



Local residents fall victim to scam artists

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Recently, a Blooming Prairie resident fell victim to a convincing scam artist. Unfortunately, Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad says that this happens more often than he'd like.

According to the National Child Safety Council, criminals make an estimated \$40 billion dollars on telemarketing phone scams alone. While seniors are often targeted by scam artists, persons of any age, profession and background are all vulnerable to scams. What's worse, there are countless scams taking place all across the world and more are developed every day.

"Everybody and anybody can become a victim," said Skillestad. "People just need to be aware and be careful. But, if you are a victim, do not be ashamed. It can happen to anybody."

The recent scam that affected an area resident began when someone approached the resident and stated that they were in need of necessary roofing repairs and offered to complete the work. The resident paid the individual, but the project was never completed. This scheme, says Skillestad, is a scam that occurs in many places, including Blooming Prairie.

While it's possible that authentic experts may also approach residents to suggest necessary repairs on homes, businesses and even barns, Skillestad cautions that it's always a good idea to work with someone you know and trust for this type of endeavor. It's a much better idea to work with a local business that you can call or visit with questions or concerns, as opposed to an unfamiliar or out-of-state contractor who you may never see again.

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Gift of backpacks gets area students ready for school

By LAURA BERNDT
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Each fall, some students return to school lacking the supplies they need to succeed. Salvation Army is trying to change that.

Last week, a Salvation Army truck filled with backpacks made stops in Blooming Prairie, Medford and Owatonna. Local youth in need of school supplies were encouraged to visit the designated locations, where they could pick up a free backpack, filled with supplies they'll need for the coming school year.

Around 50 people helped to organize and fill 850 backpacks last Tuesday, and the backpacks were distributed in Blooming Prairie and Medford on Wednesday and in Owatonna on Thursday and Friday. Usually, the Owatonna location sees the most traffic. The Salvation Army's school supplies distribution has been offered in Owatonna for over ten years.

This year, the truck's first stop was at the Boys and Girls Club in Blooming Prairie, where volunteer Linda Seljeseth was pleased to see several students waiting patiently to receive their backpacks.

Seljeseth says that about 100 backpacks were dispersed in Blooming Prairie during last year's distribution. "We're hoping for a good turnout in Medford and Owatonna, too," she said.

On the distribution days, Service Unit Case Manager Gina Shepherd, Seljeseth and other volunteers worked together to hand out the school supplies. Two volunteers hopped up into the truck and passed backpacks to the students (or parents) waiting below. Many people expressed their gratitude to the volunteers. Although many students were not excited about the prospect of the rapidly approach-

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Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Gina Shepherd, Salvation Army Case Manager, holds up a few of the 850 backpacks that were recently distributed to area students in need in Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and Medford.

Concrete work progresses east of Highway 218 and Main Street



Staff photo by Jake Nelson
Construction work continues on Main Street in Blooming Prairie. Above, workers continue their efforts on Main Street, despite some recent rains, which resulted in a soggy surface to work with.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Rumbling, gigantic construction equipment continues to make a change in the complexion of downtown Blooming Prairie these days as Main Street reconstruction continues east and west of Highway 218.

Many Blooming Prairie locals have expressed amazement at the number of huge pieces of construction equipment that have been moving dirt, bituminous and concrete over the past several weeks.

The \$2.7 million re-construction project is a combined project of the City of Blooming Prairie and Steele County.

Actual Main Street reconstruction began on June 15, with work west on Main Street beginning on July 6.

Stefan Gantert, assistant project engineer for the Steele County Highway Department, says the work west of Highway 218 on Main Street is on schedule. "We are about two weeks behind schedule on the work east of 218 but we hope to catch up in a hurry with more work crews," Gantert said.

Elcor Construction of Rochester has the general contract on the project. Sub-contractor Doyle Conner Company of Rochester is doing the concrete work and began last week east of Highway 218. Doyle Conner does the curb, pavement and sidewalk work.

Since heavy traffic is present east of 218, special dowel baskets have been installed in the

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Owatonna Fire Department responds to incident at Applebee's

By LAURA BERNDT
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Diners came to Applebee's in Owatonna on Friday in search of some fresh food, but the food wasn't the only thing that was hot.

That night, around 5:20 p.m., the Owatonna Fire Department responded the restaurant after receiving word that there was a possible kitchen fire. The building was evacuated and fire department members evaluated the scene. They discovered that there was no actual fire; instead, a belt on the rooftop unit had seized

and caused smoke to enter the rear of the building.

Responders were able to ventilate the building with fans. Although the State Health Department did report to the scene, they quickly gave the okay for the business to re-open after the smoke had cleared. According to the Owatonna Fire Department, they were able to clear the scene about 20 minutes after they arrived.

There were no injuries and no damage to the restaurant, excluding any work that may be needed to repair the belt.



Staff photo by Anna Segner
The Owatonna Fire Department responded to a call on Friday, Aug. 7 of a possible fire at Applebee's. Upon arrival, however, they determined that there was only some smoke inside the building and no fire.

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Our view

Don’t believe everything you hear

If it sounds too good to be true, it often is. Scam artists often hook their victims by leading them to believe false information.

Whether the scam artist claims that their victim has won a million dollars in a foreign lottery (but must provide their credit card number to receive the prize) or that their loved one is in trouble and needs immediate help (and money), the scammers are often very convincing. They target everyone from children to senior citizens; from individuals to businesses. There are countless scams executed across the globe, and too many of those scams have targeted – and tricked – local people.

What’s worse, the National Child Safety Council reports that 50 percent of identity thefts are committed by the victim’s own family member. Statistics like this make it difficult to know who to trust. Experts and local law enforcement members agree, however, that it’s usually a good idea to listen to your instincts. If something sounds strange or makes you feel uncomfortable, don’t do it.

In order to avoid falling victim to scams, area residents need to take precautions to protect their information. Never share personal information with anyone, especially a stranger who contacts you on the phone or on the internet. Make sure your information and your personal belongings (including purses, wallets and credit cards) are kept in a secure place. Use strong passwords and pins and never carry PINS or passwords in your wallet. If you receive a strange call from someone claiming to be a family member in trouble or an institution requiring your personal information, call them yourself and investigate the situation. And, always report any suspicious activity or fraud to law enforcement.

It’s disheartening to hear stories of stolen identities and emptied bank accounts without becoming paranoid. Before losing all faith, however, remember that there is good in this world, too. Just as there are people who deceive others, there are also people who fight to make the world a better place. Be careful and cautious, and take precautions to protect yourself and your information. Don’t believe everything you hear but, instead, take time to research the facts, form your own opinions and make your own decisions. Be someone that other people can trust and, if you’re inclined, take actions that will make the world a better place.

Weigh in with our online poll at www.steeledodgenews.com

This week’s question:

Have you ever been the victim of fraud or identify theft?

- *Yes.
- *No.
- *Someone made an attempt to scam me, but I didn’t fall for their scheme.

Last week’s question:

How often do you shop locally?

- *I try to shop locally as often as possible. 50%
- *I occasionally shop locally. 13%
- *I rarely shop locally. 38%

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Relishing a special family outing

For those of you who have been reading my column over the years, the one thing you’re most likely aware of by now is how much family is important to me.

In a world of turmoil and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to make our families the center of our lives and the top of our priorities. For me, family is often the only calming factor in my life.

Our family recently pulled off something that we have never been able to accomplish before. Together with children, parents, siblings, cousins and aunts and uncles, we went on vacation and rented cabins at a resort near Brainerd. We had a wide range in ages from 2 to 81. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to get everyone together, but we managed to have 11 people in our group. Not bad for a first time out.

I must confess that it has always driven me nuts when other families have been able to go on vacations year after year as a group. Just once I wanted to be able to do what others continually do without much hesitation. It finally came about this year.



Hanging out together as a family is actually fairly uneventful—at least in terms of negativity and hostility—for our family. What our family lacks in creating drama and craziness, we more than make up for with positivity, fun, laughter and warmth for all. We are a cohesive group that spreads love to everyone around.

Some of my family members came up with a brilliant idea of a meal plan for the entire week. Each individual family took turns providing meals for one day. There are definitely some great cooks in our family. It was

fun cooking for everyone and trying some things that aren’t always done.

One of the highlights of the trip for me was experimenting with some water activities in the lake. For the first time ever, I learned how to kayak. I had canoed before, but never kayaked. A kayak is a small, narrow boat, which is manually propelled by muscle or paddle. My 8-year-old daughter was a bundle of energy and joy and kept us all in the water even if the current was a bit choppy from high winds. She loved kayaking, especially with her older sister home from college. I just had to find ways to avoid her hitting me in the head as she took big swaths with her paddle. It never ceases to amaze me how much energy kids display in their quest to keep occupied. I wish I could bottle up a little to use for myself at times.

We also made it out on the lake riding a pontoon. We were treated to amazing sights and sounds of loons bellowing across the water. The solidity of peacefulness really came through from the beauty of the loons. I don’t think I’ll ever forget that calming sound as long as I live.

I also enjoyed taking in some breathtaking sights of God’s wonderful creations all around us. There were sunrises and sunsets on the lake. I don’t think there is anything more magic than the beautiful reflections of sunlight, clouds and trees on the water, which becomes glass-like. The peace of the water is so relaxing and calming.

My uncle provided something that tied together the whole reason we were together in the first place. He treated us to a slide show of old family photos dating back many years. As I watched the slides, it became obvious to me that family has always been an integral part of the Bussler family going back several generations. Perhaps one of the funniest moments came when my teenage son looked at the slide projector and asked, “What’s that contraption?” It’s certainly a little different than the iPhone he’s used to holding in his hand and viewing everything on.

It proved to be a wonderful family outing that I hope all families will consider going in hot pursuit of doing at some point.

Mailbag

Rep. Walz votes for Monsanto, against Americans

I usually agree with positions taken by U.S. Rep. Tim Walz (MN-1), but I strongly disagree with his recent vote in support of HR1599, which would ban states from requiring that foods containing genetically engineered ingredients be labeled.

The bill, written to protect Monsanto, Syngenta and their allies in the Grocery Manufacturers Association, not only prevents states, such as Vermont, from implementing mandatory GMO labeling laws, it would prevent the Food Drug Administration from ever requiring GMO food labels. It also prevents states and counties from enforcing bans and restrictions on the planting of GMO crops, which are already in place in California, Oregon and Hawaii.

Polls consistently show that 90% of Americans support mandatory GMO labeling. 64 countries, including our

major trading partners, already require GMO foods to be labeled. The U.S. is losing world market share because biotech crops and food products are not labeled.

In a July 24, 2015 MinnPost article, Rep. Walz, in talking about GMO labeling backers, is quoted as saying, “I respect their worries but the science isn’t there with them.” He goes on to equate supporters of GMO labeling with persons who deny climate science or the value of vaccines.

In reality, science is not on the side of the biotech industry. They place severe restrictions on the ability of scientists to conduct research on their patented products, as reflected in the language in their licensing agreements prohibiting farmers and researchers from conducting research. When scientists do conduct independent research on genetically engineered crops and publish critical findings, they are viciously attacked and discredited by biotech company representatives.

Science has shown that GMO crops use more pesticides and contain higher pesticide residues than non-GMO crops. These residues include glyphosate (Roundup), which has recently been named by the World Health Organization as a probable carcinogen.

Animal feeding trials have linked the consumption of GMO crops to increased obesity, reproductive problems, digestive system disorders, tumors, liver and kidney disease, and early death. It’s no wonder that the biotech industry does all it can to suppress science and prevent foods containing GMOs from being labeled.

I don’t blame the biotech industry for trying to hide the effects of their products, but I do expect our member of Congress to protect the interests of Americans, including his constituents, over the financial interests of the industry.

Jim Riddle
Winona, Minn.

The dark side of the other white meat – release of documentary

It’s no surprise that half of the lakes and streams in southern Minnesota are too polluted for recreational activities. In Dodge County and around Minnesota, our groundwater is at risk of overuse and contamination – and data suggest that feedlots are to blame. Dodge County Concerned Citizens invites you to view the recently released documentary, The Dark Side of the Other White Meat. For further information, go to dodgecc.org.

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Getting antsy for the Fair, especially 4-H poultry

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

It was clear at the fair board meeting on Aug. 6 that the fair board members are getting antsy for the fair. Perhaps no one is as antsy for the 2015 fair as those involved in organizing the 4-H poultry show.

This year is unique for 4-H poultry because on May 15 the Minnesota Board of Animal Health announced the cancellation of all bird exhibitions at the county fairs and the State Fair of 2015. The ban is in reaction

to the H5N2 highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). While the spread of this virus to public is low risk, this ban is to reduce potential spread and protect health of birds.

Therefore, many 4-H staff, volunteers and members have been putting their heads together to create an alternative presence for the 4-H poultry displays.

County 4-H Program coordinator Tracy Ignaszewski and 4-H Club Council president Kalyn Naatz reported some unconventional ways in which fairgoers will notice 4-Hers par-

ticipating in the 4-H poultry exhibitions.

“We are still going to do showmanship, but with stuffed birds—not taxidermy, but stuffed animal-type birds. We will have real poultry judges and everything,” laughed Naatz. “The 4-H extension gave us the options of what we could have kids do, and this is a way for kids to still show, especially for kids that only show poultry.”

During the fair, the 4-H Poultry and Rabbits Barn will host more rabbits, but part of the space will have pens with the

stuffed animal birds, reminding people of the missing bird presence. There will also be a few educational presentations on display in the barn, some of which will most likely be on the avian flu.

Naatz commented that the research aspect of the 4-H poultry participation has been beneficial. “Kids are learning more about birds, rather than just feeding them water,” said Naatz. “You could do a project on a bird that you couldn’t have, but you still wanted to learn on it. So there are definitely some positives.”

Ignaszewski said that as of now they have 62 4-Hers involved in the poultry exhibits; however, she said that she expects that number to drop some before the fair begins. The ribbon auction is still a part of the poultry projects, and the trip to the State Fair is also still an option.

As far as the future of the poultry and their presence at the fair, Naatz says that, “if it [the avian flu] comes back, it will come back in the fall. The heat is what is believed to have killed it, but we’ll see when the water-

fowl come back.”

Animals were a hot topic at the fair board meeting, as it was also announced that there will be a closer eye than usual on the Isaac Walton building during the fair due to the recent hunting and anti-hunting discussions.

According to SCFF manager Jim Gleason, there is a designated space for any sort of protesting in one of the baseball diamonds. A designated protest area is not a new aspect of the fair. Respect of opinions is encouraged.

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concrete work to help transfer the loads, Gantert said. Much of the heavy traffic comes and goes from Arkema and Sun Opta.

The concrete workers “jump around” to different locations to do their work and allow the concrete to settle and cure, Gantert explained. It takes about 24 hours on the average for the concrete to cure, he said.

Austin Redimix is supplying product for the permanent concrete project. Concrete work on the east side of 218 is very delicate, due to the presence of railroad tracks and spur lines. Contractors applied a blacktop patch near the railroad tracks and new concrete construction.

The total concrete paving project east of 218 was expected to take two weeks. Some of this construction will improve con-

ditions for pedestrian crossing on Highway 218. The new curb “bump-outs” will reduce crossing distance by about 20 feet and will lead to better pedestrian safety, Gantert pointed out.

The concrete thickness on the east side of 218 will be seven inches, an inch thicker than on the west side because of the heavier traffic volumes.

The main work being done west of 218 has focused on storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main construction. Some of that construction was slated to be completed late last week, with blacktop being replaced to allow 3rd Ave. to be reopened.

The downtown area including a large business district resembles a “war zone,” Gantert said. “It’s frustrating and inconvenient for businesses and their

customers, but they have been understanding that we are trying to minimize disruption,” Gantert said.

The sidewalks along the business district will not be removed and replaced until the water main and sewer work is completed, Gantert stated.

For workers and engineers, watching pipe go into the ground may get boring but for the average bystander, it’s interesting to watch the construction strategy that unfolds. Gantert pointed to a water main pipe in open ground that was sealed in plastic to protect the pipe from corrosive soil around it.

During the project work thus far, Highway 218 traffic north and south has been kept open. The Minnesota Department of Transportation granted a con-

struction permit contingent on one lane of traffic each way being open on 218, Gantert said.

