

The Steele County Times office will be closed Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day

STEELE COUNTY Times



\$1 Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Serving Blooming Prairie and Steele County since 1893

\$12.6 million public works building moves forward

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

After years of discussion on how and what to build for the public works building, the County Board of Commissioners has decided to move forward with Option 2, the \$12.6 million dollar public works building. The building will replace the old highway maintenance op-

erations complex on Hoffman Drive that was damaged from flooding in 2010.

Option 2, the motion of the \$12.6 million building passed 3 to 2 on Tues. evening Aug. 25. The decision was later criticized by present community members.

James “Corky” Ebeling led discussion in terms of “building for the future” Tues. evening. “The only way government can

save money is to build for the future and try to save it that way,” remarked Ebeling. “In my district, it’s a very mass majority of people saying ‘do what’s right,’ so I’m going to stick with that and do what I believe is right and build for the future.”

Ebeling’s idea of “building for the future” with Option 2 was also held by Commissioners Nina Huntington and Mark

Schultz. Huntington shared her thoughts prior to the vote that Option 2 was the “best investment for tax payers in the long run.”

Schultz commented that if he were to vote based on the comments of constituents, he would be voting four ways. “It’s a very, very hard decision, and I tell you what, I’ve got a lot of comments from a lot of different people

and it’s been spread out.”

The motion was opposed by Commissioners James Brady and John Glynn.

Prior to the vote, Brady admitted that he was in favor of the other option, for he found “now to be a good time to give tax payer a breath of fresh air.”

“The smaller building ain’t the end of the world. We can always build bigger, but if you

go big, you can never go back,” said Brady. “I’ll be voting the other way.”

Glynn opted to not comment prior to the vote Thursday evening.

The decision, of course, was between Option 2 and Option

BUILDING DECISION
Continued on Page 2A

Blooming Prairie Fire Department hosts fundraiser



Blooming Prairie Fire Marshall Joe Morgan demonstrates the impact of throwing water on a grease fire during a Blooming Prairie Fire Department fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 29.



The Blooming Prairie Fire Department hoisted the American flag high above the Serviceman’s Club using a fire truck ladder.

Pastor Heidi Heimgartner honored at United Way kick-off event

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

In 2014, United Way-funded programs provided services to 816 Blooming Prairie residents. As they work to offer those same services in the coming year, United Way also took time to host a community event in Blooming Prairie last Tuesday.

That night, one community member also received special recognition as the LIVE UNITED Award recipient. United Way of Steele County Executive Director Kim Schaufenbuel presented the award to Heidi Heimgartner and thanked her for embodying the values that drive the United Way. Heimgartner is Associate Pastor of First Lutheran Church and has also volunteered with the local chapter of American Association of

University Women (AAUW), the Blooming Prairie Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Community Christmas Drive, the Ministerial Association and others.

Heimgartner said that her entire family makes an effort to give back to their community and to support United Way’s efforts. The family moved to Blooming Prairie in 1999 and quickly became involved in the community. Heimgartner said that her husband, Paul, is also deserving of the award for his strong support of United Way, and shared that they strive to teach their two sons, Luke and Jon, about the importance of giving back to others.

During Tuesday’s program, Heimgartner encouraged audi-

LIVE UNITED
Continued on Page 3A



Heidi Heimgartner was named the recipient of the LIVE UNITED Award, presented by United Way of Steele County on Tuesday evening. Heimgartner is pictured with United Way of Steele County’s Executive Director Kim Schaufenbuel, Heimgartner’s husband, Paul, and sons Luke and Jon.

Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 7

The Steele County Times office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day. Office hours will resume as normal on Tuesday, Sept. 8, but subscribers may receive their Sept. 9 edition a day late.

“The Siding Without the QUACKS”

We focus on siding, gutters, and windows.

Locally Owned and Family Operated since 1987

www.abcseamless.com 2205 Austin Road • Owatonna, MN 55060 Ph: 507-455-3216 • Toll FREE: 800-559-3216

Seamless Steel Siding
Seamless Steel Gutters
Seamless Log Siding
Windows & Patio Doors
Hurricane Leaf Protection

12 MONTHS NO INTEREST FINANCING AVAILABLE

Serving:
Steele, Rice, Olmsted & Winona Counties

Opinion/News

Our view

Technology, in moderation, can be beneficial

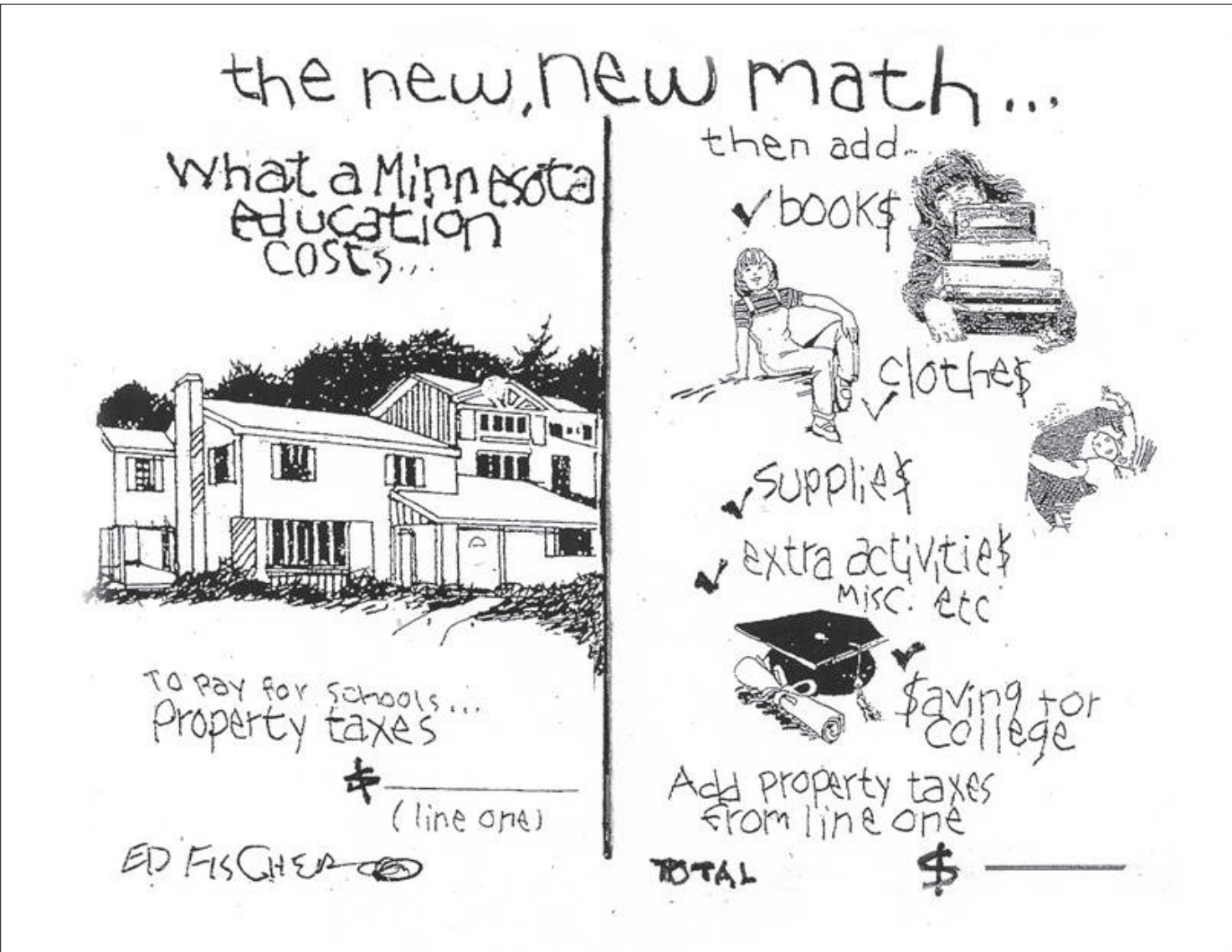
As the school year begins, students will tote their books, pencils and backpacks to and from school each day. For many area students, technological tools such as iPads, Chromebooks and laptops are also necessary to complete their schoolwork.

Technology, when used properly, can be a great educational asset. Credible, peer-reviewed websites and databases can provide valuable information for research-related projects, and visits to reputable news websites can also allow easy access to current events worldwide. Teachers and students can share information, notes and assignments on sites like Moodle. Students can also learn useful skills as they work with computer programs that organize data, allow for creative design and much more. And, there's never been a more exciting time to pursue a career in industrial technology, as today's students have access to a wealth of resources and constantly advancing programs and equipment.

Many area schools encourage students to remain aware of technological advances and may even "loan" equipment to the students, such as laptops or tablets, for the duration of the school year. As the students become familiar with the devices and use them to enhance their education, they often learn another valuable lesson in the process. Students who are assigned or loaned devices through their school are also tasked with taking good care of those items, ensuring the devices remain in good condition and are used for their intended purpose. At the year's end, if the equipment is not returned, or is returned in poor condition, the student (or their parents) may be required to pay for repairs or a replacement.

While technology can be used to teach many important lessons and to help students grow, it's also important to remember that some low-tech learning opportunities can be just as beneficial. When technology fails, students must be able to find other ways to complete their assignments or get the necessary information. In addition, it's also important for students to develop relationships with their teachers and peers, which can be more meaningful when fostered through face-to-face interactions instead of text messages, emails or interactions through social media.

Just like many other aspects of our lives, technology is something that can be beneficial, when used in moderation. Just as it's helpful to be aware of developing technology and have a working knowledge of popular devices, it's also important to know when to take a break and "unplug" from social media and even smartphones. Maintaining a healthy balance of "high tech" and "low tech" experiences and interactions is a great way to keep life interesting and rewarding.



The importance of folic acid during childbearing years

Are you a woman between adolescence and menopause? Do you know that it is recommended that you take a daily vitamin with folic acid? Do you forget to take your vitamin? Are they too expensive or maybe they make you nauseous or do you think they are not important? These are just some of the reasons why some women do not take their vitamins. A multivitamin with folic acid is very important and all women in the childbearing age should take one daily whether they are trying to get pregnant or not.

It is reported that almost half of all pregnancies are not planned. Taking folic acid before and during pregnancy can help prevent serious birth defects of the spine and brain in babies by up to 70 percent. The folic acid is crucial during the first four weeks of pregnancy when many women do not even know that they are pregnant. It is recommended that women take 400 micrograms of folic acid before

STEELE TALKIN'

Christine Hoffmann

pregnancy and 600-800 micrograms during pregnancy. You may need to take more if there is a history of birth defects. Consult with your doctor about what dose is right for you. If you have questions about what dose to take, your pharmacist is also a great resource. Folic acid is found naturally in foods such as pinto and black beans, lentils, green leafy vegetables such as spinach and romaine lettuce, asparagus, broccoli, peanuts and citrus fruits such as oranges and grapefruits. Some foods are fortified with folic acid as well such as cold

cereals, flour, breads, pasta and crackers. The problem is that it is hard to get enough folic acid from foods alone. Call the Steele County WIC department at 507-444-7660 for more information about nutrition and your pregnancy.

So what do you do if you are one who forgets to take your prenatal vitamin? Some suggestions would be to set a timer on your phone as a reminder or put your vitamins by your toothbrush or on top of the refrigerator so you will see it every day. If the prenatal vitamins are making you nauseous, try taking them at bedtime with a little snack and if that does not work, try two children's vitamins with folic acid but make sure it has the correct amount of folic acid in it. Sometimes a children's vitamin is easier on your stomach. Again contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions about dosing. If you cannot afford the vitamins, check with your insurance company. Some insurances

will pay for prenatal vitamins before, during and after pregnancy. If you do not have insurance yet, come to Steele County Public Health. We have a new prenatal vitamin program where we can give out a 30 day supply of prenatal vitamins to women who cannot afford to purchase them. We can assist you with finding a doctor and getting insurance. Sterling Drug also has a free vitamin program for children ages 2-16. We are here to help you and your family get off to a great start. For questions about your pregnancy or about vitamins call Steele County Public Health at 507-444-7650 or stop on in at 635 Florence Avenue in Owatonna. We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steele Talkin' is a monthly feature written by various organizations. Christine Hoffmann, PHN, is the Child and Teen Checkups Coordinator for Steele County Public Health.

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

BUILDING DECISION

Continued from Page A1

4. Option 2 is an estimated \$9.6 million facility that is 71,094 square feet. Option 4 was estimated at \$6.9 million facility with 40,996 square feet.

In March, news of the \$1.5 million from Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management towards building could be accounted for in cost. In the spring, Governor Mark Dayton signed a \$373 million borrowing building that included a \$4 million appropriation to Steele County for the project.

With additional funding, the costs were declined to \$7 million for option 2 and only \$3.6 million for option 4. These numbers impact the tax payers.

Many present at the Tuesday evening meeting expressed passionate disappointment with the decision.

Gene Hovey, of Deerfield Township, fervently felt that the board made a "bad decision." He said that he will be

pushing for a referendum because the board "gobbled too much again."

"We're building another Taj Mahal. This is stupid. I'm tired of these bad decisions by this board," exclaimed Hovey. "People are getting fed up around here."

Paul Swenson, of Owatonna, thanked the two commissioners that voted against the motion: James Brady and John Glynn. Swenson criticized the board for listening to opinions of people that have not attended meetings. "You're still not listening, and it disappoints me."

These reactions are reflective of the people present at the meeting but not reflective of the only opinion, as the board mentioned, there are multiple perceptions in the community.

Turn to us for the best

Local Sports Coverage All Year Long!

STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.

STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.

Bussler Publishing Inc.
USPS 058-340
Published weekly on Tuesdays
Postmaster: Send address changes to: Steele County Times
P.O. Box 247
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Phone: (507) 583-4431
Fax: (507) 583-4445
bptimes@frontiernet.net

A STATE AND NATIONAL AWARD WINNING WEEKLY

2015
Seven state awards.

2014
Three state awards.

2013
Seven state awards.
Two national awards.

(Awards presented by Minnesota Newspaper Association and National Newspaper Association)

MINNESOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

STAFF

PublisherRick Bussler
Managing EditorAlan Van Orner
Staff WritersLeMar Nelson
News Editor.....Laura Berndt
County Sports EditorJames Knoop
Office Manager.....Lynn Borchert
Sales Manager.....Julie Snyder
Advertising SalesShauna Christiansen
.....Eileen Johnson
Graphic Designers.....Miranda Wadewitz
.....Jamie Klemmensen

DEADLINES

News: Noon Fridays.
Advertising: 4 p.m. Thursdays.

LETTERS POLICY

The opinions of our readers in the form of Letters to the Editor are a vital contribution to the healthy exchange of ideas on the Steele County Times opinion page. All letters must be signed by the writer/writers and include a telephone number for verification purposes. Letters are accepted through personal delivery, by mail or by email at bptimes@frontiernet.net.

Opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Steele County Times and the editor reserves the right to edit letters when necessary. Please limit opinions to no longer than 350 words.

The Steele County Times encourages readers to write letters to the editor as a means of communicating ideas and opinions with others, with a goal being to make the community better for all people.

ETHICS

The Steele County Times editorial staff strives to present the news in a fair and accurate manner. Please bring any grievances against the Steele County Times to the attention of the managing editor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Steele, Dodge, Freeborn & Mower\$38
Elsewhere in Minnesota\$40
Out of state\$42

Second Front Page

Medford Council discusses Scenic Heights

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

A public hearing was held at the latest city council meeting regarding the Scenic Height's street improvements and paving. While costs were received regarding projects, residents of Scenic Heights had thoughts regarding who should be the barer of costs.

The area of concern was the cost of paving the 30 feet of opening (East to West) of the alley off of Third Ave. It was previously decided that the paving of the alley was to be treated as a street. Meaning that, the cost of the pavement is split amongst property owners.

Owner of property in Scenic Heights Bill Heyer felt that since the City of Medford bought a parcel of land from Kavitz /HOA following the contract of 2006 that the city should share in the cost of pavement.

In an email from Heyer to city administrator Andy Welti, he wrote, "My question is, if Kavitz/HOA still owned the parcel, who would be expected to pay the improvements costs from a legal standpoint?" Heyer reiterated this question to the board during the public hearing.

"This is not the way it was supposed to work by contract," said Heyer. "I firmly feel that the city should pick up their portion of the cost."

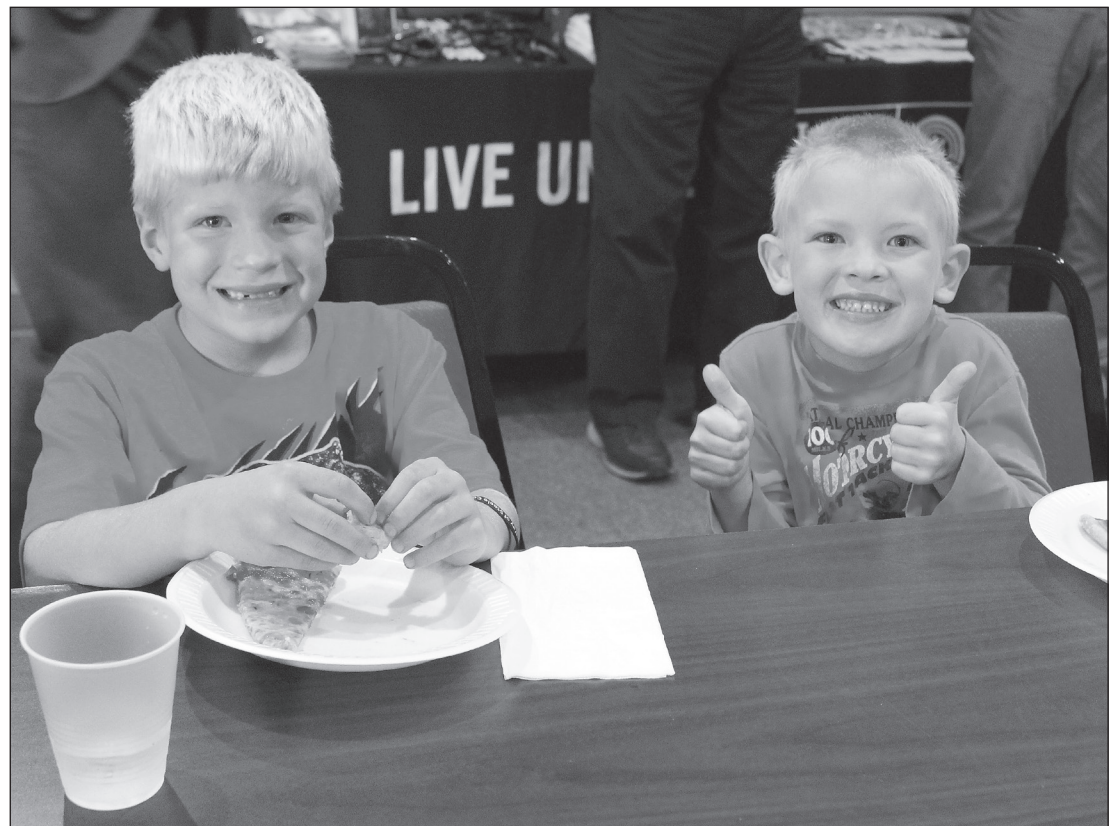
After split up among neighbors, the price of paving this area is "only a couple hundred dollars," but as Heyer and neighbors pointed out: "It's the principle of it."

When the hearing was closed, it was decided that the city share in the cost as a property owner. The cost was very small, and the board decided that the issue was complicated enough that it would likely not come up again.

Needless to say, project engineer Joe Duncan is redoing the assessment to account for the small change, and he told the board to expect to have the complete assessment next month.

LIVE UNITED

Continued from Page 1A



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Matthew and Jackson Farr, of Blooming Prairie, enjoy a piece of pizza during the United Way kick-off event, held at the Pizza Cellar last Tuesday evening.

ence members to consider what they find most meaningful in their lives. She also explained how it's important to advocate for and engage with the people in their community. "Let's celebrate the unique ways we are with and for each other and commit to working with each other," she said. "I share this award with all of you."

Schaufenbuel said that the LIVE UNITED Award is presented to a community member who is both an advocate and volunteer. Community members in Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Owatonna and other locations are recognized for their contributions.

The event, held at the Pizza Cellar, saw an excellent turnout. As guests enjoyed pizza and other refreshments, local musician Dave Williams played a number of tunes. Lucky attendees even took home door prizes. "This is the Blooming Prairie kick-off event for our 2015 fundraising campaign," Schaufenbuel said. "Of course, my hope for tonight is that we will celebrate our past successes in the community, but also that we can get everybody thinking about giving."

Area businesses and individuals alike can help contribute to the United Way programs of-

fered in Steele County, including the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota, Cedar Valley Services, SEMCAC senior nutrition, the Crisis Resource Center, the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity, the Steele County Food Shelf and many others. Schaufenbuel explained that donators can also specify which county they would like their donations to benefit. This year's fundraising goal is \$670,000, which will provide funding to 21 local programs.

Mike Bath, General Manager of NAPA Distribution Center of Owatonna, also spoke about giving back. United Way's 2015 Corporate Campaign Leader, NAPA Distribution Center, sponsored this event.

"I learned something very valuable early on while working for this company," Bath said. "We all have stories. These lives, and these stories, stretch into the community. We're just giving back to the community who has given so much to us throughout the years."

Tanya Paley, Director of Strategic Operations, also provided an update on current United Way programs, including the Farm to Family program, made possible through a partnership between

United Way, Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), Steele County Public Health, the University of Minnesota Extension Office, Mayo Clinic Owatonna, Owatonna Hospital and Centro Campesino. This program allows United Way to offer fresh produce at wholesale cost to area families.

"One of the obstacles we've heard about again and again is the desire to have healthy food for themselves and their families, but on a limited budget," Paley explained. "We're committed to health and are looking for more ways to pull community members together and support healthy living."

Before the program dispersed, Schaufenbuel also recognized the United Way Board of Directors and other supporters. Shane Sattler also thanked the guests for attending the event and showing their support for United Way. "Thank you very much for what you do," he said. "We cannot do this alone."

To learn more about United Way of Steele County, become a volunteer or make a donation, call 507-455-1180 or visit their website at www.unitedwaysteelecounty.org.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Henefield law firm grows with new associate, new services

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The Henefield law firm team of two has become three with the addition of young attorney Jason Iacovino last April 1.

Prior to Iacovino joining the team, attorney Frank Henefield and his assistant, Jean Trotman, made up the roster.

With the addition of a new attorney, services have grown favorably for clients. Henefield has offered estate planning, real estate advice and corporate help in addition to being the city attorney for Blooming Prairie for over 40 years.

Legal services including criminal law, family law and litigation are now available with new attorney Iacovino on board. "Frank has taught me a lot about law in the short time I have been here," Iacovino said. "We definitely have more services than in the past and, in my later years of practice, I will continue to focus on other things," Henefield added.

Iacovino said he enjoys going to court "to get the flavor of how to handle various cases." He said judges have been most welcoming to him being a new attorney active on the court scene. "I'm a natural talker," Iacovino confesses. Critical thinking and public speaking were two of his strong suits in high school, he said.

For the past eight years Iacovino has been a law clerk for Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge Bradley C. Walker. The Fifth District includes 15 counties including Mankato.

Iacovino grew up in Blooming Prairie, graduating from Blooming Prairie High School in 1997, then going to the University of Minnesota, where he earned a journalism degree in 2001. He graduated from St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis in 2006.

Iacovino said he is still "fascinated" with journalism and reflects positively on covering University of Minnesota women's basketball for the Minnesota Daily in the era just before Lindsay Whalen and Janel McCarville.

He was swayed away from journalism and directed to law when his uncle in Phoenix, Arizona asked him to be his legal assistant. Iacovino served there for one year. "I thought I would never come back to Minnesota, but I wanted to be closer to family," he said.

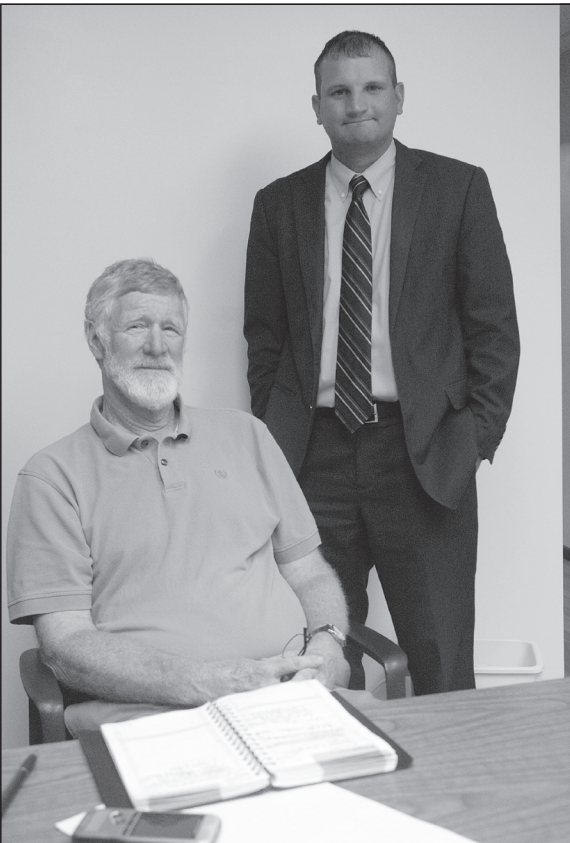
Since his junior year in college, Iacovino has been working part-time for KRFO Radio. He started as a sports announcer providing color commentary. He now does the play-by-play of games, and opened the season last week in Blooming Prairie with the Blossoms hosting Rushford-Peterson. "The announcing and my current job as an attorney keep me close to the community," he said.

Iacovino and wife Shannon have two children, Lauren, age six, and Fletcher, age three.

Henefield hesitates to use the word "retirement" in looking to the future, but says he is definitely looking at cutting back on his workload. "I still enjoy the work," he points out.

A native New Yorker, Henefield migrated to the Midwest and lived his teenage years in Davenport, Iowa. He then moved to Minnesota and attended junior high and senior high in Edina. Following high school, he went to law school at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1971.

Why did Henefield choose law as a career? "Three guys I went to college with were going to be lawyers, and I thought this would by my voca-



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Longtime Blooming Prairie attorney Frank Henefield (seated) has a new associate attorney in Jason Iacovino (standing.) Iacovino came on board with the Henefield law firm last April.

tion," Henefield explained. He said he finished law school, and none of the three friends went to law school.

Henefield said his goal was to locate in rural Minnesota as an attorney. He and wife Norma came to Blooming Prairie in 1971. He first worked for the Walbran law office in Owatonna for two years, joined Jim Mork in practice in Blooming Prairie in 1973 and moved into his own practice in 1976.

Henefield and wife Norma have three children, Traci, of Austin, Kristine, of Eagan, and Cassie, also of Austin. They also have four grandchildren.

It's sort of ironic that Henefield, during his early years, practiced law by being a trial attorney, and now sees that service return to his practice with his legal partner.

Over the years, Henefield said he has seen law standards becoming higher and he has also observed more specialization of law. "It's a constant matter of keeping current," he said. Title companies now exist and, in the past, just attorneys handled these matters, Henefield said.

Research is another area where law has changed, both Henefield and Iacovino attest. Rather than constantly pulling law books off the shelves, attorneys now rely on online databases for information, Iacovino said. He said that, eventually, every legal document will be electronically based.

Working in a small town has been good, Henefield acknowledges. "Being able to help different people has been rewarding, and I am thankful to have been able to serve this community for over 40 years," he said.

"Getting people to trust you and getting results for them are most rewarding," Iacovino believes. "I want everybody to feel comfortable in coming to see me about legal matters," he said.

The Henefield law office is located in downtown Blooming Prairie at 415 E. Main St. Stop by or call 507-583-6663 for an appointment.

WE UNDERSTAND SMALL BUSINESS BECAUSE WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS.

 **Johnson & Doerhoefer P.A.**
583-7528
314 E. Main St. • Blooming Prairie
WWW.JOHNDOERCPA.COM



NOTICE

Monday, Sept. 7
garbage customers will
be picked up on
Saturday, Sept. 5
due to the holiday

Walsh Garbage Service



583-7562

GOT KNEE PAIN?

Get a Pain-Relieving Knee Brace At Little or **No Cost to You**
You May Qualify for Free Shipping
We Do All The Paperwork
Shoulder Braces, Ankle Braces, Back Braces Also Available

Medicare Patients Call Us Right Now
1-800-755-6807

Water Problems?
We can Help!
AMERICAN WATERWORKS
★ Basement Systems ★

•Free Estimates • Financing Available
Toll Free 1-800-795-1204
www.american-waterworks.com
(Cannot be combined with any other offers) Expires 9/7/15

10% OFF
YOUR PROJECT

Call Now 800-259-1096

Are You Still Paying Too Much For Your Medications?

You can save up to **93%** when you fill your prescriptions with our Canadian and International prescription service.



Their Price
Celebrex™
\$832.60
Typical US Brand Price for 200mg x 100

Our Price
Celecoxib™
\$75.56
Generic equivalent of Celebrex™
Generic price for 200mg x 100

Viagra™ \$4,287.27
Typical US Brand Price for 100mg x 40

vs Sildenafil™ \$132.00
Generic Price for 100mg x 40

Get An Extra \$15 Off & Free Shipping On Your 1st Order!

Call the number below and save an additional \$15 plus get free shipping on your first prescription order with Canada Drug Center. **Expires December 31, 2015.** Offer is valid for prescription orders only and can not be used in conjunction with any other offers. Valid for new customers only. One time use per household. **Use code 15FREE to receive this special offer.**

Call Now! 800-259-1096

Please note that we do not carry controlled substances and a valid prescription is required for all prescription medication orders.

Use of these services is subject to the Terms of Use and accompanying policies at www.canadadrugcenter.com.

PAINT BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Pink

LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Paint Blooming Prairie Pink Events

Friday, September 11th

7 p.m. - Live Auction
Under the Big Tent
Outside the Cue Company - Blooming Prairie

Saturday, September 12

10:00 a.m. - 3rd Annual CANCER MEMORIAL
5K Run/Walk - Starting at the "Field of Flags"
(Register 8:30 - 10 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Cut for the Cure \$5 Hair
Cuts Crazy Hair. Face Painting, Chair Massages,
Manicures, Games & Lots of Fun Stuff

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Family Bingo Great
Fun for ALL

6:30 p.m. - STIX of FURY PERFORMANCE

7 p.m. - Live Auction Under the Big Tent
Outside the Cue Company - Blooming Prairie



This section is sponsored by these community businesses

The Cutting Edge
583-2304
128 3rd Street SW • Blooming Prairie

JESSE'S BOOT STORE
112 Hwy 218 South
Blooming Prairie, MN
Office: 507-583-9900
Mon.-Fri.: 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Red Wing • Wolverine • Tony Lama Soft Toe • Steel Toe

**DARRICK'S
PREFERRED AUTO**
583-9994
24/7 Towing 507-440-0093
536 Highway 218 S.
Blooming Prairie
www.darrickspreferredauto.com
FREE SERVICES
(with service work)
• Loaner Cars
• Nitrogen with Tires
• Alignment Checks
• Tire Rotation
• Battery Charging & Checks
• Pickup & Delivery within 15 miles
• Service Light Code Checks
• Free Towing for the year

FLOOR TECH
Tim Wacek • 507-583-2276 • 322 E. Main • Blooming Prairie
Derek Reichl • 507-552-1637 • 2201 E. Main St. • Albert Lea
CARPET • VINYL • HARDWOOD • LAMINATE • CERAMIC TILE

**Koster's
CAR KORNER**
583-2018
136 3rd Ave NE • Blooming Prairie

Prairie Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Authorized Lennox Dealer
438 Hwy Ave. South
P.O. Box 186
Blooming Prairie, MN
(507) 583-7266

frontier
Welcome to the New Frontier
frontier.com - 800-921-8101
507-583-2551
420 1st St. SE • Blooming Prairie

Express Pressure Washers, Inc.
15880 SE 74th Ave
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Ph: 507-583-2703
Celebrating 30 years in business in 2014!
Open Monday to Friday 8:00 to 5:00 / Saturday 8:30 to Noon
service@expresspressurewashers.com
www.expresspressurewashers.com
Join us on Facebook!

