn and taking videos in the 71800 block of 150th Ave. in Hayfield.

**June 21 Domestic.** Deputies responded to a domestic assault in the 100 block of Airport Dr. S. in Dodge Center at 6:20 a.m. involving a male and an intoxicated female. She was transported to Detox.

**Crash.** At 1:33 p.m., a motorcycle accident occurred at 120th Ave. and State Hwy. 30 in Blooming Prairie. One subject was severely injured.

**Child Neglect.** Deputies received a child neglect report at 5:31 p.m. that a young child had been outside all day in the 200 block of 2nd St. SE in Hayfield.

**June 23 Fire.** A pole barn fire occurred in the 25000 block of 542nd St. in West Concord at 5:32 p.m.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in

Dodge County District Court the week of June 15 – 22:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Abraham R. Allen, 23, Rochester, speeding, \$220; Colton G. Chladek, 25, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Derik J. Dahlberg, 34, Rosemount, parking violation, \$32; Shirley J. Giesler, 81, West Concord, speeding, \$120; Edgar A. Gonzalez Valenzuela, 33, Dodge Center, cancelled license, \$280; Jason D. Jones, 66, Altamont, MO, speeding, \$130; Cori F. Kennedy, 18, West Concord, text messaging while driving, \$130; Kelly A. Kiehne, 22, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Blaine A. Stackhouse, 28, Hayfield, speeding, \$140; Hunter R. Thiemann, 20, Dodge Center, minor consumption, \$180; Sadik A. Wallin, 31, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Keenan L. Wenzel, 16, West Concord, failure to yield right of way, \$130.

Kasson Police

Hannah M. Johns, 19, Byron, no insurance, \$280; Preston J. Pflaum, 18, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Stephanie C. Rice, 29, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Calvin L. Weaver, 63, Kasson, failure to yield, \$130; Donald W. Wilhelm, 78, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Anthony Williams, 37, Rochester, permit violation, \$130.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Laura C. Calo, 43, Aurora, OH, speeding, \$130; Michael P. Chilson, 49, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Danielle N. Dolejs, 24, Faribault, speeding, \$130; Matthew J. Feringa, 29, Farmington, speeding, \$130; Mark D. Little, 44, West Concord, open bottle and seat belt, \$205; Michael N. Peterson, 19, West Concord, speeding, \$130; Caleb J. Srp, 29, North Mankato, seat belt, \$105; Matthew T. Rahlf, 29, Hayfield, seat belt, \$105.

Owatonna Fire

**June 19 Crash.** Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Interstate 35 at mile marker 39 at 3:10 p.m.

**June 21 Building Fire.** At 12:34 p.m., Owatonna Fire responded to a building fire in the 4300 block of Austin Rd.

**June 22 Power Line.** Fire personnel assisted with a down power line in the 5700

block of 14th Ave. SE.

**Crashes.** Two motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries occurred throughout the day – at 4:23 p.m. on 84th Ave. NE and at 9 p.m. on Park Dr. NW.

**June 24 Smoke Removal.** Fire fighters assisted with smoke or odor removal in the 100 block of 20th St. NW at 2:54 p.m.

**June 25 Extrication.** At 2:06 p.m., fire rescue extricated victims from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Woodridge Place NE.

**Crash.** Owatonna Fire responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on 24th Ave. NW at 3:15 p.m.

Steele arrests

Blooming Prairie Police

Bree Christine Leiferman-Helder, 36, arrested at 7:08 p.m. June 23, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Tony Ray Helder, 45, arrested at 6:58 p.m. June 23, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Owatonna Police

Mohamed Aweis Mohamed, 27, arrested at 1 a.m. June 21, false name and warrant arrest, held for court.

Lennie Allan St. Martin, 35, arrested at 1:55 a.m. June 23, trespassing, held for court.

Rebecca Lee Stuber, 42, arrested at 8:38 p.m. June 23, probation violation arrest, held for court.

Andrew Michael Niskanen, 39, arrested at 12:25 a.m. June 25, DWI, held for court.

Lorenzo Markey Cook, 24, arrested at 1 p.m. June 25, domestic assault, held for court.

Frank Lajuan Gibson, 36, arrested at 5:54 p.m. June 25, financial card fraud, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Marie Tracy Kinard, 45, arrested at 4 a.m. June 21, warrant arrest, \$12,000 bail.

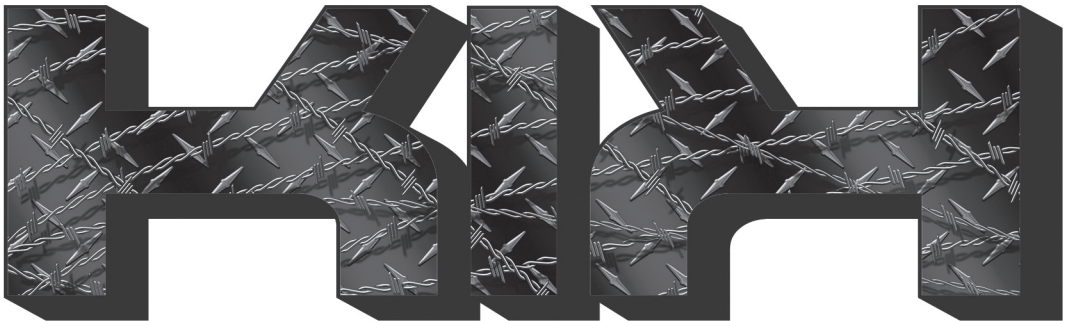
Larry Morgan Jr., 23, arrested at 4:05 p.m. June 22, false name warrant arrest, body only.

Alejandro Vidal Linares Capouch, 26, arrested at 11:48 p.m. June 23, cancelled license, held for court.

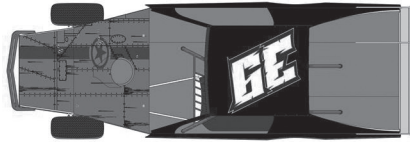
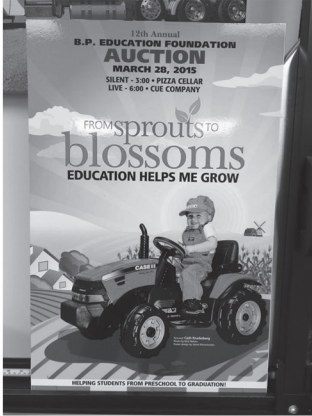
Misty Donell Herrley, 32, arrested at 12:33 a.m. June 24, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Stephanie Marie Yates, 30, arrested at 12:30 a.m. June 25, suspended license and theft warrant arrest, body only.

Mark Henry Ammann, 31, arrested at 11 p.m. June 25, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.



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ers and Hein made the all-Area team. Strunk, Baldwin and Anika Nowlan all were named an honorable mention to that nine-member team.

In All-Area baseball, John Rumpza was the only pick on the Herald's team, with Scott Romeo, Sam Swenson and Riley Olson all landing on the honorable mention list. Rumpza, the senior pitcher/first baseman for BPHS, batted .377 for the season, with six doubles and 10 RBIs. Olson earned the honor on the People's Press team with Rumpza an honorable mention

Fourth upon us

The annual Fourth of July celebration 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.

As I mentioned last week, I always maintain that the best vacation is to spend it right here in the old home town, although 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 at-

tention and respect.

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!

With Labor Day happening the very latest that it possibly can, all three fall sports will have contests before the school year actually goes into session. I think most of us still are anticipating summer activities, but the calendar notifies us that is not the case, and we will just have to adjust to a new regimen. Summer will zip by in rapid time to the dismay of many, but we'll talk again.



