

Land Use Expo attracts many

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

On Monday, July 20, agriculture businesses, organizations, farmers, community members and local legislative leaders gathered for the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo. The expo took place northwest of Blooming Prairie on a field right off of U.S. Highway 218.

The expo was hosted at Rodney and Michelle Krell's family farm, and it was hosted by Steele County Farm Bureau and Steele County Farmers Union. Lunch was provided by Livestock commodity groups.

The purpose of the expo was to allow all walks of life to view field demonstrations and learn more about modern agriculture and environmental efforts.

There was a legislative listening panel that consisted of Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Dave Frederickson, Assistant Commissioner of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Rebecca Flood, Dist. 27 Sen. Dan Sparks, Dist. 24 Sen. Vicki Jensen and Dist. 54B Rep. Denny McNamara.

During the listening panel, the

elected officials were able to address the audience and answer questions. The topic of the panel had a focus on finding and working towards a healthy balance between environmental efforts and agriculture.

The field demonstrations consisted of various types of liquid and solid manure application equipment as well as various types of conservation equipment.

Frederickson was present throughout the demonstrations and later laughed that "they had the wind going in the right direction. We even got a whiff of it."

The demonstrations were kicked off by the revving engine of an old model of a John Deere manure spreader. The old equipment contrasted the new equipment drastically, as computerization and other technologies have become such a part of agriculture.

Members of Minnesota Department of Agriculture were present and actually filming some of the demonstrations to be used for the two hour training videos that are a part of an

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Staff photo by Anna Segner
The Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo provided an opportunity to see the types of equipment that farmers and producers use in the agriculture industry.

Legislative Panel talk about future of agriculture with local farmers

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Elected officials joined Southern Minnesota farmers and community members on July 20 for the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo. Here, officials were able to learn about agriculture today and talk with local farmers and agriculture professionals to hear their voice and concerns.

The legislative listening panel and discussion consisted of Commissioner of the Minnesota

Department of Agriculture Dave Frederickson, Assistant Commissioner of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Rebecca Flood, Dist. 27 Sen. Dan Sparks, Dist. 24 Sen. Vicki Jensen and Dist. 54B Rep. Denny McNamara.

Many were at the expo prior to the panel to view the field demonstrations and learn more about the agriculture advances. Frederickson was there prior

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Business women host State Lieutenant Governor

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The organization Owatonna Business Women were honored to hear from Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith at their lunch meeting on July 21 at the Owatonna Country Club.

Owatonna Business Women president Kerri Lynch said that having Smith speak at their meeting was an honor. "We're trying to ramp up our programming. We want high level speakers to inform us on what is going on in our community."

Smith spoke to the Owatonna Business Women about the "spirit of invention that makes Minnesotans exceptional." She listed the Minnesotan contribution of invention to the world and listed advances in agriculture, snow blowers, water skis, pacemakers, post it notes and Tonka trucks among many.

"Minnesotan inventions have made life better, safer, and more enjoyable for millions around the world," said Smith. "Minnesotans are hard-working and dedicated people that are dedicated to make things work better."

Smith said that the spirit of invention within Minnesotan economy is stronger due to the role that women play professionally, politically, and personally.

"Women make up 50 percent of the population. Women earn 60 percent of undergraduate degrees and 60 percent of master's degrees. Yet, only 8 percent of women are top earners, and less than 5 percent are CEOs of the fortune 500 companies," said Smith. She spoke of the importance of legislature to help lower interest of loans to make it easier and readily available to women

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Severe weather hits Steele County



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
Wind gusts, reports up to 40-50 mph, socked the Ellendale area breaking off this heavy tree branch on the south end of town on Friday.

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

On Friday, July 24, a strong storm system passed through Steele County. No serious damage or injuries were reported as a result of this storm.

According to Steele County Emergency Management Director Mike Johnson, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Steele County at 6:37 a.m. last Friday. Then, at 6:54 a.m., the NWS issued a tornado warning. The warning, however, was cancelled shortly after it was issued.

Johnson explains that a tornado warning is issued when upper rotation is indicated on a Doppler radar. "The rotation on the radar was just east of the City of Ellendale, but there was no

touchdown," said Johnson.

The storm moved from the southern edge of Steele County and into Freeborn County, and eventually made its way into Mower County. "There was small hail, heavy rain and some minor damage from wind," Johnson said.

That morning, areas within Steele County saw heavy rains, which continued during the early morning hours. Johnson says the rainfall that morning totaled between two and three inches.

Although no area residents reported serious damage that morning, the event serves as a reminder that disaster can strike at any time. When the weather turns severe, residents should pay careful attention to the latest weather reports and heed any instructions issued by the National Weather Service.

Vandal's to host grand re-opening celebration

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Vandal's Family Market has a lot to celebrate, and the owners are inviting the public to come celebrate with them at the store in Blooming Prairie.

The building has been a grocery store since 1986, and the business has been owned by the Vandal family since 1992, when Allen Vandal purchased the building. For years, customers shopped at Bob & Al's Food Pride, which later became known as Vandal's Food Pride in 1996. Last year, Allen Vandal retired, but the business still

remained in the family. Allen's son, Waco Vandal, daughter, Brandy Holmberg-Vandal and Brandy's husband, Brady Holmberg, have owned the store for the past year.

"We've enjoyed it," Brandy said. "We all have a good time, and it's been great with the three of us working together."

Since taking over the business, Waco, Brady and Brandy have tried hard to make improvements to the store as they are able. Their latest addition to the store is their new deli case, which was installed about two weeks ago and features new items.

Although it takes lots of hard work and dedication to run the business, the three owners agree that working as a team does make things a little easier. Each person focuses on specific departments, in addition to ensuring that customers receive the best service and are able to purchase high quality food and products.

"People come here from Owatonna, Austin, all around... they say there are some things here that they can't get anywhere else," Brady said. "I

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Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Vandal's Family Market will host their Grand Re-Opening celebration on Saturday, August 1 in Blooming Prairie. Pictured above are storeowners Waco Vandal, Brandy Vandal-Holmberg and Brady Holmberg beside their new deli case.

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Opinion

Our view

What to do with the data?

Leaders around Minnesota will have some major decisions to make to move the state and communities forward after the Minnesota State Demographic Center released its July 2015 report. Some of the information is staggering and surely will have an impact on how Minnesota and its residents do business in the future.

The Minnesota State Demographic Center (SDC), part of the Minnesota Department of Administration, is the main provider of demographic data and analysis for the state of Minnesota. To read more on this report, visit <http://mn.gov/admin/demography/data-by-place/>.

Some of the key findings include that the number of Minnesotans turning 65 in this decade – an estimated 285,000 – will be greater than the past four decades combined. Around 2020, Minnesota’s 65 plus population is expected to be more than the K-12 population (ages five to 17) for the first time in history.

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, if that isn’t enough, the total number of adults over 65 is anticipated to double between 2010 and 2030. By then, the report states that more than one in five Minnesotans will be an older adult, including all the Baby Boomers.

What is disturbing is that 184,000 or 15 percent of Minnesota’s children live in poverty, according to a 2012 statistic. Local school boards have already been discussing the issue of poverty in school districts around the region.

As a whole, the report shows that 11.4 percent of Minnesotans live in poverty. Minnesota and Texas were the only two states that experienced statistically significant declines in poverty between 2011 and 2012.

About 598,000 Minnesotans, nearly one-third of them children, lived in households with annual income below the federal poverty threshold (about \$23,300 for a family of two parents and two dependent children) in 2012. Additionally, about one-third or more of Black and American Indian Minnesotans lived in poverty in 2012, along with about one-quarter of Hispanic Minnesotans.

The information should be useful for everyone. The main challenge is how to use this information to benefit those who live in our communities around the state. What types of programs do we need to help those in poverty? Are we doing enough to prepare our infrastructure for the influx of seniors that this report is forecasting? What are we going to do to feed those youngsters?

Those are all questions that need answers. This is just some data to spur a movement to make our communities a better place to live in the future.

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This week’s question: What disturbs you the most about the July 2015 Minnesota State Demographic Center report?

- *That 184,000 or 15 percent of Minnesota’s children live in property.
- *In 2020, Minnesota’s 65 plus population is expected to be more than the K-12 population.
- *About 598,000 Minnesotans, nearly one-third of them children, lived in households with annual income below the federal poverty threshold.

Last week’s question: Is an Ag Expo the right way to educate our citizens?

- *Yes, they can provide a wealth of information. 80%
- * No, this isn’t the right way to get the message across. 7%
- * It really doesn’t matter. 13%

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



More teeth in state’s DWI law

HOT

The penalty for driving around drunk is going to become potentially harsher beginning this coming weekend.

On Aug. 1, Minnesota’s DWI laws are going to change to reflect what some have viewed as a loophole for several years. The threshold for one of the enhanced penalties in the law will drop from .20 to .16.

When Minnesota lowered the intoxication level to .08 a few years back, lawmakers didn’t drop the part of the law which made it a gross misdemeanor to have an alcohol level twice the legal limit. It remained at .20 until now.

So now if you plan on hopping behind the wheel after drinking heavily, it will be a gross misdemeanor if your alcohol level registers .16 or higher.

The change will “put it on people’s radar to just not take the chance,” Steele County’s top prosecutor, Daniel McIntosh, said recently. He said this is a good move for the state and considers it very justifiable to lower the level.

Just maybe, McIntosh said, such a move will make it likely that drunk drivers will be more careful than they have in the past.

The difference will be in the sentencing part of DWIs. For gross misdemeanors, violators can expect jail time up to a year and six years probation while your basic misdemeanor runs 90 days in jail and two years probation.

One area that might catch some off guard is with vehicle forfeitures. Under the new revision at .16, violators will be subject to having their vehicles forfeited. “Forfeiture deters some people—it’s quite a consequence,” McIntosh says. “People are surprised to see that their vehicles are taken.”

Steele County, and Owatonna in particular, has the second or third highest capita of DWI arrests throughout southeastern Minnesota, according to McIntosh. It’s hard to know exactly what to make of that fact. Are there more folks in the Owatonna area that like to tip back a few more brews than others? Or is it that law enforcement in Owatonna is just better at catching drunks than police in other areas?

Whatever the case is, it’s troubling to have such a distinction, to say the least. “Even with all the education, publicity and word of mouth, people still take the chance,” McIntosh said. He added that folks in the criminal justice system are at a loss as to why people take that risk.

“It’s hard to understand why people continue to do it,” McIntosh said. “It’s one of those things that is a head scratcher for us as to why people continue to take the risk.”

McIntosh is frustrated because obviously the message isn’t hitting its intended target.

More recently, McIntosh has seen an increase in the number of “huffing cases.” Huffing is the act of inhaling toxic gases to get high. Some of the most common forms of huffing are gasoline, solvents or spray paint. “It’s so dangerous,” he said.

“More people are killed by DWI than murder,” McIntosh said. “People need to look out for their own safety,” he added.

For years families have been shattered and lives have been ruined at the hands of drunk drivers. I don’t think you want to put yourself in a position of being responsible for any of that kind of mayhem.

It’s simple: don’t get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol. Let’s all do our part in going in hot pursuit of preventing drunken driving.



PURSUIT
Rick Bussler

Letter to the editor

Bringing home the bacon

The Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo held north of Blooming Prairie on July 20th could have easily carried the sub-title “Bringing Home the Bacon”, considering the lack of any inclusion from dairy, poultry and other sectors of the ag industry. In review of the long list of sponsors one is missing: Hormel Foods Corporation. However, I’m sure they’re quite grateful for all that the hog industry does that provides them

with on-going, record-breaking profits each quarter.

Discussion at the event included that of buffer strips and water quality. Interestingly enough, our neighbor to the south, the state of Iowa (an Indian name meaning “Beautiful Land”) - ranks 49th in the nation for water quality and number one in hog production, an ironic combination.

Unfortunately, Big Ag advocates refuse to hear and entertain contrary opinions. At the Southern Minnesota Land

Use Expo, several legislators in attendance encouraged citizens to voice their concerns and participate in the democratic process. These same legislators, who are nothing more than a mouthpiece for Big Ag, talk out of both sides of their mouths. When the MPCA Citizens Board expressed environmental concerns regarding installation of a huge dairy operation in western Minnesota, all of the legislators in attendance at this event voted to abolish the MPCA Citizens Board, includ-

ing Sen. Dan Sparks of Austin, Sen. Vicki Jensen of Owatonna, and Sen. Dave Senjem of Rochester. Only Rep. David Bly of Northfield had the guts to vote against abolishment of the MPCA Citizens Board.

We will not be silenced, nor will we allow Big Ag advocates, including elected officials, to ruin our environment.

Brad Trom
Blooming Prairie, MN

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Krell family clears 40 acres for Expo

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Scattered rain showers the few weeks prior to the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo on July 20 had the Krell family and the planning committee sweating a little bit. The wheat field that the expo took place on was actually not tilled until the day before the expo.

The family cleared 40 acres for the event. Ample space was needed for the various agriculture companies’ displays, the tent, tables and demonstrations. The demonstrations consisted of various types of liquid and solid manure application equipment and various types of conservation equipment.

Rodney, Michelle and the Krell family accepted the request to host the expo early June or so. Son of Rodney and Michelle, Justin Krell, said that the wheat field was going to be harvested anyway in July.

“It was getting a little stressful though. Mother Nature was not cooperating with us until just yesterday,” Krell explained that the first step of harvesting the wheat is thin cutting the wheat and putting it into a wind roll, which is done to allow the wheat to dry evenly. Once it dried, it was baled and used for feed or bedding. “You can determine whether it is dry enough with just a hand test, otherwise you could hire a moisture sensor. It



Staff photo by Anna Segner
At the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo, Justin Krell demonstrated different types of farming equipment.

needs to be under 15 percent,” explained Krell.

When asked what they would have done if the wheat was not dry in time, Krell said that they probably would have bailed, even if it was damper than they would have liked. “Having the land area cleared was crucial to continue this operation,” he said.

Krell said that besides this slight hitch regarding the event, most farmers would say that the weather so far this year has set them up for a nice harvest come fall. “It’s a nice change as far as the past few years,” he said. “Our crops look really good, but there’s a way to go yet.”

Krell said that his family was honored to host the expo and

excited to be a part of an educational outreach. “I think the perception out there is that large corporations are running the farms, but it is actually quite the opposite,” he said. “Thousands of families make money off the land. It is just the perception that it is large.

“We were happy to open up family farm for everyone today. There is nothing here that we wouldn’t want to show, so this was a great opportunity!” said Krell. “We hope that people will better understand agriculture and our efforts that have made us much more sustainable.”

The Krell family farm is just less than 1,000 acres. They have dairy steers, beef steers and a

cow calf operation.

Krell is the fifth generation to the family farm, as it was started on June 4, 1910. While Krell works full-time as a district sales officer for Producers Hybrid, he spends a lot of time working on his family farm.

Sustainability and cleaner practice is important to Justin as he looks to the past and the future. “Generations before me had the foresight to do something to pass this down to me, and now it’s my turn to pass down some knowledge,” he said.

Krell commented on the amazing technology that has made for more efficient and cleaner practice in agriculture. He is excited about precision agriculture and the newer technologies. He was particularly enthused about the equipment that pulls soil samples from ground, so that only the amount of fertilizer needed in that area will be applied. “Now we can apply fertilizer where we need it to be with the amount that we need. This means much less pollution and allows us to be better stewards of the land,” Krell said.

“Precision agriculture encompasses so many routes of precision that benefit the land and the farmer, so we’re excited to share that new knowledge with people today,” commented Krell. “This is important for everyone!”

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to the panel and spoke passionately about the advancements he learned about on that day. “I’m an old dirt farmer. I grew up on a farm in old Murdock, Minnesota. In just 20 years even, the technologies have changed incredibly,” said Frederickson. “It’s really important for people to be here and see this.

“Agriculture should consist of three parts,” said Frederickson. “Those parts are economics, environment and social. I think it is critical that all these aspects are a part of moving forward.”

The focus of the legislative panel was agriculture and water, and Frederickson spoke to the crowd about the Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program. This program allows for the enhancement of water quality in Minnesota lakes, rivers and streams by accelerating farmers’ voluntary adoption of conservation practices on their farms. He encourages farmers to take advantage of this program.

Naturally, a widely discussed topic during the panel was the new landmark buffer initiative, which has got many in the agriculture community talking. Gov. Mark Dayton recently signed a law that will designate an estimated 110,000 acres of land for water quality buffer strips statewide.

Frederickson explained that the bill will establish perennial vegetation buffers of up to 50 feet along lakes, rivers, streams and ditches. The buffer width will be an average of 50 feet on public waters, and the buffer width will be a minimum of 16.5 feet on public ditches, while buffer widths on other waters will be determined by soil and water conservation districts.

“This bill was important when farm groups came together and said we would like to see an existing law enforced,” said Frederickson. “There continues to be feedback, but not as much negative feedback as you may have anticipated.”

Frederickson also told the local farmers that they have until 2018. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website, “buffers on public drainage systems will be in place by Nov. 1, 2018.” Currently, the DNR is working on maps.

When a member of the crowd questioned clarification of details, many members of the panel suggested that the grace of legislation is that there is room for tweaking as seen fit. “I have the bill right here. I have read it many, many times. It’s a matter of definition,” said Frederickson. “If tweaks are necessary, they will be looked at.”

Sen. Jensen spoke passionately about the responsibility of landowners and farmers to get involved and speak up.

“If we don’t tell our story, someone else will do it for you, and we’re probably not going to like what they say. Good clean water is important, and land owners know that!”

Another hot topic was youth in agriculture and what is needed to keep the legislature aware and knowledgeable of both agricultural and environmental needs of future generations.

Rep. McNamara was cognizant of this area of concern and spoke about the responsibility of legislators in looking at the long term outcomes of policies that might make it more difficult for youth to enter agriculture successfully.

An area of concern is high taxes when it comes to passing down land from generation to generation. “The tax policies with passing down land to children needs to be looked at,” said McNamara. “If agriculture is a priority in the state, we need to make the transfer of farms easier from generation to generation.”

Besides concerns of land transfers, the topic of lower interest rate on agriculture related loans were also discussed. The need for a way to increase interest in youth and more agriculture teachers in the school system was also mentioned by Sen. Sparks.

While farmers plead to the officials to watch out for the youth that will keep agriculture alive in Minnesota, legislative officials asked farmers to get more involved politically. As Rep. McNamara suggested, “Minnesota feeds the world, and we need more farmers in the state legislature.”

“We try to be a strong voice for you, but you all have to tell your (farmers and agriculture professionals) stories. You all have good stories to tell, and you have to be sure to tell them,” said Sen. Sparks. “Two thirds of the legislature come from the county metro area. A lot of these folks have little to no idea about farming. The more we can do to educate our urban friends, the better.”

All of the panel members encouraged the crowd to continue to fight for advances in agriculture from an agricultural, environmental, and social perspective. “Many of us up here have an open door policy. We want to hear from you. The conversation does not stop today,” said Sen. Sparks.

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applicators certification process.

“We’re taking advantage of the event and all of the applicators so that we can provide better more up to date footage for those looking to be applicators for hire,” said Alison Rossow of Pesticide and Fertilizer Management.

Expo volunteer Peter Vogt was in charge of setting up the large pieces of equipment prior to the demonstrations. He said that the efforts of the expo were to “mostly show the public different field land use equipment that is focused on minimal tillage.” He explained that “leaving crop residue minimizes soil erosion.”

Vogt said that there were probably about 20 pieces of equipment. “There’s a number of different pieces of equipment that will show vertical tilling, which is relatively new to the area, so those are kind of the highlight I suppose.”

“It is good to see some of our township and county officials

here. It is good to know that they are interested in learning about production agriculture today,” said Vogt. “If we all get together and see what works for others, we can build off that.”

Steele County feedlot officer Dan Vermilyea was a major contributor to the expo planning committee. In fact, Vermilyea envisioned the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo when he was brainstorming an educational outreach event, but he did not imagine the expo to the extent that it became.

“We started with the idea 30 days ago. After it was first mentioned, it went from a planted seed to a willow tree out of control,” said Vermilyea during the Expo. “It went from having a little manure application demonstrations to having elected officials speak!”

While Vermilyea deemed the day a success, he said that there were a few “behind the scene” aspects that should be reevaluated in the future for overall



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Dan Vermilyea explains how to use this piece of equipment during the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo.

efficiency. He said that allowing more time for planning is something that the future planning committee will most likely apply.

“I always felt that there was a need for this program, which serves five counties in southern Minnesota. We have never done

it to this extent, but I always felt the need,” said Vermilyea. “It wouldn’t have been possible without the Krell family allowing us to utilize their land—location is really important. I also would like to thank the 50 to 53 sponsors that helped make it possible.”

Manure Injection System shows a blend of nature and technology

By JAKE NELSON
News Intern

Everyone can tell when the farmers are fertilizing their fields. That distinct aroma alerts everyone that it is once again that time of year. However, few non-farmers are aware of the process of fertilizing or the technology involved.

In order to fertilize their fields, farmers employ the use of a small machine known as the Manure Injection System. Usually about six of these machines are attached to the back of a truck containing manure. The system opens the ground, and then injects the manure; finally it recovers the ground with dirt. This process is repeated thou-

sands of times across the acreage.

Raymond Zimmerman had his for display at the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo near Blooming Prairie on July 20. His system boasts speeds in between three and 12 miles per hour, in addition to Hydraflex technology, which allows for even work within 10 inches of uneven ground. This means that the same amount of manure will be injected to all parts of the field.

This system is used mostly for corn. Four, six, eight or 10 can be attached to a truck with each covering one row of the field. The Manure Injection System are connected to the truck by flexible hoses known

as drag hose systems. Also the Manure Injection System allows for depth control, meaning the farmer can control what depth the manure is injected.