The crunching of ground declines over the noon hour when workers have a chance to sample the food offerings at The Bakery and at the Prairie Cafe.

The final leg of the construction west of 218 is slated to be finished by Nov. 1, 2015.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Assistant Steele County Highway Department project engineer Stefan Gantert is pictured by concrete dowel baskets, installed in concrete to the east of Highway 218 to help transfer heavy traffic loads. Concrete work has been a priority on the Blooming Prairie Main Street project the past two weeks.

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“If you do decide to work with someone you don’t know, check references,” Skillestad said. It’s easy to research businesses online and, often, reviews can be a valuable tool. When Skillestad looked up a possible scam, even he was surprised how quickly he discovered that other people had already posted information online, describing how the party in question had attempted to trick them. Of course, if no incriminating information exists online, that doesn’t necessarily mean that a company or individual is trustworthy. Another way to investigate a business’ legitimacy is to confirm their physical address (not a PO Box) and phone number.

Another common scam involves identify theft, in which the scammer will “phish” for personal information, such as your birthdate, social security number and other useful tidbits. Skillestad says that “phishing” and “fishing” are actually very similar. “Always remember, they’re out fishing and hoping to catch someone. That’s what these criminals are doing: they’re waiting for a bite.”

How scammers succeed

Once an unsuspecting person has fallen for the scheme, it can be very difficult to reclaim any funds or information that’s been stolen. Criminals often insist that their victims wire money, because it is comparable to spending cash and is extremely difficult to reverse (especially when the money has been wired overseas.) Yet, criminals continue to succeed in their thievery for a number of reasons.

The people who execute these scams are often incredibly convincing. They use threatening language, often saying that the victims must pay money or share information immediately to avoid penalties or even arrest. Others say you have failed to pay a tool booth fee, or even claim to be a charity collecting money for a worthy cause. (Often, these callers are actually criminals, collecting money to fund their illegal activity.) Others claim you’ve won the lottery (but must pay a fee to collect your prize) or even claim offer medications (which may not be safe to ingest) at a reduced price. Some scammers even pretend to be a loved one, calling from jail or a dangerous situation and claiming that they need money

immediately to get out of jail or get to safety. In this case, the best thing to do is ask for the caller’s information and phone number. Instead of calling them back, however, contact the number you have for this person or entity.

If the caller is claiming to be your bank, call the number provided on the bank statement. If the caller claims to be your loved one, call them or another mutual family member to confirm their whereabouts. If the person claims to be incarcerated, call the correctional facility; if they claim to be in the hospital, all the hospital.

Whether or not you fall victim to the scam, Skillestad still recommends reporting the incident. Blooming Prairie residents should contact the Blooming Prairie Police Department in case of attempted or successful fraud and people who live elsewhere should contact their county law enforcement.

Most importantly, do not share your personal information with someone who has contacted you. If the contact was not initiated by you, it’s likely that the situation is a scam. “Go with your gut feeling,” Skillestad said. “If you don’t feel comfort-

able about it, don’t do it.”

Protect yourself from would-be scammers

There are several steps that people can take to protect themselves from scams. First, safeguard your information. Do not carry personal documents, such as birth certificates or social security cards, in your purse. (Chief Skillestad recommends storing them in a safe, or a safe place.) It’s also a good idea to make copies of the identification and cards you keep in your wallet. Be wary about posting your personal information on social media sites, such as Facebook, and ensure your profile can only be viewed by people you know by adjusting privacy settings.

Purses and other bags containing important materials should

have a zipper and/or latch. If these items must be left in a vehicle or other unattended location, do not put the item in plain sight. Instead, cover it up or put it underneath a seat. Breaking into a car, says Skillestad, is alarmingly simple.

Banks can be a great resource. First, make sure your social security number is not printed on your checks and, if possible, physically pick up your checks from the bank instead of having them mailed. Banks may also offer additional security measures for your accounts and can even provide customers with pre-loaded cards. If these cards are lost or stolen, the owner only loses whatever amount was on the card, instead of their entire savings. And, if you own credit

cards that you have not used for a long time, and aren’t likely to use again, cancel them.

Never deposit a check for someone else. If you attempt to cash a fake check, you become responsible for honoring the amount of the check. This, says Skillestad, is another scam that has affected a Blooming Prairie resident.

Monitor your accounts and your credit, keeping on the look-out for any suspicious activity. If any fraudulent activity is detected, contact the bank immediately. It’s also essential to make sure that receipts, statements and other like documents are shredded before being tossed into the trash. “Your trash is definitely somebody else’s treasure,” Skillestad said.

Computers, email accounts and even cell phones should have strong passwords, using numbers, letters and symbols. Although it’s difficult to remember multiple passwords, it’s crucial to use different passwords for different accounts and venues. Spyware and anti-virus programs are also good tools to help keep your information private.

Any interested persons can stop by the Blooming Prairie Police Department to pick up additional resources on preventing identity theft. The department even has pamphlets offering specific information for both teens and seniors.

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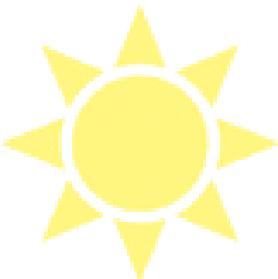
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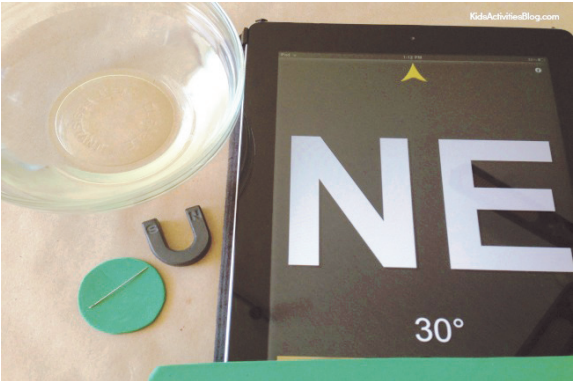
It's easier than you might think to make a compass. All you need are a few simple household items and you can put together a compass that shows due North with surprising accuracy.

To make a compass, all you need are four simple items:

- * bowl of water
- * sewing pin or needle
- * magnet
- * small piece of craft foam, cork, or paper

How to make a compass

Cut a small circle from a material that will float in water. We used some craft foam but cork or even a piece of paper will work. The next step is to turn the sewing needle into a magnet. To do this, stroke the needle across the magnet about thirty to forty times. Be sure to stroke in one direction only, not back and forth.



to slowly turn around and eventually the needle will point North and South. We were so amazed to watch the needle finding North and we checked the accuracy of our diy compass with a compass app (we used Compass from Tim O's Studios. It was free to download and very simple to use).

How it works

Every magnet has a north and south pole. A compass is small magnet that aligns itself with the north and south poles of the Earth's magnetic field. As the needle

The needle will now be magnetized. Next, place the needle on the circle of craft foam or cork and place it on top of the water. Try to place it in the center of the bowl, keeping it away from the edges. The needle will begin

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Shopping Son

Dear Shopping,
There are actually a number of medical alert products on the market today that give seniors the flexibility to call for help both inside and outside the home.
For years, medical alert devices (also known as "personal emergency response systems" or PERS) have been popular home safety products for elderly seniors that live alone. These systems come with a wearable SOS pendent button – usually a necklace or wristband – and a base station that connects to the home phone line.
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loved one could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver, which works like a powerful speakerphone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.
But these devices are limited because they only work in and around the house. If you're away from home and need help, you're out of luck. But today, there are numerous mobile prod-

ucts that work anywhere. Here are some top options.
High-end device
If you're interested in getting your mom a comprehensive, high-end medical alert device that works everywhere, consider the Philips Lifeline GoSafe system. It provides a necklace pendent button, which works like a two-way communication device, allowing your mom to speak and listen directly through the pedant.
If your mom were to fall or

need help at home, she could press the button and the home-base communicator system would be activated to make the call to the response center, who would then dispatch help as needed. But if she fell or needed help away from home, the system's AT&T wireless network would kick in and place the call.
This system also has six sophisticated locating technologies so the response center would know your mom's exact location, even where GPS signals are weak. And it has fall detection sensors built into the pendent that can automatically summon help if a fall is detected and your mom is unable to push the button.
The GoSafe is available at lifelinesys.com (or 855-276-7761) for \$149, with monthly services fees that start at \$55.
Most affordable alert
If the GoSafe is more than your mom needs, another option that's easier on the budget is the

GreatCall Splash, which costs only \$50, with a \$35 activation fee and monthly service fees that starts at \$20.
This pendent-style waterproof device, which fits in the palm of your hand, works like a cell phone with GPS tracking capabilities, and can be worn on a belt, around the neck or attached to a key chain.
To call for help, your mom would push one button, and an operator from the device's emergency monitoring service would be on the line to assist her, and because of the GPS technology, her general location would be known. Or, for even more peace of mind, there's the Splash with fall detection capabilities (this option costs \$35 per month, and the pendent must be worn around the neck for it to work) that will automatically call for help when a fall is detected.
The Splash can be purchased at GreatCall.com (or 800-918-8543), or at Walmart, Sears,

Best Buy and Rite Aid Pharmacy stores.
Other options
If you want some additional options to shop and compare, there are other good companies that offer moderately priced mobile alerts, including Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com/ally); Bay Alarm Medical (bayalarmmedical.com); MobileHelp (mobilehelp.com); Medical Alert (medicalalert.com); Life Alert (lifealert.com) and SafeGuardian (safeguardian.com).

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, August 16, 2005
Elsie Slinger, Editor
Earl Hugh McNearney, age 88, died suddenly Aug. 9, 2005, at his home in Owatonna, MN. Born March 3, 1917 at home on his family farm, son of John and Elizabeth (Fitzgerald) McNearney. His grandfather, Patrick McNearney homesteaded the first 80 acres in Blooming Prairie Township in the early 1870's. This farm was honored as a Century Farm in 1976, having ownership in one family for over 100 years.
Steele County's Extension office celebrates its 90th year of

operation during this Sesquicentennial year of county government. The local Extension office opened only two years after the State Legislature authorized county agent work as part of the Agricultural Extension Division. The first department head was W. V. (Ward) Gousseff, who served from 1915 to 1919.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, August 15, 1995
Elsie Slinger, Editor
The Blooming Prairie graduating class of 1935 celebrated its 60th class reunion at the Holiday Inn on July 30th. There were eight classmates plus

their spouses in attendance. Attending were Vernon Cole and spouse, Albert Lea; Bephryn Marsh, Verndale; Wm. Wanous and spouse, Brownsdale; Edith Wanous, Bradenton, FL; Ione Shorter, Owatonna; Gertrude Snider, Austin; Larry Herron and spouse of Bloomington; and Harlan Easton, of Blooming Prairie.
Sara Ann Nahlovsky and Michael Ross Whicher were united in marriage on May 6, 1995 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. Pastor Richard Hegal performed the marriage. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Joanne Nahlovsky

of Blooming Prairie. The groom is the son of Ross and Jackie Whichner of Arden Hills.
The Minnesota State Fair's 50 Year Award will be presented to long time exposition participants at a special award ceremony Aug. 28

50 Years Ago
Thursday, August 12, 1965
Victor, Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Phillip Hansen and Keith Ingvalson, Blooming Prairie exhibited the grand and reserve champion boars at the Mower County Fair's FFA Show, held this week in Austin. Phillip

Hansen, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hansen, showed his Yorkshire boar to the grand champion over all breeds, while Keith Ingvalson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ingvalson, came in reserve champion.
Final preparations have been completed for the 11th annual Scout Canoe Derby, to be held next week-end from Red Wing to Winona.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, August 15th, 1940
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
A contract was awarded Law-

rence Lysne Monday night by the Board of Education for construction of an underground passageway connecting the grade school and high school buildings here. The contract was let to Lysne after Alfred Ditlefson, the only other bidder, had withdrawn his bid. Lysne's bid was \$1,225.
Farmington-Mrs. August Schindeldecker of Rosemount shattered former records by plucking a seven-leaf clover. Although a little too wilted for a photo, the seven leaves are still discernible to the natural eye. Congratulations, Mrs. Schindeldecker.

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Obituaries

John H. Splitt, 100, of Blooming Prairie

John H. Splitt, age 100, of Blooming Prairie, died Aug. 4, 2015, at Homestead Hospice in Owatonna. The funeral was held Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at Brick-Meger Funeral Home, Owatonna.

John was born the son of John and Catherine (Hinrichs) Splitt in Buffalo Center, Iowa. John attended country school in Kossuth County Iowa. He was united in marriage to Pearl Sath-off on Dec. 14, 1941, in Iowa.

John served in the Army during WW II for two years. He farmed on the family farm after the war and relocated his family to rural Steele County to purchase a farm in 1956 continuing to farm until he retired. John enjoyed playing the accordion in his earlier years. After John lost



his lower arm in a farming accident he taught himself to play the fiddle and enjoyed playing it at the local fair, care center and with small groups. He enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. He was known to be able to “fix” anything and if he could not fix he could make it.

John is survived by his children, Ardes (Harold) Montanye of Owatonna; LeRoy Splitt of Blooming Prairie and Jan (Ken) Carles of Owatonna; grandchil-

dren, Galen (Shirley) Montanye, Cortney Carles; one great-grandson Jordan Montanye. Preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Pearl; granddaughter Peggy Montanye; two brothers and three sisters. The family would like to thank the Heather Haus of Blooming Prairie and the Homestead Hospice House. To leave a condolence go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com.

Ken A. Christiansen, 61, of Blooming Prairie

Ken A. Christiansen, age 61 of Blooming Prairie, died Saturday afternoon, Aug. 8, 2015, surrounded by his loving family at Golden Living Center East in Rochester. He was born April 13, 1954, in Blooming Prairie, the son of Einer and Marian (Ditlevson) Christiansen. Ken grew up in Blooming Prairie and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1972. After graduation, Ken completed a drafting course and worked for the Sheldahl Company in Northfield. On April 20, 1974,

he was united in marriage to Sheree Kittle-son at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. To this union three children were born. They later divorced. Ken was a member of the Minnesota Jaycees where he served as a State Senator. He loved music and played in a country band. He also enjoyed sports and history and was an avid reader of



history.

Survivors include his three children, Ryan Christiansen of Bloomington, Staci (Dave) Hartman of Alexandria and Angela (Bob) Simpson of Spicer; seven grandchildren, Jonas, Myah and Ian Hartman and Jakob, Layla, Evie and Bella Simpson; his mother, Marian Christiansen of Blooming Prairie; one brother, Lee (Lori) Christiansen of Red Lodge, Montana; one nephew, Matt Christiansen of Bozeman, Montana, and many other relatives and friends. He was pre-

ceded in death by his father, Einer Christiansen and a nephew, Wade Christiansen.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Blooming Prairie City Cemetery, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

JoAnn (Bohrer) Borchert of Blooming Prairie

JoAnn (Bohrer) Borchert of Blooming Prairie, born May 11, 1943, in Mankato died Aug. 7, 2015, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester from complications related to a stroke.

JoAnn was born and grew up in Mankato. She graduated from Mankato High School in 1961. JoAnn married Dale Borchert on Aug. 10, 1963, and raised two daughters. She later earned

her Bachelor’s Degree at Mankato State University.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by her devoted husband Dale Borchert and loving children Anne (Borchert) PirkI



and Lynn Borchert; five caring grandchildren Lori (Paul) Jacobson, Andrew PirkI (Cecilia Moulton), Joseph PirkI, Carol PirkI and Kathryn Borchert; Alex PirkI; and many nieces and nephews.

JoAnn had many interests and worked at various jobs in the area. Her greatest joy was being with her family and friends. She had very strong beliefs in fam-

ily, friends and community.

JoAnn will forever be in the memories of those who loved her.

A memorial will be held in the future. Donations can be made in JoAnn’s memory to the Steele County Food Shelf, Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club, BP Fire Department, BP Police Department or BP Ambulance Paramedics.

This August, visit the library to beat the heat

When my children were young, I often dreaded the month of August. The kids were bored, but they were not that excited about school starting soon. If you are facing some of those issues with your children or grandchildren, bring them to the Blooming Prairie Branch Library!