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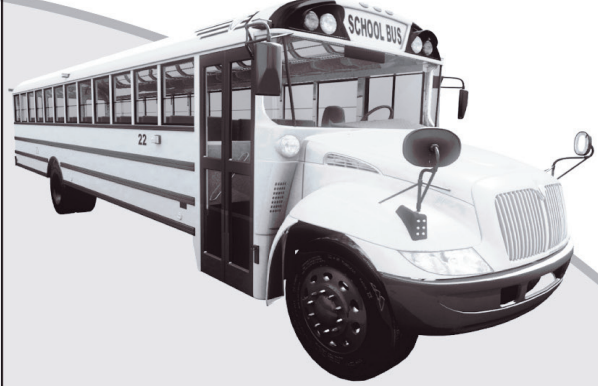
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Marching in an Ellendale Days parade

The Ellendale Days parade was one of the highlights of this year’s event in Ellendale on Friday through Sunday. For more photos on the Ellendale Days turn to page C5 of today’s issue.

Drug Court celebrates first year  
59 people participating in program

By ALAN VAN ORMER  
Managing Editor

July marks the completion of the first year of the Steele-Waseca Drug Court. And during the last June Steele County Board of Commissioners meeting, Drug Court Coordinator Nicole Grams provided an update on drug court.

In addition, the Steele County Board of Commissioners has authorized gap funding not to exceed \$17,045.23 for the Steele-Waseca County Drug Court.

“If you reinforce what people are doing right, they will continue to do things right,” Grams said. “Part of our program is positive reinforcement.”

As of June 2015, there have been 95 referrals. There have been 59 referrals accepted, 35 denied and 13 removed. Drug

Court promotes public safety, reduces systems costs and improves offender and family functioning.

According to Facts on Drugs and Crime in America, 75 percent of Drug Court graduates remain drug-free at least two years after leaving the program. In addition, five independent meta-analysis show that Drug Courts reduce crime by 35 percent. Also, 18 cost-benefit studies have shown an average cost savings from \$4,000 to \$12,000 per participant.

One of the referrals accepted in Drug Court, Troy Wiuff said he grew up in an alcohol and chemical dependent home his whole life. He has been sober for the past nine months because of the program. Currently, he has seven files, mostly burglaries on his record.

“I came at a point of surrender. I came

into this program anti-social,” he explained to the county commissioners. “Drug Court has given me an opportunity. All the statistics you see are dead on, if not double for me.”

Wiuff had been to five chemical dependency treatment programs, but nothing that held him accountable. “I am very grateful. It saved me from a prison sentence where I wouldn’t have an opportunity to support my children and family and be productive in the community,” he said. “Drug Court has helped me tremendously with my family. It has saved my life. I still have a long way to go, but things are better today than ever.”

Another person in Drug Court, Dylan Hondl, said the program works. “It absolutely without a doubt saved my life,” he said. “I had trouble with drugs and alco-

hol since my young years.”

He added that the program holds the participant accountable more than anything you can find. “They will give you the keys, but you still have to drive,” he said. “They will give you all the tools that you need, but you still have to do the work. There has definitely been change come along with me in the way I see everything. I have been sober for a year, and I couldn’t be any happier.”

Minnesota State University-Mankato Bill Wagner, a member of the university’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, said cost benefit is probably one of

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Jesse James gang supposedly visited Beaver Lake on way to Northfield bank

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The second part of a three-part series on Beaver Lake takes an expanded look at more history of this Steele County fresh water lake.)

By HOWARD LESTRUD  
Staff Writer

Beaver Lake, located, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Ellendale, has a history of being a good fishing lake, a fun boating lake and an enjoyable swimming lake.

Norrine and Ed Jensen have preserved much of the history associated with the lake by keeping scrapbooks and written

manuscripts.

Some notable visitors have supposedly stopped at Beaver Lake. According to Norrine’s writings, she said Hubert Jiroushek, a local farmer, claims the Jesse James gang stopped at the Ellis blacksmith shop on the east side of Beaver Lake, just east of where Norrine’s old family home stood.

The James gang reportedly was on its way to rob the Northfield bank in 1876. According to Jiroushek, who died at age 99 in 2006, one of the gang members wanted the shoes put on his horse’s feet backwards so the posse couldn’t tell which way the gang was going. “Clever or not?” Norrine wrote.

The Beaver Lake Park and beach area on the south side of the lake was the location of a holiday resort established in the late 1890s. In 1910, a launch was built to carry passengers around the lake in comfort. It reportedly cost \$1,100 and held 80 passengers.

Two ice houses reportedly stood at each end of the lake. Harry Christiansen owned and operated the one on the west end, and Norrine’s father operated one on the east end.

Norrine said it was in the 1920s that Beaver Lake became the summertime entertainment center of the area. She said livery stables in Ellendale did a big business on weekends and holidays, renting teams and rigs for a festive trip to Beaver Lake.

Ed Murtaugh built a large, long rectangular building on the south beach with dressing rooms where black wool bathing suits could be rented, Norrine writes. Murtaugh also had a boat rental business and in 1926, the Murtaugh brothers built a water coaster which consisted of a four-wheel cart that rolled on the track down into the water. The coaster lasted until the late 1930s when it was torn down for lumber.

The Murtaugh brothers owned and operated a boat rental and casino ballroom on the south side of Fountain Lake in Albert Lea. Jack and Frank Lonnergan



took over the boat and beach rental business from the Murtaughs.

Norrine’s father Noel bought the boat rental and equipment business from the Lonergan brothers in the mid-1940s, tore down the long bath house and built a boat house that still stands on the Jensens’ lakeshore property today. Norrine’s parents operated the boat rental and bait business until they discontinued it in 1968.

Boat rentals were 25 cents an hour, Norrine writes, and minnows cost 25 cents a dozen. “My father never wanted to raise his prices and over charge anyone,” Norrine said.

Norrine said her parents spent many hours at the lake, sometimes from 5 a.m. to 11 at night. “We ate fish four times a day,

for breakfast, at noon, for supper and at 10 at night,” Norrine recalls.

“I grew up on Beaver Lake crappies,” Norrine said. The lake reportedly is well populated with walleyes and crappies. “I don’t fish; I don’t have the patience,” Norrine reflected.

“When I served fish for breakfast to my newlywed husband, he thought I had lost my mind,” Norrine said. “I thought it was the normal thing to do,” she said.

Norrine’s parents quit the boat rental business rather than to fight the disturbance caused by large speed boats touring the lake in the late 1960s.

Norrine writes that Jim

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Karen Fontaine

What is  
public health  
emergency  
preparedness?

Public health threats are always present. Whether caused by natural, accidental or intentional means, these threats can affect the citizens of Steele County. Assisting our community to prepare for these threats by prevention and education and to have plans in place to respond to the potential threats is the role of public health emergency preparedness. In this article I would like to share with you some of the planning that is taking place in our community.

The process begins with a health risk assessment of the potential hazards and vulnerabilities that might affect our community. This assessment is conducted with input from our county emergency manager, local healthcare agencies, volunteer response groups and the general public. The potential threats that have been identified include floods, tornadoes, ice storms and infectious diseases. As you are probably only too aware, Steele County has experienced all of these events.

During the last year, Steele County healthcare systems, school nurses and emergency management have met to discuss and to make plans for managing such diverse events as Ebola, influenza and a measles outbreak. As part of the planning process, our different agencies meet regularly to share information, plans, exercise response roles and to update contact information so that we can quickly reach one another if a public health threat should occur.