There are three different main functioning parts of the Manure Injection System. Two pairs of wheels designed slightly differently, and two tubes, which the drag hose systems connect to. The first set of wheels open the ground to the desired depth, the manure then goes from the truck through the drag hoses and then through the tubes and is injected into the opened ground, then the second set of wheels covers the manure with the dirt the first set dug up.

Manure is used as fertilizer for many reasons. First, it is an in-

expensive option as most farms produce their own. In addition, manure improves soil structure so the soil can hold more nutrients and water. It also encourages the growth of microbial activity in the soil, which increases the soil’s trace mineral supply, improving plant nutrition. Manure also contains nitrogen, which is essential for the growth of plants of all kinds.

While it may not be the greatest option for smell, manure has a plethora of benefits when used as fertilizer. Likewise the technology for using has grown and developed. The Manure Injection System is the most up to date product for the use of manure. It shows a blend of nature and technology.



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In order to fertilize their fields, farmers employ the use of a small machine known as the manure injection system.

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Spring...on the ROAD



How to prepare for a roadtrip *(Ultimate car checklist)*

You should always keep your car up-to-date and tuned up. This guide's checklist is specially designed for those long road trips! Especially with the summer vacations coming up!

1. Check your fluids! Including: engine oil, coolant, transmission fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid.

Usually it will show what type of oil to use. The oil dipstick will also most likely match the cap color, and will be within easy reach.

You should always change your oil within the specifications of your car. You can find that in the car's manual.

It is basically clear, and it won't smell burnt. Fill your car with the specified amount of oil and never surpass the hatch marks.

Now you need to check the transmission fluid. Check your manual or take it to a garage.

When you check your transmission fluid, it also needs to reside within the hatch marks. **CHECK YOUR TRANNY FLUID WHILE THE CAR IS RUNNING!** Do not overfill the tranny fluid.

Top off your windshield washer fluid. It will usually have a picture of a window with spraying water. The coolant reservoir is on the bottom, and make sure the car is cool beforehand.

Use coolant (antifreeze) that is either pre-made 50/50 (half water/half coolant), or coolant you need to make 50/50 yourself.

Check your power steering fluid. It is usually by your belt at the top of the engine, and it will say power steering fluid.

The brake fluid will be close to the firewall behind the engine in front of the driver side. It's mounted on top of the master brake cylinder. Check the side for a guideline of where to fill.

2. Check belts, hoses, ,wipers, V belts, serpentine belts, coolant hoses, windshield washer hoses, vacuum hoses, and possibly your timing belt if your car is due. Replace the wipers if needed.

Check for leaks from hoses or sucking sounds that may point out vacuum leaks. Check under your car for any drippings that may be a source of a problem.

Check windshield wipers for cracks and make sure it makes good contact with your window.

3. Check your tires for uneven wear. Test the thickness of tread with a penny if you have to. Put the penny in upside down, and if the tread surpasses the top of Abe's head then you should be all

right.

When you fill your tires with air, make sure you use your manufacturer's air pressure rating. If you look on the inside of your door, you may see your suggested tire pressure (30)

The spark plug wires are at the top of the picture. Check each wire for good contact and no rub-throughs.

4. Check your electrics! Including: daytime/ bright lights, horns, turn signals, reverse light, and brake light. Don't forget to check your dash lights and interior lighting.

Turn on low beams, high beams, left/right turn signals, and hazard lights. To check your brake lights and reverse lights without a second person, back up to a wall and watch for a reflection.

Turn on all dash lights, and interior lighting to make sure they work. I would hate to not have lighting if you need to read a map at night.

5. Check your battery and air filter. Make sure the battery terminals are free from corrosion, and the cables are tight and snug to the battery. Replace your air filter for better gas mileage.

The terminals of the battery should be free and clear from each other. Check the terminals for corrosion, and check the wires for rub-throughs. Sparks are no fun, and dead batteries aren't either!

Open up the air cleaner housing and check the filter. If you pull it out, and it's all black

and gunked up, it's time for a new filter.

6. Have a spare tire and emergency kit. Make sure the spare tire is full of air, and the emergency kit has all the tools you might need for roadside repairs, especially jumper cables, and a jack.

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7. Here is a list of tips not related to a car checklist.

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Atlas/map,
Cellphone,
Phone charger,
Insurance/registration,
Flashlight,
First aid kit,
Cooler,
Books,
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Dear Savvy Senior,
Is macular degeneration hereditary? My mother lost her vision from it before she died a few years ago, and now at age 65, I'm worried I may get it. What can you tell me?
Nearsighted Susan

Dear Susan,
Having a parent or sibling with macular degeneration does indeed increase your risk three to four times. But the good news is there are things you can do to protect your eyesight, and a number of treatments that are available if you do happen to get it. Here's what you should know.
What is AMD?
Macular degeneration, also

known as age-related macular degeneration (or AMD) is the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 50, affecting about 10 million Americans.

AMD is a progressive eye disease that damages the macula, the part of the eye that allows us to see objects clearly, causing vision loss in the center of your vision. This affects the ability to read, drive, watch television and do routine daily tasks, but it does not cause total blindness.

There are two types of AMD – wet and dry. Dry AMD, which affects about 90 percent of all people that have it, progresses slowly and painlessly over a period of years. While wet AMD

How to protect your eyes from macular degeneration

is much more aggressive and can cause severe vision loss in a matter of weeks or months.

Factors that can increase your risk of getting AMD include age (60 and older); smoking; excessive exposure to sunlight especially if you have light-colored eyes; certain genetic components; a family history of AMD; high blood pressure; obesity; and being Caucasian.

For anyone over the age of 60, it's a smart idea to get your eyes examined by an ophthalmologist every year. They can spot early signs of AMD before vision loss occurs. Early signs, however, may include shadowy areas in your central vision or unusually fuzzy or distorted vision. The Amsler grid at amslergrid.org, is a good tool to check your eyes for AMD.

Preventing AMD
While there's currently no cure for AMD there are some things you can do if you're high risk. One option is to talk to your doctor about taking a daily dose of antioxidant vitamins and minerals known as AREDS – vitamins C and E, plus copper, lutein, zeaxanthin, and zinc. Studies by the National Eye Institute have shown that AREDS can reduce the risk by about 25 percent that dry AMD will progress.

Most drug stores sell these eye supplements in tablet or soft gel form over-the-counter for around \$20 to \$30, but be aware that not all eye supplements contain the proper formulation. Choose either the PreserVision Eye Vitamin AREDS Formula, PreserVision Eye Vitamin Lutein Formula, PreserVision AREDS2 Formula, or ICAPS AREDS. These four options contain the right formula mix.

Other lifestyle adjustments that may help prevent or delay AMD include eating antioxidant-rich foods such as dark green, leafy vegetables, and cold-water fish for their omega-3 fatty acids; protecting your eyes from the sun by wearing UV protective sunglasses; con-

trolling high blood pressure; exercising regularly; and if you smoke, quit.

Wet AMD Treatments
For wet AMD, there are several effective medications (Lucentis, Avastin and Eylea) available that can stop vision loss and may even restore it. These medications are given by injection into the eye, and repeated every month or two, perhaps indefinitely.

Note that each of these three drugs works equally in treating wet AMD, but there's a big cost difference. Avastin costs just

\$50 per month, compared with \$2,000 for the other two. So experts recommend Avastin as the first choice for most people with wet AMD, especially if you don't have supplemental Medicare coverage.

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



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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
Tuesday July 26, 2005

The reality of the war in Iraq was felt last week by Rod and Tess Koster, and the rest of their family, as they learned that their son, Sergeant Bryce Schlichter was injured while on convoy duty near Fallujah, Iraq.

Frank Hewitt Kidder, Sr., 80, of Owatonna, died Saturday, July 16, 2005 at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born January 24, 1925 in Claremont, the son of Edward and Lura (Francis) Kidder. He married Elizabeth Ballstadt on January 12, 1945 in Claremont.

A Canadian resident recently pleaded guilty to defrauding the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

and will be required to pay more than \$800 in fines. He will also lose hunting and fishing privileges in Minnesota for one year.

20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
Tuesday July 25, 1995

Bloomington Prairie residents who were victims of the month long rash of burglaries here lost more than just televisions, boom boxes, computers, and VCRs. Those items are replaceable. But the family heirlooms taken and the loss of feeling secure in their homes is more difficult and often impossible to replace. "What hurt most," burglary victim Theresa Elwood said, was losing a 2-carat diamond ring that had belonged

to her father and a watch that was her husband's grandfather's

The Minnesota departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture are teaming up the nation's wild bird food manufacturers to create an innovative new voluntary funding program to help preserve wild birds. It is the first of its kind in the nation.

50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Thursday July 22, 1965

Two cars were totally demolished and four persons taken to City Hospital, Owatonna, following a collision at the intersection of Highways 65 and 30, about 7:15 p.m., Monday of this week.

Suzanne L. Clunis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clunis, and Russell C. Myli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Myli of Kensett, Iowa, exchange nuptial vows at Trinity Lutheran church, New Richland on June 13 at 2 p.m. Rev. L. H. Smestad performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with aqua mums and white gladioli. The bouquets of white mums and white gladioli adorned the front of the church.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
Thursday July 25, 1940

Pleading not guilty to a charge of second degree arson, William Anderson, Austin man who allegedly burned his

home in the Crane addition in Austin, appeared this week in Mower county district court for arraignment. Anderson is reported to have signed a statement after his arrest July 7, which he admitted setting fire to his home. Attorney Glen Thorson, of Bloomington Prairie is Anderson's counsel who filed application earlier this week for Anderson's bail and release. Date for the hearing is pending.

Kenneth L. Coogle of Atlanta is shown with giant silver tarpon he landed in Tamba Bay after 35-minute tussle. Giant catch, weighing 173 pounds and standing a full head higher than his captor, may bring Ken \$5000 prize in national tournament.

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Obituaries

Paul Jeffery Polen

Paul Jeffery Polen, husband of Janell Trom Polen, passed away May 15, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. He was born March 28, 1942, in Steubenville, Ohio. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents James and Margaret Polen and son, Jeffery Norman Polen. He is survived by his wife Janell Trom Polen; his brother, Michael (Carla) Polen; adopted sister, Barbara Brueser; daughter, Paula K. (Douglas) Bonar; and grandson Jackson Paul Bonar.



He is also survived by two step-sons, Nick Kuhlmann and Scott Kuhlmann; two step-daughters, Wendy Doll and Sandi Brown; eight step-grandchildren and five great step-grandchildren. Jeff lived in Hopedale, Ohio, where he graduated from high

school. He went to college in Bowling Green, Ohio, on a football scholarship. He taught high school History for a brief period and due to the sudden death of his father he then took over the family insurance business/real estate. Jeff moved to Naples in 1985. He opened several businesses in Naples and Bonita Springs and retired in 2012. He belonged to the Bonita Springs Sons of the American Legion Squadron 303.

There will be a graveside memorial at First Lutheran Church Cemetery in Blooming Prairie at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. The cemetery is located on the road past the Trom family farm now owned by Becky and Mark Noble.

All family, friends and Legion/VFW family are invited to come and celebrate Jeff's life. Following the service there will be a reception at the home of Becky and Mark Noble.

Myles Daniel Scott Stucky

Myles Daniel Scott Stucky passed away in Blooming Prairie on July 18, 2015, at seven weeks and six days old. Myles was the son of Cory Stucky and Amy Solland. This precious little man was too eager to meet Mommy and Daddy being born five weeks premature. He loved to be snuggled close as well as falling asleep with a full belly of milk, floating in the backyard pool with Mommy and Daddy.

With heavy hearts, the funeral service was held on Friday July 24, 2015, at Schroeder and Sites Funeral Home in Northwood, Iowa. Burial followed the funeral at Stateline Cemetery, rural Northwood.

Myles presented himself to the world on May 24, 2015, in Rochester.

Myles is survived by his loving mother and father Amy JoAnne Solland and Cory Neal Stucky;

sister Taylor Ann Stucky; brothers Cael Neal Stucky and Xavier Gene Westland; grandma Sandy Stucky; grandpa Scott Stucky; grandma Deb Solland; grandpa Dan Solland; great-grandma Virginia Shelton; great-grandma Mary Barrett; and great-grandpa Sam Limesand. Also survived by uncles Chad Stucky, Kyle Stucky, Levi Solland, Justin Maalis, Chris Peterson; and aunts Jessica Maalis, Mandra

Peterson, Jill Stucky and Megan Colby.

Myles is preceded in death by great-grandpa Gene Barrett, great-grandma Judy Limesand, great-grandpa Neal Stucky, great-grandpa Herb Reyerson and great-grandma Janice Reyerson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be left at Schroeder and Sites, 1211 10th St S, Northwood, IA 50459.

Doris May Halstenson, 90, of Blooming Prairie

Doris May Halstenson, age 90, of Blooming Prairie, died Wednesday morning, July 22, 2015, at Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie. She was born Sept. 29, 1924, in Owatonna to Edward Fitzgerald and Nina Mae (Annett) Gregor. Doris attended school in Owatonna, graduating from Owatonna High School in 1942. She continued her education with Nurses' Training at St. Lucas Deaconess Hospital in Faribault. Doris met Henry "Hank" Charles Halstenson on a blind date and they were married on June 13, 1948, at the Associated Church in Owatonna. Doris was a nurse at the Owatonna Hospital, and then did the baking for



her husband at his Cozy Inn Café for many years. She then returned to OB nursing at the Owatonna Hospital. When Prairie Manor Nursing Home opened, Doris accepted a nursing position and eventually became the Director of Nursing, retiring after many years. She was a member of First Lutheran Church, Eastern Star, Red Hat Society, Blooming Prairie Book Club and was a volunteer for the Steele County Historical Society. Doris also enjoyed reading, working on puzzles, playing the piano and

organ, genealogy and watching her grand, great-grand and great-great grandchildren grow up. Doris and Henry entered Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Nov. of 2010 and Henry died there on Aug. 6, 2012.

Doris is survived by her children Judy Bruggeman of Austin, Chuck (Cindy) Halstenson of New Brighton, Minn., and Jean (Rod) Robinson of Janesville; 7 grandchildren Shelly (Tony) Kinney, Matt Smith, Stacy Kaercher, Kristin (Delmar) Ehlers, Nick (Laurie) Smith, Adam (Amanda) Smith and Beth Halstenson; 15 great-grandchildren Tylor Bruggeman, Noah Kinney, Tressie Kinney, Caitlin Kaercher, Ethan Ehlers, Lauren

Kaercher, Thomas Smith, Kaya Smith, Gavin Smith, Zoe Ehlers, Henry Smith, Otto Henry Ehlers, Louis Ehlers, Hugo Ehlers, Peyton Smith; and one great-great granddaughter Brooklyn Bruggeman. She is preceded in death by her parents Edward and Nina Gregor, her husband Henry Charles Halstenson, her grandson Greg Halstenson and her brother James Gregor.

Memorial services were held on Monday, July 27, 2015, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Charlie Leonard officiating. Interment will be in the Westfield Cemetery, Rural Blooming Prairie. Family prefers memorials to First Lutheran Church. Services prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Roger Gene Anderson, 57, of Aurora Township

Roger Gene Anderson, 57, of Aurora Township, Minnesota, died Thursday, July 23, 2015, at his home.

Roger was born Feb. 10, 1958, in Owatonna, the son of Raymond and Emogene (Carlson) Anderson. Roger was a 1976 graduate of Owatonna High School. Roger was the fourth generation to farm on his family farm in Aurora Township that was started by his great-great-grandfather. He raised beef cattle and crop farmed. Roger married Tamara Leroy on April



8, 2011, at Osage, Iowa. They farmed together on the family farm.

Roger was an excellent diesel mechanic and enjoyed working on his tractors. He loved to tour the countryside looking at the area crops. Roger was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Bixby.

He is survived by his wife Tamara Anderson of rural

Blooming Prairie; sister Deloris (Philip) Velzke of Owatonna; a daughter and a son; aunts, Ella Benson of Blooming Prairie and Myrtle Peterson of Ellendale; and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be at Michaelson Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Michaelson Funeral Home, Owatonna.

Menus

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August 1
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The second Book Fair of the Summer Reading Program is coming up this week – Thursday, July 30 from 1-3 p.m. All it takes to get a book is to read at least 20 minutes per day for at least ten days. Oh, you also have to be 18 years old or younger. Then come and choose your free book. If you weren't able to make it to June's book fair, bring your reading record along and you can get two books!

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sign of breakage!

When I think of each of our lives, I think of those broken plate pieces. Throughout life, the choices of others, as well as our own our own bad choices, can bring pain and struggles or ... broken pieces. Broken pieces that when brought to Jesus, can be slowly, lovingly made whole in His loving hands. As one song long ago said, "Heartache, broken people, ruined lives are why you died on Calvary". I'm thankful for so many churches that are available to join and attend where however broken you are, will receive, pray for and love you. I am glad for each reader that has a church like that they can attend and experi-

ence this acceptance, prayers and love.

Most of all, I'm so glad Jesus died and rose again and to make this all possible. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead can change us. Praise Him that He's risen! Praise Him that He's at work today, putting broken people back together!

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who want to get a loan to open a business or own their own company.

“We all know we tried harder and work harder because we know it is still in the man guard. I had to bring it to be here today,” said Smith to the members and guests of the Owatonna Business Women.

While speaking of the journey to her own personal success, she found her biggest challenge to be confidence. “My biggest challenge was lack of imagination to imagine yourself in the next role.... faith in one self, faith to say you are big enough to do it,” said Smith.

That confidence, Smith said, is something that educators are instilling in young people and



Lt. Gov Smith

students in schools. “Truly, it is education that has made Minnesota exceptional. Higher education is so important. It is a time that transforms you to a person that can be truly productive,”

said Smith.

Preparation for the workforce and the quality of community colleges and vocational schools are of importance to Smith. She said that she has had the opportunity to visit Alexandria Technical & Community College, where she “shook hands with many sweaty young men,” but there she learned about some of the great things that are going on in that route of education.

Smith values education, and although she did not go into details, she expressed excitement about legislative programs and ideas with the goal of lowering expenses of higher education. “We want to help young people get hooked on a job that will be meaningful to them.”

Smith closed her talk with a call to women to get more involved in civic life. “Civic life needs you. Only the people sitting around the table are going to decide what is going to be on the table,” said Smith. “Women are always juggling different things as mothers, daughters and wives, and time is precious, but you are needed,” remarked Smith. She encouraged involvement on a local level. She said that women should and can have a larger say in the ins and outs of a city. “Don’t ever think ‘Oh! I’m not an expert in that!’ We need people with different perspective to take a look and the passion to make things better.”

Rise in elderly population impacts future of Minnesotan job market

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith talked about the rising percentage of elderly population in Minnesota. “We are becoming older... in 2020, it is estimated that there will be more people over 65 than there will be children in school,” said Smith.

As Minnesotan baby boomers continue to hit retirement, many more jobs will be available to younger generations. “The truth of the matter is that there is a worker shortage in Minnesota.

There are more jobs than workers. The bigger issue is going to be as people retire, it will be a challenge to fill all of those positions, but it is an opportunity.”

As the percentage of elderly population increases in Minnesota, stability of senior care and living stability becomes all the more important. “We will be paying attention to the financial security and stability of senior services, which of course, is a source of jobs,” said Smith. “The elderly population still have so much to contribute to society.”

GRAND RE-OPENING

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think people know we’re always changing and trying new things. It keeps it exciting.”

And, having a team of store owners certainly has its benefits. “There are three of us, so we can do more together,” Waco says.

Brandy manages the produce, bakery and deli, in addition to handling the bookkeeping and other office-related duties. Brady heads up the grocery, frozen and health and beauty care department (which also encompasses other miscellaneous items.) Waco is in charge of the meat and dairy departments.

But, the three owners are also quick to note that they are also very grateful for their hard-working employees, who help them with day to day operations and ensure the store is well cared for when the store owners go home for the evening.

They especially appreciate the efforts of their store manager, Laurie Hedberg. “She is a great manager,” says Brandy. “She’s very capable and has lots of customer service training. She just does a great job.”

The three owners are also very thankful for Allen’s legacy, and his continued support. “Allen is a great teacher,” Brandy said. “He is very into customer service and staying local.”

Following in his footsteps, the team at Vandal’s tries to offer a variety of local foods and products, and also tries to help promote and support other local businesses whenever possible.

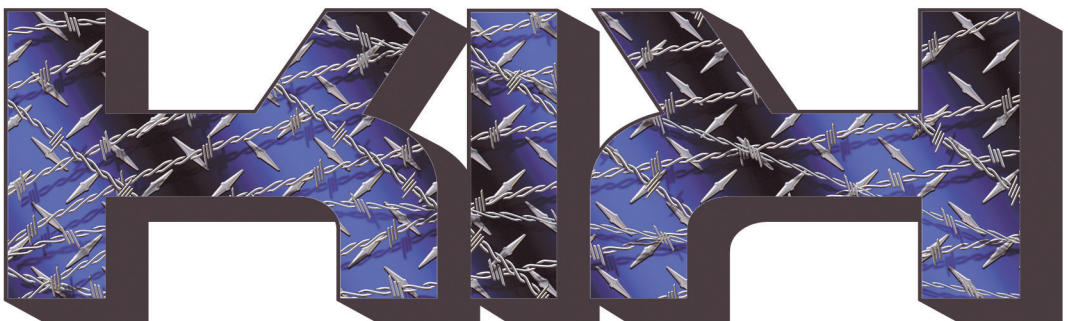
Most of all, the owners and staff at Vandal’s Family Market are grateful for their customers. “We just want to thank our customers and community for being so welcoming and supportive,” Brandy said.