We don’t close because of the weather, and our schedule of summer activities goes right through Aug. 31. Every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. we show movies on the big screen in the City Council Chambers, along

with a treat. Because of licensing agreements, we have had to change the movies we will be watching, and we are not allowed to publish the names of the movies, but they are all kid-friendly, rated either G or PG.

Also our Tale Time storytime continues every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. In addition to stories and songs, each week we make a craft to take home.

Do you have children who like to take things apart? Then come to the library at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, for our Take it Apart workshop. A local con-

struction company donated boxes of kid-sized safety goggles so everyone can be protected while destructing small appliances and even an organ! This event is for children ages six and up.

Then our final Book Fair will be on Thursday, Aug. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. There is still time to read 20 minutes per day for at least ten days, and then you can choose a free book of your very own. See you at the library!

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Blooming Prairie and the surrounding communities have been extremely supportive of the American Legion Auxillary Flower Show & Luncheon again this year and we are very thankful to all of you.

We thank the Businesses that donated prizes and supplies, the Judges for their expertise, the Luncheon Committee and Servers. Finally, hats off to The Flower Show Committee. Each year the ladies work hard to provide a community event in which proceeds are used to support our veterans and those currently serving in the Military.



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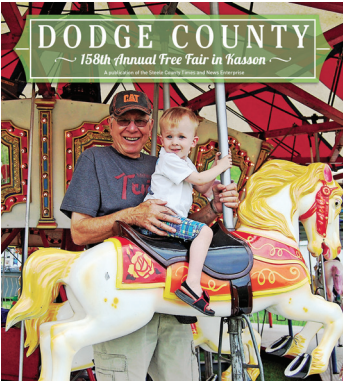
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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

National Night Out

As much as we pride ourselves on the number of activities that are available in the community, I have always wondered why we don't recognize the National Night Out parties that are a part of many communities in our area and nationwide. I recall my wife and I organizing one shortly after the program was initiated across the country. But that lasted just one year, and I don't believe there is any block or organization that has attempted another since then.

Many towns and cities, from Medford to Owatonna to Minneapolis make the occasion a big deal and an opportunity to become acquainted with neighbors with whom one rarely sees or interacts. It seems to me that would be an ideal way to get to know each other better. Maybe next year someone will take the initiative to get a get-together started, even if only a block or two. Then it may catch on.

Fall is here

At least that is true for fall sports at BPHS. The football team finished captains' practice last week, and now it, volleyball and cross-country are hard at work in preparation for the fall season. The season will begin before we know it.

It was interesting to me to hear the football players talk after they returned from the three-day camp at Southwest State. To a person, the boys expressed optimism about the upcoming season. More than one of them indicated that the team had held its own in the camp scrimmages against larger schools in attendance. As one player remarked, "We will surprise some fans, I think." I hope the optimism is on the mark.

Both the volleyball and cross-country teams also went into practice mode this week, as well. New Coach Ranell Kittelson has some hard work ahead of her, after her top players a year ago graduated. Improvement as the season progresses will be the key for the team, and it should make for an interesting year.

Both the boys and girls' cross-country teams will have some returning experience to lead their season, and some younger runners also impressed Coach John Bruns last year. Alec Ille set a school record for the 3,200 run in track last year and will lead a good boys' team in cross-country. It should be an exciting fall in all three sports.

Field of flags

I thought that the field of flags to memorialize cancer victims and survivors last year provided an inspirational and effective recognition in connection with the Cancer Group's annual auction. The display will be up along Highway 218 and Main Street again this year, but with more flags added to the display. Motorists driving through town have remarked on what an impressive sight it is, and I agree with that entirely.

Two of the flags are my contribution in memory of my wife, who died of lung cancer, and I know many friends who have similar stories to tell. It generates a good feeling in me to see the row after row of memorials in the form of the flags. The annual cancer auction is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12, and the flag display will be up before that. I look forward to it.

OUTSIDE THE LINES

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OWATONNA SPORTS

Youth pack fields for football camp



One camper leaps for a touchdown grab against his opponents during a scrimmage at the 19th annual youth football camp at Owatonna.

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

Students flooded Owatonna's football field and practice fields this week for the annual youth football camp.

This year marked the 19th year of the football camp, which has proved to be extremely popular each year.

Running Aug. 3-6, students ranging from third grade to age 16 participated in a number of drills, along with plenty of scrimmages. Broken into about half a dozen groups, the youth received various training on different parts of the field.

The third to sixth grade students received training in all positions, as well as punting and kicking. The older seventh to tenth graders were able to choose a specific position on both offense and defense to hone their skills.

Along with t-shirts, participants were able to learn from some of the best in Owatonna, including current football staff, along with current and past Huskies football players. See more photos on 2B.



One participant winds back for a long pass during scrimmage on Wednesday night.



The final scrimmage during Owatonna's Tuesday youth football camp included several Hail Mary passes in the final minutes.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE FOOTBALL

Players prepare for season

Team hopes to surpass expectations

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Most Awesome Blossom football fans expect the 2015 season to be one of rebuilding. But don't tell the players that. After participating in a camp at Southwest State University and practicing in captains' practice last week, the team is enthused about football and the prospects for the upcoming season.

As Anthony Nelson commented, "I think we will surprise some people, and that is our main goal as we prepare for the opener against Rushford-Peterson." In the camp at Marshall, the boys attending thought they held their own pretty well against several bigger schools. The three-day event offered several scrimmages, after the first day devoted itself to fundamental exercises.

The boys practiced three times daily; with shoulder pads alone, and the leadership provided contests of all sorts. In a Big Man contest, for example, Ethan Strunk, Camden

Heimerman, and Mitchell Oswald took second place, and the team finished third in a King of the Hill competition. I thought the boys held their own pretty well", remarked assistant Coach Nathan Piller. Our offense had a little trouble getting into a rhythm, but the

"I think we will surprise some people, and that is our main goal."

— Anthony Nelson, senior Blooming Prairie football player

defense looked pretty good." Aside from the first day's practice, no time went into teaching fundamentals, and all the drills featured whole teams or small group contests. A full-scale scrimmage and a seven-on-seven competition offered a little variety to the proceedings. The boys stayed in the university dorm and ate at the university cafeteria. Even the coaches got a taste of dorm life over the three days in attendance.

At the week of captains' practices, the group spent a big portion of the time with learning plays, doing pass receiving drills and generally worked to get into game shape. The team began full practice yesterday.

"It has been a good week of practice", commented Jon Hatch, and things have gone pretty well." Nelson added, "I think we can definitely surprise some teams. Prospective quarterback Lucas Noble said, "We will probably go as far as the defense can take us. We

should be very good on the defensive side of the ball, and I hope the offense can improve a lot as the season goes along." Hatch will take his accustomed spot as running back on offense and outside linebacker on defense, and Nelson handles the wide receiver position on offense and free safety on defense. The players know that they have some very big shoes to fill with the loss of quarterback John Rumpza and all-around athlete Cole Sunde, plus other 2014 stars, but the current crop of Blossoms maintain that this will not be a losing season, if they have anything to say about it. Fans can hope the players' enthusiasm is justified.

Golf League Standings

Blooming Prairie Country Club			
Week 12 - Aug. 3			
Place			Points
1	Grunklee Evans Possehl		70.5
2	Lembke Benson Hanson		70
3	Braaten PirkI Resler	67	
4	Peterson Behnken Bishop		66
5	Kruckeberg Kruckeberg Johnson		65.5
6	Hillberg Wanous Pfiefer		64.5
7	Strunk Farr Ingvaldson		64.5
8	Klemmensen D Drexler Zwiener		60
9	Morgan Sekora Olson Schuster Iacovino		59.5
9	Zwiener Hinzmen Wurst		56.5
11	Lea Lembke Hansen		56
12	Doerhoefer Stalach Olson Worke		55.5
13	Skala R Thiele Sammon		55.5
14	Myer Motl Tollefson		54
15	White Lysne Johnson		50.5
16	Glynn Glynn Esplan		50
17	Klemmensen J Klemmensen R Anderson		49.5
18	Koster Long White		49
18	Skala Jensen Lee		48
18	Minimizer Minimizer Minimizer		47.5
18	Hareid Bartsch Wilkerson		47
22	Weeks Johnson Caldwell		46.5
23	Sunde Kittelson Carlson		46.5
24	Clark Blome Skala		44
25	Ingvalson Klemmensen Bishop		37.5
26	Haberman Hegal Henefield Hanson		32
Division	Team		Score
A	Braaten PirkI Resler		32
A	Kruckeberg Kruckeberg Johnson		32
A	Lea Lembke Hansen		32
A	Peterson Behnken Bishop		32

Sports

Youth pack fields for football camp in Owatonna



Staff photos by James Knoop
During the 19th annual youth football camp in Owatonna, participants were able to learn from some of the best players in town. Above, one camper makes the catch.



The football camp has been extremely popular, and this year's camp was no exception. Above, a camper winds back for the pass.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Athletic director steps down as softball coach; three other positions still empty

By **JAMES KNOOP**
County Sports Editor

While all fall coaching positions were filled last week, there are still four empty coaching positions remaining at Blooming Prairie, including the softball position recently vacated by Alison Mach.

Mach, who is beginning her first term as the athletic director

for Blooming Prairie, said she toyed with the idea of continuing to coach in addition to her new position, but three weeks ago officially stepped down.

"The biggest things was that I needed to be able to give the girls 100 percent," said Mach. "I wouldn't be able to do that. I'd wear myself thin."

Mach expounded by noting that without being able to fully

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— Alison Mach, Blooming Prairie Athletic Director

commit herself to the softball program, it wouldn't be fair to the girls on the team or the program itself.

In her final season with the

softball team, Mach led the Blossoms to an even 11-11, along with a second-place subsection finish.

Along with the vacancy left

by Mach, Blooming Prairie has yet to fill the positions of junior high boys and girls basketball coaches and an assistant wrestling coach.

"It's been a little more difficult (hiring) as we've had coaches resign that have been part of their programs for a long time," said Mach.

The hiring difficultly put some pressure on hiring fall coaches,

but Mach said they were just able to fill those positions before the beginning of the season.

Those interested in coaching may contact Alison Mach at amach.blossoms.k12.mn.us.

OUTSIDE THE LINES

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Out and about

In the Last two weekends I concluded my schedule of plays for this season. Last Saturday Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance played at the Ordway, and the week before that, Kinky Boots had a week's run at the Orpheum in Minneapolis. Both productions garnered good reviews from the papers in the Twin Cities, but I have to admit that Kinky Boots gave me more enjoyment and entertainment.

Any music lover that found the songs of Cyndi Lauper enjoyable would have liked that musical, as Lauper composed the music for the show. The story is a simple one about a shoe factory in England that is heading for bankruptcy, until the young owner hits upon a plan to manufacture thigh-high boots of bright colors to sell to theater performers. The plan works, and the "kinky boots" become a real fashion trend.

Besides the scintillating mu-

sic, the choreography was very inventive and entertaining, and the production we saw featured several of the actors who starred in the original Broadway production. It was an ideal way to finish the current season. I think that most readers know that attending touring plays and musicals is one of my few vices, and I see several shows each year.

I guess my years as a high school play director gave me that particular interest, and it has carried over into my retirement.

Forgive me for raving about my passion for the theater. Next to sports, it occupies much of my time and my interest.

Let's close with another of those wise sayings from a youngster. During a children's sermon, the priest asked, "Does anyone know what a bishop does?" To which one young lad replied, "It moves diagonally." It is obvious that he knows more about chess than I do, but we'll talk again.

Hernandez and Krohnberg first-time winners at Chateau

By **TODD NARVESON**
Guest Writer

A large field of 86 cars jammed the Chateau Raceway for a show presented by Midwest Repairables.com. Three drivers continued their domination, while two more scored their first wins and another had a triumphant return after a month on the shelf. There was plenty of excitement on the track, and in post-race technical inspection.

The Misgen Auto Parts Pure Stocks had Brady Krohnberg out front for the entire 15-lap race. It was far from easy for Krohnberg, because Matt Brooks and Tyler Peterson were all over him trying to steal the lead. It was a dandy of a feature while the top three ran tight the entire race. Late in the going ninth starter Ross Spitzer made it a four car tussle up front.

Krohnberg fended off the pack to get his first win of the season while Brooks was a close second. Peterson was third, but was tripped up in post-race tech for not having the proper restrictor plate on his engine. That moved Spitzer to third, Stacy Krohnberg to fourth and Jesse Stahl to fifth.

A field of 20 KIK Graphics & Printing USRA B-Mods took the green flag for their main event.

Kadden Kath jumped off of row one, followed closely by A.J. Zvorak. Zvorak was back for the first time in a month after a grinder of a crash at Deer Creek. The leaders were held tight with a number of yellow flags throughout this race.

The yellows were an advantage for point leader Kylie Kath. Kath had problems in his heat race and started 18th on the grid and was in the top five on lap six. Kadden Kath continued to lead, but Zvorak was right there on the leader. Zvorak swept to the lead on lap nine, and Kylie Kath was now third. Zvorak would hold on for his fourth win, while Kadden Kath held off his older brother Kylie for second. Jason Schlangen rebounded after a spin to finish fourth and Taylor Ausrud was fifth.

Fred Prudoehl led the Power 96 WISSOTA Street Stocks off of row one to start their feature. Brandon Vogt zipped past to take the lead away on lap three while Bernie Adams and Mike Blowers also got by Prudoehl. A caution would set up an exciting restart when the race resumed.

Adams and Blowers made it three wide with Vogt for the lead when they drove into turn one. Blowers made the high side work and grabbed the lead. Blowers drove on to his third

win of the season and Kory Adams made a late race run to second. Zach Elward did the same to finish third with Vogt and Bernie Adams in the top five.

A four-car crash on the front stretch halted the start for the Farm Boy BBQ WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds. Then Tony Schill stalled in turn one to bring out the yellow on the restart. Bryan Hernandez took off from row one and left the field in his wake. Jared Boumeester worked to second, and ninth starter Dan Wheeler would eventually get to third. A yellow on lap 14 for a piece of lead off of one of the cars slowed things and Hernandez's lead was gone.

Boumeester drove by Hernandez and took the win, but it turned out the piece of lead was off of his car and Boumeester's car weighed light at the scales and he was disqualified. That gave Hernandez his first win of the year with Wheeler, Garitt Wytaske, Robbie Franklin and Schill in the top five.

Greg Jensen drove off of row one to lead the French's Repair & Fabrication USRA Modified feature. Doug Hillson got to second but Jacob Dahle, Darwyn Karau and Jason Cummins all got by when Hillson got a little loose. They were three wide for fifth as Dahle challenged Jensen

for the lead on lap four. Cummins and Karau were side-by-side for third, and then all of a sudden in turn four they were four wide for the lead.

Dahle stormed to the lead with Karau, Cummins and Davis close behind. In a spectacular move out of turn four, Davis split between Karau and Cummins to take second on lap six. Cummins then drove by on the top side and took the lead with Davis in tow. Davis then took over on lap seven on the top side while Steve Wetzstein came from ninth and was up to third.

Davis ran the cushion with Cummins hanging with the leader. Davis had a few near misses as the cushion almost got him on several occasions. That would allow Cummins to make things interesting, but Davis was always able to gather his machine back up and hold the lead. Davis got to the checkered flag first for his sixth win of the year and 10th win overall. Cummins was second with Wetzstein, Karau and Dahle in the top five.

Blake Dorweiler survived a late race challenge from Dan Knish for his tenth win of the season for the Y-Waste Removal Hornets. It was Dorweiler's fourth win in a row in the 12-lap feature.

These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of August 7.