**EXTREME
POWDER COATING**
(507) 583-7448
of Blooming Prairie
SERVICES
• Large & Small Industrial Coating
• Custom Colors
• Sand Blasting
• Exhaust Coating
• Custom Car Coating

**Johnson Construction
& Tree Service**
YOUR COMPLETE TREE CARE COMPANY
Highway 218 S.
Blooming Prairie
507-583-7592

KREJCI FORD INC Your Service Minded Dealer
Celebrating 25 Years!
Ford
14 Time President's Award Winner
218 Hwy N, Blooming Prairie | 507-583-2046 | www.krejcford.com

CEDAR TRAVEL
Let us show you the world...
111 CEDAR AVE NORTH • OWATONNA • 455-1170

**Worlein
FUNERAL HOME**
418 Highway Ave S.
Blooming Prairie, MN
507-583-7561
www.worlein.com

**Vandal's
FAMILY MARKET**
Locally Owned & Operated
237 Hwy. Ave. S.
Blooming Prairie
507-583-6671

Sportstitch inc.
507-583-7001 • www.sportstitch.net
Embroidery • Screen Printing • Promotional Products
341 E. Main Street • Blooming Prairie

**MINER'S
Outdoor & Rec**
www.minersoutdoor.com
Hwy 218 South, Blooming Prairie • 507-583-2712

ARKEMA
INNOVATIVE CHEMISTRY
From a growing multi-billion dollar
international company with roots right
here in Blooming Prairie.
507-583-6641 • 157 Hwy Ave N, Blooming Prairie

Main Street Dental Clinics
comfortable dentistry
583-2141
405 E. Main Street, Blooming Prairie



THE HORMEL INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Thank you for supporting The Hormel Institute's
world-renowned breast cancer research.

801 16th Ave NE, Austin, MN • www.hi.umn.edu • 507-437-9601

Holman Insurance Agency

For all your insurance needs
Keith & Carol Holman
421 E. Main Street
• 507- 583-7294 •



Blooming Prairie Chamber
507-583-7573 • 138 Hwy Ave S

The Bakery

Tues - Fri 6-5 • Sat 6-2

Main Street
Blooming Prairie

583-4433

How seniors can stop Robocalls

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can I do to stop the perpetual prerecorded robocalls I keep getting? I'm signed up with the National Do Not Call Registry, but it seems like I still get three or four robo telemarketing calls a day offering lower credit card interest rates, medical alert devices and more.

Fed Up Senior
Dear Fed Up,
Millions of Americans on the National Do Not Call Registry (donotcall.gov) complain they still receive unwanted calls from robocallers. Why? Because most robocalls are scams run by con artists who are only trying to trick you out of your money, and they simply ignore the law. But there's good news on the horizon. A few months ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed a rule

giving telecommunication companies more leeway to block robocalls. Before this ruling, the FCC has always required phone companies to complete all calls, much in the same way the postal service is required to deliver all your mail, even the junk. So, look for your phone service provider to start offering call-blocking tools in the future. But, in the meantime, here are some things you can do to reduce those unwanted calls.

Set up "anonymous call rejection" option
This is a free landline-calling feature available from most telephone companies. It lets you screen out calls from callers who have blocked their caller ID information – a favorite tactic of telemarketers. To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different

phone services may have different procedures to set it up. Call your telephone service provider to find out if they offer this feature, and if so, what you need to do to enable it.

Sign up for Nomorobo
This is a free service and works only if you have an Internet-based VoIP phone service. It does not work on traditional analog landlines or wireless phones. Nomorobo uses a "simultaneous ring" service that detects and blocks robocalls on a black list of known offender numbers. It isn't 100 percent foolproof, but it is an extra layer of protection. To sign up, or see if Nomorobo works with your phone service provider, visit Nomorobo.com.

Buy a robocall-blocking device
If you don't mind spending

a little money, purchase a call-blocking device like the Sentry 2 (\$59) or Digitone Call Blocker Plus (\$100), sold at Amazon.com. These small devices, which plug into your phone line allow you to blacklist numbers you no longer wish to receive, and set up a whitelist, or manually program the phone to recognize and accept a certain number of safe numbers. Both devices are very effective.

Don't pick up
If you have a caller ID, another tip is to simply not answer the phone unless you recognize the number. But if you do answer and it's a robocall, you should just hang up the phone. Don't press 1 to speak to a live operator and don't press any other number to complain about the call or get your number off the list. If you respond by pressing



THE SAVVY SENIOR
Prairie Manor Care Center
Brought to you by:
Prairie Manor Care Center & Heather Haus
220 3rd St. NW, Blooming Prairie
583-4434

any number, you're signaling that the autodialer has reached a live number and will probably lead to more robocalls.

Get a cellphone app
To help with robo telemarketing calls and robo spam texts to your cellphone, get a call-screening app like Truecaller (truecaller.com) or PrivacyStar (privacystar.com) that screens and blocks them.

It's also important that you report illegal robocalls to the Federal Trade Commission at consumercomplaints.fcc.gov or call 888-225-5322, and sign the Consumer Union petition at EndRobocalls.org to pressure phone companies to start offering free call-blocking technology.

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, Sept. 6, 2005
Elsie Slinger, Editor
The fifth annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Benefit auction, scheduled for Sept. 10 at the Pizza Cellar/Cue Company on Main Street in Blooming Prairie is gearing up to be another fine event. All proceeds will be donated to the Blooming Prairie Cancer Research Benefit fund and used to help cancer researchers look for the cure for this horrible disease.

The Blossom volleyball team dropped their season opener away from home as Medford won a four-game non-conference match on Monday, Aug. 29. After losing the opening game big, 25-8, the locals rebounded for a 26-24 overtime victory in

game two. But, the Tigers took the next two games 25-20 and 25-15.

According to Coach John Bruns, both Ian Campbell and Travis Schultz ran well in the second meet of the season for the BPHS cross-country teams. Ian Campbell ran ninth individually and Travis Schultz placed 16th against very strong area competition.

The St. Clair Cyclones were on the wrong end of the storm last Friday night, Sept. 2. The locals scored a touchdown of their own late when Israel Clark threw a pass good for 26 yards to Brad Klemmensen. Clark to Thomas Kramer got the two-point conversion and the 44-10 win for the Blossoms.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1995
Elsie Slinger Editor
There were a lot more than Irish eyes smiling Monday, Aug. 28, as Father Paul Halloran visited. The former St. Columbanus Catholic Church priest turned author was at Farmers and Merchants State Bank signing autographs for his newest book just out, "Elliot." When he left Blooming Prairie in 1991 he retired but still does occasional masses for the church. "It's been a great day, really," said Father Halloran. "I've seen a lot of people and we've visited – caught up on the last four years. If I hadn't sold a book, it still would have been a great time just visiting."

They almost gave the Min-

nesota State Fair prize for FFA market hog to another young man, but it eventually ended up in the right hands, of Blooming Prairie's Corey Thurnau. Thurnau most likely became the first individual in Blooming Prairie's FFA history to win grand champion in any event when he won the market swine category at the State Fair on Friday, Aug. 25. Thurnau's parents, Clyde and Mary, had a hog operation until recently. They kept eight sows to finish and sold 97 feeder pigs to Corey so, for him, it was a business transaction that got him involved in SAE (Supervised Agriculture Expenses) through FFA.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, Sept. 2, 1965

Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
If Jim Madson lay end to end all the blue ribbons he has won in the poultry competition, they would stretch from his home in Blooming Prairie to the Minnesota State Fair. Jim, 19, has collected more than 700 ribbons of various colors since he began raising poultry as a part-time Future Farmers of America project in 1960. Jim first entered open competition at the State Fair in 1962, picking up 12 blue ribbons. In 1964, he took 175 birds to the big exposition and won 79 ribbons, including 26 blues. In addition, he has won some 550 other ribbons at county fairs in Olmsted, Mower, Dodge, Rice and Steele counties.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, Sept. 5, 1940
Walter K. Mickelson
Editor and Publisher
Sale of the Blooming Prairie Café and bakery was announced early this week, when Albert Wanuos, owner, sold the business to Dee La Longe, of Waukon, Iowa. The sale was effective Sept. 1. Mr. La Longe is a former restaurant manager, having operated a large restaurant in Chicago. He and Mrs. La Longe are now supervising the redecorating and renovating of the café and bakery, preparatory to opening. A formal opening date will be set for the following week. However, once the painters and decorators have finished, the café will resume operation immediately.

Steele County Times Professional Directory

Accountants


Johnson & Doerhoefer P.A.
Certified Public Accountants
Tamzen R. Johnson
Certified Public Accountant
319 East Main • Blooming Prairie
888- 933-6828 • Fax: 507- 583-2389

Automotive


Koster's CAR KORNER
ROD & TESS KOSTER, Owners
Bus: 507-583-2018 • Fax: 507-583-2317
Hwy. 218 • Blooming Prairie
www.kostercarkorner.com
FOR THAT HOMETOWN PERSONAL TOUCH

Advertising

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
Contact the Steele County Times Today!
**507-583-4431**
Always local, all the time.



Advertising

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
Contact the Steele County Times Today!
**507-583-4431**
Always local, all the time.



Construction


Johnson Construction & Tree Service
Tree & Stump Removal • Trimming & Topping • Tree Moving
Lot Clearing • Backhoe/Skidloader • Hauling General Construction
24 Hr. Emergency Services • Year Round Work • Licensed & Insured
KYLE JOHNSON • 507-583-7592
AUSTIN & BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Siding & Windows

J.A. GWILT SIDERS, INC.
Siding & Windows
Lic. #20533878
•Maintenance Free Siding
•Premium Vinyl, Steel & Aluminum
•Custom Trim Work
•Seamless Aluminum or Copper Gutters
•Lifetime Warranty
For Free Estimates Call: 507-583-7413
Now supplying siding for contractors & do-it yourselves!



Dental Care

BLOOMING PRAIRIE DENTAL CENTER
"Dentistry for the whole family"
Jeffrey A. Schwert, D.D.S.
132 2nd Ave. NE
Blooming Prairie ~ 583-6613

Video Production

Telling Your Story on Video


Limberg Productions
• Marketing Videos • Picture Slideshows • 8mm Film Transfer
• Training Videos • Video Transfer • DVD Duplication
• Event Recording • Picture Scanning • DVD Label Printing
Owner/Manager of OwatonnaLive.com

Dental Care

**Main Street Dental Clinics**
comfortable dentistry

Blooming Prairie 405 E. Main St. 507-583-2141	Owatonna 1170 East Frontage Rd. 507-455-1000	Mankato 287 St. Andrews Drive Suite 100 507-720-0250
Rochester 3110 Wellner Dr. NE. 507-536-7700	New Richland 132 Broadway Ave. N. 507-463-0502	

Funeral Planning

A Simple, Thoughtful Act of Caring
PREARRANGEMENT & PREFUNDING
**507-583-7561**
www.worlein.com
Mary Kittelson
NFPA Certified Preplanning Consultant • Licensed Agent - Purple Cross Plans
Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home
418 Highway Ave S., Blooming Prairie, MN

Garbage

**319 2nd St. SW • Blooming Prairie**
507-583-7562
William P. Walsh, Owner
Garbage Service, Inc.
"A family-owned, hometown business operated locally for over 45 years."
Residential & Business Hauling

Insurance

Holman Insurance Agency
For all your insurance needs
Keith & Carol Holman
421 E. Main Street
• 507- 583-7294 •


Lumberyard

**IGENEVA Lumber Company**
For all your Lumberyard & Home Design/Drafting needs.
Stop in and see Jon or Tait today!
413 West Main St. • Geneva • 507-256-0045

Recreation



Outdoor Power Equipment,
Golf Carts, ATV, Sales Service,
Parts & Accessories
Hwy 218 S.
Blooming Prairie
www.minersoutdoor.com • 507-583-2712

Repair Service

**SALINAS AUTO REPAIR INC.**
656 3rd St. NE
Blooming Prairie, MN
Robert Salinas
Family-Owned
583-6620

Community

Obituary

Marsha Ann Pacolt (Nana), 67, of Mantorville

Marsha Ann Pacolt (Nana), 67, of Mantorville, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at the Methodist Hospital, Rochester from cancer.

Marsha was born on Aug. 8, 1948, in Owatonna to Edward and Virginia Lindquist. Marsha graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1966. From there, she continued her studies at Winona State University. She was married to Larry Worke on Dec. 1, 1968, and had a daughter, Tammy, in 1969. Later they divorced and Marsha married Stan Pacolt in 1990.

Marsha worked for the Rice County Sheriff's Department for many years. She then worked for

the 911 Center in Owatonna as an Administrative Assistant. After that, she transferred to Maplewood and worked for the police department as a Supervisor of the Communications Center.

Recently, Marsha was employed by Ramsey County as an Emergency Communications Manager.

Nana enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, watching her granddaughters play sports, going to the lake,



spending time at her new home in Mantorville and taking care of her four dogs. She touched many people's lives with her kind heart and her big smile.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy (Mark) Mathias; father and mother, Edward and Virginia Lindquist of Waterville; sister, Sandy Kay (Tim) Bass of Blooming Prairie; Larry (Annette) Lindquist of Blooming Prairie; Lee (Sandy) Lindquist of Austin; and grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stan Pacolt and paternal and maternal grandparents.

Menus

Seniors Menu

Sept. 1: Chicken Pot Pie, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Brownie

Sept. 2: Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Squash, Tossed Salad, Banana Fruit Cup

Sept. 3: Chili w/Crackers, Pears and Cheese, Corn Muffin, Chocolate Yum Yum

Sept. 4: Cabbage Rolls, Green Beans, P/A Slices, Cottage Cheese, Tapioca Pudding

Sept. 7: Closed

Sept. 8: Potato Crusted Pollock, Wild Rice Pilaf, Italian Blend Vegetables, Romaine Salad, Carrot Cake

Sept. 9: Hot Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit Cup

BPES Lunch Menu

Sept. 8: Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Hamburger on WG Bun, Baked Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 9: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Spring Corn Salad, Pinto Beans, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

BPES Lunch Menu

Sept. 8: Double Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Broccoli Florets, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 9: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, WG Bread Slices, Spring Corn Salad, Pinto Beans, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

Medford School Breakfast Menu

Sept. 1: Pancake on a Stick OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Apple Juice, Milk

Sept. 2: Omelet, Tri Tator OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Sept. 3: Sausage and Cheese, Biscuit OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Orange Juice, Milk

Sept. 4: Ultimate Breakfast Round OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Sept. 7: Closed

Sept. 8: Omelet, Tri Tator OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Apple Juice, Milk

Sept. 9: Cinnamon Roll OR Choice of WG Cereal, Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Medford School Lunch Menu

Sept. 1: Hamburger on WG Bun, Baked Beans, Cravin Chicken Salad, Deli Sub, Broccoli Florets, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 2: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Ham Pinwheel, Chef Salad, Jicama, Pinto Beans, Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 3: Cheesy Flatbread w/ Dipping Sauce, Side Salad,

Popeye Salad, Deli Sandwich, Chopped Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 4: Chicken and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Ranch Wrap, Chicken Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Celery Slices, Cherry Tomatoes, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 7: Closed

Sept. 8: Chicken Nuggets, Oven Fries, WG Dinner Roll, Turkey BLT Salad, Deli Sub, Baby Spinach, Black Beans, Radishes, Seasonal Fruit

Sept. 9: Stromboli w/Marinara, Green Peas, Yogurt Pak, Chicken Caesar Salad, Green Peas, Tomato Slices, Celery, Sticks, Seasonal Fruit

Summer reading wrap-up

Our 2015 Summer Reading Program, Read to the Rhythm, was a great success at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library. At our three monthly book fairs, almost 250 books were given away to children who had read at least 20 minutes a day for ten days per month. Way to go, readers! By encouraging children to read throughout the summer, we hope they will have discovered the joy of books and have sharpened their reading skills.

Thanks to our generous local businesses, The Bakery and Dairy Queen, the children received a free cookie and a free ice cream cone as extra incentives. Casey's also provided frozen treats that have been given out when the children find the elusive Bookworm

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 301 8th Ave NW, Kasson, with Pastor Dana O'Brien officiating. Visitation will be at the Dibble Funeral Home, 213 W. Main St, Kasson, on Friday, Aug. 28, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Kasson.

Dibble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.dibblefuneralhome.com.

Library Book Nook



Nancy Vaillancourt

that magician Greg Skillestad left in the library.

We don't want to forget our teen readers who have read an impressive total of 24,900 pages. Our first and second place readers were Luke Rennie and Gavin Halverson. Way to go, guys!

On a final note, there will not be any story times the week of September 8th. They will begin again at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 15 and 16, and every Tuesday and Wednesday morning after that. See you at the library!

Milestones

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
Sept. 2
Elliot Schiller
Dick Hegal

Sept. 3
Ashley Campbell
Kalyn Naatz
Cole Wangen
John Wright
Mike Thompson

Sept. 4
Robert Hanenberger
Martha Walters
Dennis Heimerman
Aaron Niles
Cole Wangen
Heidi Bass Zimmerman

Sept. 5
Sarah Halla
Kurt Blome
Carol Iverson
Shawn Halla
Bryce Halla

Sept. 6
Jennifer Thomas
Evan Doerhoefer

L. Dean Christanson
Brandon Emanuel
Sept. 7
Sandy Larkoski
Jacinta Hernandez
Aaron Christianson
Jason Shaw

Anniversaries
Sept. 2
Paul and Connie Haberman
Sept. 5
Dale and Austra Hanson
Sept. 6
Bruce and Linda
Christianson
Ellis and Dawn
Harshbarger
Derek and Kay LaMotte

Sept. 7
Owen and Carol Kirkebon
Gary and Sandi Dallman
Jill and Nathan Lindeman
Roger and Marian
Amundson

Milestones is sponsored by:

**Best kept secret!**

Deli Sandwiches Daily Specials
ALL COME WITH A COOKIE & CHIPS

Tuesday - Ham
Wednesday - Turkey

Thursday - Your Choice
Friday - Beef

The Bakery
Main Street • Blooming Prairie • 583-4433

**SMOKE SHACK**



MAKE YOUR LABOR DAY GREAT WITH OUR FRESH AND SMOKED BRATS. AWESOME ON THE GRILL

NOW UNTIL 9/6 20% OFF ALL BRATS.

JUST A SHORT DRIVE TO PICK YOURS UP TODAY.

104 E. Main St. • Geneva, MN • 507-256-0025
www.deanssmokeshack.com



Prairie Family & Sports CHIROPRACTIC

"Established to serve your health care needs"

Chad M. Eischens
Doctor of Chiropractic
Certified Medical Examiner

507-583-2271 • 866-5DrChad

www.drchad.org

344 E. Main Street • Blooming Prairie, MN

**Vandal's FAMILY MARKET**

**Our Family Apple Juice**
64 oz
\$1.79

**Pringles Original Flavor**
5.68oz
2/\$3

**Rothbury Farms Croutons**
5oz 10/\$10

**Our Family Salty Snacks and Chips**
2/\$4

**Buy \$25.00 of fresh meat, brats, or hot dogs, get an 11.6 lb bag of Kingsford Matchlight charcoal for \$1**

Check out OUR DOLLAR Selection!

237 Hwy Ave. S. Locally Owned & Operated 507-583-6671

15th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Auction
Sept. 11th & 12th
2-Big NIGHTS - Friday & Saturday
Exciting - Fun - New Events - Each Night
"Under the Big Tent"
Outside the Cue Company - Blooming Prairie

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 LIVE AUCTION
Under the Big Tent

SATURDAY EVENTS
10:00 3rd Annual CANCER MEMORIAL 5K Run/Walk Starting at the "Field of Flags" (Register 8:30 - 10 am)
9:00-1:00 Cut for the Cure \$5 Hair Cuts Crazy Hair. Face Painting, Chair Massages, Manicures, Games & Lots of Fun Stuff
4:30 - 6:30 Family Bingo Great - Fun for ALL
6:30 STIX of FURY PERFORMANCE
7:00 LIVE AUCTION

15th Annual BP Cancer Auction Raffle
1st Prize: \$1000
2nd Prize: \$300
3rd Prize: \$200

Tickets \$10 each

Drawing
Sept. 12th @10 pm
BP Cancer Auction
Cue Company - Downtown B.P.
Need not be present to win
X-92634-14-005

This year's Raffle is in memory of Steve Prihoda
Thanks to his family & friends!

To Donate Items or for Information
The Cue Company -
Colette Lea 438-4933
Krejci Ford -
Cheri Krejci 583-2046 / 438-6895
Jennifer Milton 507-456-6846
Phillip Milton 507-456-5468
Pam Folkens 507-391-4336
Sara Gillette 507-440-1239

Rhonda Toquam 507-456-4648
Dan Miner 612-770-4308
Mandy Doocy 507-530-5084
Ashley Valek 507-676-2156
Liz Heiber 218-260-9651
Becky Barber 507-456-0168
Connie Trom 507-456-8431

All Proceeds to B.P. Cancer Group 501C3 #27-1252726

Area Church Spotlight



Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale

Pastor’s corner

One of the greatest privileges

We at Cedar Creek Church had another great week of Vacation Bible School the first week of August. It is an incredible joy seeing the same kids want to return each year, as well as new kids, for fun, food and most of all, the Gospel! Even though we live in an area whose population growth is pretty stagnant, we have every year a new “pool” of 50-60 kids that are old enough to come to Vacation Bible School that we get to impact. What a privilege!

So why should children and children’s ministries such as Vacation Bible School be such a high priority for each church? Let me give three reasons:

1. Most importantly, children are very important to Jesus. It’s easy to miss this and pay attention only to adults and not look down and see the ones Jesus loved and valued. Even the disciples of Jesus

missed this. In Matthew 19:13-15, children were brought to Jesus to bless and pray for. But the disciples “rebuked” them. But Jesus told the disciples in verse 14, “Leave the children alone, and don’t try to keep them from coming to me, because the kingdom of heaven is made up of people like this.” Who should we be like? I think the answer is obvious. What a privilege!

2. Some ministries such as Vacation Bible School and Sunday school may be the only Gospel some kids may experience. Many of these kids may not come from Christian homes or church background. We’re the only Jesus they will experience. What a privilege!

3. We get to impact more than the kids that come. When we impact the kids, we also impact other family members. Parents are much more receptive

to those they see others loving their kids. When kids go home singing about Jesus, they have a captive audience: both parents and siblings! Again, what a privilege!

Vacation Bible schools come and go, but not opportunities to impact kids. Fall Sunday school as well as perhaps other school year ministries will restart soon, and God will bring kids across your path every day. Thanks to each church that values children because Jesus does and because he does, finds loving and teaching them a privilege!

Pastor Aaron Deneui
Cedar Creek Church, Hayfield



LERBERG’S
FITNESS
CENTER

118 5th Ave.
Ellendale
507-684-2471
Andy & Mary Lerberg

Minimizer

www.minimizer.com
800-248-3855
Blooming Prairie

FLOOR
TECH

322 East Main St.
Blooming Prairie
507-583-2276

ALYSNE
CONTRACTING CORPORATION

3249 N County Road 45
Owatonna
507-451-7121

Garlick’s Water
Conditioning

Sales • Service • Rentals • Leasing
Kinetico
home water systems
800-722-1282
www.garlickswater.com

Koster’s
CAR KORNER

FOR THAT HOMETOWN
PERSONAL TOUCH
Hwy. 218
Blooming Prairie
507-583-2018

REALIFE
COOPERATIVE

Vibrant Living For
Individuals 55 & Older
at a Reasonable Price
Call Jon Arnett @
455-3735 for a tour
236 22nd St. SE • Owatonna

KERNEL
Restaurant

1011 Hoffman Drive
Owatonna
507-451-2585
www.kernelrestaurant.com

OwatonnaLive.com

Bringing the community together with the power of video

Are you unable to attend weekly worship service?

You can watch video of local services online
anywhere in the world when you have the time.

GO TO WWW.OWATONNALIVE.COM

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna
Interim Pastor David Hurtt
(507) 676-5696

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
5881 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Interim Pastor David Hurtt
(507) 633-9331

9 a.m. Sundays
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Charles Leonard, Senior Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621

firstlutheranbp.com
Summer Worship: 9:00 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
(507) 451-3854

Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School,
Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN—LCMS
2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
The Rev. Mark Rosenau,
the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125

www.goodshepherdowatonna.com
Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. &
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN
CHURCH

9651 SW 75th Street Ellendale, MN
(507) 465-8366

Family Choir 9:00-9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL’S
LUTHERAN—ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474

Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.

RED OAK GROVE
LUTHERAN—ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000

www.roglutheran.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
(507) 451-2720

www.redeemeroawatonna.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN
CHURCH —LCMS
4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
The Rev. Alan Broadwell
(507) 528-2404

sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
www.peaceclaremont.otschool.org
Weekly Church Service Midweek
Services (May - Sept. 2nd) held on
Wed. at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion
Sunday Morning Services
at 10:30am
Holy Communion Offered
Each Wednesday Evening Service
2nd & 4th Sunday Service
of each month
Sunday School
Not at this time

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN
CHURCH—LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sargeant
The Rev. Ronald Prigge
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH—ELCA
104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248

www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark



(507) 567-2272
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN—LCMS

202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH—ELCA

106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Krisin Yenne
(507) 256-4288

Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH - ELCA

7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Joint worship at St. Paul’s - 9:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH—LCMS

108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
(507) 451-0447

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Joint worship at St. Paul’s - 9:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH—ELCA

609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor
Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4520

www.tlcowatonna.org
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School

Catholic

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC

Rural Geneva
The Rev. Swampy Pothiredy
(507) 465-8217

Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Hayfield
The Rev. Steve Peterson
(507) 477-2256

Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Reconciliation: 10:15 a.m. Sunday

CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

307 First St. SW., New Richland
The Rev. Swampy Pothiredy
(507) 465-8217

Services: 5 p.m. Saturday
and 8 a.m. Sunday,
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday

ST. COLUMBANUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Steve Peterson
(507) 583-2784

Reconciliation: 5 p.m. Saturday
Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday
and 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC

CHURCH OF LITOMYSL
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
The Rev. Brian Sutton,
Parochial Vicar

Country Goods

507-451-5661

GREAT GIFTS!
FUN THINGS!

4515 22nd Ave NW • Owatonna

Vandal’s
FAMILY MARKET

Locally Owned & Operated

237 Hwy. Ave. S.
Blooming Prairie
507-583-6671



FARMERS
INSURANCE

Michael Bishman
121 W. Broadway St.
Owatonna, MN 55060

Phone: (507) 451-0193
Fax: (507) 451-6640

Express
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

www.expressowatonna.com

507-455-3002
800-832-3002

812 S. Elm Ave.
Owatonna, MN 55060

CLAREMONT
SERVICE CENTER

Service Center:

507-528-2233

After Hours Towing:

507-456-4158

111 Front Street
P.O. Box 282
Claremont, MN

SunOpta™

Grains and Foods Group

A healthy products company

3824 S. W. 93rd St.
Hope, MN 56046
(507) 451-4724

Owatonna
GRANITE & MONUMENT

“Creating Your Story in Stone”

1180 Frontage Rd E • Owatonna

507-455-9551

www.owatonnagranite.com

NEW
YORK
LIFE

Sue Zwiener

308 E. Main Street

Blooming Prairie

507-583-2200

STEELE COUNTY
Times

Always local, all the time.

411 East Main Street

507-583-4431

ELEVATION NORTH CHURCH

2002 Austin Rd.
Pastor Doug Jones
(507) 363-3099

www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com

Sun 10:00a.m. English Service

10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone

2 p.m. Spanish Service

Wed. 7:00 Bible Study

Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

NEW BEGINNINGS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

332 14th St. N.E., Owatonna

Pastor Scott Peterson
(507) 213-9194

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Bible: 7 p.m. Wednesday

DESTINY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Owatanna Campus

422 W. North Street, Owatonna

Pastors Sam and Cheri Benson

507-254-8514

www.destinyc.org

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday

SIMPLE CHURCH

Pastor Todd Lundgren

507-451-5661

Sundays 9:30

Meeting in the Country Goods

building across the

freeway from Cabela’s.

Other gatherings? Please call.

Mennonite

PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

13638 750th St., Blooming Prairie

Dennis Martin

(507) 583-2081 & (507) 477-3216

Services: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Mormon

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

404 31st St. N.W., Austin

Bishop Rick Bremner
(507) 433-9042

Service: 9 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

109 E. Main St., Hayfield

Pastor Vanessa Syvertsen
(507) 477-2631

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Seventh-Day Adventist

SEVENTH-DAY

ADVENTIST CHURCH

2373 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna

Pastor Robert Brauer
(507) 684-7143

Service: 11 a.m. Saturday

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

UCC

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED

CHURCH OF CHRIST

211 Main St. S., Medford

Pastor Louise Bender
(507) 451-4596

Confirmation: 9 a.m. Sunday

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday

Assembly of God

VIBRANT LIFE

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

702 Third St. S., Ellendale

Pastor Patrick Stitt
(507) 684-3421

Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

vibrantlifeag.com

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

104 First Ave. N.E.,

Blooming Prairie

Pastor Matt Fennell
(507) 583-2673

Services: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

and 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday

YOUR AGRI CONNECTION FARM LIVING PLUS

www.steeledodgenews.com

Back to the basics: Stockmanship

Stockmanship is the art and science of handling livestock properly. The ultimate goal with stockmanship is that the handler performs the task of moving livestock in a safe, efficient, effective and low-stress manner creating a positive experience for both the animal and the person. More commonly known in the cattle industries, stockmanship or livestock handling can also be thought of as a person using their physical presence to put pressure on an animal to make that animal move. Proper handling of livestock can decrease injury potential and reduce the stress levels of the handler and the animal which aids in overall farm production.



Karen Anderson

Below is a list of things to keep in mind when moving livestock around your farm:

- Provide clear signals – Ultimately, the animals are reacting to the behavior of the handler. If the animal doesn't do what the handler asks, then it is usually the handler's fault by giving unclear signals and by not taking in account the animal and the environment.
- Flight zone and blind spots – The flight zone of an animal is an arbitrary circle or distance around an animal in which the animal reacts to the presence of an unknown obstacle (people). Flight zones will vary depending on how tame the animal is. All livestock have a blind spot directly behind them. Remember, if the handler can't see the eyes of the animal, the animal can't see the handler.
- Point of balance – The balance point on most animals is at the point of the shoulder and can vary based on the animal's wide angle vision. Animals tend to move forward if the handler stands behind the shoulder and the animal will back up if the handler stands in front of the shoulder. Giving the animal time to react to the handler's signals and releasing the pressure when the animal is doing what you asked is essential for proper animal handling.
- Physical presence – How the handler approaches an animal will determine how the animal will react. The handler needs to be aware of timing, angle, speed, and direction of approach.
- Quiet environment –

When handling livestock, try to avoid making loud noises or physically touching the animal. Additional noises and distractions will only add stress to the situation. Read the animal reactions and adjust accordingly. Good stockmanship is essential for the well-being of the animal and the handlers. For more information on stockmanship specific to dairy farms, please visit the UMN College of Veterinary Medicine website at <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/dairy/research/Stockmanship/home.html>.

Karen Anderson is the Agriculture Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota Extension in Rice and Steele Counties. She can be reached at 507-444-7685 or ande9495@umn.edu.

Correction

In last week's edition, Cheri Krejci was misidentified in a photo. The Times deeply regrets, and sincerely apologizes for the error. The photo is reprinted with the correct caption below.



Staff Photo by Karen Jorgensen

Don Sloan's daughters, Cheri Krejci and Cindy Owen, accepted the award designating Don Sloan's induction into the Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame from Fair Board President Dan Deml at the induction ceremony, held during the Steele County Free Fair.

Get the right combination for a better health plan

Whether you're looking for an individual health plan or a plan for your company, you have the right combination with your local Farm Bureau agent and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Expert service and outstanding health plans.



Darrell Ingvaldson, LUTCF Brownsdale 507-567-2296

Authorized independent agent of Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota, a nonprofit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Let Us Put A Drainage Project Like This On Your Farm

We can also help you with:

- Aggregate Products
- Hauling
- Waterway Cleaning
- Septic
- All Excavation Projects

LOKEN Excavation & Drainage Inc.

Call Dallas for all your Drainage Needs!
507-451-2873
Toll-Free 1-855-298-2568
3695 Hoffman Drive NW • Owatonna • loken@qwestoffice.net

LG SEEDS

#1 SEED

1st in first seed trials

Janning Farms

507-213-6548

Honoring the history of the FFA Corn Drive

The Blooming Prairie FFA is a huge support of Camp Courage with their annual corn drive.