This grand re-opening event, which also doubles as a one-year anniversary celebration, is just one way that Vandal’s hopes to show its appreciation for their community. On Saturday, Aug. 1, all are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of food and fun at Vandal’s Family Market, located at 237 Highway Avenue South, in Blooming Prairie. That day, a BBQ meal will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or

until supplies last) and guests can also enjoy free root beer floats. Local, handmade fishing lures will also be on display, and visitors will also get a chance to meet “Jennifer,” the woman behind Jennifer’s Homemade Salads. There will also be a bouncy house for kids and, at noon, the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce will commemorate the occasion with a ribbon cutting.

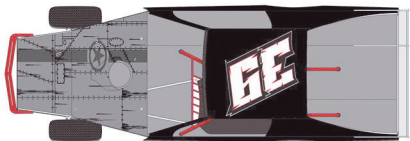
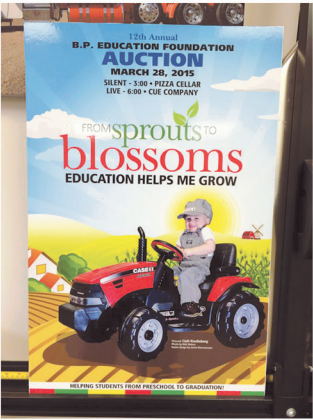
Throughout the week (from July 26 to Aug. 1) there will also be daily drawings for prizes and scrumptious samples at the market. During the week, customers with a “losing” Minnesota State lottery ticket can also write their name on the back of their ticket, which will then be entered into a drawing for prizes.

The owners agree they are looking forward to visiting with their customers in a more social setting. They’re also looking forward to seeing family, who are traveling to be a part of the celebration. “Lots of family will be coming to see how far we’ve come in a year,” Brandy said.



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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

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Time does fly

As I have mentioned earlier, the summer, as it always does, seems to fly by, and fall sports at the area high schools are already just a few short weeks away. In fact, this week sports editor James Knoop and I will be sending requests to area coaches for preview information for the individual sports. The Times will again publish its big fall sports tab with preview articles for several high schools, and readers should be looking for that publication now scheduled for the Sept. 1 issue of the Times.

Flowers in profusion

Flowers and other plants of a wide variety will exude wonderful aromas at the annual flower show on Thursday. The event, sponsored by the local American Legion Auxiliary, and held at the Servicemen's Club, provides several hours of enjoyment for a large group.

A delicious lunch also is served up at the affair, and there are many beautiful displays of flowers to be judged. A tip of the hat this week to the Auxiliary and the volunteers who made this annual event a success.

A boon for nature

During these summer months when high school sports lie dormant, it gives me the opportunity to write about an item or two that interests me, but has no connection to anything else. The following is one of those items.

We are approaching that time of summer when excursions to area lakes probably include annoyances with algae on the surfaces. It might be well to know that certain types of algae become quite beneficial to providing greener, more efficient solar energy from the shell of a single-celled one hundred million-old life form called a diatom.

Best known as algae which are at the very bottom of the food chain, diatoms have intricate shells covered with a lattice of pores for optimal Light capture—that are winning the attention of nanotechnologists. Chemical engineer Greg Rorrer is growing diatoms with semi-conducting materials infused into their skeletons. Pumped into solar cells, they create a powerhouse unit that is 50 percent more efficient. Not bad for an old phytoplankton.

These single-celled diatoms—the likes of which are found in oceans worldwide, were recently collected with plankton net in San Francisco Bay, and may be commonly collected in the future. That is our science lesson of the week.

Around and about

Last Saturday saw another successful annual BOB ride on behalf of the Toys for Tots campaign. A large group of motorcycle riders toured the area and returned to J&H Liquors late afternoon to complete the ride.

It is always a fun time for the many riders and a tip of the hat is in order to organizers Harvey and Nancy Farr and all the volunteer riders who make the day a success each year. It is a good ride for a good cause!

I certainly don't want to make this an obituary column, but it seems that lately almost every week finds noted personalities or entertainers leaving us. The book, movie and stage play "Ragtime" has always been one of my favorites, and the author of the original novel, E.L. Doctorow, passed away at 84 of lung

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Staff photo by James Knoop

Summer camp prepares athletes for football season

Owatonna Huskies football players began summer camp Monday, July 27, in preparation for the regular season. The summer camp ran from July 27-29, focussing on offense, defense and watching film.

Owatonna
U17 boys win
championship

By JAKE NELSON
Summer Intern

On Saturday, July 25, the Owatonna U17 Boys soccer team took home the title of State Champions. In the final, they played the Rebels, a team from the Brooklyn Park Area.

After a hard fought game they came out on top 3-1. Zach Abdi scored two goals in the first half. The rebels then scored early in the second half, bringing them within one goal of Owatonna. However, within 15 minutes of the final whistle, Owatonna put in a third goal, effectively sealing the game.

In the regular season, the boys placed second in their district with a winning record of 7-2-1. They forced 23 goals and allowed nine, outscoring their opponents by 14 goals. They also participated in three tournaments: the Rochester Invitational Tournament, the Burnsville Fire Cup and the Schwan's USA Cup. They won the Rochester Invitational, were eliminated in group play in the Fire Cup, and

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No clubs needed: foot golf is in

Clarks Grove
Golf Course
adds foot golf

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

Clarks Grove Golf Course isn't your typical golf course.

You might notice this by the moneybox on the front door to the club house, asking you to drop in \$10 if you want to golf and no one is in the club house. Or you might notice the foot golf course parallel to the golf course.

Owner Mark Klatte is proud of his par 32 course and said that at \$10 per 9 holes, he has one of the cheapest quality courses in the area. However, despite the low prices, Klatte said times haven't been the greatest recently.

"I've been kind of struggling," said Klatte. "I'm trying to do something to help businesses."

Klatte's answer to that question was not what he expected. While in speaking to his son on the phone over the winter, Klatte was told he should consider opening a foot golf course.

"I'd never even heard of it," said Klatte. However, Klatte stated that as the months passed, he began to hear more and more about golf courses, especially in Minnesota, adding foot golf to their courses.

The idea of the game is very



Staff photo by James Knoop

The new foot golf course at Clarks Grove Golf Course includes a 9-hole, 36-par course. After digging out a hole big enough for a soccer ball, owner Mark Klatte placed a 21-inch flower pot in each hole and put gravel in the bottom.

similar to regular golf, except instead of swinging clubs to move the ball, you simply kick it.

"You don't need golf skills to play golf," said Klatte's twin brother, Mike. "You just kick a soccer ball."

After consulting a course-owning friend of his son's in the Carlton area, Klatte began to think that maybe this was something he would do after all. So, the week of the Fourth of July, Klatte purchased some

soccer balls, 21-inch flower pots and some more flags.

After deciding where to place the tee-off or "kick-off," Klatte then measured his distances, dug a hole in the ground and placed the flowerpot in it to complete each hole. After eight more of these, Klatte had completed his course in time for the holiday weekend.

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Left: When Mark Klatte is not in the club house, he allows golfers to pay on the honor system before using carts and golfing.

Right: Clarks Grove Golf Course Owner Mark Klatte stands next to a soccer hole at his new foot golf course. He introduced the course on the Fourth of July weekend this year.



Sports

Golf tournament benefits Owatonna High School girls basketball program



Brad Fischer, Jeff Pumper, Roy Koenig and Dave Kaiser enjoyed a game of golf together during Saturday's four-person scramble at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna.

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

The Owatonna community showed its support for the high school girls basketball program last Saturday, July 25, during the second annual golf scramble fundraiser.

This year, about 14 teams participated in the event, held once again at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna. Throughout the day, golfers also had the opportunity to compete in challenges on the course. And, for the first time, the event also featured a silent auction, featuring 20 items for guests to bid on. A meal was also available for the golfers and others who stopped by the course that day.

Head girls basketball coach

Tricia Hoffmann and assistant coach Melissa Peterson said that the fundraiser has grown to include a few more teams this year, and that they hope to see a few more again next year. "As the years go on, I think we'll see more and more involvement," said Peterson.

Peterson and Hoffmann were both happy with this year's turnout and are grateful for the entire community's support of the basketball program. "All proceeds from the entry fee and silent auction go to things like team uniforms, equipment, travel expenses... it all benefits the players," Hoffmann said. "The community has always been great as far as sponsorship and support."

The two coaches enjoy creat-

ing an opportunity for golfers to spend an afternoon on the course, and also have a blast visiting with them throughout the day. "We all enjoy coming together and catching up with each other," said Hoffmann.

While the pair also acknowledge that organizing an event like this can be challenging, they agree that the community's support makes the work much easier. "A lot of people are willing to support a local sport," said Hoffmann. "They are always willing to give."

The four-person scramble

format also allows golfers to make their games as competitive (or as laid-back) as they'd like. "Most people are here to have a good time," Peterson said.

Non-golfers were also encouraged to stop by the course during the event to take part in the silent auction and enjoy the meal. "It's not just for golfers," said Hoffmann.

While there's no telling what next year may bring, the coaches expect another golf fundraiser will be held again next summer.



Ryan Stendahl, nine years old, participates in the second annual four-person scramble at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna.



This year, 14 teams played in the tournament to benefit the Owatonna High School girls basketball program.

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The 12U baseball team were seeded sixth out of eight teams in the year end baseball tournament. They beat the number three seed NHREG 7-2, lost to the number two seed Waseca 12-2, and beat the number one seed Albert Lea 16-6 for third place. The team had 36 hits in the three games.

Top Left Coaches: Mark Larkoski, Emil Miller.

First row top left to right: Luke Larkoski, Cole Christianson, Mitchell Fiebiger, Drew Kittleson, Dylan Johnson, Christopher Naatz. Bottom row left to right: Lane Lembke, Alex Miller, Cole Graves.

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cancer in New York City last week.

Doctorow wrote 12 historical fiction novels, including Ragtime in 1981. It was transformed into a play in 1988, for which it garnered four Tony awards. He was honored with several writing awards and received an Academy of Arts and Letter award for his body of work.

Also dying last week, Theodore Bikel entertained countless audiences for many years, both in acting and for his singing. Bikel was born in Vienna, Austria, and first gained some fame on the London stage. But it was in the United States that he rose to fame. He was an accomplished singer and guitarist and played Tevye in the play "Fiddler on the Roof" more than any other actor.

His first role to gain a reputation in the U.S. happened with his appearance in the film "The Defiant Ones" in 1958. Because of his ability to speak several languages, he never had trouble finding character roles, both in film and on the stage. He died in Las Angeles last week at age 91, and both he and Doctorow left a legion of fans in all walks of life.

Let's close this week with a couple examples of a fisherman's logic: Since about three fourths of the earth's surface is covered with water and one fourth land, it stands to reason that the good Lord intended for man to spend three times as much time fishing as plowing.

It's against the law to catch fish in some waters; it's a downright miracle in others. Continue to enjoy the summer and watch the crops thrive, and we'll talk again.

Golf League Standings		
Blooming Prairie Country Club		
Week 10 - July 20 Points		
Place		Points
1	Grunklee Evans Possehl	61.5
2	Lembke Benson Hanson	59
3	Kruckeberg Kruckeberg Johnson	57.5
4	Hillberg Wanous Pfiefer	56.5
5	Strunk Farr Ingvaldson	56
6	Braaten PirkI Resler	55
7	Peterson Behnken Bishop	52.5
8	Zwiener Hinzmen Wurst	50.5
9	SkalaR Thiele Sammon	48
9	KlemmensenD Drexler Zwiener	48
11	Doerhoefer Stalach Olson Worke	47.5
12	Myer Motl Tollefson	47
13	Koster Long White	46.5
14	Morgan Sekora Olson Schuster	
	Iacovino	44.5
15	Lea Lembke Hansen	43
16	Weeks Johnson Caldwell	41.5
17	Minimizer Minimizer Minimizer	41
18	Sunde Kittelson Carlson	39.5
18	White Lysne Johnson	39.5
18	Hareid Bartsch Wilkerson	39.5
18	Skala Jensen Lee	39.5
22	Clark Blome Skala	36
23	Glynn Glynn Esplan	35.5
24	KlemmensenJ KlemmensenR	
	Anderson	34
25	Ingvalson Klemmensen Bishop	30
26	Haberman Hegal Henefield	
	Hanson	28.5
Division	Team	Score
A	Doerhoefer Stalach Olson Worke	32
A	Lea Lembke Hansen	32
B	Lembke Benson Hanson	33
C	Skala Jensen Lee	34
D	Hareid Bartsch Wilkerson	34

Public Safety

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie
July 18
Death. Police began a death investigation in the city at 7:19 a.m.
July 19
Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in injuries occurred at 6:52 p.m.

Owatonna Police
July 17
Arrest. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at 26th St. NW and 4th Ave. NW at 12:33 a.m.
Vulnerable Adult. Officer took a vulnerable adult report in the 2200 block of 30th St. NW at 8:08 a.m.
Criminal Sex. At 10:14 a.m., police began a criminal sexual conduct investigation in the 1800 block of Hartle Ave. SE.
Burglaries. Officers responded to two burglaries throughout the day – in the 400 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 11:33 a.m. and in the 100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 1:41 p.m.
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 1:27 p.m.
Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2700 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 2:27 p.m. A subject was taken into custody.
Theft. At 6:26 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 100 block of Holly St. SW.

Arrest. A traffic stop resulted in a motorist being arrested in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 11:27 p.m.
July 18
Arrest. At 2:21 a.m., police made an arrest in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 3000 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 7:27 a.m. and in the 1700 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 4:47 p.m.
July 19
Domestic. At 12:10 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE. They made an arrest at the scene.
Fraud. A fraud incident was reported in the 600 block of Glendale St. NW at 10 a.m.
Theft. Officer took theft report at 12:17 p.m. in the 700 block of Escalade Lane SE.
July 20
Burglaries. Two burglaries were reported throughout the day – at 12:42 a.m. in the 100 block of Holly St. SW and at 11:21 a.m. in the 1800 block of Frontage Rd. W.
Property Damage. A vandalism report was received at 8:02 a.m. from the 100 block of 18th St. SE.
Crash. Police responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Fremont St. E. and Grove Ave. N. at 5:10 p.m. A citation was issued to a driver.
July 21
Burglaries. Police responded to a burglary in the 300 block of Woodland Dr. SE at 6:36 a.m. and in the 200 block of Woodland Dr. SE at 7:05 a.m.
Vulnerable Adult. Officer took a vulnerable adult report in the 200 block of 18th St. SW at 8:20 a.m.
Child Protection. At 10:28 a.m., a child protection report was received from the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW.

Theft. A theft was reported in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:51 p.m.
Domestic. At 5:35 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance at Main St. W. and Park Square W. An adult was arrested at the scene.
July 22
Child Protection. Officer took a child protection report in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW at 9:13 a.m.
Drunken Driving. Police made DWI arrests in the 2300 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 8:20 a.m. and at Bridge St. W. and Park Dr. NW at 10:47 p.m.
Domestic. A domestic disturbance occurred in the 400 block of Vine St. E. at 1:32 p.m.
Trespassing. A citizen reported a trespassing incident in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW at 2:24 p.m.
Fraud. Officer received a report of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Chestnut Ave. NE at 4 p.m.
Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W. at 7:40 p.m.
Vehicle Pursuit. At 11:24 p.m., a

vehicle pursuit resulted in a motorist being arrested at Linn Ave. SW and Mosher Ave. SW.
July 23
Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 1800 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:20 a.m.
Warrant. At 2:42 p.m., officers arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.
Shoplifting. Police issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 4:24 p.m.
Liquor Violation. At 6:29 p.m., a liquor violation occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. Police issued a citation.

Steele County Sheriff
July 18
Vandalism. Deputy took a property damage report at 2nd Ave. SW and 3rd St. SW at 4:46 a.m.
July 20
Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 5400 block of Hwy. 218 at 5:50 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Theft. A theft was reported in the 7800 block of 48th St. SE at 10:04 a.m.
Property Damage. Deputies received a vandalism report from the 6900 block of 22nd Ave. SW at 11:51 p.m.
July 21
Restraining Order. At 9:05 p.m., deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 500 block of Commercial St.
July 22
Warrant. A subject came to the detention center to turn himself in for an outstanding warrant at 4:38 p.m.
July 23
Warrants. Deputies made warrant arrests in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 9:10 a.m. and at 10:25 a.m.
Mental Health. At 8:35 a.m., deputy took a mental health report in the 3800 block of 22nd Ave. SW.
Theft. A theft was reported in the 300 block of 4th Ave. NE at 8:26 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 13 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Jeremy M. Law, 32, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats. He was sentenced to \$181, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, psychological evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, and 3 years of supervised probation.
Cody L. Luchi, 18, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of two felony counts of burglary. Luchi was sentenced to \$1,531, 180 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, no contact with co-defendant, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 13 – 17:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Bryce R. Brim, 20, Austin, revoked license and speeding, \$321; Jesus A. Reynua Ibarra, 54, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Erin E. Adams, 35, North St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Joseph E. Arnold, 28, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Julie A. Bergeman, 40, Mankato, expired plates, \$111; Casey L. Boyd, 35, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Christine R. Braziel, 55, Crystal, speeding, \$121; Perla Cortes Ruiz, 28, St. Paul, speeding, \$181; Derek C. Edge Jr., 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;
Kenlan G. Jackson, 18, Burns-ville, speeding, \$221; Shelly A. Johnson, 43, Austin, speeding, \$141; Jose C. Morales-Gonzalez, 28, Los Angeles, CA, invalid license, \$181; Janett Rodriguez, 29,

Kasson, no child passenger restraint system and speeding, \$191; Wanda M. Rowe, 39, Adams, speeding, \$141;
Dennis P. Schwab, 47, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Timothy Sour, 31, Faribault, inattentive driving, \$121; Katherine M. Speiker, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Joshua N. Temple, 32, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Dylan J. Williams, 29, Apple Valley, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department
Mohamed A. Abdullahi, 25, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Jeffrey A. Anderson, 44, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Mohamed I. Bile, 27, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Troy R. Chavez, 51, Owatonna, DWI, \$481, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend MADD impact panel, and 2 years of supervised probation;
Noe S. Davila, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Daniel J. Decker, 35, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$181; Rachel R. Foster, 27, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Mardelle M. Guse, 47, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation;
Joseph W. Hendrickson, 29, New Prague, shoplifting, \$181, 10 days in county jail, and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Xavier J. Herrera, 23, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Misty D. Herrley, 32, Mankato, revoked license, \$281; Derek D. Jones, 28, no insurance, \$281; Tiffany D. Macy, 36, Medford, parking violation, \$62;
Silvia Montero-Rocha, 38, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Kevin L. Nelson, 53, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Chase L. Plumley, 23, Owatonna, text messaging while driving and seat belt, \$156; Heather E. Quast, 36, Owatonna, DWI, \$306, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation;

Lindsey M. Rhodes, 33, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Dillin R. Schultz, 23, Owatonna, DWI, \$206, chemical dependency evaluation, and 1 year of supervised probation; Matthew B. Snell, 24, Mankato, seat belt, \$106; Richard J. Stock, 37, Kenyon, cancelled license, \$2,554.68 and 2 years of unsupervised probation;
Luis A. Suarez-Ortiz, 36, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Chad J. Wheelock, 32, Waseca, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Jared R. Wingen, 19, Faribault, minor consumption, \$181.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Scott J. Bjorge, 25, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Tatelyn R. Blazek, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Constance E. Crosby, 25, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Carson D. Field, 20, New Richland, speeding, \$151;
Bradley L. Freier, 32, Madison Lake, speeding, \$131; Rosario C. Garcia, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Leigh C. Gice, 33, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Steven T. Gilman, 46, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Blake W. Goodwin, 19, Saint Marys, GA, driving through barricade, \$121;
Quintin D. Grunwald, 47, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Riley C. Grunwald, 17, Medford, speeding, \$100; Jimmy D. Harriman, 53, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Dalton W. Keesee, 34, Bullard, TX, speeding, \$121;
Alyson E. Kriz, 22, St. Paul, driving through barricade, \$121; Justin T. Lick, 37, Shakopee, speeding, \$121; Gary McCullor, 56, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$121; Carissa E. Nappin, 18, Ellendale, stop sign, \$131; Tuyen T. Nguyen, 18, Des Moines, IA, failure to drive in single lane and speeding, \$431; Larry H. Otto, 66, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106;

Richard A. Reyant, 41, West Concord, seat belt, \$106; Gerardo Rodriguez, 19, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Joseph J. Sadek, 52, Burnsville, speeding, \$131; Amanda R. Schaeppi, 26, Aurora, CO, speeding, \$131;
Esequiel Sepulveda, 29, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Steven R. Slater, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Thomas J. Weber, 21, Claremont, revoked license, \$281; Kathleen M. Weins, 62, Austin, passing parked emergency vehicle, \$131;

Blotter spotlight:

DWI. On July 18 a 5:02 a.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle rollover at 560th St. and 210th Ave. in West Concord. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was taken into custody.

Child exchange leads to felony charges

A child exchange between two parents ended up resulting in felony charges against the father.

Police responded to Central Park in Owatonna July 21 for a domestic assault. A 24-year-old woman reported to police that her ex-husband had broken her cell phone and choked her. Officers noted the phone still had glass falling out of it and redness around her neck and throat area.

The victim told police that the suspect near the park cut her off



Chavez

truck, police said.

When the victim decided to call police because he didn't

in her vehicle when he began yelling that he wanted the kids. He took the kids out of the victim's vehicle and placed them inside his

have child safety seats, he allegedly threw her phone on the ground and began choking her, according to police.