USRA Modified	Hegland
Feature —Brandon Davis, Jason Cummins, Steve Wetzstein, Darwyn Karau, Jacob Dahle, Doug Hillson, Damon Haslip, Dwaine Hanson, Greg Jensen, Michael Wytaske, Brian Shaw	USRA B-Mod
First Heat —Cummins, Dahle, Hanson, Hillson, Shaw, Wetzstein	Feature —AJ Zvorak, Kadden Kath, Kylie Kath, Jason Schlangen, Taylor Ausrud, Dan Tenold, Josh Mattick, Jayden Larson, Tammy Soma Clark, Taylor Ovrebo, David Henderson, Raey Hastings IV, Morgan Schrage, Terry Kohnert, Anton Nelson, Chris Bruns, Derek Clement, Anthony Condit, Anthony Jennings, Mark Wytaske
Second Heat —Haslip, Davis, Karau, Wytaske, Jensen	First Heat —Larson, Ausrud, Soma-Clark, Nelson, Henderson, Kylie Kath, Wytaske
WISSOTA Midwest Modified	Second Heat —Condit, Schlangen, Clement, Kadden Kath, Hastings IV, Kohnert, Ovrebo
Feature —Bryan Hernandez, Dan Wheeler, Garitt Wytaske, Robbie Franklin, Tony Schill, Jason Born, Ryan Goergen, Jimmy Patzner, Jeremy Misgen, Billy Steinberg, Brayten Cisneros, Jacob Stark, Luke Hainka, Ryan Wetzstein, Jesse Hernandez, Brad Minske, Jesse Baer, Darryl Hainka, Jared Boumeester	Third Heat —Zvorak, Tenold, Jennings, Schrage, Bruns, Mattick
First Heat —Boumeester, Wetzstein, Wheeler, J. Hernandez, Stark, D. Hainka, Baer	Pure Stock
Second Heat —Patzner, Schill, Steinberg, Franklin, Goergen, L. Hainka	Feature —Brady Krohnberg, Matt Brooks, Ross Spitzer, Stacy Krohnberg, Jesse Stahl, Katie Elward, Jason Newkirk, Ryan Jacobsen, Isaac Clark, Anna Brouwers, David Stevens, George Schrumptf, Tyler Peterson
Third Heat —Born, B. Hernandez, Cisneros, Wytaske, Misgen, Minske	First Heat —Brooks, B. Krohnberg, Newkirk, Stahl, Jacobsen, Stevens, Clark
WISSOTA Street Stock	Second Heat —Peterson, S. Krohnberg, Elward, Spitzer, Schrumptf, Brouwers
Feature —Mike Blowers, Kory Adams, Zach Elward, Brandon Vogt, Bernie Adams, Derek Ludington, Kyle King, Merlyn Hegland, Fred Prudoehl, Keith Weber, Noah Grinstead, Nick Roemhildt, Michael Chisholm	Hornets
First Heat —Vogt, B. Adams, Elwardt, K. Adams, Chisholm, Ludington, Roemhildt	Feature —Blake Dorweiler, Dan Knish, Nick Sillman, Ralph Hanks, Michael Beebe, Bobby Blowers, Dan Lewison, Ryan Timm, Patrick Wells, Cody Hyatt
Second Heat —King, Blowers, Prudoehl, Grinstead, Weber,	First Heat —Blowers, Knish, Hyatt, Lewison, Timm
	Second Heat —Hanks, Dorweiler, Wells, Sillman, Beebe

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Public Safety

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Aug. 4
Theft. A citizen reported being the victim of identity theft at 5:57 p.m.

Owatonna Police

July 31
Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 12:50 a.m.
Suspicion. At 3:16 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. for a suspicious activity report. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:33 p.m.
Drunken Driving. Police made a DWI arrest at Hoffman Dr. NW and Rose St. W. at 11:59 p.m.
Aug. 1
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:57 a.m.
Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:24 p.m.
Domestic. At 6 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of Mosher Ave. SW. A citation was issued.
DWI. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 18th St. SE and Hartle Ave. SE at 10:16 p.m.
Aug. 2
Driving While Intoxicated. At 2:35 a.m., police arrested a subject for drunken driving at Hoffman Dr. NW and State Ave. NW.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 7:52 a.m.
Restraining Order. Officers responded to a violation of a restraining order in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 11:22 a.m.
Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in injuries at Hoffman Dr. NW and North St. W. at 8:09 p.m.
Warrant. At 11:56 p.m., police arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Bridge St. W.
Juvenile. Officers received a juvenile complaint from the 400 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:36 p.m.
Theft. Police took a theft report in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 11:34 p.m.
Aug. 3
Drunken Driving. At 2:33 a.m., officers made a DWI arrest in the 700 block of State Ave. NW.
Burglaries. Police began burglary investigations in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 3:19 p.m. and in the 500 block of 17th St. SW at 5:41 p.m.
Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 4:56 p.m.
Theft. Police received a theft report from the 400 block of Elm Ave. N. at 3:44 p.m.
Aug. 4
Burglaries. Officers responded to a burglary in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 8:03 a.m. and in the 600 block of 13th St. SE at 7:07 p.m.

Medical. Paramedics and officers responded to a medical emergency in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 2:24 p.m.
Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in injuries occurred in the 1100 block of Oak Ave. S. at 7:26 p.m.
Aug. 5
Check. Officers responded to the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE to check a premise at 1:53 a.m. They made an arrest at the scene.
Burglary. At 1:17 p.m., a burglary occurred in the 700 block of School St. E.
Thefts. Police received theft reports from the 100 block of Fremont St. W. at 4:34 p.m., in the 300 block of 16th St. SW at 6:54 p.m., in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:03 p.m. and in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE at 7:44 p.m.
Aug. 6
Theft. A theft was reported in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:46 p.m.
Child Protection. At 2:12 p.m., officer took a child protection report in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW.
Shoplifting. Police issued a citation for shoplifting in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 2:47 p.m.
Assault. Officers responded to an assault in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 4:38 p.m.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 300 block of School St. W. at 6:13 p.m. and in the 400 block of Selby Ave. SW at 9:12 p.m.
Death. Officers began a death investigation in the 400 block of 16th St. NE at 6:39 p.m.
Criminal Sex. At 6:36 p.m., police responded to a criminal sexual conduct incident in the 400 block of St. Paul Place NE.

Steele County Sheriff
July 31
Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 7400 block of 84th Ave. NE at 8:20 a.m.
Aug. 2
Death. At 11:51 p.m., deputies began a death investigation in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W.
Aug. 3
Recovered Property. Stolen property was recovered in the 9600 block of 52nd Ave. SW at 3:31 p.m.
Aug. 4
Child Protection. Deputies took a child protection report in the 10000 block of 98th St. SW at 10:49 a.m.
Aug. 5
Warrant. At 2:52 p.m., deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Main St. E.
Aug. 6
Vandalism. Deputy issued a citation for property damage at 92nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd. at 7:46 a.m.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 27 with Judge Joseph A. Buettel presiding:

Mitchell G. Vipond, 24, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft. He was sentenced to \$850.96, and 17 months in St. Cloud State

Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 27 – 31:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
John H. Poppenberg, 56, Faribault, speeding, \$131.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Cassandra J. Aronson, 34, Geneva, speeding, \$121; Danny R. Combs, 60, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Tony F. Enright-Montoya, 25, Austin, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Scott C. Fahrenkrug, 52, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Dean A. Frederickson, 59, Apple Valley, texting while driving, \$131;
Jeremy E. Hamor, 34, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Paige B. Henggeler, 22, Winterset, IA, inattentive driving, \$121; Kara L. Klapel, 38, Hinkley, speeding, \$121; Daniel P. Knutson, 39, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Tyler D. Kruckeberg, 25, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Robert N. Steele III, 47, La Mesa, CA, speeding, \$141; Katherine A. Zessir, 23, Torrance, CA, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department
Dillon L. Becken, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$381; Laurie J. Biederman, 51, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131; Gerald J. Boerner, 78, Burnsville, speeding, \$121; Rebecca L. Bumgardner, 31, Red Lake Falls, speeding, \$141; Clif L. Caron, 19, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181;

Chantel L. Carson, 26, Austin, DWI, \$1,081, 30 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend MADD impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, mental health evaluation, and 3 years of supervised probation;

Sanjuana Hernandez-Guzman, 42, Minneapolis, red semaphore violation, \$131; George W. James, 66, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Marvin J. Kubat, 74, Owatonna, DWI, \$281, 1 day in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Raymond J. Kubat, 70, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Laurie L. Matejcek, 50, Faribault, speeding, \$141;

Blake B. Medvec, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Joyce A. Perkins, 71, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Matthew R. Phillips, 26, Owatonna, no license in possession, \$101; James E. Pichner, 39, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Denasha R. Sutton, 18, Janesville, theft, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Nahom Tesfalidet, 34, Minneapolis, firearms violation, \$131 and 115 days in county jail; Jenell F. Warner, 69, Owatonna, failure to yield to pedestrian, \$181; Lance J. Weingartz, 35, Burnsville, DWI, \$1,006, 28 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.

Blotter spotlight:

DWI. On Aug. 1, deputies, Hayfield Fire, Hayfield Ambulance, State Patrol and Kasson Police responded to a car in the ditch at State Hwy. 30 and 210th Ave. in Hayfield at 5:54 a.m. The occupant in the car was found to be intoxicated and arrested for DWI.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Richard P. Adams, 34, Fisk MO, speeding, \$121; Arden R. Anderson, 62, Blooming Prairie, stop sign, \$121; Fuiad N. Aydid, 19, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$141; Trevor J. Brown, 24, Oakdale, speeding, \$131; Jeremiah M. Chabluk, 25, DWI, \$506, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, and 1 year of supervised probation;
Ross R. Chester, 19, New Richland, speeding, \$111; Jordan A. Clark, 24, Faribault, speeding, \$121; James D. Frederickson, 68, Rogers, speeding, \$131; Joshua R. Gerdt, 20, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Dylan T. Gilbertson, 22, Rochester, speeding, \$221; Mary L. Groess, 56, speeding, \$141; Caleb M. Hillesheim, 17, Medford, speeding, \$131;
Dawn R. Hofmeister, 50, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Brandon L. Klemmensen, 30, Hope, speeding, \$131; Amber K. Knight, 22, Ottumwa, IA, speeding, \$131; Trevor D. Knish, 19, Le Center, speeding, \$121; Daniel P. Knutson, 39, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Holly L. Lewno, 32, Fridley, disorderly conduct, \$181, and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Jeffrey C. Michel, 29, Owatonna, expired license and seat belt, \$206; Tanner J. Nelson, 19, Ellendale, speeding, \$221; Abdulkadir I. Osman, 27, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$221; Carrie A. Petsinger, 33, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Skylar F. Sauer, 19, West Concord, speeding, \$221; Abigail L. Tobin, 18, West Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$221; Lance L. Waterstraat, 28, Faribault, speeding, \$141;
Jason L. Weimer, 41, Eagle Lake, speeding, \$141; Matthew S. Wilkenson, 38, New Richland, speeding, \$141; Janelle M. Zamudio, 46, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 235 complaints for the week of July 29 – Aug. 4. Some of them include:

July 29
Suspicious Activity. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report on Mantorville Ave. N. in Kasson at 1:35 a.m. They arrested one subject for a warrant and transported him to Olmsted County.
Assist. At 10:16 a.m., deputies assisted a motorist with a stalled vehicle at State Hwy. 30 and County Rd. 9 in Hayfield.
Suspicion. Deputies received a report that there a white 15 passenger van occupied by one male was sitting in a field drive in the 17600 block of 530th St. in West Concord at 1:11 p.m. They responded and found that the subject was tagging crops for future data and that all was OK.
Animal Bite. A dog bite occurred on 200th Ave. in Hayfield at 7:52 p.m.
Civil. At 8:56 p.m., a West Concord citizen complained that cattle in a field had caused damage in the 23500 block of 555th St.
July 30

Henry Bloomfield, Jr. — DWI, \$12,000 bail
Kenneth Bonow — trespassing criminal damage, \$4,000 bail
Roger Boone — fifth degree assault, \$700 bail
John Borchert — fleeing police, \$2,000 bail
Adrian Bostamante, open bottle-- \$328 bail
Jojo Boswell — theft, \$20,000 bail

Late night car wash leads to arrests

A late night attempt to wash the car has led to felony charges against two people.
Owatonna Police noticed a vehicle parked in the wash stall at Husky Car Wash last Wednesday around 2 a.m. The officer conducted a premise check on the building and entered the car wash through the walk-in door.

As the officer walked up to the passenger door, he saw a male lighting a glass pipe with a lighter. The officer believed the man was smoking methamphetamine. The man looked at the officer with complete surprise and froze.

When the man got out of the car, an open beer bottle was found between his legs and a mint container in his lap. The



Lavenz



Beene

Burglary. At 7:33 a.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 63000 block of 120th Ave. in Claremont.
Larceny. Deputies received a report of an employee theft of money in the 500 block of 1st Ave. NE in Dodge Center at 2:43 p.m.
Vandalism. Deputy took a report of damage found on a trailer in the 700 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 4:55 p.m. There was a smell of gas and no AC in the trailer.
Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance at County Hwy. 22 and 555th St. N. in West Concord at 9:43 p.m.
Found Property. A West Concord citizen reported that he found stolen property on Craigslist at 5:41 p.m.
Ordinance Violation. Deputies received a report that a Dodge Center woman's neighbor was having a fire and that it smelt like he was possibly burning tires in the 400 block of 2nd St. NE at 11:58 p.m.
Aug. 1
Burglary. Deputy took a report that meat was stolen from a trailer in a driveway in the 200 block of 1st Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 9:19 a.m.
Harassment. At 12:24 p.m., a Dodge Center woman reported that several harassing and vulgar text messages and photos were sent to a juvenile's phone.
Aug. 2
Ordinance Violation. At 5:02 p.m., deputies received a report that a woman's neighbors were burning garbage and it really

container was later found to contain meth and other pills.
Officers found another pipe containing meth residue under the driver's seat, according to police. The driver later admitted the pipe belonged to her.
Skylar M. Lavenz, 21, and Keith Beene, 37, have been charged with fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance.

stunk in the 400 block of 5th St. NE in Hayfield.
Aug. 3
Vandalism. Shaving cream was found on vehicles in the 100 block of 1st St. NE in Dodge Center at 12:03 a.m.
Larceny. Deputies received a report of a vehicle tabs theft in the 200 block of 2nd St. SE in Hayfield at 3:57 p.m.
Fire. West Concord Police and Ambulance responded to two small grass fires at 145th Ave. and County Hwy. 24 in West Concord at 6:13 p.m.
Aug. 4
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 75800 block of 117th Ave. in Blooming Prairie at 1 a.m.
Disturbance. A man called deputies when he was assaulted by his boss in the 65700 block of State Hwy. 56 in Dodge Center at 4:38 p.m.
Terroristic Threats. At 5:36 p.m., deputies responded to a report of writing on a car and notes inside the car on Main St. in Hayfield. One subject was arrested and transported to the Steele County Jail.
Disturbance. At 10:28 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of 2nd St. SE in Hayfield.
Domestic. A domestic disturbance occurred in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield at 11:32 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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

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Top 10 scams targeting seniors

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they’re now considered “the crime of the 21st century.” Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they’re considered a “low-risk” crime. However, they’re devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses. It’s not just wealthy seniors who are targeted. Low-income older adults are also at risk of financial abuse. And it’s not always strangers who perpetrate these crimes. Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by an older person’s own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others.

Review our list below, so you can identify a potential scam.

1. Medicare/health insurance fraud

Medicare enrollment form. Every U.S. citizen or permanent resident over age 65 qualifies for Medicare, so there is rarely any need for a scam artist to research what private health insurance company older people have in order to scam them out of some money. In these types of scams, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information, or they will provide bogus services for elderly people at makeshift mobile clinics, then use the personal information they provide to bill Medicare and pocket the money.

2. Counterfeit prescription drugs

Most commonly, counterfeit drug scams operate on the Internet, where seniors increasingly go to find better prices on specialized medications. This scam is growing in popularity—since 2000, the FDA has investigated an average of 20 such cases per year, up from five a year in the 1990s. The danger is that besides paying money for something that will not help a person’s medical condition, victims may purchase unsafe substances that can inflict even more harm. This scam can be as hard on the body as it is on the wallet.

3. Funeral & cemetery scams

The FBI warns about two types of funeral and cemetery fraud perpetrated on seniors.

In one approach, scammers read obituaries and call or attend the funeral service of a complete stranger to take advantage of the grieving widow or widower. Claiming the deceased had an outstanding debt with them, scammers will try to extort money from relatives to settle the fake debts.

Another tactic of disreputable funeral homes is to capitalize on family members’ unfamiliarity with the considerable cost of funeral services to add unnecessary charges to the bill. In one common scam of this type, funeral directors will insist that a casket, usually one of the most expensive parts of funeral services, is necessary even when performing a direct cremation, which can be accomplished with a cardboard casket rather than an expensive display or burial casket.

