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## JURY INDICTS RIESS

*Lois Riess faces premeditated murder in husband's death*

BY RICK BUSSLER  
PUBLISHER

More than a year after her husband was found dead in their rural Blooming Prairie home, Lois Riess now faces first-degree premeditated murder for allegedly killing him.

On May 22, a Dodge County grand jury indicted Riess with two counts of murder in the shooting death of David Riess in March 2018. In addition to first-degree murder, Riess also faces a second-degree murder charge.

In Minnesota, Riess faces life in prison without the chance of being paroled on the most serious charge. However, she also faces the death penalty in Florida on an unrelated murder charge. She will be tried in Florida before Minnesota ever has anything more to do with her.

Matthew Frank of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, acting on behalf of the Dodge County Attorney's Office, presented evidence



LOIS RIESS

to the grand jury last week in a Mantorville courtroom. Riess was not represented by an attorney during the grand jury proceedings.

Frank is an assistant attorney general and manages the Trials and Appeals Division of the office. Frank's division assists local county attorneys when they have big cases that they need help with. Dodge County had been without a full-time criminal prosecutor until

recently and operates only with a part-time county attorney on a regular basis.

Grand jury proceedings are closed hearings and are intentionally secretive where the prosecutor runs the show. Only the prosecutor, jurors, the witness and a court reporter are permitted in the room. Transcripts of testimony aren't public, and jurors can't talk about what happened.

A suspect can only be charged with first-de-

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## Blowing off STEAM



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Sandiz Hamersma immerses himself in a hands-on activity during STEAM Day at Blooming Prairie Elementary School May 21 while Grady Steckelberg assists him. They made 3-D shapes out of PVC pipes. The challenge for them was to figure out the volume or surface of the shapes.



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Second graders Cassidy Jones, left, and Emmerson Nelson get their hands dirty with paint as they create a nature drawing. Children used items found in nature to paint a picture of something unique like a mountain scene, farm place, lake scene or an abstract painting.

### BP elementary kids indulge in hands-on learning

BY RICK BUSSLER  
PUBLISHER

If you noticed a lot of steam coming out of Blooming Prairie Elementary School May 21, it wasn't that the boiler was malfunctioning. Instead, it was kids blowing off lots of steam as part of a first of its kind STEAM Day.

Second grade teacher Kim Lea organized a special activities day for all grade levels to participate in as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. "The goal is to integrate all five of those disciplines together," Lea explained.

The STEAM Day consisted of four main components, including building bridges, flight, Legos and

exploration museum. The museum involved a rock shop, robotics team, 3-D shapes, nature drawing and microscopes among other activities.

Lea said the day acted as a "mini-field trip where we're not going anywhere" outside of the school. "They are immersed in hands-on learning by staying in the building," she said. "Any time we can do hands on, they love it."

She admits it was no easy task to pull off the STEAM Day, which she hopes to make an annual occurrence. "It's a pretty hard task to bring all students together for learning," Lea noted. "Everybody comes togeth-

SEE STEAM DAY, A6

## First Music Hall of Fame inductees honored in Owatonna

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN  
COUNTY WRITER

Owatonna's first members of the Music Boosters of Owatonna Music Hall of Fame were officially inducted last week at a reception before the Owatonna High School Pop Concert.

Honored at the reception and introduced at the beginning of the concert were Harry Wenger, Roger Tenney, James VanDemark, the father-son duo of Arnold Krueger and his son, Arnold, as well as the Wenger Corporation.

Tenney, the younger Krueger and VanDemark were all present for the award program. Krueger accepted the award for himself and his father, who was unable to attend because of a recent illness. Members of the Wenger family were also present.

"There's something very special in the air here," said VanDemark. A native of Owatonna, VanDemark was the youngest person ever to be appointed professor of double bass at the Eastman School of Music in 1976 when he was 23 years old.

The elder Krueger came to Owatonna in 1950 to begin what came to be a 50-year career teaching strings and conducting the Owatonna High School Orchestra.

His son, Arnold, graduated from Owatonna High School, studied violin at the University of Minnesota and was a violinist with the Minnesota Orchestra for 45 years, retiring in 2018.

Tenney was the long-time choir director at Owatonna High School. During his tenure the 1962 choir was selected to represent Minnesota at the Seattle World's Fair. In 1967, the choir accompanied Tenney to Washington, D.C. where they sang in the Rose Garden at the White House as Tenney was honored as the national Teacher of the Year.

Wenger also first came to Owatonna as a music teacher in the 1930s when he served as band, choir and orchestra director. A side business he started in the basement of his home grew into the Wenger Corporation, now a major

SEE MUSIC HALL OF FAME, A4

## A 911 dispatcher that makes a difference

BY RICK BUSSLER  
PUBLISHER

Timothy Siebsen is someone who is making a difference when it comes to life threatening situations.

As an emergency dispatcher for the Rice Steele 911 Center in Owatonna, Siebsen handled what started as a routine 911 hang-up call last August. He quickly began tracking the call and soon found out public safety personnel had a high-risk incident involving a weapon with a mentally disturbed person on their hands.

For his efforts, Siebsen was recently recognized

with a Make a Difference award through Minnesota APCO. He accepted the honor at Arrowwood Resort near Alexandria.

On Aug. 26, 2018, Siebsen took a 911 hang-up call from a cell phone. After he called the number back, he heard "a lot of screaming" on the other end. A woman was screaming into the phone about being a hostage with a young boy. The incident started in Owatonna and eventually turned into a high-speed pursuit with law enforcement. A police officer utilized stop sticks near Lonsdale to bring an end to the chase. The driver was

arrested at gun point.

Throughout the call, several dispatchers assisted Siebsen with getting the woman help. While Siebsen stayed on the phone with the woman, his partners dispatched law enforcement on the police radio. "Everyone reacted the way they needed to," Siebsen said, adding it was their job to create a clear picture as best as they could for officers as to what was going on.

Siebsen was pleased with the outcome as nobody was injured throughout the ordeal. "It could have been bad at a lot of points," he ac-

knowledges. "We're lucky."

While the top state award was given to Siebsen, he is quick to point out that he didn't act alone. "One person can't take credit for everything," he says. He regularly relies on his partners to help get through crisis situations. There are generally four dispatchers working at one time in the center handling calls for both Steele and Rice counties.

Siebsen looks at the award as a "little bit humbling." He admits he's not a very public person and

SEE DISPATCHER AWARD, A4



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Timothy Siebsen dispatches from his counsel in the Rice Steele 911 Center in Owatonna. Siebsen was recently honored with a Make a Difference award through Minnesota APCO for his efforts of bringing what started as a 911 hang up call to a successful ending where the suspect was arrested and nobody was hurt in a hostage situation.

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OUR VIEW

GUEST COLUMN

Congrats to the Class of 2019

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, area seniors will be crossing the stage and embarking on their next journeys in life.

As a community newspaper, we have the privilege of covering a number of different school events, sports, written features about the successes of students inside and outside of the classroom and everything in between.

From the time the Class of 2019 was in pre-school and for some before then, we have had the opportunity to write about some of the most extraordinary stories, not just in the local area but the state.

We have been there to capture photos of state championship teams, we were there for Kindergarten graduations, and we have had the absolute privilege to tell stories about incredible things that young people have done in the community.

Through every byline and photo taken, we have been proud of you just like the rest of the community has been.

Although as a community newspaper one of the biggest things we cover is local schools, we hope to continue our tradition of telling stories about local people even after graduation day. We hope that you will share our contact information whether you are with colleges or employers, so they can let us know about your successes, and we can share them with the community.

To the Class of 2019, we wish nothing but the best of luck going forward in life, whether you're off to a four-year college, two-year college, the workforce, the military, taking a gap-year or anything in between.

We are looking forward to seeing your successes and hope to continue to share your stories with the community through this newspaper.

Chief Claassen's sacrifice should never be forgotten

(Editor's Note: Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose was the guest speaker during a Law Enforcement Memorial Program in Rochester May 10 as a kickoff to National Police Week, which ran May 12-18. Portions of Rose's speech have been edited due to length.)

BY SCOTT ROSE

As a cops' kid growing up in Dodge County, I knew most of the deputies because of my dad, who retired after over 30 years of part-time law enforcement service in the county. I knew some of the other staff at the Sheriff's Office, including Kathy Claassen, who was the Sheriff's administrative secretary back in the day. I was also friends with Kathy's kids growing up.

The first time I met Doug was at the Claassen's residence in Hayfield. I was a teenager and friends with Jean. Doug was confined to a motorized wheel chair. He had little mobility with one arm, which he had in a sling to help him control the chair; he had no use of his other arm and he couldn't walk. In spite of his physical condition, he was always upbeat and positive – always joking around and always let you know what he thought about things. He enjoyed everyone's company, especially law enforcement.

Doug and Kathy would always leave the light on in the front of their home – a message to the deputies working in Hayfield that the Claassen residence was open for their break – with fresh coffee, sometimes popcorn, even ice cream in the summer; and if you were lucky, Kathy's homemade chocolate chip cookies. Back then, there were no 24-hour Kwik Trips so breaks were usually at Claassen's. I first saw this as a kid, and then as a Posse member riding along with deputies. It was obvious that Doug was a huge supporter of law enforcement. I assumed at the time that was in part due to his wife working for the sheriff, this is all I really knew about this man as a kid. Why Doug was in a wheelchair was something that never came up in discussion.

Fast forward to a couple years ago. Doug's daughter, Jean, who I grew up with, works in Dodge County Administration. We were in their office talking about our Captain Loring Guenther's line of duty death and some of the challenges with it – when Jean made a reference understanding the challenges with her dad's line of duty death.

I thought – WAIT A MINUTE. Line of Duty Death? I grew up here, we're family friends and I had never heard this? How could I have been involved in law enforcement 20 years and lifelong friends with this family not known about this?

Well I soon found out this is not your average survivor family.

Hayfield Police Chief Doug Claassen was on duty in the city of Hayfield in the early morning hours of April 30, 1977. At 245 a.m., he observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign in town traveling at a high rate of speed. He

pursued the vehicle, lights and sirens, thru town and then east on Highway 30 out of town. Just prior to reaching County Road 9, he observed the driver slump over the wheel and the vehicle veer off into the ditch and then field before coming to a stop. At this point, now concerned for the wellbeing of the driver, he ran up to the vehicle and found the driver slumped over the wheel, semi-conscious with very shallow pulse and breathing.

As he tried to remove the suspect from the vehicle, the suspect woke up and became violent, kicking and striking Chief Claassen in the head and neck area, snapping his neck. He fell to his knees while the suspect, yelling KILL, KILL, KILL, tried to take his gun from him. The suspect then went unconscious and limp again, a victim of an apparent drug overdose.

Due to Chief Claassen's pain from being struck, he carried and drug the suspect back to his squad. Right after being put in the squad, the suspect awoke again and became violent again. The suspect managed to get out of the squad and run – Chief Claassen apprehended the suspect a second

like getting up in the morning, getting dressed, help in the bathroom, moving around in and out of the house. He needed help with everything. Doug was always coming up with projects and ideas for contraptions that would make things easier for him at the house – Mark and Jean would be his go to kids for this, instructing them on how to build, fix, or put together ideas after school.

Kathy explained Doug's death was determined to be a Line of Duty death with the State of Minnesota, and they fought to get the benefit from the federal government, eventually winning it with an appeal – so the Claassen family received the state and federal line of duty death benefit, but Doug was never recognized locally or nationally for his service and sacrifice.

When I asked Kathy why he had never been recognized at the state level for his service, she simply indicated that the Sheriff was very busy back then, had too much on his plate for her to burden him with this. She would continue to serve our county in an administrative capacity at the Sheriff's Office for another 34 years before

the past 10 years. That's an average of nearly one death every 60 hours – 163 law enforcement heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice last year. Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement are reported annually, resulting in around 15,000 injuries every year like those Doug suffered in 1977.

Law enforcement officers and their families are part of a unique culture. There is no other profession in our society that serves quite the same role, or faces quite the same risks as a matter of course in their everyday work life. This culture also creates a unique set of challenges for the families of these men and women. Law Enforcement officers work nights, weekends, and holidays. They miss special family dates – birthdays, anniversaries, school events, band concerts, choir concerts, sporting events, etc. They are on heightened alert daily and need to be on guard and watch their backs both at work and off-duty with their families. Their kids may get teased or worse at school and must know to watch their backs as well. Officers work under the public microscope every day and know that the actions they take in a split second will be arm-chair quarterbacked by many – lawyers, media, and community. They understand they will be held to a higher standard than others both on and off duty, which in turn means their kids are held to a higher standard as well. For many, this career will not likely pay enough for them to avoid needing a part-time job to raise a family and make ends meet – so not only do they miss many special family events in order to protect you and me, they also must spend time away from family to simply help pay the bills. These are truly amazing people!

Every day or night when these men and women go to work, they hug their families and tell them they love them – knowing that every time they go out the door with that badge – they may be injured or killed in the Line of Duty. While this stress can wear on the officer, it most certainly wears on the families watching him or her go out that door each day.

When an officer is hurt, or dies as a result of violence – the ripple effect it causes can be traumatic – for the officer, for the officer's family, for his/her fellow officers, and for the communities they serve. This is trauma that never goes away.

For fallen Law Enforcement Officer's surviving families, their sacrifice never ends. It's important for us as a society, to always honor all fallen officers for their service to our communities, and to recognize their families for their sacrifice. That's why that memorial site over there is so important. We need to be there to support the families of the fallen...always. We need to make sure they know the appreciation we have for them, that we will always be there to support them, and ensure for them that their loved one's sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Doug and Kathy dedicated their lives to the betterment of our community, to help keep Dodge County a great place to live and raise our families, to help keep our families safe. Doug paid the ultimate sacrifice for our community. Kathy and her family continued to serve and sacrifice many years after that for Dodge County. That's why today is so important.

It's families like these, with the sacrifices they've made, that make SE Minnesota such an amazing place to live. It's important for Doug's grandkids, and their kids....to know their grandpa was a hero! We owe it to the Claassen family to make sure Doug's service and sacrifice, as well as all the sacrifices his family has made for our community, both before and after his death, are NEVER FORGOTTEN. It's not only our responsibility to honor and remember these heroes, but it's also our obligation to make sure no hero gets missed like Chief Claassen.



time and returned the suspect to the squad. Chief Claassen and one of our deputies assisted with restraining the suspect in the ambulance so they could be taken to SMH to be treated and evaluated.

Chief Claassen worked for weeks with the pain in his neck from the assault – until he could not bear it any more and went in to have it checked. It wasn't until then they the doctor's discovered during this altercation, Chief Claassen suffered a life altering, career ending spinal cord injury. This injury would quickly compromise both his respiratory system and circulatory system resulting in a rapid decline in health and several physical disability eventually resulting in his being restricted to a wheel chair.

His career in law enforcement was over.

For years after he was forced to retire from law enforcement, he still continued to support the local deputies with our Sheriff's Office – always leaving his light on and door open in Hayfield for any and all deputies to stop in and take a break. You see, the spinal cord injury affected his ability to fully inflate his lungs. Kathy would watch and listen for him to stop breathing at night while in bed, ready to reposition him if necessary. Eventually he would have to sleep sitting upright in his chair in the living room each night, which is why he was often up all hours of the night, ready to visit with any of our deputies who needed a break. Kathy would be by his side sleeping on the couch, always there if he needed her.

Chief Claassen never looked for any recognition for his service or for his sacrifice, and never complained to anyone about his condition. He greeted everyone with a smile and often a joke, loved every visit, and was very blunt with his opinions and beliefs. As I said before...you always knew his position – there was no sugar coating with Doug.

Kathy also never complained about their circumstances. She continued to work at the Sheriff's Office to support their family of three and take care of Doug. Mark, Jean and Bill also helped with Doug's care – simple daily things

retiring in 2011.

This attitude was typical of this family – they were all about serving, serving family and serving our community – Doug served our country in the Marine Corp before he worked for the Claremont Police Department, the Hayfield Police Department, and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. Kathy served her entire career at Dodge County under six different Sheriffs. Jean was the first ever female with the Dodge County Sheriff's Posse. She now works in County Administration. The boys were young adults by this time, helping Jean and Kathy with Doug and the daily challenges they faced.