Police found him a short while later at a residence in the 600 block of 23rd Street Northeast and arrested him without incident.

Rosalio J. Chavez, 28, has been charged with domestic assault by strangulation, which is a felony and two other misdemeanor counts of domestic and criminal damage to property.

Owatonna pursuit leads to charges



House

Matthew D. House, 38, is facing a felony charge of fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle and a misdemeanor charge

of driving after revocation. A 45-year-old male passenger was arrested on drug charges and later released. Formal charges on the passenger may be pending.

According to reports, on July 22, an Owatonna police officer attempted to stop a vehicle for driver's license violation. The stop was initiated near the intersection of Walnut Avenue and School Street. However,

the vehicle failed to stop. The officer activated his siren, but the vehicle continued to Mosher Avenue, to Linn Avenue and to Northview Street where the driver finally pulled over.

According to reports, the driver indicated he saw the officer behind him, heard the sirens, but was told by the passenger to keep going.

Registration check problem for car owner

Hunter R. Bost, 22, is facing several charges after an observant Owatonna police officer checked an un-occupied BMW SUVE on July 22 and found the owner had

outstanding warrants.

When Bost returned, he was placed under arrest, according to reports.

Along with the warrants, Bost faces additional charges of 5th

degree possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree DWI-under the influence of a controlled substance and driving after suspension.



Bost

Holly N. Wichmann, 18, Albert Lea, speeding, \$141; Ikara L. Williams, 36, New Hope, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Scott M. Wolff, 38, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Mohamed A. Yusuf, 41, Faribault, speeding, \$381; Mistyne A. Zacharias, 37, Waseca, driving through barricade, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 250 complaints for the week of July 15 – 21. Some of them include:

July 15
Carbon Monoxide. Deputies responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 10000 block of 650th St. in Claremont at 1:17 a.m.

Sex Offense. At 10:58 a.m., deputies received information regarding a sex offense in Dodge Center.
Revoked License. At 3:33 p.m., a wallet was found at the Service Center in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont. A revoked license was found to be inside.

July 16
Disturbance. At 12:48 p.m., deputies received a report that a female was screaming at children in the 500 block of 4th St. NW in Hayfield.

Domestic. Deputies took a female into custody following a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 2:27 p.m.

Suspicion. At 6:37 p.m., deputies received a suspicious activity report regarding a suspicious vehicle with a male occupant in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont.

July 18
Burglary. At 10:59 p.m., an attempted burglary occurred in the 15400 block of 640th St. in Dodge Center.

July 19
Fight. Deputies responded to a fight in the 200 block of Front St. E. in Claremont at 12:48 a.m.

Environment. At 11:35 a.m., deputies received a report that trash was dumped off the side of the road at State Hwy. 57 and 550th St. in West Concord.

July 20
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a verbal domestic in the 200 block of Central Ave. N. in Dodge Center at 8:12 a.m.

Larceny. Deputy took a report of items stolen from a gravesite in the 62800 block of 190th Ave. in Dodge Center at 12:46 p.m.

Sexual Assault. At 11:12 p.m., deputies began an investigation of a sexual assault in the 300 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of July 13 – 20:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Josiah S. Blocki, 29, Brownsdale, seat belt, \$105; Robert W. Blood, 67, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Jennifer K. Busch, 38, Byron, speeding, \$120; Mario M. Butler, 25, Rochester, no insurance, \$280; Randall A. Christopherson, 58, Hayfield, speeding, \$130;

Scott J. Grunklee, 43, Claremont, speeding, \$140; Levi G. Henson, 34, Byron, speeding, \$140; Zakary W. Lux, 32, Hayfield, revoked license, \$280; Sarah J. Smith, 33, Hayfield, domestic assault, \$380, domestic abuse evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, no trespassing, and 1 year of supervised proba-

tion; Alberto D. Torres-Aguilar, 25, Kasson, assault, \$455, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Brady D. Waldhauser, 22, Owatonna, failure to yield right of way, \$130.

Kasson Police Department

Beverly J. Rohwer, 58, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Scott M. Archer, 40, Blooming Prairie, invalid license, \$180; Gene A. Block, 59, Lyle, speeding, \$120; Ramon A. Kennedy Oloye, 24, Crystal, revoked license, \$280; Landon R. Koss, 29, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105;

James L. Luraghi, 48, Rochester, stop sign, \$130; Vijaykumar C. Patel, 40, Richlands, NC, speeding, \$140; Lydia M. Trevino, 48, West Concord, failure to obtain new license after information change, \$100; Rolando Veraza, 26, Rochester, speeding, \$140.

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police

Casey Amos Adams, 36, arrested at 2:43 p.m. July 17, interference with 911 and domestic assault, held for court.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Dionte Younger – false name - \$6,000 bail
Jose Zamarripa – revoked license, no insurance – no bail
Isaias Zamorano-Mina – no insurance - \$500 bail
Brenda Zapata – false information - \$1,000 bail
Octavio Zapata – DWI, speeding - \$1,000 bail
Terry Zoller – DWI - \$3,000 bail

Joseph Zulker – dishonored check - \$6,000 bail
8. Tanya Ackerman – drugs – no bail
Veronica Adame – disorderly conduct - \$1,000 bail
Randy Aguilar – DWI – no bail
Rashid Ahmed – assault - \$10,000 bail
Belen Alaniz – DWI - \$12,500 bail
Omar Alfaro – minor consumption - \$500 bail

Abdirahman Ali – traffic - \$500 bail
Abdisalam Ali – controlled substance - \$5,000 bail
Abdiwali Ali – underage consumption - \$1,000 bail
Kim Allen – assault - \$2,000 bail
Roger Allen – false information - \$1,500 bail
Juan Alvarez – delinquent minor - \$6,000 bail
Ben Ambrose – open bottle - \$181 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Public Safety

Pets left in cars

Question: Hi, I read your ask a trooper responses in the daily news and have a question for you: common sense I am aware it is illegal to leave your dog in the car, but I was also told its illegal to leave your car running/ idling with the dog in the car so you can keep the air conditioner on for them, wondering if this is true? I looked it up and saw no idling laws except for Minneapolis.

Answer: You are correct; Minnesota State Statute 346.57 says, “A person may not leave a dog or a cat unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the dog’s or cat’s health or safety. A peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, a humane agent, a dog warden, or a volunteer or professional member of a fire or rescue department of a political subdivision may use reasonable force to enter a motor vehicle and remove a dog or cat which has been left in the vehicle in violation of subdivision 1. A person removing a dog or a cat

under this subdivision shall use reasonable means to contact the owner of the dog or cat to arrange for its return home. If the person is unable to contact the owner, the person may take the dog or cat to an animal shelter.” This is a good question as it could be a bit of a gray area with the situation you described. The law addresses the issue of the unattended pet in a “standing or parked motor vehicle” but also states “a manner that endangers the dogs or cat’s health or safety.” You mention that the dog is left in the running car with the air conditioning on and doors locked. I see a few issues:

- How do we know the air conditioning is working?
- Where is the owner of the vehicle and when are they coming back?
- What if the vehicle’s engine quits running or the vehicle runs out of fuel?
- Cities with high auto thefts, as well as for noise reasons in residential areas, have ordinances in place so that a vehicle cannot be left unattended, locked up

Minnesota’s conservator auditing program earns national award and recognition

A new program launched by the Minnesota Judicial Branch to better protect elderly and vulnerable adults from financial abuse has received the 2015 Justice Achievement Award from the National Association for Court Management.

The Conservator Account Auditing Program (CAAP) is a nation-leading initiative to protect the assets of vulnerable individuals – persons with developmental disabilities, Alzheimer’s disease, dementia or traumatic brain injuries – for whom the court has appointed a conservator to manage the individual’s financial affairs.

“Today in Minnesota, thousands of elderly and vulnerable adults rely on a conservator to responsibly manage their financial affairs,” said Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea. “While we know the vast majority of conservators strive to always work in the best interests of those they serve, we also know that conservators acting unethically, illegally or negligently can severely harm the quality of life and financial security of a vulnerable individual and his or her family. Through the Conservator Account Auditing Program, Minnesota has put in place one of the strongest safeguards in the nation to protect vulnerable individuals from fraud and mismanagement by conservators.”

Through CAAP, the Minnesota Judicial Branch has modernized and improved the way the state oversees the work of conservators. Before the implementation of CAAP, conservator records were submitted to the court on paper, frequently accompanied by boxes of receipts and other documentation. This unwieldy process put a heavy burden on local district court staff responsible for oversee-

ing the work of conservators. The CAAP program changed this process in two fundamental ways:

- Conservators now submit transactions through an intuitive, online reporting system that has the look and feel of many popular financial applications.
- The program also established a centralized conservator account auditing center, staffed by a team of trained experts who conduct compliance audits on conservator accounts from across the state.

Today, CAAP is monitoring the assets of 4,600 vulnerable individuals in Minnesota, with assets totaling more than \$720 million.

The stronger oversight of conservator accounts provided by CAAP is already resulting in better protection of elderly and vulnerable adults. In nearly 14 percent of cases audited under the program, auditors have found concerns of loss, inappropriate loans or expenditures, or commingling of funds. Audit letters have frequently prompted repayment of funds from conservators. Hearings held on these audits have resulted in discharge of conservators, judgments and orders for repayment, and criminal prosecution and conviction.

This enhanced oversight of conservators is especially important considering recent statistics highlighting the growing amount of money lost through exploitation of elders in the United States. A 2011 MetLife Study estimated the national annual financial loss at \$2.9 billion dollars – an increase of 12 percent over their findings in 2008. More recently, the 2015 True Link Report on Elder Financial Abuse estimated that seniors lose \$36.48 billion each year to elder financial abuse.

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Troy Christianson

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I would advise any pet owner to err on the side of caution and always look out for your pet’s well-being and safety.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSP-PIO_SOUTH

Rollover in Steele County causes injuries

Two people received non-life-threatening injuries after a car rollover at mile post 38 on Interstate 35 in Steele County on July 23.

Cody R. Kalvig, 25, and Stephanie L. Kalvig, 24, both of Cedar Falls, Iowa, were transported to Owatonna Hospital.

Karen J. Bjordal, 33, of Centerville, S.D., the driver of a second vehicle, was not injured.

Bjordal’s Chrysler 200 was northbound on I-35 in the left hand lane. Kalvig’s Saturn Vue was northbound on I-35 in the right hand lane. The Minnesota State Patrol reports that

the Chrysler moved to the right hand lane striking the front of the Saturn. The Saturn left the roadway, rolling into the ditch.

The Owatonna Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance and Steele County Sheriff all assisted on the scene.

2 people injured in 3-car wreck

Two Owatonna residents received non-life-threatening injuries after a 3-vehicle incident on U.S. Highway 14 on July 20 in Steele County.

Jacob P. Woodrich, 19, of Owatonna, who was driving a 1999 Chevy Malibu, was transported to the Owatonna Hospital and Jolene L. Erola, 40, of

Owatonna, who was driving a 2013 Ford Explorer, was transported to an unknown facility, according to Minnesota State Patrol report.

A third vehicle, a 2014 International Prostar, driven by Glen F. Fogal, 62, of Madison Lake, and Woodrich’s Malibu were both eastbound on Highway

14, one mile east of Highway 218. The Explorer was heading westbound. The Malibu was rear ended by the semi-truck and then collided with the Explorer, according to the report.

The Steele County Sheriff Office assisted in the incident.

2 sustain injuries in two vehicle crash

Two people received non-life-threatening injuries in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 218 on July 20.

Daryl L. Windschitl, 43, of Austin, and Julie A. Peters, 40, of Owatonna, were transported

to Owatonna Hospital, according to a Minnesota State Patrol report.

Windschitl was driving his Subaru Legacy southbound on Highway 218 at mile post 43 when it collided with Peters’

Volkswagen GTI, which had been traveling northbound.

Windschitl was not wearing a seat belt.

The Steele County Sheriff Office assisted in the incident.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Steele Arrests

Alejandro Balderas Garza, 27, arrested at 12:50 a.m. July 19, interference with 911 and domestic assault, held for court.

Rosalio Junior Chavez, 28, arrested at 6:31 p.m. July 21, domestic assault by strangulation and damage to property, held for court.

Hunter Robert Bost, 22, arrested at 8:20 a.m. July 22, DWI-controlled substance, held for court.

Fakrudin Abdiaziz Fakrudin, 28, arrested at 4:20 p.m. July 22, apprehension and detention order, body only.

Kerry Charles Bittrich, 26, arrested at 7:01 p.m. July 22, probation apprehension and detention order, held for court.

Robert Raphael Schultz, 47, arrested at 6:18 p.m. July 22, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Kary Matthew Bremer, 44, arrested at 11:07 p.m. July 22, DWI - B card violation, held for court.

Matthew Daniel House, 38, arrested at 11:51 p.m. July 22, felony fleeing and revoked license, held for court.

Ricardo Ramirez, 45, arrested at 11:51 p.m. July 22, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Kevin Jackson, 50, arrested at 2:48 p.m. July 23, warrant arrest,

\$30,000 bail.

Andrew Jon Grunwald, 49, arrested at 3:52 a.m. July 24, DWI – B card violation, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Bradley James Bergen, 28, arrested at 2:31 p.m. July 17, warrant arrest, body only.

Edward Chavis Williams, 30, arrested at 8:13 p.m. July 20, civil warrants arrest, \$500 bail.

Alejandro Castro, 34, arrested at 4:45 p.m. July 22, warrant arrest, \$13,000 bail.

Cecil Leroy Porter, 33, arrested at 5:30 p.m. July 22, probation warrant arrest, held for court.

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STATE CHAMPIONS
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made it to the Semi-Finals in the USA Cup.

The boys were undefeated in the post season, qualifying for State after two wins in the play-offs. In State the boys won their first game against St. Louis Park 2-1, and then won their game against Inver Grove 1-0.

The Rebels had two ties in group play but advanced to the final on goal differential. In their season, the Rebels went 7-1-4, outscoring their opponents 25-8, and taking first in their district.

The final was played in 82 degree weather with high hu-

midity. Owatonna played a purposeful possession game, meaning they kept the ball on their feet while trying to push play up field towards the opponent's net. While the Rebels played more of a counter attack game, sitting back on defense until they get the ball and then going on all out offensive trying to score before their opponents can transition to defense. The goals scored were reflective of the styles played. All three of Owatonna goals were very similar: through balls played in so the scorer had a one-on-one with the goalie. The Rebels scored

after winning the ball around center field, moving it up the side quickly, crossing the ball in and heading it past Owatonna's goalie.

Next year, Owatonna will play in the classic one tier. For the past couple years, Owatonna has played in the classic two tier, while participating in classic one tournaments. With summer soccer over, fall soccer will start very soon for high school league. Many players on the summer U17 team played varsity last fall, and most of them will make up the team this coming fall.

FOOT GOLF
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Each foot golf hole runs parallel to the each golfing fairway, but Klatte said groups can play both at the same time without worrying about getting in each other's way.

"Just watch out for each other," said Klatte.

After finishing his course, Klatte used the few days before the holiday weekend to promote his course in the local paper and radio station. Then, he waited.

The holiday weekend came at last, and with it, a host of golfers, and to Klatte's surprise, many of them weren't bringing clubs. They were bringing soccer balls.

"There was a group of 12 peo-

ple that showed up just to play foot golf," said Klatte. After foot golf, the group decided to golf regular as well, a best-case scenario in Klatte's mind.

Klatte said the weekend continued to go well, and people have been showing up on a consistent basis ever since.

"What's happening is people are coming out here who aren't familiar with Clarks Grove Golf Course," said Mike. "They come (to foot golf) and find out that the golf course is in good shape. It's exposing the golf course."

As the only foot golf course in Freeborn, Mower or Steele County, Klatte hopes people will

not only come out and enjoy the foot golf, but that they will be attracted to the inexpensive golf course as well.

The foot golf course is a par 36, with distances ranging all the way from 67 feet to 156. The course is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for golfers 16 and under, \$7 for adults and \$2 for soccer ball rentals, although golfers are allowed to bring their own ball.

For more information, those interested can contact Klatte at 507-256-7737.



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FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

A new attraction that will challenge fairgoers at the Steele County Free Fair is the “Krazy Maze”. The “Krazy Maze” will be located near the petting zoo north of the race track. Chances are you have worked a Maze with pen and pencil. Now you will have a chance to actually enter the “Krazy Maze” and make your way to the exit. Getting lost has never been so much fun! A viewing deck is provided for those watching the kids make their way through. Watch for the new “Krazy Maze” at this year’s fair.

A delightful musical group will be appearing in Fair Square Park for the first time this year. The Concord Singers from New Ulm will perform on the United Prairie Bank Stage on Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. The SCFF obtained a grant from the State of Minnesota enabling us to bring this group, which specializes in German songs, to the fair.

Officially founded in 1931, the Concord Singers began as a group of men united by the love of song. Since then, they have appeared on radio and television and at fairs and festivals and have recorded many German-Language songs. The members are all amateurs from the New Ulm area, filled with the true love of singing that they inherited from their ancestors.

Another delightful group coming to the fair is the Klondike Kates. This group of ladies includes former St. Paul Winter Carnival royalty. In the early seventies and even into the eighties, the reigning Klondike Kate performed alone. But as years went by, the character of Kate became so flamboyant and dynamic that she became more and more in demand. It then became a group effort so that many more of the requested demands for appearances could be fulfilled. Former Klondike Kates who are members of the Royal Order of Klondike Kates perform with the new Kate and create memories of the Gold Rush era in our country. The current Kate is Kathleen Rockwell. This is the first appearance of the Klondike Kates at our fair.

Thanks to the Mayo Clinic Health System for providing hand washing stations and all the supplies for them throughout the fairgrounds during the fair. Thanks also to Allina-Owatonna Hospital for providing additional hand sanitizing stations for the fairgrounds.

Dates of the 2015 SCFF are Aug. 18-23. Check the fair website at www.scff.org. The fair office number is 507-451-5305. It’s “Food, Fun and Screams” in 2015!

Main goal of new director is prevention

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

While Amy Roggenbuck may be wearing many hats, she will always be focusing on prevention.

“Our overall goal is to try to have people reach their full potential health-wise and keep them there,” she said. “If we have a prevention focus as a larger part of our work, this may create a higher quality of life for people to live longer lives free of preventable disease, disability, injury or premature death.”

On June 22, Roggenbuck became the director of the Dodge and Steele County public health department. The two will operate as a community health board with separate health departments.

“This is a good opportunity to have the same director and administrator to look at some of



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

On June 22, Amy Roggenbuck became the director of the Dodge and Steele County public health department. She will also be the community services division director for Steele County.

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Bikers of Blooming Prairie ride benefits Toys for Tots



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

The Bikers of Blooming (BOB) ride through Blooming Prairie on Saturday during the annual BOB ride, which benefits the Steele County Toys for Tots program.

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Once again, local and area bikers teamed up to show their support for a very worthy cause: the Steele County Toys for Tots program.

The 16th annual Bikers of Blooming (“BOB”) event, organized by Harvey Farr of J&H Liquors, saw a good turnout once again. The bikers assembled at J&H Liquors on Saturday, July

25. After a few words from Farr and a prayer by the Rev. Charlie Leonard, the group rode out of town on an all-day adventure, which included stops in Rose Creek, LeRoy, Harmony, Spring Valley and Dexter before returning to J&H Liquors for dinner, catered by RJ’s BBQ.

Jerry Shore, Steele County Toys for Tots coordinator, also stopped by J&H Liquors on Saturday morning to send off the bikers and express his thanks.

Last year, Shore says that the Steele County Toys for Tots program brought a little extra joy to around 1,650 kids last December. All donations (including toys, gift cards and monetary donations) stay local and benefit youth in Steele County.

Shore explains that the program does receive many generous donations, but still needs to purchase more toys each year, helping to ensure that every child receives two gifts.

“This has been a Godsend to us,” Shore says, referring to the BOB fundraiser. “It’s really helpful to us.”

Many bikers participated in the 16th annual event, and enjoyed going for a ride on a sunny summer day. Several BOB bikers also commented that they enjoyed the satisfaction of giving

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STEELE TALKIN’



Kali Jensen

Splash into 4-H!

The Steele County 4-H program is promoting a new program this summer. It’s called “Splash Into 4-H!”

Anywhere you can swim to stay cool on a hot day, you will see the Steele County 4-H program out in the area promoting 4-H, explaining what 4-H really is, and doing activities with kids to get them involved.

My name is Kali Jensen. I am the summer intern with the Steele County 4-H program this summer. I will be in charge of the “Splash Into 4-H” program.

A little background about myself, I started my 4-H career as a Cloverbud in kindergarten and graduated as a 4-H’er my freshman year of college. I was my club president, club counsel president, superintendent of multiple species, county and state ambassador.

I showed many projects at the fair including swine, beef, sheep, clothing projects, landscaping projects and needle art. My favorite project was the swine project.

I grew up on a little hobby farm where we raised our show pigs each year for the fair. In 2007, all my hard work paid off as I won reserve champion market barrow at the State Fair. That is every kid’s goal each year to make it to the state fair. Well enough about me.

“Splash into 4-H” will be at six different locations throughout Steele County. Starting July 21, we were at the Medford Pool. Then, we were not by the water but you bet we had plenty of water activities down at Central Park in Owatonna on July 24 at Crazy Days. Then from there, July 23, we were at River Springs Waterpark in Owatonna. Today, we will be at the Beaver Lake Public Swim Area. Next stop, July 30, at Lake Kohlmeier beach in Owatonna from 2-3 p.m. Last but not least, July 31, we will be at the Blooming Prairie Swimming Pool from 2-3 p.m.

