



STEELE COUNTY

TIMES



The record falls 3C

\$1

www.steeledodgenews.com

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

DELUGED



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Crews work to remove the water that flooded the courthouse due to a burst pipe. The pipe was on the third floor of the courthouse leading water to leak down floors.

Historic courthouse floods as pipe bursts

By RICK BUSSLER AND
JOSHUA ZIMMER

Cold weather can be a majestic sight to see. However, that majestic look can often blind onlookers of the destruction that can be conducted. Employees of the Steele County Courthouse had a first-hand altercation with that devastation Tuesday.

A pipe burst on the third floor of the county courthouse Jan. 10 causing water to rain down throughout the building and soaking the interior infrastructure. The burst occurred slightly before 1:30 p.m., leaving areas of the historic facility with standing water. Employees and the public were immediately evacuated.

County Engineer Anita Benson said a 2-inch pipe burst and caused about 2 inches of water to stand in many parts of the lower level. "It all worked its way down," she said. "It just shows you the power of water," she added.

Laura Elvebak, county administrator, found the damage to be "unbelievable" when she first entered the courthouse. "One would never expect that amount of damage in such a short amount of time," she said.

Since last week, the county has been operating in catastrophe mode. The courthouse has been closed indefinitely while officials deal with the water crisis and restoring the building to its original shape.

Benson did not want to speculate on how long the courthouse would be down, only to say, "it will be weeks, not days."

Elvebak said the county does not have a true estimate of the time it will take to become operational again. "We are focusing on the drying out of the building, cleanup and mediation of any hazards," she said. She added plans are being made with the assumption of the courthouse being closed for at least two months.

She said it's important to allow

time for the inspection, repair and replacement of materials and infrastructure to "assure it is conducive to work and safe for employees and the public."

Benson confirmed the courthouse is a mess. "When I got there water was coming through the ceilings," she said.

But what possibly saved the county from suffering even more devastation is that it happened during a workday and emergency crews responded within minutes.

"We were very fortunate to have had it happen during the day so that the response could be virtually immediate," said Elvebak. The only downside of it happening during the day is that the building had staff and the public that needed to be evacuated immediately. "We are very fortunate that no one was injured and all were able to evacuate safely," she added.

Within 30 minutes, the building was completely vacated of all employees and members of the public, leaving soggy ceiling tiles as the only remnants in the halls of the courthouse. About 33 employees work in the courthouse on a normal day.

She noted that shortly after the evacuation was deemed complete, the county immediately reached out to Servicemaster of Northfield to start the cleanup process. Servicemaster has also brought in other sub-contractors to assist with the cleanup efforts.

In the early stages after the crisis, crews were working around the clock to cleanup.

Joining in the cleanup efforts from the start were members of the Owatonna Fire Department, the Steele County Sheriff's Office and county staff to remove any debris and to arrange plastic sheeting to

PIPE BURST

Continued on page 3A

Where's Court?

With the courthouse closed indefinitely, here is where business will take place in the meantime:

- Court**
Hearings and trials held on third floor at Owatonna Fire Station at 107 W. Main St.
- Probation Services**
Agents at the County Attorney's Office across the street from the courthouse and Administration Building at 630 Florence Ave.

Probation scrambles to find dry space

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

It was like a waterfall.

That's the way Tim Schammel, probation services director, described what happened in portions of the lower level of the historic Steele County Courthouse, the home of the county's probation services.

The worst spot for probation, Schammel said, was the front office area where administrative assistants work. "Their area was a waterfall and had two inches of water on the floor," he said. "The ceiling tiles were caving in."

Another area with a cluster of three offices ended up with the two on the outside being dry. But the middle one didn't fare so well. That office turned out being "completely soaked," Schammel said.

"Most of us were dry, but three of us got really wet," Schammel told the Times. "It's been very chaotic."

There are 11 employees in Schammel's department. He wasn't in the office at the time of the water break, but was quickly apprised of the situation by his staff. "They

thought the sprinklers went off," he said, adding that they quickly figured out it was something much more substantial.

The water break occurred on the third floor of the courthouse. With uneven flooring throughout the 126-year-old structure, it took a while for the water to reach probation in the lower level. "The water pooled in different areas," Schammel said.

In the drenched areas of the probation office, there was significant damage to computers, monitors, telephones, furniture, paper files and other electrical equipment, according to Schammel.