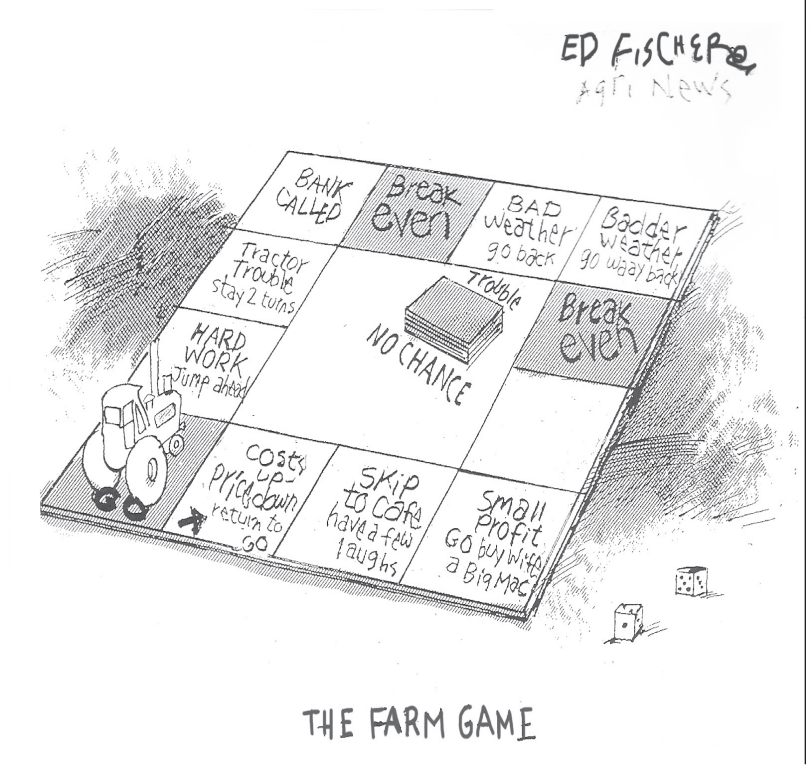
They never wanted to burden us with recognizing Doug's service and sacrifice. I'm proud to say many of us worked to right this wrong.

After learning all this from Kathy and Jean, we submitted Doug's name to be added to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association (LEMA) list. He was quickly approved by the LEMA board. We then submitted his name to be added to the Officer Down Memorial Page at the national level. He was again approved for that and is currently listed on the national website as Hayfield's second Line of Duty death. Finally, we applied for and submitted his name for inclusion at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and got the approval to get his name added to the wall. We were also able to get the family out to DC for police week that year to see his name newly etched on the wall, and to hear his name formally be announced.

Kathy and her kids, and her grandkids, finally got to see their spouse, father, and grandfather....properly recognized and remembered for his service and sacrifice to our community – 30 years after he was injured and 18 years after he died as a result of those injuries.

Some may ask why now? Why is this so important over 40 years after the incident, and 20 years following his death? Why is it so important that we take time to formally recognize Doug for his service and his sacrifice?

Nearly 1,500 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during



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# BP third graders pay respect to the American flag

Coloring contest winners honored

BY HOWARD LESTRUD  
STAFF WRITER

Three Blooming Prairie Elementary School third graders were recently recognized for their excellence in coloring the American flag.

Members of Blooming Prairie American Legion Post 52 and Auxiliary and members of VFW Post 878 and Auxiliary one day last week visited the third grade classrooms of Angie Avery, Becky Johnson and Chelsea Van Roekel to teach the students about flag etiquette and also to honor their coloring abilities.

The three classes of third graders count 60 students. All students participated in the coloring contest. Judges were Bev Hoveland, Carol Holman, Marilyn Meshke and Marilyn Witzel.

Purpose of the visit, in addition to presenting rewards to the coloring contest winners, was to explain some known and unknown facts about flag

etiquette and about the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bella Romeo won first place and received a \$10 cash prizes from the American Legion Post 52, VFW Post 878 and their auxiliaries.

Second place was earned by Jannis Baltazar. She received \$6.

Third place award was given to Derek Miner. He received \$4.

Representing the local veterans organizations were: Gary Thorson, American Legion; Joe Wacek, VFW; Susie Thorson, Legion Auxiliary; Joyce Johns, Legion and VFW auxiliaries; Gerry Berg, Americanism chair for VFW Auxiliary and Marilyn Witzel, Legion and VFW auxiliaries.

Witzel led the informational presentations on American flag etiquette and told about the history of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Witzel read a poem about the flag and told students how the flag is to be respected. She said flags will be prominent during Memorial Day ceremonies and on the Fourth of July.

Legionnaire Gary Thorson



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Three third graders from Blooming Prairie Elementary School were chosen winners in the annual Patriotic Coloring Contest sponsored by American Legion Post 52 and VFW Post 878, plus their auxiliaries. Shown from left are: Bella Romeo, first; Jannis Baltazar, second and Derek Miner, third.

and VFW Commander Joe Wacek showed students how the flag is to be folded. The flag they used for demonstration purposes was given to Joyce Johns in memory of her husband Jim.

Witzel asked the students to explain how saying the Pledge of Allegiance made them feel.

They answered with these words: proud, helpful and thankful.

Students then recited the pledge in unison.

At the end of the hour, students were given patriotic rulers and bookmarks and also they were given small U.S. flags.

# Adaptive Gardening: Tips and Tools for Older Gardeners



**THE SAVVY SENIOR**

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Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good tools and tips for senior gardeners? My 77-year-old mother loves to work in the garden but over the past few years has been plagued by injuries.

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Aches, pains and injuries are not uncommon among older gardeners. Because gardening is such a physical activity that often requires a lot of bending and stooping, squatting and kneeling, gripping and lifting, it can be extremely taxing on an aging body.

Back pain and knee injuries are most common among older gardeners, along with carpal tunnel syndrome and tennis elbow. To help keep your mom injury-free this summer, here are some tips and gardening equipment ideas that can make gardening a little easier.

### WARM UP

With gardening, good form is very important as well as not overdoing any one activity. A common problem is that gardeners often kneel or squat, putting extra pressure on their knees. Then, to spare their knees, they might stand and bend over for long stretches to weed, dig and plant, straining their back and spine.

To help your mom protect her body, she needs to warm up before beginning. Start by stretching, focusing on the legs and lower back. And keep changing positions and activities. Don't spend hours weeding a flowerbed. After 15 minutes of weeding, she should stand up, stretch, and switch to another activity like pruning the bushes or just take a break.

It's also important that she recognizes her physical limitations and doesn't try to do too much all at once. And, when lifting heavier objects, she needs to remember to use her legs to preserve her back. She can do this by keeping the item close to her body and squatting to keep her back as vertical as possible.

### LABORSAVING TOOLS

The right gardening equipment can help too. Kneeling pads can protect knees, and garden seats or stools are both back and knee savers. Lightweight garden carts can make hauling bags of mulch, dirt, plants or other heavy objects much easier. And long-handled gardening tools can help ease the strain on the back by keeping your mom in a standing upright position versus bent over. There are also ergonomic gardening tools with fatter handles and other design features that can make lawn and garden activities a little easier.

### EASIER WATERING

The chore of carrying water or handling a heavy, awkward hose can also be difficult for older gardeners. Some helpful options include lightweight fabric hoses instead of heavy rubber hoses; soaker or drip hoses that can be snaked throughout the garden; thin coil hoses that can be used on the patio or small areas; a hose caddy and reel for easier hose transport around the yard; and a self-winding hose chest that puts the hose up automatically. There are also a variety of ergonomic watering wands that are lightweight, easy to grip, and reach those hard-to-get-to plants.

To find ergonomic gardening tools and the recommended watering aids, check with local retail stores that sell lawn and garden supplies or try online retailers like Gardeners.com or RadiusGarden.com.

### CONTAINER GARDENING

If your mom's backyard garden has become too much for her to handle, she should consider elevated garden beds or container gardening – using big pots, window boxes, hanging baskets, barrels or tub planters. This is a much easier way to garden because it eliminates much of the bend and strain of gardening but still gives her the pleasure of making things grow. Trellises are another nice option that would allow her to garden vertically instead of horizontally.

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 May 26, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Head custodian Galen Peterson has retired from Blooming Prairie Schools after 21 years with the district. He was a 1965 graduate of Blooming Prairie. He had been the head custodian for 18 years. Previously he worked at Hormel and Central Co-op for many years.

Cindi Hansen's daycare in Blooming Prairie helped collect food for the Steele County Food Shelf. Those who assisted were Ambriella Miller, Alex Lea, Madi Lea, Maggie Bruns, Riuna Bishop, Bobbie Bruns, Mitchell Fiebiger, Carter Bishop, Alex Pillar and Jack Bruns. Darrell Hansen with Frontier Communications also joined in with collecting food.

### 20 Years Ago May 25, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Much to the chagrin of the 25 high school seniors in attendance, the Blooming Prairie School Board declined to revisit its April decision on extending school due to snow days. Three students stood up and shared their particular stories of conflicting work/school schedules during the public forum. However, board members unanimously agreed they would not revisit their decision from the previous month.

Blooming Prairie High School principal Dennis Roos tendered his resignation at the May school board meeting. In a letter to the school board, Roos said he would be taking a job closer to his hometown. He will become principal at Woodbury Junior High School.

### 50 Years Ago May 21, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI,  
PUBLISHERS

A new department has been added to the 1969 edition of the Steele County Free Fair: This will be a bee culture department, and Ed Zink of Owatonna will serve as superintendent with Max Manthey, also of Owatonna, to serve as his assistant.

Jon Albert Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Meyers of Blooming Prairie, enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the month of April. Jon is a 1968 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. He is currently at basic training in San Diego.

Most of the equipment of the defunct Blooming Prairie Cooperative Creamery Association has now been sold and negotiations are underway for the sale of the building. Dissolution of the association began under the late Judge John F. Cahill. Following his death, the matter was transferred to Judge Daniel Foley.

### 75 Years Ago May 25, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Five cheese factories in Dodge County face closing, three due to selective service and two due to tire shortage. Final verdict of the state draft board was allowance of a 90-day deferment.

A deal was completed late Wednesday night of this week, whereby, E.C. Schutte, well-known Austin funeral director, took over immediate possession of the Goslee Funeral Home in Blooming Prairie. Harold Goslee, also of Austin, has operated the mortuary for the past year.

Out of 87 counties comprising Minnesota, Steele County, smallest in area, ranks ninth from the top in the amount of bonds its residents are asked to purchase in the Fifth War Loan drive which gets underway June 12.

Steele County sent a group of men to Fort Snelling Monday for final induction. They left from the armory, Owatonna, where the usual farewell ceremony was given the departing army and navy men. In the army group were Lloyd Harold Anderson, Clarence John Gasner, Lloyd H. Drews, Lorrain August Meyer, Harry Anhorn Ambler, George Leo Brady, Elmer Earl White, Jerome Richard Nelson, Francis Raymond Keane, Leonard Eugene Vandenbrook. Navy men were: James Leslie Mitchell, John George Gasner, Lloyd Walter Scholjegerdeas, Clinton Larry Elton, James Lee Norgaard, Joyce C. Verplank, Francis W. Hunt, John Seymour Peterson, Lawrence Anthony Merrick.

# Area students awarded LTO scholarships

Little Theatre of Owatonna is pleased to announce its 2019 Veta Alexander Little Theatre of Owatonna Scholarship winners. The scholarship is celebrating its 50th year.

This year's recipients include both Owatonna and Medford graduates: Matthew Bueltel, son of Joseph and Tracy Bueltel, Owatonna; Payton Jorgensen, daughter of Curt and Holly Owatonna; and Austin VonRuden, son of Scott and Kelly VonRuden, Medford.

Recipients were chosen based on their academic re-

cord, community involvement, leadership quality, school activities, and involvement in LTO and/or other drama productions.

The Veta Alexander Scholarship, established in 1969, has provided nearly \$60,000 in scholarship monies to 149 area seniors over the fifty years. Currently, funds for the scholarship are provided by LTO patrons as 8% of each show's earnings are regularly earmarked for this scholarship. In addition, individual donations and memorials have been and can be made to the

Veta Alexander Scholarship Fund.

Recipients will use these scholarships to further their education. Bueltel plans to study political science at the University of Minnesota. Jorgensen will attend St. Olaf College to study environmental design. VonRuden will pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Baking and Pastry Arts at Johnson and Wales University.

VonRuden was recognized at the Medford High School Awards Ceremony on Monday. Bueltel and Jorgensen will be

acknowledged at the Owatonna High School Academic and Scholarship Awards Night, Wednesday, May 29.

A formal presentation will be made at the OHS One Act Festival at 7 p.m., Friday, May 31. All recipients will also be celebrated on opening night of LTO's summer production, Once on this Island, on June 20.

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**of the Week**



Reid Sandry

This week's Panther of the Week is Reid Sandry. Reid is the son of Dave and Sherri Sandry and they reside in Waldorf. He is in Mr. Beynon's third grade class.  
  
Reid is the top of the class in reading and math, yet he never slacks off and he always wants to learn more and be challenged. Reid accepts any challenge presented to him and he is a great peer mentor to his classmates. He is also respectful to adults.  
  
Reid loves anything to do with sports. He loves playing and learning all he can about sports including its players and the history of the sports. Reid's favorite books are the Harry Potter series, his favorite types of movies are comedies, and his favorite food is his dad's bacon carbonara. Keep up the great work Reid!



OBITUARIES

Beverly A. Willert, 79, Blooming Prairie

Beverly A. Willert, age 79 of Blooming Prairie, passed away Sunday, May 12, 2019 at her home in Blooming Prairie.

Beverly Ann Wood was born on Jan. 9, 1940 in Owatonna, to George and Gladys (Madson) Wood. She graduated from Hayfield High School in 1957. On April 24, 1965, Beverly married Glenn Willert at the First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. Together they raised two children, Daniel and Kari.

On Jan. 25, 1986, she started working at Hormel Foods and retired on March 16, 2011 after 25 years of service. Beverly was very active at her church especially with Via de Cristo. She was also involved with the AA for many years and the senior center. The time she enjoyed most was spending time with her grandchildren, morning coffee with friends, and on Saturday's having coffee with her sister. Beverly also loved flowers, walking and biking. She will be dearly missed.



Survivors include her son, Daniel Glenn (Maggie) Willert of Geneva; daughter, Kari A. Lynn of Faribault; nine grandchildren, Krystal, Jessica, Danny, Elizabeth, Cody, Ry, Ryan, Henry, and Finn; two great grandchildren, Salem and Killian; sister, Marlys (Dale) Schmeling of Hayfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Gladys Wood; husband, Glenn Willert.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Rev. Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Interment was in First Lutheran Cemetery, Blooming Prairie.

Memorials can be directed to the First Lutheran Church. Worlein Funeral Home of Blooming Prairie is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

Betty Meyer, 85, formerly of Waltham

Betty Elaine Meyer, age 85, of North Mankato and formerly of Waltham, died peacefully on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Oak Terrace Assisted Living in North Mankato.

Betty Elaine (Ziemer) Meyer was born Feb. 12, 1934 to Harold & Margaret (Musolf) Ziemer in Mower County, Waltham. She was baptized on July 8, 1934 and confirmed May 15, 1948 at First Presbyterian Church in Hayfield. She attended school in Waltham and graduated from Hayfield High School in 1952. After graduating from high school, she was secretary at the Lincoln School in Austin.

She was united in marriage to Edwin K. Meyer on Aug. 21, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church rural Waltham. They lived on the Meyer family farm near Waltham for 40 years. Betty farmed side by side with Edwin until he passed away in 1995. They had two dear children, son David and daughter Barbara.

Betty belonged to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Waltham, actively participating in Trinity Ladies Aid. She was a Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout leader, election judge and a member of the Home Extension Club. She enjoyed her many friends, belonging to the Birthday Club and Saturday morning coffee group.

After moving from the farm to Hayfield in 1995, she worked 12 years at the Hayfield School lunch room. Betty



was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend to many. She enjoyed flowers and yard work, going on bus trips, concerts, and plays. She loved sending cards to relatives and friends and decorating her house

for every season and holiday. She was an active sports fan cheering on the Minnesota Twins and Timberwolves and enjoyed watching ice skating.

She is survived by son David (Christine) Meyer of North Mankato; daughter Barbara (Michael) Gebhardt of Waltham; sisters JoAnn (Harlan) Buck of Hayfield, and Pamela (Merle) Steward of Indialantic, Fla.; six grandchildren Renae (Justin) Danberry, Lance (Emily) Meyer, Andrew (Katie) Meyer, Richard (Amy) Gebhardt, Randy (Katie) Gebhardt and Ryan Gebhardt; and five great-grandchildren Brody Danberry, Kirby Danberry, Finnley Meyer, Julian Gebhardt and Landon Gebhardt.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother John and infant sister Sharon.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church rural Waltham. Burial followed at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

Douglas Winter, 71, Ellendale

Douglas "Doug" Frank Winter, age 71, of Ellendale, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at his home.

Doug was born Jan. 28, 1948 in Morris, the son of Clarence and Arlette (Staldorf) Winter. He went to high school in Janesville and graduated with the class of 1967. On Aug. 3, 1968, Doug was united in marriage to Shirley Volkmann in Elysian. This union was blessed with three sons.