Some of the activities we will be doing during that hour will be a game called Plug the Leak. We will also be doing three different experiments with water. At the end of each session (not

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Hungry filled biscuit fans stand in long lines at Litomysl Summer Festival

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Hundreds of hungry filled biscuit customers waited in long lines Sunday at the 44th annual Litomysl Summer Festival.

The Holy Trinity Catholic Church again hosted this popular summer festival that attracts thousands. Many come just to get the tasty filled biscuits that are a Czech delicacy.

Some of the early customers were Roger and Michelle Noble of Owatonna and Elden Kath and Mary Hamson of Waseca. Kath said he was introduced to the biscuits at a Montgomery celebration featuring Kolaces. He chose poppy seed, prune and apricot for his purchase.

One customer said he was going to take his purchase to

the car and might eat one while there. Mary Ann Rysavy was one of the crew that was distributing the biscuits to the front line where money takers Lynn Schiller and Peggy Rysavy took the money and gave happy customers the tasty pastry morsels.

Rysavy said the baking crew had two baking sessions and made over 600 dozen of the biscuits. “They will only last a couple of hours,” Rysavy said.

Eric Lofthus, Dodge Center, waited in the long line to buy biscuits for himself and he also “paid it forward” by buying two more dozen to be given away to the 10th person after him and to the 20th person after him. “I like doing this and it seems to put a smile on someone’s face,” said Lofthus who was a key worker at the Blooming Prairie Boys

and Girls Club Rib Fest a few weeks ago.

Lofthus’ generosity did put a smile on the face of Patricia Quiram of Janesville. “I like ‘em,” she said when explaining her desire to get some biscuits. “Thank you mystery man,” she said.

The summer festival of course was more than filled biscuits. It featured many games for kids, lots of food for everyone, bingo for everyone, silent auctions, a country store with garden produce and just a lot of fun activities.

A heavy rain shower struck the celebration about mid-afternoon but soon the sun reappeared and activities resumed in earnest.

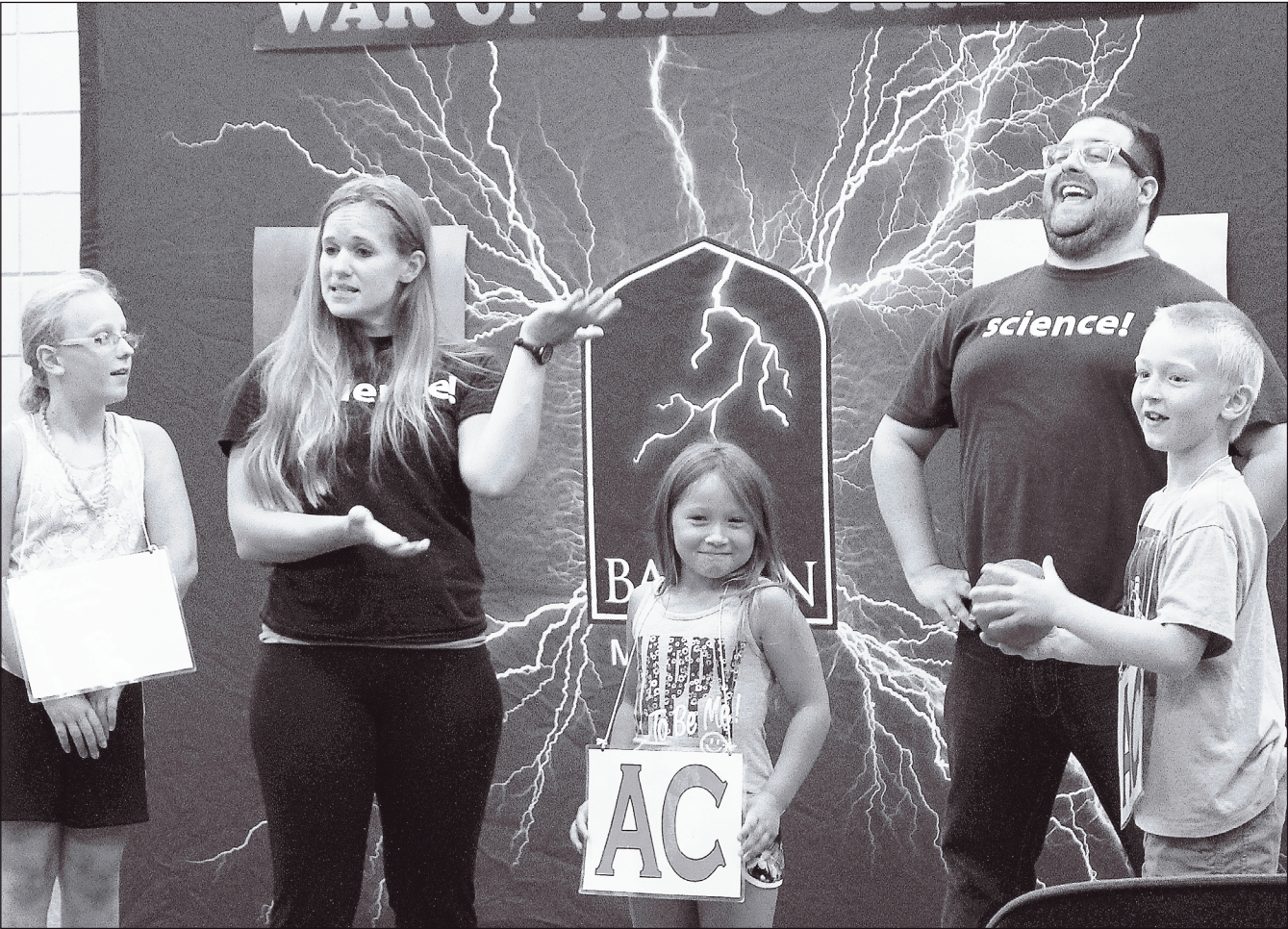


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Eric Lofthus of Dodge Center puts in his order for some filled biscuits with money takers Lynn Schiller and Peggy Rysavy. He actually bought two dozen for himself and bought two dozen for some customers behind him. He “paid it forward.” For more photos, see 7C.

HometownLiving

Community Calendar



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Bakken Museum representatives Anika Taylor (second from left) and Bryan Grosso (second from right) visited young readers at the Blooming Prairie Public Library last week. During their demonstrations, the youth enjoyed participating in hands-on activities that helped them learn about electricity and other scientific concepts.

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11 a.m. BPBL Adventure Club
July 30:
8:30 a.m. BP Amer Legion Auxiliary Flower Show, BPSC
6:30 p.m. BPBL Family Movie Night
Aug 3:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Pony Tales
2 p.m. BPBL Movie Day
7 p.m. BPWT General Mtg, Lutheran Church
Aug 4:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime
7:30 p.m. BP Eastern Star
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9:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time 9:30 & 10:30
4 p.m. OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Planning Commission, Council Chambers, City Hall
6 p.m. Steele Co Commission
6:30 p.m. Nat's Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, Owatonna Hospital
7 p.m. Steele Co.: Co Brd Mtg, Administration Center BR
July 29:
9:30 a.m. OPL Garden Time
3 p.m. OPL Adventure Club
July 30:
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
7 p.m. 11 @ 7 Concert Series, Owatonna Central Park
Aug 1:
OAC Art Exhibit: Brushed Back to Life
SC Fair Grounds; Moto Mania
8:30 a.m. Chamber Pack-Aug 2015, Owa CofC
9 a.m. Owa Elks Lodge 14th Annual Show & Shine Car Show
Aug 2:
OAC Art Exhibit: Brushed Back to Life
Aug 3:
OAC Art Exhibit: Brushed Back to Life
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
1 p.m. Owatonna, Woman's Club bridge group, SeniorPlace
Aug 4:
OAC Art Exhibit: Brushed Back to Life
9:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time
10:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time
5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
6 p.m. OPL Caregiver Support Group

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SPOT LIGHT

First District VFW and Ladies Auxiliary to meet Saturday, August 1

Minnesota First District Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meetings in Cannon Falls on Saturday, August 1, at 9:30 a.m. The event will be hosted by VFW Post #4452 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

First District Commander Curt Hermanson (Cannon Falls) and First District Ladies Auxiliary President Tammy Landon (Cannon Falls) will preside over the meetings.

VFW members will meet at the Post Home and the Ladies Auxiliary members will meet across the street from the Post Home at the fire hall.

Both meetings will convene at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around noon, followed by lunch at the Post Home.

All National and Department programs will be outlined for the coming year. Past Department, District and Auxiliary Presidents will be honored.

All chairpersons unable to attend should mail their program report to the Auxiliary District Secretary prior to this meeting. We encourage all First District VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to be in attendance to receive information on all programs.

OTHER COUNTIES

Mower
July 28:
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
9:30 a.m. Mower Co Brd of Commissioners Mtg
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Wake Up and Wiggle, APL
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/ HS Gym
5 p.m. Beginners' Wheel Throwing, Austin ArtWorks Center
6:30 p.m. Water Aerobics - Session 2, Austin Municipal Pool
7 p.m. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Riverland Community College
July 29:
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
5 p.m. Grand Meadow Farmers Market
6 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Pet Show, APL
7 p.m. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Riverland Community College
7 p.m. World Music Event: House of Waters, Historic Paramount Theatre

Freeborn
July 28:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
July 30:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
6 p.m. ALPL Night-Time Story time
Aug 3:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
3:45 p.m. ALPL Book Pals (Gr 5 & 6)
Aug 4:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
5:30 p.m. AL Planning Commission, City Hall
Aug 5:
7:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Mtg, AL EDA

Dodge
July 28:
9 a.m. Mantorville Art Guild's Summer Youth Art Camp, Simple Jewelry Camp
9:30 a.m. Dodge Co Commission
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time/Crafts
1 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild's Summer Youth Art Camp, Open Art Camp 3—More creativity! Let's see what we can create!
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Taco Tuesdays
6 p.m. Triton Adult ESL Class, ES Media Center
July 29:
Minecraft Movie Making S302 KM Comm. Ed. Wing / CE7
Robotic Engineering with Lego EV3 C121 KM Comm. Ed. Wing / CE7
7:30 a.m. Hayfield Chamber Mtg, Uncle Mony's/ Spare Time Lanes
9 a.m. Mantorville Art Guild's Summer Youth Art Camp, Fiber Arts #2—Paint on Fabric in 'unique' ways
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Pizza & Bear
1 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild's Summer Youth Art Camp, Fiber Arts #3 -"Sharpie"™ Art on t-shirts & more
July 30:
KoMet Kraze Fitness Training (Adults) - Summer Session S300 -1 KM High School / Weight room
8 a.m. Kasson-Mantorville Cross Country Camp W145 Off-Site Locations / As arranged
9 a.m. Mantorville Art Guild's Summer Youth Art

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By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Anthony Nelson, a Blooming Prairie High School student, has always been active in his community. Earlier this summer, Nelson took his community involvement one step further.

Nelson, the son of Brian and Lois Nelson, attended the 67th annual Minnesota Boys State session, held in Marshall earlier this summer. The American Legion Boys State sessions provide unique opportunities for students who have just completed their junior year of high school. These students are sponsored by their local American Legion Posts and are selected based upon their community involvement and leadership.

“The experience I had was so beneficial,” Nelson said. “It was worth it for me to take the time to be there for a week. It was out of my comfort zone, but it was well worth it.”

The Otto T. Lund American Legion Post 52, of Blooming Prairie, sponsored Nelson’s trip to Boys State. Doug Johnson, of Post 52, says that the Legion was happy to sponsor Nelson’s trip. Johnson feels the experience is extremely beneficial for the students. In fact, Johnson attended Boys State in 1976, when he had just completed his junior year of high school.

Johnson says that he had such a great experience at Boys State, he even returned to Boys State as a counselor for a couple years. “It’s very positive,” Johnson said. “It’s very important to have an understanding of the governmental process and to be involved with that process.”

Boys State encourages the students to “learn by doing” and immerses them in a lifestyle designed to help them better understand government at the city, county and state levels. This year’s event took place from Saturday, June 14, to Saturday, June 20. Nelson drove himself to Marshall to attend Boys State, but Post 52 helped pay for all other aspects of the trip.

During Boys State, Nelson wrote a letter to the Legion, thanking them for their support. In the letter, he shared that he was learning about Americanism and patriotism, two values that the Legion strives to promote. When Nelson returned home and shared details of his trip with Johnson, the two found that they’d enjoyed many of the same experiences at Boys State.

“I remember the friendships and getting to know people,” Johnson said. “It’s a great opportunity to meet kids your age.”

Nelson agrees. “My favorite part was connecting with other students from across the state,” he said. This year, over 300 students participated in the event and stayed at Southwest Minnesota State University for one week. The group was further organized into smaller clusters, each representing cities and bodies of government. The

boys then elected their peers to serve specific leadership roles, and filling other positions within their “county.”

While at Boys State, Nelson served on the city and county council, and also became his city’s athletic director. Each boy was also required to participate in a sport (Nelson chose basketball) and had the option to perform in the group choir, band or drumline. Throughout the week, the students also heard from guest speakers, such as former Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Paul Anderson and Congressman Tim Walz, and took part in mock trials, campaigns and elections.

Learning about government at Boys State, said Nelson, was very enjoyable. Nelson feels it’s important for people his age to be aware of political happenings. “It’s important to know about government,” Nelson said. “It helps you to become a well-rounded citizen.”

Nelson is already an active and engaged member of the Blooming Prairie community. He’s played basketball for the Blossoms since fourth grade, and is also a member of the school’s football and track and field teams. He’s also involved with the school’s fall musical. Nelson serves as a youth leader at Cornerstone Church in Austin, and is also a Student Ambassador for the Blooming Prairie



Anthony Nelson
Area Chamber of Commerce.

After the experience at Boys State, Nelson is tasked with bringing back his new knowledge and leadership skills to his community. So far, Nelson has already come up with one idea to benefit the city of Blooming Prairie.

During the city’s annual Fourth of July celebration, Nelson (as part of his duties as a Chamber Student Ambassador) helped out. He came up with the idea to offer a basketball-themed game at the park, and also helped find volunteers from the basketball team to serve as volunteers. Although this project wasn’t directly related to Boys State, it’s just another example of Nelson acting as a leader in his hometown community.

Nelson has lived with his parents and two older sisters, Alicia

and Lynnae, in Blooming Prairie, all his life. “I like the small-town community,” he says. “The community is very supportive.”

Johnson, too, appreciates life in the Blooming Prairie community. “I’ve grown up here and (Post 52) supported me when I was growing up,” Johnson said. “Members of the Post were my Cub Masters, Scout Masters... that’s part of the reason this is important.”

For Johnson, the Post’s commitment to send students to Boys (or Girls) State is just another way to stay engaged with the community. Members of the Legion also present the colors at local sporting events and other activities, and try to offer support to other community initiatives, as well. Above all, the Post strives to honor those who have served their country. Johnson says that around 15 Legion members are World War II veterans and that all veterans of all wars deserve recognition.

Johnson hopes that Post 52 will be able to send another applicant (or two) to Boys State next year, and encourages any interested students to contact a current Legion member. Johnson adds that the Legion’s annual Fourth of July raffle helps fund the trips. “We fundraise for two applicants and would love to send two (applicants) next year,” said Johnson. “We think the return on the investment is infinite.”

Annual Flower Show and Luncheon scheduled for July 30

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

The Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary invites the public to join them for their upcoming Flower Show and Luncheon.

This year’s event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, in the Liberty Room at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. Entry registration will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and a luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. that afternoon. At 12:30 p.m. judges will announce the Grand and Reserve Champions and People’s Choice award winners. Proceeds from this event will help the Legion and Auxiliary help support programs for veterans.

Karen Beede, a member of the Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary, says this is the tenth year that she’s helped to organize the event. Beede says that the event first began in the 1950s, but was eventually discontinued. Later, the group sought to revive the event, which has become an annual community tradition once again.

“It’s such a good thing for the community,” said Beede, adding that many people enjoy socializing at the event. “The salads always go over so well, and it’s fun to see all the specimens of flowers.”

Prizes for this event have

been donated by a number of local businesses. This year, guests will also have the chance to win gift baskets filled with treasures of all kinds. For \$1, visitors can purchase a ticket and then enter that ticket in a drawing for the basket of their choice.

This year, there will also be a special guest entertainer. Beede says she admires the many flower entries and that women, men and youth from across the area enjoy participating in the annual event. In the past, she says the event has welcomed over 100 exhibitors and served as many as 175 lunches. Guests often travel from Austin, Owatonna, Hayfield and beyond to attend the event.

Of course, the Flower Show and Luncheon would not be possible without the volunteers’ hard work. Most volunteers are affiliated with the Auxiliary, but Beede says that other community members also lend a hand during this event. “We have great volunteers,” said Beede. “None of this would be possible without their help.”

Beede encourages everyone to come be a part of the event, whether they’d like to enter their flowers or simply enjoy a good lunch with their friends.

Exhibit entry information is available at several Blooming Prairie businesses, including A Touch of Charm, The Bakery, US Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank and Vandal’s Super Valu.



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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Trikes provide nice ride for customers of Vern's Bikes & Trikes

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Correspondent

Just give Vern Dennis four days and he will convert a two-wheel motorcycle into a three-wheel trike. That's his business.

Dennis, owner of Vern's Bikes & Trikes at 10444 Dodge Mower Road, Blooming Prairie, has always been a fan of motorcycles. Painting bikes and converting them has been his livelihood.

Pull up a stool in Vern's shop and he will enjoy talking about growing up on a small farm just west of the Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. He went to a one-room school, now converted into the Newry Town Hall.

Soon after graduating from high school in Austin, Vern served in the military and then worked at Harpel Chevrolet for two years.

He opened his own auto body shop in 1973 and ran that shop until 1986 when he joined Quality Motors, a Cadillac dealership in Owatonna. Vern was there for four years and then became a business partner with David Wanous when both opened Blooming Prairie Auto Body. The building faces Highway 218 in Dodge County.

"I always loved motorcycles and had fun painting them at the body shop," Vern said. His focus beginning in 1995 was on Honda Gold wing bikes. "We did service and sold Gold Wings," he said.

"Many came in pretty scarred up," he said. He eventually ran out of room and decided to build a new building in 2000 for his motorcycle business. He soon learned there was a "real market" for trikes and began the conversion business in 2001.

Vern and his wife Gloria would go to motorcycle rallies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota with a trailer of chrome for Honda Gold Wings. One of the biggest shows for his sales was at New Hampton, Iowa, where attendance at one time reached 10,000 people. His mailing list of customers grew rapidly.

"We had a ball and people came looking for us," Vern recalls. "A guy from Milwaukee said we were the Wal-Mart of Gold Wings because of our chrome and motorcycles. Everybody got to know us and these were the best of times."

"Things went well until the economy kicked us in 2008. "We then cut back," he said.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Vern Dennis of Vern's Bikes & Trikes of Blooming Prairie is a master tradesman for converting two-wheeled motorcycles to trikes. His shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Vern has continued to do tires, tuneups, oil changes and trike conversions on the Honda Gold Wing. He has a full warehouse of used parts and all chrome accessories.

Most of the promotion of Vern's Bikes & Trikes is done by "word of mouth," Vern said. "Trikes keep people on bikes for a few more years," he added. A total independent suspension on the trikes gives a "nice ride," Vern says. One of Vern's customers put on 600 miles in a day and gave testimony to a DFT (Darn Fine Trike).

His conversion kits come from Addison, Illinois.

Retirement does not seem to be in the near future for Vern Dennis, although he and his wife are now going to Tucson, Ariz. during the winter months. Last year, in their RV, they followed Riverview Campground owners Steve and Deb Charles. "We do a lot of riding out there," he said.

Vern's motorcycle business has taken somewhat of a new look with his oldest daughter Nikki Ryks taking over the front of the family business with her scrapbooking business. Women come to classes and can scrapbook for a weekend at the site. Classrooms are located in the front.

Want to talk motorcycles or scrapbooking? Go to Vern's Bikes & Trikes and Nikki's Scrapbook Nook, found at the same location just south of Blooming Prairie on Highway 218.

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NRHEG updates technology by adding Chromebooks

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**
Managing Editor

Chromebooks are coming to the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School District.

The NRHEG Board of Education approved a package that includes leasing Chromebooks for each of the students in grades 9-12 during its July board meeting. With the Chromebook covers, the leasing cost is \$29,660 each year for a four-year period.

NRHEG Technology Coordinator Angie Aaseth stated that one of the reasons the Chromebooks were chosen was because of access anytime and anywhere. “There is access for research, for presentations, for typing papers, for brainstorm collaboration,” she said. “That is something really appealing to the teachers.”

With Chromebooks, teachers will spend less class time going to the computer lab or checking out the computer to make sure there are enough devices, she added. “There will also be access to aps and different programs that will enhance, engage and support the curriculum they are currently doing or may see fit in their classroom or they would like to do.”

Aaseth also feels that Chromebooks will give students the access and opportunities to be creative and individualize their learning. “We don’t see technology as the answer to all,” she stated. “It’s an avenue that we can provide for kids that can enhance and engage their learning here.”

In addition to adding Chromebooks, NRHEG will continue working with the Schoology learning management system. The program was implemented last year. Schoology empowers the teacher by giving them the tools and the connections to engage students and help them to be individual learners and collaborative learners, as well as work more efficiently and effectively, Aaseth explained to the school board.

Over the past several years, NRHEG has incorporated iPads into the elementary, middle school and high school. The iPads continued into the high school only because middle

school students had taken the devices with them.

“Teachers have wanted to have that device move with the kids as they started to build their curriculum around digital devices,” Aaseth said.

It was two years ago when the teachers started talking about moving in a different direction and going to something that was more conducive to students and teachers needs as the students moved into high school.