4. Fraudulent anti-aging products

In a society bombarded with images of the young and beautiful, it’s not surprising that some older people feel the need to conceal their age in order to participate more fully in social circles and the workplace. After all, 60 is the new 40, right?

It is in this spirit that many older Americans seek out new treatments and medications to maintain a youthful appearance, putting them at risk of scammers. Whether it’s fake Botox like the one in Arizona that netted its distributors (who were convicted and jailed in 2006) \$1.5 million in barely a year, or completely bogus homeopathic remedies that do absolutely nothing, there is money in the anti-aging business.

Botox scams are particularly unsettling, as renegade labs creating versions of the real thing may still be working with the root ingredient, botulism neurotoxin, which is one of the most toxic substances known to science. A bad batch can have health consequences far beyond wrinkles or drooping neck muscles.

5. Telemarketing

Perhaps the most common scheme is when scammers use fake telemarketing calls to prey on older people, who as a group make twice as many purchases over the phone than

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the national average. While the image of the lonely senior citizen with nobody to talk to may have something to do with this, it is far more likely that older people are more familiar with shopping over the phone, and therefore might not be fully aware of the risk.

With no face-to-face interaction, and no paper trail, these scams are incredibly hard to trace. Also, once a successful deal has been made, the buyer's name is then shared with similar schemers looking for easy targets, sometimes defrauding the same person repeatedly.

Examples of telemarketing fraud include:

The pigeon drop

The con artist tells the individual that he/she has found a large sum of money and is willing to split it if the person will make a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from his/her bank account. Often, a second con artist is involved, posing as a lawyer, banker, or some other trustworthy stranger.

The fake accident ploy

The con artist gets the victim to wire or send money on the pretext that the person's child or another relative is in the hospital and needs the money.

Charity scams

Money is solicited for fake charities. This often occurs after natural disasters.

6. Internet fraud

While using the Internet is a great skill at any age, the slower speed of adoption among some older people makes them easier targets for automated Internet scams that are ubiquitous on the web and email programs. Pop-up browser windows simulating virus-scanning software will fool victims into either downloading a fake anti-virus program (at a substantial cost) or an actual virus that will open up whatever information is on the user's computer to scammers.

Their unfamiliarity with the less

visible aspects of browsing the web (firewalls and built-in virus protection, for example) make seniors especially susceptible to such traps. One example includes:

Email/phishing scams

A senior receives email messages that appear to be from a legitimate company or institution, asking them to "update" or "verify" their personal information. A senior receives emails that appear to be from the IRS about a tax refund.

7. Investment schemes

Because many seniors find themselves planning for retirement and managing their savings once they finish working, a number of investment schemes have been targeted at seniors looking to safeguard their cash for their later years. From pyramid schemes like Bernie Madoff's (which counted a number of senior citizens among its victims) to fables of a Nigerian prince looking for a partner to claim inheritance money to complex financial products that many economists don't even understand, investment schemes have long been a successful way to take advantage of older people.

8. Homeowner/reverse mortgage scams

Scammers like to take advantage of the fact that many people above a certain age own their homes, a valuable asset that increases the potential dollar value of a certain scam.

A particularly elaborate property tax scam in San Diego saw fraudsters sending personalized letters to different properties apparently on behalf of the County Assessor's Office. The letter, made to look official but displaying only public information, would identify the property's assessed value and offer the homeowner, for a fee of course, to arrange for a reassessment of the property's value and therefore the tax burden associated with it.

Closely related, the reverse mortgage scam has mushroomed in recent years. With legitimate reverse mortgages increasing in frequency more than 1,300% between 1999 and 2008, scammers are taking advantage of this new popularity. As opposed to official refinancing schemes, however, unsecured reverse mortgages can lead property owners to lose their homes when the perpetrators offer money or a free house somewhere else in exchange for the title to the property.

9. Sweepstakes & lottery scams

This simple scam is one that many are familiar with, and it capitalizes on the notion that "there's no such thing as a free lunch." Here, scammers inform their mark that they have won a lottery or sweepstakes of some kind and need to make some sort of payment to unlock the supposed prize. Often, seniors will be sent a check that they can deposit in their bank account, knowing that while it shows up in their account immediately, it will take a few days before the (fake) check is rejected. During that time, the criminals will quickly collect money for supposed fees or taxes on the prize, which they pocket while the victim has the "prize money" removed from his or her account as soon as the check bounces.

10. The grandparent scam

Grandmother and granddaughterThe grandparent scam is so simple and so devious because it uses one of older adults' most reliable assets, their hearts.

Scammers will place a call to an older person and when the mark picks up, they will say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done a lick of background research.

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FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

Fair week in Owatonna is literally just around the corner. The Steele County Free Fair will be held Aug. 18 through Aug. 23. Vendor stands and portions of the Gold Star Midway will be arriving and placed in their spot on the fairgrounds. The weekend before the fair will be especially busy as both indoor and outdoor vendors arrive. Elm Street through the fairgrounds will be closed to traffic the weekend before the fair.

The fair officially opens at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18. Purchase of Mega-Ride tickets must be made by that time on Tuesday. The tickets are only available at Hy-Vee and cost \$49. They provide unlimited rides on the midway all during the fair.

Season fair parking passes are available at Hy-Vee, Cash-wise and Fareway Foods in Owatonna. The week-long pass is \$25 and permits parking in the general lot on the ball diamonds. There is shuttle service available from the parking lots to the west side of the fairgrounds.

We get numerous calls at the fair office regarding handicapped services. Med City Mobility, located at the Elm Street entrance of the fairgrounds, offers scooter and wheel chair rentals. For scooters, the minimum rental is \$20 for two hours and \$5 for each additional hour. Manual wheelchair rates are \$10 for three hours and \$3 for each additional hour.

STRIVE Wellness Run/Walk
Area residents are invited to participate in the 12th annual STRIVE Wellness Run and, new this year, a two-mile fitness walk on Saturday of the fair. The event is co-sponsored by the noon Rotary Club, Owatonna Hospital, part of Allina health, Owatonna High School and Steele County Free Fair. The four-mile run and two-mile fitness walk begins at 9 a.m. and has a \$25 advanced fee and \$30 day-of-race fee. The Kids 400M/800Ms (12 years and under) begins at 8:15 a.m. and has a \$1 entry fee. Registration takes place from 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Pre-register by Aug. 13 to take advantage of the advanced fee at <http://strive.owatonnarotary->

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Blooming Prairie Public Utilities relocates to new building

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

The Blooming Prairie Public Utilities department has a new home, and the space will be a vast improvement from the department's former, cramped quarters.

"We felt like we needed a new office for quite some time," said Public Utilities Director Rick Kittelson.

The former building was built in 1931. Although several renovations have been completed over the years, the department continued to outgrow the space. "We got pretty much every inch we could get, and still didn't have enough space," Kittelson said. The former building also had air quality issues, making it difficult for staff to work comfortably.

The department purchased



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Tom Swenson and Jared Brown are hard at work installing the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities' payment dropbox outside their new location. The department is now located at 333 Second Avenue Northeast in Blooming Prairie.

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STEELE TALKIN'



Deb Knutson

All about immunizations

Immunizations can be given to children all year long, but they become uppermost in parents' minds as kids head back to school. Parents and medical providers are doing a great job of vaccinating! The vast majority of parents want their children fully vaccinated.

Immunizations are such a powerful tool for controlling or eliminating once common diseases, many U.S. medical providers have never seen them in their practices. Polio, tetanus, diphtheria and small pox are highly visible examples. However, with increased travel in all parts of the world, many diseases are just a plane ride away (or closer). Maintaining high vaccination rates by vaccinating on time every time the key to keeping deadly diseases away from our communities.

Some recommended vaccines are not yet required for school, even though they are fully licensed, safe and effective. It's the cumbersome administrative process of expanding school vaccine requirements that slows things down. These vaccines are still strongly recommended by school officials and medical providers.

One of these vaccines is for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). HPV vaccine is very important because it prevents some cancers! It is the only cancer vaccine currently available. HPV is a very common virus worldwide - so common that nearly all sexually active men and women get it at some point in their lives. It is estimated that 79 million Americans are currently infected, with 14 million new HPV infections every year.

Most people are not aware that they are infected, so HPV can be spread unknowingly. Even if young adults wait until marriage to have sex, or only have one partner in the future, they can still be exposed if their partner has been exposed.

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Local communities celebrate National Night Out



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Each year, communities nationwide participate in National Night Out, a way to prevent crime and encourage community involvement. This August, many area communities also took part in the festivities. Above, Officer Dave Schroeder handed out "Police badge" stickers to Will Frantesl and other children at National Night Out. Read more about National Night Out inside on C6.



Upcoming Cancer Auction will feature gourmet meal

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

Once again, guests at the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group annual Cancer Auction will have the opportunity to bid on unique items and services, including a gourmet meal.

The meal is prepared by Todd Anderson, who studied at the Cordon Bleu School in Minneapolis. Anderson and the family of Darrel Trom donated the meal to the auction in the memory of Trom, who passed away in 2013, following a battle with cancer. Anderson had become close with the Trom family after spending time helping them with field work in the spring and again during the fall harvest season. After Trom passed away, Anderson wanted to do

something in honor of Darrel's memory, and this meal proved to be a great way to celebrate his friend's life.

Last year, one of Darrel's sisters, Kathryn Lea, and her husband, Greg, earned the dinner at the auction. They attended the dinner, held in Anderson's home, with a few of Darrel's other friends. The experience, she said, was unlike any other. One year later, Lea says that she and the other dinner guests are still talking about the dinner.

"It was delightful," she said. "Everything was delicious." Last year's dinner included five courses, paired with specially-selected wines. Lea describes the atmosphere as "cozy" and says that Anderson was a wonderful host. As he served each course, Anderson also described



Submitted photo
Once again, Todd Anderson and the family of Darrel Trom have donated a gourmet meal to the Cancer Auction, in honor of Darrel Trom. Above is just one of the dishes enjoyed during last year's meal.

the elements of each dish and explained how each was prepared. The dishes were also beautifully presented.

According to Lea, Greg has

traveled all over the world on business and has dined in many fine restaurants, but he says that this dinner was the best meal he's ever had.

Best of all, the proceeds raised during the auction will go to a very worthy cause. Over the past 15 years, the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group has been able to donate over \$500,000 to cancer research and has also supported the Community Fund, which provides assistance to local people affected by cancer.

This year, the live auction will take place on both Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. outside Blooming Prairie's Cue Company. During the Fifteenth Annual Benefit, there will also be several other ways to contribute to the cause. Area business owners and residents alike are encouraged to decorate their business or yard during the "Paint BP Pink" Campaign. There will also be a raffle for three cash prizes in memory of

Steve Prihoda, made possible by Steve's family and friends. The Field of Flags, displaying pink flags in honor or memory of people touched by cancer, will also fly once again. On Saturday, the BP Cancer Memorial Walk begins and will end by the Field of Flags, where other activities will take place. Early Bird Bingo begins on Saturday night at 4:30 p.m. and, at 6:30 p.m. Stix of Fury will perform.

Lea said that she would strongly recommend the gourmet dinner at the auction, but also notes that any bidders will have some competition. Last year's dinner guests loved the experience so much, they plan to bid on the dinner once again this year.

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Community Calendar



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Old and new vehicles were the focal point of the day in the parking lot in front of Medford Funeral Home. The proceeds from the car show went towards the completion of the Veteran's Memorial in Medford. Above is Spencer Schwichtenberg, of Faribault, who participated in his first car show with his 1983 Chevy K-10. He chose to take part in the Veteran's Memorial Car Show in Medford because his grandfather was in the Marine Corps and his great grandfather was a World War II veteran.

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7:30 p.m. BP Prairie Lodge Masons
Aug. 12:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
4:30 p.m. BP EDA Mtg
Aug. 13:
1 p.m. BPBL Take-it-Apart Workshop
4:30 p.m. BP Police Commission Mtg
7 p.m. BP AAUW, HS GYM
Aug. 17:
2 p.m. BPBL Movie Day
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Aug. 12:
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2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
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10 a.m. OPL So Many Books, So Little Time
10:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time
2:30 p.m. Caregiver Support Group, OPL
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4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg
Aug. 13:
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Aug. 15:
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Medford Outlet Mall School Supply Drive
Aug. 17:
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Aug. 18:
6:30 p.m. Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford

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SPOT LIGHT

Medford Outlet Center will host School Supply Donation Drive

On Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Medford Outlet Center, there will be a School Supply Donation Drive. Supplies will be distributed by the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Club of America. Make a donation and receive a free gift between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Look for the school bus!

OTHER COUNTIES

- Mower**
Aug. 12:
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
Mower County Free Fair
Lyle City Council Meeting
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
12 p.m. Red Cross Blood Donation, Nat'l Guard Armory, Aust
5 p.m. Grand Meadow Farmers Market
Aug. 13:
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
Mower County Free Fair
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market
4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
Aug. 14:
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
Mower County Free Fair
10 a.m. StoryTime! :) GMPL
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
Aug. 15:
Mower County Free Fair
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market
9 a.m. Stained Glass, Austin ArtWorks Center
10 a.m. Edible Art for Kiddos, Austin ArtWorks Center
10 a.m. Kids' Studio, Austin ArtWorks Center
11 a.m. Veteran's Memorial Car Show, Lafayette Park, Austin
1 p.m. Lyle Farmers Market
1 p.m. SPAM@Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake, Austin
9 p.m. Sola Fide Viewing, Austin
Freeborn
Aug. 11:
55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OFFERED, Albert Lea Senior Center
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
Aug. 13:
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 17:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
3:45 p.m. ALPL Book Pals (Gr 5 & 6)
Aug. 18:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
Aug 19:
12 p.m. Redcross Blood Drive, Crossroads Church, AL

- Dodge**
Aug. 11:
9:30 a.m. Dodge Co Commission
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time/Crafts
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Taco Tuesdays
6 p.m. Dodge Country Club, Ladies League
6 p.m. Kasson Library Brd Mtg
6 p.m. Triton Adult ESL Class, ES Media Center
7 p.m. Claremont City Council Mtg
Aug. 12:
7:30 a.m. Hayfield Chamber Mtg, Uncle Mony's/ Spare Time Lanes
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Pizza & Bear
6 p.m. Kasson City Council Mtg
7:30 p.m. Claremont Fire Dept Mtg
Aug. 13:
9:30 a.m. WC American Legion Mtg
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Hamburger, Fries, Chicken Sandwiches
6 p.m. Dodge Country Club, Men's League
6:30 p.m. Triton Zumba, Multipurpose Rm
Aug. 17:
WC Study Club
8:30 a.m. Bus Training - HS Library, Hayfield HS Library
2 p.m. Essential Oils & A Chemical Free Home, K-M
6 p.m. Triton School Brd Mtg
7 p.m. Hayfield City Council Mtg, City Hall
Aug. 18:
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time/Crafts

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UTILITIES

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The department purchased property west of the power plant, and Kittelson says that the “long-term plan” is to build an office with additional space at this location. In the meantime, however, he believes that the new space will serve the department well.

The staff is currently moving the last of their items into the new building, located at 333 2nd Avenue Northeast. They’ve already made several improvements to the existing building, which is the former location of the Blooming Prairie Ambulance Service.

A new roof was recently installed, and the project was paid for through insurance, as a result of some hail damage. An L-shaped wall was also built near the building’s entryway, helping to secure the area for staff. Remodeling also took place to make the building (and restroom) handicap accessible.

Other improvements at the new location include a glass front door and some windows to let in light. (The building had no windows when it was purchased.) Last Thursday, workers also finished installing a drive-up drop box for after-hour payments. With this new addition, customers will be able to drop off their payments without leaving the comfort of their vehicles.

For all of the projects, the department worked with local contractors. JW Gwilt completed the roofing work and Epic Contractors took care of general building improvements. Prairie Plumbing did all plumbing work and Wehner Electric finished the electric work. Davin Johnson also offered painting services and Metal Services supplied the building’s new signs.

All that’s left is to finish at the building is a little work on some trim and to make a few cosmetic improvements to the lawn.

The new space allows for more storage room and even ga-

rage space. Now the department is also able to house the SEM-CAC Senior Citizens’ bus, freeing up more space.