Steele County Public Health also participates in planning activities with Steele County CAER (Community Awareness and Emergency Response). CAER is a group of county organizations and citizens that meets regularly with Steele County Emergency Management to provide a comprehensive approach to public education, planning, prevention and emergency response and recovery in the event of natural or man-made disaster in our county. Members include representatives from Allina Hospital, American Red Cross, CERT, Civil Air Patrol, EMS, RACES/ARES, SKYWARN, RSC 911, Salvation Army, Chamber of Commerce, Law Enforcement, Clothesline, the Food Shelf, local business representatives and local government officials. Meetings are rotated so that CAER meets in Medford, Owatonna, Ellendale and Blooming Prairie during the year.

Steele County Public Health Emergency Preparedness is a partner with a state and nationwide initiative called the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Steele County Public Health maintains a list of volunteers who have volunteered to assist our public health agency and other healthcare systems when disaster strikes. Currently, we have about 60 Steele County volunteers who have pre-registered on a secure statewide web site. Volunteers are never

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A special attraction at Beaver Lake many years ago was a gasoline launch promoted by Dr. Andrist, C.C. Campbell and A. Hemingway. The launch returns carrying many lake visitors. Band members are on the dock waiting for a ride on the lake.



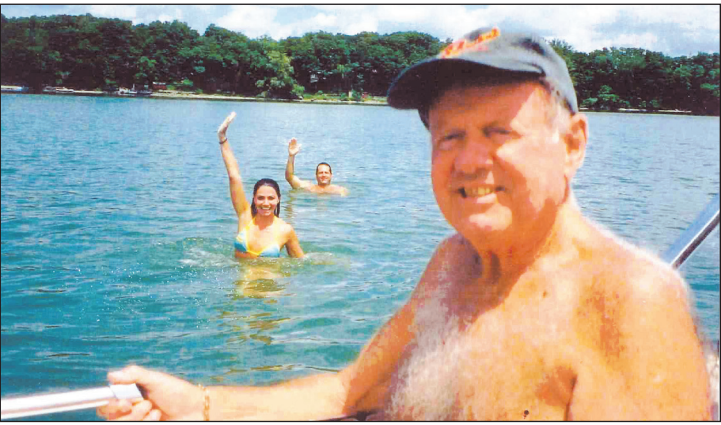








# Ellendale-GenevaLiving



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ABOVE: Actor Dick Van Patten, noted for his sitcom “Eight is Enough” was a guest of Norrine and Ed Jensen on Beaver Lake. He is shown on a pontoon boat provided by the Jensens for his visit. Waving from the lake are Nancy Valen of Bay Watch and Van Patten’s son Neil. The elder Van Patten was part of the Minnesota Festival Theatre production of Sunshine Boys performed in Albert Lea. Van Patten died on Tuesday, June 23. BELOW: A boat rental business owned and operated by Noel Thompson was a popular place among many boaters who visited Beaver Lake many years ago. Rentals were advertised at 10 cents per hour. Minnows were also sold at 25 cents a dozen. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)



## JESSE JAMES GANG

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Burnes provided popular picnic grounds on the south shore. Band concerts, political speeches, fishing, boat and relay races, swimming, family reunions and softball games were all popular activities at the Beaver Lake Park.

One of the food stands was on the Jensen property until recently when it was donated to the Steele County Historical Society to sell food in the Village of Yesteryear on the Steele County Fairgrounds.

A dance floor and roller rink were located at the Beaver Lake Park from 1934-42. The World War II years slowed many of the



**Staff photo by Howard Lestrud**  
A large tooth, believed to be a bison tooth, was found by Hawkeye Ed Jensen on the shores of Beaver Lake. Hawkeye Ed has also found numerous tools and artifacts over the years that were left by the Indians. The items included hammers, axes, tomahawks, arrowheads, spear points, scrapers, bowls, grinders, corn girding stones and other carved stones.

## DRUG COURT

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least important things when you see the changes that these courts bring about. “When an individual no longer involves him or herself in criminal behavior there is a whole series of benefits...in ways we don’t really measure,” he said.

He added that the state of Minnesota pays \$41,000 a year to keep someone in prison. “We know 68 percent are back in prison in three years. What we have been doing in the criminal justice system just flat has not worked,” he said. “These courts are an innovation that has been researched more than any other programs in the criminal justice system. It shows time and time again that they work.”

According to Wagner, for every dollar invested in drug court, it saves as much as \$3.36 in criminal justice costs alone. Also, he said that Drug Courts reduce crimes 45 percent more than other sentencing options.

activities on the lake.

**NEXT: Beaver Lake is popular swimming beach.**

## Ellendale workshop assists teachers in tying math strands together

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**  
Managing Editor

A recent math workshop is energizing Ellendale elementary school teachers as they prepare for a new school year that is still a couple of months away.

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School District Director of Curriculum and Instruction Terri Engel said as a school district, they are looking to increase their test scores and bring our students’ performance levels up. “We’re trying to take kids from just meeting the standards to that higher level of understanding and applying those basic math skills in more of a deeper thinking, problem solving situation,” she said.

The official math scores have not been released yet, but Ellendale Elementary School Principal Doug Anderson said there is always room for improvement. “Our teachers have been working hard at looking at their data, identifying the needs of our students, specifically pulling out strands within those standards and focusing on improvements through intensive efforts through our RTI time,” he said. “Our underlying goal is to show growth for all students.”

Early in June as many as 20 elementary school teachers spent three days in the classroom creating a plan to further improve math instruction and student achievement with assistance from Paul Agranoff from

Resource Training and Solutions. Agranoff’s expertise is math professional development.

Teachers mapped out their math instructional goals for the year using the Minnesota State Math Standards and Benchmarks to guide them. Then the teachers wrote math common assessments aligned to the state standards to measure students’ abilities after each quarter. The assessments provide teachers information regarding their students’ basic skill levels and ability to solve complex problems aligned to the state math standards.

Anderson said there are students that are getting the right answer, but some of them can be pushed to think and learn beyond just that right answer. “That is going to cause them further down the road to be even more successful and more creative with their answers,” he said.

Engel added that the textbook is a teacher’s resource. “In the past, your textbook is your curriculum,” she said. “Now there is that shift in thinking, we know what the kids need to learn, know when we need to teach it, and the textbook is a tool to help us get there.”

Anderson said it will help increase math scores because the teachers will be much more specific and purposeful with our instruction. In some areas, the teachers have been doing some of these pieces of instruction. “What we haven’t done as a school is to map out our standards for the year specifically as a grade level. That brings it all together,” Anderson said. “The other beautiful thing that happened in these three days was the wonderful conversations with one grade level and the grade level above or below.



**Submitted photo**  
Molly Eckhardt and Peggy Talamantes map out math instructional goals for the new year during a workshop earlier this summer.

There was a lot of collaboration. We just haven’t had the time to do that in the past.”

Engel added there used to be a disconnect between teachers who don’t have to have their students tested and those who do. “They have realized how important what they do is to our success,” she said. “The past couple

of years you can really see the difference in the third grade. What they are doing in the lower elementary is definitely having a positive effect on what is happening in third grade and up.”

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# Ellendale Days

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Students hold NRHEG School sign as the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School band marched and played in the Ellendale Days parade.



Percussionists in the NRHEG High School band kept beat during one number in the parade march.



One beaver mascot takes a break from his costume towards the end of the parade march.



Members of the class of 1955 celebrated 60 years since graduating by driving in the Ellendale Days parade and throwing out bead necklaces.



One boy isn't sure what to think of his turtle during the Turtle Races following the parade.



A flag team performs choreographed dance during the parade.



Police officers held the American flag and rode horses at the front of the parade.



The NRHEG High School cheerleading squad led a group of junior cheerleaders in choreographed cheers.