After visiting with other technology coordinators in different districts, Aaseth found out that the more popular devices are Chromebooks and iPads. “That is where most districts are going,” she said. “It is probably due to financial feasibility.”

In NRHEG’s case, Aaseth said they wanted a device that is durable, is cost effective and is sustainable. “We want to make sure the district can sustain that amount through the four years,” she said.

The school district is leasing a mid-range model because it fits into the school district’s budget, is expected to last four years, has more memory and a larger process and touch screen, Aaseth said.

Last year students in grades 4-10 had iPads. Now with the addition of the Chromebooks for each high school student, the iPads will be provided for each student in K-8.

A major concern for school board members is for students to be able to use the device at home. There are a high percentage of students who do have Wi-Fi capabilities at home, but not all students have that capability.

“I agree it is a bit of a concern they don’t have Wi-Fi at home,” Aaseth said. The school will offer after-school assistance. Aaseth is also looking into programs that can start at school that students will be able to access at home. This could include using aps that students use off-line as well.

It is something Aaseth has been working on over the summer. “We can’t wait until the problem occurs,” she said. “I think we need to be ready for it.”

Whispering Oak Director enjoys being part of Ellendale community

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

Laura Oldenburg has been the Director of Whispering Oak Assisted Living in Ellendale since December. Although she’s been working in this capacity for a few months, Oldenburg says that she continues to learn something new every day.

“I love getting to know the residents,” says Oldenburg, adding that many of them have previously lived in nearby communities, including Ellendale and New Richland. When the residents take trips to cafes and other local places, Oldenburg says that they often see other friends from the community.

Oldenburg feels that it’s important for area residents to have a quality assisted living facility, like Whispering Oak, close to their hometown. Staying in close proximity to their neighbors and friends can help make the transition to an assisted living facility a little easier for new residents, and can also allow for the residents to better maintain their relationships and stay close to their community. The transition to a new place, however, can still be tough for seniors who are used to living in their own homes, especially when paired with the other challenges that are often associated with aging. That’s where Oldenburg and the other Whispering Oak staff come in.

“We want to make sure the residents are provided for and well taken care of,” Oldenburg says. “A lot of people want to stay in their home for as long as possible, and we do understand that.” Being part of an assisted living community, she says, also has many benefits.

Whispering Oak currently has 19 staff members and is home to 27 residents. And, says Oldenburg, the people who call Whispering Oak their home have different needs. Some, says Oldenburg, are still very independent, while others need more assistance. Whispering Oak residents are able to enjoy their independence and still find support and companionship when



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Whispering Oak Assisted Living Director Laura Oldenburg talks with residents as they enjoy a game of Bingo.

needed.

No matter what level of caregiving the residents may need, Oldenburg says it’s the staff’s priority to make sure that each resident receives the best care possible. There are daily social activities and residents are also welcome to participate in outings, exercise sessions, spiritual services and even a daily coffee hour.

Whispering Oak began as independent senior apartments and, over time, has developed into an assisted living community. Oxford Management, which provides senior communities and also offers commercial real estate properties in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, oversees the operations at Whispering Oak. Oldenburg also works closely with Kim Worrall, Oxford Management’s Regional Director.

“Last fall, Oxford Management was selected as the premier provider to oversee see the day-to-day operations of this warm and welcoming assisted living community,” Worrall comments. “The residents and staff of Whispering Oak share our commitment and compassion of our mission: ‘Creating healthy living and working en-

vironments for our Senior Community.’ I am proud of each of our coworkers at Whispering Oak who are caring, talented and compassionate.”

“I am especially delighted to have welcomed Laura Oldenburg as our Campus Director,” Worrall adds. “She brings knowledge of aging services through her in-depth education in health care administration, and has a clear commitment to leading our assisted living community through responsive service with high integrity and commitment to quality.”

Oldenburg says she loves working with the seniors and enjoys her time in Ellendale. She also says that she continues to learn more about her career each day, although she’s worked with seniors for about nine years. Since her mother is also a nurse, Oldenburg has been familiar with the health care industry for even longer.

Originally, Oldenburg chose to study business management, then decided to pursue the health care industry instead. “I wanted to direct my own assisted living,” she says. “It’s my way of still working with seniors, but still being a leader. I’ve always been the person to take the first

step forward.”

As Whispering Oak’s Director, Oldenburg has many responsibilities. She’s tasked with overseeing all campus, human resources, financial and dietary operations, while also being a resource for all staff and residents.

Oldenburg also adds that her co-workers have also made her job very enjoyable. Activities Director Pat Motl and RN Case Manager Connie Field, says Oldenburg, also work tirelessly to ensure the residents’ needs are met.

While Oldenburg acknowledges that her career includes a great deal of responsibility, she also makes sure to take time for herself to enjoy the things she loves. Most of all, Oldenburg loves being with her family and friends. She also enjoys being up north, fishing and kayaking. Oldenburg is also a dance coach in Belle Plaine.

Oldenburg also enjoys interacting with the people who come to visit Whispering Oak. She encourages anyone who is interested in touring the facility to contact her. For more information, contact Laura Oldenburg at (507) 684-3026.

Ellendale City Council hears city maintenance update

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

City upkeep was the main topic of discussion during the July 23 Ellendale City Council meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Josh Otto provided a general maintenance report. Otto shared that the new city mower has arrived. He explained that the mower is very efficient and will reduce the amount of time he spends mowing.

Otto also stated that some branches were hanging above a local road and that these branches could pose a safety hazard. He recently received a suggestion that a gas pole saw could help address the problem.

The pole could also be used for similar situations that could arise in the future. Otto brought the matter before Council, who noted that it costs roughly \$100 per hour to hire someone to complete a job of this nature. Otto’s research indicated that a

gas pole saw could be purchased for around \$650.

Council discussed the potential purchase of the gas pole saw, agreeing that the purchase would help save funds in the future.

Councilmember Stephanie Lageson Kibler agreed that the purchase would be beneficial, but also expressed that she didn’t feel comfortable authorizing the purchase without a current, year-to-date budget report to reference.

Council voted on the matter, and the motion to purchase the gas pole saw carried 3-1.

City Clerk Lee Ann Hojberg said that she hoped to bring updated budget information to the August Council meeting.

Otto further updated Council on area construction projects, noting that much of the work had already been completed.

Council also discussed the

upcoming National Night Out event, scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 4 in the city park. This will be the first year that Ellendale has participated in the event, which has been described as a “national block party” designed to help prevent crime through community awareness.

The event’s mission is to build law enforcement and community partnerships, making the community a safer place to live. Local fire department members, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and members of the Steele County Sheriff’s Department will attend the event, along with Ellendale City representatives.

The city will provide root beer floats and ice cream, and guests are encouraged to bring a picnic meal or purchase a hot dog at the event. Guests can also enter their

name into a drawing for prizes.

“It sounds like it will be a fun night,” said Mayor Mark Skroch.

During the meeting, the council also discussed pursuing grants to help with public infrastructure improvements and to benefit the local fire department. While grant opportunities

for infrastructure improvements are limited, Council did encourage the fire department to pursue possible grants that could help them purchase equipment and to aid with their training exercises.

Council also approved the payment of bills, totaling \$25,038.94 before adjourning the meeting.

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- Go see a soothing movie.
- Take up a relaxing hobby.

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- Participate in regular exercise workouts.
- Prepare for upcoming stressful situations.
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“Minnesota has the second highest percentage of registered volunteer and mostly volunteer fire departments in the nation at 97 percent, according to a 2014 report from Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association.”

This Feb. 7, 2015, statement in the Minneapolis Tribune article about finding volunteer fire fighters and the demands required in training and their reimbursement had me saying a quiet ‘thank you’ that we have a fully staffed Volunteer Fire Department serving the City of Medford and surrounding townships.

At the end of last year, we had a number of long-serving veterans retiring from the department. A special ‘thank you’ to each of these retired firemen and their families for the years of service, training hours, interrupted meal times and late nights: Shane Yule, Terry Yule, Keith Maas, Todd Peterson, Andy Cowell and Mitch Parrish.

At the same time, Fire Chief Rick Hager and remaining department leaders and members did a reorganizing effort to keep the department functioning in the future. Greg Sanborn was named as Assistant Fire Chief and long-serving department members were designated as Commanders: John Anhorn, Craig Helgeson, Rich Kucera and Mike Smith.

Advertising for new, replacement fire fighters was done last fall, and the newest recruits were introduced at the March council meeting. These individuals have committed to hours of training in joining the department. We thank them and their families for making this personal commitment: Chris Ditlevson, Nick Donahue, Dakota Ellingson, Rick Ellingson, Rick Lee, Ben Maas, Kelly Markham, Mark Ristau and Kevin Sedivy.

Our seasoned department members include Tim Amberg, Trevor Davis, Curt Edel, Eric

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The Medford Volunteer Fire Department, First Responders and Fire Relief Association are well positioned for the safety of all area residents and businesses for a good many years to come. Thanks, again, to each of them.

This week I received a special note from long-time resident, Margie Burmeister, who had a car accident on her property recently with the First Responders coming to her assistance. She writes: “Thank you to my neighbors and friends who helped me after my accident. They are my reason for wanting to live in Medford!” Margie’s sentiment is certainly one shared by all of us!

The Department and Fire Relief Association are hosting a Street Dance on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Medford Fire Hall, 408 2nd Ave SE, for the public. Benny Boy’s Catering will have some special food already starting at 6 p.m. GEL will start playing at 8 p.m. GEL is a rock band from the Twin Cities led by Jim Lusk. There are sure to be lots of activities throughout the evening!

Tickets are available at Anhorn’s and the Medford Muni. Check out the department’s face book page for further details and updates.

Earlier in the day, the Duseks from J & L Collision & Sales are organizing a car show as a fund raiser for the local Veteran’s Committee. All cars and motorcycles are welcome with early registration starting at 11 a.m. with the car show from noon to 4 p.m. at the parking lot of the Medford Funeral Home, 310 E Central Avenue. Plaques and trophies a part of the day! More information is available on the city website.

Come and help us celebrate with our great Fire Department on a summer evening!

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

Years of recognition



Staff photo by Anna Segner

At the Medford EDA meeting on July 23, all of these store representatives and managers accepted awards acknowledging so many years of business at the Medford Outlet Mall. Above, from left to right in the back row, are Alex Garza of Pacsun, Nancy Wunderlich of Naturalizer, Dana Chadderdon of Old Navy, Tim Russell of Lane Bryant and Stephanie Siegfried of L’eggs Hanes Bali Playtex. From left to right in the front row are DeAnn Dittrich of Van Huesen, Gina Schulz, Jennifer Anderson of Dress Barn and Jerry Pena of Rue 21.

Medford School Board considers a substitute teacher service

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Teachers on Call is a new substitute teaching service that Medford School Board Superintendent Rich Dahman introduced at the Medford School Board meeting on July 20.

This service is designed to make the substitution process as smooth as possible for all involved: the teacher, the substitute, administration and most importantly—the students.

“Staffing substitute teachers is becoming very difficult. It is tougher and tougher to find qualified substitute teachers,” said Dahman.

With Teachers on Call, the service becomes employers of the substitute instead of the school. Dahman said that the service becomes responsible for the substitutes’ payroll, benefits, taxes, worker’s compensation and liability insurance, unemployment claims, advertising and recruiting and Affordable Care Act requirements.

The school district’s cost is the district’s set payroll for a substitute plus 26 percent. Dahman said that the payroll plus the 26

percent is less than the current district annual cost because the school district would no longer be covering benefits.

The current district cost for substitute staffing is \$123,430. With Teachers on Call, the annualized district cost would be \$119,070. There is also a one-time set up fee of \$750. Teachers on Call backs its program and promises as close to 100 percent fill rate as possible.

The adoption of Teachers on Call is rolled in with Aesop Automation. Aesop is an automated, online system that allows teachers to enter absences and substitutes to access opportunities. The annual cost of Aesop is \$40 per employee using the system plus a one-time setup cost of \$2,750.

It is possible to have Aesop without Teachers on Call, but it is not possible to have Teachers on Call without Aesop. Contracts are annual.

The system allows for teachers to submit absences at any time, and substitutes can accept opportunities at any time. Teachers are able to create a preferred substitute list and post lesson plans. Substitutes are able to

easier manage schedules and be effective in the classroom. Trend reports are also made possible with Aesop.

For administrators, Aesop allows for always up-to-date reports and a reduction of in-school staffing for manual substitute calling.

Dahman reported that Owatonna and Waseca school districts are utilizing Teachers on Call. He also said that Blooming Prairie is considering making the move. Dahman has spoken to school districts in the area

that are utilizing Teachers on Call and Aesop. “They all have had good things to say,” said Dahman.

Board members agreed that with the possibility of this change, current substitutes would be contacted and notified that they would need to get set up with the service. “This would give them more insight and the ability to plan ahead,” said Dahman. “It’s pretty user friendly.”

The motion for Teachers on Call and Aesop was carried.

BIKERS

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enjoyed the satisfaction of giving back to others and helping area children.

Raymond Pena and Annette Balzer, of Owatonna, took part in the BOB ride on Saturday for the first time. “We enjoy supporting rides for charity,” Balzer said. “We enjoy meeting new people.”

Pena and Balzer try to go on as many rides as possible and especially enjoy those that benefit area people or organizations. Last weekend, the two participated in the Ride for Hope, which benefits multiple organizations. There they learned about the BOB ride, and decided to be a part of the fundraiser this year. “We figured it was for a really good cause,” Pena said.

Saturday brought sunshine and an occasional light breeze, but, Pena says that going for a ride is always a good experience. “It’s always fun, even in the rain,” he said, with a laugh.

Each rider received a Toys for Tots pin on Saturday, in addition to the appreciation of Shore and the youth who benefit from the Toys for Tots program. Around 70 bikers participated in the event.

“This generous help is very

appreciated,” Shore said, expressing his thanks to all the BOB riders and to J&H Liquors. “Without your help, it would be a bleak Christmas for these kids of Steele County.”

Toys for Tots accepts donations all year long. To learn more, or make a donation, contact Jerry Shore at 507-451-1360.

Weekly crossword

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By LaFaye Farrow

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Cheerleaders honored

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Owatonna cheerleaders have not yet officially started their season, but they have been staying active over the summer. Three cheerleaders have already been honored by acceptance to the UCA (Universal Cheerleaders Association) All American Cheerleaders.

Head coach Mara Oien and assistant coach Stephanie Dietz took 13 cheerleaders to a cheer camp at University of Saint Thomas during the week of July 13. The camp was not mandatory. Oien said that there were well over 100 cheerleaders there, with ten or so squads from around the state participating.

From the group of 13, the coaches were able to nominate nine cheerleaders for the UCA All American Cheerleaders. Oien said that the nine nominated cheerleaders were able to try out for the UCA All American Cheer Squad. “During the try outs, they were taught a cheer and dance that they had to perform. They also had to do a jump,” said Oien. “They were judged right then and there.”

Of the nine Owatonna cheerleaders that tried out, three made it. Junior Evelin Cuellar (varsity cheer member), senior Justine Roemhildt (varsity cheer member) and freshman Lily Redman (junior varsity cheer member) were accepted to the UCA All American Cheerleading team.

Oien said that this is a great honor for these three cheerleaders. With that honor comes the possibility to participate in the UCA All American Cheerleading team.

As varsity cheer members, Cuellar and Roemhildt have the opportunity to travel to London, England, over New Years to



Submitted photo
Owatonna cheerleaders Justine Roemhildt, Evelin Cuellar and Lily Redman were recently honored.

cheer in the New Year Parade. As a junior varsity cheer member, Redman could participate in the Thanksgiving parade in Philadelphia. Oien said that these opportunities are extra and all expenses have to be covered independently.

If they chose to participate, UCA would sent them a DVD to teach them the cheer routines.

While Oien did not know whether they would choose to participate, she said that Owatonna cheerleaders have participated in both the London New Year Parade and the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade in the past.

At the cheer camp at UST, the cheerleaders learned stunt skills and coaches received more training. Oien said that twelve cheerleaders on the squad graduated last year, so this year is a bit of a “re-building” year. “We have a smaller squad this year, but we’ve got a lot of talent,” said Oien.

The football season starts early this year, so the cheerleaders start August 10 to prepare for the first football game (away) on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Owatonna Foundation announces new Board of Trustees members

The Owatonna Foundation Board of Trustees recently held its Annual Meeting at the Steele County History Center. During the Annual Meeting three new Trustees were appointed. They are: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Andy Michaletz, and Dennis Von Ruden.

Dr. Brian Bunkers

Dr. Bunkers is a Family Medicine physician who has been part of the MCHS-Owatonna practice since 1991. He and his wife, Dr. Kari Bunkers, have 3 children: Nathan, Marianna, and Luke. Dr. Bunkers received his undergraduate degree from the St. John’s University, his medical degree from the University of Minnesota and completed his residency training at the University of Wisconsin branch in Appleton Wisconsin. In addition to his practice, Dr. Bunkers has been involved in several leadership duties for Mayo Clinic Health Systems, currently serving as CEO for the Owatonna and Faribault practices. Dr. Bunkers has also been involved in several community activities including Owatonna High School athletics, Habitat for Humanity, the St. Mary’s School Board, United Way, and Transitional Housing.

Andy Michaletz

Andy is a lifelong resident of Owatonna. He attended St. Mary’s School and graduated from Owatonna High School. He earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas. Andy owns

and operates Poly Plastics Inc, in Owatonna, a plastic recycling and materials company. He also owns and develops commercial real estate. Andy and his wife Rhonda have two sons, Brody and Chase.

Dennis Von Ruden

Dennis Von Ruden is President of General Equipment Company, a 60 year old, second-generation, family-owned manufacturer of specialized light construction products located in Owatonna. He is a graduate of Marian High School and received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. His engineering career includes a number of design patents and product innovations that are still in use today. He has served as a past board member of the American Rental Association, a Trustee of the American Rental Association Foundation, and is a current board member of the Gamehaven Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a life-long resident of Owatonna. Dennis and his wife, Julie have three grown children.

Bunkers, Michaletz, and Von Ruden join 32 other Trustees that comprise the Foundation board.

“We’re pleased to welcome these new Trustees to the Foundation Board. It has been my privilege to serve on the Foundation Board and I know that these new Trustees will bring their areas of expertise and their commitment to Owatonna

with them as they join us in the work that the Foundation does to benefit the community,” said Owatonna Foundation Board President, David Einhaus.

Other Trustees that were re-appointed to the Board for a five year term included: Gerald Deetz, Kent Kienholz, Tim McManimon, Monte Mitchell and Steve Smith. The following Trustees were elected to serve as officers: President: David Einhaus, Vice President: Betsy Lindgren, and Secretary/Treasurer: Ray Stawarz.

Other members of the Board of Trustees include: Paul Amfelt, William Beer, Gregg Draeger, Tom Dufresne, Dale Gandrud, Todd Hale, Bob Heers, Charles Herrmann, Michael Jensen, Jay Johnson, Robert Jungbluth, Matt Kottke, Chadwick Lange, Dennis Meillier, Gene Michaelson, Michael Milstead, Carol Nelson, Otto Nelson, Sabra Otteson, Julie Rethemeier, Dave Seykora, Sharon West, Kenneth Wilcox, and Dr. Carol Winter.

Business at the Annual Meeting included the awarding of a grant to Wee Pals Child Care Center, extension of the grant term for the Owatonna Arts Center project, the adoption of a new mission statement which is: “The mission of the Owatonna Foundation is to improve the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, education, the arts and recreation,” and the kick-off

of the Foundation’s Annual Fundraising Campaign.

Incorporated in 1957, the Foundation has served the Owatonna community for 58 years, providing over 11 million dollars in financial support to meet the ever-changing needs of the community.

The Foundation makes grants for capital purchases and improvements in the following categories: Community – with projects that have an impact on the quality of life of the people of Owatonna, and the parks and places they use and enjoy. Education – with scholarships and improvements promoting literary and scientific ventures and preserving the history of Owatonna. The Arts – with projects that support fine arts, both visual and musical, and encouraging a diverse cultural environment. Recreation – with projects that help improve the recreational diversity of Owatonna, offering all ages a recreational outlet throughout the year.

The Foundation also provides both traditional and non-traditional scholarships for youth and adults that are residents of Owatonna.

The Foundation office is located at 108 West Park Square, Owatonna. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am till 1 pm. For more information please go to the Foundation’s website at www.owatonnafoundation.org, or call 451-2995.

Volunteers adding to the Muckle Museum



By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

There will be some additions to this year’s display at the Muckle Museum during the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna.

Last year, a group started redoing the displays and sorting the displays after coats of paint were put on the museum walls. That is continuing.

“We’re trying to put things together,” said Sharon Stark who, along with Nancy Vaillancourt, have been sorting and resorting the different items in the museum. “We’ve tried to put things together so it makes more sense.”

tion from the 1915 fair, which is 100 years ago. During the research, Vaillancourt found out that there were several fairs that were cancelled due to hoof and mouth disease. The Steele County Free Fair was not one of those fairs.

In addition, the museum will focus on two personalities. One is Stan Muckle, who the museum is named for. The other is Louis Allgeyer, who was a well-known optometrist in Owatonna.

“Stan was a board member for many years,” Stark said. “Stan was well known through the state for fairs. He was a big promoter and supporter of the fair.”

Stark said that Allgeyer helped promote the fair. He was also secretary-general manager for a period of time.

As to what will be on display at this year’s fair, Vaillancourt said they will try to provide a broad picture of the fair. “We have so many personalities and those aren’t reflected in our displays,” she said. “That is why we are getting to know some of the people who were part of the fair. We are focusing on those who helped develop the fair.”