Doug enlisted into the United States Army. After his tour of duty in 1970, the couple moved to Faribault. Then for five years the family lived in Warsaw before moving back to Faribault in 1978 until 2008. After Faribault, they moved to Blooming Prairie and had spent the past two years in Ellendale.

Doug worked as a self-employed landscaper most his life. He liked fixing things, working on vehicles, and building bird houses. He also enjoyed putting puzzles together, and loved watching enduro racing, country western shows, and PT 109. He treasured his family and their time together. They will miss



him dearly.

Doug is survived by his two sons, Robert Winter of Waseca and Joseph Winter Sr. of Faribault; four grandchildren, Joe, Jr. (Nicollette) Winter of Zimmerman; Klarissa and Dallas Winter of Ellendale, and Michael Winter of Waseca; two great grandchildren, Carter and Rydan Winter; two brothers, Darwin (Penny) Winter of Lake Crystal, Dave Winter of Faribault.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Arlette Winter; wife, Shirley in 2017; a child at birth; and his son, Danny Winter in 2016.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held at a later date in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Elysian. Military honors by the Blooming Prairie Honor Guard.

Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

DISPATCHER AWARD: Timothy Siebsen

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doesn't smile a lot. "Everyone makes fun of me. I can't smile," he said with a half grin.

Smile or no smile, Siebsen feels in control as he mans one of several dispatch counsels in the 911 center. Prior to coming to the Rice Steele center seven years ago, he dispatched for Nicollet County for three years. He also has prior military experience.

Law enforcement, Siebsen said, has always been an interest of his. He actually was debating about being a police officer, but decided on being behind the scenes as a dispatcher. He said he likes controlled environments where there is "no snow, no rain, no one hits me and I don't get spit on."

But that's not to say he has an easy job. "The calls we take are the worst days of their lives," Siebsen points out. "Before every 911 call, I remind myself to stay calm," he said. "The more amped up a person is, it shows on the other side of the phone."

Siebsen finds great satisfaction in helping people. "There are difficult calls where you know you made a difference in," he said. "There is satisfaction that we get things done," he added.

Asked about what calls are most memorable for him, he replied: "The calls I do remember are the ones readers don't want to know about. The pleasant ones aren't the ones you remember. We don't get pleasant calls very often."

Dispatcher Lisa DeRaad also has achieved the state honor in the past. In 2017, DeRaad was recognized for her actions with a call involving a domestic assault shooting from 2016.



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**1/3 c. butter**  
**2 T. minced onion, or 1/2 tsp. onion powder**  
**1 heaping T. finely-diced celery**  
**3/4 c. flour**  
**5 1/2 c. milk**  
**1/4 tsp. caraway seed**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1 to 2 drops Tabasco sauce**  
**12 oz. sauerkraut, undrained**  
**1/3 lb. corned beef, cut into chunks**  
**1/2 lb. Swiss cheese, grated**

DIRECTIONS:

Saute onion and celery in butter until soft. Remove from heat and add flour. Gradually add milk, caraway seed, salt and Tabasco sauce. Mix with a wire whisk. Return to medium heat and cook until thickened. Add corned beef and sauerkraut; simmer on low heat for at least 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add Swiss cheese; heat until melted. Do not boil once cheese has been added.

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### Birthdays

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| <b>May 28</b><br>Jennifer Wondra<br>Jill Lindeman<br>Kristin Lueth<br>Koenig<br>Isaac Ille        | <b>May 31</b><br>Judy Esplan<br>Brieanne Wangen<br>Grant Johnson<br>Nathan Peterson                | <b>June 3</b><br>Camden Heimerman<br>Kendra Long<br>Gabriel Hagen<br>Emma Trom<br>Madelyn Harvey<br>Isabella Kohn<br>Lilly Abbe<br>Darlene Christianson |
| <b>May 29</b><br>Brian Kerrigan<br>Deb Farr<br>Grayson Spinler<br>Bella Rosonthal<br>Elia Salinas | <b>June 1</b><br>Bev Hoveland<br>Virginia Lindquist<br>Julie Cochlin<br>Owen Gimbel<br>Ryder Smith | <b>June 4</b><br>Paul Stender<br>Brenda Salinas<br>Lance Ingvalson<br>Stephanie Bruggeman<br>Pam Schwarz                                                |
| <b>May 30</b><br>Gene Myre<br>Ragna Thompson                                                      | <b>June 2</b><br>Samantha Andrews<br>Dylan Rasle                                                   |                                                                                                                                                         |

### Anniversaries

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| <b>May 28</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. Doug Krell      | <b>June 1</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Olson |
| <b>May 29</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. Lerald Farrow   | Bill & Jennifer Walsh                    |
| <b>May 30</b><br>Michael & Kathleen Iversen | <b>June 3</b><br>Andrew & Emily Savaria  |
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LOIS RIESS: Charges FROM A1

gree murder in Minnesota through a grand jury.

Riess was hunted down during a nationwide man-hunt in March 2018 after she disappeared from the Blooming Prairie area. Her husband was found shot to death on March 23, 2018 in their home just on the outskirts of Blooming Prairie.

After her husband's murder, Riess eventually showed up in Fort Myers, Fla. where she befriended a look-alike, Pamela Hutchinson, who was vacationing. Hutchinson's body showed up shot to death in a condo. Riess fled to Texas where she was captured about a week after

the Florida murder.

Riess is currently being held in Lee County, Fla., jail pending trial on a first-degree murder charge in connection with Hutchinson's death. She has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, grand theft of a motor vehicle and criminal use of personal identification in Florida. A case management conference is set for Sept. 5 in Fort Myers.

Authorities in Dodge County previously said they were in no rush to have Riess charged in Minnesota so that they could prepare a solid case against her.

MUSIC FALL OF FAME: First members FROM A1

manufacturer of music equipment.

The idea for a music hall of fame originated with the Music Boosters of Owatonna. The group is still working on details of a permanent display at the high school. Community members will be invited to submit names for consideration for next year's class.

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Todd Hale and Roger Tenney reminisced about their years in Owatonna. Hale, longtime newsman for KRFO Radio, covered many school events including Tenney's 1967 selection as national Teacher of the Year.





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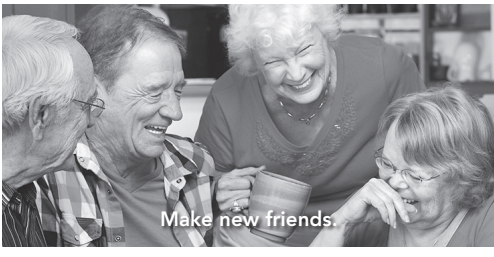
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*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”  
Isaiah 43:19*

What is God up to in the world? In our area? In our community?  
In our attempt to rationally understand our existence, we look for ways to explain how the world works. And in the midst of this, we look beyond God’s role in creation.

# What is God up to?

So when someone we love is released from the hospital, we are quick to thank the doctors and nurses (with good reason) while forgetting that God’s Holy Spirit called and works through these medical providers. We forget that through them, God is doing something new.  
When our child graduates from high school (as our oldest will in just a couple of weeks) we are thankful for the care, compassion and educational expertise of the teachers and administrators (as we should

be) while forgetting that God’s Holy Spirit called and works through them. We forget that through them, God is doing something new.  
The same is true for first responders, for good, ethical business people, for socially responsible businesses, for child care, for students, and the list goes on and on. We forget that God’s Holy Spirit calls and works through them. We forget that through them, God is doing something new.  
Of course, the prophet Isaiah wasn’t talking about teachers

or business people. Isaiah was speaking about the coming of the Messiah. It is the Messiah who would make things new and would make a way in the wilderness and a river in the desert.  
Isaiah is talking about resurrection.  
Ultimately, it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ that makes all things new. The things we do and the actions we take are all done in response...they are reflections really...of Jesus resurrection.  
So, the challenge for those

who follow God then, is to look around and to see what God is up to. We resist the temptation to rationalize how the world works and to forget God’s role within it. We must remember the resurrection, not as a simple one-time event, but rather as a continuous way that God works within the world.  
Every single day, God is with us. Every single day, we live into Christ’s resurrection. And every single day we are made new. Look and see. For God is good.

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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Pastor Nancy Edwardson  
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Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN – ELCA**  
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Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.

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Pastor Alan Broadwell  
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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## STEAM DAY: BP Elementary

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er for the common good,” she said, adding at least 20 parents helped the teachers with the various activities throughout the day.

STEAM Day is the brain child of both Lea and the late Rachel Harberts, who was a teacher at the school. After Harberts was killed last fall while driving to school, Lea became even more determined to pull off STEAM Day this year in honor of Harberts. “This was the year to make it work,” Lea said.

Acknowledging that the world is constantly changing, Lea said, “Our goal is to make the kids life long learners and successful in their careers.”

Lea enjoys seeing what she

calls “light bulb moments” when children figure out the answers to their own problems. In some situations, there may be 50 right answers to how something can be done. “I want to make them think like an engineer where they have to figure out one of the answers,” she said. “If they figure it out, it’s way more exciting for them,” she added.

STEAM received funding from the BP Education Foundation to pay for some of the materials used throughout the day. Lea hopes to expand STEAM in the future by possibly bringing in the Minnesota Science Museum to assist with some of the activities.

## Red Cross blood drives come to area

There are several upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives planned for the area. They include:

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**Albert Lea**  
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**Mower County**  
**Austin**  
May 29: 12-6 p.m., Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1600 W. Oakland Ave.  
May 30: 12-6 p.m., St. Olaf’s Lutheran Church, 306 2nd St. NW  
June 7: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mower County Employees, 201 1st St. NE

**Steele County**  
**Owatonna**  
June 3: 1-6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 609 S. Lincoln Ave.  
June 7: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Owatonna Hospital, 2250 26th St. NW

In thanks, all those who come to donate blood with the Red Cross May 1 through June 10, will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. (Restrictions apply; see amazon.com/gc-legal. More information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

### BOOK NOOK

## Summer fun begins at the library

Although the weather hasn’t demonstrated it, the calendar tells us that June is almost here! That means the school year is almost completed, and the Summer Reading Program is about to begin.

We have been planning our summer activities at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library for months and now we are ready to roll!

The fun begins at our kickoff on Monday, June 3 at 10 a.m. We will have surprises, sweet treats, and more. That will also be the first day that kids can pick up their reading logs. For every day that a child reads 20 minutes or more, they can mark off one day. If they have ten days marked off for that month, they can get a free

Scholastic book at our monthly book fair. Even if your child is too young to read by themselves, you can count the minutes that someone reads to them. The program is for all kids!

There are so many things planned for this summer. A few of our programs are weekly, like movies (almost) every Monday at 1 p.m. and storytimes at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Be sure to look at the brochures sent home with the BP Elementary students. You can also pick up copies at the library, go online at [www.owatonna.info](http://www.owatonna.info) to see our calendar, or like our Facebook page for updates. It’s going to be a great summer - come and join us at the library.



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

## Medford continues to move forward with wastewater connection

BY CHRIS BALDWIN  
STAFF WRITER

After opting to pursue a wastewater connection with the City of Faribault, Medford continues to move forward by taking necessary steps to ensure that they have all the information needed before an agreement is officially secured.

While some on the council were a little tentative due to an additional cost, in the end the city decided on a wastewater rate analysis. The analysis will obtain estimates for rate charges which will be reflected in any future agreement with Faribault.

The study will not exceed the cost of \$5,000 and will be handled by Mike Bubany, the city’s financial advisor. “We wanted to make sure that the rates were firm, and that was something we could count on so that we could base our future analysis on it,” Medford City Administrator Andy Welti said of the study.

Meanwhile, Faribault is doing its part by performing an analysis to determine capacity and the location of the connection point. Although there is

still a lot to be done, the City of Medford will look to draft an agreement with Faribault if both cities’ studies check out. After this, there will be a timeline set for the project’s implementation.

The main drive for Medford to pursue the connection is the possibility for further development within the city, meaning their water and wastewater capacity will need to be upgraded. The city looked at several options, including a connection with Owatonna as well as updating its own facilities, but in the end the connection with Faribault proved to be the most cost effective, and best choice.

“We owe it to our constituents to be as knowledgeable as we possibly can,” Medford Mayor Lois Nelson said of the rate analysis. The study will also help the council present information to the public when and if the time comes to officially begin work on drafting an agreement.

During the meeting, the council also passed an ordinance that makes some changes to multi-family residential districts. These changes are primarily for apartments, con-

dominiums, and townhouses. The major changes include decreasing the required parking spaces per dwelling from three to two and increasing the maximum garage height.

Some consideration was made for the possibility of handicapped persons when considering the changes to garage height and garage door height. The changes were based on comparisons with other communities including Kenyon, New Richland, and Mapleton.

The city also chose to contract with a water and wastewater contract operator beginning June 17. The operator will meet the city’s current qualifications and requirements until the city hires a new employee with the proper licenses or one of the current or future employees obtains the proper licenses.

A lift station repair was also looked at by the council after the company which performs Medford’s annual lift station inspections found that the rails on what is known as the “Baker” lift station were rusted through and one of the pumps was in need of replacement.

“There is no question that the rails have to be replaced and there is no question that one of the pumps with a bent shaft has to be replaced,” Welti explained to the council. “The question is can you make something work with one new pump and one old pump and probably not, we’d probably end up spending more and then a couple years down the road have to make adjustments.”

The city will seek quotes with a threshold of \$24,000 for a rebuild of the station. The city’s Wastewater Capital Plan includes the rebuild of the lift station in 15 years and it was anticipated that the rebuild of pumps would occur during this time.

With Straight River Days on the horizon and a possible wastewater connection Medford’s summer is likely to be lively. The city is also currently celebrating being named as one of Minnesota’s 20 best small towns.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, June 24.

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University of Minnesota head football coach P.J. Fleck met one of his future recruits (maybe) at a Copher Coaches Caravan stop in Owatonna last Tuesday, May 21. The potential recruit is Gabe Staloch of Blooming Prairie.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

## Gopher Coaches Caravan invades Owatonna

BY HOWARD LESTRUD  
STAFF WRITER

“I’m going to play quarterback for you some day,” smiled 10-year-old Gabe Staloch of Blooming Prairie as he requested an autograph from P.J. Fleck, head football coach of the University of Minnesota.

The young Staloch said he had awaited this moment for some time, a moment where he and sister Claire had a chance to meet five Gopher varsity coaches.

The coaches who were on a University of Minnesota Coaches Caravan were meeting with fans at Torey’s Restaurant and Bar in Owatonna.

Fleck graciously granted young Gabe’s request and tapped him on the head in friendship.

More than 200 fans attended the first of four caravan stops planned for the five coaches: P.J. Fleck, football; Richard Pitino, men’s basketball; Lindsay Whalen, women’s basketball; Bob Motzko, men’s hockey and Hugh McCutcheon, volleyball.

Federated Insurance CEO Jeffrey E. Fetters introduced the University coaches and thanked them for being part of a partnership.

Gopher radio announcer Mike Grim

was master of ceremonies for the evening event. He praised Federated for being a business that protects other businesses.

Goldy Gopher was also in attendance and did his favorite head spin and even introduced his full body spin. Goldy was chosen a national winning mascot this past year, said Grim.

Athletic Director Mark Coyle was first to speak for the University athletic program. He praised University athletes for having a 3.28 Grade Point Average, the highest in the country.

On a lighter moment, Coyle said he was bombarded with questions when he became Gopher athletic director. “They asked me when I was going to fire Pitino.” Flashing a wide grin, Pitino said, “You can’t get rid of me.”

McCutcheon was the first coach on the agenda. His team finished with a 27-4 record this past season. “It’s incredible to see the support we get from our fans,” he remarked.

Men’s hockey coach Bob Motzko was next. He said his team faces improvement and he believes the team is headed in the right direction. His team includes 19 freshmen and sophomores. Motzko said he is the oldest coach Coyle hired. “I had to fight the Baby Boomers,” Motzko laughs.

Pitino said he was proud of the

quality wins his team registered this past season. He is entering his seven year as head men’s coach. “We beat some teams with really good programs,” said Pitino.

Coach Whalen generated the loudest applause of the evening. “Going to the University of Minnesota changed my life,” she said. The Gopher women’s team had the 14th best attendance record in the nation this past year. “We’re going to build this thing (program),” Whalen promised.

Coach Fleck said the 2019 Gopher team will once again be young. “Eighty percent of our players are freshmen and sophomores,” he said. “We’re going to restore tradition of the past,” Fleck stated.

Fleck said culture was important to him and his players. “We want our communities to know that it all starts with commitments,” Fleck said.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The University of Minnesota football program now has the axe in its possession. The axe is a trophy that is given to the winner of the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game every year. Standing with the axe at a Coaches Caravan stop in Owatonna on Tuesday, May 21 are Gabe Staloch and Claire Staloch.