Kids anxiously await candy to be thrown from the many floats at Ellendale Days on Saturday, June 27.



# OwatonnaLiving

## BookStart grants aim to put books into hands of children



ABOVE: Representatives from 28 various organizations, schools and clinics gathered at the SMIF office in Owatonna on Tuesday, June 23, to celebrate 13 years of the BookStart grant partnership between SMIF and Capstone publishing.  
RIGHT: Shannon Karsten, a representative from the Owatonna Public Schools, loads up her truck with books from the BookStart program at the Business Incubator in Owatonna on Tuesday, June 23.



By **SHANNON KINLEY**  
County Staff Writer

Representatives from various organizations, clinics and schools gathered on Tuesday, June 23, not only to celebrate the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) BookStart program, but also to pick up their awarded books at the Business Incubator in Owatonna.

The BookStart grants are awarded through a partnership between SMIF and Capstone Publishers. This year the two organizations awarded 10,000 books, a total value of \$163,421, to organizations to provide literacy opportunities to young children and their families.

“Reading should be fun, accessible and engaging, for both children and their caregivers. Capstone has been a great long-time partner with our BookStart program towards this goal,” said SMIF President and CEO Tim Penny in a press release. “We believe investing in our young children is a long-term strategy that will pay big dividends for our communities and business-

es.”

Since the program’s inception, it has put around 80,000 books into the homes of children across southern Minnesota. This year, 28 organizations were selected to receive BookStart grants, some of which include: Owatonna Public Schools, specifically Wilson Elementary, Kasson-Mantorville Community Education, The Center Clinic in Dodge Center, Triton Public Schools also in Dodge Center, Rochester Public Schools and the Rochester Public Library.

Organizations were selected based on the early literacy opportunities they provide for young children and their families.

“We want to be among the organizations that are helping to distribute resources that allow you to do a really good job of getting these kids ready for kindergarten,” Penny said at the celebration. “Reading is fundamental; it’s a cliché, but it is very true.”

Organizations applied for the grants back in March and were told the good news at the end of

April, when applying organizations can request the number of books they need, as well as specific titles they are interested in. SMIF Early Childhood Director Teri Steckelberg estimates that each year they aim for around 25 to 30 different titles, some in English and some in Spanish.

The main goal of the program is to get books into the hands of children.

“One of our major focus areas at SMIF is early childhood so this is just another way for us to be putting books into the hands of children,” Steckelberg said. “There is a lot of research around how important literacy is for kids. They need to be reading well by the third grade in order to be able to read to learn after that. When parents are reading with their kids, there is also a bonding piece that happens.”

After representatives from each organization went around the room to share their plans with the books and bounce ideas off each other, they took a trip to the Owatonna Business Incubator where they picked up boxes and boxes of books.



Liz McKay (left), manager of sustainability, Tim Penny, SMIF President, Diane Eipers, representative of Triton Early Childhood Family Education and Gail Beer, vice president of customer relations and fulfillment.

## Kid’s Corner Educare youth stop at Ag Power’s big tractors



ABOVE: A group of kids from Kid’s Corner Educare gather around one of Ag Power’s big tractors on Tuesday, June 23, to celebrate farming week.  
ABOVE RIGHT: Lainey Steckelberg (left), 7, and Mya Malchow, 8, climb up on a big tractor from Ag Power in the Kid’s Corner Educare parking lot on Tuesday, June 23, to celebrate farming week.



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# OwatonnaLiving

## Wilson Elementary's Seeds of Knowledge

Summer gardening has started at Wilson Elementary School in Owatonna

By ANNA SEGNER  
County Staff Writer

Summer gardening has begun at Wilson Elementary School in Owatonna. The gardening program meets every Tuesday of the summer from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All students of Wilson Elementary School are invited to join in gardening.

Garden coordinator and educational assistant Diane Louris said that due to busy summer schedules, there is no sign up. Students and families are free to come on any Tuesday for gardening and learning. The garden is located directly behind the Wilson school, and is easily accessed from the parking lot.

Students are also welcome to stay for lunch after gardening at Wilson school, since Wilson started a program that feeds lunch to any child that arrives hungry.

The garden is going on its fifth year. It was introduced to the school as part of the SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program) grant, which provided the start-up funds.

The manual labor and heart of the garden was completely a school and student effort. “The students have been involved since day one. They helped build the garden,” said Louris.

The garden is not just utilized during the summer. It is an educational hot spot incorporated into each grade level’s curriculum throughout the year, especially fall and spring. Louris also hosted an after school program that she said was overwhelmingly popular.

“The garden is a whole school project. Each grade level has

classes that fit within the curriculum. They get to do planting and exploring in the garden,” said Louris. The garden is an educational and interactive location outside of the classroom for students to apply lessons about soil, plants, soil cycles, monarch migration, health and food production. They also learn about tool safety.

There are two butterfly garden beds that attract Monarch butterflies during their migration through Minnesota. Milkweed are a main food for monarchs, so they have planted a lot of milkweed.

First grade students learn about monarchs in class, and then had a field trip to the science museum. They each raise a butterfly, from larvae to caterpillar to butterfly, and then they release the butterfly into the garden.

Second graders plant potatoes in the spring, and by fall, the potatoes are ready to eat. That class then has a potato lunch. “I have some students say that they have never had a potato besides a French fry,” said Lauris. “So this garden is about introducing healthy foods too.”

Jenna Goddard and her two little brothers, Justin and Jack, try to regularly attend the summer gardening on Tuesdays. After summer, Jenna will be a freshman at Owatonna High School. Her brother Justin will be entering kindergarten at Wilson in the fall, and Jack is three years old.

Jenna said that her family moved to Owatonna when she was in second grade, and that Wilson has always felt like a second home.



Siblings Justin, Jack and Jenna Goddard help plant sunflowers with Tony Louris as part of the Wilson Elementary Summer gardening program.



## Owatonna organizations receive activity grants

Fifty-nine community non-profits and local government organizations are the newest recipients of Healthy Activity Grants from Allina Health. Locally, three Owatonna-area programs were selected. The grants support on-going activities that promote social connections and increase healthy eating and/or physical activity among groups of adults, older adults and families in local communities.

The selected programs were chosen through a competitive application process that was open to community nonprofits and local government organizations who want to start or strengthen a program. Funded

activities included, but were not limited to the following:

- \*Cooking classes for adults with mental health needs
- \*Wellness program for residents of an emergency shelter
- \*Family fitness nights at a local school
- \*Yoga in the park
- \*Planting and caring for a community garden

In Owatonna, three programs were chosen and provided more than \$6,500 in funding:

\*United Way of Steele County—Zumba activities will engage Somali women of all ages to be healthy and active in a comfortable environment. The class meets twice a week for six

weeks at Owatonna Fitlab.

\*Centro Campesino—Cooking classes will bring families together through preparing traditional meals while adapting new healthy recipes. Twenty-five community members are participating in a series of bi-weekly classes, workshops, conferences and field visits. This project begins in July and runs through the end of 2015.

\*South Central Human Relations Center—“Cooking Matters” for adults with mental health needs teaches consumers how to cook nutritious meals on a budget and improve their independent living skills.

“We’re all more likely to start

and maintain healthy behaviors when we do them with others,” says Natalie Ginter, director of Community Engagement for Allina Health’s south region. “These three local organizations have developed model programs for this and we’re pleased to be able to support them in their efforts.”

The grants, ranging from \$400 to \$10,000, are part of Neighborhood Health Connection™, a community program developed by Allina Health to improve the health of communities through social connections, healthy eating and physical activity.