Those who come to the muse-



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
Nancy Vaillancourt and Sharon Stark look over some old files at the Muckle Museum in preparation for the 2015 Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna. The event runs Aug. 18-23.

um are looking for the history of the fair. “For some people who have just moved to town, ‘oh what’s this big deal about the fair?’ They come in here to get some background,” Stark said. “It is fun for people who have been around to see pictures of early days of the fair they may remember themselves and see how the grounds have changed over the years.”

Vaillancourt added that many

people come back to Owatonna for the fair. “They often come back here and reminisce about certain things they remember; especially food and grandstand shows.”

In addition, the children enjoy the carnival ride toys they can watch in the museum and others love to look at the books on the century farms.

Both agree that the museum is unique and unusual. It is also

one of the few fair museums around the state.

One challenge has been finding volunteers to handle the museum during the fair hours. Those who are interested in volunteering can contact the fair office.

This year the museum will be open Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.



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Made it, duct tape and all

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

While she pedaled through the finish line with her tennis shoes duct taped together, Lilah Aas completed her 19th Habitat 500 ride without too many glitches.

“I realized Friday that my shoes were starting to fall apart. On Saturday, I asked the person in the gear van if they could duct tape my shoes together,” laughed Aas. “I’m so glad I asked. I never thought I wouldn’t finish because of shoe disintegration.”

Aas and approximately 170 other cyclists rode 500 miles across southern Minnesota to raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity. The ride left Owatonna early morning on July 12 and arrived back early morning on July 18.

Besides some shoe troubles, Aas said that the riders faces some major heat and humidity early in the week, and on Thursday, July 16, they hit rain. “It wasn’t so bad, except trucks passing you and spraying up water. They don’t intentionally do it. It just happens. They can only pull over so far,” said Aas.

Besides overcoming a few

weather obstacles, the bicyclists had a hilly ride since they went over to the Winona and Spring Valley area. “The twelve miles from Rushford to Winona was a gradual hill that eventually got really steep, so that was tough, especially for people that hadn’t trained on hills” said Aas.

Lucky for Aas, she has built up stamina over the years of participating in Habitat 500, so she endured the hills and trying weather.

Being from Albert Lea, Aas found this year to be unique in that the cyclists passed through her own turf. The 170 bicyclists had dinner at the church she belongs to, First Lutheran Church. Most importantly though, Aas did not have to pitch a tent that night, for she was able to sleep in her own home.

An esteemed piece of the trip is the bicyclists’ opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity site. In Winona, Aas and other cyclists worked on a home. Aas said that they were able to side the home up to the point that needed scaffolding and they also shingled the home.

Every year, bicyclists look forward to reuniting with friends

made over the years. This is an aspect of Habitat 500 that Aas highly values, and she also noted that she made new friends as well. There were two other bicycling groups in southern Minnesota last week as well, so riders from Habitat 500 met with them and ate dinner with individuals from all over the states and Canada.

“It’s funny. On the last night, they have a slide show, and it is amazing, with 170 cyclists, there were people that I didn’t even recognize because they might have biked further ahead or behind me,” said Aas. She remarked that riding in a block of 170 would certainly be a safety risk to the cyclists and vehicle traffic.

Aas commented that Habitat 500 was once again lucky to have zero serious injuries, and everyone that planned to finish was able to do so.

Aas looks forward to next year, particularly because next year is a special milestone. It will be her 20th year participating. Like every year, she will begin fundraising in April.

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Neighborhoods will be buzzing with chatter and yard games on Aug. 4 as Steele County residents gather for National Night Out.

National Neighborhood Night Out Against Crime is an annual community-building campaign that encourages police and community partnerships and neighborhood safety through camaraderie.

According to director of National Night Out, Matt Peskin, the program was born in 1984, a time when crime, especially theft and vandalism, was high.

“The original idea was to prove that 99 percent of people are law abiding citizens. 1 percent are criminal. National Night Out was originally like a stand against crime,” said Peskin. “By being out, active and enjoying the night, people are doing what criminals hate.”

“If one person meets four or five neighbors, than we’ve done our job,” explained Peskin. “Once you’ve met someone

and talked a little with them, you are more likely to take action if you notice something that just doesn’t seem right on their property.”

Peskin said that while crime rates are lower than they were in the 80s, the event still has the goal of bringing together neighbors to learn from each other and community law enforcement and safety officials.

Registered events in the county will likely receive visits from a police officer, which allows for a friendly conversation atmosphere to learn more and build a relationship with local law enforcement. “This event brings everyone under the same umbrella,” said Peskin. “That partnership is important.”

“Neighbors have changed so much since the 30s and 40s when neighbors knew each other and children played outside well after dark and you knew the cop on the beat. Now people’s schedules are so different. Newer technology. Two people are working per household versus one, but there are still houses, people and families,” said Pes-

kin. “We have to communicate with each other and local law enforcement to ensure a safer community and that starts at a neighborhood level.”

“I know sometimes being neighborly isn’t the coolest thing,” Peskin laughed. “The event is almost like an excuse to be neighborly.”

Peskin said that an event can be as simple as gathering together and eating watermelon slices, grilling out or playing yard games, though some cities go all out with parades and fireworks. “It does not have to be anything extravagant, just something to bring people together. We hear so often that people met neighbors that they have lived by for years but never spoke to,” said Peskin.

The event has grown drastically since its first year in 1984. “The first year 400 communities participated with 2 million participants, now 16,000 communities take part with well over 37 million people,” said Peskin. “People love and look forward to it every year.”

DIRECTOR

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our processes to see where we can partner,” she said. “Not that we’re not now, but I think there is more opportunity to do that.”

Roggenbuck will also be the community services division director for Steele County. She will oversee the support staff of the extension service, veteran’s services office and environmental services office.

Steele County Administrator Laura Elvebak said Roggenbuck brings a great deal of community health experience to both Steele and Dodge counties. “In addition to the technical knowledge of the position, Amy has experience working with multiple units and levels of government involving collaboration and coordination,” she said.

Elvebak added that the intent would be to provide a community health organization that provides efficient and effective services to the public of both Steele and Dodge counties. “Her knowledge and ability to work with the experienced staff will provide opportunities for best practices of both counties to be maintained and enhanced and additional opportunities to streamline services and best utilize resources available to the counties, while maintaining the distinct identities of the two public health organizations,” Elvebak said.

Roggenbuck graduated from Ellendale-Geneva High School in 1989. She has a degree in community health education from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and also is a certified health education specialist.

She has spent her career in the prevention field. Roggenbuck said she enjoys creating collaboratives and partnerships surrounding health issues.

Her career started out as a health educator for a public health agency in western Minnesota, but also included working for the department of public safety and department of transportation in the prevention field. Roggenbuck has also worked with the Toward Zero Death program both state-wide and region-wide. She recently was the public health director and the

Community Health Service administrator for Waseca County.

“My whole career I’ve always had a strong calling to serve the public. I really feel the need to be a public servant,” she said. “Public health is the best fit for me considering my background in health education.”

Public health has changed over the last decade leaning toward preventative population health, but still working with individual health.

“We’ve really had a more concentrated effort on population health; changing behaviors so people can be healthier and live healthier,” she stated. “The challenge is that it takes time to change behavior. It takes a lot of effort. It takes creative ways to think of how to do that.”

Roggenbuck will be looking at combining processes in her job. “I think it holds some challenges,” she said. “It will also create opportunities for us to take a look at using best practices from other counties and agencies to streamline things.”

Also one of her focuses will be on population health. Through a health assessment, the department has identified 10 and will focus on the top three. These include reducing obesity, increasing physical activity and healthy eating and reducing tobacco use.

“It is more of a behavior change we are focusing on,” Roggenbuck said.

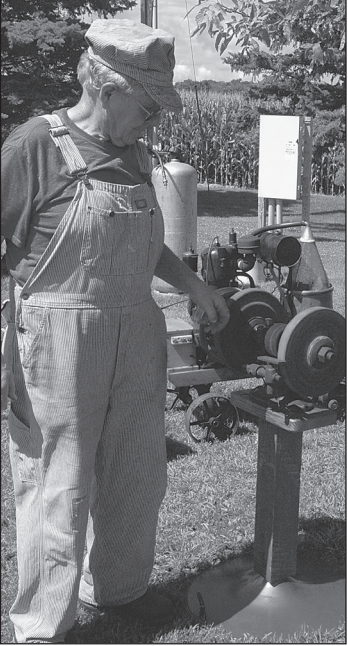
For her first 90 days, Roggenbuck said it is important for her to gain the trust and respect as a leader in the county and those that she serves. “It is really important to establish some of that trust and it is going to take time,” she said.

She believes it is also important to develop relationships and work together with partnerships. “Together we can accomplish more,” she said. “I do believe in a supervisory role it is really important to set the tone in the offices and the departments. I feel really strongly that if I come in with a positive attitude, ready to work and ready to serve the public, that will help my staff to do the same thing.”

Annual Litomysl Summer Festival held July 26



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud
Pony rides are always popular at the Litomysl Summer Festival. Here, Daniel Coleman, 3, of Blooming Prairie goes round and round the track and hoping his ride will never end. He is the son of Barb and Clay Coleman, Blooming Prairie.



Lots of small engines were on display at the Litomysl community festival at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Sunday. Here, Myron Spindler of Hope works with a Fairbanks-Morse 2 horsepower Dispan engine. It is a 1928 vintage and cost \$50 brand new.



Gerri Neubauer and Vera Beers, both of Owatonna, come to the Litomysl Summer Festival every year and try to get toward the front of the line to pick up their favorite filled biscuits.



This is what many people came for at the 44th annual Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 26. Popular flavors were poppy seed, prune and apricot.

STEELE TALKIN’

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at the waterpark in Owatonna) we will be giving out a frozen treat for everyone who participated!

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Owatonna celebrates Crazy Days July 23 to July 25



Staff photos by Laura Berndt
Pang Sou Vang helps customers pick out their produce at the Owatonna Farmers Market, held on Saturday during Crazy Days.



Naomi Lebak, age 8, had fun shopping at the Crazy Days celebration in Owatonna this weekend.

Salvation Army gives away backpacks

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Owatonna’s Salvation Army is getting excited for their annual Back to School program where they give away backpacks and school supplies to children in Steele County that are in need. There is no income limit. All families that are in need of the school supplies for their children are welcome.

The distribution will take place in Owatonna, Blooming Prairie, and Medford.

For Blooming Prairie, Salvation Army will be passing out supplies at the Boys and Girls Club on Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. They will be in Medford at the Lazy You mobile home park on Aug. 5, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In Owatonna, the location will be the Salvation Army thrift store on Aug. 6, 4 to 7 p.m. and Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Steele County Salvation Army case manager Gina Shepherd said that Salvation Army has 864 backpacks that will be stuffed with school supplies. “There is a large need for this in the community. We are giving away the backpacks that we have. Every year we run out, and there is still a need,” said Shepherd.

All backpacks and supplies are brand new.

On Aug. 4 at 10:00 a.m., volunteers will gather at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Owatonna to distribute the school supplies into the backpacks. All are welcome to join and volunteer time. Shepherd said this volunteer time is usually a blast.

“There is always a line during the first hour of the giveaway. Its families with tight budgets that are trying to make ends meet,” said Shepherd. “They want to make sure that their kids are set up to succeed.”

“Oftentimes we find that families will buy the school supplies for kids and then are unable to pay their regular bills,” said Shepherd. “There is a high percent of low income families in Steele County, so we’re trying to help in a way that we can.”

Shepherd said that this event began eight or so years ago, and it has been very successful. Three years ago, she observed her first back to school program. In 2012, they gave approximately 1050 backpacks away.

The program is made possible by the donations that are given to the red kettles during Christmas time or all year. Shepherd also said that they received a generous donation a few years back. “80% of the money donated in the kettles goes back to the community through programs like the back to school program,” said Shepherd.

Shepherd looks forward to the distribution days. She is reminded of her own excitement as a child come the end of summer, when she would look forward to the school year. “I remember just wanting to look at all of my supplies again and again,” said Shepherd. “The kids are excited when they get their backpacks, especially the little ones who are excited anyways. They usually put them on right away.”

While families in need can take advantage of the back to school program by showing up at distribution times, families can also pre-register for a backpack. If interested in donating or finding out more about the program, stop by the Owatonna Salvation Army thrift store and talk to Gina Shepherd.



Dancers from the Jill Hoggard Academy of Dance perform their tap routine on Saturday in the park.



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Crop development: Now and then

ON THE FARM



Karen Anderson

Driving through the countryside and speaking with others, it has become apparent that the crops are faring quite well this growing season. Both corn and soybeans have moved into their reproductive stage of development. That begs the question, so far, how does this year's growing season compare to previous years?

According to the USDA Minnesota Crops Progress and Condition report as of July 19th, Minnesota's corn acreage advanced to 47 percent silked, nearly a week ahead of last year

and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition improved slightly to 86 percent good to excellent. Seventy-five percent of the soybean crop was blooming or beyond, 8 days ahead of average. With 21 percent of soybeans setting pods, condition rated 79 percent good to excellent.

Over the long term, numerous advancements have been made in the process of growing crops. New technologies, crop genetic improvements and a better understanding of insects and weeds have helped in the ultimate goal to produce enough food to feed the ever-growing population. In the tables, you will see how corn and soybean bushels per acre for Steele County have continued to increase over many years. Data to compile table is from the USDA NASS Census of Agriculture data.

Each year has its own triumphs and challenges. Weather plays a big role in the outcome of each growing season. In a recent article by Jeff Coulter,

Years	Average Soybean Yield, Bushels
1941 - 1960s	21.2
1970s	30.8
1980s	35.7
1990s	39.8
2000s	44.8
2010s	47.3

Years	Average Corn Grain Yield, Bushels
1921 - 1960s	53.6
1970s	96.4
1980s	115.5
1990s	130.3
2000s	166.6
2010s	172.1

Extension Corn Specialist, he indicated that "stress occurring between now and early August, resulting from dry soil conditions and hot air temperatures, can greatly reduce grain yield by reducing the number of kernels per plant. Fortunately, the season has started with favorable conditions for corn growth in many areas."

Now is the time of year where mid-summer crop disease can emerge, and can ultimately reduce the yield of the crop. Visit the UMN Extension Crop Disease website to learn more about what crop disease you should be scouting for in

your corn and soybean fields at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crop-diseases/.

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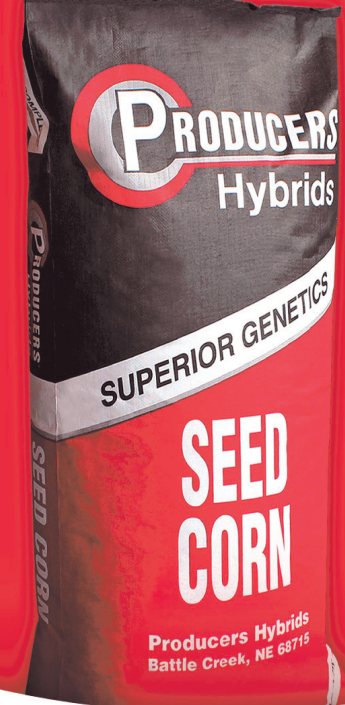
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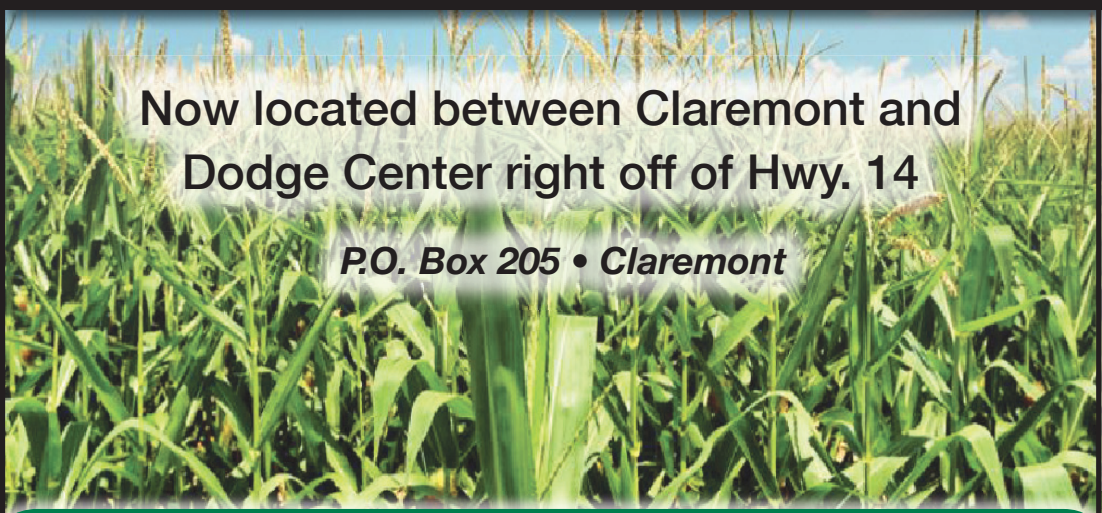
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Minnesota Crop Report

Eleven percent of Minnesota's oat acreage was harvested for grain as of July 26, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. During the 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork soybeans were being scouted and sprayed for aphids. Other field activities for the week included harvesting small grains and baling hay. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Eighty-two percent of Minnesota's corn acreage was silking or beyond, 1 week ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 87 percent good to excellent. With 90 percent of the soybean crop blooming or beyond, 44 percent of soybeans were setting pods or beyond, 1 week ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Oat condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Ninety-two percent of the spring wheat acreage was turning color, over 3 weeks ahead of the previous year.

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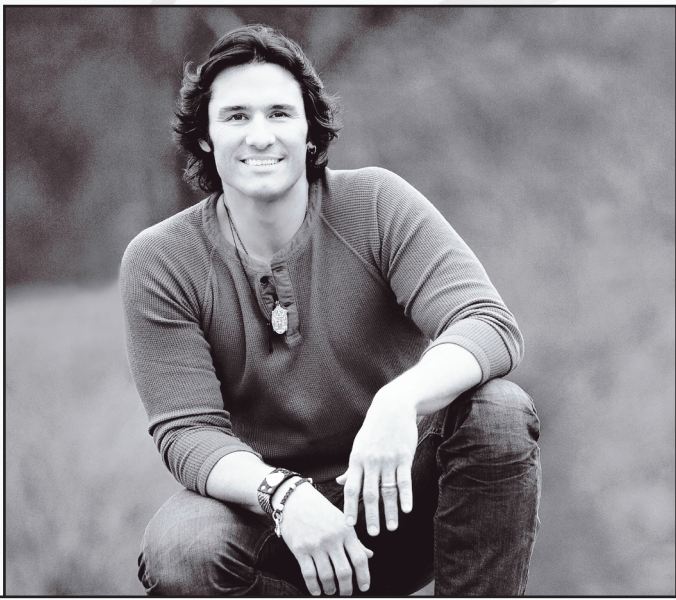
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Why people relocate for work?

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You may have the opportunity to earn a promotion if you change role. Perhaps moving would allow you to take a once-in-a-lifetime position that would increase your salary and push your career forward. Or maybe you've always wanted to live in a different city or country, or you're looking for a change in lifestyle, and now seems the perfect time to make this exciting move!

Maybe your reasons for relocating are personal. Perhaps you want to move closer to family members, or maybe you plan to marry someone whose family lives elsewhere. If you have children, you might want them to be closer to their grandparents, or in a different school system.

Things to consider before you relocate

Relocating means taking a leap into the unknown. So, consider the possibility that even your dream job might not work out. You may feel homesick and miss your friends or family back home. Or you might not get along with your new boss or colleagues!

If you move to a new location for personal reasons and you're without a job, you may find it

difficult to get a new position. And, chances are you won't have a network of people to support you.

So take the time to research your options thoroughly when deciding whether to move. Here are just some of the things you should think about before you relocate.

Friends and family

When you're single, it's easy to pick up your life and move to a new city or country. But when you have a family or a close-knit group of friends, the decision is more complex.

If you have a partner, consider his or her job prospects. What is his employment situation now? If he has a good job with excellent benefits and a chance of a promotion, it may not be the right time to go. Also, think about how well you both deal with change, and how the move might affect your relationship.

A move could also be disruptive for your children, particularly if they're in education. Investigate the local schools to make sure that they have good reputations. If not, you may need to consider private schooling.

You should also check out childcare options. If you currently live near family who take care of your kids for you while you're at work, you'll probably miss this convenience when you move away.

Moving expenses

Have you considered how much moving might cost? Once you hire movers, ship your belongings, or rent a truck, it might be more than you expect. Many organizations offer

living expenses until you find a permanent home. Your partner may also benefit, as some organizations offer networking or outplacement services for spouses.

If you're moving abroad, your organization may cover

U.S. states have no income tax. However, the majority do. You may even move to one with state and local income or sales taxes.

You'll also need to think about everyday expenses, such as transport. How far will you be from your office? How will you get there? If you'll commute by car, consider the cost of gas. If you'll take public transport, factor in the daily fare. Other costs you should take into account include groceries, leisure activities and childcare.

Location, location, location

Before you move, think about what you like and don't like about where you currently live. Does your potential destination offer the same benefits? Does it solve any of the problems?

An important criterion for many people is safety. Will you be able to walk around the area where you'll live and work? You may want to investigate the crime rate and other related statistics.

You'll also want to consider the weather. Find out what the climate is like, and how it suits your preference for warm or cold temperatures. You may want to investigate how many days are sunny versus rainy, which could affect you if you like outdoor activities.

Another factor is the location's culture. What are your entertainment options? Is there an active nightlife?

If you like sports, are there opportunities to play or to watch professional teams? If you're a "foodie," does it have a variety of restaurants? Are there museums and theaters? Can you continue your hobbies there? Is it "child-friendly?"