## Concerns mount over wind farm’s transmission lines

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN  
COUNTY WRITER

A decision by the Minnesota Department of Commerce to consider two additional transmission line routes for the Dodge County Wind project that stretches into Steele County has raised concerns among area residents.

Dodge County Wind is proposing a project that will generate up to 170 megawatts (MW) of electric energy and deliver it to the electrical grid at Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency’s (SMPA) exiting Byron substation via a newly constructed 345 kv transmission line. The project involves up to 70 turbines that would be located in Steele and Dodge counties as well as underground electric collection lines, a new collector substation, an operation and maintenance building, permanent meteorological towers and gravel access roads.

The company proposed two possible routes for the

transmission lines. A public information session was held in October for those along the transmission line routes to offer their opinions and concerns. After that meeting Commerce Department officials drafted a “Scoping Document” reviewing the project and determining what issues should be considered in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

It was during this scoping process that the decision was made to add to new transmission line routes that go through Dodge Center to the draft EIS.

The draft EIS is now being prepared and will be released in June.

The two added routes are being shown on Public Utilities Commission maps in the scoping document as going through Dodge Center following existing lines. The original lines proposed by the company go south of U.S. Highway 14.

Among those concerned is Dodge Center resident Tom Applegate who has

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## SPIN into 4-H this summer

Summer is just around the corner! As we anticipate our warmer days ahead, 4-Hers are also busy getting ready to explore our summer programming. Steele County 4-H will be offering youth opportunities to get their hands on projects all summer long. Plan to SPIN into a 4-H Club this summer; that is a SPecial Interest Clubs, which are designed to help youth come together and learn about a topic of interest.

The purpose of 4-H SPIN Clubs is to expand opportunities for youth and adults to experience and benefit from the Steele County 4-H Youth Development program. Through their SPIN Club experience, youth learn by doing as they build, create, explore and discover.

This summer Steele County 4-H will be offering SPIN Clubs in: Pets, Engineer Design, Garden, Rabbits, Horseless Horse, Agronomy, Crafts and Fine Arts, STEM, and Cloverbuds. Each club will be meeting around the county exploring topics relating to their project.

Agronomy – growing a variety of corn to learn more about crops, spend the summer watching a root viewer and how each vegetable takes root, plant a shirt in the soil to learn about your soil health, along with a chance to learn about growing flowers and herbs.

Design It – Engineering Challenge – Help a superhero save the planet is the 2019 4-H design challenge. The machine will need to help a superhero save the planet. This



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club will encourage critical thinking and innovation to solve a problem in a fun way.

Pets – explore a variety of pets, learn about their care and needs, health of an animal, grooming, and identify breeds of animal

species.

Photography – learn about camera equipment, discover how to make fascinating photographs, learn how to create a great image and share your discoveries with a photo.

Rabbit – hands-on learning about raising rabbits, health issues, management practices, and careers. No need to have a rabbit, youth working with this project will have the opportunity to work with and show a rabbit at county fair.

Horseless Horse – spend time working with horses, even if you do not have one of your own. Youth will be partnered with older members and their horses to provide learning around grooming, groundwork, parts of the horse, tack, and so much more.

Crafts vs Fine Arts – an opportunity to work with paint, chalk, metal, wood, computer and much more while exploring visual arts. Master the basics of making great art, the elements and principals; along with gaining the understanding of art history.

Cloverbuds – if you are just completing Kindergarten through second grade you will want to check out our one-day camp on June 27 near

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## Festival of Tables creates more scholarships

BY HOWARD LESTRUD  
STAFF WRITER

More scholarships will be dedicated to those planning to enter a medical field.

That certainty is because of the rousing success of the 8th Annual Festival of Tables event sponsored by the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary. The Auxiliary donated \$13,000 in scholarships this past year.

This year’s event drew 169 customers, mostly women but the men also had an impact by sponsoring two tables to display their theme: “It’s Magic.”

Each year, some creative sorts put together a theme and make it come to life at a table which is habituated by the creators and their guests. Torey’s Restaurant, which was newly renovated months

ago, hosted the event on Tuesday, May 21 for the first time.

In addition to receiving a delicious pork meal, the guests had a chance to bring home some attractive prizes after buying raffle tickets. The raffles brought in \$1,931 in funds. A total of monies earned was not available at press time.

A new attraction for guests was wine bags. They were for sale with the buyer assured of getting another prize. Thirty-two bottles of wine were sold within 35 minutes time.

A major highlight of the Festival of Tables event was the opportunity given guests to enjoy the 21 tables on the floor.

An extra special highlight was entertainment by Greg the Great magician, also known as Greg Skillestad, Blooming Prairie Police Chief. Roger Sorenson, Hospital

Auxiliary member, introduced Skillestad as someone “who will amaze and mystify you.”

Skillestad entertained the group prior to the meal. He had the audience in stitches as he used some good, clean humor to entertain them. He used guest Betty Behnken of Blooming Prairie as one of his helpers.

As part of his act, Skillestad put his friend Bob on his lap and did a ventriloquist routine.

Skillestad told the audience that he had been doing magic for 19 years. “I sometimes don’t see people in the nicest atmospheres because of my job and that’s why I like to entertain people,” Skillestad related.

Two previous scholarship recipients, Kathryn DuFrene and Anne Draeger, delivered thank yous for receiving Hospital



Table 11 at the Festival of Tables Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser on May 21 was entitled “Spill the Tea.” Shown from left are: Janine Szymanski, JoAnne Kerr, Joan Rodde, Lois Cobban, Cheryl Erdman, Kim Ramsey and Marty Fetters.

Auxiliary scholarships. “I’ve always wanted to be a nurse because I have a desire to help people,” said Dufrene.

Joanne Sorenson and Sue Simons were co-chairs of the Festival of Tables fundraiser.



**BLOOMING PRAIRIE**

**MAY 29**

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**JUNE 2**

2 p.m. – BPHS Graduation,  
BPHS Gym

**JUNE 3**

10 a.m. – Summer Reading  
Program Kickoff, BP Library  
1 p.m. – Movie Mondays, BP

**JUNE 4**

10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP  
Library  
7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning  
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**JUNE 2**

2 p.m. – NRHEG Graduation,  
NR HS Gym

**JUNE 3**

10 a.m. – SEMCAC,  
Community Building  
6 p.m. – Ellendale  
Community Foundation

Meeting, Community Building  
6 p.m. – Ellendale Fire  
Department Meeting,  
Community Building

**JUNE 4**

6:15 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do,  
Ellendale Gym North

**JUNE 5**

10 a.m. – SEMCAC,  
Community Building

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**MAY 30**

11 a.m. – Clark Feel  
Retirement Celebration

**MAY 31**

Smokin' 'n Steele BBQ  
Contest, Fairgrounds

**JUNE 1**

Smokin' 'n Steele BBQ  
Contest, Fairgrounds  
7 a.m. – Farmers Market,  
Central Park

**JUNE 2**

Smokin' 'n Steele BBQ  
Contest, Fairgrounds

**JUNE 3**

7 p.m. – Steele County

Planning Commission Meeting,  
County Admin Building

**JUNE 4**

9 a.m. – Job & Career Fair,  
Holiday Inn  
4 p.m. – The North Market,  
Grace Baptist Church  
7 p.m. – Writing a Novel  
with Chris Norbury, Owatonna  
Library  
7 p.m. – Owatonna City  
Council Meeting, City Admin  
Building

**JUNE 5**

3 p.m. – Summer Reading  
Program Kickoff, Owatonna  
Library

## TRANSMISSION LINESFROM B1

submitted objections to the addition of the two lines without public input to the PUC and also has sent a letter of complaint to both Gov. Tim Walz and the Minnesota attorney general.

Applegate became concerned when he received a letter from the Minnesota Commerce Department recently that his residence was in the affected area of the two additional lines.

In his letter to the governor and attorney general and comments to the PUC, Applegate expressed his concern that the initial public meeting was held in Owatonna when the line will be routed in Dodge County. He also questions adding the additional lines to the EIS without public input on them.

“A permit for a 70 turbine wind farm and two transmission routes that had little or no residential property involvement, now has an additional two proposed transmission routes with significant residential property as well as human impact involvement,” he wrote in his letters to Walz and the attorney general. “Affected landowners and residents of both Dodge Center and Kasson are not being given an opportunity to voice their concerns at a public meeting as stipulated in Minn. Stat. Chapter 216E.”

Applegate said that the addition of the two additional lines should not have gone directly to the draft Environmental Impact Statement without public meetings that notified those residents in the right-of-way of the Dodge Center lines. Applegate and his neighbors were not notified of the first meeting because at the time they were not in an area directly affected by the transmission lines.

He said he has looked

through documents for other transmission line projects in the state and could not find a single project where a complete alternate route, let alone two, was added to the original project proposal for review in the draft EIS.

There have been cases, he said, where a segment was added to a proposed route in order to avoid a specific impact issue, but never entirely different transmission line routes.

The original two lines are in primarily agricultural areas and therefore may have environmental impacts but few concerns about human impacts.

Applegate said that he has personally contacted 18 residents who are within the right-of-way of the transmission lines and expects that the total number of residences impacted is 25 to 30.

Residents have concerns, he said, about the possible human health impacts of having such high voltage transmission lines so close to their homes.

Dodge Center officials have made no official comment on the issue but have noted on the city website that the two additional lines are shown as going through the city.

The website also says residents can contact the PUC if they have questions or submit statements on the possible routes.

The PUC has said that once the draft Environmental Impact Statement is prepared and released public information sessions will be held. There will also be a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. After the hearing, the judge will take the issues under advisement and issue a recommendation to the full Public Utilities Commission. A final decision is expected by the PUC later this year.

# Blues and BBQ

## Smokin' in Steele kicks off this weekend

A plate of mouthwatering ribs and BBQ at last year's Smokin' in Steele Blues Festival.

By CHRIS BALDWIN  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend Steele County residents will get a chance to enjoy some good music and try some good food during the Smokin' in Steele Blues Festival.

The Festival, which will be held at the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna on Friday and Saturday, will feature 12 bands, including Sarah Grace & the Soul. Grace placed second on the music competition show “The Voice” and plays trumpet and organ.

Other performers include Ray Fuller & the Bluesrockers and Lisa Mann. The festival will also feature events such as the Blues 4 Kids Harmonica lessons, a 5k walk/run, and the Hot Rod, and Antique Car/Tractor Cruise in/show.

Perhaps more famous are the BBQ contests, including the Backyard Amateur BBQ Competition, the Kids Q Kick Off, and a pro contest throughout the two-day festival. An awards ceremony announcing winners in five categories will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The annual festival is a great way to start the summer with a little bit of fun and good music while also helping to give back to the community. “Every single penny we raise stays in town,” Entertainment Director John Hammer explained. “It goes to support the local chapter of Special Olympics and through the Knights of Columbus Third degree program we support other local charities as well.”

One of the big highlights of each year’s festival is, of course, the music. There will be free shows outdoors and paid performances in the Beer Garden. As a fan of the blues, Hammer knows there is no better way of spending your time.

“It is the only original American art form,” he said of the genre. “Everything else has sprung from the blues, including jazz, rock and roll, and even hip hop. There would be no other American music if not for the blues.”

The event always draws large crowds and plenty of community support. “This is something you don’t want to miss,” Hammer said. “The one thing that really defines a community is giving back to those that need a hand.”

“It’s for a good cause, and it’s family friendly, and it’s a good time,” he said. The event will be held at the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna. Food vendors open at 11 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday while the festival and music go until 11 p.m.

The 5k walk/run will be held on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m., on-site registration begins at 7 a.m. for those who have not already registered online. After the festival, a pancake breakfast will be held at St. Mary’s School in Owatonna from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

This year’s sponsors include Fareway Foods, Gopher Sport, Flooring Frenzy & More and media sponsors include KRFO and KOWZ.

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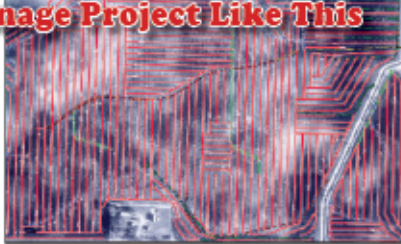
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# Cast announced for Little Theatre's summer show

Little Theatre of Owatonna (LTO) is pleased to announce the cast for its summer production of ‘Once on This Island.’

‘Once on This Island’ is by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The artistic director is Heather Burke, the technical director is Victoria Bartkowiak, the music director is Michael Burke and the choreographer is Kyra Rahn.

The production features a Calypso-filled journey of one small girl who finds love in the most unlikely of places. Her new-found love must be proved not only through the tests laid out by the pompous gods who preside over the island, but also by the trials and tribulations she must face as a lowly peasant. This Tony Award-winning musical is a highly original and theatrical mashup of the classic tale of Romeo and Juliet, and the well-loved tale of The Little Mermaid. It’s an exciting and energetic adventure for the whole family to enjoy. The Little Theatre hopes you’ll join its little village and find out why they tell the story.

TiMoune is played by Maddie Mularky, Daniel by Aaron Thevenot, Mama

Euralie by Kenna DaMitz, TonTon Julian by Hank Bell, Agwe by Michael Burke, Asaka by Angela Shoquist, Erzulie by Greta Jacobson, Papa Ge by Isaiah DaMitz, Papa Ge’s Shadow by Theresa Scheidt, Armand by Dave Phillips, Andrea/Madame Armand by Lex Ayers, Little TiMoune by Elizabeth McColley, Little Daniel by Jack Bartkowiak, Gatekeeper by Ron Hager.

The main storytellers are Jackson Hemann, Molly Boyd and Sadie Fox. Peasants are Lex Ayers, Lila Bartkowiak, Savannah Erler, Sadie Fox, Mia Goettl, Wesley Schultz and Bea Watts. The grand hommes are Paige Anselmo, Cassidy Baedke, Teagan Burton, Brody Erola, Kaylyn Hobart, Lucy Jacobs, Shelby Johnston and Wesley Schultz.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 20-22 and 27-29 with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on June 23 and June 30.

‘Once on This Island’ is presented with special arrangements through Music Theatre International (MTI) and is sponsored by Federated Insurance.

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**Missy Koch is the 4-H program coordinator for Steele County. Steele Talkin’ is a regular column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.**

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LACROSSE

# Owatonna wins Big 9

*Dietz anchors Huskies defense*

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Owatonna girls lacrosse won a share of the Big 9 title for the second straight season after defeating Rochester Mayo, 8-6, in its season finale at OHS on Monday, May 20.

It's the Huskies' third conference championship in the last four seasons.

"That's our goal every year," Owatonna head coach Dan Paur said. "To win it for the second year in a row means the girls are working hard, being good teammates and taking care of business on the field by accomplishing the goals they set at the beginning of the year."

Owatonna finished the regular season 10-3 overall and 9-1 in the conference, and splits the title with Rochester John Marshall/Lourdes after sharing the title with Mankato a season ago. The Huskies won the conference outright in 2016, previous to that the team was independent.

The Spartans (2-10 overall, 2-8 Big 9) played a much more competitive game against the Huskies this time around. Owatonna whitewashed the Mayo 14-2 in the team's previous matchup this season on May 4.

"It was a good game," Paur said. "No game goes perfect and Mayo was much improved from the first



Owatonna's Maylynn Prokopec shots against the Northfield Raiders. The Huskies won a share of the Big 9 title for the second consecutive year with the win on Monday, May 20.

time be played them. That's what we want: To be playing tough teams right before the sections. They gave us a good battle and we are a better team because of it."

Taylor Woltman led the Huskies with two goals. Maylynn Prokopec, Lyric Broton, Molly Hawkins, Adrien Breuer and Syler Eaton each scored one.

"We have girls who get hot at different times," Paur said. "Everyone does a good job and spreading the ball around and getting to the

girls who are hot, which has worked out well for us."

The Huskies defense play well behind the leadership of Victoria Dietz.

"She is great one-on-one defender," Paur said of the two-year starter. "Our defense is centered around her because she understands the game so well. She is an anchor defensively and also one our best leaders."

Owatonna plays co-Big 9 champion John Marshall (9-1 overall, 9-1 Big 9) on Tuesday, May 28 at OHS.

The Huskies and Rockets split their two previous matchups this season. Owatonna won 5-4 on April 29 and John Marshall won 12-7 on May 16.

"It going to be a tough road," Paur said. "The road goes through them first, and then it would be on to Lakeville North, who is a top-five team in the state, but you never know. We are playing well right now and if we are fortunate enough to get through John Marshall, we will see what happens."