### IN BRIEF

#### Turnlund graduates from Miami University

Karl Paul Turnlund of Owatonna was among students from Miami University who received degrees during spring commencement exercises Saturday, May 16, 2015, in Yager Stadium. Turnlund received a Master of Science majoring in Student Affairs in Higher Educ.

Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio, offering more than 120 degree programs in humanities, science, engineering, business, education and fine arts.

#### Statlander named to Dean's List

Owen Statlander, from Owatonna, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester at Buena Vista University. Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the semester, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.

Founded in 1891, Buena Vista University offers 43 majors and 15 pre-professional programs that blend liberal arts with real-world applications, preparing students for lifelong success. Its quality academic programs, faculty, facilities, and technology result in 94 percent of BVU's recent graduates being employed or enrolled in graduate/professional schools within six months of graduation, based on a 97 percent survey response rate. Generous merit and need-based financial aid programs, and support for academic travel, research, and internships, make BVU an affordable option for all students and, combined with its academic programs, has led U.S. News & World Report to rank BVU as the third best value school among Midwest Regional Colleges and to an A stable rating from Standard & Poor's.

#### Hood named to U of M- Crookston Dean's List

Jessica Hood, Owatonna, was named to the spring semester

2015 Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Students recognized on the Dean's List were recently announced by the Office of the Registrar. The U of M Crookston is one of the most respected career-oriented, technology-based universities in the nation.

To qualify for a place on the Dean's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. The Crookston campus is the online leader in the University of Minnesota system and the only campus providing every full-time student with a laptop computer.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 31 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit

atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. “Small Campus. Big Degree.” To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

#### Watts names to Clemson University Dean's List

Leah Watts of Owatonna has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the spring 2015 semester. Watts's major is Biological Sciences.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Ranked No. 20 among national public universities, Clemson University is a major, land-grant, science- and engineering-oriented research university that maintains a strong commitment to teaching and student success. Clemson is an inclusive, student-centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit and a competitive drive to excel.

## GRIEF RELIEF



Sometimes children don't seem to care. It's not uncommon for some children, especially those under age 5 to show

little feeling when told of the death of a relative. And while it may seem a child should feel sad, the child may have little understanding of the meaning of death. The child may not have been particularly close to the deceased or realized that death is permanent. Allow and accept the child's honest expression and don't make the child feel guilty or pressured.



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**Blooming Prairie area farmers see knee-high corn by the 4th of July**

It's an old farmers theory that corn growth is on target if it is knee-high by the 4th of July, a time to celebrate our nation's birthday. Four Blooming Prairie youngsters wanted to see if the old adage was correct. They were armed with their special measuring sticks and tapes to see how tall the corn actually is as we approach the 4th of July. It actually measured 5 feet tall at the time of this photo at the farm of Sue and Jeff Zwiener. Shown from left to right are: Front -- Emme Nelson, 4, and Jeffrey Bruns, 5. Back: Jack Bruns, 8, and Neila Nelson, 6. The Nelsons are children of Sam and Nick Nelson and the Bruns kids are children of Lisa and John Bruns. All are grandchildren of Sue and Jeff Zwiener, Blooming Prairie. Corn reaches a taller height than years before because farmers are planting corn much earlier than past years, said Jeff Zwiener. "It was much shorter at this time last year," Zwiener said.

**Livestock disaster preparedness**

**ON THE FARM**



Karen Anderson

Recently, headlines have been filled with farms being affected by severe weather, fires, and floods. Stories of tornados wiping out large dairy operations and high-speed winds that relocate temporary livestock housing are just a few examples. In severe cases, producers have to make quick decisions on where to relocate livestock to facilities that can handle their needs. Producers may also have to handle livestock that have been running loose, injured or died due to the disaster. Now is the time to think through your farm's disaster preparedness plan before something unexpected happens on your livestock operation.

First, producers must inform themselves of the potential

disaster that could impact their livestock operation. Next, take action. Being prepared is cost-effective, necessary and can significantly improve the farm recovery from weather or fire related incidents. The farm's disaster preparedness plan or kit should contain the following items to help the farm be prepared:

**ICE ( In Case of Emergency) contact list** – this list should contain the names of all the necessary contacts including owner, employees, neighbors, veterinarians, nutritionists, pollution control, trailering resources, county extension educator, and local volunteers.

**Animal identification** – all animals need to be properly identified with durable and visible identification. A corresponding inventory list should be available to help identify and account for all animals on the premises.

**Evaluate building structures** - reinforce weakened buildings and anchor down temporary structures for high-wind situations.

**Back-up generators and fuel** – if there is a power shortage, generators will be helpful to provide power to electrical equipment needed for the well-

being of the animals. Multiple generators may be needed depending on the electricity needed. Additional, have a supply of fuel on hand to keep equipment running which are used to continue routine chores and aid in clean-up projects.

**Identify alternative water and feed sources** if on-farm sources become unavailable or unusable.

**On-farm veterinary aid for injured animals.**

**Have necessary animal handling equipment** available such as halters, lead ropes, and equipment for a temporary holding area (gates, electric wire and posts).

Before some unexpected disaster happens on your livestock operation, take the time to learn from the powerful affects that these events have had on others and learn from them. By establishing a plan of action and preparing the disaster kit items, you will be prepared if disaster affects your farming business.

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**Corn Growers invite farmers to talk buffers, future of ethanol and other legislative items**

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) will be holding six "What you Need to Know" district meetings throughout the state to provide farmers with important updates on Minnesota's buffer law, proposed changes to federal ethanol policy, conservation programs and other topics that impact the future of agriculture in Minnesota.

Each meeting is free to attend

and open to all farmers. Refreshments will be served. In addition to MCGA staff, farmers will hear from local Soil and Water Conservation District personnel and other ag professionals.

"Farmers have a lot of questions about changes to Minnesota's buffer laws after the recently completed legislative session," said Bruce Peterson, a farmer in Northfield and MCGA President. "These meetings are

an opportunity to get those questions answered, and cover other important items such as ethanol and the Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to slash the Renewable Fuel Standard."

Dates and times for each meeting are as follows:

**July 8**  
Red Lake Falls  
Red Lake Falls City Hall  
108 2nd St. Southwest, Red

Lake Falls, MN  
3-4 p.m.

**July 9**  
Fergus Falls  
AmericInn Lodge & Suites  
526 Western Ave. North,  
Fergus Falls, MN  
9-10 a.m.

**July 9**  
Sauk Centre  
ElmerZ Restaurant & Event  
Center

1225 Timberlane Dr., Sauk  
Centre, MN  
3-4 p.m.

**July 22**  
Fairmont  
Knights of Columbus  
920 East 10th St., Fairmont,

MN  
10-11 a.m.

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**Minnesota Crop Report**

Warm temperatures and adequate moisture aided small grain development in Minnesota during the 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 28, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Parts of Minnesota experienced severe weather, including high winds and hail, during the week leaving some farmers concerned about the potential damage to crops. Field activities for the week included spraying and baling hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Minnesota's corn condition rated 81 percent good to excellent. There were scattered reports of soybean's starting to bloom, and soybean condition rated 77 percent good to excellent. Small grain development remained ahead of the five-year average with approximately three-quarters of the crops in or beyond the heading stage.

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# Legals

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. Mortgagees: 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 Mortgagor 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  
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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in 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: 2093rd 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 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 BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$ 5 8 , 6 0 2 . 0 9

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 Mortgagee Sterling State Bank, Corporation  
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO,

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: 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 s t a t u t e s .  
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

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FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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 FIVE 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

Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559  
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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.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED 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  
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 \$270,000.00.

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 756 shall begin on July 28, 2015, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2015.  
The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. At that election, three Members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four years each.  
Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the School District Clerk, 202 4th Avenue NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917. The filing fee for this office is \$2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which candidate seeks election for thirty days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.  
The Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2015.