Kittelson’s employees Katie Wencel and Ana Trom operate out of the new location and are excited about the change. If things work well, Kittelson expects that the department will utilize the building for a few years.

“It’s great to have our own space and have things more spread out,” Wencel said.

The first week in October is National Public Power Week and Kittelson says that, at that time, the department will hold an open house to commemorate the move. Exact dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Area teachers experiment with science at Arkema, Inc.

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Arkema, Inc. wants to get local students excited about science, and they’re starting by offering a unique opportunity to six area teachers.

Last week, teachers participated in the Arkema Inc. Science Teacher Program and learned about innovative ways to teach science concepts. During the four-day program, teachers took a tour of the plant, tested science kits that can be used in the classroom and took a trip to the Minnesota Science Museum. Two teachers from Blooming Prairie Elementary School, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) and Austin’s Southgate Elementary School participated in the program this

year.

“It’s been great,” said Chelsea Van Roekel, a third grade teacher from Blooming Prairie. Van Roekel shared that she especially appreciates the opportunity to take science experiment kits back to the classroom. The three kits are designed to help teachers teach various science concepts through fun and hands-on experiments.

“When we do it, we think of how the kids will react to the kits,” said Arkema Plant Manager David Price. Price explains that bringing the teachers to the building and allowing them to test the experiments as a group provides an invaluable experience. Together, the teachers can discuss teaching techniques, address any potential challenges and find ways to expand on the experiments.

The teachers also get to test the experiment kits in the presence of Arkema scientists, who can offer additional guidance and answer in-depth questions. “The program gives them a chance to think ahead,” Price said. “If you just get the kit in the mail, you have to figure it out on your own.”

Van Roekel says that she appreciates knowing that Arkema can be a resource for area teachers during the school year. Inviting scientists to visit her classroom, she says, is just another chance to help her students see



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Stephanie Murphy and Chelsea Van Roekel, both third grade teachers at Blooming Prairie Elementary School, work with a kit designed to test the hardness of minerals during the Arkema Inc. Science Teacher Program.

science come to life.

Price believes the program has been offered at the Blooming Prairie Arkema location for at least ten years. The program is also offered at other Arkema locations as well, but Price believes that the Blooming Prairie program is one of the longest-running.

In Blooming Prairie, Arkema accepts applications annually for the program. Blooming Prairie teachers are always included in the event, in addition to four other teachers from two other schools. The program targets teachers who work with third to seventh grade students.

During the program, teachers are supplied with kits to take back to school, and can also receive funding to replenish supplies for the kits. On Thursday, the teachers demonstrated what they’d learned while practicing with the three kits. Each kit had a different theme.

Each kit meets National Science Education Standards and is also supplemented with a minimum of eight weeks of curriculum.

Price says that Arkema is proud to offer this opportunity for area teachers. “It gives schools more resources to use,” he said.

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- Talk to a friend and unload your problems.
- Take a slow walk.
- Go see a soothing movie.
- Take up a relaxing hobby.
- Play with your pet.
- Participate in regular exercise workouts.
- Prepare for upcoming stressful situations.
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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Blooming Prairie’s The Bakery celebrates 19th year in business

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

A love for crispies (elephant ears) drew Greg Fristedt to bakers school and years later in 1996, he opened The Bakery in Blooming Prairie.

Fristedt said there was no bakery in town when he opened his pastry shop in a building that was the home for several banks. The building, which carries a 345 Main West address, was built in 1875.

Fristedt, a native of Alexandria, went to bakery school in Mankato for one year, worked in Minneapolis for well known baker Cliff Myhr. He ran a bakery at Barlow Foods in Rochester and worked at Cub Foods in Rochester. From 1992 to 1996 he sold bakery supplies.

“I thought baking would be something to fall back on but I stayed with it,” Fristedt said.

The Bakery is one of the more popular Main Street attractions and is well known for its rolls and donuts. Many coffee groups gather daily at The Bakery.

In addition to rolls and donuts, The Bakery produces cakes, cookies, rosettes, breads and buns. Three-meat and four-cheese sandwiches are popular with the regulars. Chicken salad at The Bakery is said to be the best around.

Fristedt and his work crew make lots of wedding cakes and Fristedt admits that making a wedding cake can be a real art. He recalls making a seven tier wedding cake for a wedding in Owatonna. “It was to feed several congregations, about a thousand people,” Fristedt said. He said the bottom tier measured 16 inches in diameter.

Fristedt’s day starts at 3:30 a.m. and extends to 4 in the afternoon. “Do you relax?” he was asked. “Always,” he replied with a smile. His favorite way to relax is to go fishing, he said.

Asked what the most popular sellers are in his bakery, Fristedt doesn’t hesitate in saying, “Apple Fritters.” He said more of the raised donuts are sold than of the cake donuts.

The Bakery’s aim is to provide “fresh” and “flavorful” goods to the customer. Fristedt emphasizes quality and says he is his own worst critic when assessing quality of his products. “My gals are comparable minded as far as quality,” he said.

Other mainstays at The Bakery are Diane Jensen, Maryanne Romeo, Karen Kaplan, Carter Millam and Gena Schaefer.

The Bakery is a leader in preparing rosettes for the Christmas holiday. “We sold over 500 dozen rosettes between Nov. 1 and Christmas last year,” Fristedt said.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Gregg Fristedt proudly displays some of the pastry items that are popular with his customers at The Bakery in Blooming Prairie. He opened the Blooming Prairie bakery in 1996.

The Scandinavian cookie is made in batches of 20 dozen and 60 dozen. “We have come up with our own recipe and I am really pleased when they turn out the way they are supposed to,” he adds. The rosettes are covered with granulated and powder sugars.

Operating a bakery is not without its challenges. Fristedt said organizing a timetable to get all orders done in the necessary time on a busy, busy day is more important and challenging.

Main Street re-construction has definitely had a detrimental effect on business at The Bakery but Fristedt said, “We will survive.” A get-together for the north side of West Main St. is planned from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, with the public invited to visit Main Street businesses through front, rear or side entrances. A get-together for the south side is planned for sometime in September.

The Bakery has a front entrance and a side entrance.

The Bakery is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

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August 24 - September 7: \$3.00 admission
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MONDAY: Grandparent Day-Grandparents get into the Water Park free with paid grandchild (at normal facility rate).
TUESDAY: Twilight Day-Everyone gets into the Water Park for the \$4.00 twilight admission rate all day.
WEDNESDAY: Family Night- June 5-August 9th: 5:00pm-close & August 10th-August 23rd: 4:00pm-Close. \$4.00 per individual or \$12.00 per family up to 6 people (\$2.00 charge for each additional person over 6).
THURSDAY: Facebook Special- "Like" the River Springs Water Park on Facebook. There will be a posting with a special each Thursday.

SEASON SPECIALS:
*Parks & Recreation T-shirt Special: Wear your Owatonna Park & Rec sponsor t-shirt (ex. Soccer, t-ball shirt) and get in for half price (the normal facility rate).
*Pre-Steele County Free Fair: August 16th- Admission \$3.00 for everyone.
*\$2.00 Admission Special: August, 23rd- Admission \$2.00 for everyone.



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YOUTH PICKLEBALL

YOUTH PICKLEBALL

Owatonna Pickleball in partnership with Owatonna Park and Recreation will be offering a six session fall pickleball class for youth. Pickleball is an up and coming sport for all ages. Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping-pong. It is played on a slightly smaller court than tennis and uses a paddle and a whiffle ball. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn a new sport, excellent exercise and spend an hour with other youth of the community. The classes will be offered at Morehouse Park outdoor Pickleball Courts. Members of the Owatonna Pickleball Association will be instructors for the after school classes. A limited number of participants will be accepted so that actual playtime will be at a maximum. Interested to find out how the sport is played go on line to www.pickleball.com.

Pickleball classes will be held for 7-10 & 11-13 year olds

DAYS: Tuesday and Thursday – September 22, 24, 29, October 1, 6, 8 (rain date: October 13) Time: 3:00-4:00pm.
COST: \$25 (includes instruction, use of paddles and whiffle balls)



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Steele County Free Fair will be here before you know it, and Therapeutic Recreation will once again have members cleaning tables and picking up litter in Fair Square from 2-4pm each weekday August 19-21. Many of you have helped with this fundraiser before and have enjoyed time spend cleaning. It's a fun way to give back to the community, and see your friends at the fair, and a great way to raise some funds for TR programs. Last year we received a check for \$300 from the Fair Board for our efforts. The scheduled crews will be headed up by our TR staff who are also volunteering their time on each of the days we work. If you are interested, please call Wendy in the TR office and tell her which day you'd like to help out. If you still have your t-shirt from last summer, please wear it!

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*Pre-Steele County Free Fair Special:
August 16 - \$3.00 admission all day!
*Two Dollar Day:
August 23 - \$2.00 admission all day!

OWATONNA PARK PASSPORT
The Park Passport program is an initiative of the City of Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department to promote healthy lifestyle choices. The program encourages families to explore our parks and exercise by walking the mapped trails. The four-week program is FREE and all access to the parks is FREE!
*Get your passport: Available on the Parks & Recreation website or at the Park & Rec office.

*Visit the parks listed and find the hidden password: Parks will have a small sign mounted to a post along the trail. The signs are approximately 2'-4' from the ground. Each sign has a word on the back. Yellow signs will be placed September 11-24 and then removed. White signs in different locations will be placed September 25-October 5.
*Reveal the phrase: Write the hidden password for each park in the appropriate box on your passport to see the message.

*Enjoy your time in the parks: **The six Passport Parks are Dartts Park, Mineral Springs Park, Manthey Park, Kaplan's Woods Trail, Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve, and Straight River Trail.** A completed passport equals 12 miles of trail walking!

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Reservations are made at the Parks & Recreation office, and may be made up to a year in advance! Rates vary depending on pavilion size and length of rental. Both the fee and refundable damage deposit must be paid at the time of reservation.



FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

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Ellendale-GenevaLiving

Ellendale hosts first National Night Out

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Each year, communities across the county celebrate National Night Out. This summer, for the first time, the community of Ellendale also joined in the festivities with an event of their own at the city park.

That evening, council members and city staff offered root-beer floats and also handed out goodies to local youth, including pencils and freezies. Members of the local fire department and ambulance service attended the event, spoke with residents and allowed kids to take an up-close look at the fire trucks and ambulance. Members of the Steele County Sheriff's Department also attended the event and visited with those in attendance.

"It's a good way to meet people in town," said Ellendale's Assistant Fire Chief Logan Busho. Busho explains that the department's presence can help increase their visibility and can also provide a valuable educational opportunity for kids.

Ellendale City Council member Stephanie Lageson Kibler spent part of the evening serving root-beer floats and handing out small prizes to youth. Lageson Kibler said that the event is part of a national celebration, which is designed to encourage community engagement and also help raise awareness. "The idea is that if you know your neighbors, it makes crime more difficult because you watch out for each other," she said.

The event is also another way to encourage residents to enjoy another community resource: the park. "We like having people in the park," Lageson Kibler said.



Staff photos by Laura Berndt
JayLee Larson, age two, takes a close look inside the Ellendale Ambulance, which stopped by the National Night Out event in the Ellendale City Park last week.

Lageson Kibler added that she was also very appreciative of the law enforcement, fire department and ambulance crew members who attended the celebration. "Every single one of the groups, without hesitation, said they'd be here," she said.

That night, volunteers handed out approximately 150 root beer floats. Lageson Kibler said that she hopes the community can participate in National Night Out again next year. "I think it will grow, the more we get the word out," Lageson Kibler said.



McKenzie Mueller, Hope Mikesell and Kiyah Mikesell enjoy their rootbeer floats (and the company of two sleeping puppies) during Ellendale's National Night Out event.



Chet Macht, of the Steele County Sheriff's Department (Patrol Division), talks with Jenika Tonkin during the first annual National Night Out held last Tuesday in Ellendale.

Ellendale Fire Department to host Aug. 26 fundraiser

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

The Ellendale Fire Department is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the department, and they hope many community members will join them.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 5 p.m. until the food is gone and will take place at the Ellendale Community Center. There will be a pulled pork barbecue sandwich supper, complete with baked beans and a salad bar. There will also be a silent auction. Donations will be accepted.

"It's a good way to get the department out in the community and we would like to see everybody," said Mark Lee, Ellendale Fire Chief.

During the fundraiser baked goods will also be available, prepared by the department members. The baker who brings in the most money, jokes Lee, will bring in bragging rights for the year.

Bidders at the silent auction do not need to be present to win. Although the department already has several great items for the auction, they would greatly appreciate any additional donations from members of the community. To make a donation, contact Mark Lee at 507-684-

9617 or drop off donations at the Ellendale Community Center before noon on the day of the event.

The proceeds will directly benefit the department and will be used for equipment and training. Some will also go towards

the fire department's annual Ellendale Days activities, including the pedal tractor pull and other kids' activities.

RECIPE CORNER

Hamburger Hot Dish

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 cans cream-style corn
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- Salt & Pepper

By Shirley Johnson

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MedfordLiving

Medford Fire Department hosts Street Dance



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Hannah Hansen and Jessica Meixner enjoyed Benny Boys catering at the Medford Fire Department Street Dance on Aug. 8.

BACKPACKS

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ing first day of the new school year, they were excited to receive their new backpacks. Each year, basic supplies like pencils and notebooks are provided. This year, the Salvation Army also tried to offer some other supplies that are more expensive, such as binders, highlighters and dry erase markers. The cost of these supplies can add up quickly, especially for families who are shopping for multiple children and have a tight budget to work with.

In addition, the backpacks were sorted by grade level. Each grade requires specific supplies, and the backpacks were tailored to fill those needs from kindergarten through senior high.

“There’s families that are struggling to take care of their children and we want to be there to help,” Seljeseth said.



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Students put on their new backpacks after stopping by the drop-off location in Medford last week.

STEELE TALKIN’

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The good news is that most of the time HPV goes away on its own and doesn’t cause any health problems. Most people clear the infection in 1-2 years. A very small percent do not – they are the ones who get dysplasia (abnormal cell growth) and cancer. There is no test to predict who those people will be.

HPV leads to genital warts and the majority of cancers of the cervix, reproductive organs, mouth and anus. There are about 26,000 of these cancers in the U.S. each year – and most could be prevented by HPV vaccine.

The vaccine has been available since 2006 and 57 million doses have been given in the U.S. alone. It is very safe and effective. No serious safety concerns have been identified and there has been a significant reduction in infections targeted by the HPV vaccine. HPV vaccine is licensed and recommended for people 9-26 years of age. As with many vaccines, it is most effective to be vaccinated prior to exposure to the infection. Even though it is ideal to get the vaccine as a pre-teen, it is still highly effective in teens and young adults. People who have had sex should also be vaccinated, as the vaccine can still provide a lot of protection.

The HPV vaccine series includes 3 shots: the second one can be given 1-2 months after the first and the third shot should be given at least 6 months following the second. The complete series of 3 shots offers the best protection against infection.

Consider making an appointment for the HPV vaccine, which can be given at the same time as other shots, including the flu shot.

Steele Talkin’ is a monthly feature written by various organization. Deb Knutson, PHN, BSN, RN, is the Steele County Public Health Immunization Coordinator.

Roadway Grill is a work in progress

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Good eats are coming soon to Medford. The old KC Hall building on Main Street in Medford is getting closer and closer to its transformation to the new restaurant, Roadway Grill.

According to owner José Herrera, they are just waiting on permits to begin the remodel. He is hopeful for the remodel to come to a complete in November.

Herrera is the long-time owner of Mexican restaurants in the area: Plaza Morena Campestre Grill in Owatonna, Gran Plaza Mexican Grill in Faribault and El Moleno Mexican Restaurant in Waseca.

Herrera and his partners purchased the building in Medford last September. The building has most recently served as a church. Being an old KC Hall, the building was already fully equipped with a full kitchen and bar. As far as the remodel goes, Herrera said that one could expect an atmosphere similar to that of the Plaza Morena Campestre Grill in Owatonna. “We also will have a full service bar

and sport televisions to kind of create that atmosphere,” said Herrera.