BASEBALL

# Vikings win rubber match against Blossoms

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Blooming Prairie baseball suffered a tough loss to Hayfield (20-2) at Riverland Community College in Austin on Saturday in the second round of the Section 1A Tournament.

The Vikings won 8-1, after the Awesome Blossoms (8-13) took a one run lead early in the game. BP and Hayfield had previously split their two matchups this season with each team winning at home. The Blossoms won 4-3 on April 25 and the Vikings won 8-2 on May 16.

"After the first inning we struggled to make good contact on [Hayfield pitcher Easton] Fritcher," BP head coach Matt Kittelson said. "Hayfield took advantage of our mistakes with timely hits.

Fritcher earned the win after pitching all seven innings and striking out 10 Awesome Blossoms.

BP's Ian Wayne allowed eight runs on eight hits with two strikeouts and five walks in the six-inning losing effort.

The Blossoms managed just four hits; Two by Wayne and one each by Colin Lerum and Luke Rennie. Rennie drove Lerum into score BP's lone run.

The Blossoms face United South Central (13-8) in an elimination game at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28 at Riverland C.C.

## BP PERSEVERES AGAINST CARDINALS

Poise and composure were on full displayed by the Blooming



Blooming Prairie's Trenton Swenson awaits a pitch in a Gopher Conference game earlier this season at BPHS.

Prairie in opening round of the tournament on Wednesday, May 22 against Faribault Bethlehem Academy (3-13).

The Awesome Blossoms defeated the Cardinals 10-5 at BPHS.

Bethlehem Academy started the game on fire with three runs in the top of the first inning and two more in the second. However, BP stayed calm, cool and one step ahead bu scoring two runs in the first and eight runs in the second.

"The boys didn't panic or get down after BA scored three right away," Blooming Prairie head coach Matt Kittelson said. "Coming out in the bottom of the first and scoring two back was a big confidence builder for us. Even bigger was the second inning after we gave up two

SEE BP BASEBALL, B4

SOFTBALL

# BP's postseason continues

*Blossoms sink Vikings' season*

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Blooming Prairie softball has stayed busy this week and won three out of four games to began the MSHSL state playoffs.

The Awesome Blossoms (10-11) won 2-0 in eight innings against the Hayfield Vikings (10-10) on Thursday, May 27 at Todd Park in Austin in the consolation bracket of the Section 1A tournament. BP was playing in the consolation bracket after failing earlier in the day 4-0 to Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (20-0) in the Section 1A - West Championship.

"The girls played tough defense in both games," Blooming Prairie head coach Jenna Volgarino said. "Riauna [Bishop] was in command of the mound and the defense made plays to back her up. Our bats really came alive in game two against Hayfield."

BP will face Wabasha-Kellogg (13-10) at Todd Park on Tuesday, May 28.

Riauna Bishop pitched all eight innings for the Blossoms in the shutdown win against the Vikings. She allowed four hits, walked two and had four strikeouts.

BP had six hits with Marti Snider and Allison Krohnberg leading the offense. Each had two hits with a double. Snider also had an RBI and scored a run. Julia Worke and Macy Lembke had the Blossoms other two hits with Lembke adding a run scored.

Bobbie Bruns went hitless, but she had a RBI off a sacrifice fly.

Hayfield had four hits and committed an error, while BP committed two.

## WEM SHUTS OUT BP

It was much more difficult for BP against the No. 2 ranked in Class A, according to the Minnesota High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association.

The undefeated Buccaneers shutout



Blooming Prairie first baseman Maren Forystek makes a catch for the game-winning out in the Blossoms' 2-1 win over Hayfield on Wednesday, May 22.

the Blossoms, 4-0, to advance to section championship game.

Bishop pitched another complete game. She surrendered seven hits with four strikeouts and zero walks. Only two of WEM's four runs were earned.

BP had three hits; one each by Bruns, Maren Forystek and Macy Lembke.

The Bucs had seven hits and zero errors. The Blossoms played solid defense with only one error.

## BP WINS AT HAYFIELD

BP also defeated Hayfield a day earlier in subsection semifinals at Hayfield City Pool Park.

Blossoms star pitcher Bishop shined once again. She pitched all seven innings with seven strikeouts, three walks and gave up just one hit. The Vikings only run was unearned.

BP had five and two

errors.

Bruns sparked the offense with two hits, a double and two RBIs.

Macy Lembke, Maya Lembke and Snider also had a hit each, and Maya Lembke and Snider each scored a run.

## BLOSSOMS EDGE CARDINALS

BP postseason run almost ended before it ever got started, but the Blossoms narrowly escaped after nearly beating themselves with eight errors in the opening round of the section 1A tournament against Faribault Bethlehem Academy (5-11) at BPHS on Monday, May 20.

BP won 6-5 in the nine-inning game.

Not only did Bishop have another good game from the mound for the Blossoms, but she had a game-winning double and RBI. She also pitched all nine innings, allowed eight hits, walked four and had five strikeouts.

Just one of Cardinals' five runs were earned against Bishop. The rest came off the Blossoms' errors.

Forystek had three hits, had a RBI and scored two runs; Bruns had a pair of hits and scored a run; Snider had a hit; Worke added an RBI; Krohnberg and Macy Lembke had a hit and scored a run and Emily Miller had a hit, a RBI, stole a base and scored a run.

TRACK AND FIELD

# Medford boys 4th, girls 5th at subsection

*Luebbe wins high jump*

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Pine Island's boys and Byron's girls won by wide margins on Tuesday, May 21 at the Section 1A - Subsection 4 meet at Medford High School.

Pine Island's boys finished with 335 points. Byron (186.5), Cannon Falls (124) and Medford (100.5) rounded out the top four.

Pine Island won 12 of the 18 tradition events with star Josh Navratil showing off some incredible athleticism. He four events including the 100-meter dash with time of 11.99 seconds, the high jump with a leap of 6-foot-2-inches and the shot put

and discus with throws of 48-1 and 148-2, respectively.

Luke Johnston was only Medford boy to claim gold. He won the wheelchair discus and shot put with personal records in each event. Johnston is the defending Class A state champion in both events.

The Tigers other top performers were Brett Johnson, Kael Hermanstorfer and Jerone Chavis.

Johnson finished second in the pole vault with a leap of 11-4, Hermanstorfer placed second in the discus (119-3) and third in the shot put (40-5.5) and Chavis was fourth in the 200 (25.19) and sixth in the 100 (12.65).

Medford's Gopher Conference champion-3,200 relay team of Tyler Stursa, Johnson, Ryan Hermanstorfer and Garrett Fitzgerald finished second with a time of 9:09.95, and the Tigers 400 relay team of Devon Federly,

Devan List, Gunner White and Chavis placed third with a time of 46.96.

Byron's girls finished first with 261 points. Medford's girls finished fifth with 83 and claimed a pair of individuals titles.

Kinsey Cronin won the shot put with a toss of 34-4. She also placed fourth in the discus (82-3).

Rachael Luebbe won the high jump with a leap of 5-1.

Luebbe was the Tigers' only female athlete who earned a trip to last season's state meet, where she finished 12th in the event.

She also claimed silver in the triple jump with a leap of 32-2.25.

Luebbe also ran anchor on Medford third-place 400 relay team along with Brooke Purrier, Kiley Nihart and Emma Kniefel.

The Tigers who qualified will compete at the Section 1A meet on May 28 and 30 at Winona Cotter School.

SOFTBALL

# Rockets eliminate Huskies

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna softball season ended with 10-0 loss to Rochester John Marshall (15-6) in the Section 1AAAA Tournament at Todd Park in Austin on Friday, May 24.

The No. 2 seed Rockets shut out the No. 5 Huskies, 10-0, in the five-inning contest.

Owatonna (7-16) lost its opening postseason game on Thursday, May 23 to New Prague (13-9), but the Huskies bounced back with a solid win over Rochester Century (2-19) to keep their season alive.

"Our defense has been pretty good so far in the section tournament," Owatonna head coach Jeremy Moran said. "Now, if we can just get our offense to produce

more runs then we could be in position to make a run in the tournament."

Owatonna lost 12-1 to New Prague (12-9). The Trojans had some powerful hitting that included four home runs. Ana LaDuke and Kaitlyn Madole lead the Huskies offense with one hits each, and Madole drove LaDuke in to score the team's only run.

Owatonna got its offense going against Rochester Century (2-19) with 12 hits in a 5-4 victory.

Patty Biegert was 3-for-3, and Anna Vetsch, Mia Hiber and Liv Larson each had two hits. The Huskies also were able to draw six walks.

"[We had a] Much better approach at the plate in this game," Moran said. "We had some good at bats and we were able to put more runs on the board."

Owatonna up 4-2 going into the seventh-inning and Century scored two runs tie it up, but the

Huskies answered with a game-winning hit by Jalisa Mathews to score a run in the bottom of the inning to win in dramatic victory.

"It was a good team effort as seven different players had at least one hit," Moran said.

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BASEBALL

# Medford and NRHEG are eliminated

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva and Medford baseball team's season came to abrupt halt in the opening round of Section 2AA Tournament on Thursday, May 23.

No. 11 seed NRHEG lost 4-0 at No. 6 seed Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (13-6) and finished the season with a 6-12 overall record.

"Overall, I thought it was a pretty good high school baseball game," NRHEG head coach Drew Paukert said. "Both pitchers did a great job. WEM was able to use a couple of timely hits and take advantage of our errors to score."

Buccaneers pitcher Bladyn Bartelt was outstanding. He had 17 strikeouts, one walk and allowed only two hits, one each by Sawyer VanMaldeghem and Graham Kylo.

"[Bartelt] had his best stuff tonight," Paukert said. "The few opportunities that we had, we weren't able to take advantage of them. When you face one of the better pitchers in southern Minnesota, you have to take advantage of any opportunities he gives you to score."

Panthers pitcher Jake Tasker took

the loss after surrendering three earned runs on four hits with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Perhaps the deciding factor of the game was when WEM plated three runs in the second inning.

"Overall, I was pleased with how we competed and played," Paukert said. "We were truly playing out best baseball the last two weeks of the year."

No. 8 seed Medford lost 9-5 at home to No. 9 seed Belle Plaine (9-9). The Tigers finished the season with a (9-10) overall record.

"[It was a] Tough loss to tonight," Medford head coach John Chappuis said. "Belle Plaine had a great game plan to neutralize Willie [VonRuden's] speed, and did a great job of not trying to do too much with the ball and just put the ball in play. We struggled with four errors in the first two innings."

VonRuden took the loss for the Tigers after pitching five innings. He allowed eight runs on eight hits with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Jack Paulson pitched the final two innings for Medford and allowed one run on four hits with one strikeout and one walk.

"You have to tip your hat to Belle Plaine," Chappuis said. "They are traditionally a strong program and

they came to win this game with a good game plan."

Each team finished the game with 11 hits and four errors.

Medford hits were by VonRuden (2), AJ Vandereide (2), Jordan Edel (2), Reed Cumberland (2), Jeremiah Sutcliffe (1), Jordyn Hansen (1) and Jack Paulson (1).

Edel, Vandereide and Paulson each hit a double.

VonRuden had two RBIs and scored once; Sutcliffe had two RBIs; Edel scored twice and Cumberland and Justin Ristau each scored once.

"The silver lining for this team is that we return every player to a team earned hosted its first home playoff game since going to [Class] AA," Chappuis said.

## TIGERS BEAT BUCS IN FINALE

Medford ended its regular season with an impressive win over WEM on Monday, May 20.

"Great team win tonight," Chappuis said. "All parts of the game were clicking. We only mustered three hits, but as we have talked about all season, minimize our mistakes and maximize on theirs and we can be successful."

Boden Devoe earned the win after another solid start. He pitched five innings and surrendered three runs on four hits and walked four. He

located his pitches well, forcing a bunch of outs,

AJ Vandereide pitched 1.2 innings and allowed two hits and struck out one.

VonRuden came into pitch with the tying run at the plate and recorded the game's final out.

"Willie came in and hree pitches later, we came away with a big conference and section win,"Chappuis said, adding that Zach Finholdt's defense was a game changer for the team. "Starting two double plays with multiple guys on base was a huge factor in the decision of this game."

The Tigers had a scary moment when VonRuden and Edel collided in right center, but both players stayed in the game and Edel was able to hold on to the ball.

WEM outhit Medford 6-4, but the Bucs committed two errors while the Tigers only had one.

Vandereide, Devoe, Finholdt and Edel each had a hit for Medford, and VonRuden, Sutcliffe, Vandereide, Devoe and Paulson scored runs. Vandereide and Devoe each had two RBIs, while Finholdt had one. Sutcliffe also stole a base hit.

"This team is fun to watch when they relax and have fun with the game," Chappuis said.

## BP BASEBALL:

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more in the top half to come out and score eight really showed the resilience of our kids. Very proud of how they responded today."

Blossoms first baseman Trent Swenson was the catalyst with a grand slam home run.

He finished with two hits, four RBIs and scored two runs.

BP had six other hits by Colin Lerum (two doubles), Simon (single), Karson Vigeland (single) and Tim Wolf (double).

Lerum also had two RBIs and scored two runs; Simon scored two runs; Luke Rennie scored a run; Vigeland had a RBI and scored a run; Alex Miller had three RBIs and scored a run and Wolf scored a run.

Ian Wayne pitched the first five innings of the day for BP and earned the postseason win. He allowed five runs on five hits with four walks. Simon pitched the final two innings and earned the save. He allowed one hit, walked one a had two strikeouts.

Bethlehem Academy had six total hits including a two-run homer by Zach VanThomme. The Cardinals had one errors, while the Blossoms had two.

## BLOSSOMS WINS SEASON FINALE

BP picked up an easy 14-1 win over Schaeffer Academy (6-14) in its regular season finale on Monday, May 20.

The Blossoms reached double digits with only four hits: Two by Simon and one each by Wolf and Wayne.

"We didn't get a lot of hits today as there weren't a lot of strikes to swing at, but we didn't hit the ones that were thrown well," Kittelson said. "Defensively we played well, but we still made some mistakes on the bases. We need to play much more of a clean game on Wednesday [versus Bethlehem Academy]."

Simon also had three RBIs and scored two runs; Lerum had an RBI and scored a run; Wolf had two RBIs; Vigeland scored three runs; Miller and Wayne each scored two runs and Swenson, Jarrett Larson and Bradley Simon each scored one run.

Wayne earned the win from the mound after pitching the first two innings and allowing only one hit. Simon pitched the next two innings and allowed another hit while striking out a pair. Luke Larkoski pitched the final inning. He allowed one run and walked three.

SOFTBALL

# Panthers still alive with chance for revenge

BY DENNIS MARSHALL  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's win or go home for New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva softball. The Panthers answered with two dominate performance to keep their season alive on Saturday, May 25 in the Section 2AA Tournament after suffering a mild upset in the second round of the tournament.

"I couldn't be more proud of the way the girls played," NRHEG head coach Wendy Schultz said. "Great team wins with everyone on our team contributing in some way."

NRHEG (18-5) cruised to easy 11-1 and 11-2 wins over St. Clair/Loyola (9-6) and Tri-City United (14-6).

Panthers star pitch Sophie Stork had eight strikeouts in both games. She allowed just one hit and no earned runs against the Cyclones, and

only surrendered four hits against the Titans.

Schultz said Stork did an excellent job of keeping the batters off balance.

NRHEG hit the ball very well versus St. Clair/Loyola pounding out 13 hits.

The Panthers were led by Ava Kylo (3-for-4), Erin Jacobson (2-for-3), Sidney Schultz (2-for-4), Stork (2-for-4), Paige Knudson (1-for-2), Choie Arndt (1-for-2), Madi Knudson (1-for-3) and Sarah Johns (1-for-3). Schultz, Paige Knudson, Johns and Stork each hit a a double.

Stork, Kylo, Jacobson and Schultz each scored two runs and Paige Knudson, Arndt, Madi Knudson, Alexis Anderson and Johns each scored one. Schultz drove in three RBIs, Paige Knudson and Jacobson had two each and Johns had one. Schultz, Paige Knudson and Anderson each stole a base.

NRHEG played good

defense against the St. Clair/Loyola too, committing just one error.

The Panthers hot-hitting continued against the Titans with 16 more hits, and the defense was flawless with no errors. Kylo went 4-for-5 with a run scored, a RBI and stolen base. Johns was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIS. Arndt, Paige Knudson, Jacobson and Anderson each went 2-for-4. Arndt had two doubles, three runs scored and a RBI. Paige Knudson added two RBIs and scored a run. Jacobson had two RBIs and scored two runs. Stork rounded out the Panthers hitting going 1-for-4.

NRHEG hopes for some redemption when it faces Cannon Falls (12-8) on Tuesday, May 28 at Caswell Park in Mankato. The Bombers beat the Panthers earlier in the tournament.