Dated: June 15, 2015  
By Order of the School District  
Pam Hameister, School District Clerk  
6/30, 7/7

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 Mortgagor 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.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 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 to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 31, 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 January 31, 2016, or the next business day if January 31, 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

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY

Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200

Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

6/16, 6/23, 6/30 7/7, 7/14, 7/21

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 31, 2011 2. Mortgagors: E. L. Lindquist & Sons, Inc. 3. Mortgagees: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie 4. Recording Information: Recorded on April 4, 2011, as Document Number A000377468, in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. \*See below information on Amendment to Mortgage. 5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable

\*Said Mortgage was amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated March 8, 2013, filed on March 28, 2013, and recorded as Document No. A000390430 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES 6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-101-0101 7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lot 1, Block 1, Feeney's Addition to the Village of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota 8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 141 4th Street NE, 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 \$35,000.00. 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: \$31,266.19. 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

Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE ASSUMED NAME | CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: Grenier's Antiques & Thrift.
2. Principal Place of Business: 443 East Main Street, Owatonna MN 55060.
3. List the name and complete address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: Grenier, LLC, 443 East Main Street, Owatonna MN 55060.
4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: John P. Grenier Date: 6/24/15

Print Name and Title: John P. Grenier, CEO/Manager/Member

Email Address for Official Notices: aigren@hotmail.com

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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form: Benjamin M. Cass, Attorney at Law (507) 451-6540

Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

6/30, 7/7

Notice

Monthly Storm Water Utility fee to increase

Effective with the August utility bills, customers of the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities will see an increase in the monthly Storm Water base charge. The Storm Water base rate is included in the Sewer base rate reflected on your utility billing.

The Sewer residential base charge will rise from \$ 22.00 per month to \$ 24.00 per month. The Sewer commercial base rate will increase from \$ 24.00 per month to \$ 28.00 per month. This is the first storm water rate increase since the original rates were put in effect in August 2003. The present rate increase was deemed necessary because of rising costs and debt allocation.

Michael G. Jones  
City Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BLOOMING PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a public hearing to consider the variance application of Jason Manges. The Blooming Prairie Township Board will consider the Manges variance application at its regular July meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 13324 64th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie. The real property is located at 14751 34th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 and is legally described as follows: The West 517.28 feet of the South 800.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter, Section 19, Township 105 North Range 19 West Steele County, Minnesota. If approved, the variance would allow Manges to operate a feedlot with 640 feet from one residence and 860 feet from second residence. Settle County has already approved a variance from the County Zoning Ordinance requirement of 1000 feet from nearby residences. All persons interested are invited to attend the publing hearing and be heard on this matter. Written comments may be mailed to: Missy Anderson, Township Clerk 5069 SE 138th St Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

Given under my hand this 30th day of June 2015

Missy Anderson  
Town Clerk

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## SPORTS SUMMARIES

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on the mound.

Heath Lembke and Corey Johnson assisted Coach Kitzelson with the junior varsity and junior high teams, and both coaches expressed optimism at season's end, and hopes for more success, both at the varsity level and the younger teams, next season.

### Boys track and field

“This was a good year overall,” commented coach Ryan Slack, “as a young group of newcomers was introduced to the sport of track.”

Slack noted that three middle-school throwers began to score to replace senior Collin Wobschall in the field events.

The team finished second in one meet and third in three more, including the Blooming Prairie Invite, the Hayfield Invitational and the Gopher Conference meet.

Ninth-grader Alex Ille made the All-Conference team in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, and he broke the school record in the 3,200 with a 10:03.37, almost four seconds under the old mark.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Cole Sunde, Kevin Eischens, Weston Myer and Anthony Nelson also was named to the All-Conference team, and Wobschall landed an honorable mention.

In the sub-section meet, Sunde competed in the relay, the triple jump, the long jump and the 200-meter dash. Some

of the runners who made the relays a formidable team included Eischens, Elijah Baker and Ben Smith.

Slack continued, “This was a very productive season, and I was pleased with the hard work displayed from this newbie group. We had enough depth this year, so that we had some real options in putting together different scoring relays depending on the meet.”

The MVP award went to Sunde and Elijah Baker was named the Most Improved Athlete. Some good individual performances, in addition to Ille's record setting runs, came from Wobschall, Anthony Nelson, Evan Doerhoefer, Angel Villarreal, Baker, Mitchell Jones and Quentin Kubista.

Slack concluded his summary with this comment, “The season came to a bittersweet ending at the section meet. The 4x100 relay team really wanted to chase down the school record, and they came within a second of making it through finals at section. They were just that much short.”

### Girls track and field

Senior Taylor Hagen jumped from third on the point list in 2014 to first in 2015 and led the Blooming Prairie track girls to a successful season. Hagen capped her career with a fourth-place finish in the State 1A track meet. Her best throw topped out at 39-7 and she reached 38-0 consistently all

state appearance with the Minnesota High School League, in which she placed 13th. Braaten missed qualifying for the state tournament by a single stroke. The competition began at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska and was open to all amateur golfers who were 13 years old and would not reach their 19th birthday on or before Aug. 6, 2015. Seventeen girls and 72 boys competed at the tournament. The winning score for the boys was a 71, with a 78 for the girls.

| City of Blooming Prairie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |                |                                   |       |
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| Summary of Financial Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                |                |                                   |       |
| Revenues and Expenditures For General Operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                |                |                                   |       |
| The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Blooming Prairie to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Center, 138 Hwy Ave. S. Questions about this report should be directed to Michael G. Jones, Administrator at (507) 583-7573. |                |                |                                   |       |
| Governmental Funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |                |                                   |       |
| For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |                |                                   |       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Totals<br>2014 | Totals<br>2013 | Percent<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) |       |
| REVENUES:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |                |                                   |       |
| Property Taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 653334         | 657659         | -0.66%                            |       |
| Special Assessments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 87136          | 76724          | 13.57%                            |       |
| Licenses & Permits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11908          | 12509          | -4.80%                            |       |
| Intergovernmental                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 772622         | 720559         | 7.23%                             |       |
| Charges for services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 110608         | 95956          | 15.27%                            |       |
| Fines & forfeits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3206           | 7098           | -0.55%                            |       |
| Investment earnings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8754           | 9140           | -4.22%                            |       |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 32876          | 38568          | -14.76%                           |       |
| Total Revenues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1680444        | 1618213        | 3.85%                             |       |
| Per Capita                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 849            | 817            | 3.90%                             |       |
| EXPENDITURES:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |                |                                   |       |
| General government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 294110         | 290415         | 1.27%                             |       |
| Public safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 474265         | 421515         | 12.51%                            |       |
| Streets & highways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 228887         | 280854         | -18.50%                           |       |
| Culture & recreation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 223821         | 207339         | 7.95%                             |       |
| Economic development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27648          | 12461          | 121.88%                           |       |
| Sanitation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5388           | 979            | 450.36%                           |       |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8744           | 4135           | 111.46%                           |       |
| Capital Outlay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |                |                                   |       |
| General government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8368           | 704            | 1088.64%                          |       |
| Public safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 66494          | 405911         | -83.62%                           |       |
| Streets & highways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 77142          | 96040          | -19.68%                           |       |
| Culture & recreation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 13244          | 25529          | -48.12%                           |       |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4305           | 6878           | -37.41%                           |       |
| Debt Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |                |                                   |       |
| Principal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 523122         | 164357         | 218.28%                           |       |
| Interest & other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 36842          | 39373          | -6.43%                            |       |
| Total Expenditures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1992380        | 1956490        | 1.83%                             |       |
| Per Capita                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1007           | 988            | 1.89%                             |       |
| Total Long-term Indebtedness                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 415247         | 938370         |                                   |       |
| -55.75%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |                |                                   |       |
| Per Capita                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 210            | 474            | -55.72%                           |       |
| General Fund and Special Revenue funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |                |                                   |       |
| Unreserved fund balance - December 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |                |                                   |       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                | 1232160        | 1144242                           | 7.68% |
| Per Capita                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                | 623            | 578                               | 7.74% |

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# News/Classifieds

## Forbearance agreement approved for SCCL

**By ALAN VAN ORMER**  
Managing Editor

The Steele County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a forbearance agreement for Steele County Communities for a Lifetime (SCCL) to assist with restructuring finances that impact Koda Living Community and Park Place Senior Living in Owatonna.