This past year they raised \$3,283.50, which will help provide scholarships for people with disabilities to attend camp. Lee Asche and the Freeborn FFA are to thank for starting this incredible history of generosity. On Aug. 5, 2015 at the Freeborn County Fair, Lee Asche and Freeborn FFA, the first FFA chapter to participate in the corn drive, were inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

In 1953, after a large storm passed through the area, Freeborn FFA Advisor, Lee Asche, had the idea to gather the corn that fell to the ground and sell it to the elevator. They took the money raised from this effort, \$90, and donated it to Camp Courage, which allowed one Freeborn resident with Polio to attend summer camp.

The following school year, FFA Executive Secretary, Waino J. Kortsmaki, encouraged all Minnesota FFA chapters to participate in the corn drive, fulfilling one of the FFA's pillars, "Living to Serve." In its second year, the corn drive brought a total of \$1,815 to camp from 19 chapters, \$536 of this was from the Freeborn FFA. The drive grew to include donations of corn, soybeans, potatoes, pulp-



Lee Asche

participate in the corn drive, fulfilling one of the FFA's pillars, "Living to Serve." In its second year, the corn drive brought a total of \$1,815 to camp from 19 chapters, \$536 of this was from the Freeborn FFA. The drive grew to include donations of corn, soybeans, potatoes, pulp-

FFA CORN DRIVE
Continued on Page 5B

SunOpta™
Grains and Foods Group

Hope • Ellendale • Blooming Prairie

PRODUCERS Hybrids

SEED CORN

IT'S ALL IN OUR GENETICS

SEED CORN

PRODUCERS Hybrids

Justin Krell - District Sales Manager
507.456.3834

DRAINAGE COMPANY INC.

HODGMAN

Well Drained Fields Produce Higher Yields...

Now located between Claremont and Dodge Center right off of Hwy. 14

P.O. Box 205 • Claremont

www.hodgmandrainage.com 507.528.2225

Minnesota Crop Report

Cool temperatures and dry weather across most of Minnesota allowed farmers 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending Aug.30, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Only extreme southern and northern parts of Minnesota received significant rainfall throughout the week. Other field activities for the week included harvesting hay and chopping corn for silage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sixty-five percent of Minnesota's corn acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 10 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Corn harvested for silage was 5 percent complete, over 1 week behind normal. Twenty-seven percent of the soybean acreage was turning color or beyond, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, with small portions of the crop starting to drop leaves. Small grain harvest was over 95 percent complete, well ahead of both last year and normal.

Minnesota Crop Report is sponsored by

AgPower ENTERPRISES

3555 18th St. • Owatonna, MN
507-451-4054

Volunteers set up Field of Flags

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

On Sunday, a group of volunteers spent their time setting up the “Field of Flags” and decorating other areas of Blooming Prairie. It’s volunteers like these who make the annual activities possible.

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group holds its annual auction once a year, raising funds for cancer research and to help support the Community Fund. The committee works hard to ensure that each year’s events are a success, coordinating multiple projects and assisting with all aspects of the festivities.

BP Cancer Group committee member Cheri Krejci says that the volunteers find different ways to show their support. Local students help decorate the downtown area with ribbons, and high school football players help secure the flags in the ground. On Sunday, students gathered at the Field of Flags to help out. “Cancer is a pretty big deal,” said Riley Olson, a Blooming Prairie student. “This is a good thing to help with.”

Students Abby Wayne and Kylie Forystek also helped decorate the town on Sunday. “Our weeks are pretty busy, so weekends are a good time for us to help out,” Wayne said.

Olson adds that cancer is a disease that affects many people. “I’m pretty sure everybody knows somebody with cancer,” he said.

Others devote their time to selling raffle tickets. Krejci says that John Swenson, in particular, has been hard at work selling the tickets. “He sells more than anybody,” Krejci said. “It’s been super, super helpful. He has gone above and beyond.”

Naming everyone who assists with the many different projects, Krejci concludes, is nearly impossible. “People just come in and say, ‘I can help,’” Krejci



Staff photos by Laura Berndt
Survivors Cheri Krejci and Brennen Toquam raise the new flag at the Field of Flags display along Highway 218. President/ Owner at Metal Services Dennis Heimerman made a large, custom pole for the flag, and Tyler Kruckberg, of Kix Graphics, printed the design. The flag reads, “Support the fighters, admire the survivors, honor the taken.”

said. “There are just so many people involved.”

Sunday’s flag raising efforts took a few hours, but the group remained devoted to the task until it was complete. The flags and other decorations will be displayed through the upcoming events, slated for Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. The auction be-

gins at 7 p.m. each night outside the Cue Company in Blooming Prairie. In the meantime, area businesses and residents are also encouraged to show their support by participating in the “Paint Blooming Prairie Pink” campaign.



The Field of Flags flies in Blooming Prairie once again. Volunteers set up the powerful display on Sunday, Aug. 30. There are approximately 250 flags in the field this year, each in honor or memory of someone who has been diagnosed with cancer.

* FACEBOOK CONTEST *

POST with a PERK

The POST with the MOST LIKES receives a \$200 store voucher to any MOC store!

POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

“Who was your favorite teacher and why?”

Facebook contest runs thru September 8th. 6:00 pm

MEDFORD OUTLET CENTER

Visit www.medfordoutletcenter.com for more information.

Exactly the care your family needs



Mayo Clinic Health System offers comprehensive, individualized care to every member of your family. Our multidisciplinary team of experts treats you as a whole person, caring for your emotional, mental and physical needs. Whether it’s a baby’s first checkup or your yearly exam, Buck Bania, M.D., family medicine provider at Mayo Clinic Health System in Austin, can care for you and your family.

Mayo Clinic Health System - Albert Lea and Austin • 1000 First Drive NW, Austin, MN 55912
mayoclinichealthsystem.org

To schedule an appointment, please call 507-433-8758.



STEELE COUNTY TIMES PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Advertising



There’s a better way to get attention.

Make life simple & place an ad with..

STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.

583-4431
bpjulie@frontier.com

Collision

THE ONLY AREA SHOP certified to work on the 2015 Ford Aluminum F150



CSI:
www.csiaustinmn.com

Collision Specialists Inc
507.437.2837

Excavating

SEPTIC SYSTEMS • Design • Installation • Compliance Inspections

- Aggregates • Hauling
- Washed Sand & Rock
- Black Dirt • Fill • Gravel

507-583-2999

Serving The Area Over 13 Years
Bonded & Insured



BISHOP BE EXCAVATING, INC.

- EXCAVATION • BASEMENTS
 - DEMOLITION • DOZER WORK
- Commercial & Residential Sitework

Farm



Mike & Jeff Custom Farms
Mike Ingvalson 507-456-1436
mikeingvalson@hotmail.com

High Yields Start Here

MJC Farms, LLC
13324 89th Ave SE
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Fax 507-572-1337

Jeff Ingvalson 507-456-1439
jeffingvalson@hotmail.com

Advertising

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

Contact the Steele County Times Today!

STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.

507-583-4431



Real Estate

Craig Berg

Salesperson -Licensed in the state of MN

Office: 507.451.8080
Cell: 507.676.0098
craigberg.cbhc@gmail.com
www.cbhomeconnection.com
<http://cberg.cbhomeconnection.com>



HOME CONNECTION

159 18th Street SW, Owatonna



Truck Accessories

Minimizer

The lightest, most durable, longest lasting truck fenders, bracket kits, and truck accessories in the trucking industry.

AN AMERICAN FAMILY OWNED COMPANY FOR 30 YEARS

Minimizer.com • 800-248-3855 • Blooming Prairie

Tires

Mike's REPAIR

870 32 Ave. NW
Owatonna, MN 55060

Complete Truck Parts and Service

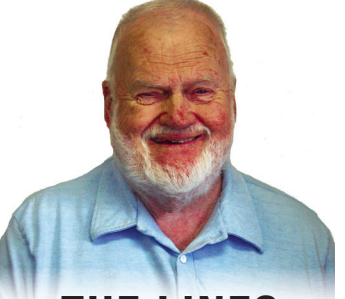
507-455-0388
Fax: 507-455-0486
After Hours: 507-455-0483

Tire Service

AG & Heavy Truck

Mike Hartle
Owner

OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

The sports week

It was just a little unexpected, but the experience of Bethlehem Academy proved better in last Friday's loss to the Cardinals. Quarterback Collin Hanson is a three-year starter for B.A., and Peyton Glenzinski is also a senior with experience. The combination proved too much for the Blossoms this time, but the locals may get another chance come playoff time.

The defense had a hard time all night in holding the running game of the winners down, as I don't think too many teams will earn almost 300 yards against the Blossom defenders. This week the team will hope to get back on track when they entertain St. Clair Friday night. It is still very early in the season, and certainly, there is no cause for alarm. I look for a good bounce-back game from BP.

The youth and inexperience of the volleyball team proved evident in the opening season loss at Byron. Only Abby Wayne and Lauren Larkoski return as starters on the team, and it will obviously be a time before the new varsity starters can blend into new positions.

As Coach Ranell Kittelson commented, "It was good finally to actually get into game conditions. We found out some of the things we have to work on, but I am confident we can improve." The height of the Bears made play at the net difficult for the locals, and that is something that will be a problem all season. We will see if the team can survive and get better as the season progresses.

Around town

The annual Steele County United Way campaign for the Blooming Prairie area kicked off last week at the Pizza Cellar, and BP's Pastor Heidi Heimgartner earned the United Way's Live United award for 2015. The honor is bestowed on a citizen who has supported the local community's efforts to support the United Way and its funded programs throughout the county.

Heimgartner, an Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church, has been active in the community in supporting the local and the county campaign, and is well deserving of the award. A tip of the hat goes to her and to all the citizens in the community who do a great job each year in support of many worthwhile causes in the county, including the Boys & Girls club right here in Blooming Prairie.

A good crowd of residents attended the annual feed sponsored by the local fire department, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We all depend on the fire department for our safety from fires, and this wholly volunteer group deserves both our thanks and our monetary contributions.

Hopefully, they will not be needed, but it is reassuring to know that they are there if such a case arises. A big tip of the hat this week to this dedicated group of ordinary citizens who do extraordinary work.

In less than two weeks now, the Paint Blooming Prairie Pink project will be in full swing. I am impressed with the downtown businesses that are not letting a little thing like complete reconstruction of Main Street deter them from joining the campaign. The flag display along highway 218 will be very impressive and residents are already looking

OUTSIDE THE LINES
Continued on Page 2B

NRHEG VOLLEYBALL



Panthers volleyball players celebrate after scoring a point against Alden-Conger Thursday night. The Panthers swept their opponents in three games.

Panthers sweep Alden-Conger at home

NRHEG wins every game by 3 or less

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers volleyball team entertained fans Thursday night with three nail-biting games in their home opener against Alden-Conger.

The final scores were 25-23, 25-23 and 25-22, with every game anyone's guess as to the winner. Each team made several runs throughout the games, but the Panthers were able to stay calm and collected, stopping Alden-Conger from every getting more than a few points ahead.

"Volleyball is such a momentum game," said Panthers Coach Onika Peterson. "We can go on two or three points, and then they can go on two or three points. My biggest thing is

trying to keep those one to two errors minimum. Everyone's going to make errors. It's just trying to not let those two turn into seven or eight. I think that's all on the girls. They really enjoy working together. They want to win. They really want to succeed. They really fought to come back."

Peterson said she has preached not letting things get out of control, and she said the team is good about lifting up players who make a mistake.

The sweep of Alden-Conger brought the Panthers to 1-0 to start the season, with a trip to Nicollet scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 1. Peterson is happy to travel with a winning record.

NRHEG VOLLEYBALL
Continued on Page 2B



Gretchen Ramaker spikes the ball against Alden-Conger opponents.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE VOLLEYBALL

Byron sweeps Blooming Prairie to start season

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

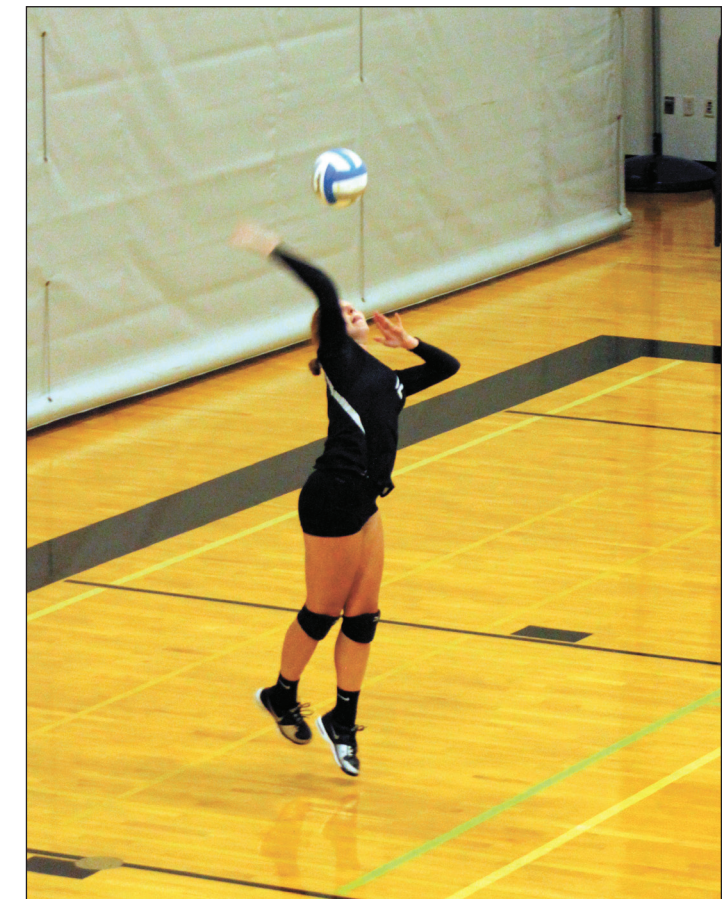
Youth and inexperience became evident early as Byron swept the Awesome Blossoms volleyball team in three straight games on the Bears' court Thursday, Aug. 27.

Four new starters began the play for the Blossoms, and the height and experience of the home team allowed few chances for the Blossoms.

Byron took game one 25-16, although the Blossoms did make it close midway through the game. BP never got into any kind of rhythm in game two as the Bears dominated both at the net and on the floor and coasted to a 25-8 victory. The superior height of the Byron front line kept pressure on, and the home team won the third game 25-15.

"It was good, finally actually to get into game situations," remarked Coach Ranell Kittelson, "and we found out quickly the areas that need work. We had some good things happen, but we need to do a better job in playing the ball and passing. We probably will be outsized all season, and we need to make up for the lack of height with more aggressive serve receiving and digging the ball."

Leah Inwards and Lauren Larkoski led the attack with five kills each, and Courtney Wobschall added three kills.



A Blooming Prairie player serves against Byron on Thursday.

Inwards had five assists and three blocks, Larkoski had four assists and two blocks and Wobschall added four blocks

to her total. Abby Wayne finished with 18 set assists for the match.

The team plays at Medford tonight (Tuesday) and then travels to Waterville Thursday, Sept. 3, for a conference match against WEM.

Coach Mary Worke's JV team lost to Byron in two games 16-25 and 12-25. Asia Thostenson and Emma Christianson each had five digs in the match, and Ayren Ingvalson managed three blocks.

"This was a good match about which to learn a few things,"

commented Coach Worke. "We found out things which need work on going forward."

Byron made the night a clean sweep with 25-18 and 25-13 victories over the visiting BP freshmen. Rachael Oswald had four kills and two blocks, and Heather PirkI served three aces and added five set assists. A couple of the Blossoms missed the match, and some players played new positions. That is something the girls will practice before tonight's match at Medford.



Chateau Raceway
Lansing, Minn.

The races at Chateau Raceway at Lansing were canceled due to rain for the week of August 21.



misgen
auto parts

Used Car and Truck Parts
U-Pull and Full Service

12880 SW 72nd Ave. • Ellendale
(507) 684-2100

Sports

OWATONNA CROSS-COUNTRY



Submitted photo
The Owatonna girls cross-country team poses for a picture during their midnight mile event at Lake Kohlmier. The girls circulated through Owatonna asking for donations. Half the proceeds went to the Owatonna food shelf and half to the team.

Cross-country team raises money for the hungry

Girls get rid of early-season jitters at River Falls ‘Extreme Meet’

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

With the arrival of fall sports, many high school students have gone door-to-door selling candy or coupon cards. The Owatonna girls cross-country team, however, does things a little differently.

The girls don’t sell anything. They just ask for money.

While on the surface, this tactic may not seem potentially successful, the girls have raised over \$10,000 over the past eight years. The secret to the team’s success is that instead of the majority of townspeople’s money going to a corporation, half of it goes to the Steele County food

shelf.

“I’ve found that people are pretty agreeable to that, because they are supporting the program, but also helping a good cause in the community,” said Head Coach Dan Leer.

“I really like the fundraiser, because it does go back to the community and our team,” said team captain Zoe Kienholz. “We don’t have to sell anything. It’s just what people feel like they would like to give.”

Kienholz has participated in the event for six years, dating back to seventh grade. She is now a senior.

The fundraiser is capped off each year with a “Midnight Mile.” The team meets at 11:15

p.m. at Lake Kohlmier for team bonding, and then at midnight the team runs a mile. Leer added that the girls “sing at the top of their lungs.”

At the end of the mile, many parents await to cheer on their girls for the last bit.

“It’s a cool event,” said Leer. “It’s really turned into a yearly thing.”

The fundraiser took place only two days after the girls traveled to the University of Wisconsin River Falls for a “extreme meet.”

Though not part of the team’s regular season schedule, Leer finds the meet extremely helpful for girls to prepare for the start of the season. The meet has several

river crossings, and Leer pointed out that with the high water conditions, some of the runners had to nearly swim across the river.

“It’s competitive, but it’s also a good way to literally get their feet wet,” said Leer of the race.”

It’s an early-season competition to just kind of get those jitters out. It’s a low-pressure meet.”

This was the team’s fifth year attending. The team’s first regular season meet is scheduled to take place Friday, Sept. 4 at St. Olaf College.

NRHEG VOLLEYBALL

Continued from Page 1B

“It’s always a huge deal when you can start out the season with a win,” said Peterson. “It’s a nice precedent to set. We’re not a very tall team across the board. I think our tallest girl is probably 5’10”, so we have to make up for that with a lot of scrappy play and just really working together. That is one thing we’ve been talking about as a goal for our team — really supporting everyone and being part of a

group. So, they did a really nice job not letting those big runs that Alden went on get them down, and we kept fighting against them. It was nice to see, because Alden’s got some good kids.”

Despite the many positives of the evening, Peterson said the team still has several areas that need work.

“Hitting is definitely something we still need to work on,” said Peterson. “I think we tipped

a little bit too much. We’d go on runs of tipping. It’s one thing to tip to spots, but we need to make sure when we are tipping, we aren’t giving them a free ball or throwing it out of bounds, which we got into a little.”

Peterson added that despite the team’s smaller physique, there is plenty of potential.

“We have some heavy hitters across the front,” said Peterson. “We’re not super tall. We don’t

look like we’re going to hit the ball very well, but we’ve got some power behind us, so it’s just nice to see when they can go on some runs.”

The Panthers play Tuesday, Sept. 1 in Nicollet at 7:30 p.m., and will then travel to Kenyon-Wanamingo on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7:15 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE LINES

Continued from Page 1B

forward to the cancer auction on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. All of the activity in the campaign couldn’t contribute to a better cause.

Speaking of downtown business, the various establishments certainly aren’t giving up during the long street construction period. Actually, Main Street is alive and in business, as evidenced by the ingenuity to have special day of celebration in the alleys. A couple of weeks ago that celebration took place in the alley behind the north side businesses, with some snacks and re-

tail deals available during a two-hour period in the afternoon.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 9, it will be the alley on the south side of Main Street that will be entertaining and offering specials in the same 5 to 7 p.m. hours. Nobody can claim that our chamber of commerce and the Main Street businesses don’t have a streak of ingenuity when it comes to their livelihood. A tip of the hat for their imagination in surviving during the long construction project. Just think how beautiful it will be when the new street is complete.

The fall campaign for contributions to the local Boys & Girls Club is also underway. Residents received requests in the mail a couple of weeks ago, and it would be great if everyone could see a way to make a contribution to such a worthy cause. Just a thought!

Weather or not

A few days last week reminded everyone that the fall season couldn’t be too far off. The mornings were downright chilly, the days were cool with some light wind, and the nights turned

up cool and less humid. Now, if the forecasters are close to right, the days this week will definitely remind us that summer doesn’t want to let go quite yet.

I would guess that this will be the last really uncomfortable few days before Fall appears for good. We had better enjoy these last few days of high temps and uncomfortable humidity, although personally, I’ll take the chill of fall over the heat of summer any time. Enjoy, and we’ll talk again.

Golf League Standings

Blooming Prairie Country Club

Week 15 - Aug. 28 Points

Place		Points
1	Lembke Benson Hanson	87
2	Peterson Behnken Bishop	86
3	Strunk Farr Ingvaldson	84
4	Grunklee Evans Possehl	81.5
4	Strunk Farr Ingvaldson	46.5
6	KlemmensenD Drexler Zwiener	78
7	Hillberg Wanous Pfiefer	76.5
8	Morgan Sekora Olson Schuster	
	Iacovino	72
9	Kruckeberg Kruckeberg Johnson	71.5
10	Doerhoefer Stalach Olson Worke	71
10	SkalaR Thiele Sammon	71
12	Zwiener Hinzmen Wurst	70.5
13	Myer Motl Tollefson	69
14	Koster Long White	67
14	White Lysne Johnson	67
16	Skala Jensen Lee	66.5
16	Lea Lembke Hansen	66.5
18	KlemmensenJ KlemmensenR	
	Anderson	62.5
19	Sunde Kittelson Carlson	62
20	Glynn Glynn Esplan	61
21	Hareid Bartsch Wilkerson	59.5
22	Minimizer Minimizer Minimizer	55
23	Weeks Johnson Caldwell	53
24	Ingvalson Klemmensen Bishop	52
25	Clark Blome Skala	50.5
26	Haberman Hegal Henefield	
	Hanson	47.5

Division	Team	Score
A	Peterson Behnken Bishop	30
B	Myer Motl Tollefson	35
B	Hillberg Wanous Pfiefer	35
B	KlemmensenJ KlemmensenR	
	Anderson	35
C	KlemmensenD Drexler Zwiener	35
D	Ingvalson Klemmensen Bishop	37
D	Haberman Hegal Henefield	

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



MAX ROMEO



LAUREN LARKOSKI

The sophomore linebacker amassed seven tackles against Bethlehem Academy, but he scooped up a B.A. fumble and rambled 20 yards for the second local touchdown. Romeo is a tough competitor for the defense and will undoubtedly improve as the season slides along.

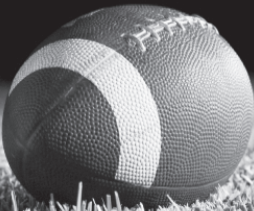
One of the senior leaders on the volleyball squad, Larkoski will be tabbed as one of the players to help the younger players become accustomed to game action. In the opening match at Byron, she and Leah Inwards led the club with four kills each, and Larkoski added five assists for the night. Larkoski will be looked to for help all season long.

Sponsored by:



Eric R. Overby, DDS, MS

- Free Consultations and 2nd Opinions
- Email & Text Appointment Reminders
- Invisalign™ and Incognito™ Provider
- Payment Plans Available
- Online Account Access



OverbyOrtho.com

Public Safety

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Aug. 21
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the city at 5:59 a.m.
Child Protection. At 2:25 p.m., officer took a child protection report in the city.

Owatonna Police
Aug. 21
Restraining Order. Police responded to a violation of a restraining order in the 400 block of 16th St. NE at 10:38 a.m.
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 600 block of Greenhaven Lane NE at 1:01 p.m.
Crash. At 1:31 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 100 block of Rose St. E. A citation was issued to one of the drivers.

Aug. 22
Burglary. Officers began a burglary investigation in the 2000 block of Greenwood Dr. NE at 10:40 a.m.
Theft. Police received a theft report from the 200 block of 18th St. SW at 11:43 a.m.
Aug. 23
Drunken Driving. Officers made two DWI arrests – in the 1200 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:56 a.m. and at Oak Ave. S. and Plainview St. SW at 11:04 p.m.
Warrants. Police arrested two subjects for outstanding warrants throughout the day. They were at 4:17 a.m. in the 1700 block of Cedar Ave. S. and at 8:31 p.m. in the 500 block of Bridge St. W.

Domestic. At 9:41 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Maple Dr. NE. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW at 3:37 p.m.
Theft. Officer took a theft report at 6:14 p.m. in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW.
Aug. 24
Warrant. Police arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW at 9:43 a.m.
Child Protection. Officer took a child protection report in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW at 12:04 p.m.

Burglaries. Police responded to two burglaries throughout the day – at 4:33 p.m. in the 400 block of Riverside Ave. NW and at 7:40 p.m. in the 400 block of Sylvan St. NW.
Property. Property was found in the 400 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 6 p.m.
Aug. 25
Child Protection. Child protection reports were taken in the 300 block of Argen Dr. NW at 7:26 a.m. and in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW at 8:54 a.m.
Shoplifting. Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 4:01 p.m.
Assault. At 5:55 p.m., officers responded to an assault in the 200 block of 21st St. NW. They took a subject into custody.
Aug. 26
Suspicion. At 4 p.m., officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 3000 block of Hoffman Dr. NW.
Theft. Police received a theft report from the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 5:36 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1900 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 9:11 p.m. and in the 400 block of Selby Ave. SW at 10:54 p.m.
Aug. 27
Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred at Elm Ave. S. and Phelps St. E. at 5:01 p.m.
Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 8:34 p.m.
Shoplifting. At 9:10 p.m., an officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW.
Vandalism. Officer took a property damage report in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 10:55 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
Aug. 21
Fight. Deputies responded to a fight in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 12:43 a.m.
Theft. At 2:03 p.m., deputy took a theft report in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S.
Restraining Order. A citizen reported that a restraining order had been violated in the 1500 block of

Cedar Ave. S. at 2:07 p.m.
Aug. 22
DWI. Deputies received a report of drunken driving at 46th St. NW and Interstate 35 southbound at 3:21 a.m.
Aug. 23
Assist. Deputies responded to a motorist assist at 18th St. SE and Cedar Ave. S. at 1:36 a.m. They took a subject into custody from the scene.
Aug. 24
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:49 a.m.
Disturbance. At 1:39 p.m., deputies responded to a noise complaint in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W.
Restraining Order. Deputies arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 2:58 p.m.

Aug. 25
Child Protection. Deputy took a child protection report in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 10:29 a.m.
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 9200 block of 37th Ave. SW at 11:21 a.m.
Aug. 26
Property Damage. At 3:21 p.m., deputies received a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of County Rd. 45 S.
Aug. 27
Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 8700 block of 37th Ave. SW at 5:40 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 17 – 21:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
April L. Adams, 35, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Shelly E. McHugh, 43, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Collin J. Wobschall, 19, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Michael A. Alberts, 45, Lakeville, speeding, \$121; Tyler D. Berkner, 21, Amboy, invalid license, \$131; Reynaldo A. Cordova, 48, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Carolyn M. Duncan, 61, Albert Lea, speeding, \$141; David J. Fischer, 56, Northfield, speeding, \$121; Yaw Fosu Jr., 50, Farmers Branch, TX, inoperative brake, \$131; Stephen L. Hamilton, 29, Dallas, TX, no MN license, \$181; Leah M. Harcourt, 35, Oakley, CA, speeding, \$141; Emily J. Heimer, 34, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; James D. Johnson, 44, Mankato, speeding, \$141; John V. LaCanne, 55, Faribault, driving off pavement to pass, \$131; Justine M. Maldonado, 41, Janesville, WI, speeding, \$131; Brian T. Maznio Jr., 24, Dodge Center, suspended license, \$281; Claudiaeth A. Mendoza, 33, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Abdullah A. Mohamed, 21, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Pamela J. Pokorney, 64, Chaska, speeding, \$121; Kaitlyn M. Ries, 28, Dubuque, WI, DWI, \$381, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Kobe C. Roth, 18, Mason City, IA, speeding, \$121; Michelle Ruiz, 22, Omaha, NE, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$281; Alberto Saucedo, 31, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, and 1 year of unsupervised probation; James R. Schwarz, 37, Morenci, AZ, speeding, \$121; Andrey A. Shevchenko, 22, Shakopee, window tint violation, \$131; Timothy J. Shipley, 49, Lincoln, NE, speeding, \$381; Angel Sobrevilla, 24, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$106;
Shawn L. Sprengler, 47, Chaska, speeding, \$131; Mary F. Steffen, 38, Austin, speeding, \$121; Alton P. Tuttle, 86, Medford, driving on the shoulder, \$131; Brenda K. Werdan, 54, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Jamy L. Whitehead, 44, Blue Earth, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

Owatonna Police Department
Martin Alvarez, 45, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Brett M. Baumgartner, 24, Owatonna, bumper required, \$131; James L. Bil, 44, Mankato, cancelled license, no insurance and no child passenger restraint system, \$531;
Theodore P. Brown, 16, Medford, speeding, \$141; Matthew J. Burr,

28, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Lorenzo C. Davis, 29, Owatonna, open bottle, \$81 and 10 days in county jail; Nicholas A. Dickerson, 31, Owatonna, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Lucille C. Fruechte, 69, Caledonia, stop sign, \$131;
Vincent F. Guggisberg, 23, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Josue Gutierrez, 19, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Jacob G. Hamberg, 25, Albert Lea, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Matthew D. Harris, 38, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Marie T. Kinard, 46, Faribault, DWI, \$481, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, 160 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Jordan P. Lee, 22, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, and 1 year of supervised probation; Erik C. Macy, 39, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Roberto A. Menendez, 40, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Misty J. Montgomery, 34, Owatonna, trespassing, \$281 and 1 year of supervised probation; Ernesto Perez, 26, Owatonna, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Brent N. Polan, 22, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Ryan L. Quaintance, 30, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Keith G. Quam, 47, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Jonah P. Remker, 21, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Mayra M. Rodriguez, 35, Owatonna, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Jane A. Rolloff, 31, Owatonna, text messaging while driving, \$131; Juan C. Silva, 27, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Viola F. Skalicky, 53, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Eloy Tarango, 36, Lino Lakes, give peace officer false information, \$81 and 90 days in county jail; Charles Taylor Jr., 61, Owatonna, assault, \$131, 11 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, no contact with victim, and 1 year of supervised probation; Gene P. Wells, 21, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Aric W. Akemann, 37, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Ruyiwo O. Ali, 18, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Fredrick D. Allen, 27, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Brian A. Brown, 32, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Joel J. Busch, 34, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Tina M. Bush, 47, Ellendale, assault, \$181, psychological evaluation, no contact with victim and 1 year of supervised probation;
Alexandra M. Camacho, 21, Witmann, AZ, speeding, \$121; Melissa D. Czenkus, 26, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Bryttany A. Delbridge, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Mary T. Eisman, 53, Owatonna, speeding, \$131;
Charity R. Floen, 56, Rochester, speeding, \$131; Israel Garcia, 42, Waseca, speeding, \$171; Nancy D. Hartman, 54, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$121; Mathias J. Heinrichs, 20, Medford, speeding, \$141; Jamie L. Johnson, 36, Pine Island, speeding, \$141; Casey M. Jones, 27, Medford, open bottle, \$211; Gabriel S. Kasak, 20, Austin, speeding, \$131;
Morgan M. Krotzinger, 22, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Rosa Lopez, 45, Kissimmee, FL, speeding, \$221; Crystal M. McCue, 38, Lake Crystal, speeding, \$131; Joseph D. McNab, 24, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Kellie J. Mrotz, 50, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Ryan C. Napin, 30, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Nicholas V. Nelson, 34, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141;
Juan C. Parra, 21, Donna, TX, no insurance and speeding, \$341; Jaime A. Richert, 38, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Jerome T. Risius, 43, Austin, speeding, \$121; Nicholle M. Schelin, 34, Medford, speeding, \$131; William J. Scholberg, 61, Apple Valley, speeding, \$131; Daniel Schwartz, 38, Medford, stop sign, \$131;
Julie D. Spies, 56, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Allena K. Stephens, 33, Saginaw, TX, speeding, \$141; Darin C. Stewart, 44, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Bailey J. Whitt, 17, Maple Lake, speeding, \$131; Derek D. Wickert, 30, Granada, seat belt, \$106; Jeffrey T. Williams, 46, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Lawrence D. Wurst, 52, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 190 complaints for the week of Aug. 19 – 25. Some of them include:

Aug. 19
Extra Patrol. At 1:55 a.m. Claremont resident requested extra patrol due to a theft of 25 bundles of roofing shingles in the 100 block of 2nd St. W. during the previous night.
Vandalism. A West Concord citizen reported at 10:29 a.m. that someone had gone into his ditch and tore it up for about one fourth of a mile at 555th St. and 245th Ave.
Suspicious Activity. Deputies received a report that a car pulled into a yard in the 15700 block of 640th St. in Dodge Center at 11:11 a.m. It left when someone looked out the window of the home.
Trespassing. At 2:49 p.m., deputies received a complaint of children trespassing on 5th St. SW in Dodge Center.
Driving. At 6:46 p.m., a driving complaint was made that a car was driving recklessly on 2nd St. in Claremont. Juveniles were riding on the hood and playing football with another vehicle.