Herrera said that because there were many Mexican restaurants in areas surrounding Medford, he decided to serve more American food such as hamburgers, steak, pork chops, fries and cheesy fries. While the main focus is American food, Herrera said that they will also serve fajitas, nachos and quesadillas entrees.

Herrera said that a driving force behind the decision to open a restaurant in Medford was the fact that their restaurants in Faribault and Owatonna often received many guests from the Medford area. “People would complain to us that there were nothing there for that ‘out-to-eat/bar-and-grill’ experience,” said Herrera. “People were looking for something in this area.”

While part of the building will function as the restaurant, a large portion of the building will function as a rental hall. “I’m excited. The rental hall will be available for meetings or events. There will be screen, power point and the technology necessary for meetings and presentations,” said Herrera.

The restaurant portion of the building seats 94 and the rental hall seats 250 people.

Herrera hopes to have a grand opening once all is done. He said that there will be announcements regarding the grand opening at a later date. “We’re so anxious to be there and happy to be doing business there!” he said.

FAIR TALK

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club.org. All other registrations will take place beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Owatonna High School on race day.

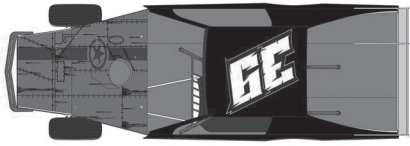
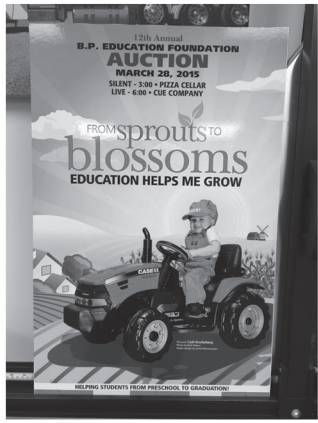
Proceeds from the event are used to provide student scholarship awards to OHS seniors who electively participate in the Owatonna Rotary’s STRIVE program.

Dates of the 2015 SCFF are Aug. 18 through Aug. 23. Check the fair website at www.scff.org. The fair office phone is 507-451-5305.

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Owatonna Living

Steele County American Dairy Association announces coloring contest winners



Submitted photo Sophie Oswald and Jack Thamert of Owatonna have been chosen as the winners in the Steele County American Dairy Association's Dairy Month coloring contest which was held throughout the month of June. Pictured from left to right are Oswald, Leah Rieck, Steele County Dairy Princess, Paul Vogtlin, store manager of Fareway Foods in Owatonna, and Thamert. The contest was held in conjunction with the dairy association's Breakfast on the Farm promotion in June.

Owatonna Owls play 1860s vintage base ball game



Submitted photo The Owatonna Owls played a 1860s vintage base ball game in Owatonna as part of the festivities of the Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza against the Rochester Roosters. The Roosters won in a close game. Above are the Owatonna Owls. In the front row, from left to right, are Mike "Meatball" Oeltjenbruns, "Uncle Jerry" Besser, Will "Bogart" Partridge, Andy "Brother Roy" Oeltjenbruns, Jon "Birdman" Partridge and Roy "Conehead" Koenig. In the second row are Matt "Happy Feet" Butler, Tim "Toolman" Ulrich, James "Lahey" Wagoner, Jake "Tator Salad" Miller, Will "Tiny" Crowley, Bill "Billy Bones" Traetow and Dan "Screwball" Richter.

New director begins at Owatonna Business Incubator

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

While Bill Owens just stepped into his position as the new director of the Owatonna Business Incubator, he has been interested in the Owatonna Business Incubator for a few years. "I have always known that I had an interest in working for the incubator; it was just a stroke of good fortune that the position became available," said Owens.

Owens began on July 21. Previous director Doug Johnson has spent a few weeks with Owens showing him the ropes. Johnson's last day was Wednesday, July 29. Johnson announced that he would be leaving about a year ago. He is leaving the Owatonna Business Incubator to work with his wife in her accounting firm, Johnson & Doerhoefer CPA in Blooming Prairie.

Though most recently Owens worked as a substitute teacher for the Owatonna area, he has served for about 25 years as a banker in communities in Minnesota and Iowa for nearly 25 years. Owens' wife is a teacher at the Owatonna junior high, and they have two children. He is also involved in the Hospitality House in Owatonna.

It is clear that Owens is excited for his new position when he talks about the value of entrepreneurship. "It's a little known fact that bankers live vicariously through entrepreneurs," laughed Owens.

Johnson and Owens agreed that the interesting part about the director position is that one can bring different strengths and backgrounds, as there is no "right way" to do it. Both Owens and Johnson explained the position as the support for businesses. Owens looks forward to using his strong background to provide financial insight.

Within Owens' experience as a lender, he said that it can be "heart-wrenching to make those decisions." "As a lender, the greatest thing I've ever done is not grant them the loan. I'm always looking out for their best interest," said Owens. "Lenders look at protecting the assets of the bank, so the lender wants to see all parties involved succeed, including the borrower."



Staff photo by Anna Segner Previous Owatonna Business Incubator director Doug Johnson poses for a photo with new director Bill Owens.

"It is always to get behind people who mean well," remarked Owens. "I have to look out for people and think about 'how do we make this a business,' and it's tough sometimes when people come in and they're all excited."

When it comes to goals, Owens would like to see more businesses graduating out of the building, and more businesses coming into the building. That being said, he would like to see more of the building be utilized.

Owens and Johnson agree that Owatonna's economic development is strong in that there are opportunities to succeed as a small business owner. The Owatonna Business Incubator currently rents space to Planet Air, Gopher Sport, Cybex, and Foam Craft, to name a few.

The Owatonna Business Incubator is a non-profit and is often explained in two phases. One: The incubator consists of a 40,000 square foot building. That space can be leased out for the appropriate size per business, until they add more as they grow, or eventually move out to own building. Two: The incubator provides business consulting.

"It is important to remind people that the incubator is essential for this town," said Johnson. "And nobody is going to wear a sign around their neck says 'entrepreneur,' but we are here to help start up small businesses."

As for Owens, he is stepping up to the position with vim and vigor. He wears his passion for entrepreneurship and the Owatonna Business Incubator on his sleeve.

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New stage at Steele County Free Fair features Pillsbury campers



By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Steele County Free Fair is adding a new stage located to the east of the 4-H building. The new stage will feature the "Thank a Farmer Magic Show" and a variety of acts performed by campers from Camp Pillsbury.

Camp Pillsbury founder and executive director Vonda White said that these acts will reflect what the campers have worked on during their time at Camp Pillsbury. The acts will be anything from dance, juggling, tumbling, singing, playing instruments or performing magic tricks.

Circus art is taught at the camp, and many of the shows will certainly incorporate that art form. White said that campers will have the opportunity to perform what interests them.

White said that the camp performed two shows during the fair last year, but they are elated to be able to perform three times a day on the new stage. "We are a performing arts camp, so it is important to give the kids a chance to get up on stage and perform for an audience," said White. "We want to provide them as many performance opportunities as possible."

"The stage is a new opportunity for us, and entertainment is what we want to be known for," remarked White. She

said that each act will be unique and performed by kids. "The circus art is unique and even more unique that it is being performed by kids."

Many of the campers are local, but White said that many campers are coming from other states and other countries such as China, Japan, Ireland and England. She confirmed that there is a dance instructor from London that will be teaching dance routines, and this individual is bringing some of their dance students from London.

White said that she is working with the musician Usher and his scholarship program "New Look" to do some collaborating; however, this is a work in progress. Camp Pillsbury will also be performing at the Mall of America in August.

White said that the new stage is a great opportunity for Camp Pillsbury, and she hopes the relationship with SCFF continues to grow. "We'd love to have a trapeze in front of the stage, but one step at a time!" laughed White.

The Steele County Fair is also looking forward to the campers' performances. "We thought it would be a great opportunity to show and promote Camp Pillsbury while providing more entertainment," said SCFF Secretary/Manager Jim Gleason.



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Corn, soybeans heading toward earlier harvest

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

With the 2015 growing season heading towards the final stretch, farmers and agriculture officials agree that crop growth in southern Minnesota is ahead of last year.

The United States Department of Agriculture, which reports crop progress throughout the country on a weekly basis, said last week that both corn and soybeans growth was ahead of last year's average and the five-year average.

Ninety four percent of the corn was past the silking stage last week, compared to 82 percent last year and 88 percent for the five year average. That was an increase from 82 percent the previous week.

For soybeans, 98 percent were blooming and 73 percent had set pods. At this time last year 90 percent of the beans were blooming but only 42 percent were setting pods.

Local corn and soybean farmer Bruce Schmoll said that weather conditions in the spring were better this year than last year which has contributed to the crop being farther along this year. In 2014 late winter snows delayed planting followed by some heavy spring rains.

With farmers able to get into their fields earlier this year the crops are progressing at a more "normal" pace, he said.

Schmoll said he anticipated that the corn harvest could be underway on some fields by the third week in September with soybean harvests starting a few weeks later.

While the crops are maturing on schedule the condition of the crops are also good this year.



Staff photo by Karen Jorgensen
Bruce Schmoll of Claremont showed a group of Japanese meat buyers how soybeans are grown in the United States during a visit by the group to his farm last summer. Schmoll said that this year's soybean and corn crops are doing well and that corn harvesting will likely begin by the third week of September and soybeans shortly thereafter.

Corn condition statewide is rated at 87 percent good or excellent, according to the USDA. Based on the 20 percent of the crop in the dough stage or beyond, the USDA rated the crop equal to last year but four days ahead of the five year average. For soybeans, the USDA rated 81 percent of the crop good to excellent. Soybeans were rated as nine days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the five year average.

This season is also seeing favorable moisture rates. For 88 percent of the crops topsoil moisture was adequate with five percent having a surplus. Only

seven percent was short, the USDA said. Ninety percent of crops had an adequate subsoil moisture with four percent seeing a surplus. Only six percent was reported short on moisture.

Schmoll added that a good growing season and a good crop does not automatically transfer into a good year for producers.

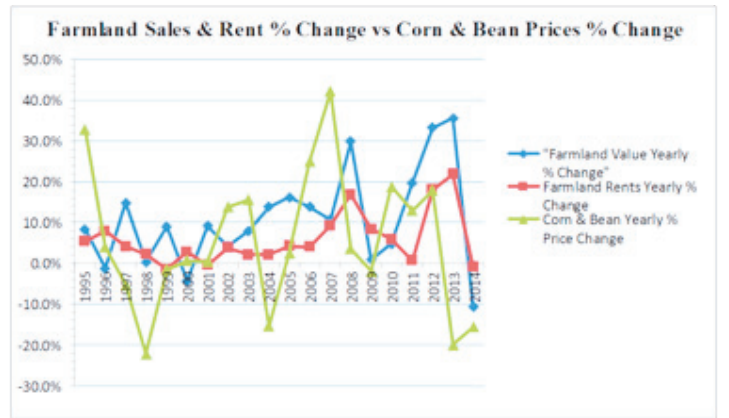
Both corn and soybean prices remain low, he said, and the cost of farming, including land rental continues to rise.

While corn and soybeans dominate the southern Minnesota landscape, numerous other crops are grown throughout Minnesota.

Statewide, alfalfa hay's second cutting is 94 percent complete compared to 74 percent last year and the third cutting is at 21 percent compared to 12 percent last year. The third cutting was five days ahead of last year. Hay was rated at 81 percent good to excellent.

For other Minnesota crop conditions, potatoes were ranked at 93 percent good to excellent while sugar beets were at 85 percent good to excellent. Barley was rated at 64 percent good to excellent.

Relationship between corn and soybean prices verses land value and rents



By DAVID BAU
U of M Extension Educator – Agriculture Business Management

I receive many questions daily about land rents and land values and what direction they are going in the near future and long term. Corn and soybean prices have fallen from record highs in recent years to a level that presents a challenge for farmers to generate a profit. I thought I would try to put together a chart that correlates the relationship between these three items.

I put together a list of average farmland values in Southwestern Minnesota from 1994 thru 2014 average Southern Minnesota cropland cash rental rates and average prices received by farmers for corn and soybeans sold each year. Next I took the percentage yearly change for each and compared the results to each other in Table 1 below. The

average change in land values is indicated by diamonds, the average change in Farmland Rental Rates is indicated by squares and the average change in corn and soybean prices is indicated by triangles.

From 1994 to 1995 all three had increases in values with corn & soybean prices increasing by an average of 32.9%, while farmland sales prices increased by 8.4% and farmland rental rates by 5.3 %. In 1996 farmland sales prices declined by 1.3% while corn and soybean prices increased by 4.1% and rents by 7.9%.

In the last 20 years, there were seven years where corn and soybean prices were negative, while farmland sale prices and farmland rental rates were in negative territory three years.

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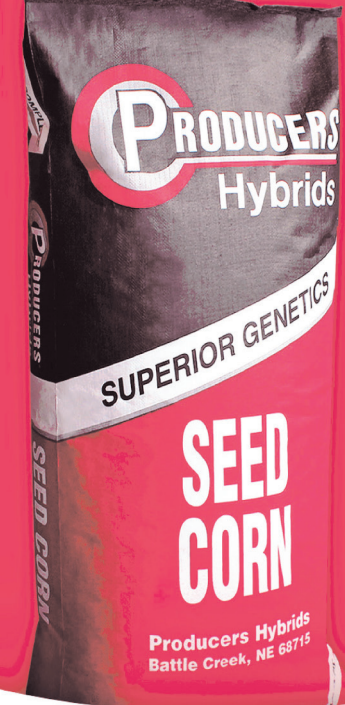


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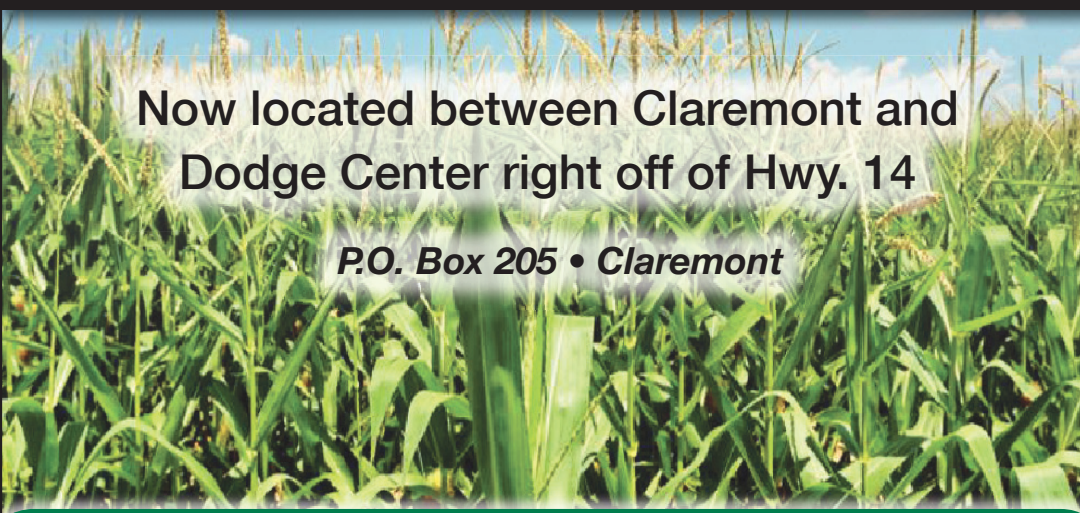
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During the 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork, Minnesota farmers made substantial progress on small grain harvest during the week ending August 9, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Timely rains arrived at the end of the week, benefitting row crop development. Other field activities for the week included spraying and scouting for aphids.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Fifty-two percent of Minnesota's corn acreage was in the dough stage or beyond, 4 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 89 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week. Ninety percent of the soybean crop was setting pods or beyond, almost 2 weeks ahead of last year and average. Soybean condition rated 83 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week. Corn and soybean conditions were rated at their highest levels since 2010. Almost half of the barley crop was harvested during the week, the second largest portion harvested in a week on record, trailing only late July to early August in 1990.

Oat harvest advanced to 55 percent complete, slightly ahead of normal.

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News

UCare meeting offers Medicare information for area seniors

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Health insurance is complicated. That’s why UCare is hosting a series of informational meetings, designed to help seniors navigate the complex process of choosing and maintaining a Medicare plan.