PANTHERS LET 1 SLIP AWAY IN EXTRA INNINGS

NRHEG lost in a mild upset at home to Cannon Falls, 2-1, in eight innings on Thursday, May 23 at Caswell Park.

"Unfortunately we let this one get away," Schultz said. "Overall, I thought we played good defense, but had one costly miscue."

The Panthers were the No. 4 seed in the tournament while the Bombers were the No. 5 seed.

Anderson, Schultz and Stork all hit well for NRHEG.

Anderson led the way, going 4-for-4 with a double. Stork was 2-for-3 with a triple and a stolen base and Schultz was 2-for-4 with a RBI and a stolen base.

Schultz drove in NRHEG's lone run with a line drive in the third-inning.

Stork started the eighth-inning with a triple and Anderson had a big hit to centerfield, but unfortunately, both were left stranded. Stork took the loss from the mound. Although, she only allowed

four hits and no earned runs. She also had 11 strikeouts.

"We're hoping to battle back and play well on Saturday," coach Schultz said.

## NRHEG SHUTS OUT BLUE EARTH IN 1ST ROUND

The Panthers started off the postseason with statement win and held the Blue Earth Buccaneers (3-14) scoreless in 4-0 win in New Richland.

"The girls played great defense tonight," Schultz said. "Alexis Anderson made four good catches tonight in the outfield. Paige Knudson also made some good plays at shortstop."

Stork pitched well again, as she has all season. She allowed five hits, three walks and struck out five batters.

Schultz, Sylo, Anderson and Jacobson each had a hit.

Schultz, Kylo and Anderson each scored a run. Schultz had two RBIs and Kylo stole a base.

"Our top three batters had some well-placed bunts to help us score three runs in the first inning," Schultz added.

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SOME OF THE BLOOMING PRAIRIE SENIORS RECEIVING AWARDS INCLUDE, FROM LEFT: Payton Simon, Trent Swenson, Zach Haberman, Colton Ivers, Caleb Kubista, Seth Peterson, William Cardenas and Tim Wolf.



RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST VALUABLE SENIOR ATHLETES FOR BLOOMING PRAIRIE IN 2019 ARE Payton Simon, Rachel Oswald and Seth Peterson.

## BLOOMING PRAIRIE SENIOR AWARDS

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TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AT BLOOMING PRAIRIE: \$661,000

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| Preston Peterson Memorial: <b>Alexis Anderson</b> - \$500                                                     | Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric: <b>Tyler Jacobson</b> - \$500                                                                                                        | <b>Hailey Westrum</b> - \$500                                                  | Jennie O Turkey Continuing Education: <b>Hannah Budach</b> - \$1,000                                                                                                                                                   | LeSueur River Lutheran Church: <b>Tyler Jacobson, Hannah Budach and Sidney Schlinger</b> - \$750 |
| Raymond and Florence Sponberg: <b>Alexis Anderson and Jacob Schuller</b> - \$500                              | Zola Mae Reese Memorial: <b>Alexis Anderson, Caitlin Goette and Dalton Kraay</b> - \$500                                                                                 | Wayne Broecker Memorial: <b>Rachel Horejsi</b> - \$1,400                       | Ingeborg Rugroden Memorial: <b>Aubrey Johnson</b> - \$1,000                                                                                                                                                            | Vista: <b>Olivia Christopherson</b> - \$2,000 (\$500 per year)                                   |
| Darrol and Pauline Sponberg: <b>Brooke Wobschall and Alex Buckmeier</b> - \$500                               | Basketball Boosters: <b>Jacob Schuller and Caitlin Goette</b> - \$500                                                                                                    | NRHEG Alumni: <b>Devin Buendorf and Jayna Finseth</b> - \$200                  | Naeve Auxiliary: <b>Laura Worrell</b> - \$1,000                                                                                                                                                                        | MCCA Honor Team: <b>Karena Strom and Laura Worrell</b> - \$1,000                                 |
| E.F. Johnson Foundation: <b>Aubrey Johnson</b> - \$3,000                                                      | Lyle and Helen Wayne Memorial: <b>Alex Buckmeier and Hailey Stenzel</b> - \$1,750                                                                                        | Community Foundation of Ellendale Trades Program: <b>Spencer Tufte</b> - \$500 | Maple Island Park Association: <b>Devin Buendorf, Jacob Schuller, Jayna Finseth and Caitlin Goette</b> - \$750                                                                                                         | Aksarben Ag Leadership: <b>Lexie Ignaszewski</b> - \$2,000                                       |
| New Richland Lions Club: <b>Olivia Christopherson</b> - \$500                                                 | Ervin Himmerich Memorial: <b>Jazz Johnson and Sophia Mrotz</b> - \$500                                                                                                   | Harold and Bonita/Myron and Caryn Wendt: <b>Lexie Ignaszewski</b> - \$500      | State Bank of New Richland: <b>Olivia Christopherson, Jayna Finseth, Caitlin Goette, Rachel Horesji, Lexie Ignaszewski, Aubrey Johnson, Hailey Stenzel, Hailey Westrum, Brooke Wobschall and Laura Worrell</b> - \$250 | Steele County Robert Chladeck Academic Agriculture: <b>Lexie Ignaszewski</b> - \$2,500           |
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 24, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$112,930.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Anthony B. Decristofaro, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 26, 2012 as Document Number A000387582 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 13, Block 1, Ray Nell Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1915 BIGELOW AVE, 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: \$72,005.09 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-259-0113 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: 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 June 25, 2020. 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

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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. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the mortgage dated November 22, 2005, executed by Don A. Hagen, a single person, as Mortgagor(s), to Wells Federal Bank, FSB, a federally-chartered savings bank, as Mortgagee(s), and filed for record November 29, 2005, in the Office of the County Recorders, Steele County, Minnesota as document number A000337214. 2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: No Assignments. 3.The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$157,500.00. 4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof. 5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes. 6.At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$118,066.57. 7.Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Steele County, Minnesota and described as follows: All that part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and all that part of the North Half of the SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 105 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the northeast corner of said SE ¼; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes 31 seconds East, assumed bearing, 12.49 feet along the east line of said SE ¼ to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds West 1123.68 feet; thence southwesterly along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, central angle 88 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds, radius 116.50 feet, arc length 180.39 feet thence South 2 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds West 158.58 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds West 175.91 feet; thence South 2 degrees 27 minutes 06 seconds East 410.13 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36

minutes 20 seconds East 367.42 feet; thence North 15 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds East 422.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds West 291.59 feet; thence North 2 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds East 157.12 feet; thence northeasterly along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, central angle 88 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds, radius 83.50 feet, arc length 129.29 feet; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds East 1124.64 feet to the east line of said SE ¼; thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes 31 seconds West 33.01 feet to said True Point on Beginning. will be sold by the sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction on July 9, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 E. Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060. 8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 months after the date of sale. 9. 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. 10. Unless the mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, the mortgagor and/or its assigns must vacate the property by 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 2020. 11. In order to comply with Minn. Stat. Section 580.025, the undersigned hereby states that the following information is correct to the best of its knowledge: (a) The street address and tax identification number of the mortgaged property: 15380 44th Avenue SE Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 Tax Identification Number: 01-030-2101 (b) Transaction agent and transaction agent's mortgage identification number: N/A (c) Residential mortgage servicer, broker and/or originator: N/A (d) Lender: Citizens Community Federal successor by merger with Wells Federal Bank, FSB, Mortgagee By: /s/ David A. Lutz David A. Lutz Attorney for Mortgagee 120 South 6th Street, Suite 1550 Minneapolis, MN 55402 612-424-2110 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

Dated: May 9, 2019  
Citizens Community Federal successor by merger with Wells Federal Bank, FSB, Mortgagee By: /s/ David A. Lutz David A. Lutz Attorney for Mortgagee 120 South 6th Street, Suite 1550 Minneapolis, MN 55402 612-424-2110

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: June 30, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$134,564.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Traci A. Langstaff, a single person MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advisors Mortgage, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 1, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17761 as Document Number T000066016 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on March 20, 2019 as Document Number T000077114 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 1, Maplewood Terrace Townhouses No. 2, Owatonna, Minnesota, Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 13 AUGUSTA PLACE, 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: \$116,733.06 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisors Mortgage, LLC RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-421-0105 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100199600012390478 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 9, 2020. 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.

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

Dated: May 16, 2019  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee  
TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Corbin C. Smith, Esq.\* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (19-0454-FC01)

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5/21, 5/28, 6/4  
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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Court File No: 74-PR-19-538

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of  
Nina Mae Rogers,  
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of June, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at 111 E. Main St., Owatonna, MN 55060, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated May 18, 2018, and for the appointment of Shirley Rogers f/k/a Shirley Schneiderei, whose address is 242 1st Street NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completions of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Karen R. Duncan  
Judge of District Court

Jason J. Iacovino  
Attorney at Law  
HENEFIELD & IACOVINO LAW OFFICE  
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17. Venice beach  
18. Infirm due to old age  
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20. Mortify  
22. Whale (Norwegian)  
23. Family Bufonidae  
24. "A Passage to India" author  
27. Ocean  
30. Dad's partner  
31. Owned  
32. Swiss river  
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38. A way to summons  
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68. An heir (civil law)  
69. Without (French)

CLUES DOWN

1. W. Samoan monetary unit  
2. Baby's feeding apparel  
3. Queen of Sparta  
4. Shut  
5. Certified public accountant  
6. Payment for release  
7. Red twig dogwood  
8. Basked in  
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10. A way to detest  
11. Mother of Cronus  
12. In bed  
13. Bolsheviks  
21. Farro wheat  
23. CNN's Turner  
25. Farmers of America  
26. Small amount  
27. \_\_\_\_ and Venzetti  
28. H'ers in Spanish  
29. Belongs to sun god  
32. Expressed pleasure  
33. Small terrestrial lizard  
34. Regenerate  
36. Own (Scottish)  
37. The cry made by sheep  
38. Chest muscle (slang)  
40. Explode  
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43. Pitch  
44. Run due to the batter  
46. Fight referee declares  
47. Alternate forms of a gene  
49. Shifted in sailing  
50. One who cables  
51. Elaborate celebrations  
52. Expresses pleasure  
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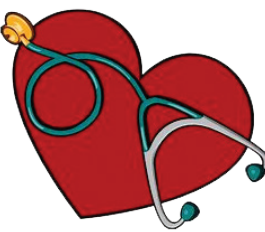
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A City application must be submitted to be considered for the position. This position will remain open until filled, with the first review of applications taking place on June 3, 2019. For more information, contact City Administrator Joshua Tetzlaff at [jtetzlaff@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](mailto:jtetzlaff@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us) or by calling 507-374-2575.





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# SAVING YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER!

Dear Readers,

The Dodge County Independent and its sister publication the Steele County Times have started a GoFundMe campaign this week to help the local newspapers survive what has become a tumultuous period for the newspaper industry.

Knowing that the local publications are not immune to the struggles facing the newspaper industry right now, staff members at the DCI came up with the idea for a GoFundMe campaign. The staff members went to the publisher, who approved the campaign.

“The goal of the campaign is to help make people in the community aware of how important newspapers are, especially in small towns,” said Alex Malm, news editor of the DCI in Kasson. “Through the campaign the newspaper also hopes to bring to the community’s attention that newspapers are only able to stay open through the advertising support of the local businesses and through community members showing their support by subscribing to the paper or picking up copies at newsstands.”

Over the last few years, the reality has been that newspapers are becoming more

expensive to run and with more and more local businesses spending less on advertising, revenue for newspapers across the state and country are becoming less.

Just within the past year, newsprint costs have skyrocketed by 30 percent, postal rates have increased, and Dodge County and Byron have both lost local newspapers, with the Byron Review and Star Herald closing their doors. At the time of the closing, the publisher cited their papers as not being profitable anymore and hadn’t been for several years.

The Times and Dodge County Independent hope to be able to continue doing what they have been doing for over 125 years, which is providing the most local news available. “Without additional community support, we may not be able to do it any longer,” Bussler said. “I hope people realize the value we bring to the communities we serve and keep the newspapers alive. Anything otherwise would be a travesty.”

Bussler said, “It really comes down to how much do people value their local newspapers. If we don’t see improvement, the reality of us ending up like other newspapers that have closed is very real.”



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Saturday, June 1

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Corey Lyman

**Graduation Open House**

Parents:  
Angela Haberman and Jay Lyman

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Parents:  
Jeremy & Amy Simon

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Adnan Abdullahi



Allison An



Nicholas Anderson



Grace Barner



Zachary Barrett

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Matthew Amundson



Lauren Arthur



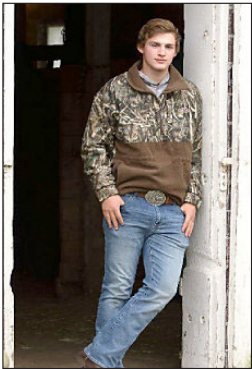
Michael Bangs



Quintin Baumgartner



Genesis Beascochea



Alex Beaver



Riley Becker



Emily Beckmann



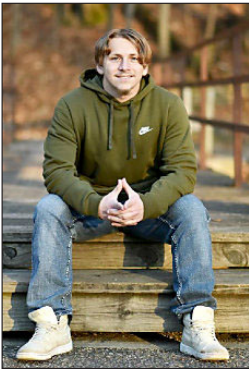
Sean Bergeman



Marc Berkley



Patricia Biegert



Cody Blaisdell



Morgan Blood



Lainy Boedecker



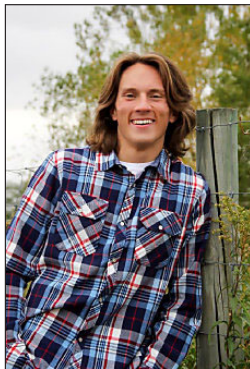
Paige Boedecker



Dylan Boerner



Nelson Bottin



Noah Brandt



Cassandra Bremer



Lyric Broton



Kenna Brown



Nathan Buegler



Matthew Bueltel



Jonathon Burbie



Cody Bussert



Suvs-Erdene Byamba



Ashlikay Castillo



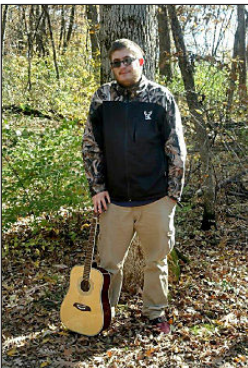
Destine Cavazos



Hailey Christenson



Alyssa Cicero



Matthew Clark



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Casey Cumberland



Tanner Cummins



Aaron Dahlin



Jordyn Daley



Kenna DaMitz



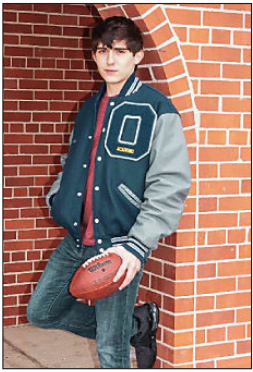
Elena Dant



Samuel Davidson



Madison Day



Antonio DeAlba



Cole Deason



Matthew DeHaan



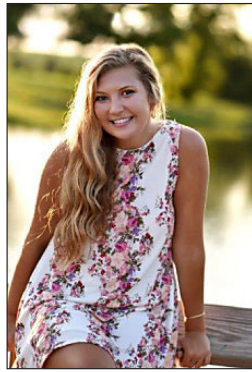
Jake DeLeeuw



Hunter Delhanty



Raymond Deml



Victoria Dietz



Brandon Distad



Lucas Dittmer



Francis Donlon



Patrick Donlon



Madison Dowhaniuk



Eleanor Driskell Felts



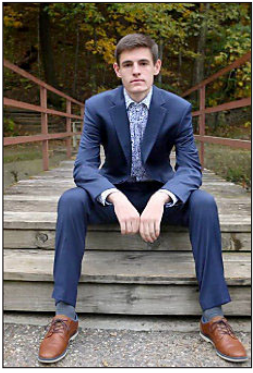
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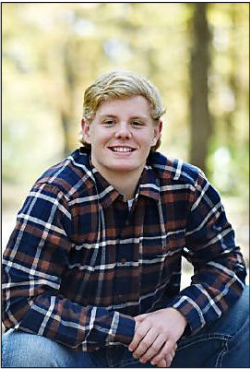
Kayla Eaton