Aug. 20
Domestic. At 6:14 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield. They received reports of sounds like a male beating a female.
Animal. A Dodge Center resident made a complaint that his neighbor's dog was in his yard in the 800 block of 1st St. NE at 7:26 p.m.
Missing Cows. At 7:33 p.m., a Dodge Center citizen reported that three of her cows were missing from the 17800 block of 635th St.
Fire. Hayfield Fire responded to a report of heavy black smoke on County Rd. 108 SW in Hayfield at 8:42 p.m.
Aug. 21
Criminal Damage. At 7:49 a.m., deputies received a report of a vehicle driving through a bean field at 7th Ave. SE and 5th St. SE in Dodge Center.
Crash. A flatbed truck was hit by a vehicle backing into a yard in the 26600 block of State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield at 12 p.m.

Aug. 22
Accident. At 8:56 a.m., a man struck a mailbox with a work truck in the 20400 block of County Hwy. 24 in West Concord.
Vandalism. Deputy took a report of four mailboxes removed from the pole in the 200 block of 1st Ave. SE in Dodge Center at 9:17 a.m.
Assault. A woman reported that someone had broken into her aunt's home and punched her in the head on 1st St. NE in Dodge Center at 9:23 a.m.
Aug. 23
Domestic. At 1:07 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 24700 block of 616th St. in Mantorville. One subject was transported to the Steele County Jail.
Suspicion. A West Concord man called deputies after he was awoken to someone attempting to gain access into his house in the 24200 block of 555th St. at 1:30 a.m.
Sex Offense. Deputies began an investigation of a sex offense in the 100 block of Main St. W. in Dodge Center at 11:58 a.m.

Aug. 24
Found Animal. A horse was found at 680th St. and 200th Ave. in Dodge Center at 12:59 a.m.
Occupational Accident. At 10:23 a.m., deputies responded to an accident involving a male hitting his head on a pipe in the 500 block of Hwy. St. E. in Dodge Center.
Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint that kids were riding bikes down a steep driveway and into the street in the 400 block of 9th St. NW in Dodge Center at 12:44 p.m.
Burglary. Deputies began an investigation of a burglary in the 14400 block of 630th St. in Claremont at 2:36 p.m. The front gate had been forcibly broken open.
Conditions of Release. At 4:55 p.m., deputy arrested a male party for violating his conditions of release in the 24700 block of 616th St. in Mantorville. He was transported to the Steele County Jail.

Aug. 25
Burglary. A burglary occurred in the 500 block of U.S. Hwy. 14 in Claremont at 9:59 a.m.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 17 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Jason P. Suydam, 43, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Marijuana. He was sentenced to \$1,000, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency treatment, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 17 – 24:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Marc I. Billings, 36, Byron, speeding, \$120; Norma Cardenas, 37, Mantorville, revoked license, \$280; Terry L. Dahl, 35, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and permit violation, \$310; Paul E. David, 33, Kenyon, disorderly conduct, 90 days in county jail; Andres D. Delgado, 94, Los Angeles, CA, careless driving, invalid license and no insurance, \$480; Todd L. Donley, 53, Byron, speeding, \$120; Curry J. Felten, 27, Austin, speeding, \$380; David Ford, 51, Dodge Center, cancelled license, 1 year in county jail; Jeremy L. Gabby, 34, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Jamie A. Heidt, 39, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Ron C. Hill, 36, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance, \$480; Markus J. Kuisle, 33, Stewartville, speeding, \$120; Nicholas M. Langan, 28, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; John K. Meredith, 35, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Luna S. Orozco, 21, Pasco, WA, speeding, \$220; Amanda M. Southwick, 34, Hayfield, suspended license and failure to obtain new license after information change, \$300; Benton J. Westrom, 20, Kasson, revoked license, \$100 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Scott C. Williamson, 42, Kasson, DWI, \$505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Douglas J. Wobschall, 50, Grand Meadow, failure to stop for accident to property, \$280 and 1 year of probation; Troy M. Zahradnik, 44, Racine, speeding, \$130.

Kasson Police Department
Zachary Q. Anderson, 23, Kasson, disorderly conduct, \$180, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Ryan K. Brandvold, 30, West Concord, failure to yield to pedestrian, \$180; Eddie J. Koen, 51, Kasson, DWI, \$505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Mariah L. Matrious, 20, Rochester, stop sign, revoked license, \$100 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Javis L. Musolf, 63, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Kevin J. Springer, 56, Naperville, IL, speeding, \$140.
MN State Patrol Rochester
Lavern M. Allers, 54, Austin, seat belt, \$105; Cesar Alvarado-Solis, 37, Dodge Center, no MN license and no insurance, \$380; Susan E. Crosbie Suradejvibul, 63, Wabasha, move over law violation, \$130; Elizabeth Dalaska, 30, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Charlotte J. Downham, 67, Owatonna, move over law violation, \$130; Lance R. Duitsman, 29, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Chad D. Hagen, 59, Sleepy Eye, speeding, \$140; Cheryl L. Irvin, 58,

Rochester, speeding, \$120; Anthony M. Jackson, 28, Dodge Center, stop sign, \$130; Jeffrey C. Johnson, 27, Austin, seat belt, \$105; Benjamin B. Thatcher, 26, Rochester, no endorsement, \$180; Winston D. Yur, 55, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Laura M. Zumbunnen, 57, Rochester, speeding, \$130.

West Concord Police Department
Megan M. Andrist, 18, West Concord, parking violation, \$32; Blake J. Cureton, 20, West Concord, liquor violation and underage possession of liquor, \$280; Allie J. Royer-Karels, 18, Waseca, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$180; Heriberto Vazquez Delgado, 22, Kenyon, cancelled license

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police
Steven Arthur Menke, 57, arrested at 1:48 a.m. Aug. 23, felony possession of controlled substance and DWI, held for court.
Jodi Michelle Endicott, 39, arrested at 10:09 a.m. Aug. 23, domestic assault and assault, held for court.
Dennis Neal O'Brian, 63, arrested at 9:10 p.m. Aug. 25, DWI, held for court.
Dammon Damount Nailon, 33, arrested at 9:26 p.m. Aug. 25, disorderly conduct, held for court.
Lindsey Larae Dwyer-Rodewald, 23, arrested at 1 a.m. Aug. 26, domestic assault, held for court.

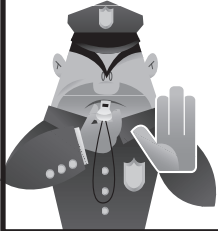
Steele County Sheriff
Tevin Michael Lovejoy, 18, arrested at 4:04 a.m. Aug. 22, felony criminal vehicular operation – DWI, held for court.
Curtis Daniel Schumann, 35, arrested at 8:40 a.m. Aug. 22, warrant arrest, body only.
Cameron Lynn Card, 48, arrested at 7:08 a.m. Aug. 22, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.
Luis Hugo Resendez, 45, arrested at 1:49 a.m. Aug. 23, DWI-test refusal and open bottle, held for court.
Keenan Davante Harris, 23, arrested at 5 p.m. Aug. 24, probation warrant arrest, body only.
Darin Lee Waldhauser, 41, arrested at 4:52 p.m. Aug. 24, restraining order violation, held for court.
Shaun James Belisle, 28, arrested at 4:34 p.m. Aug. 25, probation warrant arrest, body only.
Brandin David Botten, 27, arrested at 8:48 p.m. Aug. 25, felony possession, revoked license and no insurance, held for court.

Owatonna Fire

Aug. 21
Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Interstate 35 at 2:46 p.m.
Aug. 22
Smoke. Fire personnel assisted with removing a smoke or odor in the 2400 block of 45th S. at 9:59 p.m.
Aug. 23
Waste Fire. At 11:42 p.m., fire fighters responded to a outside rubbish, trash or waste fire in the 600 block of Bridge St. W.
Aug. 24
Crash. A motor vehicle accident with no injuries occurred in the 400 block of Greenhaven Lane NE at 5:32 p.m.
Aug. 26
Smoke. At 6:31 a.m., Owatonna Fire worked on removing smoke or an odor from the 100 block of Main St. E.
Aug. 27
Hazardous Condition. Fire personnel responded to a hazardous condition in the 1000 block of Prairie Lane NE at 4:14

SHERIFF'S TIPLINE

866-878-7964



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

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Stephen Collingwood – worthless check - \$2,000 bail
Kevin Collins – traffic - \$431 bail
Seeta Conley – traffic - \$1,000 bail
Robert Connell – theft-shoplifting - \$1,000 bail
Lorenzo Cook – assault - \$500 bail
Abel Cordova – DUI – no bail
Omar Cordova Jr. – stalking, revoked license – no

bail
Cordova-Robles – license violation - \$500 bail
Alberto Corona – DUI – no bail
William Corwin – cancelled license - \$6,000 bail
Harold Crafton – give false name - \$500 bail
Jose Crisanto – cancelled license - \$1,000 bail
Elias Cruz – DWI - \$12,000 bail
Jose Cruz – DWI - \$1,400 bail

Maria Cruz – assault - \$300 bail
Stuart Culpepper – DWI - \$700 bail
Joel Cux – no license, no insurance - \$500 bail
Joel Dahl – DWI - \$3,000 bail
Hasan Dama – suspended license - \$500 bail
Tod Daugherty – drugs - \$40,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Legals

Foreclosure

15-100715 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 7, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,400.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Mark A. Boehme and Amanda D. Wacek, each a single person MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 8, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000355253 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Dated: February 7, 2008 filed: February 8, 2008, recorded as document number A000355254 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Ten (10), in Block One (1), in Olson's Addition to the Village of Blooming Prairie PROPERTY ADDRESS: 250 2nd St SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-105-0110 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,365.43 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 22, 2015, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. 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 22, 2016, or the next business day if March 22, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: July 22, 2015
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
Diane F. Mach - 273788
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X
Attorneys for Mortgagee
12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

7/28, 8/4, 8/11
8/18, 8/25, 9/1

Foreclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: 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#: 100021200000987676 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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee
Canadian Pacific Plaza, 120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 952-232-0052
Our File No. 15MN00080-1

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
A-4537400

08/04, 08/11, 08/18
08/25, 09/01, 09/08

Foreclosure

15-101173 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 13, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$184,500.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Otto McKinstry, Jr. and Melba L. McKinstry, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 10, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000361010 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that tract of parcel of land lying and being in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: The East 66 feet of the South 135 feet of Lot 5 in Block 2 in Merrill Odell's Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota (also described as commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 5 in Block 2 in said Addition, running thence Northwesterly along the Easterly line of said Lot 135 feet, thence running Southwesterly and parallel

to Mineral Springs Avenue 66 feet; thence running Southeasterly 135 feet to the Southerly line of said Lot; thence running Northeasterly along the Southerly line of said Lot 66 feet to the point of beginning.) PROPERTY ADDRESS: 550 Ridge Rd, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-113-0210 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$108,781.98 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: October 9, 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 12 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 9, 2016, or the next business day if October 9, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: August 6, 2015

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
Diane F. Mach - 273788
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X
Attorneys for Mortgagee
12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

8/18, 8/25, 9/1
9/8, 9/15, 9/22

Estate

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No 74-PR-15-1637

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Timothy Paul White,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 22, 2015, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Timothy Jacob White, whose address is 4216 Wooddale Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN, 55416 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated:
2015.08.12

BY THE COURT

Joseph A. Bueltel
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner
David L. Einhaus
Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A.
202 N. Cedar Ave.
PO Box 545
Owatonna, MN, 55060
Attorney License No: 26190
Telephone: (507) 451-3580
FAX: (507) 451-3532
Email: einhaus@owatonnalawyers.com

8/25, 9/1

Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No.: 74-PR-15-1696

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of
Kathryn Ann Francis,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 29, 2015 at 10:45, a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County District Court, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, on a Petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Bonnie L. Francis, whose address is 711 14th Street SE, Owatonna, Minnesota, as Personal Representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Aug 19 2015

/s/ Joseph A. Bueltel
Judge of District Court

Aug 20 2015
/s/ Sonia Kocher
Court Administrator

SMITH, TOLLEFSON,
RAHRICK & CASS
Mark J. Rahrlick
(Atty ID# 252402)
108 W Park Squire, Suite A
P.O. Box 271
Owatonna, MN 55060
Telephone: (507) 451-6540

9/1, 9/8

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 6, 2006 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$48,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Sean Hughes, a single person; Carol Sue Ahlborn, a single person; and Ruth M. Ahlborn, a single person MORTGAGEE: Community Bank Owatonna DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: January 17, 2006, Office of the County Recorder for Steele County, Minnesota, as Document #A000338484 MODIFICATIONS OF MORTGAGE: Modification of Mortgage dated February 17, 2009, filed March 6, 2009, as Document No. A000362530; and Modification of Mortgage dated March 12, 2012, filed March 28, 2012, as Document No. A000383726. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: N/A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The NW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 106 North, Range 20 West, EXCEPT: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said NW

1/4; thence North 90° East 1061 feet along the north line of said NW 1/4; thence South 0° East 306 feet; thence North 82°42'05" West 771.40 feet to a point 208.00 feet South of the North line of said NW 1/4; thence South 0° East 105.06 feet; thence North 90° West 295.85 feet to the West line of said NW 1/4; thence North 313.06 feet to the Northwest corner of said NW 1/4 being the point of beginning. TAX PARCEL NO.: 05-003-4000 STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5049 S. County Road 45, Owatonna, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$25,894.63 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: October 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 East Pearl Street, 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 twelve (12) months from the date of sale. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 20, 2016.

“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 24, 2015

COMMUNITY BANK OWATONNA
By: /s/ Mark J. Rahrlick
Mark J. Rahrlick
SMITH, TOLLEFSON,
RAHRICK & CASS
108 W. Park Square, Suite A

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 8/11/2015
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Glynn/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Schultz/Glynn to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2015. Ayes all.
3. Schultz/Glynn to approve the personnel actions. Ayes all.
4. Glynn/Schultz to approve Conditional Use Permit #398 for Chris Snow for a Classic Car Restoration and Sales Business in Section 29-108-20 of Clinton Falls Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
5. Schultz/Glynn to approve Interim Use Permit #2010-01 for Dave Arndt in Section 3-107-19 of Havana Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
6. Glynn/Schultz offered a Resolution to approve the Extension of the Agreement between Steele County and Waseca County to provide shared services with the Court Services Director. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voting in favor thereof, Commissioner Ebeling absent and not voting.
7. Glynn/Brady to authorize advertising for bids for the SAP-74-645-35 and to set the bid opening for September 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ayes all.
8. Glynn/Schultz to approve the Engineering Services Contract amendment with Stonebrooke Engineering for the CSAH 42 project in Blooming Prairie. Ayes all.
9. Commissioner Reports:
Schultz reported on his attendance at the South Central Human Relations, Fair Board and SEMCAC meetings.
Glynn reported on his attendance at the Blooming Prairie City Council and MNPrarie meetings.
Brady had none.
Huntington reported on her attendance at the SCCL, South Country Health Alliance and MNPrarie meetings.
10. Glynn/Brady to approve the following listing of bills.

LISTING OF BILLS
8/11/2015

Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	8,086.01
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	6,780.00
Businessware Solutions Corporation	2,122.10
City of Medford	2,500.00
Clearview Window Cleaning	2,435.00
Computer Professional Unlimited, Inc.	4,062.72
Crane Creek Asphalt	3,706.65
Evergreen Land Services	2,150.00
Express Services, Inc.	3,105.75
Four Seasons Centre	8,673.75
H & R Construction Co. Inc.	8,975.10
Hillyard – Hutchinson	2,998.04
Honeywell, Inc.	5,506.43
Integra Telecom	2,550.13
Kwik Trip, Inc.	5,274.51
Medford Sand & Gravel, LLC	2,416.49
Metal Culverts, Inc.	2,670.44
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	15,030.80
Olmsted County Community Services	5,445.00
Owatonna Public Utilities	13,833.85
Phone Station, Inc.	3,675.00
Preon Power, Inc.	2,800.00
RDO Equipment Co., Inc.	3,749.07
Schultz Excavating	4,275.00
Steele County Revenue	7,015.27
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	12,715.30
Turnkey Corrections	4,580.43
147 Warrants under \$2,000	49,651.64
Total:	\$214,784.48

11. Glynn/Brady to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:16 p.m. Ayes all.

P.O. Box 271
Owatonna, MN 55060
Phone: (507) 451-6540
Attorney Reg. No. 252402

ATTORNEYS FOR COMMUNITY BANK OWATONNA, MORTGAGEE, AND ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY BANK OWATONNA

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

9/1, 9/8, 9/15
9/22, 9/29, 10/6

Minnesota Prairie County Alliance Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Minnesota Prairie County Alliance will receive sealed proposals for Group Life Insurance, Short and Long Term Disability according to written specifications and conditions. Proposals shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications.

A sealed proposal must be received in the Steele County's Human Resources Office no later than Thursday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m. CST. A sealed copy of all quotations should also be sent to Ochs, Inc., agent of record. No formal opening of proposals will occur.

The group reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the employees of the group regardless of whether or not such quotation is lowest.

Proposal specifications may be obtained from Ochs, Inc. by mailing a request to ochs@ochsinc.com or calling 1-800-392-7295

9/1

THE CLASSIFIEDS-
Where the Deals Are!

APARTMENTS FOR RENT SITUATIONS WANTED
AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
GARAGE SALES HOMES FOR SALE

Steele County Times
Always local, all the time.
Call to place an item in the Classifieds today:
507-583-4431

Legals/Classifieds

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Case Type: Action to Determine
Adverse Claims to Real Estate
Court File No. 20-CV-15-1709

Gary S. Piepho and
Martha C. Piepho,

Plaintiffs

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN
20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR
RIGHTS. You must give or mail
to the person who signed this
summons a written response called
an Answer within 20 days of the
date on which you received this
Summons. You must send a copy
of your Answer to the person who
signed this Summons located at:

176
v.

177
Defendants.

Patricia A. Parrott, Gordon A. Becker, Sister Barbara C. Becker, Constance E. Pick, Lawrence W. Becker, MaryLee Becker, surviving spouse of Lawrence W. Becker, James M. Becker, Donna M.S. Becker, and also any unknown assigns and successors of the above-named Defendants; and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO PATRICIA A. PARROT, GORDON A. BECKER, SISTER BARBARA C. BECKER, CONSTANCE E. PICK, LAWRENCE W. BECKER, MARYLEE BECKER, JAMES M. BECKER, and DONNA M.S. BECKER

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

your rights or you may lose the case.
6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.
7. This Action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, described as follows:
The following property situated in Steele County, Minnesota: Beginning at a point 1106 feet South and 382.62 feet East of the Northwest Corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 107 North, Range 20 West; and running thence East 131 feet; thence South 115 feet; thence West 131 feet; thence North 115 feet to the point of beginning. The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that Plaintiffs Gary S. Piepho and Martha C. Piepho are the owners of that real estate and that none of the Defendants have any estate or interest therein.

Dated:
August 17, 2015

EINHAUS, MATTISON,
CARVER & HABERMAN P.A.
Eric J. Mattison
MN# 151609
202 North Cedar
Avenue
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060
Telephone: (507) 451-3580
Facsimile: (507) 451-3532
e-mail: Mattison@
owatonnaattorneys.com

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

9/1, 9/8, 9/15

FFA CORN DRIVE

Continued from Page 9A

wood and cash. By 1979, total donations from the FFA reached a million dollars, and just ten years later, doubled to two million. Donations from the FFA are used to help send children and adults with disabilities to camp, where they grow in independence and self-esteem. Funds are also used to help build facilities that allowed Camp Courage to grow and serve even more individuals. A donation of \$65,000 in 1966 was used to build a Speech and Hearing Therapy building. In 1969, State FFA officers

broke ground on a greenhouse for camp and in 1979, the FFA sponsored a Dining Hall at Camp Courage North.

Today, corn drives are still a popular FFA fundraiser for camp, drawing support from over 60 chapters each year. Alternative fundraising projects include fruit sales, battery drives and Valentine's Day flower sales. These donations are still used for camper scholarships to attend any of the five Minnesota camps of the nonprofit organization, True Friends. In 2012, Courage Center Camps (operating Camp Courage and Camp Courage North) joined together with Friendship Ventures (operating Camp Friendship, Camp Eden Wood and Camp New Hope) to form one organization with the mission of offering life-changing experiences and adventures that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. In 1955, Camp

Courage served 301 children with disabilities. Today, True Friends serves nearly 4,000 individuals annually.

The corn drive has also inspired former Freeborn FFA members, Jim Beach and Neil Pierce, to continue to support Camp Courage. In 2001, the first "Tee It Up For Campers" golf tournament was held at Oak View Golf Course in Alden, MN and it successfully raised \$2,970. The event soon expanded into having a wine tasting in June and the golf tournament in July and has raised a cumulative total of over \$180,000. This year the 15th annual Tee It Up For Campers golf tournament (and wine tasting) raised a total of \$20,000 for Camp Courage.

For more information about True Friends and Camp Courage please call 952-852-0101 or visit www.truefriends.org.



mcAn

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network



HELP WANTED

HARVEST HELP WANTED:
Immediate Openings: Experienced semi-drivers for sugarbeet, potato harvest. Valid driver's license required. Camper hookups available. Emanuelson Family Farms, Drayton, ND 701/454-6122

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

NOW HIRING
Company OTR drivers. \$2,000 sign on bonus, flexible home time, extensive benefits. Call now! Hibb's & Co. 763/389-0610

Only \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 3 million readers!!! 1-800-279-2979

CDL A DRIVERS

\$7,500 sign-on-bonus. Medical benefits on day 1 & \$65k+ in your first year!!! Guaranteed pay. Profit sharing. 401K with company match & more! Email resume: mnhr@mclaneco.com or call Hollie now! 507/664-3038

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

CONTRACT SALESPERSON
Selling Aerial photography of farms on commission basis. \$4,225.00 first month guarantee. \$1,500-\$3,000 weekly proven earnings. Travel required. More info msphotosd.com or 877/882-3566

ADVERTISE HERE STATEWIDE IN 260+ NEWSPAPERS FOR ONLY \$279 PER WEEK! CALL 800-279-2979

AUCTIONS

REAL ESTATE/ESTATE AUCTION
September 19th: 10am. Becida, MN. Beautiful brick 3BR, 2.5 baths, 3-stall garage, barn, outbuildings, 68 acres, also 40ac hunting and 7.9 acre Lake Alice lot. Jokela Auctions, Park Rapids, MN. 218/538-6508 www.MidwestAuctions.com/Jokela

HUNTING RECREATIONAL LAND AUCTION

September 16th, 6pm. Cabela's, Rogers, MN online bidding details: www.KWHuntingProperties.com Keller Williams Realty/Alliance Auctions Shelly Weinzell (license 86-79) agent auctioneer 763/300-5055

AGRICULTURE

HENRYBUILDING.COM
IMMEDIATE SHIPPING
60x126x16 was \$84,700 NOW \$65,700, 80x154x18 was \$136,000 NOW \$119,500. Many other sizes available. Written Price Guarantee. Nation's Strongest Buildings! Call 218/863-6445

FARM EQUIPMENT

OUR HUNTERS WILL
pay Top \$\$\$ to hunt your land. Call for a free Base Camp Leasing info packet & quote: 866/309-1507 www.BaseCampLeasing.com

MISCELLANEOUS

GEOTHERMAL HEATING & COOLING SYSTEMS
commercial, residential & shop buildings. Economical heating & cooling. Federal tax credits, electric rebates available. Earthloop Geothermal Systems, Fosston 218/435-6379

SELL YOUR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT

or annuity payments for CASH NOW. You don't have to wait for your future payments any longer! Call 800/218-8581

DONATE YOUR CAR

truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3 day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 800/439-1735

DISH NETWORK

Get more for less! Starting \$19.99/month (for 12 months), plus bundle & save (Fast Internet for \$15 more/month.) Call now 800/297-8706

STOP OVERPAYING FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS!

Save up to 93%! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy service to compare prices and get \$15.00 off your first prescription and free shipping. Call 800/259-1096

CDL/OTR DRIVER WANTED

Driver benefits included, Paid Holidays, Vacation Pay, Health Insurance, 401K

KRUEGER

TRUCKING

AUSTIN, MN • 800-634-3317

Cedar Floral

507-451-7673

Hometown Floral Shop looking for Part-time help. Applicant should be ready to tackle all aspects of the retail business. Qualifications include, customer service, retail experience, knowledge of flowers and or a willingness to learn and work with people.

For application stop in at
314 North Cedar, Owatonna, MN

Substitute Teaching Opportunities

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher at either Blooming Prairie High School or Blooming Prairie Elementary School, please call Barb at 507-583-4426, ext. 421 or Kristine at 507-583-6615, ext. 221.

We are looking for individuals who are either licensed teachers or licensed short-call substitutes.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BLOSSOMING INTO LEARNERS AND LEADERS

Somerby Golf Club in Byron is seeking a full time dishwasher/prep cook. We are seeking a very reliable, hardworking individual who is willing to work nights and weekends.

JOB DUTIES

•Washing dishes
•Place cleaned dishes in proper locations
•Sweep and scrub floors
•Remove trash and recycling in a timely manner
•Assist Chefs and cooks with daily prep

REQUIREMENTS:

•Must be able to communicate effectively
•Be able to lift 50 lbs routinely
•Able to work with limited supervision
•Be able to take direction and follow through effectively
•Present self in a professional manner

BENEFITS

•Compensation is commensurate with qualifications and experience
•Insurance benefits available after probation period
•401K •PTO acquirement •Bonus potential

STOP IN OR CONTACT:
kstumpf@somerby.com

Somerby

GOLF COMMUNITY

CLUES ACROSS

1. Actor Damon

5. Resort

8. Low continuous tones

11. Cape Verde capital

13. Abbreviation for clean

14. Shoe retailer

15. Dashery

16. Head covering

17. Canadian flyers

18. A plant fiber used for making rope

20. Prime Minister — Hirobumi

21. Hani

22. Nonexistences

25. Mexican victory holiday

30. Avowed

31. Ref

32. 2013 Philip. volcano eruption
33. Beard lichen genus

38. Tennis player organization

41. More saline

43. New York City

45. A ship's cheapest fare

47. A winglike part

49. At the stern

50. Oral polio vaccine

55. Tatouhou

56. In addition

57. Baltic flat-bottomed boat (alt. sp.)

59. Search for

60. Gray sea eagle

61. Music timings

62. Make a mistake

63. Root mean square (abbr.)

64. Sleeveless Arab garments

CLUES DOWN

1. Speedometer rate

2. Turkish/Iranian river

3. Japanese socks

4. Drawstrings

5. Formal separation over doctrine

6. Tableland

7. Word with opposite meaning

8. Cabs

9. 45th state

10. Matakam
12. Macaws

14. Scottish hillside

19. Load for shipment

23. Sleeping place

24. Linking verb

25. Br. University punting river

26. Marsh elder

27. Horse noise

28. Contract research organization (abbr.)

29. Excessively
- ornamented

34. Engine additive

35. Small bite

36. Snakelike fish

37. They —

39. Performance arena

40. Enact before an audience

41. Special interest group

42. Grows old

44. Conductor's implements
45. A heavy cavalry sword

46. Tropical ship's wood

47. A domed or vaulted recess

48. Lascivious look

51. Mentally quick and resourceful

52. La — Tar Pits, Hollywood

53. Unstressed-stressed

54. Celery cabbage

58. Wrong prefix

GIVE YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES.

Contact us for a complimentary consultation or second opinion – with no obligation.

Specializing in:

Mutual Funds • Unit Investment Trusts
Fixed & Variable Annuities • Stocks
Bonds • Life Insurance • Long-Term
Care Insurance • IRAs

ACCENTRA

Investment Services

507-434-3334

400 Fourth Ave. NE • Austin, MN 55912

Registered Representative of INVEST Financial Corporation, member FINRA/SIPC. INVEST and its affiliated insurance agencies offer securities, advisory services and certain insurance products and are not affiliated with Accentra Investment Services. Products offered are: • Not FDIC insured • Not Credit Union Guaranteed • May lose value.

Jay Braaten,
Financial Advisor

Welcome Back Students!



About the school calendar

The 2014-15 school calendar was compiled with the most recent information available. Because time and dates need to be changed on occasion, parents should check school bulletins, newsletters or call the individual school for updated schedules before attending any events. Additional information can be found on the **website: www.blossoms.k12.mn.us**

Student rights

Student Records: State Law gives the students and his/her parents or guardians the right to examine school administrative records. When a pupil has reached the age of 18, access by parents or guardians is subject to the student's consent.

Mission Statement and Belief System for Blooming Prairie Schools

Mission Statement:

The mission of Blooming Prairie Schools is to provide challenging opportunities for lifelong learning in a safe and caring environment. Beliefs Definition:

Beliefs help us define our fundamental values and drive the direction of our mission and goals.

Beliefs:

We believe:

1. All children can learn and be successful.
2. All children need love, care, attention and nurturing.
3. All children need to have fun.
4. All children need and deserve respect.
5. All children learn at different rates and in different ways.
6. Community, parents, learner and educators share in the responsibility for learning.
7. Success results in further success.
8. Schools create and control the conditions under which learners succeed.

School calendar

September

Sept. 8 - School Starts

October

Oct. 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Students dismissed at 12:45 pm
High School Conferences from 1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Elementary School Conferences from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Oct. 13 - Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
High School Teacher In-service
Oct. 14 -Teacher In-service. No School for students
Oct. 15 -16 - Eduaction Minnesota - No School
Blooming Prairie Public School offices closed.

November

Nov. 6 End of 1st Quarter
Students dismissed at 12:45 pm -Teacher In-service
Nov. 9 Start of 2nd Quarter
25 Teacher In-service. No School for students
26-27 Thanksgiving vacation

December

22 Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Teacher In-service
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday Break

January

Jan. 4 Classes Resume

Jan. 22 - End of 2nd Quarter
Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Teacher In-service
Jan. 25 - Teacher In-service. No School for students.
Jan. 26 - Start of 3rd Quarter

February

Feb. 12 - Teacher In-service. No School for students
Feb. 15 - President's Day - No School

March

Mar. 8 High - School and Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Mar. 25 - Easter/Spring Break - No School
Mar. 28 - Easter/Spring Break - No School
Mar. 29 - Teacher In-service. No School for students

April

April 1 - End of 3rd Quarter. Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Teacher In-service
Apr. 4 Start of 4th Quarter

May

May 30 - Memorial Day. No School

June

Jun 1- Graduation Practice. Last Day for Seniors
Jun. 3 - Last Day of School for Students. End of 4th Quarter. Students dismissed at 12:45 pm - Teacher In-service
June 5- Graduation

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Superintendent's Office Hours

School days – 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
and/or appointments by request
The superintendent's office is located at the high school

Telephone Numbers

Please follow the directory options given, when you dial one of the following numbers:
High School Office/Superintendent's Office . . . 583-4426
Elementary School 583-6615

Fax Numbers

Elementary School Office 583-4415
High School Office. 583-7952



On days when it is impossible for the school buses to operate or the weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, a notice will be broadcast over the following radio and TV stations:

KATE/KCPI (AM 1450 & FM 94.9),
Albert Lea

KAUS (FM 100), Austin
KDHL (AM 920), Faribault
KOWZ (FM 100.9), Blooming Prairie
KRFO/KAT KOUNTRY (FM 105 & AM 1390), Owatonna
KROC (AM 1340 & FM 106.9), Rochester
WCCO (AM 830), Minneapolis/St. Paul
KAAL – TV Channel 6, Austin
KARE – TV Channel 11, Minneapolis/St. Paul
KIMT – TV Channel 3, Mason City
KMSP – TV Channel 9, Minneapolis/St. Paul
KSTP – TV Channel 5, Minneapolis/St. Paul
KTTT – TV Channel 10, Rochester
WCCO – TV Channel 4, Minneapolis/St. Paul

A special emergency information sheet explaining details of emergency plans will be sent home with all of the children.