The agreement expires on June 2016 in an event the organization doesn't turn around earlier than that. The interest-only payments will be taken out of the \$1 million guarantee Steele County has pledged.

In March, SCCL missed its debt service payment on bonds involving the facilities. On March 17, Moody's Investors Service placed Steele County's Series 2005B Gross Revenue Health Care Crossover Refunding bonds under

review for possible downgrade, affecting \$3.2 million in outstanding debt.

Steele County, along with Benedictine Health Services, both members of SCCL, is working to straighten out the situation. The default has also weakened Steele County's credit rating with Moody's Investors Service.

Three buildings are associated with Steele County and the SCCL. Steele County is the owner of the buildings for Park Place and Cedarview. SCCL owns the building and operates Koda Living Community, while is responsible for the operations of Park Place and will eventually be responsible for the operation of Cedarview, which does not have any residents at this point.

There are nine points associated with the forbearance agreement. During the forbearance agreement, the payments will be interest-only. It will include 2

percent for tax-exempt notes and 2.9 percent on taxable notes. The revenues will first be applied to operating expenses, then to pay for capital expenditures needed for safety and protection of residents and other capital expenditures made in the ordinary course of business as approved by the lender. In addition, SCCL's existing cash balance must be equal to 21 days cash on hand.

The second sentence on the sixth point of the agreement was crossed out. "Our version has it striked out because our counsel has advised us the county has no statutory authority for unlimited support of nonprofit," said Steele County Treasurer Cathy Piepho.

The crossed out sentence read: "The Members agree to advance cash or make unsecured loans to SCCL if available cash on hand is insufficient to satisfy 5a, 5b and 5c."

However, Eric Lunde with Piper Jaffray said the sentence that was stricken, he couldn't tell the county that the banks won't push back and say they want support from the county board. "I don't know how they are going to feel about it because they are counting on; viewed this as a joint partnership between BHS and the county," he said. "As I understand it is shared 50-50. It will be interesting to see what they say."

He added the costs have got to be paid. He also said it falls short of a commitment by anybody to fund those operating costs, which is the assumption as the negotiations were happening with lenders. "We may get some serious pushback from the 18 banks that have a piece of this," Lunde said.

As for the reason behind the forbearance agreement, Steve Smith, counsel for SCCL, said this is a situation that

actually no one wanted and no one expected when you got into this business. "A number of things happened which were unexpected after Steele County entered into its agreement with BHS to jointly own this nursing home," he said. "First of all, there had been no rate increases by the state for a number of years. The failure to increase rates continues," he said.

In addition, Smith said there has been a great demand for trained personnel. "Koda could not hire enough people to fully staff and because it could not fully staff, the census was down," he said. "With the census down you have less reimbursement. That was the dilemma that Koda was in."

After seven years, the Legislature has raised the rates, Smith said. "All the signs are good."

## Highway 14 resurfacing project from Dodge Center to Owatonna begins July 6

Motorists on Highway 14 between Dodge Center and Owatonna will experience delays beginning Monday, July 6, when a mill and overlay project starts, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The \$4.1 million project will involve delays for motorists while Ulland Brothers, Inc., the prime contractor is working. The project length is about 13 miles and will begin near the railroad crossing of Highway 14 at Steele County Road 180 and work east past Claremont. The stretch of Highway 14 between Highway 218 and Interstate 35 in Owatonna is also part of the project. Completion is expected in late August.

Highway 14 eastbound and westbound ramps at Steele

County Road 45 will be closed for 15 days during the project.

When the mill and overlay work is taking place on a portion of the highway, that stretch of two-lane highway will be reduced to a single lane of traffic that will be guided by a pilot car and managed by flaggers at each end of the work zone. A flagger will release traffic to follow a pilot car to the other end of the work zone, where a second flagger prevents traffic in the opposing lane from entering. Only traffic following a pilot car in the same direction is released. To learn more, go to [www.dot.state.mn.us/workzone/pilotcar.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/workzone/pilotcar.html)

Mill and overlay work involves removing a layer of pavement and replacing it with a new layer. As the transporta-

tion system ages, it needs more work to keep it in good shape. To learn about how a mill and overlay works, go to MnDOT's Road Knowledge page: [www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/information/mill-overlay/index.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/information/mill-overlay/index.html)

No work will restrict traffic in the area near Steele County Road 45 during the Steele County Free Fair, Aug. 18-23.

The MnDOT project website is at [www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy14-resurfacing/index.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy14-resurfacing/index.html).

MnDOT urges motorists to always be attentive, drive with caution, slow down in work zones and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) or get the free smartphone app at Google Play

or the App Store.

To learn more about MnDOT

and transportation funding, visit MnDOT's Get Connected web-

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### CORNGROWERS

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**July 22**  
Redwood Falls  
Redwood Falls Conference Center  
901 Cook St., Redwood Falls, MN  
3-4 p.m.

**July 23**  
Austin  
Holiday Inn Conference Center

1701 4th St. Northwest, Austin, MN  
10-11 a.m.

For more information, visit [www.mncorn.org](http://www.mncorn.org) or call the MCGA office at (952) 233-0333. With more than 7,000 members, MCGA is one of the largest grassroots ag organizations in the country and works to identify and promote opportunities

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- More dried-up
- First on moon
- Braid
- 11% of Guinea population
- Sea eagle
- Scottish variant of "to"
- A border for a picture
- Belonging to a thing
- On top
- Automobile hood (Brit.)
- Skewered Thai dish
- Clamors

- Eggs cooked until just set
- Flat
- 13th Hebrew letter
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- A crane
- Ringworm
- Romanian money
- True frog
- Integrated circuit
- "Highway Patrol's" Crawford
- Point midway between S and E
- On a whim
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- Quantity with only magnitude
- Oversights