Skyler Eaton



Steven Eckard



Joseph Edel



Gabrielle Esparza



Jadah Evans



Peter Fast



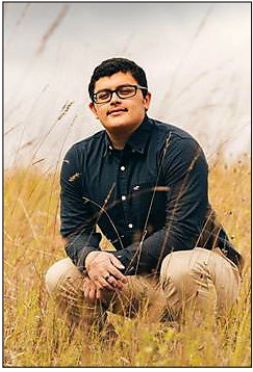
Jared Fett



Madison Flynn



Kiley Friedrichs



Daniel Garces



Angel Garcia Perez



Wyatt Garten



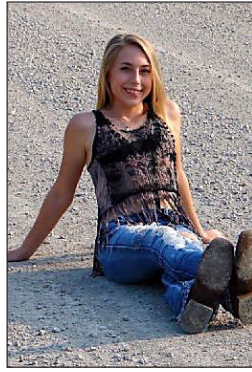
Hunter Gathje



Drake Gieseke



Sophia Gieseke



Kianna Gillispie



Kiley Golberg



Araceli Gonzalez



Ryan Good



Kaitlyn Grass



Oxford Gray



Estae Green



Emily Grosland



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Burke Henderson



Jace Hendricks



Joshua Hensley



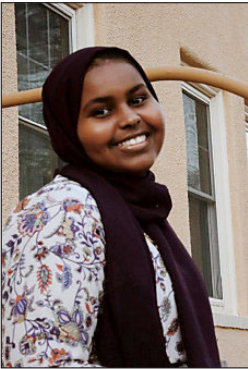
Jakota Hernandez



Mariana Hernandez



Tristian Hernandez



Fatuma Hersi



Mia Hiber



Brandon Highberg



Quang Ho



Tayah Hoffman



Breeana Houser



Muno Hussein



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Samuel Jabara



Nolan Jacobson



Alissa Jensen



Johnathon Jensen



Myiah Jewison



Ashley Johnson



Benjamin Johnson



Blaine Johnson



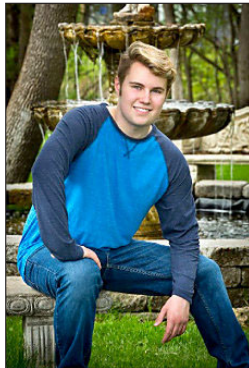
Krystal Johnson



Madeline Johnston



Jisela Jones



Payton Jorgensen



Payton Jorgenson



Arica Kath



Kobie Kath



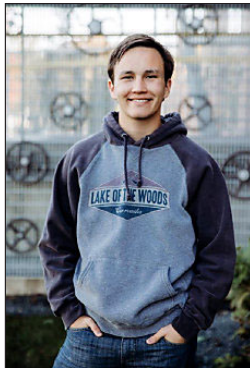
Emily Keck



Ashley Keller



David Keller



Caleb Kess



Jacob Kilanowski



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Jonathan Klecker



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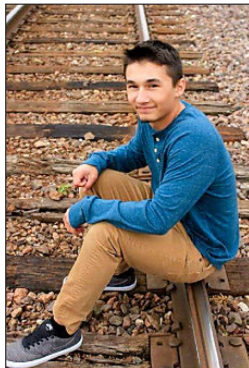
Connor Lantsberger



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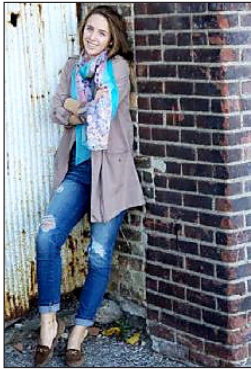
Josiah Liverseed



Desaire Lopez



Chynna Luna



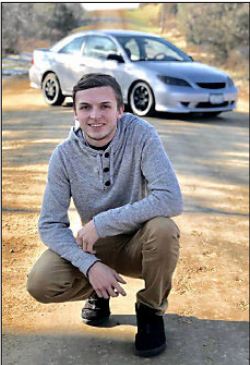
Heidi Lundberg



Jamie Lysne



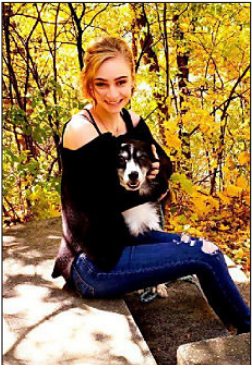
Hanah Maas



Braeden MacIntosh



Beneigh Macpherson



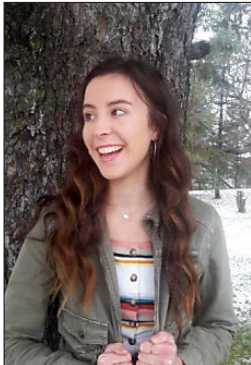
Mackenzie Madsen



Emma Maher



Maggie Marks



Ariadna Martin



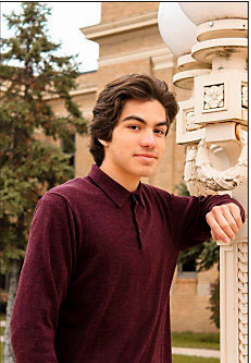
Meryk Martin-Kubat



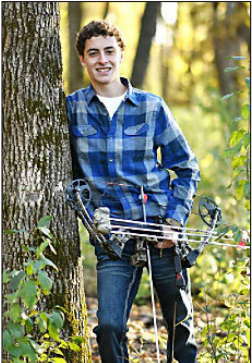
Ashton Maruska



Morgan Masche



Antonio Mata



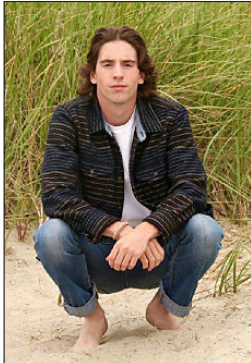
Leyton Matejcek



Vance Matejcek



Jalisa Mathews Schmidt



Caedon McCartney



Conner McCartney



Madison McKenzie



Michael Meyer



Makenzie Michael



Jacob Miller



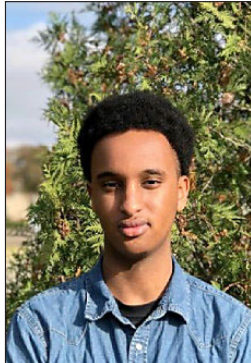
Liam Miller



Machayla Millhouse



Andrew Moen



Khalid Mohamed



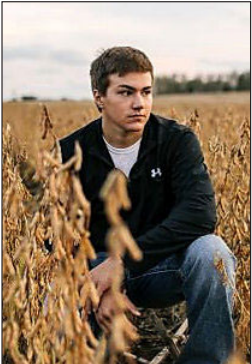
Katie Morgan



Andrew Munns



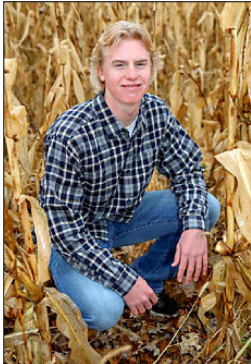
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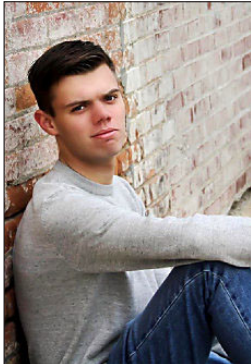
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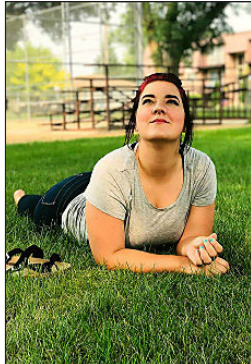
Parker Nelson



Tanner Neumann



Jackson Newhouse



Shyanne Nordquist



Zachary Noyce



Moses Ochalla



Eden Ojulu



Mason Oland



Melia Olsen



Abigail Olson



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Robyn Phillips



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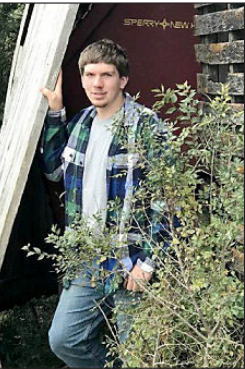
Hailey Prestegard



Tyler Prihoda



Maylynn Prokopec



Samuel Pumper



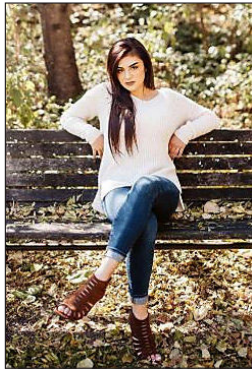
Aaron Quast



Emily Rahrick



Isaiah Ranslow



Shaylee Rath



Lily Redman



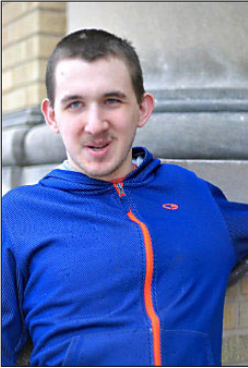
Easton Reuvers



Mason Rhoades



Kismet Richardson



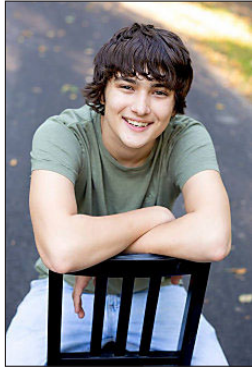
Cole Richmond



Lydia Rieck



Dawson Ringhofer



Tristan Ringhofer



Samantha Roberts



Dante Robertson



Thomas Robillard



Brady Rohwer



Ali Roushar



Matthew Russell



Gabriel Rysavy



Tyler Sackett



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Nevin Schroeder



Trevor Schroeder



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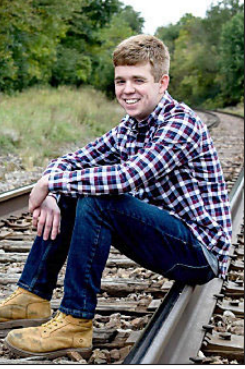
Ciara Schultz



Brooke Schwartz



Matthew Segler



Tyler Severson



Lucas Sherwood



Alfonso Silva



Makayla Simon



Benjamin Skalicky



Serenity Slack



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Katherine Sletten



Savana Sletten



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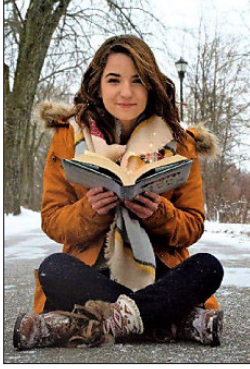
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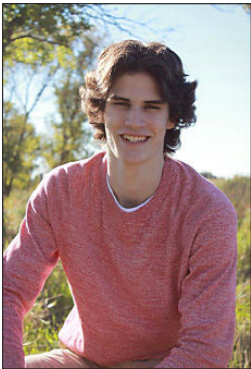
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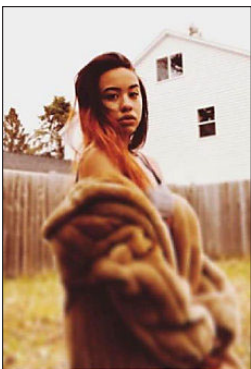
Thomas Wall



Carter Warner



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Jazlyn Webster



Annabelle Wellnitz



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Ryan Yankoviak



Lillian Yates



Austin Yearling



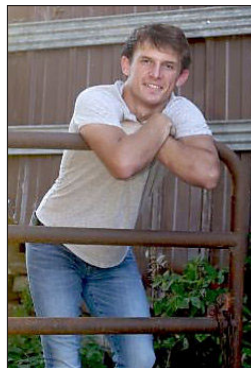
Dominick Yerhot



Logan Zaccaria



Jacqueline Zamarron



Benjamin Zappa



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**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Gap year, work  
**HOBBIES:** Cycling, Skateboarding, Music appreciation, Friends, Podcasts  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Lifting weights and Biology with the freshman class when I was a sophomore  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Do what is needed where you are weak, capitalize on your strengths. Test yourself physically and get lots of sunshine. Spend time with friends, because nothing is worse than loneliness.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Matrix  
**FAVORITE SONG:** 909 by Eden  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Working in Christian ministry or Mycology professionally. Living in a home I payed for with cash because I saved up. Married to my best friend, with 2 kids or maybe three, racing bikes non-professionally and travelling a lot.

## Casaundra Green



**PARENTS:** Jodi and Chad Green  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Work full time  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** Playing basketball and volleyball  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Piller  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Glass projects in Mr. Piller's class  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Turn in all of your homework  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Gods not Dead  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Paralyzed by NF  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** N/A

## Jeannette Lozano



**PARENTS:** Johanna and Juan Ruiz, Rudy DeLeon  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Riverland, major in criminal justice  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** N/A  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** N/A  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Attending my very first pep rally as an Awesome Blossom  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Take a lot of notes because you'll need them  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Outsiders  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Drift Away by Uncle Kracker  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Wings  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** N/A

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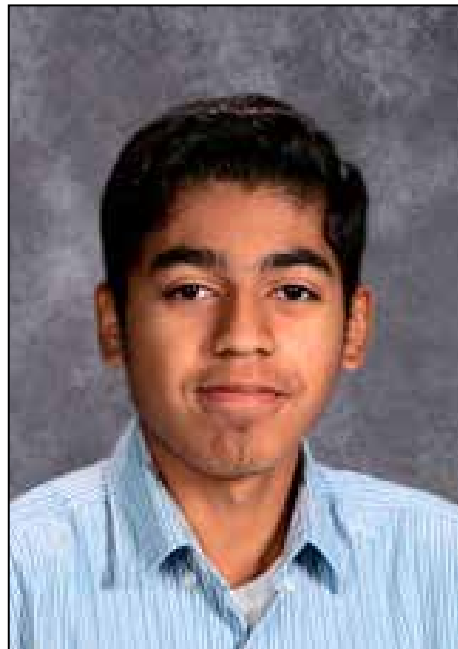
**PARENTS:** Daryl and RaeAnn Peterson  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Complete M2 trainings for the military, attend the U of M in 2020 to pursue a bachelor's degree in Nursing  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Speech, FCCLA, Outfront Leadership Council, and DFL volunteer  
**HOBBIES:** producing Youtube videos, photography, working out, and activism for the advancement of human rights  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** I have too many. All of them have supported me in my journey in some way.  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Hanging with friends, science labs, in class discussions, talking with teachers  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Being different does not make you bad. It take incredible amounts of courage, strength, resilience, hope, and a little bit of glitter to be yourself in a world that tells you to be someone else. Things will get easier, change is slow, but it's happening all around us, and everyone should be here to see it.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Grey's Anatomy  
**Favorite Songs:** Born This Way by Lady Gaga  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** 1410 Fresh Mexican  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** In 20 years I see myself as an accomplished philanthropist. I hope to be advocating for minorities and supporting or passing legislation for the advancement of human rights.