SCHOOL BOARD

Rodney Krell
Pam Hameister
Jenny Thurnau
Kathi Peterson
Kelly Braaten
Jon Sunde
Michelle Vigeland

ADMINISTRATION

Barry Olson Superintendent
Chris StalochElementary School Principal
John Worke . . H.S.Assistant Principal-Activities Director

FACULTY

K-12 Services:
Ranae Berg Social Worker
Susan Kramer . .Com.Ed.Coord./Grad. Standards Tech
Stacy Magnus Speech
Lauren NelsonESL
Lynna ReeseSpecial Education Coordinator
Darcy Thompson School Nurse

SECRETARIES

Nancy Clark Sup
Sharon Lea Sup
Tammy WurstHS
Barb KaplanHS
Kristine SmithElem
Julie Naatz Elem

High School:

Ross ReishusMusic
Kari BottinMusic
Kyle SchaferMusic
Ranell KittelsonSpecial Ed
Ann StephensonSpecial Ed
Lia PetersonSpecial Ed
Lisa Poe Math
John Bruns Math
Janet Luick Math
Gina McLaughlinEnglish
Kurt FosterEnglish
Erik VigelandEnglish
Jen GainesFACS
Jenny Thomas Spanish
Sarah OelkersScience
Alison MachScience
Dave PfeiferScience
Kevin Driessen Phy Ed/Health
Chad GimbelBus Ed
Michelle SouthworthSocial
Cory HendricksonSocial
Ryan SlackSocial
Mary Malherek Lib/English
Nathan Piller Art
Bill RinkenbergerAg
Mary Worke Phy Ed/Health

Elementary School:

Amy Demmer K
Lisa Bruns K
Emily Henslin K
Natalie Sorensen 1
Rachel Harberts 1
Heather Schiller 1
Kim Lea 2

Diane Pfeiffer 2
Denise Hadrath 2
Angie Avery 3
Stephanie Murphy 3
Chelsea Van Roekel 3
Matthew Kittelson 4
Kaylenna Miller 4
Brenda Sorenson 5
Kayla Andrist 5
Paul Peterson 6
Diane Anderson 6
Andrew Hardecopf 6
Steve SwensonPhy Ed and Computer
Christy HarmsSpecial Ed
Kari BottinMusic
Ross ReishusMusic and Computer
Kyle SchaferMusic
Beth KrebsLib.
Brenda Berg Computer
Angie Carlson Title
Tara Gimbel Reading

PARA'S

Sandra Basness HS
Karen Inwards HS
Kerstin Schewe Elem
Tracy Graves Elem
Gloria Salinas Elem
Peggy Tashima Elem

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS STAFF

Lee Peterson HS
John Shoden HS
Michael Alvey Elem
Todd Nelson Elem

Sponsored by the following businesses

frontier
Communications
High-Speed Internet • Telephone
TV • Data Security
*Visit our Frontier Retail Center
for great service and offers*
420 First Street SE
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
507.583.2551 • www.Frontier.com

SALINAS AUTO REPAIR INC.
656 3rd St. NE • Blooming Prairie, MN
Robert Salinas
Family-Owned
507-583-6620

BLOOMING PRAIRIE
DENTAL CENTER P.A.
*"Where the Individual and
the Comfort, come first"*
Dentistry for the entire family
Jeffrey A. Schwert DDS
507-583-6613
132 2nd Ave. NE

**Blooming Prairie
Bus Company**

"Safety First!
Be on Time!"

237 Hwy Ave. S • Blooming Prairie **583-6671**

SunOpta
Grains and Foods Group
A healthy products company
3824 S.W. 93 rd St.
Hope, MN 56046
507-451-4724

**You Are Looking at
a Revolution In...**
Water Conditioners
Call today!
Authorized Independent Kinetic Dealer
Garlick's Water Conditioning
507-526-3616 or Toll Free 1-800-722-1282
www.garlickswater.com
Sales • Service • Rentals • Leasing

**Hope
CREAMERY**
TRY HOPE
BUTTER FOR
YOUR BAKING!
507-684-2019
LOCALLY PRODUCED

"Quality Care with a Small Town Touch"
220 3rd St. NW • Blooming Prairie, MN
507-583-4434 • fax 507-583-2401

507-583-9994
24/7 Towing 507-440-0093
536 Highway 216 S.
Blooming Prairie
www.darrickspreferredauto.com
FREE SERVICES
(not service only)
• Loaner Cars
• Wrecks with Tires
• Alignment Checks
• Tire Rotation
• Battery Charging & Checks
• Pickup & Delivery within 15 miles
• Service Light Check Checks
• Free Towing for life year

www.minimizer.com
800-248-3855
Blooming Prairie

**LARGE SELECTIONS
LOW PRICES**
495 West N. ST.
Owatonna
507-451-7220
 "like" us on
facebook

Orthodontic Specialist
Building Healthy Smiles
New Patients Welcome • Free Consultations
Dr. Deborah J. Lien, DDS, MBS
132 2nd Ave. NE
Blooming Prairie, MN
507-583-6613
Cell: 507-456-5646

**Mike's
REPAIR**
Ag & Truck Tire
870 32 Ave. NW, Owatonna
Emergency or on the farm repair
507-455-0388
(After hours 507-455-0483)

**Sorenson's
Appliances & TV**
GE, Frigidaire, Direct Tv, Danby, Crosley, Broan,
Jenn-Air, KitchenAid, Maytag, Panasonic, RCA,
Samsung, Toshiba, Whirlpool
Geneva, Mn
507-256-7258

Your Service Minded Dealer
KREJCI

507-583-2046
218 Hwy N. ≈ Blooming Prairie
14 Times Presidents Award Winner

Back to School

Medford students remain tech savvy

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Sixth-graders in the Medford School district are extra excited for their new grade status because for the first time, they are able to bring their school iPads home with them at night. It is also the first year that kindergarteners will each have their own mini iPads for use during school only.

All Medford students K-12 are set up with iPads for educational use. The iPads are a part of Medford’s digital learning environment, as Medford educators feel that proper use of technology can “increase student’s learning and achievement.”

Technology Integrationist/District Assessment Coordinator Patrick Shipway presented information to parents and students at the Medford Technology Night on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

“We want to hone the 21st century skill of technology that is so important for career and college readiness,” said Shipway.

Many teachers utilize the iPads throughout the day by using various planner/calendar aps, learning games and presentation programs.

“With the iPads, teachers are able to get data during class,” said Shipway during the presentation. “Collaboration in class and at home allows education to continue outside of school walls.”

Shipway said that collaboration, creativity and critical thinking are all essential educational areas that technology can help build in a classroom.

Safety and technology was a large topic of conversation at the Medford Technology Night. Shipway commented that with the internet, happening upon “adult situations” can occur, but the school district has made it their mission to help teach safe user practices.

“Kids are already using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We want them to learn safe user habits,” said Shipway. “When they are using technology in schools, we as parents and educators can talk to our students about those adult situations in a safe environment. Do you want them to learn from this community, or some random person on the internet?”

Safety skills can include smart choices in those “adult situations,” password protections, and knowledge of cyber footprints. “Those teenage years are all about creating an identity. That identity that you create on the web through the years can come back to help or haunt you tomorrow,” said Shipway.

User accountability is also a skill Medford wants to teach its students. “If you wouldn’t say it to someone’s face, don’t say it online, either,” said Shipway.

“We want to make sure that students are using device for learning. That’s the ultimate goal,” remarked Shipway.

Parents also have the responsibility of teaching their children a balanced use. Par-



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Technology Integrationist/District Assessment Coordinator Patrick Shipway presented information to parents and students at the Medford Technology Night on Tuesday, Aug 18.

ents of sixth- through twelfth-graders have the responsibilities of setting limits on device use at home. Shipway encourages parents to “embrace their world” but also set limits, such as “no use before bed.”

Medford educators also encourage parents to have discussions with their children about what they use their device for.

Elementary principal Mark Ristau assured parents that when the device is at home, it falls under their rules: “Parents, don’t let your kids pull wool over your eyes and tell you, ‘Well, I need to keep this in my room because so and so said.’ No. When they come home with their device, it falls under your rules.”

The educators admit that the devices do not fully replace textbooks, as students will still need to cart back and forth textbooks. However, the devices

are lightening the load a little bit, and the school hopes to eventually use more and more e-Books.

While there are many responsibilities that fall on the students and the parents regarding the iPad use, the school shares in that responsibility. The school is responsible for providing a strong enough network to support all of the iPads. The school also inspects the iPads and filters malicious content.

The iPads are meant to add to the learning experience of students; however, students and parents need to be on the same page regarding the responsibility of using the device, especially when the iPads come home at night.

Clothing recycler USAgain offers solutions for an eco-friendly back-to-school

Tips help parents and students reduce waste and save money

Clothing recycler USAgain (pronounced use-again) is offering four easy, eco-friendly tips this year to change the way parents and students approach back-to-school: Recycle, Reuse, Shop Smart and Create a Plan.

With approximately 75 million students projected to attend school in the United States this year, there is a great deal of opportunity to reduce waste this back-to-school season. There are locations in both Owatonna and Austin.

Recycle

If your children have outgrown their clothes from last fall, parents should think about the recycling bin instead of the trash can as recycling is no longer limited to just paper and plastic materials. Textile recycling has become increasingly more popular, but Americans still toss 85 percent of their unwanted clothing and shoes into the garbage, according to the U.S. EPA.

“Recycling clothing and textiles at one of the USAgain recycling bins provides these items with a valuable second life and protects the environment” said Mattias Wallander, CEO of US-Again. “Crucial landfill space is saved, greenhouse gasses are prevented, and natural resources are conserved among countless other benefits.”

Re-use

It’s estimated that 75 percent of parents will send their children to school in new clothes. But before embarking on a shopping spree, take time to determine which items can be reused

from last year. If your children have outgrown their wardrobes, see if clothes can be passed down to siblings, relatives, or friends. Additionally, backpacks and gently used school supplies can carry over.

Shop smart

USAgain is also urging parents to shop smart when buying back-to-school materials. Shopping is stressful, but try to focus on reducing purchases and avoiding impulse decisions. The vast majority of parents buy all of their child’s school supplies before the first day of school. Waiting to purchase until your child knows exactly what he or she needs saves money and reduces waste.

Create a Plan

Back-to-school is a great time to create a plan for practicing eco-friendly habits throughout the year. Whether packing lunch in sustainable and reusable material, carpooling to school, or keeping school supplies in good condition, implementing green

habits shows a commitment to preserving the environment for future generations.

Back-to-school is an exciting time full of new opportunities for students and parents to put an eco-friendly twist on the upcoming year.

About USAgain USAgain, a leader in the textile recycling industry since 1999, is a for-profit company that recycles and reuses clothing, shoes and other textiles. Its mission is to provide consumers with a convenient and eco-friendly option to rid themselves of excess clothing, which is diverted from landfills. USAgain maintains more than 12,500 collection bins in 19 states. For more information, visit www.usagain.com to learn more and locate a recycling container near you.

STEELE COUNTY
Times
Always local, all the time.

Get your copy today from newsstands at any of the following businesses!

BLOOMING PRAIRIE
Casey's General Store • Vandal's SuperValu

ELLENDALE
Lerberg's Foods

HAYFIELD
Casey's General Store

MEDFORD
Anhorn's Gas & Tire • Mobil Gas Station

OWATONNA
Hy-Vee Grocery • Cash Wise Grocery
Kwik Trip (Oak Ave.) • Kwik Trip (Clinton Falls)
Kwik Trip (Frontage Rd.) • Kwik Trip (Mineral Spr.)

Come to the BP library for all your school needs!

(507) 583-7750

Research • Books • Computer Use

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Good Luck, Students!

As you begin a new school year, remember that with hard work and dedication, you can achieve anything.

So give it your all at school this year.

Make us proud!

Blooming Prairie Public Schools

SCHOOL IS IN!

Welcome Back!

A+

School is Cool!

Back to School

CHOICE Technical Academy: planting a seed for the future

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Growing pains are to be expected throughout the first year of CHOICE Technical Academy located on Pillsbury campus.

Despite loose ends regarding bus drop off, lunches and extracurricular activities, the academy is set to start school on September 8, along with the Owatonna Public School District. 50 or so students (seventh – 12th grade) are already enrolled, and faculty expect that number to continue to grow throughout the year.

Pillsbury campus is bound to be a busy location this fall, especially in Pillsbury Hall (the triangular shaped building). Pillsbury Hall is home to CHOICE Technical Academy, and they will be temporarily sharing that space with St. Mary’s School.

Late in the summer, SMS discovered a foundational issue that could possibly lead to floor collapse. As they fix flooring foundations, SMS will be holding class in all of the second floor in Pillsbury Hall, as well as certain areas of the first floor.

“It will be really busy in here. We thought it would just be us, but their hope is to get out and back into their own space as soon as possible,” said CHOICE Technical Academy science teacher Kathleen Brinton.

CHOICE Technical Academy has a large room that seems to be the size of three classrooms. They also have a sun room, foundry and the vestibule area.

“Next year, we plan to utilize the upstairs space,” said Brinton. “The second floor was actually never finished, so St. Mary’s is actually helping us out financially by putting in some wall structures up there.”

CHOICE Technical Academy has three certified teachers that will act as advisors, making it a teacher to student ratio of 1 to 15 or 18. Staff consists of teacher Sara Baird, teacher Carl Anderson, teacher Kathleen Brinton and administrative assistant Shari Carlson.

Carl Anderson is the technology and visual arts advisor. He has been a certified teacher for approximately 15 years, and is looking forward to getting started. Aderson said that the teachers go by advisors to make it more of a democratic learning environment.

Like the project-based learning program at



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Kathleen Brinton and Carl Anderson talk with parents of students enrolled in CHOICE Technical Academy.

the Owatonna High School, CHOICE Technical Academy offers project based learning to student’s seventh to 12th grade. Like the Options program, students have more control over what their curriculum looks like based on their own personal interests.

According to the Student/Parent handbook, “CHOICE Technical Academy is a place offering limitless opportunities. It is the responsibility of the student to take learning seriously and to apply him or herself to get their work completed.”

The academy is designed as part of the Technical Academies of Minnesota and is technically apart of the Technical Academies of Minnesota’s school district. Dream Technical Academy of Willmar, Minnesota, is kind of like the sister school to CHOICE Technical Academy. The school in Willmar opened in the fall of 2014.

Many might wonder what project-based learning might be like. The handbook claims that each student will be expected to complete 10 project credits per year in order to advance to the next

grade level. One of the projects must include a presentation, and another project must be turned into an exhibition at a presentation night or other public venue.

On Monday, Aug. 24, and Thursday, Aug. 28, faculty of CHOICE Technical Academy hosted a parent orientation to discuss more details of the project based curriculum.

The parents were given a student schedule. From 8 to 8:50 a.m., students will start and prepare for the day by meeting with their advisor and beginning project work. From 8:50 to 9:40, students will working on ALEKS mathematics (computer program). 9:30 to 11:30 is project work time. Lunch is 11:30 to 12, and all student of CHOICE Technical Academy are expected to bring their own lunches. Hot meals are not yet instated.

After lunch, students have a quiet reading time from 12:00 to 12:45. There is more project work time from 12:45 to 2, and the last half an hour is spent in advisory.

The schedule will be different for the first six

weeks, as students adapt to the new learning style and decide on projects that will benefit their own personal growth in education. “During the first six weeks, students learn what we mean by project-based learning,” said Anderson.

Students will also be spending those first few weeks building their own desks from scratch. “This gives them ownership of their work space,” commented Anderson.

Each student will receive a Chrome Book computer that will be used at various points throughout the day, especially for math. Regarding actual “grade levels,” the school meets students where they are at. “We don’t see the difference between ninth grade and 12th grade English,” said Brinton. “Everyone is ready at different times.”

The academy hopes to become active in community service as part of the curriculum as well as extracurricular. As far as other extracurricular opportunities, the CHOICE Technical Academy reported to parents that “it is in the works.” The school has not yet reached an agreement with the Owatonna Public School district regarding extracurricular sharing.

As of now, extracurricular activities will be “in house.” Parents expressed concern, but they also brainstormed ideas.

“There are going to be hiccups, and we have to have a sense of humor about it,” remarked Brinton.

Due to the school’s fresh roots, students and parents will have a part of molding the academy. Students will have a say in how the budget is spent regarding their education. They will also learn to write grants in order for the school to receive more funding.

CHOICE Technical Academy wants to be open to all backgrounds and include active parent participation despite possible language barriers. Lorna Mendez is a part of CHOICE Technical Academy’s advisory committee, and she is available to provide general information regarding enrollment to Spanish speaking families. Her email is lmendez@tecnicalacademies.org.

CHOICE Technical Academy encourages those interested in enrolling to visit their website at www.choiceta.org or call at 507-400-4009.

“The lease is signed, and we’re here. We’re here to provide the best option for students,” said Brinton. “It’s a leap of faith. It’s a seed of an awesome foundation.”

Check out college tax credits for 2015 and years ahead

With another school year just around the corner, the Internal Revenue Service today reminded parents and students that now is a good time to see if they will qualify for either of two college tax credits or other education-related tax benefits when they file their 2015 federal income tax returns.

In general, the American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit is available to taxpayers who pay qualifying expenses for an eligible student. Eligible students include the taxpayer, spouse and dependents. The American Opportunity Tax Credit provides a credit for each eligible student, while the Lifetime Learning Credit provides a maximum credit per tax return.

Though a taxpayer often qualifies for both of these credits, he or she can only claim one of them for a particular student in a particular year. To claim these credits on their tax return, the taxpayer must file Form 1040 or 1040A and complete Form 8863, Education Credits.

The credits apply to eligible students enrolled in an eligible college, university or vocational school, including both nonprofit and for-profit institutions. The credits are subject to income limits that could reduce the amount claimed on their tax return.

To help determine eligibility for these benefits, taxpayers should visit the Education Credits Web page or use the IRS’s Interactive Tax Assistant tool. Both are available on IRS.gov.

Normally, a student will receive a Form 1098-T from their institution by Jan. 31 of the following year. (For 2015, the due date is Feb. 1, 2016, because otherwise it would fall on a Sunday.) This form will show information about tuition paid or billed along with other information. However, amounts shown on this form may differ from amounts taxpayers are eligible to claim for these tax credits. Taxpayers should see the instructions to Form 8863 and Publication 970 for details on properly figuring allowable tax benefits.

Many of those eligible for the American Opportunity Tax

Credit qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student. Students can claim this credit for qualified education expenses paid during the entire tax year for a certain number of years:

- The credit is only available for four tax years per eligible student.
- The credit is available only if the student has not completed the first four years of postsecondary education before 2015.

Here are some more key features of the credit:

- Qualified education expenses are amounts paid for tuition, fees and other related expenses for an eligible student. Other expenses, such as room and board, are not qualified expenses.
- The credit equals 100 percent of the first \$2,000 spent and 25 percent of the next \$2,000. That means the full \$2,500 credit may be available to a taxpayer who pays \$4,000 or more in qualified expenses for an eligible student.
- Forty percent of the American Opportunity Tax Credit is refundable. This means that even people who owe no tax can get an annual payment of up to \$1,000 for each eligible student.
- The full credit can only be claimed by taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$80,000 or less. For married couples filing a joint return, the limit is \$160,000. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels. No credit can be claimed by joint filers whose MAGI is

\$180,000 or more and singles, heads of household and some widows and widowers whose MAGI is \$90,000 or more.

The Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000 per tax return is available for both graduate and undergraduate students. Unlike the American Opportunity Tax Credit, the limit on the Lifetime Learning Credit applies to each tax return, rather than to each student. Also, the Lifetime Learning Credit does not provide a benefit to people who owe no tax.

Though the half-time student requirement does not apply to the lifetime learning credit, the course of study must be either part of a post-secondary degree program or taken by the student to maintain or improve job skills. Other features of the credit include:



Spinal adjustments can help newborns!

Even the most “natural” birth can produce spinal subluxations in newborns. A chiropractic adjustment uses about the same pressure you’d use to test the ripeness of a tomato!

Prairie Family & Sports Chiropractic

Back-to-School
Are you ready?

\$20.00 OFF
any service over \$100.00

Harland's
TIRE & AUTO
CENTER

211 W. Main • OWATONNA
507-451-3084 • 1-800-446-3084
Open Mon.– Fri. 7-5:30; Sat. 7-noon
website: Harlandstire.com
email: harlandstire@gmail.com



KERNEL Restaurant

Family Friendly

FREE Kids Meal

Expires: 9-30-15
with purchase of each adult entrée
Ages 12 & under.
Limit 2 free kids meals. Not valid w/any other offer or coupons.

On our website:
Rewards Programs!
Online Coupons!



www.kernelrestaurant.com

1011 Hoffman Drive, Owatonna
451-2585
Open 5 a.m. – 9 p.m. Daily



Back to School

What's hot and what's not: Back to school fashions

By **LEMAR NELSON** and
HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writers

As summer winds down, it is not only athletes who busily prepare for another school year. Teens, especially girls, get themselves into a state of confusion over whether they have succeeded in recognizing and being a part of the current styles in hair, clothing and fashion.

It is all-important, and it begs comparison to changes and styles through the generations. We all know that styles come and go, and that sometimes a cycle repeats itself with many years between. Hopefully, bell-bottom trousers are not one of the repeat styles, but who knows. Let's compare some of those changes through the years and try to understand why some older folks wonder what the current crop of teenagers is coming to.

In today's high school society, a popular hairstyle is longer hair usually worn with a ponytail. This is especially true with high school girl athletes. A popular dress item is the scoop neck blouse or tee shirt, and the most common footwear is either boots or sandals. Short skirts or ripped jeans also occupy favorite status for girls.

One other item that drives some parents to distraction is the new fad of body art- some evident and some in rather hidden locations. Tattoos and belly button and nose piercing provide just two examples of the emerging new style. Whether that will last is anyone's guess. Styles for boys remain much more conservative and traditional, with longer hair complementing some boys' style, and even shorter hair popular with others. Jeans remain the popular dress for everyday wear.

Today's teen styles present a much different picture than that of generations ago. It has been a long time, for example, since girls wore poodle skirts or later, mini and maxi skirts. Saddle shoes were popular for the girls, and almost every boy had "penny loafers" or shoes with a penny tucked into the tongue of the shoe.

One of the biggest differences for both boys and girls can be found on the basketball or volleyball courts. In the 50's and 60's boys wore basketball uniforms that clung to the legs and were so short that they almost cut off circulation. Today one is almost afraid that the uniform will fall to the floor because of the extreme length of the pants. Some styles will recycle, and will become popular once more. Some we can hope

never appear again.

But let's go back to school fashions popular in the 1950s and 1960s.

For many students going to a one-room school in the 1950s, attire was a pair of Osh Kosh overalls and a Roy Rogers cowboy shirt. During the winter months, since many students walked to school and back home, up hill both ways, warm clothing including long johns were a necessity.

From a one-room school, students went to a larger school system, like Blooming Prairie or Austin. Clothing in the larger school then became casual and sporty.

Rock star Elvis Presley and young movie star James Dean had an effect on male attire and grooming. Many teen boys copied Elvis' long sideburns and also combed their hair from side to back with a duck tail (DA) in the rear.

James Dean's hair style was similar to that of Elvis and he also popularized the bright red jacket that was notable in the movie, Rebel Without a Cause. Fashions, tight jeans for boys and poodle skirts for girls, were impacted by the movie West Side Story.

Boys wore white t-shirts and some would put their cigarettes in the short sleeve as soon as they got off school property. Long, thin belts were also popular.

Because Blooming Prairie and surrounding schools were predominantly rural, summer time became a labor intensive time for most boys. Making hay with a mower and a team of horses and a haystacker machine occupied much of the early summer. As crops ripened, cutting grain with a binder, shocking the cut grain into miniature pyramids,



Over the years, many styles have come and gone. Some back to school styles continue to make a comeback, while others become a trademark icon of their era and fade into the past.

and then transporting them in hay racks to threshing machines kept teenagers pretty busy. No one liked shocking grain very much, but a big group of farmers all getting together to do the threshing actually proved a fun time on the farm threshing machine.

As we entered the 1960s, sport shirts and slacks were the going rage for boys and horn-rimmed glasses, the nerdy style, were the in-thing.

For girls in the 1960s, poodle skirts were still popular but mini skirts began to take over and

were applauded by boy classmates of the girls. Not long after, the maxi skirts tried to rival the mini skirts.

For the present, boys and girls have more lenience in what they wear. Long, baggy pants are popular for boys and leggings and skirts being the items to wear for the girls.

Many schools have differing dress codes, most ruling out the wearing of caps and most not allowing bare midriffs.

For the boys, short hair has come back. For the girls, long hair is in, with the pony tail still being popular. Facial hair is now popular for many young boys, something that was not allowed

years ago. Probably one big reason for clean shaven teen boys was that most of them couldn't grow much facial coverage.

Eyewear has also changed with many students wearing contact lenses. The nerdy glasses have also returned for both boys and girls. Fancy frames are often worn by girls with boys wearing more conservative frames.

Fashions definitely come and go, and many come back again. Some we hope never do make a comeback! Take a look at your parents' high school yearbooks and see how fashion styles have changed over the years.

THE CLASSIFIEDS-
Where the Deals Are!

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

SITUATIONS WANTED

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

GARAGE SALES

HOUSES FOR SALE

STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.
Call to place an item in the Classifieds today:
507-583-4431

PUNT, PASS, KICK COMPETITION

Registration 4:30 pm
Event begins at 5:00 pm

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19**

**McFarlin Field
Blooming Prairie High School**

Open to all boys & girls ages 6-15

Prizes awarded in each age/gender division for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Winners can compete in regional competition held in October

Sponsored By: The Blooming Prairie Quarterback Club



Main Street Dental Clinics
comfortable dentistry

Blooming Prairie

405 E. Main St.
507-583-2141

Owatonna

1170 East Frontage Rd.
507-455-1000

Mankato

287 St. Andrews Drive
Suite 100
507-720-0250

Rochester

3110 Wellner Dr. NE.
507-536-7700

New Richland

132 Broadway Ave. N.
507-463-0502

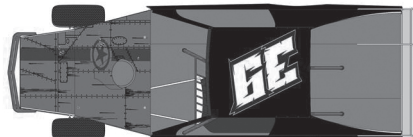
Sportstitch inc.
**341 East Main Street
Blooming Prairie, MN
507-583-7001**

www.sportstitch.net

"Your One Stop Logo Shop"

KIK

GRAPHICS & PRINTING YOU PICK IT WE STICK IT



**612.360.9934 Tyler@kikgraphics.biz
www.kikgraphics.biz
500 Minimizer Way SE
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917**

Back to School

A back to school assignment for college students and parents: Do your homework on insurance coverage

As students prepare to head off to college this fall, Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman has a back-to-school homework assignment for both the students and their parents: Study up on your insurance needs and coverage.

“Even as students are looking forward to college with anticipation, they also need to think ahead to protect themselves against unforeseen expenses and risks,” said Rothman. “Parents also want the peace of mind and financial security that insurance can provide when their child is away from home. It’s important to take some time to do your homework both to confirm what insurance coverage you already have and to shop around for any additional coverage to fit your college student’s specific needs.”

Rothman offers the following tips compiled by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC.)

Auto insurance

If your student is taking a car to school, check with your local agent about the current vehicle insurance policy. Ask about the rates for the college’s city and state before deciding whether to keep the student’s car on the family’s auto policy.

Also, make sure your insurance company is notified each semester if your student maintains good grades, which might lead to a good student discount on the premium.

If your student is involved in a crash, the WreckCheck smartphone application from the NAIC outlines what to do immediately following the crash, guiding you through the step-by-step process of creating an

accident report. The app makes it easy to capture accident photos and collect the necessary information to file an insurance claim.

WreckCheck is free and available at the app stores for iPhone users and Android users.

Health insurance

Nearly all young adults up to age 26 can now stay on their parents’ health insurance plans because of the Affordable Care Act. Marital status, financial dependency, enrollment in school or location don’t affect that provision.

At school, students should have copies of their insurance cards and know how and where to seek medical treatment.

If your insurance plan has a network of preferred medical providers, check to see if the network service area includes providers in the community where your student is attending college. That will make a difference in how much you or your student will have to pay for out-of-pocket charges.

Another coverage option is a student health insurance plan purchased through the college. Not all schools offer these plans. Check with your college about availability and details of coverage and benefits.

Renters insurance

Many students bring thousands of dollars’ worth of personal items to school, including electronics, computers, textbooks, clothes, furniture and bicycles.

Whether your student is living on- or off-campus, it’s a good idea to review your homeowners policy to see whether your student’s personal possessions

will be covered. If not, consider a renters policy to protect your student’s personal property in the event that it’s damaged or stolen. A landlord’s insurance policy doesn’t cover a renter’s personal belongings.

Also, make sure your student makes an inventory list of personal possessions and stores it in a secure location. It’s also good to make a photo or video inventory. Parents should keep a copy of the inventory.

The NAIC has created a smartphone application that makes it easier to document your student’s valuables, update the inventory and store the information for easy access after a disaster. It’s free and available at the app stores for iPhone users and Android users.

If you prefer the low-tech method, the Minnesota Commerce Department website also offers a Home Inventory Checklist that can be printed out and completed on a room-by-room basis.

Before packing your student’s possessions into a car or rental trailer, talk with your insurance agent about whether your homeowners insurance policy will cover the belongings while en route to campus.

Identity theft protection

With the current concern over cybersecurity, identity theft coverage is another insurance consideration. Identity theft insurance is limited, however. It can’t protect parents or students from becoming victims of identity theft, and it doesn’t cover your direct financial losses. It does give coverage for the cost of reclaiming a person’s financial identity — such as the costs of making phone calls, making

copies, mailing documents, taking time off from work without pay (lost wages) and hiring an attorney.

Parents, check first to see if your homeowners policy includes identity theft insurance while the student is away from the family home. If a student is renting an apartment, ask if his or her renters insurance covers identity theft or if it could be added to the policy. If not, you might be able to purchase a stand-alone policy from another insurer, bank or credit card company.



DANCE CLASSES KNOWN FOR EXCELLENCE,

but appreciated for recognizing the effort of every dancer.

Just For Kix is perfect for young children looking to be introduced to dance or for extensive dance training. Our 30-year tradition of treating children with respect and our special brand of choreography lets dancers shine! Children learn in an inclusive environment, where dance and respect work hand in hand.

- ★ Focused on Teamwork
- ★ Fun, Organized & Economical
- ★ Conservative Costume & Music Choices
- ★ Great for Self Esteem
- ★ Respectful, Friendly & Fair

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT
classes.justforkix.com
PRE-SCHOOL - 12TH GRADE

LEARN MORE AT OUR MEET & GREET
SEPTEMBER 11TH • 5:00 - 7:00PM
At the Blooming Prairie Senior Center

CLASS	AGE/GRADE	DAY	TIME
Tiny Kix	3yrs - 5yrs	Mon	6:00 - 6:30pm
Tiny Kix	3yrs - 5yrs	Tues	6:00 - 6:30pm
Wee Pettites	K - 1st	Mon	6:30 - 7:15pm
Wee Kix	2nd - 3rd	Mon	4:00 - 5:00pm
Mini Kix	4th - 6th	Mon	5:00 - 6:00pm
Wee Lyrical/Jazz	2nd - 3rd	Tues	4:00 - 5:00pm
Mini Lyrical/Jazz	2nd - 3rd	Tues	5:00 - 6:00pm
Sr. Kix	7th - 12th	Mon	7:15 - 8:15pm
Sr. Lyrical/Jazz	7th - 12th	Tues	7:15 - 8:15pm

NEW CLASSES STARTING SEPT. 14TH

KICK • LYRICAL • JAZZ

Bizzy Thompson
(507)279-3417
bloomingprairie_mn@justforkix.com

Registration Fee:
\$15.00 (non-refundable)

Monthly Class Fee:
30 Min . . . \$28.00
45-60 Min . . \$31.00

JUST FOR KIX

justforkix.com/danceclasses/bloomingprairie_mn

AN ACTIVE CHILD IS A HEALTHY CHILD!