Finally, consider your social life. If you like to have a large network of friends around you, are there opportunities to meet new people? Does your college or university have a strong alumni base there, for example? How easy will it be for you to make connections and develop a new circle of friends?

Your future employer

Think about the organization you might be moving to. You'll want to make sure you fit in, so consider speaking to people who already work there to learn more about the company culture.

Is there anyone who's moved to the organization from another location that you can speak with? This might help you get the "inside story" from someone who's unbiased, to help you make up your mind.

You'll also want to check out your future employer's finances. If it's a start-up, or has recently reorganized, are you sure your job will be safe in the future? What is the outlook for your profession generally, and specifically in the location you might move to?

<http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/considerations-when-relocating.htm>



relocation packages if they require their people to move to a new office location. Typically, these cover the cost of professional movers to pack and unpack your belongings, and some employers cover the cost of shipping items and storing them, if necessary.

Your organization may also pay for you to go on a house-hunting trip. Be sure to take advantage of this, as it will give you a feel for your new location. Check it out at different times of the day and night to make sure it's what you expected.

You may be eligible for other benefits from your employer. For instance, it may pay your

the costs of filing immigration paperwork, or getting you a work visa and employing an attorney. It might also provide cultural training to ease you into your new surroundings.

Cost of living

You may find it comfortable to live on your salary now, but how will your finances stack up in another location? Even if you get a raise, it may not cover the costs of living in a more expensive place. So, it's important to think about the difference.

Other housing-related expenses could be high. Utility costs vary widely, especially if the location has extreme seasons and you need extra heating or air conditioning. Or, you might have to buy more expensive insurance. In certain areas, you will need special cover for natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes or tornadoes.

If you're moving to a different state, consider your potential tax liability. Seven

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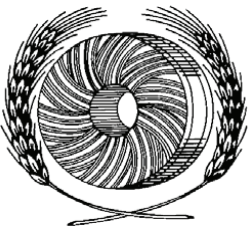
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TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1 0 0 1 9 9 6 0 0 0 1 2 3 6 9 4 5 6 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Advisors Mortgage, LLC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 536 East Main Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17.010.2309 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing 2 rods South and 22 rods East of the NW corner of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 10-107-20, running thence South 8 1/2 rods, thence East 4 rods, thence North 8 1/2 rods, thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$92,514.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$ 8 9 , 4 3 1 . 7 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: September 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: S t e e l e 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 March 17, 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. 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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 25, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$128,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Donald O. Noyce and Darlene Noyce, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1003932-2008150311-9 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Capital One Home Loans, LLC SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 24, 2008, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000063298, thereafter modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded October 29, 2013 as document number T000070873 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: May 9, 2013 filed: May 23, 2013, recorded as document number T000070291 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7), Block Two (2), Cashman Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota REGISTERED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 324 Thomas Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-148-0207 COT# 2957 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$129,347.12 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: September 22, 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. 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Mach - 237388 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 7/28, 8/4, 8/11 8/18, 8/25, 9/1	STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF STEELE Court File No 74-PR-15-1234 NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF LOST WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS In Re: Estate of Dayna Halbert-Wiese, Also Known as Dayna Halbert and Dayna J. Halbert, Decedent It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 18, 2015, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be a copy of the decedent's Will dated May 6, 2011 and for the appointment of Jacob Halbert, whose address is 14630 Shannon Parkway, #305, Rosemount, Minnesota 55068, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the estate. Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: 2015.07.15 BY THE COURT Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court Sonia Kocher Court Administrator Allison J. Frasier (MN# 0387756) Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, P.A. 6601 Lyndale Avenue South Suite 320 Richfield, Minnesota 55423 Telephone: (952) 925-4147 FAX: (952) 925-1926 7/21, 7/28 Estate STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF STEELE Court File No 74-PR-15-1119 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Lane Gigstead a/k/a Lane Howard Gigstead, Decedent Notice is given that an application for informal probate of Decedent's Will, dated March 31, 2004, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Kyle E. Gigstead, whose address is 626 2nd Street NE, PO Box 662, Blooming Prairie, MN, 55917, as personal representative of the Estate of Lane Howard Gigstead. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing. Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

April public record
Steele County Births April 2015 Iden Keith Enzenauer, Parents: Michelle and Alfred, April 1. Miguel Arnoldo Galvan Jr., Parent: Mayra Barajas, April 1. Augustine Brooks Jenzen, Parents: Kristy and Hunter, April 1. Addison Grace Schmitz, Parents: Laura and Christopher, April 4. Tommy Gun Thompson, Parents: Brenda Nye and John Thompson, April 5. Ryder Remington Randall, Parent: Jordan Collier, April 6. Aria Grace Santibanez, Parents: Tia Kimbro and Josue Santibanez, April 6. Hugh Clayton Courtney, Parents: Jill and Kyle, April 6. McKenzie Lynn Barker, Parents: Casey and Jordan, April 6. Jack Aaron Bjorkquist, Parents: Lindsay and Brett, April 8. Qadra Osman Sokorow, Parents: Mariam Mohamed and Osman Mangani, April 8. Sophia Joetta McCree, Parent: Lareshia McCree, April 9. Roman Theodore Bertram, Parents: Brittany and Adam, April 10. Nihaal Mohamed Abdullah, Parents: Nasrah Hussein and Mohamed Ali, April 10. Alyena Kinlee Merkley, Parents: Jennifer Ward and Tad Merkley Sr., April 11. Bode Luke Schultz, Parents: Lindsay and Luke, April 12. Kasper Gene Spotts, Parents: Heidi Stencel and J. Adam Spotts, April 13. Afnan Hussein Hassan, Parents: Leyla Abdulle and Hussein Osman, April 14. Olivia Jo Reyes, Parents: Samantha Plotz and Roy Reyes Jr., April 15. Grayson Rodney Montanye, Parents: Keri and Shannon, April 15. Finlee Patricia Adamson, Parents: Teresa and David, April 15. Lorenzo Markey Cook III, Parent: Davina Herron, April 17. Jaxon Peter Corchran, Parents: Kristi and Michael, April 19. Daniel David Hayden, Parents: Emily and Andrew, April 20. Jayvyn Troy Shaske, Parents: Alexandra Simon and Jace Shaske, April 20. Colton Alan Ryman, Parents: Stephanie and Shane, April 21. Samuel Prescott Cox, Parents: Lindsay and James, April 21. Amarah Sky Thacker, Parent: Hillary Thacker, April 23. Siham Ali Nur, Parent: Nimo Mahamud Sheikh-Amin, April 23. Layna Ruth Andrews, Parents: Amanda and Timothy, April 24. Kendal Lynn Staub, Parents: Jessica Wilson and Richard Staub, April 24. Peyton Marie Herz, Parents: Tricia and Craig, April 24. Cooper Thomas Ruehmann, Parents: Casey and Chandler, April 25. Wyatt Dean Olson, Parents: Rebecca and Travis, April 27. William Albert Bilitz, Parents: Karisa and David, April 28. Keagen Thomas Grunklee, Parents: Katrina and Brett, April 28. Erin Jane Coan, Parents: Erica and Warren, April 30.
Owatonna, April 3. Orvis Leroy Johnson, 81, Owatonna, April 5. Zelda Kim De Frang, 60, Owatonna, April 6. Arnett Frances Bahls, 93, Owatonna, April 6. John Franklin Williams, 85, Owatonna, April 8. James Donald Postlewaite, 74, Owatonna, April 8. Elmer Edward Mees, 92, Owatonna, April 10. Steven Michael Burkett, 60, Owatonna, April 10. Vidta Ann Woitas, 82, Owatonna, April 13. Phyllis N. Tarr, 91, Owatonna, April 14. Ronald Lee Ellis, 64, Owatonna, April 14. Joseph Laverne Erler, 60, Owatonna, April 15. Ferris Holton Chladek, 95, Owatonna, April 15. Rudolph Edward Mollenhauer, 70, Owatonna, April 16. Darrell Keith Nuzum, 78, Owatonna, April 19. Siegfried Emil Schmidtke, 91, Morristown, April 19. Leonard Allen Vitha, 67, Owatonna, April 19. Raymond Robert Jenkins, 76, Claremont, April 21. Matthew Taro Slater, 66, Owatonna, April 21. Elaine Juliann Kaufman, 78, Owatonna, April 26. Doris Lorna Kraay, 90, Owatonna, April 26. Thomas Pedar Remker, 46, Owatonna, April 27. Gregory Allan Fischer, 61, New Richland, April 27. Marie Frances James, 96, Owatonna, April 28. Laverne Marion Faleide, 90, Owatonna, April 28. Donald Charles Morman, 77, Owatonna, April 29. Kathleen Kay Kelling, 72, Owatonna, April 30.
Steele County Marriages April 2015 Luis Ricardo Barajas Jr. and Dora Marie Solano Galicia, April 10. Abdirisak Raghe Bullo and Saeda Abukar Moallam, April 10. Peter James Scharpe and Carlos Alberto Kramer Sanchez, April 10. Merle Jerome Anderson and Semone Elaine Seha, April 18. Chase Horvey Kelner and Jennifer Lynn Thompson, April 18. Tony Lupercio Espinoza Alluvi and Cindy Fuentes, April 23. Francisco Caballero Gonzalez and Jazely Ramirez Barraza, April 25.
Steele County Divorces April 2015 Ruth Perez and Luis Perez Jr. Catherine Marie Cox and Allen Lee Cox. Ashley Anne Fangman and Brian Michael Fangman. Joshua Thomas Lehman and Katie Elizabeth Lehman. Stella Mae Devine and Michael Charles Devine. Meghan Davi Hanson and Drew Richard Hanson. Amy Marie Millhouse and Theodore James Millhouse. Jolene Louise Aase and Ben Richard Aase. Deana Lee Boedecker and Christopher Noel Boedecker.
Steele County Deaths April 2015 Norma Mae Schaumburg, 88, Owatonna, April 2. Beverly Marie Bloomenrader, 72, Owatonna, April 3. Eldred Mathew Phillips, 89,
Dated: July 21, 2015 Kris Schmitz Registrar Attorney for Personal Representative Sally Forbes Friedman Bernick Lifson, P.A. 5500 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 1200 Minneapolis, MN, 55416 Attorney License No: 232932 Telephone: (763) 546-1200 FAX: (763) 546-1003 Email: sfriedman@bernicklifson.com 7/28, 8/4

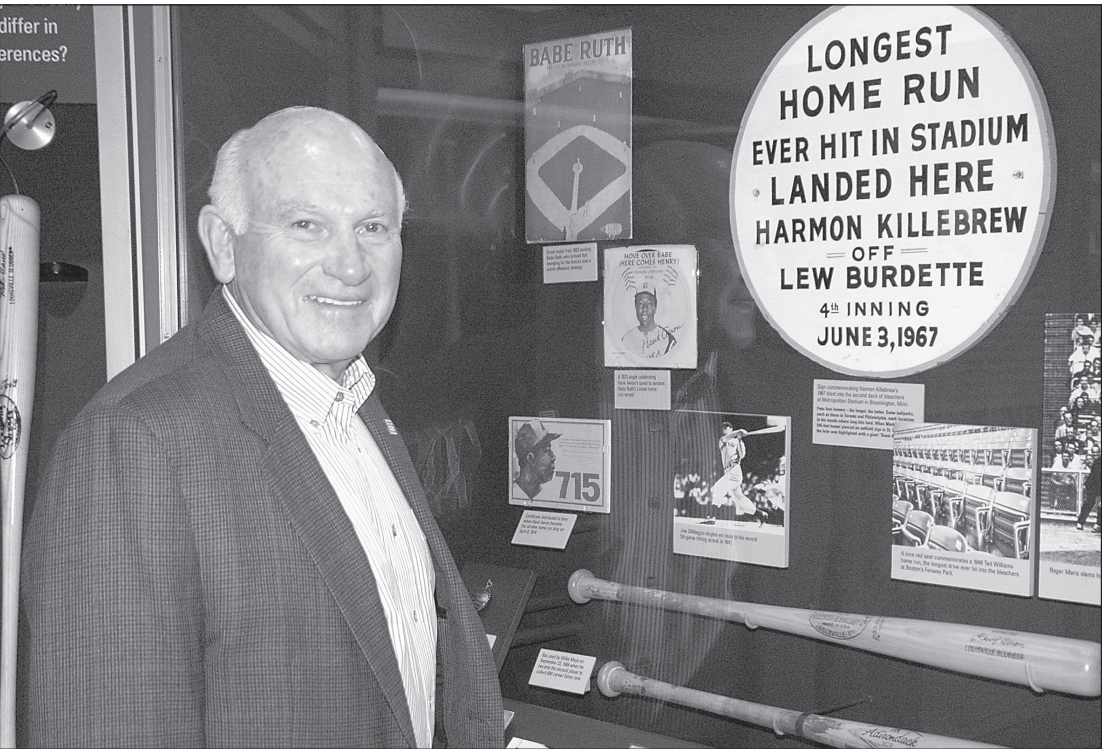
Honors

Lara Butler of Owatonna, a junior in the Heider College of Business, and Sean Grubish of Owatonna, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, were named to Creighton University's Spring 2015 Dean's List. Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List.

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Help put Harmon Killebrew on U.S. postage stamp



Minnesota Twins Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew poses in front of a Baseball Hall of Fame exhibit at the Minnesota History Center. He is shown in front of a sign that proclaims the longest home run ever hit at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington.

Let's help put former Minnesota Twins slugger and Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew's image on a U.S. postage stamp. Killebrew, the Minnesota Twins hero who slugged 573 home runs during his illustrious career, is being considered to have his likeness placed on a U.S. postage stamp. Our Minnesota congressional delegation recently came out in unanimous support for Killebrew's placement on a stamp. Killebrew's widow, Nita Killebrew, has said she believes Killebrew will be immortalized on a stamp because he touched many lives. Killebrew has always been one of favorites and became a personal friend of mine in his later years when my son Troy and I often saw him at autograph signing parties. He saw us so often that he called me by first name.

Son Troy proudly printed many photos I had taken of Killebrew in action on the baseball diamond. We gave copies to Killebrew and he was most appreciative. My favorite photos were of him and baseball legend Hank Aaron together in 1974 at a home run hitting contest at the old Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington. I remember Harmon hitting a home run in an American League playoff game with the Baltimore Orioles. I took photos of Harmon swinging a couple of bats on the on deck circle. Those photos were enlarged and given to Harmon. The photo was used in a photo montage shown at Killebrew's memorial service following his death in 2011. Killebrew loved his fans and paid total respect to them by giving his best signature. He had a patented signature, of

which he took pride. He chided Twins star Joe Mauer about his rugged autograph. Watching Joe, in spring training, hit many line drives during batting practice, Killebrew reportedly said: "Joe, you've got the hitting down pat, now work on your autograph." I also remember being in a long line for Killebrew's autograph at the Twins autograph party held outside the Metrodome. It was hot and uncomfortable for all of us. My young grandson Ryan was along and was crying because he wanted Killebrew to sign his shirt rather than signing photos for Troy and me. Seeing the little guy was unhappy, Harmon gestured for Ryan to come under the rope

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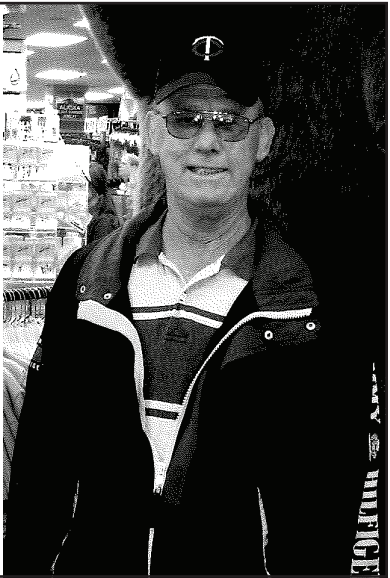
directing the line. "There's no crying in baseball; come here and I will sign your shirt," Killebrew said. I also remember interviewing Harmon at a National Baseball Hall of Fame exhibit at the Minnesota History Center. As Killebrew and I admired the many Hall of Fame exhibits, he stopped by one that showed a sign declaring the longest home run hit at Metropolitan Stadium. "I think it was something like 800 feet," Killebrew joked to me. In actuality, it was 520 feet and the ball landed in the second deck of the Met Stadium bleachers. While looking at his accomplishments on exhibit, Killebrew said two other Twins

deserved to be in the Hall of Fame, Tony Oliva and Jim Kaat. I have a real treasure from Harmon, an autographed baseball from Harmon on by 65th birthday. The inscription reads: "To Howard, Happy 65th Birthday." Thanks, Troy, for getting the autograph for me. It's rather ironic that Harmon's nickname was "Killer." He was more of a gentleman than that name suggests. Of course, it was coined because of killing the baseball with his monstrous swing.

Help get Harmon on a stamp by writing a letter expressing your support to:
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United States Postal Service
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Also, send a copy of the letter to:
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HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY JR!



Blooming Prairie School Board gets update on facility improvements

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

School improvements and upgrades dominated the conversation at the July 20 Blooming Prairie Board of Education meeting. During the principal's reports, High School Principal John Worke and Elementary Principal Chris Staloch updated the Board on a few recent happenings at the school. Alison Mach has submitted her resignation as the varsity softball coach in order to focus on her new administrative duties. Mach has served as coach for the past 12 years, and the Board took time to express their gratitude for Mach's services. New coaches have also been lined up for the basketball season. Nathan Piller will be the new boys head basketball coach and Andrew Hardcopf will serve as the assistant basketball coach. In other news, both principals said that planning for the summer Blossom Academy is also underway. Students were encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, which will help students focus on key math and reading concepts prior to the start of the upcoming school year. The students aren't the only ones who will studying hard this summer. Teachers will also participate in a variety of workshops and special trainings. Teachers will have the chance to learn more about mental health and a variety of other topics during teacher workshops, scheduled to begin in August. On Aug. 5-6, eight elementary and eight high school staff will also participate in positive behavior support training. This training aims to help staff reinforce positive student behavior and ensure

that this is done consistently in both the high school and elementary school buildings. Staff are also preparing for the upcoming seventh grade orientation. "We're preparing to make it a successful day for new kids coming into seventh grade," says Worke. Worke adds that summer always flies by, but this year the football team's early start seems to shorten the season even more. The football team will begin practicing on Aug. 10, a full week before other fall sports teams. The team is also scheduled to play three games before the school year begins. "That adds pressure to get the grounds and field ready," said Worke. The staff, however, are working hard to achieve this goal, and have already made several improvements to the school buildings. There is new mulch on the elementary school playground, and benches have been cemented outside the school. Carpet has also been installed in the upstairs computer room. (This floor was previously concrete.) There's also new ceiling tile and lighting in the upstairs classrooms and new tile in the upstairs boys' bathroom. The Board also approved the required student meal price increases. Elementary student lunches will now be \$2.40, high school student lunches will be \$2.35 and elementary student breakfast meals will now be \$1.45. Since participation has been low for the high school breakfast option, it is not required for the school to offer the high school breakfast option again during the 2015-16 school year. The Board will meet again on Monday, Aug. 17, at 7:15 p.m. in the Blooming Prairie High School Media Center.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- Stonestreet character
- What part of (abbr.)
- 4th Caliph of Islam
- Boojum tree
- Ancient Irish people
- Civil Rights group
- Celery (Spanish)
- Ed Murrow's network
- No (Scottish)
- Classic dramatic music
- Former OSS
- Oven for ceramics
- The Palmetto State
- Rapid bustling movement
- Mauna ___, volcano
- Ridge of wind-blown sand
- Brilliantly executed action
- Alias
- Head of a large company
- Bill Nye
- Sources of otaheite starch
- Small amount
- A flat or level surface
- European cave salamander
- Nickname for Robert
- Syrian tablets from 3000 B.C.
- Lasso
- Fabrics of camel or goats
- Old name for an area in Turkey
- Shock therapy
- UC Berkeley nickname
- Partridge Family's Susan

CLUES DOWN

- Cocoa beans
- N.W. Syrian city
- Environmental condition
- Actress Zadora
- Skulls
- Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (abbr.)
- Central Nervous System
- Not shut or closed
- Legal action for damages
- Data executive
- Hot air, trial or party
- Exclamation of surprise
- ___-magnon - early humans
- Crest of a hill
- Two deck rummy game
- Fruit drink suffix
- Informal debt instrument
- Dashes
- Hawaiian guitar
- Singer ___ Lo Green
- Spanish hero El ___
- Prima ballerina Karsavina
- Taxi
- "You're the Top" composer's initials
- Colony founded by Xenophanes
- Talked
- Undo garment ties
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DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH

Finance Department



The Minimizer Finance Department includes IT, and HR, with 6 people in Finance/ Accounting and one in each of HR and IT. Shown from left to right are: Rebecca Broton, Tara Scott, Katie Williamson, Kelsey Johnson, Christopher Thorpe, Carissa Gisi, Julie Strand and Paul Master. (Photo by Howard Lestrud)

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These professionals perform general accounting, financial analysis, payroll services, investment management, inventory management, purchasing

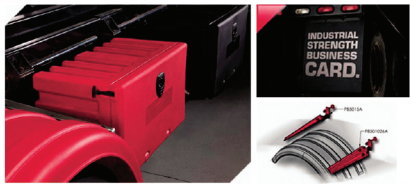
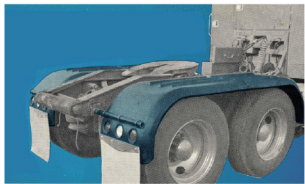
oversight, and a list of reporting functions for stockholders and government agencies. For a company that does business with over 2500 distributors and dealers in the US, Canada and Mexico the volume of activity can be enormous.

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