## Colton Ivers



**PARENTS:** Steven and Rosalie Ivers  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Kansas State University, major in Animal Science  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA and golf  
**HOBBIES:** Showing cattle, livestock judging, and golf  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Bruns  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Doing PSEO  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Do PSEO  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** 8 Seconds  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Night Shift by Jon Pardi  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Steak  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Ranchin'

## Jackson Baltazar



**PARENTS:** Jackson and Mildred Baltazar  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** going to college  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** Sports, video games  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Rinkenberger, Mr. Pfeifer  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** N/A  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't slack off  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Avengers Endgame  
**Favorite Songs:** It is well with my soul, you can still find forgiveness  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza, shrimp soup  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working and preaching



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## Rachael Oswald



**PARENTS:** Phil Oswald and Kathy Paukner  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attending Bethel University and studying Neuroscience  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball, Track, Basketball, the musical, one act play, speech and art club, FCCLA, FFA, Student council and MHS  
**HOBBIES:** Playing piano, walking my dogs, painting, and being outside  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster and Mrs. Oelkers  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** volunteering foot the blood drive and stuffing the remaining snacks into our backpacks  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Make time for school, but also create as many memories as you can  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Coco  
Favorite Songs: You Say by Lauren Daigle  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pineapple  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Hopefully working in the medical field

## Emily Trihus



**PARENTS:** Mike and Melissa Trihus  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Riverland community college to get my generals done, then transfer to Mankato to earn my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** Four wheeling, watching Netflix, tubing  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Graduating  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** work hard all the way through  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Split  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Speechless  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** chips and queso  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working, making lots of money, living in a big house

## Riley Millam



**PARENTS:** Jamie and Michelle Millam  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Iowa State University  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA, Robotics, Football, Track, Chamber Choir, Fall Musical, Media Team  
**HOBBIES:** Talking, video games, programming  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** They are all my favorite, honestly  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Selling Frosty Fruit  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Based on my experience, 16 is a common answer in math  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Shrek  
Favorite Songs: PRBLMS  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Apple crisp  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** helping kids with their education using technology

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**Ryan Pena**



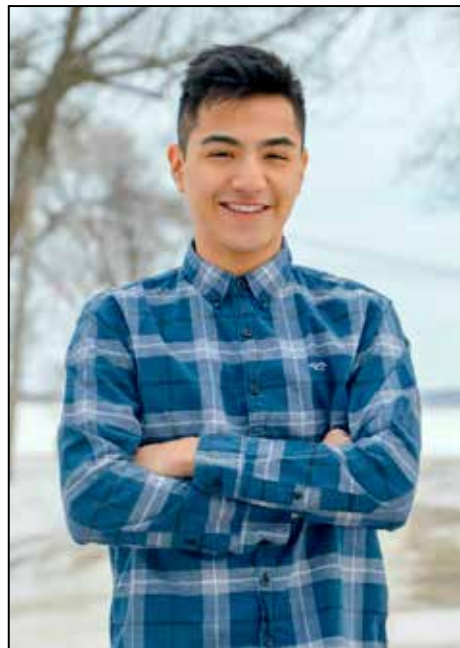
**PARENTS:** Amanda and Frankie Pena  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Go to college  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** basketball  
**HOBBIES:** basketball, fishing  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Oelkers  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Gym  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Stay on top of your work  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Hunger Games  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Drip too Hard by Lil Baby  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** living in Texas

**Seth Peterson**



**PARENTS:** Tara and Chad Gimbel and Paul and Dawn Peterson  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attending the University of St. Thomas  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Baseball, Football, Wrestling, Robotics, Student Council, Junior and Senior Class President  
**HOBBIES:** Coaching, collecting sports memorabilia  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Bruns  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Riley dressing up in his banana costume to go T-Ping  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Experience high school! Be involved in activities, go to prom, dress up for homecoming. You will miss it when it's gone!  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Shrek  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Perfect by Ed Sheeran  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** an actuary at an insurance firm

**William Cardenas**



**PARENTS:** Beatriz and Genaro Cardenas  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend the University of Minnesota to major in Sports Management  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Robotics, Chamber choir, Jazz band, Student Council, Basketball, Baseball, the Musical, MHS, Homecoming Court  
**HOBBIES:** Rewatching iCarly, collecting Twins memorabilia, watching Netflix with Taylor Wuist  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Bruns  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Wearing crazy tuxes to prom  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Leave everything last minute. It will take only 5 minutes to finish your homework.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Shrek  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Foot Fungus by Skimask the Slump God  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chick Fil A #1 with no pickles and cherry coke  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Working within a sport organization

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## Preston Rieken



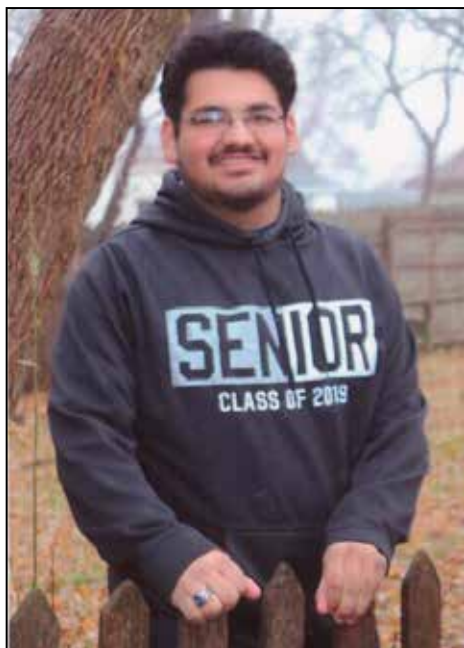
**PARENTS:** Heather Rieken  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Vermillion Community College  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Basketball  
**HOBBIES:** Basketball  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Hendrickson  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** N/A  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Hard work pays off  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Coach Carter  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Pop Out by Polo G  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chicken  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working in the field

## Raeann Grundmeier



**PARENTS:** Todd, Rachelle  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** college, job  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** choir  
**HOBBIES:** riding 4 wheeler, spending time on Grandpa's farm, singing, spending time with family  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** N/A  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** there's too many good ones  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Act your age, work hard because time flies  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Deadpool, Hobbit, Mama Mia, Harry Potter  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Real life by Jake Owen  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Grandpa's goulash  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working at a vet clinic, a house of y own that is full of cats and dogs and hopefully have my own animal shelter

## Daniel Rivera-Escandon



**PARENTS:** Shannon and Julio Rivera Escandon  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** going to a 2 year college for law enforcement  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** hang with friends  
**HOBBIES:** hang with friends, listen to music, reading  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Rinkenberger  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** N/A  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** hard work pays off  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Hunger Games  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Me Too by Kevin Gates  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working for a police agency



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## Colin Curtis Lee Lerum



**PARENTS:** Jake and Calista Lembke and Dustin and Dezi Grunewald  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend college for a culinary arts degree and fulfill military career with ARNG  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Football and Baseball  
**HOBBIES:** cooking, spending time with friends and family, and sports  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** too many to pick just one  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** playing football and baseball with my brothers  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** be smart and do the right thing  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** almost any Marvel movie  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Beautiful Crazy by Luke Combs  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** all breakfast foods  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Living in Duluth with a family and pets while working in a nice restaurant

## Alexyss Magnuson



**PARENTS:** Rony and Rachael Magnuson  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attending Riverland and enter their business transfer pathway majoring in finance  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Boys Basketball stats team, Art club, cheerleading  
**HOBBIES:** Reading, drawing  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Piller  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** N/A  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Grab every opportunity you can and live your life to the fullest  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Breakfast at Tiffany's  
**FAVORITE SONG:** N/A  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** I see myself in a nice home with a family and a good job. I am living close to home so I can see my mom every day!

## Brett Motl



**PARENTS:** Debi Watkins and Joe Motl  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** 4 year degree in Culinary at SMSU  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** choir  
**HOBBIES:** hanging out with friends, hunting  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Southworth  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** ZED Festival  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Take your grades seriously!  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Love, Simon  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Chun-Li  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Krabby Patty  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Traveling across the world



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## Matthew Wurst



**PARENTS:** Larry and Geraldine Wurst  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** going into real estate, move up to the cities  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** annual yearbook  
**HOBBIES:** walking, hangout with friends, taking care of my chihuahua, driving, sleeping, being gay :)  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Hendrickson  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Riding the art float on homecoming  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** work and save as much as possible  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Love, Simon  
**FAVORITE SONG:** I endorse this message by Nicki Minaj  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Krusty Krab Pizza  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** living in a different state, traveling

## Ian Wayne



**PARENTS:** Paul and Jennifer Wayne  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Bemidji State  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Baseball, Robotics, musical  
**HOBBIES:** Baseball, hunting, fishing  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Oelkers  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** playoff baseball last year  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** work hard  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Transformers  
**FAVORITE SONG:** 22 by Taylor Swift  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Working for the DNR

## Corey Lyman



**PARENTS:** Angela Haberman and Jay Lyman  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Military and Diesel  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA, Football  
**HOBBIES:** Mudding, trucks, pool, family events  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Rinckenberger  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** drive your tractor to school last year  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** have fun, don't let others make decisions for you, BE YOU!  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Dukes of Hazzard  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Red Solo Cup by Toby Keith  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Juicy steak, sweet corn, and shrimp  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Maybe alive or left under

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## Cody Anderson



**PARENTS:** Randy and Terri Anderson  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** go work for construction jobs  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** farming/hunting  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** N/A  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** get your homework  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Patriot  
**FAVORITE SONG:** N/A  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** N/A  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** I don't know

## Antonia Zamarripa



**PARENTS:** Jose and Maria Zamarripa  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** work  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** drawing, reading  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Spending time with friends  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** it's the effect that counts  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Halloween  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Killer Queen by Queen  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Lasagna  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** chilling on the beach with my family

## Jaclyn Hyland



**PARENTS:** Toni and Roger Hyland  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** attend Riverland community college for their 4 year Elementary Education program  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Chamber choir, cross country, robotics, student council  
**HOBBIES:** drawing, singing, writing, listening to music, working at Dairy Queen  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Ms. Avery and Mr. Foster  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Making new friends each year  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Take your time and study hard, never take anything for granted  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Jaws  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Time is Loud by Josh Turner  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Quesadillas  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working in my hometown and being with someone who makes me really happy

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## Isaac Hanson



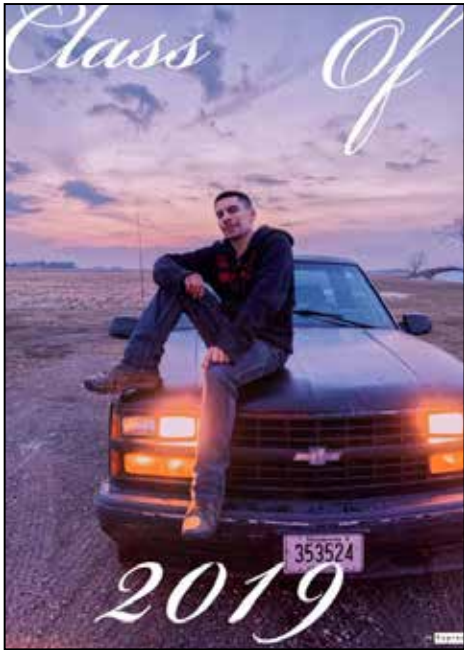
**PARENTS:** Christina Hansen  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** work  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Baseball, Robotics  
**HOBBIES:** music, pool  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Oelkers  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** winning the imagery award at the robotics competition in Duluth  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** do the homework  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Dr. Strange  
**FAVORITE SONG:** too many to name  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chicken alfredo  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** can't see the future, focus on the present

## Hannah Kinny



**PARENTS:** Doug and Lori Kinny  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend transition to success in Byron and then go into child care  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** cheerleading and adaptive bowling league  
**HOBBIES:** hanging out with family, friends, and my boyfriend  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mrs. Kittelson  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** making the homecoming court and cheering at the US Bank Stadium  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Always try your best  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Longest Ride  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Party in the USA by Miley Cyrus  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Applebees  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Married to my boyfriend and working with children

## Domingo Dehuna



**PARENTS:** Mandy Baehelder and Gerinomo Dehuna  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Riverland, Albert Lea  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A  
**HOBBIES:** fishing, working on cars  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** building a shed  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** good luck!  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Avengers Endgame  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Here Tonight by Brett Young  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Ceviche  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working in a shop fixing cars



# BLOOMING PRAIRIE CLASS OF 2019



## Payton Simon



**PARENTS:** Amy and Jeremy Simon

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend Gustavus Adolphus College, majoring in Biology/Pre-Medical Studies

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Football, baseball, wrestling, the school musical, robotics, speech, volunteering at the elementary school, helping run the local blood drive

**HOBBIES:** building legos, messing around with my brothers

**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Bruns

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** one of our classmates trying to jump and hit their head on the ceiling to prove they are the most athletic

**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Always procrastinate, it's a good test of your mental endurance

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Dumb and Dumber

**FAVORITE SONG:** Rolling in the Deep by Adele

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Southwest Burger

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working at the Mayo Clinic and supporting Blooming Prairie

## Zachary Haberman



**PARENTS:** Larry Haberman and Ronda Schilling

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend SMSU for a Bachelor's degree in English and Creative Writing

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** N/A

**HOBBIES:** writing, drawing

**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** a fire on the last day of junior year at one of our friend's house

**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** don't procrastinate early on, it is NOT worth it

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Fury

**FAVORITE SONG:** Wake Up by EDEN

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Bread and pastries

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** writing books in some rural town

## Dustin Hensrud



**PARENTS:** Travis and Allison Hensrud

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** work force

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Basketball

**HOBBIES:** Poker, fortnite, football, basketball, pool

**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Foster

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** building the sheds

**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** keep your head up and your head on the right track

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Braveheart

**FAVORITE SONG:** Nuketown by Ski Mask the Slump God

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working, have a family. Living a good, fun life





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## Brian Torres



**PARENTS:** Miguel and Elizabeth Torres  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend 2 years of college then head into the work force  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Play basketball  
**HOBBIES:** play sports, Fortnite, being outside, hang with friends  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Ms. Southworth  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Hitting my first ever 3 pointer in basketball vs. Mankato  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't give up on your dreams  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** N/A  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Suge by Da baby  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Tacos  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** working and being a boss

## McKenzie Jensen



**PARENTS:** Doug and Lori Kinny  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend transition to success in Byron and then go into child care  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** cheerleading and adaptive bowling league  
**HOBBIES:** hanging out with family, friends, and my boyfriend  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Ms. Kittelson  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** making the homecoming court and cheering at the US Bank Stadium  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Always try your best  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Longest Ride  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Party in the USA by Miley Cyrus  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Applebees  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Married to my boyfriend and working with children

## Tim Wolf



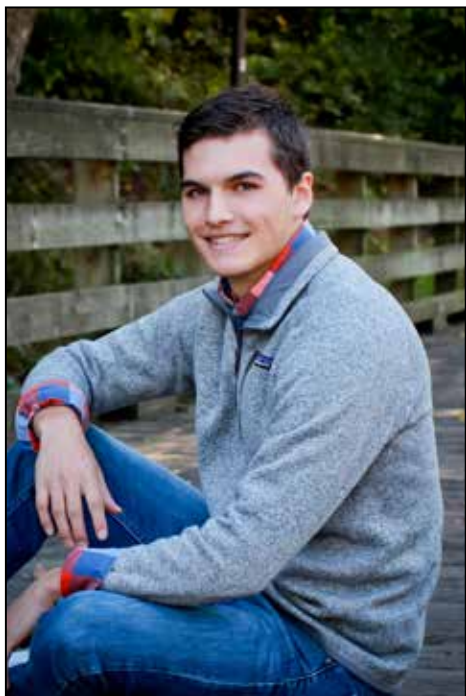
**PARENTS:** Bruce and Tommy Wolf  
**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** Attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls while playing football and majoring in Agricultural Business  
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA, MHS, BP Blo-odrive, Football, Basketball, Trap Shooting  
**HOBBIES:** Snowmobiling, sports, agriculture, outdoor stuff  
**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Mr. Landstiener  
**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Playing at U.S. Bank Stadium for football  
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** don't procrastinate  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Friday Night Lights  
**FAVORITE SONG:** Red Dirt Road by Brooks and Dunn  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chik Fil A Chicken Sandwich  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Owner and Operator of B and B Wolf Farms



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**Caleb Kubista**



**Trenton Jabbar Swenson**



**PARENTS:** Luke and Teresa Swenson

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** go to college and graduate at the top of my class, get a well paying job

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** football, basketball, baseball, musical, academic triathlon

**HOBBIES:** Video games, hanging out with friends

**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Foster

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Playing football with my closest friends

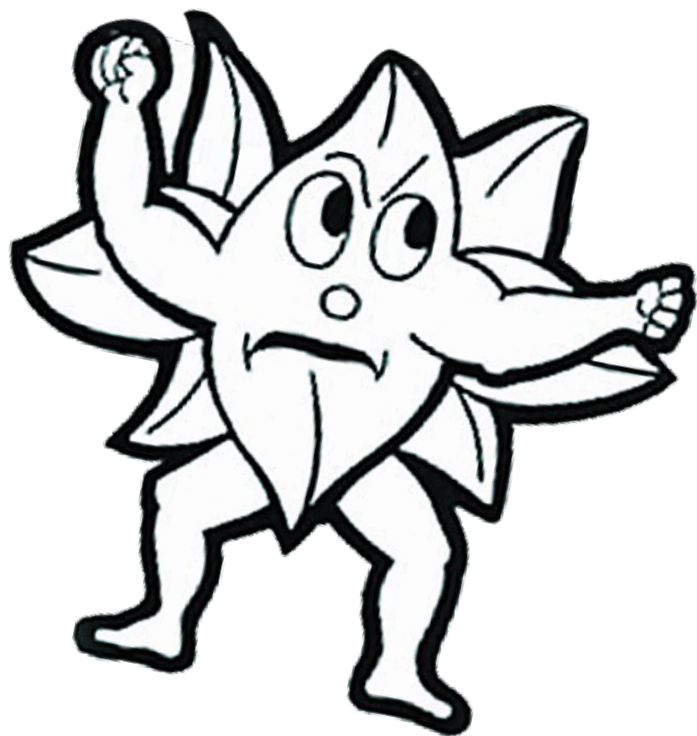
**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** if you commit to something, stay with your commitment, don't let your friends, family, or anyone else down

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** N/A

**FAVORITE SONG:** Simple by Florida Georgia Line

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Alfredo

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Living out in the country with a good paying job and a family



**Joseph Schiefert**



**PARENTS:** Nick and Amanda Schiefert

**PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:** attending T2S in Byron

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Adaptive Bowling Team

**HOBBIES:** Bowling and Listening to music

**FAVORITE TEACHER:** Ms. Kittelson and Karen!

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY:** Riding bike in the hallway and giving Mr. Worke rides

**ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** be yourself

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Criminal Minds

**FAVORITE SONG:** Anything by Demi Lovato

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chicken Wraps

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS:** Traveling the world with my parents



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