Child and Teen Checkups are available to children from birth through age 20 who are covered by Minnesota state health plans such as:

- Medical Assistance • Minnesota Care
- South Country Health Alliance • Blue Plus

Call if you need help with transportation, interpreters or making an appointment with a doctor or a dentist.

Child and Teen Checkups Program

STEELE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

507-444-7650

Ellendale Fire Department hosts fundraiser



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Dustin Burshem, Bud Olson, Kia Mikesell and Nolan McGowen serve supper with a smile at the Ellendale community building last Wednesday evening. That night, the Ellendale Fire Department welcomed guests to enjoy a meal and take part in a silent auction to help raise money for the department.

New OAC exhibit offers insight into Muslim Experience in Minnesota

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Owatonna Arts Center believes that the next exhibit to hit the gallery walls is important for our community that continues to grow in diversity.

Tracks in the Snow is a photography exhibit that features 25 individuals and their experience as part of the Minnesotan Muslim population.

The exhibit will be on display at the Owatonna Arts Center starting Sept. 6 and going through Sept. 27.

Artistic director of OAC Silvan Durban said that Tracks in the Snow has a good track record, as it has already been in the Walker Arts Center, the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the State Capitol.

“What is really fascinating about this exhibit is that it provides insights into individuals that are our neighbors, and have actually been in Minnesota since the 1880s,” said Durban. “These are our neighbors that share the same concerns as we do regarding family, economy and community.”

Durban said that this exhibit makes an attempt at informing people of Minnesota about the truths about Muslim people, a population is too often misun-

derstood. Durban referenced the pop quiz on the back of the exhibit post card.

The pop quiz sheds light on the common misconceptions of Muslims in Minnesota. One little known fact that the quiz exposes is that the first documented presence of a Muslim in Minnesota was over 120 years ago. Islam belongs to the religious tradition of Monotheism, and the oldest mosques in the United States are actually located in North Dakota and Iowa.

“The pop quiz proves that we have so many misconceptions of Islam and Muslim individuals,” said Durban.

“Rather than basing information off of stereotypes, if we understand and know individuals’ backgrounds, than we can build better relationships,” said Durban. “United States is a melting pot with rich diversity. This exhibit is important to Owatonna because we have individuals that are of the Islamic faith living in our community.”

There will be a community reception on Sunday, Sept. 13. While Durban does not know at this time who the speaker will be, he said that many organizations have been invited and refreshments will be served.

“I am hoping to talk with local contacts, as well as the group

from Minneapolis to bring articles related to the celebration of the religion,” suggested Durban. “In Owatonna, many understand the Star of David, the Bible and cross, but it would be beneficial to gain a better understanding of the Koran and holy texts.”

The community reception is open and free to the public, and Durban hopes to see a large crowd. “Like the exhibit, it’s an opportunity to gain an experience and learn something new. That is always a focus of the arts and the Owatonna Arts Center,” explained Durban. “It gives you the opportunity to learn, and then you’re allowed to make your own valued opinion.”

The exhibit is part of the Minnesota Muslim Experience Project and was produced by the Islamic Resource Group. The exhibit was also made possible by the Owatonna Human Rights Commission and the Steele County Immigrant Resource Center.

“Hopefully, this exhibit will alleviate the skepticism and fear and help us realize that Muslims in our community are our friends and neighbors,” remarked Durban. “We can realize that we share similar hopes and dreams.”

Ellendale City Council hears request for assistance with holding pond issues

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

It was a full house at the Ellendale City building last week, as residents approached the council with a number of items.

First, area residents addressed the council, requesting assistance with flooding issues resulting from a holding pond located near their homes in the Crown Ridge addition. They noted that it appears as though the main culvert has no draining outlet to the south and that a smaller culvert is the only working water outlet. They further stated that, any time there is a significant amount of rain, the water rises quickly.

The families have dealt with severe flooding on several occasions and asked the council to investigate the issue. The council asked City Maintenance Supervisor Josh Otto to take a look at the issue and determine whether the current main culvert can be cleared, or if the culvert could be in need of replacement. The council will revisit the issue again once they have further information.

Next, a resident expressed

frustrations that his neighbors have called the police to report that his music is too loud. The council advised the resident to speak with his neighbors and implored all residents to be respectful of their neighbors, keeping all noise to a considerate volume.

The council then revisited the issue of pay equity. As the city operates under a state point system, their pay equity needs scale needs to be adjusted. Mayor Mark Skroch raised the concern that, if all city staff salaries were increased, it could place additional financial strain on the Ellendale Municipal Liquor Store. Council member Stephanie Lageson Kibler noted that the city could help the liquor store by encouraging shopping local and considering finding other ways to support the business, such as hosting special events. Lageson Kibler was tasked with tabulating the correct total pay equity cost per year so council can continue the discussion at their next meeting.

City clerk Lee Ann Hojberg then presented a preliminary budget for council to review. Council members agreed that they would like to see the bud-

get further broken down by category and Hojberg said a budget divided into categories, would be available at the next meeting.

Council also received further correspondence from a resident, expressing concern about a generator near their property. The resident wrote that the generator could aggravate and worsen their existing health conditions. Council discussed a motion to move this generator to the pump house. In its place, a portable generator can be used in the event of an emergency. The motion passed with one nay vote.

Otto also presented council with different styles of water meters. Current city water meters need replacements, and Otto requested the purchase of five main and three curb meters, which the council approved.

Council also noted that the new Casey’s General Store construction has progressed quickly and that the store is planning a grand opening for the near future.

The Ellendale City Council will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellendale City building.

Benefit held in support of Kate Petersen



Staff photo by James Knoop
On Saturday, Aug. 29, a “Cancer Sucks” benefit took place in support of Kate Petersen, a local woman who was diagnosed with stage four Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. The morning began with a benefit bike (or car) poker run, departing from the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. That evening, there was a pulled pork supper, bake sale and silent auction, also held at the Servicemen’s Club. The events were well-attended.

St. John Lutheran Church to celebrate 150 years

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

150 years ago, the Church of St. John was established. To commemorate the occasion, the church is hosting events on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13.

Today, the church has around 275 members. Although the church has grown over time, many area families have been a part of the church for several generations. Church member Delmar Ehlers says six generations of his family have gone to St. John’s and that other families can track their connection to the church back as far as seven generations.

Although the church has much to celebrate today, the congregation has experienced some tribulations in past years. On June 6, 2006, lightning struck the church steeple and the church was destroyed in a fire. The congregation attended services at Peace Lutheran Church, in Claremont, and began fundraising efforts to rebuild. In August of 2008, a new church was dedicated. Much of the money used to build the new church was do-

nated by parishioners and other members of the community.

“Through the fire and everything, it’s amazing how it came back together,” said parishioner Eunice Ehlers.

The church’s beginnings trace back to 1857, when Lutherans traveled from Crete, Illinois, to Minnesota. In early days, the settlement held services with a number of visiting pastors. In 1865, the Evangelical Lutheran St. John Congregation was established and immediately joined the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states. The church also maintained a Christian school.

The first resident pastor of the church was John Herzer, and Wilhelm Doepping allowed the pastor to reside in a room of his log house. Later, an addition was built onto the log house for use as a parsonage and, around 1867, a log parsonage was constructed on the farm of August Grunklee. A new church and cemetery were later built in Havana Township.

The new location was centrally located within the community, and the bells were used to announce the passing of local people. When someone passed



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
St. John Lutheran Church, in Claremont, will hold special events on Sept. 12 and Sept. 13 to celebrate their 150th anniversary.

away, the bell would ring once for every year of the person’s life. (For example, if a 50-year-old person passed away, the bell would ring 50 times.) The bell also rang prior to service on Sunday (perhaps to remind farmers to put on their church-going attire. The church was highly visible from afar, and was often called “the church on the

hill.”

The services were held in German until the mid-1930s, when the church began to offer an English service once a month. Then, during World War II, the church instead offered English services, with a German service once a month. Until 1985, the church continued to offer a Christmas service in German.

In December of 1966, a vote to close the school passed.

St. John’s has had 20 pastors in its time. The longest serving pastor was William Nolte, who served from 1925 to 1944. Currently, Rev. Alan Broadwell serves the congregation.

Last year, stained glass windows were also added to the new church building, which

were dedicated on June 1, 2014. Church members work together to host a variety of events throughout the year, including ice cream socials and pancake breakfasts. They’re especially looking forward to the upcoming school reunion and 150th anniversary festivities.

On Sept. 12, the school reunion will include a social hour from 3 to 5 p.m., with a program from 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by service at 7 p.m. Lyle Muller and Gerald Grimm, two pastors who are also former school students, will address the congregation that night.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Harvey Ehlers, who was involved with both the 100th anniversary and 125th anniversary celebrations, will be in attendance. A buffet dinner and other activities, including a cemetery walk and historical displays, will follow the service. At 3 p.m. Pastors Thomas Braun and Pastor Keith Meyer will host the service. All are welcome to help the congregation celebrate this momentous occasion.

HometownLiving

Community Calendar



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Jim Abbe of Owatonna throws his hands in the air while enjoying a thrilling ride on the Tornado twister.

J&H LIQUORS
340 E. Main St. Blooming Prairie • 507-583-7557

GO AHEAD WINE ALL YOU WANT ABOUT THE STREET CONSTRUCTION!!
WE HAVE A GREAT SELECTION OF WINE TO CHECK OUT

THANK YOU...TO ALL THE RIDERS, CITIZENS, AND BUSINESSES/ ORGANIZATION OF B.P. AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
YOUR DONATIONS TO THESE TWO BENEFIT RIDES: B.O.B. CRUISE FOR

CANCER RIDE (JUNE 27) AN THE B.O.B. RIDE: TOYS FOR TOTS (JULY 25) MADE THEM VERY SUCCESSFUL AGAIN THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!!

BAR BINGO: MONDAY @ 6:30 PM
JULY 27, AUG 10, 24 SEPT. 14, 21, 28
ACCESS J&H BAR/ OFF-SALE BY THE FRONT DOOR SIDEWALK OR THE ALLEY DOORS. CUSTOMER PARKING AVAILABLE IN OUR NORTH PARKING LOT

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

- Sept. 1:**
7:30 p.m. BP Eastern Star
- Sept. 2:**
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
6:30 p.m. BP Lions Club
- Sept. 3:**
12 p.m. BP American Legion
6 p.m. 55+ Driver Improvement Course, BPHS
- Sept. 7:**
BPBL Closed
7 p.m. BPWT General Mtg, Lutheran Church
- Sept. 8:**
BP Card Club & Luncheon
7 p.m. BP VFW
7 p.m. BP VFW Auxiliary
7:30 p.m. BP Prairie Lodge Masons
- Sept. 9:**
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

Servicemen's Club
210 Fourth St. N.E. • Blooming Prairie • 507-583-7884

- Raffle drawing first Saturday of every month
- Happy Hour 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday
- Taco Tuesdays every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

"BURGER NIGHT" SPECIALS LUNCH SPECIAL (9/3 & 9/4):

2 HARD OR 2 SOFT SHELL TACOS WITH REFRIES & RICE HAM & TURKEY SUB W/CHIPS

ONLY 1 SPECIAL DUE TO LIBERTY ROOM BEING CLOSED.

ELLENDALE/GENEVA

- Sept. 1:**
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
- Sept. 3:**
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
- Sept. 7:**
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
- Sept. 8:**
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
- Sept. 9:**
1 p.m. American Red Cross, Sport Clips Haircuts of-fer, Ellendale Cmty Cntr

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**
Waseca | Ellendale | Hope | Member FDIC

fnbwaseca.com | 507-684-2691

OWATONNA

- Sept. 1:**
8:30 a.m. Owatonna Chamber Pack
11 a.m. Owatonna Eagles Early Edition Rotary Club Corn Feed
5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
6 p.m. Caregiver Support Group, OPL
- Sept. 2:**
6:30 p.m. Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, Owatonna Hospital
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
- Sept. 3:**
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
Sept. 7:
OPL Closed
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
1 p.m. Owatonna, Woman's Club bridge group, SeniorPlace
- Sept. 8:**
Steele Co Commission
1 p.m. Steele Co SDA Mtg
6:30 p.m. Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, Owatonna Hospital
7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR
7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church

**Express**
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS
www.expresspros.com

812 S. Elm Ave. • Owatonna • 507-455-3002 • 800-832-3002

MEDFORD

- Sept. 1:**
7 p.m. Medford Park Brd
- Sept. 3:**
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
- Sept. 7:**
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
- Sept. 8:**
5 p.m. Medford EDA (2nd Wed odd months)
- Sept. 9:**
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg

**BOB TAYLOR**
CONSTRUCTION
MEDFORD, MN
507-838-9646
507-330-4717

**EPS** *Simply Better Buildings*
Authorized Independent Dealer of EPS Buildings.
www.wherethequalitymatters.net

SPOT LIGHT

Austin support group for families starts Sept. 9

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors free support groups for families who have a relative with a mental illness. Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. Starting Sept. 9, a family support group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 7 to 8 p.m., at First Congregational Church, 1910 3rd Ave. NW, in Austin. For information, call Shari at 507-433-2301.

OTHER COUNTIES

- Mower**
Sept. 1:
10 a.m. Hearth and Home Series: Bizarre Life of Austin Girl in Japan in the 1960's, Hormel Historic Home
1 p.m. Mower Co Brd of Commissioners Mtg
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
- Sept. 2:**
Lyle 1st Responders Meeting
9 a.m. Walking Club, Starting from the Mower County Senior Center
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
- Sept. 3:**
5 p.m. Grand Meadow Farmers Market
- Sept. 3:**
9 a.m. MNSNAP Spay/Neutering Clinic, Mower County Humane Society
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
- Sept. 4:**
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
- Sept. 5:**
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market
9 a.m. Masonic Pancake Feed, Austin Masonic Lodge
10 a.m. 3D Archery Shoot, Austin
1 p.m. Brownsdale Farmers Market
1 p.m. SPAM@Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake, Austin
- Sept. 6:**
12 p.m. 3D Archery Shoot, Austin
1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
1 p.m. SPAM@Town Belle Excursions, East Side Lake, Austin

- Freeborn**
Sept. 1:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
5:30 p.m. AL Planning Commission, City Hall
- Sept. 2:**
7:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Mtg, AL EDA
- Sept. 3:**
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
- Sept. 7:**
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
3:45 p.m. ALPL Book Pals (Gr 5 & 6)
7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers
- Sept. 8:**
First Day of School (Grades Pre K-12), AL
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
- Sept. 9:**
5 p.m. 55+ Driver Improvement Course, Alden City Hall

- Dodge**
Sept. 1:
Mantorville EDA Mtg
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time/Crafts
12 p.m. Kasson EDA
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Taco Tuesdays
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center EDA
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center Planning & Zoning Commission
- Sept. 2:**
6 p.m. Triton Adult ESL Class, ES Media Center
6:30 p.m. Claremont Planning & Zoning
- Sept. 2:**
7:30 a.m. Hayfield Chamber Mtg, Uncle Mony's/ Spare Time Lanes
5 p.m. Hayfield EDA Mtg, City Hall
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Pizza & Beer
- Sept. 3:**
Mantorville CoC Mtg
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Hamburger, Fries, Chicken Sandwiches
6 p.m. Claremont EDA (as needed)
6:30 p.m. Triton Zumba, Multipurpose Rm
- Sept. 5:**
9 a.m. WC Amer Legion Craft Show

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**
Waseca | Ellendale | Hope | Member FDIC

fnbwaseca.com | 507-684-2691

**BOB TAYLOR**
CONSTRUCTION
MEDFORD, MN
507-838-9646
507-330-4717

**EPS** *Simply Better Buildings*
Authorized Independent Dealer of EPS Buildings.
www.wherethequalitymatters.net

**Minimizer**

Blooming Prairie
800-248-3855
www.minimizer.com

Hometown Fair Living

Sheriff promotes child safety at the fair



August Schroht gets his fingerprints recorded during his visit to the Steele County Free Fair. This initiative is part of Sheriff Lon Thiele's Child ID program, which kicked off during this year's fair.

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

It wasn't just fun, food and screams for children at this year's Steele County Free Fair. Add safety to the line-up as well.

Brooke Schroht of Owatonna brought her two-year-old son, August, to the sheriff's office at the fair to have him fingerprinted at no charge. It was part of Sheriff Lon Thiele's Child ID program that kicked off at the fair.

"It just makes sense," Schroht said of the new safety program. "It's a good precaution because you never know now-a-days," she said, adding it's especially important to her because August is a wanderer and is hard to keep tabs on at times.

After her son was fingerprinted, Schroht received a card bearing his prints for her to keep. "I plan to file it away in a safe," she said. "If something were to happen to him and he goes missing, it's nice to have on file."

Schroht's child was just one of more than 50 children fingerprinted during the fair. Thiele made members of his staff available at specific times throughout the fair to do the printing.

The sheriff's office took children of all ages, even though the small toddlers are especially difficult to fingerprint. "It's very hard to spread the fingers of small kids enough to get a complete print, but something is better than nothing," Thiele said.

While there is a serious side to the fingerprinting, Thiele found that children enjoyed interacting with officers to get it completed. "This is fun for

the kids because they get their hands dirty with ink," he said. "So far I've been able to keep my white shirt clean," he joked.

Besides the fingerprints, parents are asked to complete vital information in the kit about their child, including all identifying and medical info. There is also a spot for a photograph of the child to be placed.

When recovering a missing child, the most important tools for law enforcement are fingerprints, an up-to-date, quality photograph and descriptive information, according to Thiele. He learned about the program through the National Center

for Missing and Exploited Children and decided to implement it locally.

"It's all about keeping our children safe," Thiele said. "This is something we

hope we will never have to use," he added.

Thiele said the county has had missing children in the past, but nothing to the extent where fingerprints would have been needed. A few years ago a child became lost in a cornfield and was quickly found by law enforcement.

The sheriff feels so strongly about the program that he plans to keep it going throughout the year. "I want people to stop by the sheriff's office and we'll help them out," Thiele said.

He encourages parents to make an appointment prior to coming in by calling the sheriff's non-emergency line at 507-444-3800.

Schroht said it's nice for her to have the peace of mind knowing that information is on file about her children.

Sheriff's Child ID Program

Steele County Sheriff

Parents interested call 507-444-3800

After the fair: Fair Board talks numbers and statistics

By ANNA SEGNER
Staff writer

After the fair board caught up on sleep following the fair, they were able to pat themselves on the back for another successful year. At the fair board meeting on Monday, Aug. 24, the board members ran through numbers and statistics.

The numbers for this year were exceptionally high, and Steele County Fair manager Jim Gleason anticipates that had their not been a few spouts with weather, the numbers would have soared.

An estimated 307,403 people came to the fair this year, whereas the estimated attendance number was 339,671 people. Thursday and Sunday saw strong numbers.

Gleason said that had there not been a few minor spouts with weather, the year would have been a "game buster."

Due to severe weather warnings on Saturday night, the fair experience was cut a little short. Weather prevented the DC Drifters from performing Saturday night in Fair Square. "Saturday night really hurt us, since that is usually our biggest night, but once the rain started, we had to make sure that people were safe," remarked Gleason.

"The weather service was tuned into Steele County all week and gave us more updates, so we were tuned in and watching it closely," said Gleason. "We also did everything we could to make sure people knew that we were under a tornado watch."

Not even the weather could stop the fair from breaking records this year.

ATM withdrawals skyrocketed. The amount withdrew on Thursday broke the record

for amount taken in one day at \$30,700, but that record was broken again on Sunday with a total of \$34,520.

The number of mega ride tickets sold was also a record breaker. The previous record was set in 2013 at 5,063 and this year, 5,073 mega passes were sold. Total, the sales of mega ride tickets went up 2.4 percent from last year.

SCFF saw a steep rise in website and Facebook page visits during fair week, as there were

393,201 visits to the website and 347,905 visits to the Facebook page.

The fair board and staff encourage people to take the fair survey about their fair experi-

ence. The survey is located on their website: www.scff.org.

While the fairgrounds start to look less and less like the fair as we knew it a few weeks ago, Gleason reminds people that the

fairgrounds are still used for a number of other activities year round, such as the Barn Dance coming up on Sept. 19.

Weekly crossword on Page 5B

PUZZLE SOLUTION

M	A	T	T			S	P	A			H	U	M		
P	R	A	I	A			C	L	N		B	A	T	A	
H	A	B	E	R			H	A	T		R	C	A	F	
	S	I	S	A	L		I	T	O		A	K	H	A	
						A	B	S	E	N	C	E	S		
C	I	N	C	O	D	E	M	A	Y	O					
A	V	E	R	R	E	D		U	M	P					
M	A	Y	O	N							U	S	N	E	A
					A	T	P		S	A	L	T	I	E	R
					T	H	E	B	I	G	A	P	P	L	E
		S	T	E	R	A	G	E							
A	L	A	E			A	F	T		S	A	B	I	N	
P	E	B	A			T	O	O			P	R	A	A	M
S	E	E	K			E	R	N			T	E	M	P	I
E	R	R				R	M	S				A	B	A	S



STEELE COUNTY 4-H SALUTES

AREA BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AUCTION!

We want to thank business owners for contributing \$80,000 to area 4-H'ers.

OWATONNA

Ag Power Enterprises - JD
Alexander Lumber
Amy Swain Hearing Center
Bank Plus
Bosch Automotive Service Solutions
Dr. Brian Bunkers
CarQuest Auto Parts
Cartime of Owatonna
Bev Cashman
Central Valley Co-op
Clifton Larson Allen
Cole's Electric
Community Bank
Curt's Truck & Diesel Service
D&M Construction
Dietz Construction
Dinse Farms
Don Loken Drainage Inc.
Don Loveless
ERA Gillespie Real Estate
Fairview Animal Medical Center
Fareway Foods
Farmers Feed & Pet Supply
Federated Insurance
Four Seasons Electric
Golden Harvest Seed, Mike Klecker
Grass Family
Buz & Cea Grass
Hansen Farms
Heartland Animal Hospital
Heinz Insurance
Dr. Grant Heslep
Hometown Motors
HyVee Food Store
International Steel Erectors
Interstate Mills, LLC
Jensen Tree Moving
Kernel Restaurant
Kerry Americas
Klecker Livestock
KSW Roofing & Heating
Let's Ride Boots & Apparel

Main Street Dental
Mark's Repair
McCabe Motors
Glen Meger
Mike's Repair & Extinguisher Service
NAPA Auto Parts - Parts Dept. of Owatonna
Noble RV
Northland Farm Systems
Ole & Lena's
Olympic Fire Protection Corp.
Owatonna Bus Company
Owatonna Motor Company
Owatonna Groundsmasters, Inc.
Owatonna Heating & Cooling
Owatonna Mayor, Tom Kuntz
Owatonna Mutual Insurance
Pichner Farms
Prairie Ridge Orthodontics, Dr. Jeff Loveless
Ringhofer Insurance Agency
Smith, Tollefson, Rahrlick, & Cass Attorneys at Law
State Farm Ins. - Steve Carroll
Sweet Towing & Repair
Tim's Auto Service
TraLo Trucking Companies
United Prairie Bank - Owatonna
US Bank - Owatonna
Walbran & Furness, Chartered, Mark Walbran
Walser Chevrolet Buick of Owatonna
Wells Federal Bank
Wencl Construction
Wenger Corporation
Vern & June Wilker
Wottreng Family Dental

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

B to Z Hardware
Bixby Feed Mill
Eagle Prairie Insurance
Express Power Washers
Farmers Co-op Elevator Assn.

Farm Front Futures
KJ Construction
New York Life Insurance
R & R Insurance

CLAREMONT

CHS - Rochester
Innovative Seed & Consulting

ELLENDALE

Bruce & Rose Ann Kubicek
Nelson Farms & Auctioneers
Pioneer Seeds, Brian Wayne
Steve's Meat Market
First National Bank, Waseca, Hope, Ellendale
RLG Livestock

GENEVA

Geneva Lumber
Sorenson's Appliance & TV

HOPE

Krause Feeds & Supplies
SunOpta Grains & Foods

MEDFORD

Paul & Jean Gillis
Jensen Stump Grinding

STEELE COUNTY

Steele County Free Fair (SCFF)
Steele County Sheriff, Lon Thiele

"OUT OF COUNTY" BUYERS

Ag Star Financial Services - Northfield
Ag Partners Co-op - Goodhue
Godfather's Pizza - Spirit Lake
Gold Star Amusements
Home Federal, Albert Lea
Matejcek Implement - Faribault
Morgans's Meat Market
New Richland
Rep. John Petersburg - Waseca
Stampin' Up, Kim Glover - Waltham
Steele Co. Concessionaires

Look who's now reading Steele County Times RECENT NEW SUBSCRIBERS:



Blooming Prairie
Bunkies Grill & Lanes
Cletus Glynn
Hayfield
Ariana Bender
Meriden
Michael Cassen
New Richland
Leeann Hojberg
Owatonna
Rhonda Dokken
Waltham
Ronald & Arlys Filley

LOCAL
ALL THE
TIME!

STEELE COUNTY
Times
Always local, all the time.

The times are right...join the crowd and subscribe to Steele County Times today! 507-583-4431
www.steeledodgenews.com



Steele County Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015





Staff photo by Anna Segner
Square dancers enjoy an evening of do-si-do-ing at the Steele County Free Fair.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
For the first time, the fair offered a Krazy Maze for fairgoers. From high above, on-lookers had the chance to see people maneuver through the maze. Jordan Bauman, 12, of Waseca, was one who enjoyed finding her way through the maze.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
A camel gave Xandra Caron, 1, of Faribault, a big smooch on the face during the fair. Xandra enjoyed the fair with Shannon Whitter of Medford.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
Fill 'er up. The Steele County Dairy Association sponsored a celebrity milking competition during the fair outside of the FFA children's barn yard. Dairy princess Kendra Schroeder was one of those participating in the milking contest. She had a respectable finish, but it wasn't enough to win the contest. Zach Von Ruden of Claremont came away as the top milker with 6 cups and 1 ounce of milk.



Staff photo by James Knoop
One entertainer sliced a watermelon with his hand during a Tae Kwan Do demonstration.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
These two little tykes had just a little too much of the fair and decided to catch a few winks. The sleepy kids are Lillyana and Logan Kerr of Eagle Lake. Lillyana is 2 and Logan is seven months. Mom is Jenni Kerr.



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Leah Tucker spends some quality time with Rocky the Polish rabbit at the Steele County Free Fair.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
Horses and their owners galloped around the arena for the 4-H Horse Show at the Steele County Fair. The competition always draws large crowds.



Staff photo by Shannon Granholm
Olivia Mccaui, 4, of Chippewa Falls, Wis. enjoys the helicopter ride at the Steele County Free Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 19.



steele county Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

The midway proved to be thrilling for children as they ventured onto many favorite rides during the Steele County Fair. Emma Robinson, 9, of Owatonna, enjoyed a spin on the “Drop ‘N Twist” ride.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Just one more. Kovii Boldt of Oakland gave it all his strength to obtain just one more pull-up at the Marines station at the fair. Kovii said he came to the fair specifically to do pull-ups.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

The 4-H program offered a special dinner Friday during the fair. Prior to the dinner at the 4-H Grill, Abby Wilker and Jenna Zeman of the Meridan Meadowlarks helped out by husking some sweet corn.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Not only did children get the chance to pet animals, but they also fed the animals by hand in the petting zoo. Erika Eilertson, 3, of Janesville, took some time to feed the antelope as well as other animals. She came away with big smiles and lots of excitement after the animals munched the food out of her hand.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

While many kids come to the fair to have fun, Jack Bruns of Blooming Prairie comes to work. He helped out his family in the dairy barn by feeding cows and cleaning the stalls. Jack, who is the son of John and Lisa Bruns, is a member of the Merry Lane 4-H Club.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Judges taste the various wines submitted by contestants during the Steele County Free Fair.



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Lauren Cowell assists Joyce Rice with a magic trick during the “Thank a Farmer Magic Show.”



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Let it fly! Politicians are mostly known to let their political views fly, but during the fair they got the opportunity to put their spitting skills to the test. Senator Vicki Jensen of Owatonna scrunched her face and huffed and puffed in anticipation of spitting a watermelon seed. Though she didn't win, Jensen took it all in stride and vows to be back again next year. Owatonna city council member Brent Svenby won the political spitting competition.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Jared Warn, 12, of Owatonna, displayed his Taekwondo skills during the fair as he kicked a dummy in the head. Kids of all ages showed off various forms of the Korean martial art, which emphasizes kicking.



steele county Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015

Steele County Fair Enduro: A different kind of race



Aaron Sletten, number 24, of Owatonna, races in the Steele County Fair enduro on Aug. 22.



Robert Sikel, number seven, of Claremont, shows off his enduro car, a 1977 Monte Carlo, dedicated in memory of his son Jacob Sikel.

By SHANNON GRANHOLM
County Staff Writer

Fans filled the grandstand last Saturday night, despite the rain and possibility of severe weather, to watch local drivers zoom around the racetrack during the annual Steele County Fair enduro race.

Jeff Nelson, the track's promoter, estimated the race had around 60 drivers. An Enduro race is different from other types of racing in that, instead of only going around the track a few times, the drivers race for two hours or 250 laps (whichever comes first.) During the race the drivers only have two mandatory pit stops, other than that, it is nonstop.

"It is an actual endurance race, not just a speed race. The fastest car is not necessarily going to be the winner," Nelson said. "It takes a lot of thought to be there in the end. A lot of these guys come out and race their tails off."

Nelson added one of the main challenges the drivers face, beyond the duration of the race, is the track's terrain. When the race starts out the track is very muddy and as the race goes on the track dries out a bit, so drivers must be able to race in both conditions.

For Aaron Sletten, 30, of Owatonna, this was his first time driving in an enduro-style race. He has been around the racetrack and the Steele County Fair Enduro, however, for around 15 years.

At the age of 16, Sletten got interested in racing because of his brother and started doing demo derbies.

"I kind of started helping him out when he needed help, and then I became more interested in trying to figure out how to win," he said.

In 2008, Sletten raced around 25 to 30 times in the Pierce Stock class and then took time off for personal reasons until the 2011 season. He then took another break until deciding to give enduro a try for the first time.

"I have always wanted to get back in (racing) but life gets real busy. I was just given the opportunity to buy this car recently and it is not a big, expensive project type of deal. It is more just change it and set it up the way I like it, and go with it type of deal," he said.

Sletten races for the adrenaline rush and to have fun, rather than to win. "It just gives you a rush that you wouldn't normally get from driving on the street, and it is a lot of fun," he said. "We are not there for the points; we are just there to have some fun and to be able to drive around the track."

Sletten says two of the main challenges are keeping the car cool and getting the car set up to the driver's liking.

"Everybody goes to see the crashes, but people probably don't realize all the time, money and work that goes into that," Sletten said.

Sletten takes a different approach from some other drivers.

"Everybody always thinks you should drive offensively and try to get to the front, but I am more of a person who believes in driving defensively and try to stay out of trouble, stay out of contact and not get hit," he said.

Robert Sikel, 41, is originally

from Owatonna, but currently resides just outside of Claremont. Sikel started racing at the age of 18.

"I have always been into cars and building engines," he said. "It was an easy way to take out my aggressions on a track instead of on the road. I used to get a lot of tickets when I was younger."

Sikel has only done enduro-style racing. He enjoys it because it is only two to three races a season, so he still has time to pursue other things such as riding a motorcycle, hunting and fishing.

"They are not like normal races. They are pretty strenuous on both the driver and the car; if you are there the whole race, you are definitely feeling it by the end," he said.

He also enjoys racing because he was able to spend a lot of time with his son, Jacob, fixing cars and at the racetrack before he passed away.