Last week, UCare’s Medicare Marketing and Community Relations Representative Marla Valentino-Wiste paid a visit to the Blooming Prairie Senior Center to provide general information about Medicare. During the session, she encouraged audience members to ask questions and also provided a plethora of resources they could use to learn more after the meeting.

“Lots of people struggle to make decisions about health care,” Valentino-Wiste said. Many people are insured by group plans offered by their employer. Once they retire, however, they are required to seek a new plan, which can be daunting. To help educate seniors, UCare is sponsoring a series of meetings held across the state, which take place all year long.

“Today, we are offering basic information about Medicare, the different parts of Medicare and the different options they have that can work with Medicare,” Valentino-Wiste said.

Medicare, a national health insurance program, offers health insurance coverage to most people age 65 and older who meet the eligibility requirements. The program is administered by the federal government and, on average, covers roughly 50 percent of overall health care expenses. Medicare is also called “the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).”



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Marla Valentino-Wiste offers information during last Thursday’s meeting.

Valentino-Wiste explains that many people may confuse Medicare with Medicaid, also known as “Medical Assistance.” Medicaid, administered by the state, offers hospital and medical coverage for people living with a low income and limited resources.

During Thursday’s presentation, Valentino-Wiste provided information about the four parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C and D: hospital insurance, medical insurance, Medicare Advantage and outpatient prescription drug insurance.) She also covered eligibility, enrollment, health plan options, election periods and extra options for additional financial assistance.

Other informational meetings will take place in Marshall, New Ulm, St. James, Rochester, Ivanhoe, Albert Lea, Austin and Jackson. For exact meeting dates and times, visit www.ucare.org.

To learn more about Medicare or Medicaid, call 1-800-633-4227 at any time, or visit www.medicare.gov.

May public record

Steele County Births May 2015

Diego Moises Avila, Parents: Laura Usueta and Eric Avila, May 1.
Logan Emery Fletcher, Parents: Laura and Justin, May 1.
Liam Mark Caywood, Parents: Kelly and Anthony, May 2.

Bryanna Sophia Padilla-Salguero, Parents: Meidy Salguero and Mario Padilla, May 2.
Dale John Wetzel, Parents: Michelle and Nathan, May 3.
Ewan Quinn McCulloch, Parents: Stephanie and Brent, May 3.
Beckett Robert Frantzen, Parents: Michelle and Jessica, May 4.
Fowzia Abdirashid Jama, Parents: Fatuma Ahmed and Abdirashid Muse, May 5.

Maxx Avery Ahrens, Parents: Melissa and Nolan, May 5.
Theresa Mae Knudtson, Parents: Naomi and Joshua, May 6.
Alexa Nicole Curry, Parents: Sarah Zasoski and Joseph Curry, May 6.

Violet Yukari Wimer, Parents: Cassandra and Jeremy, May 6.
Henry Frederick Davis, Parents: Lauren and Jonathan, May 6.
Ana-Sofia Cruz, Parents: Melissa Cruz and Santiago Cruz-Ramos, May 7.

William Thomas Hosper, Parents: Jessica and Nathan, May 8.
Violet Mae Fell, Parents: Cassie and Tyler, May 8.
Clara Ann Ebenhoh, Parents: Vikki and Alexander, May 11.
Brooklyn Rose Grunwald, Parents: Mercedes Reyes and Riley Grunwald, May 11.
Riley Jordan Wiersma, Parents: Breana and Chad, May 11.
Trinoty Loris Donavan, Parents: Toni and Jay, May 12.
Sydney Krassin Selvik, Parents: Meghan and Todd, May 15.

Julia Mae Newhouse, Parents: Monica and Samuel, May 17.
Hazel Eve Proehl, Parents: Kensi and Patrick, May 19.
Abbey Lee Buhmann, Parents: Cynthea and Brian, May 19.

Charli Rae Thorson, Parents: Lisa and Dustin, May 20.
Isla Leilani Nicolette Rhodes, Parents: Nicole and Peter, May 21.

Gracie Jo Berg, Parents: Carlie and William, May 22.
Abel Mathew Volsen, Parents: Rachael and Adam, May 25.
Alaina Josephine Matejcek, Parents: Nicole and Eric, May 25.

Brickman Glen Nelson, Parents: Charity and Jeffery, May 26.
Nolan Kenneth Sunnarborg, Parents: Melanie and Joseph, May 26.
Ella Ruth Meinke, Parents: Virginia and Willie, May 27.
Hamda Ahmed Muhumed, Parents: Hawa Abdi and Ahmed Hassan, May 28.

Dresden Charles Petersen, Parents: Breanne and Michael, May 29.
Peyton Thomas Webb, Parents: Jessica and Patrick, May 29.
Carter Michael Waters, Parents: Brittany Leidall and Ryan Waters, May 30.

Steele County Deaths May 2015

Walter William Granberg, 91, Alamo, TX, May 5.
Jeffrey Richard Loken, 54, Owatonna, May 6.
Arlene Ardith Souvie, 84, Owatonna, May 7.

Loren Dale Rasmussen, 79, Blooming Prairie, May 7.
Jeffrey M. Mahlum, 62, Owatonna, May 8.
Glen James Stoltz, 70, Owatonna, May 8.

Carl Albert Swanson, 99, Owatonna, May 10.
Judith Kae Kollar, 69, Blooming Prairie, May 11.
Linda Ruth Baxter, 84, Owatonna, May 16.

Margaret Dawn Grebe, 89, Owatonna, May 20.
Lorraine Helen Habiger, 82, Owatonna, May 22.
Anton Peter Dammen, 82, Blooming Prairie, May 26.
James Raymond Graf, 57, Owatonna, May 27.
Carroll Cooper Denton, 93, Owatonna, May 28.

Virginia Margaret Cashman,

91, Blooming Prairie, May 29.
Kenneth J. Dilleuth, 84, Owatonna, May 29.

Steele County Marriages May 2015

Bhasker Sharma and Cassie Lavonne Raymond, May 4.
Jay Brian Horner and Kirsten Jo Hogberg, May 9.
Todd Paul Repke and Maria Del Consuelo Gutierrez Blanco, May 10.
Allen George Orwick and Carolyn Yamit Aquino, May 16.
Patrick John Boyd and Rachel Elizabeth Hofdahl, May 16.
David Arthur Berg and Beverly Lalainia Hart, May 16.
Melvin Danilo Flores Redondo and Maria Elva Mendez Demedrano, May 16.
Jacob Raymond Hines and Heather Lynn Zak, May 16.
Justin Daryl Kubicek and Chandra Marie Webster, May 16.

Achmat Richards and Janice Carrie Olson, May 16.
Jeremy James Saufferer and Emily Louise Joan Thompson Belmore, May 16.
Andrew Mark Schuur and April Leigh Proper, May 18.
Colin John Dodds and Jessica Danielle Rose, May 22.
Kellie James Hensley and Miranda Lynn Adam, May 23.
Jason Frank Rubedor and

Hallie Michelle Ehrich, May 23.
Paul David Larson Jr. and Abigail Faith Levy, May 23.
Joshua Duane Johnsen and Kari Jo Brekke, May 24.
Christopher Lee Dahlenburg and Leann Marie Brown, May 27.

Daniel Jonathan Bell and Jessica Ruth Deneui, May 30.
Keith Donald Grunklee and Jacqueline Marie Barth, May 30.
Joshua Wayne Hertle and Teresa Lynn Spurgeon, May 30.

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Justin Matthew Vosejpka and Amber Nicole Vosejpka.
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Mariano Alexandro Carreon Balderas and Berenice Cardenas Cardona.
Candace Lynn Dilleuth and Kevin Jon Dilleuth.
David Arthur Hissam and Lisa Leann Hissam.
Joel Lamont Timmerman and Julie Lynn Timmerman.
Deborah Dawn Fox and Justin Leroy Fox.
Glenn A. Gaunt and Lynee E. Gaunt.

CORN AND SOYBEAN

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Is there anything to learn from the chart? There is a trend between all three with corn and soybean prices the most volatile, followed by farmland values and with farmland rents more stable. There is definitely a year or two lag in the reaction of farmland sales and rental rates following the direction in corn and soybean prices.

From 2013 to 2014 farmland sales declined by 10.7% and farmland rents declined by .9% while corn and soybean prices declined by 15.7%. With corn and soybean prices in negative territory, this should indicate lower farmland sale prices and lower farmland rental rates unless prices go up dramatically in the near future.

Honors

Tyler Cozine, AA, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Jessica Esse, AA, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Honors, and Ashley Hill, AA, Liberal Arts and Sciences, all of Blooming Prairie, graduated from Rochester Community and Technical College in Spring Semester 2015. The College’s 99th Commencement Ceremony was held on May 14, 2015, in the Regional Sports Center. A video of the Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremony can be viewed at www.rctc.edu/graduation.

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Employment CONNECTION

The 3 biggest unconscious biases in hiring decisions may surprise you

1. We gravitate toward people who are similar to us.

According to the similarity-attraction hypothesis, we tend to like people who are similar to us — whether that means they come from the same state or sport the same haircut.

One way to explain that phenomenon, Madan Pillutla, Ph.D. said, is that people with a decent level of self-esteem are satisfied with their personalities. So when they see their qualities reflected in someone else, they tend to like that person, too. Another potential explanation, which is slightly harder to test, is that people have evolved to like people who look and act the way they do. At one point in human history, it was important to trust only people in your small social group. Even though that behavior is no longer necessary today, we can still act as though it is. The problem, Pillutla said, is that “if I keep hiring people like myself, very soon I’ll have an organization of people who think similarly, who act similarly.” Yet research suggests that diversity of backgrounds and perspectives is important to a company’s success.

2. We base our decisions on stereotypes about people’s competencies.

One common example of stereotyping, Pillutla said, is that Americans tend to assume Indians who come to the US are skilled at math. So American hiring managers might be inclined to select an Indian candidate for a math-heavy position because they think he or she will excel in that role — even though it’s possible another candidate could be more skilled in that area. But while it’s possible to unlearn ethnic biases, “stereotypes about gender tend to be a little deeper” and harder to reverse, Pillutla said. For example, one recent study found that people were more likely to hire a male candidate over a female candidate to perform a mathematical task, even when they learned that the candidates would perform equally well.

3. We’re wary of anyone who we perceive as a threat to our status in the organization.

Pillutla and his colleagues recently published some of the first research on this topic. In an organization with a highly competitive culture, managers might be disinclined to bring on someone more competent than they are, especially if they feel insecure in their role. “Even if people are well-meaning and well-intentioned, it’s very difficult to act against your own self interest” by hiring someone who could outperform you, Pillutla said. In terms of countering these three biases, Pillutla pointed to recent changes in the way musicians audition for spots in an orchestra. Now, many orchestras hold “blind auditions,” in which the musicians play behind a screen, so they don’t know what the candidates look like. As a result, they’ve accepted more women. In fact, some companies in other fields have already adopted similar hiring strategies. Alternatively, Pillutla said, “It’s not entirely outside of the realm of possibility that for a lot of jobs we don’t even need to interview people.” Instead, employers could have candidates come in and work for a day, so that they could see how those candidates would really perform. This is potentially a more objective strategy that could make it harder to let our biases influence our decisions.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 27, 2009 MORTGAGOR: Margaret D. Howe, a single woman. MORTGAGEE: Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 28, 2009 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000365602. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated February 5, 2015 Recorded February 12, 2015, as Document No. A000400743. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. 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. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,102.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Irene Rosales, a single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100053612101765390 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Primelending, a Plainscapital Company SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 15, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000387332 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: October 3, 2013 filed: October 15, 2013, recorded as document number A000394082 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Six (6) Rods of East Four (4) Rods of Lot Five (5), Block Six (6), in Phelps Addition to the City of Owatonna PROPERTY ADDRESS: 251 East University St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-101-0610 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,218.44 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 4, 2015, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or

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Steele County

STEEL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, August 31st, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit application. Witte Brothers has requested to renew Conditional Use Permit #256 allowing the mining of sand and gravel in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 11, Lemond Township. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
June 11, 2015

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rodney Krell, Pam Hameister, Jon Sunde, Kathi Peterson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Braaten, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau
ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools
DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the June 15, 2015, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hameister
Clerk of the Schoo Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
June 15, 2015

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

OPEN FORUM – No comments.

I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON

II. ROLL CALL - CLERK Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten. Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Kathi Peterson
ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools; Elementary Principal; Assistant Principal; Member of the Press
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Rodney Krell to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of the June payroll amount and resignation of Erik Vigeland as golf coach. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Reports given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Mr. Olson.

V. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignations, Employment Motion by Rodney Krell and seconded by Kathi Peterson to approve minutes, bills, treasurer's report, resignations, and employment. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
B. FY '16 Preliminary Budget Motion by Kathi Peterson and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve the FY '16 preliminary budget. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
C. Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Kathi Peterson to approve a resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Graduation Honors Discussion took place regarding graduation honors. It was noted that fifty to sixty percent of schools have gone away from having a Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
B. Committee Reports A report update was given by the following committees: Education Foundation, MSBA & MSHSL, Negotiations, Steele County Collaborative, Technology and ZED.
C. Enrollment Data Enrollment for the 2014-15 school year as of May 29, 2015, is 412 at the elementary school and 297 at the high school (286 attending BPHS and 11 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 8 seniors and 3 juniors which will all attend full-time.
D. Dates to Note. The Board noted dates of importance.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
Superintendent Olson gave a recap of an MDE legislative meeting he attended on June 11th along with information on the following: extended days for Blossom Academy, changes to Health and Safety; complexity of special education funding; and testing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Rodney Krell and seconded by Jon Sunde to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
Tentatively, a School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, July 20, 2015, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).
A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$134,982.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Kendall M. Gallardo, a married person MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 10002120000987676 SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association LENDER: U.S. Bank National Association. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Steele County Minnesota, Recorder, on July 22, 2010, as Document No. A000372406. ASSIGNED TO: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Dated: March 19, 2014, and recorded March 27, 2014 by Document No. A000396204. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7), Block Twenty-Four (24), in Johnson and Company's Addition to the Village of Medford. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 305 3rd St SW, Medford, MN 55049 PROPERTY I.D.: 161012407 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 27/100 (\$140,888.27) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM on September 18, 2015 PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, in the Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 18, 2016, or the next business day if March 18, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: August 4, 2015

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Molten rocks
7. More (Spanish)
10. Artists' workrooms
12. Radiant light around an object
13. More threadbare
14. Moses' elder brother
15. Become aware of
16. Exclamation of relief
17. Swiss river
18. Mimics
19. Colored fabric
21. A bunch of bills
22. Despised
27. "Today's" Roker
28. "Twilight Zone" host
33. Three-toed sloth
34. Actor
36. Lawyer's organization
37. Maldives capital
38. In bed

CLUES DOWN

1. Unkind
2. Vestments
3. A derisive remark
4. Japanese apricot
5. They —
6. Soviet Socialists Republics
7. Arad river
8. Lined up one beside another
9. Diego, Francisco or

39. Wedgelike metal fastener
40. Winglike structures
41. Mesoamerican resin
44. Glasses
45. Green
48. Large South American burrowing rodent
49. Shoulder blades
50. Noah's boat
51. A female ogre

- Anselmo
10. One who analyzes metals
11. To that place
12. Expressed pleasure
14. Fills with horror
17. Find a sum
18. Cognizant
20. Female making debut in society
23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. A group of three
25. And, Latin
26. Fall back time
29. What was that?
30. Inches per minute (abbr.)
31. American/Canadian falls
32. North Palestine region
35. Bird beak
36. Manila hemp

38. Smart
40. Three-banded armadillo
41. Short cloak
42. Scops owl genus
43. 100 = 1 afghani
44. A health resort
45. Equal, prefix
46. Microgram
47. Make imperfect

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ABOVE: A participant in last Wednesday's golf tournament at the Blooming Prairie Country Club golfs beside the pink ribbon, painted by volunteers on the course for the occasion.
RIGHT: Jena Pace, Sam McCamy and Jenny Flaherty enjoy refreshments after a lively round of horseshoes. In addition to a game of golf, participants were encouraged to take part in games including horseshoes, Yahtzee and more. All proceeds from the event benefit the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group.



ABOVE: Sherry Ahrens rolls the dice during a game of Yahtzee during the tournament.



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