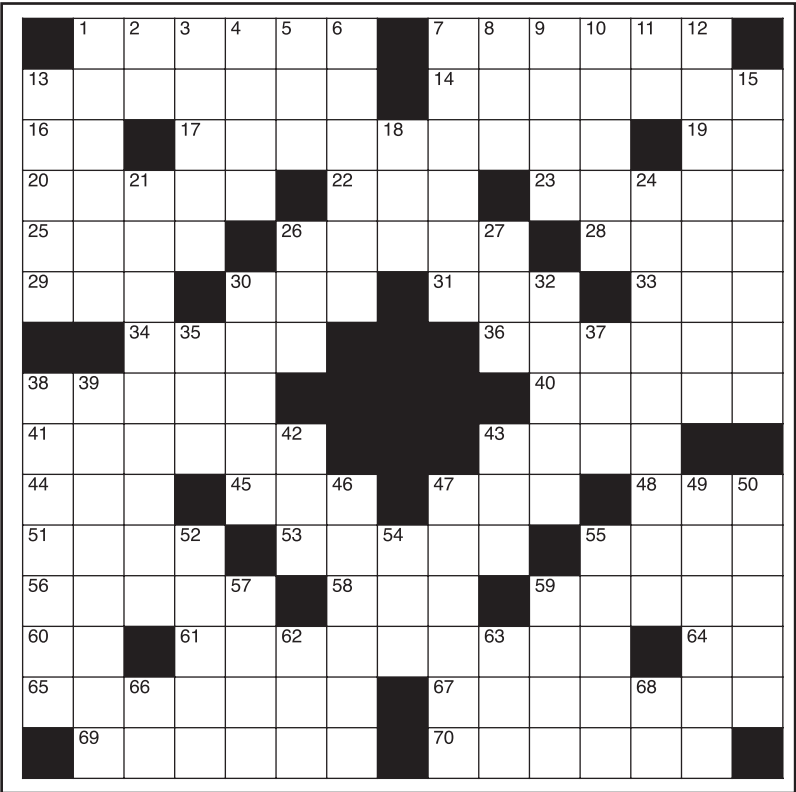
### CLUES DOWN

- One who operates a dial
- Trauma center
- Prickly pear pads
- Fashion superstar
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- AKA migraine
- Military mailbox
- Buddies
- Heavy tranquilizers (slang)

- Raised railroad track
- School session
- Picture
- Stabs
- Supervises flying
- Early American militiaman
- Downfall
- Cooking vessel
- Check
- In a way, manipulated
- Sacred book of

- Judaism
- Chum
- Negating word
- Relating to the body
- W. hemisphere continents
- Make lacework
- Witty remark
- More hairless
- Relating to a nerve
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## How to give your resume a facelift

The process of finding a new job has changed dramatically over the last decade-plus. Whereas professionals once printed their resumes and mailed them to hiring managers in response to job postings, nowadays resumes and cover letters are largely uploaded via the Internet or emailed directly to a company's human resources department.

But how resumes are sent is not the only adjustment job seekers must make. Resumes themselves have changed as well, and professionals looking for a new job might want to tweak their existing resumes in the following ways to increase their chances of finding a new job.

- Show accomplishments rather than responsibilities. Many hiring managers are experienced enough to know the responsibilities of a certain job title. So instead of listing your responsibilities as a Regional Sales Manager, list what you accomplished during your time in that position. Be as specific as possible, listing any sales goals you exceeded and awards you might have won. Your achievements are what set you apart from other candidates with similar work histories, so use your resume to highlight those achievements instead of listing your responsibilities.
- Keep things brief. Brevity

should be your friend when accentuating your accomplishments on your resume. Your resume should highlight those accomplishments and that should be enough to secure an interview. When you get that interview, that's when you can go into greater detail. But try to keep your resume to one or two pages.



- Remove older positions. Older positions, such as a long-ago college internship, have no place on a seasoned professional's resume. On a similar note, if you have long since changed careers, you may not need to include much about your previous positions in another field, especially if your work experience in your new field is extensive. Hiring managers likely won't be interested in a past work history if it's irrelevant to your current field.

Consider a new format. Few job postings request applicants to send in their resumes via snail mail, so unlike the days of old, you probably won't

be printing your resume as a Microsoft Word document and mailing it to prospective employers. As a result, you might want to consider a new format when submitting your resume via a company's Web site. Word documents might be acceptable, but such documents can

easily become encoded in the uploading process or won't be readable if the hiring manager has a different version of Word than you do. Consider uploading your resume as a PDF or as plain text, as such formats are less likely to become scrambled when they are uploaded or downloaded.

- Upload your resume to a professional networking site. Many professionals are initially hesitant to upload their resumes to a business networking site such as LinkedIn out of fear that their current employers will feel they are looking for a new job. But so many professionals are now members of such sites that it's no longer associated with

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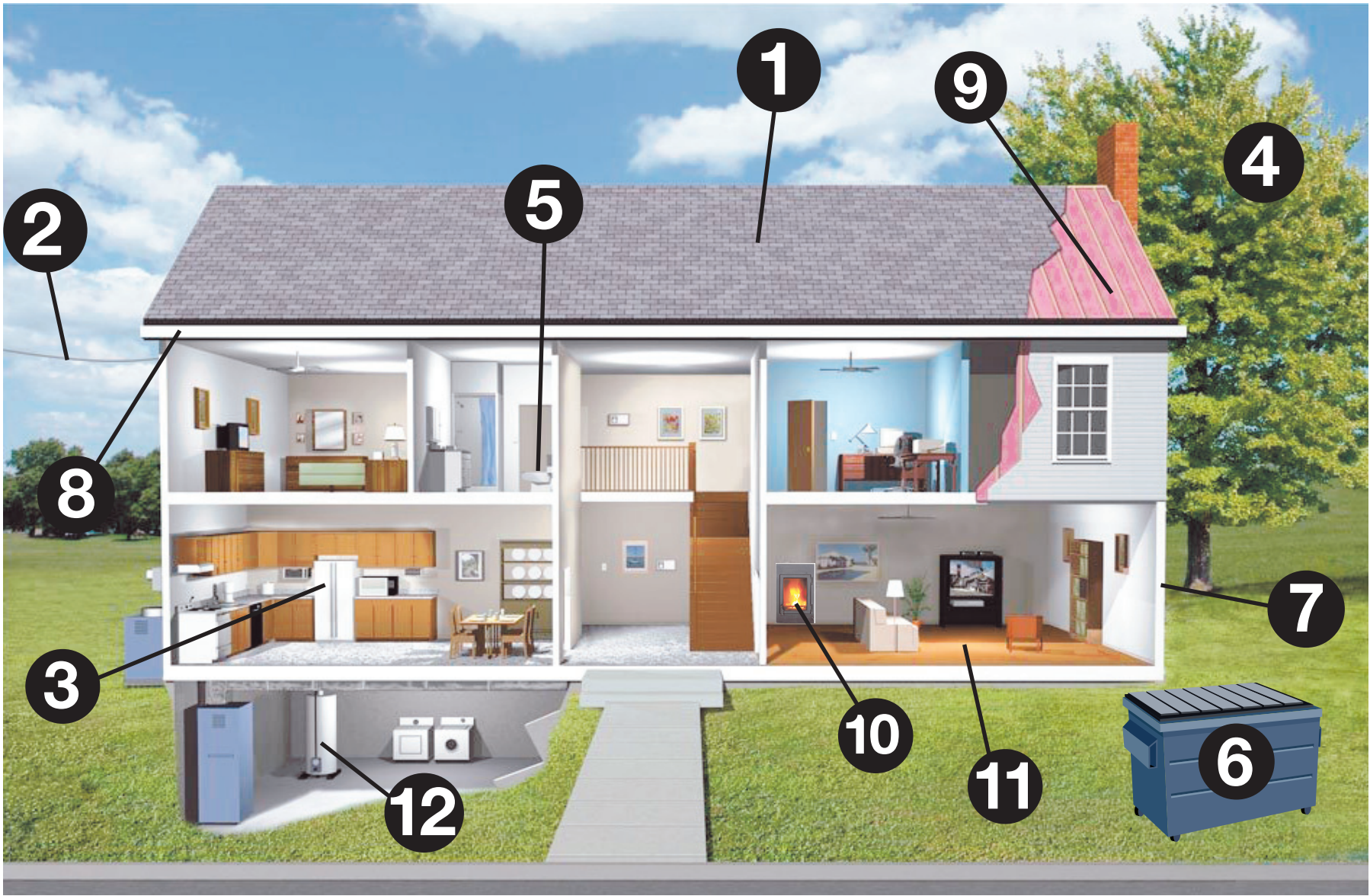
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