Sikel has raced in Owatonna, Waseca, Faribault, Cresco, Iowa and Kasson. His favorite track to race at is Waseca, and his least favorite is Faribault. One of the main challenges he faces in racing is getting along with some of the drivers.

"When the track is wet it aggravates all of us and you can't control your car, so you accidentally bump into someone, and a lot of people don't think it is accidental," he said.

Sikel says he plans to put his racing career to bed soon.

Unfortunately, the race was unable to be completed due to the weather so it has was rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29.

Blooming Prairie woman nails first place at unique fair competition

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Hammer in hand, several women revealed their strength, accuracy and determination during the Ladies Nail Drive at the Steele County Free Fair.

The competition took place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the final contest on Saturday evening. That night, Tammy Larson, of Blooming Prairie, was deemed the winner, securing the title by just two seconds with her time of 24.1 seconds.

The objective of the contest was to hammer five nails into a wooden board as fast as possible, and each competitor executed a different strategy.

"I just went right on down the line," said Larson, who actually splintered the wood during her fast and furious hammering. For her efforts, Larson earned a number of prizes, including a traveling trophy. The contest was sponsored by the Steele County Free Fair and KRFO,

who has hosted the contest since its inception.

Some competitors were hoping for glory, while others had personal goals. Sheena Gasner, of Owatonna, participated in the event on Saturday evening and hoped to beat her friend's time. Her friend Theresa Spear had competed in the event on Friday.

Going into Saturday's competition, Spear, of Mankato, held the leading time of the week with 26.1 seconds. Spear, too, enjoys a little friendly competition. Each year, she and her mother, Rhonda Koeck, of Madison Lake, both try their skill during the nail drive. Spear says that she and her mom have gone "head-to-head" in the competition, but her mom earned the champion title last year.

"I come every year," Spear says, of the Steele County Free Fair. "I like to do this." She also takes time to attend other events while she's at the fair. On Thursday night, Spear enjoyed the Hair-

ball concert.

Betty Kubicek, of Owatonna, said she also likes to participate in events at the fair. On Friday night, she went square dancing and, on Saturday night, she tried her luck at the nail drive. After the competition, Kubicek said that she "thought she could do better." By the time Larson hammered in her last nail, Kubicek had driven three nails into the board and was pounding in her fourth. Roy Koenig, of KRFO Radio, noted that three (and a half) nails is actually a very respectable achievement, especially for a first-time nail-driver.

Other women, like Annette Balzar, of Owatonna, have tried their hand at the competition before. Balzar said that she enjoys the event, but that she hadn't touched a hammer since last year. Whether or not the competitors plan to practice in the off-season, many agreed that they would return to the fair to take part in this event again next summer.



Tammy Larson, of Blooming Prairie poses for a photo with KRFO's Roy Koenig. Larson was this year's Nail Drive Champ, finishing in just 24.1 seconds.



Contestants compete in the Ladies Nail Drive Contest. Above are Sheena Gasner and Betty Kubicek, both of Owatonna.

2015 Minnesota
Renaissance Festival

7 Themed Weekends
Live Armored Jousting
250 Artisan Booths for Shopping
16 Stages of Live Entertainment
Mermaids, Fairies & More!

NEW FOR 2015!
Castle Escape • Mural Competition
Throne of Swords • Sherwood Forest
Living History Tour • Princess Garden

Open Weekends
August 22 - October 4

Plus Labor Day & Festival Friday, Oct. 2
9am to 7pm • Rain or Shine • Free Parking!
952.445.7361 • #MNRenaissance

RenaissanceFest.com

Discount Tickets Available Online and at Participating: **WHOLE FOODS** **Walgreens** **MEVARD'S** **SUPERAMERICA** Discounted Coupons Available at Participating: **SUBWAY** **Wendy's** **Angus Beef**





steele county Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015

Chair makes memories at Steele County Free Fair

By SHANNON GRANHOLM
County Staff Writer

It's four feet wide, eight feet long and approximately nine feet tall.

Many Steele County fairgoers noticed a very large blue chair sitting outside of the beer garden and couldn't wait to get a picture with it.

Fair Board Vice President Bruce Busho got the idea to have a chair on the fairgrounds after visiting Kiesler's Campground in Waseca.

"All of the kids climbed all over it and took pictures, so I suggested we should have one for the fair so people can take their picture with it and create memories," Busho said.

The chair was a big hit this year, according to Busho; he said he has seen a lot of people in the chair taking pictures with it and has heard that the pictures are spreading fast over the Internet.

"I think it means a lot to the fair. It is a family function, so it is a neat deal that can bring back memories every year," Busho said, explaining what the chair adds to the fair.

The chair's builder, Dan Dardis, of Waseca, was happy to make the chair for the Steele County Fair.

Dardis has now made three of these chairs, one at Kiesler's Campground in Waseca, one at Barney's Drive-In, also in Waseca, and now one for the fair. He got the idea when he was traveling with his friend Troy Bendt, the owner of Barney's, and saw a similar chair in Clear Lake, Iowa.

"Troy's girlfriend and my sister stood beside it, and we took a picture of them on our telephone. Troy said he would like to have one for Barney's so I got home and bought enough wood to make two of them," Dardis



Staff photo by Shannon Granholm
Emma Robinson (back left), of Owatonna, Ayla Manthe (front left), of Mankato, Jewell Nichols (back right), of Owatonna, and Luka Manthe, of Mankato, pose for a picture for their families on the big chair during the Steele County Free Fair. The chair was made by Dan Dardis, of Waseca, and is four feet wide, eight feet long and approximately nine feet tall.

said.

The chair took him three days to make. Dardis estimates that there were around eight pounds of screws used to hold the pieces together.

"The kids climb all over it to take pictures, so I wanted to build it strong, so that the kids could stand up on it and the wind wouldn't blow it over," he said.

Beside the challenge of moving the chair after it was assembled (it took four guys), another challenge was creating the angles of the pieces of wood to be just right.

The chair, however, is not just a bunch of pieces of wood, but rather another attraction for families to make memories at.

"It gives people somewhere

to sit down and take a picture of their kids; it is a memory for them... similar to taking a picture of a kid on a carnival ride," Dardis said. "They can send the photo to their whole family."

Next time you visit the Steele County Fairgrounds, be sure to snap a picture with the chair.

Hop on the bus, Gus: Kiddy Bus offers comfort during the fair

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

One of the refrains from a Paul Simon song of the 70s was "Hop on the bus, Gus."

That's what four children of Ryan and Jillian Schiell of Owatonna did at the Steele County Free Fair this past week.

The Schiell kids were seen around the grounds in a fancy six-seater bus that their parents purchased on Craig's List. The bus reportedly was manufactured in Denmark. It is called a Winther Turtle Kiddy Bus.

"Everyone was stopping us and telling us how cool the bus is, and wondering where we got it," remarked mom Jillian. "We find it difficult to make much ground when people are stopping us, but we love talking about this mode of transportation," said dad Ryan.

Jillian said she has contacted the company and said they would love to be spokespersons for the kiddy bus product. She is waiting for further contact from the company.

All Schiell kids are named after people of the Bible. The Schiell roll call goes like this: Zipporah, eight months; Enoch, two and a half; Obadiah, five and a half and Hadassah, four.

"Will you park the bus so I can take Enoch to the bathroom?" dad Ryan asks mom Jillian.

Take a trip to the Winther website and learn more about their products. Go to <http://www.a-winther.com/>.

Here's the promotional pitch on the website about the kiddy bus:

"The Kiddy Bus is not only robust, it also features a well-thought-of design that focuses on safety, durability and ergonomics. It is combined with a number of practical details and - of course - room to do what chil-



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
The Schiell family of Owatonna found a novel way to cover the fairgrounds this year. They took the bus, a special kiddy bus that transported their four children in grand style. The Winther bus was manufactured in Denmark.

dren do. The Kiddy Bus is available in different models, with room for both four and six children aged six months up to four years (max. 15 kg.) This makes the Turtle Kiddy Bus a great advantage in day care facilities and crèches. It is also useful in fun parks, theme parks and zoological gardens. The Turtle Kiddy Bus is intended for use on pavements, walkways and roads."

"Easy to push, easy to steer, easy to love children and their gear can be quite heavy, so we have focused on the ergonomics of moving the Kiddy Bus around. The Kiddy Bus is made of plastic and aluminum, which keeps it extremely light, and makes it easy to push. The front wheel turns, which makes it easy to maneuver the Kiddy Bus and change direction. There is no need to lift the Kiddy Bus to turn corners."

"The children sit in pairs op-

posite each other, making it easy to talk with their friends. They get in and out through a side door, just like in a real bus. It's fun for children, and it saves adults the strain of repeated

heavy lifting. The Kiddy Bus has straps on the sides, so children can hold on when walking alongside."

Antique buff brings rusted junk back to life

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

For the past 15 years, Bob Starman has become an antique equipment buff.

During that time, Starman has built a collection of 15 motors dating back to the early 1900s. He's purchased them at swap meets, antique shows, auctions and flea markets over the years.

"I'm a farm boy and I like old machinery," said Starman, who lives outside of Blooming Prairie. "I've always liked old stuff."

With a few sputters and lots of chugging noises, the motors allowed Starman to show off his collection one day during the recent Steele County Fair. The motors provided power for Starman to operate corn shellers, water pumps and feed grinders. His personal favorite is a John Deere hand corn sheller.

Curious fairgoers watched Starman as he operated the equipment mostly used at the turn of the century. He enjoys sharing his knowledge with other people of what went on years ago. "There is a big difference of what farming was like then compared to what it is today," he said.

Though the equipment may seem obsolete by today's standards, Starman noted that most of it was the first mechanical machinery introduced to farming. "This equipment made farming a whole lot easier," he said, noting it significantly reduced hand labor.

Starman said there are many people who grew up in the city and never saw this type of equipment before.

He works hard to keep the equipment as original as possible so people get a flavor of what it was like back in the early years.

Most of the equipment isn't operable when Starman acquires it. And, he admits, there have been some that he thought there would be no way it would ever run again. But a little persistence and lots of oil goes a long way to getting the pieces going again.

"Once you get that rusted up piece of junk going, it's neat to hear it fired up for the first time," Starman said, adding it takes lots of oil to get machinery functioning properly.

Asked if the equipment is hard to keep running, Starman replied: "They can get to be kind of temperamental sometimes."

He said it's important to do regular maintenance and keep checking the adjustments. "There are no computers on them to adjust anything," he said.

Starman usually demonstrates his old machinery at three shows throughout the year, including the fair, Litomysl summer festival and the Owatonna Extravaganza.

Said Starman of the old vintage machinery: "It's fun showing people what they are and what they did."



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
Bob Starman of Blooming Prairie demonstrates how corn was shelled in the early 1900s with a John Deere hand corn sheller during the Steele County Fair. Starman collects antique motors and uses them to power old machinery.

Ellendale Municipal Liquor

Now Open Sundays!

THURSDAYS TACOS
5 p.m. till Gone

HAPPY HOUR
Mon-Sat 3-6 pm
All day Sun

WEEKLY FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

10 am - 10 pm M-W ♦ 10 am - 1 am Thur-Sat
11:30 am - 8 pm Sun ♦ Kitchen Open at 11 am Daily

507-684-9422
Ellendale, MN

TFN

Jensen

Heating, A/C,
& Plumbing

Registered
Showroom

24 hour service for all your plumbing & heating needs

We'll treat your home as if it were our own.

THE BOLD LOOK
OF **KOHLER**

256-4712
Geneva, MN

TFN



steele county Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015

Mud flinging bull riding at the Steele County Free Fair



Jose and Jose Flores wore matching western hats in the spirit of bull riding!



Jake and Coy Froyum dress in appropriate attire for bull riding at the grandstands.

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Great Frontier Bull Riding has a phrase that describes their events: “dirt kickin’ wicked good.” There was certainly a lot of dirt and mud kicking after five inches of rainfall on Tuesday, and those that gathered in the grandstands appeared to be having a “wicked good” time.

In fact, a lot of people showed up to the grandstand decked out in plaid, cowboy hats, boots and even chaps. Bull riding began at 7:30 on Tuesday night of the fair.

Father and son Jake and Coy Froyum, from West Concord, showed up for the event in rodeo apparel, but rodeos mean a little more than entertainment to this father/son duo.

“I used to ride bulls. I did it for about ten years before having kids and a family,” said Jake. “He’s been to a lot of bull riding. I like to take him.” Jake competed as a pat of National Federation of Professional Bull Riders, which was the association riding at the fair that night. “I probably know some of the guys riding tonight,” laughed Jake.

While Jake enjoyed sharing one of his passions with his son, others came just to enjoy some of that “dirt kickin’” entertainment.

Great Frontier Bull Riding was the producer of the grandstand show, and they have been coming to the Steele County Free Fair since 2006. Great Frontier Bull Riding is owned and managed by the Kattevold family out of Maynard, Minnesota.

Owner Alan Kattevold said



Great Frontier Bull Riding brought plenty of action to the Steele County Free Fair and delivered a “dirt kickin’ wicked good” evening of adventure.

that they enjoy coming to the Steele County Free Fair. “You couldn’t ask for a better committee to work with,” said Kattevold.

The champion of the bull rider that night was Rudy Borntrager of Wadena, Minnesota. Kattevold said that he rode 169 seconds on two bulls.

The bulls are leased by the owner, Kattevold. He used to own his own bulls, but now he leases them from various places. “It’s a lot of work, but we treat

the bulls well because they are our livelihood,” said Kattevold.

Kattevold said that each bull has a name, and they become as close to some of the bulls as people do with dogs or cats. “They’re like kids. Sometimes you baby them and sometimes you have to discipline them,” laughed Kattevold.

Kattevold also said that bulls are not “bucked” until they are three or four years old, and at three years old, they are only bucked five times a year. Not all

bulls buck, though. Kattevold said that like horse racing, some bulls are bred to buck.

Kattevold looks forward to coming back next year, and he thanks the crowd for coming out. “The crowd was great. People didn’t have to come out... it was pretty much 100 percent chance of rain, but we got lucky,” said Kattevold. “It was muddy, but we run rain or shine... unless there is lightening. I want conditions safe for my bulls and riders.”

NTPA Tractor Pull event packs the grandstand

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Tractors and trucks of all kinds made their way to the Steele County Fairgrounds last Saturday night, and they all came to show their strength.

This was not the first time that NTPA (also known as the National Tractor Pullers Association) had visited the Steele County Fairgrounds, and regional NTPA Director Bryce Anderson said that NTPA enjoys returning to the venue. “We always have a good crowd and a good turnout,” Anderson said. “The fair always does a good job of getting everything set up.”

Fans and families enjoyed the event, cheering on their favorite competitors and reveling in the roar of the tractors and trucks. Many sponsors also helped make this event possible.

Joe McNab, an employee of AgPower, was just one spectator at Saturday evening’s tractor pull at the fairgrounds in Owatonna. AgPower was an event sponsor, and McNab said he enjoyed watching the action. “I just like seeing the trucks pull,” he said.

Saturday’s competition saw over 50 competitors, divided into classes including the 8,000 Pound Heavy Super Stock Tractors, 9,300 Pound Super Farm Tractors and 6,200 Pound Modified Two-Wheel Drive Trucks.

Most trucks and tractors were well-polished for the occasion, and many were identified by creative names including “Chain Reaction” and “Dreamin’ Green.” As pullers know, however, it’s the power and endurance of the machine that really matters. That night, many pullers went home with the glory of placing well in their respective divisions.

Taking first in the 8,000 Pound Heavy Super Stock Tractors class was Bill Degenhardt, of Janesville, Wisconsin. Degenhardt brought a Case International 7220 dubbed “Diggin’

Hard” to the pull and achieved a distance of 346.66. In second place was Guy Blechinger, from Ham Lake, Minnesota, followed by Kenneth Witt, of Houston, Minnesota, in third.

Dan Neimeyer, from Hardwick, Minnesota, brought his International 1466 “Red Rider” to the pull and took home first place in the 9,300 Pound Super Farm Tractors class with 378.5. Close behind, in second place, was Kevin Lindstrom, of Ellsworth, Wisconsin. Jeff Martyn, of Stratford, Wisconsin, secured third in his class.

The 6,200 Pound Modified Two-Wheel Drive Trucks competitors also brought some

fierce competition to the track but, ultimately, Doug Christensen, of Glencoe, Minnesota, took home the champion title. Christensen drove his Ford, the “Rat Pack VI,” at the pull, and went 342.54. Nerstrand resident Dustin Amundson won both second and third place (driving different vehicles) in this division.

Saturday’s pull lasted well into the evening and the crowd remained lively all night long. Although the evening was windy, the weather stayed pleasant and the event was declared a success once again.

“We have pulled here for many years and we enjoy it,” said Anderson.



An International 1066 roars to life at the Steele County Free Fair’s Grandstand on Saturday evening.



Alan Cook, of Wilton, Wis. took fourth in the Super Farm tractors class with “Black Thunder,” an International 5488.

RECIPE CORNER

Million Dollar Sugar Cookies

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 beaten egg

- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt

By Mrs. E. O. Habberstad

Roll in balls. Dip tops in sugar and press with a glass. Bake at 350° to 375° for 10 to 12 minutes.

Sponsored by:
Krejci Ford
14th Presidents Award Winner
Blooming Prairie • 583-2046



steele county Free Fair

Food, Fun & Screams

August 18 - 23, 2015

Hairball: Straight up rock at the Steele County Free Fair

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Everybody in the grandstands on Thursday night had one motto: “Shout it, shout it, shout it out loud,” (KISS.) Hairball had everyone in the stands or on the dance area on their feet, singing and dancing.

The band is more than an 80s tribute band, because this band pulls out all the stops for an authentic rock n’ roll experience. The bizarre and true 80’s rocker outfit changes are entertainment enough. Pair that with stage lights, smoke, fire, confetti, spiders and snakes to have the crowd going insane.

Many people in the stands have seen Hairball before and repped Hairball and band t-shirts, tanks, and for the more hard core fans full on 80s rocker gear.

One fan in the crowd was so dressed for the occasion that he asked to use his stage name in the article, Riff Riley. He sported a full head of 80s mullet hair, pleather pants, a band T-shirt, purple button up and aviator sunglasses. “These are actually my clothes. I didn’t go and buy these. This is from my closet,” he laughed.

Riff Riley is friends with the band and a musician himself; however, he turned down his music career when he became a “good father, good engineer and a good teacher.”

One of the band members actually came with Riff Riley to pick out his first guitar, so he goes to his friends’ shows to show some fully “costumed” support.

Others that came for the show were Brooke and Erik Reesland of the Twin Cities. Erik grew up in Owatonna. Brooke said that

she had seen Hairball with some girlfriends and wanted to bring him. “We’ve been trying to come see them for a while. We love 80s rock, so we’re excited,” said Brooke.

The opening band started at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, and put on a phenomenal set of Abba, 4 Non Blondes, Brandi Carlile, Lady Gaga and other covers. Hairball started at 8:30 and played for well over two hours. Hairball consists of Freaky on the electric bass, Blake on the drums and Happy on the lead guitar. They played Van Halen, Kiss, Bon Jovi, Twisted Sister, AC-DC, Queen and much more.

Prior to the show, Hairball tweeted “OWATONNA! Let’s hear you SCREEEEEEAM!!!!” Owatonna did just that. The show could be heard from miles around the grandstands, but AC-DC said it best: “Rock and Roll ain’t noise pollution.”



Staff photos by Anna Segner
Hairball is known for their 80s rock renditions. During their concert at the fairgrounds in Owatonna, the band played songs by Van Halen, Kiss, Bon Jovi, Twisted Sister, AC-DC, Queen and other popular artists.



Riff Riley (stage name) entered the grandstands in full 80s gear knowing that he was going to do one thing at the Hairball concert: rock out.



The Hairball concert at the Steele County Free Fair drew a large crowd of audience members who came ready to rock and roll.

Green Team helps 4-H during fair

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Fair-goers who thought they were seeing more green than normal most likely veered off into the 4-H Building where members of the 4-H Green Team greeted them.

Donning green 4-H T-shirts, Mitch Dinse of the Meriden Meadowlarks was one of eight team members who took turns during the fair to help out the extension office staff with the 4-H program. The teenagers are 4-H members who are given paid positions to help with general office work, set up and take down exhibits, complete paperwork and act as general ambassadors of the 4-H program.

The members work staggered shifts from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. throughout the fair, with at least two members on duty at all times.

For Dinse, the Green Team has been a perfect opportunity to get more involved with the operation of the 4-H program. “I wanted to see what it takes to pull off a fair with 4-H,” he said. “It’s a lot more work than you think.”

Dinse, who has been a member of the team for three years, said the work of the Green Team members make things easier for the regular 4-H staff. “They have a really stressful week and we’re able to help them with little tasks,” he said.

There is an added bonus for Dinse gaining experience as part of the Green Team. He is currently attending college at River Falls, Wisconsin, where he’s majoring in agriculture education and plans to become a 4-H program coordinator or something similar in the future.

In fact, Dinse said he decided on 4-H as a career because of the experience he has received on the Green Team. “It’s given



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
Katie Moon and Mitch Dinse were two of the eight members of the 4-H Green Team that worked in the 4-H Building during the Steele County Fair. The Green Team has been in existence for nearly ten years and allows teenagers to have paid positions during the fair.

me a good idea of what a job like this will consist of,” he said.

Katie Moon, of the Owatonna Victory Boosters club, is another member of the Green Team. She values the experience she is getting in dealing with parents and kids. “It’s always good experience to work with people,” she said.

Moon, who also attends college at River Falls and plans to go into elementary education, especially likes decorating the 4-H Building for the fair. She said they try to do something a little different with the building every year.

Steele County is one of only a

handful of counties in the state that offers the Green Team program for older 4-H members, according to Tracy Ignaszewski, 4-H program coordinator. “We had youth that wanted to volunteer during the fair and we decided they should be paid for it,” she said, noting the program has been going for about 10 years.

Added Moon: “It’s impressive that we’re one of the only teams in the state. It takes a load off the 4-H coordinators.”

Ignaszewski said it’s nice to have the extra help during the fair. “It’s huge to us to have a team available,” she said.

Besides the office assistance

provided by the members, they also learn important life skills. “We try to take time and teach them what a good employee is,” Ignaszewski said, adding for many of the members it’s their first job.

Without the members, Ignaszewski said the 4-H staff would be forced to work longer hours or rely on more adult volunteers, which has become increasingly difficult to find in recent years.

In addition to the leadership skills, members also gain friendships with other 4-H members.

“You make friends that will last forever,” Moon said.

**YOUR AD COULD
BE HERE!**

Contact the Steele
County Times Today!

**STEELE COUNTY
Times** 507-583-4431

Always local, all the time.

GRIEF RELIEF

What is grief like? Grief is like a series of waves that come and go, feelings that vary in intensity over a long period of time as we are constantly reminded of changes that result from the death of our loved one. We need to take time to face our emotions and feelings. Then make careful plans for our new lives without the deceased. Our feelings and grief may seem unpredictable and confused at times, but that is perfectly normal.

*Direction with
dignity from
Michaelson
Funeral Home
in Owatonna.*

Cory Michaelson

Michaelson
FUNERAL HOME

Direction With Dignity

www.michaelsonfuneral.com
507-451-7943



Story and photos by Rick Bussler

The Steele County Fair recognized the Aurora Diner for 50 years at the fair during a special ceremony Wednesday morning. Fair officials presented a plaque to members of the committee. Those on hand for the recognition included (left to right) fair manager Jim Gleason, fair president Dan Deml and committee members Angie Jensen, Bob Thurnau, Cheryl Thompson and Stan Norland.

THE HIGHLIGHT



REEL

James Knoop

Liddell did I know

Growing up, I didn't really watch "kid movies." Sure, I enjoyed a good "Thomas the Tank Engine" from time to time and "Barney" was on the shelf. But more often than not, I preferred a good ol' John Wayne or Zorro.

For a child, I seemed to have the wonderful ability to enjoy a movie, no matter the fact that it was in black and white and the dialogue was way over my head. Added to this list (though it was in color) was the movie "Chariots of Fire."

Many of you know the 1982 classic, which managed to rack up the Oscar's best picture, best soundtrack, best costume design and best writing. And while those things were all great, for me it was about the running, and nobody ran like Eric Liddell.

An impressionable child

I remember watching that movie as a six-year-old (which was two hours of mostly dialogue), and then going upstairs and running back and forth in the hallway with my head tilted back like Liddell, arms flailing and mouth humming the theme song.

When I was in first grade, my class held a track and field day on the last day of school. While to parents and teachers (and most other students), this was probably viewed a prolonged recess. To me, it was the Olympics, and I was going to come home with as many gold (plastic) medals as possible.

Then came the final race of the day, the 4x100 meter relay. My team of four gathered in a circle to determine who would race which portion.

"Give me the final stretch," I said dramatically. Okay, I probably actually said, "Hey Sally, can I go last?"

But that's beside the point. Sally let me run last, and so I waited in anticipation as the gun fired. Sally ran the first 100 meters. Abe ran the second. Jake ran the third. My knees nearly buckled as he rounded the last corner, baton in hand.

At last, the exchange was made. We were in the lead, and I intended to keep it.

So, with every first grade parent and teacher watching, the little Knoop boy ran 100 meters with his head back facing the sky, and his arms flailing like a mad man. My parents must have been so proud.

Years later

Almost twenty years later, Eric Liddell is still my favorite athlete of all time. It's not because he broke the 400-meter world record, and it's not because he ran in such a unique way. It's because he ran for something bigger than himself.

As the movie depicts, Liddell was supposed to run several events at the Olympics, including his best events - the 100-meter dash and the 4x100-meter relay. However, both of those races were scheduled to

NRHEG	34	Owatonna	27	Blooming Prairie	12	Medford	28
Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity	6	Rochester John Marshall	21	Bethlehem Acadmey	28	JWP	41
	Page 5D		Page 2D		Page 4D		Page 6D



Confidence builder

Staff photo by James Knoop

One to remember

The Owatonna Huskies defense celebrates a thrilling 27-21 double-overtime victory after trailing 14-0 at halftime. The win over Rochester John Marshall pushed the Huskies to 1-1 on the season.

Panthers pummel Bulldogs in 34-6 home win

Win keeps NRHEG undefeated at 2-0

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Last Friday, the Panthers took a commanding lead in their first home game and earned another win. More importantly, however, Head Coach Dan Stork said that the team played a strong game of "mistake-free" football.

"We executed very well," Stork said. "We made huge strides from week one to week two." In their first game of the season, the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Panthers took on the Mayer Lutheran Crusaders in away match-up. That night, NRHEG earned the win 14-7 over the home team in the conference neutral game. Despite the win, Coach Stork noted that the Panthers made a few mistakes on the field, which the team discussed throughout



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Head Coach Dan Stork offers guidance to his players during the second quarter against Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity on Friday.

THE HIGHLIGHT REEL
Continued on Page 7D

NRHEG FOOTBALL
Continued on Page 5D



A SIMPLER WAY TO SHOP

Free Consultation
Free Installation
Exclusive Warranties
Prompt and Courteous Service
www.budgetblinds.com

Call Today!
877-373-8535
TOLL FREE



507-583-4431

411 E Main St,
Blooming Prairie,

STEELE COUNTY
Times
Always local, all the time.

OWATONNA



Owatonna senior offensive lineman Joash Rockensock celebrates after a Huskies touchdown in the second half against Rochester John Marshall. The Huskies would go on to win 27-21 in double overtime.

Huskies survive double overtime in comeback win

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

It took nearly three hours, a second-half comeback and two overtimes, but the Owatonna Huskies nabbed their first win of the season on the road against Rochester John Marshall last Friday night.

With John Marshall celebrating an overtime touchdown, and Owatonna Coach Jeff Williams voicing his displeasure over the referee’s touchdown call, it looked like Owatonna’s second-half comeback might fall just short. But a fourth down leaping grab in the back of the end zone by Alec Holcomb breathed new life into the Huskies offense, and after a second-overtime touchdown, the Huskies defense was able to stop Rochester John Marshall, sealing the 27-21 victory.

After a lopsided 28-6 loss last week against Mankato West, Owatonna seemed to finally find their stride against the Rockets in the second week of football.

“You know, we didn’t play very well last week,” said Williams. “We didn’t play particularly well offensively in the first half (tonight). I think these kids finally found their point of pride and maybe a little bit of anger. They just really turned it on in the second half.”

Williams noted that his players had a sense of urgency to win in order to avoid a 0-2 start to the season.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the kids for the second half they had, both offensively and defensively,” said Williams. “It’s just fantastic.”

With the shortened preseason, Owatonna did not come out the way they wanted against Mankato West, but Williams noted that the team showed improvement, something he hopes to keep seeing.

“Hopefully we continue to get better each week,” said Williams. “We kind of have a history of playing our best football late. So, hopefully we’ve got something to build on.”

The Huskies went into halftime down 14-0, after a near touchdown reception slipped through senior Jake Borchert’s fingertips, but Owatonna emerged in the second half like a hungry pack of wolves out for blood. On the offensive side, the Huskies running game finally clicked, as senior Sam Hylle ran for 119 yards off 30 carries. This came, in part, from a halftime game plan change by Owatonna coaches.

“We decided to get a little more fullback oriented, trying to get the ball to our tailback with the fullback blocking, instead of having the extra receiver on the field,” said Williams. “Our backs I thought ran hard, but our line really turned up the dial.”

The offensive line provided lanes for Owatonna running backs, but the defensive line largely kept the Rockets offense off the field for much of the second half.

“Mattison was a 1,500-yard rusher for them last year,” said Williams of Rockets’ senior running back Josh Mattison. “They ran him at tailback, and I thought we did a good job bottling him up. I couldn’t be more proud of our defense.”

Better time of possession and an opened running game also paved the way for quarterback Alex Emanuelson and tight end Alec Holcomb to shine.

“Alec Holcomb had a really nice night for us,” said Williams. “(He) caught a couple of huge balls for us. He was our bell cow tonight, no doubt.”

Holcomb reeled in 67 yards off seven receptions and scored two touchdowns. He played defense as well, and Williams guessed that Holcomb played every snap of the game.

The Owatonna-dominated second half resulted in a 14-14 tie at the end of regulation, forcing the game into overtime.

John Marshall received the ball at the 10-yard line first, and scored a touchdown on a fourth-



Owatonna Sam Hylle (right) uses blocks from offensive lineman Brady Ruiter (left) and quarterback Alex Emanuelson. Hylle ran for 119 yards against the Rockets.



Rockets running back Josh Mattison continues to run hard after losing his helmet against the Huskies.

OWATONNNA FOOTBALL
Continued on Page 7D

LARGE SELECTION & LOW PRICES RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!

CashWiseDelivers.com

OPEN 24 HOURS

495 West N. St. • Owatonna • 451-7220

OWATONNA



The Owatonna defense lines up against Rochester John Marshall early in Friday's game at Rochester. Staff photos by James Knoop



The Owatonna student section cheers loudly for their team late in the game Friday.



The Owatonna offense lines up for a play against the Rockets Friday night.

Overtime rules

DEFINITION

An overtime period is untimed play after a regulation game has ended with the score tied. During an overtime period, each team has an opportunity for an offensive series of downs. However, an overtime period may include only one offensive series of downs if the defensive team scores a safety or touchdown on that opening series.

Scoring

1. The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime shall be declared the winner. The final score shall be determined by totaling all points scored by each team during both regulation time and overtime periods.

2. A field-goal attempt is permitted during any down subject to standard rules.

3. If the team on offense scores a touchdown, it is entitled to the opportunity for a try unless the points would not affect the outcome of the game or playoff qualifying.

4. If the defensive team scores a safety or touchdown, they are declared the winners and the game is ended.

Series of Downs

1. To start the overtime, the offensive team shall put the ball in play, 1st and 10, from the 10-yard line of their opponents unless a penalty shall cause the ball to be placed elsewhere.

2. A series shall be terminated by any score by the offensive team or after the down has ended if the defensive team gains possession of the ball during the down.

3. After the first team on offense in any overtime period has completed its series of downs, the first team on defense will become the offensive team with the ball in its possession at the same 10-yard line as the previous series anywhere between the hash marks, first down and ten yards to go. The same end of the field will be used for possessions by both teams during the two sets of downs to ensure equal game conditions and conserve time.

14. If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series of downs in an overtime period, then the procedure shall be repeated with other overtime periods until a game winner is determined.

Source: National Federation Football Rulebook



Owatonna's Brandon Moen takes Logan Saltou to the ground early in Friday's game.



Left to right: Jake Borchert, Sam Hylle, Alex Emanuelson and Alec Holcomb walk hand-in-hand toward the fifty yard line for the overtime coin toss.

Blooming Prairie



Staff photos by Anna Segner

A Blooming Prairie receiver attempts to get in position to grab a reception in the fourth quarter against Bethlehem Academy. The Blossoms would lose 28-12.

Blossoms fall to Bethlehem Academy in slugfest

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Experience topped inexperience, as Bethlehem Academy defeated the Awesome Blossoms football team 28-12 Friday, Aug. 28. The Cardinals dominated the game on both sides of the ball in the contest at Bruce Smith Field in Faribault.

Senior Collin Hanson directed the home team’s attack, and senior Peyton Glenzinski piled up 32 rushes for 222 yards in the win. The win left B.A. unbeaten at 2-0, while the Blossoms evened their record at 1-1. Statistics prove the Cardinal domi-

us up pretty good in this one. They just came on stronger on both sides of the ball.”

With just less than two minutes left in the opening quarter the winners scored a second touchdown, when Hanson found Avery Hurst on the side for 24 yards and a 14-0 lead. BP narrowed the margin early in the second quarter. A six-play drive culminated with a 10-yard pass from Noble to Anthony Nelson, but the two-point pass conversion attempt got knocked down.

The Cardinals took the second half kickoff and used 10 plays to march in for a touchdown. Glenzinski capped the drive

BP entertains St. Clair this Friday, Sept. 4.

Stats- BP rushing 79 yards, passing 78 yards; Nelson 44 yards rushing

B.A. 297 yards rushing, 61 passing; Glenzinski 222 yards

rushing

Nelson led the Blossom defenders with 12 tackles, and Riley Olson and Romeo added 11 and seven respectively.

BLOOMING
B.A.

12
28

1	2	3	4				
BP				0	6	6	0
BA				14	0	7	7

Friday, Aug. 28
at New Richland

‘It was a physical game, but we were out-slugged at every turn.’

— Chad Gimbel, Blooming Prairie coach

nation, especially on the ground. BA finished with 297 yards on the ground and just 61 in the air on three of 11 attempts.

Meanwhile BP managed just 157 total yards, 78 on the ground and 79 passing. Sophomore quarterback Lucas Noble completed 12 of 24 passes, but also had two passes intercepted. The first interception came from Kyle Ell and was returned 78 yards for a touchdown with 5:50 left in the first quarter. Emily Crone kicked the first of her four extra points, and B.A. led 7-0.

“It was a physical game,” commented Coach Chad Gimbel, “but we were outslugged at every turn. We take pride in our defense, but the Cardinals sliced

with a one-yard plunge at 7:24 of the third quarter. With just 18 seconds left in the quarter, Max Romeo picked up a Cardinal fumble and lumbered 20 yards into the end zone for a score. The two-point conversion try again failed, and B.A. led 21-12. The final score of the game came after the Blossoms recovered another Cardinal fumble on their own 11. Four straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the home team, and Glenzinski rushed the last six yards for the final touchdown.

“They beat us up pretty bad on both sides of the ball”, concluded Gimbel. “We will need to regroup and get ready for the next contest.”



The Blossoms defense attempts to tackle a Bethlehem Academy runner late in Friday night’s contest.

Your Complete Truck & Auto Care Provider!



507-455-2679 or
507-463-2679

7123 SW 82nd Ave • Owatonna • www.kecksrepair.com

NRHEG

NRHEG FOOTBALL

Continued from Page 1D

the week and worked hard to remedy.

“The kids responded well,” said Stork. “We came out to-night and played a game of mistake-free football.” In Friday’s contest, NRHEG had no turnovers and only obtained one penalty in the game against the Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, coming off a 26-24 loss to Windom Area in their season opener, were in search of their first win. The Panthers, however, denied them the victory.

The Panthers came to the field ready to play and swiftly earned a touchdown in the first quarter, when junior running back Jason Jongbloedt ran for five yards. Junior quarterback Sam Prigge also earned the PAT, bringing the score to 7-0 with 10:04 left in the first quarter. Soon after, sophomore linebacker Perry Peterson ran for 41 yards, earning another Panther touchdown, followed by another successful PAT by Prigge.

The Bulldogs attempted to earn a touchdown of their own, but began to load the box. The Panthers took advantage of the opportunities presented and secured another seven points off Palmer Peterson’s complete pass to senior wide receiver John Cole, for 43 yards. Again, Prigge’s PAT was good.

Maintaining their momentum, Peterson sent another pass to Jongbloedt for 38 yards. The pass was complete and, with just one second on the clock, NRHEG earned yet another touchdown. Prigge’s PAT was good, bringing the score to 28-0 in favor of the visiting team.

Both teams continued to fight for the win during the third quarter, but neither tallied any points until the fourth, when NRHEG’s junior running back Noah Sletten ran for one yard and secured his team’s final touchdown of the evening. Prigge’s attempted PAT was not successful.

With 5:58 left in the game, Bulldogs’ running back Andrew Gebhardt ran for seven yards, earning a touchdown. The PAT attempt by sophomore tight end Chris Hecksel was no good, and the scored remained 34-6 until the game’s end.

Stork notes that experienced linemen contributed to the win. Senior Zeke Erickson played an especially strong game, with seniors Wyatt Fitterer, Jon Weller and Lucas Herrmann and juniors

Jack Schultz and Joe Jensen also contributing. Stork said that the coaches have the “good fortune” of coaching several talented and dedicated players. “We have size up front, and we’re also extremely quick,” he explained. “I thought we looked really sharp tonight.”

In addition to the team’s efforts on the field, Coach Stork is also proud of the team atmosphere that continues to build as the season progresses. “We keep calling it a family,” he said. “They’ve really pulled together and really believe in each other. It’s been very positive and the leadership has been excellent.”

NRHEG is now 2-0 for the

‘Win, lose or draw, they’re going to come out on top, and we’re going to be better people for it.’

— Dan Stork, NRHEG football coach

season, and Coach Stork believes his team will only continue to improve, especially as they play as a united front and uphold their integrity. “Win, lose or draw, they’re going to come out on top and we’re going to be better people for it,” he said.

Although NRHEG has enjoyed two victories thus far, Coach admits their next game may pose some additional challenges. This Friday, Sept. 4, the Panthers will hit the road again for a highly anticipated game against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown. Game time is 7 p.m. in Waterville.

“There’s always one game circled on our schedule every year, and that’s W-E-M,” Stork said. “They’re a pretty balanced team. Again, we’ll need to go out there and really play mistake-free football.”

NRHEG 34
Lester Prairie 6

Friday, Aug. 28
at New Richland

	1	2	3	4
NRHEG	14	14	0	6
LPHT	0	0	0	6

Staff photos by Laura Berndt

TOP: Sam Prigge (#3) aligns the kick as Cole Staloch (#8) looks on.
RIGHT: Cole Staloch goes up for the pass early in Friday’s game against the Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity Bulldogs.



Jason Jongbloedt evades the Bulldogs’ defense and earns the touchdown with one second left in the second quarter.



MEDFORD



The Tiger’s offense celebrates a touchdown against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton in their 41-28 loss at home.

Staff photo by Anna Segner

Tigers roll on offense but can’t stop Bulldogs

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

A 41-28 loss is not the final result Medford hoped for against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton last Friday, but the Tigers did manage to score three more touchdowns than last week, while allowing 20 fewer points.

“They moved the ball a little better in the second game. I’m pretty proud of how they did that,” said Medford Coach Jerome Johannes, adding that sophomore Javis VonRuden had “a lot more passing yards than the first game.”

Johannes noted that JWP presented a defense that the Tigers found more manageable, allowing them to march into the end zone four times.

All four touchdowns came from the arm of VonRuden, as he connected on 22-43 attempts for 268 yards, 100 yards better than his first game.

“We had moved the ball very well in the first game too. The difference was we were able to score once in the red zone,” said Johannes. “We weren’t able to do that in the first game. We still had mistakes in the game that cost us some points, but I’m pleased with how the offense is looking.”

Unfortunately for the Tigers, 28 points still fell two scores short of their opponents.

“We have to be more aggressive,” said Johannes. “We’re not tackling well.”

Johannes pointed out that his defense was able to stop the run game in the second quarter, but second-half mistakes and big plays were the demise of the team.

Quarterback Josh Janike of JWP managed only six completions against the Tigers, but those six averaged over 23 yards per reception, totalling

140 yards. Added to that were 147 rushing yards from running back Tom Gannon and 119 from Ryan Eustice. The team totalled 430 total yards on offense.

Both halves of the game were relatively even, with a half-time score of 21-14. The Tigers would score 14 more in the second, but JWP would answer with 20 more points of their own.

‘We still had mistakes in the game that cost us points, but I’m pleased with how the offense is looking.’

— Jerome Johannes, Medford football coach



Medford’s offensive line attempts to provide protection for the runner.



Medford’s sophomore quarterback Javis VonRuden (right) drops back for a pass Friday night.

Football weekend forecast

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

For each of the first two weeks of Steele County football, Blooming Prairie, NRHEG, Medford and Owatonna have split games, going 2-2 both weeks.

Of those four teams, NRHEG remains the only undefeated team after defeating both Mayer Lutheran on the road and Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity at home this week. The Panthers will travel this week to take on the 2-0 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Buccaneers.

Blooming Prairie and Owatonna both sit 1-1. Owatonna lost their first game to state-ranked Mankato West, but managed to pull off an incredible double-overtime win. Owatonna won’t have to travel, as they host their first game this season against 0-2 Faribault.

Blooming Prairie started the year with a low-scoring 8-6 win over Rushford-Peterson but gave up 28 points to Bethlehem Academy this week for a 28-12 loss. The Blossoms will entertain 0-2 St. Clair.

Medford has lost both of their home games, falling 61-7 against Lewiston-Altura and 41-28 against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. The Tigers will travel for the first time this year, facing off against 2-0 Mankato Loyola.

Mid Southeast-West

	Div.	Overall
Bethlehem Academy	1-0-0	2-0 -0
Mankato Loyola	1-0-0	2-0-0
JWP	1-0-0	1-1-0
Blooming Prairie	0-1-0	1-1-0
United South Central	0-1-0	1-1-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	0-1-0	1-1-0
St. Clair	0-1-0	0-2-0
Medford	0-1-0	0-2-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Waterville-E-M	1-0-0	2-0 -0
NRHEG	2-0-0	2-0-0
Maple River	1-0-0	2-0-0
LeSueur-Henderson	1-0-0	1-1-0
Mayer Lutheran	1-1-0	1-1-0
Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity	0-1-0	0-2-0
Sibley East	0-1-0	0-2-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome	0-1-0	0-2-0
Norwood Young America	0-1-0	0-2-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-1-0	0-2-0

Sig Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	2-0-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-1-0	1-1-0
Owatonna	1-0-0	1-1-0
Northfield	1-0-0	1-1-0
Rochester Century	0-2-0	0-2-0
New Prague	0-1-0	0-2-0

Football State Rankings

- Class 1A**
1. Minneota
 2. Braham
 3. Dawson-Boyd
 4. Minneapolis North
 5. Mahanomen
 6. Upsala/Swanville
 7. Blooming Prairie
 8. Adrian
 9. Browerville
 10. Pine River-Backus

- Blass 2A**
1. Pipestone Area
 2. Caledonia
 3. Moose Lake-Willow River
 4. Maple Lake
 5. Eden Valley-Watkins
 6. Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
 7. Holdingford
 8. Ottertail Central
 9. Lewiston-Altura
 10. Maple River

- Class 5A**
1. Mankato West
 2. Spring Lake Park
 3. Elk River
 4. Moorhead
 5. St. Thomas Acadmey
 6. Robbinsdale Cooper
 7. Rochester John Marshall
 8. Rogers
 9. St. Francis
 10. Chisago Lakes

Source: mnfootballhub.com
Rankings as of Aug. 26

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Aug.. 22... at Mankato East L 19-52
Aug. 28... vs. Maple River L 15-54
Sept. 4...vs. St. Clair
Sept. 11... at JWP
Sept. 18... vs. Mankato Loyola
Sept. 25...at Medford
Oct. 2.... vs. United South Central
Oct. 8... at Kenyon-Wanamingo

Medford

Aug.. 22... vs. Lewiston-Altura L 61-7
Aug. 28... vs. JWP L 41-28
Sept. 4...at Mankato Loyola
Sept. 11... vs. Bethlehem Academy
Sept. 18... at Kenyon Wanamingo
Sept. 25...vs. Blooming Prairie
Oct. 2.... at St. Clair
Oct. 8... at United South Central

NRHEG

Aug.. 22... at Mayer Lutheran W 14-7
Aug. 28... vs. Lester Prairie W 34-6
Sept. 4... at WEM
Sept. 11... vs. G-F-W
Sept. 18... at Sibley East
Sept. 25... vs. LeSueur-Henderson
Oct. 2.... at Lake Crystal-WM

Owatonna

Aug.. 22... at Mankato West L 28-6
Aug. 28... at Rochester JM W 27-21
Sept. 4... vs. Faribault
Sept. 11... vs. Northfield
Sept. 18... at Austin
Sept. 25... at Rochester Mayo
Oct. 2.... vs. New Prague
Oct. 8... vs. Rochester Century

OWATONNA



Staff photos by James Knoop

Alex Raichle (left) and Alec Holcomb celebrate after scoring a touchdown in double-overtime against Rochester John Marshall on Friday. The seven yard reception by Holcomb would prove the final points of the game, as Owatonna defeated the Rockets 27-21.

OWATONNA FOOTBALL

Continued from Page 2D

down quarterback sneak. For a moment, it appeared as though the Huskies had stopped John Marshall short, but the referees called a touchdown after quarterback Jared Juth found his way across the goal line.

Williams argued that the play was dead, but the call stood.

After three plays, Owatonna found themselves in a fourth-and-two position. Electing to pass, Emanuelson placed the ball in the back of the end zone, where a leaping Holcomb grabbed it, maintaining possession as he fell to the ground. The extra point was made by junior Aidan Buryska to send the game to a second overtime.

Receiving the ball first, Owatonna made quick work, scoring on another touchdown pass

to Alec Holcomb, this time for seven yards. However, a mis-handled field goal snap caused Holcomb to have to dash to the corner of the end zone where he was stopped short of the two-point conversion.

It wouldn’t matter, however, as the Owatonna defense held the Rockets scoreless in double-overtime to seal the victory.

The field was immediately flooded with rejoicing Huskies as the large visiting crowd jumped up and down in the stands.

“I’m happy for the kids, because this is going to give them some confidence moving forward,” said Williams.

**Owatonna 27
Rochester JM 21**

Friday, Aug. 28
at Rochester John Marshall

	1	2	3	4	OT	2OT
OWA	0	0	14	0	7	6
RJM	7	7	0	7	7	0

Scoring

First quarter

RJM--Cazz Martin 14 run (kick is good), 5:04.

Second quarter

RJM--Martin 41 run (kick is good), 1:09.

Third quarter

OWA--Alex Emanuelson 3 run (Aiden Buryska kick is good), 6:37.

OWA--Mitch Wiese 6 run (Buryska), 1:48.

Overtime

RJM--Jared Juth 1 run (kick is good).

OWA--Alec Holcomb 2 pass from Emanuelson (Buryska kick is good).

Second Overtime

OWA--Holcomb 7 pass from Emanuelson (kick no good).

Statistics

TEAM Total yards: OWA 249, RJM 202. **Rushing:** OWA 134, RJM 202. **Passing:** OWA 16-23-115, RJM 0-6-0.

INDIVIDUALS

Owatonna

Rushing: Hyllle 30-119, Wiese 9-36-1, Emanuelson 8-21-1 **Passing:** Emanuelson 16-23-115-2 **Receiving:** Holcomb 7-67-2, Wiese 3-12, Westphal 1-2, Raichle 4-32, Hyllle 1-1.



Owatonna wide receivers Jake Borchert (top left) and Alec Holcomb (top right) celebrate a touchdown reception by Alec Holcomb on a fourth-down completion in the first overtime.

THE HIGHLIGHT REEL

Continued from Page 1D

take place on a Sunday, a day Eric Liddell refused to run. Contrary to what the movie says, Liddell did not discover this as he was boarding his boat. He found out many months before, giving the entire country of Scotland months to try to persuade Liddell that he would be letting down his country by not running his best events.

Still, Liddell remained strong in his convictions, refusing to run on the “Lord’s Day.” When Liddell stepped into the blocks for the 400-meter run, few expected him to place, let alone win.

But as Liddell rounded the third corner and sprinted toward the finish line, he was still gaining on his competitors. Then, in front of the entire world, Liddell sprinted toward the finish line with his head laid back and arms flailing, reminding himself and every individual who tried to change his mind that he ran for something bigger than himself. He ran for God.

The lesson

Sports are about something bigger than ourselves. That’s why sports exists - remind us that we compete, we run and we live for something bigger.

The week that Brett Favre’s father died, he played one of the best games of his career. The 1980 USA hockey team played for their country. The 1971 T.C. Williams High School football team played to tear down racial walls in Virginia. Youth sports programs across the nation remind kids to show respect, teach them leadership and help them grow in teamwork.

Sports remind us that things like equality, faith, family, country and so many other things are

worth fighting for.

When I was six years old, Eric Liddell was just a man who ran goofy to really good music. Little did I know the impact he would have on my life.

Today, especially as a husband and dad, he reminds me that even on my worst days, I am living for something bigger. I run through life, with my head back and arms flailing, fully trusting that my savior, Jesus, will lead me safely to that finish line.

Steele County 4-H General Exhibits Results

Aerospace:

Champion – Andrew Skov, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Caleb Wannarka, Happy Hustlers.

Bicycle:

Champion – Jacob Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Oliver Hansen, Happy Hustlers.

Cat:

Senior Champion – Mattea Dann, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Child Development:

Junior Champion – Elizabeth Prostrollo, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Brianna O’Connor, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Jasmin Willette, Happy Hustlers.

Citizenship:

Champion – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Derek Klecker, Happy Hustlers.

Clothes You Buy:

Junior Champion – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Jenna Klecker, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Reserve – Molly Hawkins, Meriden Meadowlarks; Other Purple – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Clothes You Make:

Junior Champion – Bennett Wray-Raabolle, Record Busters; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Beth Ann Hanson,

Junior Champion – Anton Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane, and Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Noah Loveless, Happy Hustlers, and Emma Loveless, Happy Hustlers.

Dog:

Junior Champion – Jason Gerdts, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Electricity:

Junior Champion – Mitchell Seykora, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Matthew Seykora, Straight River Stars; Reserve – John Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes.

Engineering:

Robotics Champion – Jace Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Jack Walburn, Record Busters; Rube Goldberg Machine Champion – Samuel Bendorf, Meriden Meadowlarks, Tommy Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes, Herbert Rand, Meriden Meadowlarks, and James Rand, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Entomology:

Senior Champion – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Leah Tucker, Happy Hustlers.

Exploring Animals:

Senior Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane.

Exploring the Environment:

Senior Champion – Emily Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory

Liv Larson, Happy Hustlers; Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Brooke Purrier, Medford Go Getters.

Food & Nutrition:

Junior Champion – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Cole Sheehan, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Sara Wall, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Bailey Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Other Purples – Lydia Weisenburger, Meriden Meadowlarks; Lizzy Hagen, Ellendale Hustlers; Becca Zollner, Pratt Commandoes; David Rhodes, Happy Hustlers; Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Food Review:

Junior Champion – Elizabeth Karl, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Abigail Bendorf, Meriden Meadowlarks; Senior Reserve – Jessica Deering, Medford Go Getters.

Food Preservation:

Junior Champion – Melanie Winzenburg, Merry Lane; Junior Reserve – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Senior Reserve – Greta Jacobson, Meadowlarks; Other Purples – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Tommy Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes; Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters.

Forest Resources:

Junior Champion – Hannah Schull, Medford Go Getters.

Geology:

Champion – Charlie Tucker, Happy Hustlers.



Staff photos by Rick Bussler

Logan Stenzel, of the Owatonna Victory Boosters, is pictured with his Champion Pets project.

Performing Arts:

Junior Champion – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Abigail Hansen, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Greta Jacobson, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Pets:

Senior Champion – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars.

Photography / Video:

Junior Elements of Photography Champion – Joshua Bluhm, Deerfield Go Getters; Reserve – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane; Intermediate Elements of Photography Champion – Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Brianna O’Connor, Deerfield Get There; Senior Elements of Photography Champion – Anna Weisenburger, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Junior Creative/Applied Photography Champion – Journey Utpadel, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Creative/Applied Photography Champion – Katie Wolf, Merry Lane; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Video Champion – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Other Purples – Charlie Tucker, Happy Hustlers; Anton Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Emily Miller, Merry Lane; Matthew Bartnessa, Straight River Stars; Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Adam Paschke, Medford Go Getters; Hannah Schull, Medford Go Getters; Trinity Smith Vulcan, Record Busters; Arica Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Brianna Levisay, Pratt Commandoes; Gabriel Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Joseph Schull, Medford Go Getters; Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Leah Tucker, Happy Hustlers; Caleb Wannarka, Happy Hustlers; Samantha Fredin, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Lizzy Hagen, Ellendale Hustlers; Michelle Honsey, Medford Go Getters; Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Kaitlyn Skalicky, Pratt Commandoes; Anna Weisenburger, Meriden Meadowlarks; Katie Wolf, Merry Lane; Katie Wolf, Merry Lane; Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Rebekah Bendorf, Meriden Meadowlarks; Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Carson Sobrack, Medford Go Getters; Katie Wolf, Merry Lane.

Plant / Soil Science and Crop Sciences:

Senior Champion – Lucy Paschke, Medford Go Getters.

Potato:

Junior Champion – Matthew Bartness, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Hunter Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Quilting:

Champion – Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars.

Safety:

Champion – Michelle Honsey, Medford

Go Getters; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers.

Self-Determined:

Junior Champion – Charlie Tucker, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Scotty Weckman, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Abigail Hansen, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Other Purples – Arica Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Jace Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks; Leif Michaelson, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Tristan Simon, Record Busters.

Shooting Sports / Wildlife Management:

Junior Champion – Teagan Dann, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Tristan Simon, Record Busters.

Shop:

Junior Champion - Leif Michaelson, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Noah Kubicek, Happy Hustlers; Intermediate Champion – Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Zachary Bahe, Straight River Stars; Other Purples – Anton Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Caden Kubicek, Happy Hustlers; Luke Kubicek, Straight

River Stars; Zack Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Austin Mundt, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Small Engines / Tractor:

Senior Champion – Oliver Hansen, Happy Hustlers.

Vegetable Garden / Fruit:

Junior Champion – Matthew Bartness, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Scotty Weckman, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Jalen Aaseth, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Hunter Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Veterinary Science:

Senior Champion – Allie Keilen, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Erin O’Brien, Merry Lane.

Water / Wetlands:

Champion – Bailey Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Wildlife Biology:

Junior Champion – Trinity Smith Vulcan, Record Busters; Reserve - Tatum Smith Vulcan, Record Busters; Senior Champion – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Other Purples – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Sophia Mrotz, Ellendale Hustlers; Hannah Schull, Medford Go Getters.



Parker Aase, of the Owatonna Victory Boosters, holds his Champion Junior Buck.

Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Other Purple – Marissa Mortenson, Owatonna Victory Boosters.

Club Banner:

Champion – Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Owatonna Victory Boosters.

Club Community Pride:

Champion – Pratt Commandoes.

Club Go For (Gopher) Display:

Champion – Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Pratt Commandoes; Third Place – Medford Go Getters.

Club Project – Container Garden:

Champion – Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Medford Go Getters.

Club Scrapbook:

Champion – Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Meriden Meadowlarks; Third Place – Ellendale Hustlers.

Computer:

Champion – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Michael Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes.

Crafts:

Junior Champion – Journey Utpadel, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Kiara Gentz; Senior Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Reserve – Courtney Zimmerman, Pratt Commandoes; Other Purples – Anton Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Derek Klecker, Happy Hustlers; Tatum Smith Vulcan, Record Busters; Maria Schwab, Meriden Meadowlarks; Michelle Honsey, Medford Go Getters; Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Courtney Zimmerman, Pratt Commandoes.

Demonstrations:

Boosters.

Fashion Revue:

Junior Clothes You Make Fashion Revue Champion – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Bennett Wray-Raabolle, Record Busters; Senior Clothes You Make Fashion Revue Champion – Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Junior Clothes You Buy Fashion Revue Champion – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Senior Clothes You Buy Fashion Revue Champion – Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars.

Fine Arts:

Junior Champion – Hannah Schull, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Emily Miller, Merry Lane; Senior Champion – Katie Wolf, Merry Lane; Reserve – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Other Purples – Aven Aaseth, Straight River Stars; Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks; Allie Keilen, Medford Go Getters; Liv Larson, Happy Hustlers; Gabriel Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars.

Fishing Sports:

Junior Champion – Noah Honsey, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Jacob Klecker, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Hunter Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Flower Garden:

Junior Champion – Carson Krenke, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Madison Jaster, Go Getters; Other Purples – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters;

Global Connections:

Champion – Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Cassandra Borwege, Deerfield Get There.

Health:

Champion – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Michael Kanne, Deerfield Get There.

Home Environment:

Junior Champion – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Logan Stenzel, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Madison Prokopec, Straight River Stars; Other Purples – Rachel Bluhm, Deerfield Get There.

Horseless Horse / Horse Related:

Junior Champion – Alexis Ripka, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Allie Keilen, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Hannah Fessel, Medford Go Getters.

Indoor Gardening:

Junior Champion – Carson Krenke, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Josie Lorenz, Merry Lane; Senior Champion – Madison Prokopec, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Ethan Prokopec, Straight River Stars; Other Purples – Desiree Svoboda, Pratt Commandoes.

Lawns & Landscaping:

Senior Champion – Ryan Haberman, Straight River Stars; Reserve – William Behne, Happy Hustlers.

Needle Art:

Junior Champion – Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kiara Gentz, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Madison Jaster, Medford Go Getters.

Central Valley Co-op

Growing with you

Central Valley

COOPERATIVE

Has supported

agriculture for

over 100 years.

AgPower

ENTERPRISES

We're Your Local John Deere Dealer For

PARTS, SALES & SERVICE

STIHL®

507-451-4054

www.agpowerjd.com

3555 18th Street

Nothing Runs Like a Deere

Steele County Times 2015 Football Contest

Football Contest Rules

Contest: There will be 30 games each week during the contest, which begins on Sept. 2 and runs for 12 weeks.

How to Win: Pick the team you think will win in each game listed in the below advertisements. Write the team's name in the blank with the corresponding number. Cut out the entry blank and enter Steele County Times, 411 E. Main St., P.O. Box 247, Blooming Prairie, MN, 55917. You may enter in person, mail or by e-mail to bptimes@frontiernet.net. It must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. You must enter a score in the Tie-Breaker game or you will be disqualified.

What you Win: The Times will award \$10 Blooming Prairie or Owatonna Chamber Bucks to the person correctly predicting the most winners from the games listed. The person with the most correct games throughout the 12 week contest will be awarded a Chanhassen Dinner Theatre ticket. An additional \$10 BP or Owatonna Chamber Bucks will be awarded if the winner correctly predicts the outcome of all 30 games. Ties will be broken by the score of the Tie-Breaker game. All decisions by the judges are final. The contest is open to anyone age 15 and above, excluding staff and family members of Bussler Publishing, Inc.

ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

Phone

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

8

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

*Tie-Breaker Score

*

Walsh Garbage Service

The only local garbage hauler serving Blooming Prairie since 1965!

WALSH

Garbage Service, Inc.

319 2nd St. SW - Blooming Prairie

1 - St. Clair @ BP

2 - Baltimore @ Atlanta

TOREY'S

RESTAURANT & BAR

507-455-9260
685 W. Bridge St #5, Owatonna
www.toreys.net

OPEN SUNDAYS 11-7

Watch your favorite Football team
Select menu
Full Service Bar

3 - Faribault @ Owatonna
4 - Minnesota @ Tennessee

Best Tire Service in the Field

Locally Owned

Personal • Farm • Business • Tires • Brakes • Road Service • Exhaust
211 W. Main • Owatonna • 507-451-3084
www.Harlandstire.com
email: harlandstire@gmail.com
Open Mon.-Fri. 7-5:30; Sat. 7- Noon

5 - NRHEG @ WEM
6 - Cincinnati @ Indianapolis

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices

Dave Fandel
Broker Associate/REALTOR
www.owatonnarealestate.com
Advantage Real Estate
1880 Austin Rd., Suite 1, Owatonna
Office: 507-451-7355
dave@owatonnarealestate.com

7 - Medford @ Mankato Loyola
8 - Tampa Bay @ Miami

McCabe Motors and McCabe Rental

DLR23742
DLR37331

Check Out Our Inventory at
www.mccabemotors.com
Rent from us: Cars • SUV's 7, 8, 9, 12 & 15
Passenger Vans - Call for reservations
507-444-9494 • 425 18th Street SE • Owatonna

9 - USC @ JWP
10 - New Orleans @ Green Bay

FLOOR TECH

Tim Wacek • 507-583-2276
322 E. Main • Blooming Prairie
Derek Reichl • 507-552-1637
2201 E. Main St. • Albert Lea

CARPET • VINYL • HARDWOOD LAMINATE • CERAMIC TILE

11 - Austin @ Rochester Mayo
12 - Kansas City @ St. Louis

Pattirath Jewelers

507-451-0301
685 W BRIDGE ST. #5, OWATONNA
MON-WED & FRI: 10-6
THURSDAYS: 10-8
SATURDAY: 10-3

THIS ISN'T JUST A GAME
IT'S A WAY OF LIFE
SHOWN: 925 STERLING SILVER & 14K GOLD CHARMS
INTRICATELY ENGRAVED WITH NFL TEAM LOGOS

13 - Grand Meadow @ Alden-Conger
14 - Buffalo @ Detroit

L&E Farm Drainage

WEST CONCORD, MN
"Quality makes the difference"

507-527-2444
Larry Ellingson
Cell 507-951-2279
Home 507-527-2512

15 - Mae River @ Norwood -Young America
16 - Cleveland @ Chicago

Larry's Liquor

116 Oakdale Street
Owatonna

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Cold Beer • Wine
Spirits
Beer Trailer Rentals
and Kegs

17 - Triton @ Winona Cotter
18 - Kenyon-Wanamingo @ Bethlehem Academy

STEELE COUNTY Times

Always local, all the time.

411 East Main Street
Blooming Prairie

Check us out online:
www.steeledodgenews.com

19 - TCU @ Minnesota
20 - Akron @ Oklahoma

Pizza Hut

507-451-3336
105 S Oak, Owatonna

LARGE MEAL DEAL
\$25.99
2 Large Pizzas
(up to 2 toppings) 1 order of breadsticks and 2 liter of Pepsi
Mention this ad for special

21 - Texas @ Notre Dame
22 - SE Missouri State @ Missouri

PLAZA MORENA CAMPESTRE GRILL

507-413-0819
160 26th Street NE, Owatonna
www.plazamorena.com

Clip & Save
\$1.00 OFF Entree Meal
Not valid with other offers, coupons or discounted items

Open Daily:
Sunday - Thursday
11 am - 10 pm
Friday & Saturday
11 am - 11 pm

23 - LCWM @at Mayer Lutheran
24 - Ohio State Virginia Tech

Kottke Jewelers

115 N. Cedar Ave.
Owatonna
Tues-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-Noon
507-451-6644

Football widow
seen in the company of two studs

25 - Lourdes @ Byron
26 - Louisville @ Auburn

Express EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

www.expressowatonna.com
507-455-3002 • 800-832-3002
812 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

27 - Stanford @ Northwestern
28 - Oregon @ UCLA

FAHNING & ASSOCIATES

Beth S. Fahning-Hanggi
Agent #46786
Gerald H. Fahning, CLU
Agent # 192772

Licensed Life and Health Insurance Agents
35 West Main Street • Dodge Center, MN 55927
(507) 374-6342

Fahning & Associates specialize in: Health Insurance; Employee Benefits; LTCI
Medicare: Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Rx Coverage

29 - Michigan State @ Western Michigan
30 - Wisconsin @ Alabama