All employees in the courthouse were evacuated as soon as the water line broke. On the next day, they donned hard hats to retrieve items in the offices.

Once staff members realized they would be displaced, their attention quickly turned to setting up a contingency plan for probation services to continue throughout the county. Within a day, they developed a call

PROBATION

Continued on page 3A

BP Citizens of the Year to be honored



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Jake and Alecia Peterson will receive the 2017 Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award at the chamber's annual banquet on Thursday night, Jan. 19, at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The husband and wife team of Jake and Alecia Peterson will step front and center on Thursday night when they are presented the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award.

The presentation will be part of the Chamber's annual banquet at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Thursday, Jan. 19.

What: Annual Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet

When: Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017

Where: Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club

Time: 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner (haddock, barbecue ribs, potatoes, glazed carrots, salad and dessert)

RSVP: To Becky Noble at BP Area Chamber of Commerce, 583-4472. Cost is \$25 per person.

The Petersons are well known in Blooming Prairie and in the surrounding area for their involvement with the Stix of Fury drum corps.

In addition to his involvement with the Stix of Fury, Jake is a full-time Blooming Prairie police officer, holding the rank of corporal. He was saluted as Steele County Peace Officer of the Year in 2016.

Peterson also is a volunteer member of the BP Ambulance Service (14 years) and a member of the BP Fire Department (10 years).

Jake represents a third generation of ambulance service, his parents and grandparents serving as First Responders before him.

Alecia has been very involved with husband Jake in the development and operation of the Stix of Fury. Alecia played clarinet in the Durand, Wis. High School band. She was also part of the color guard. She teaches first grade at Washington Elementary School in Owatonna.

The Petersons are dedicated parents, raising three children: Mason, 6; Peyton, 3 and Brooklyn, 1. "Oh boy, they keep us going in opposite directions," Alecia confides. Both have found a balance in performing volunteer work in the Blooming Prairie community and also raising a family.

Speaking about the chamber award, both Jake and Alecia said they believe there are others who have done more than them.

"We are humbled and I'm proud to be a part of it as a silent supporter," Alecia said. The community involvement is worth it, the Petersons agree.



INSIDE A: 2A OPINION
6A ... 105TH CELEBRATION

B: 1B HOMETOWN LIVING
6B CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

C: 1C SPORTS
4C CALENDAR

D: 1D .. FARM PAGE
4D TAX WEEK

Opinion

Our view

If you are not born to the breed

Winter may come in different forms and degrees, depending upon which part of the world you are in. The same can be said about disasters. Whether it be the fires of California, the hurricanes and flooding of the south, or the tornadoes of the central states.

It takes a different breed, though to count on every year having to experience the brutality of winter in the north. It isn't an isolated incident and doesn't take a year off occasionally. The stark fact is, with the color of the leaves, comes the changing of the guard.

In Texas, this week they posted a picture with a caption, "The blizzard of 2017." It showed little trace amounts of snow that resembled a middle-aged man in the early stages of turning gray. We in the Norse country had to laugh and ask if they set up Red Cross feeding and sheltering centers.

Once you get above the frost line, though, here in the United States, Mother Nature takes her wintering very seriously. We resemble a five-month pep rally where we all dress like Alaskans to show our support.

For those who were not "born to the breed" and who may be new to this climate, and we all know who you are, here are a few survival tips that could literally mean the difference between life and death.

Remember that in our extreme temperatures, it is not acceptable to throw on a pair of pajama pants and walk to "the Wal-Mart." If the temperature is at "0" and there is a 15 miles per hour wind, your skin will freeze in 30 minutes. We know, however that "0" would be a warmup for us lately.

When traveling in your car, the white "pack" on the roads are a combination of wind-blown snow over finely polished ice. A plow can come through an area, but with the winds of Minnesota, like a cruel jokester, in moments after the plow is out of sight, those snow fairies are refilling the streets.

We have many curves that wind through fields. Both can be very hazardous. "Ice" and "curve" should never appear in the same sentence, but the reality of the situation is that, evidently ice loves to winter in the curves.

Next, imagine a 40-acre field. Not hard to imagine as we drive through hundreds of miles of these each year. Sometimes the fields are separated by barbed-wire fences, sometimes by roads (paved or otherwise). Just as prevalent as deer crossing the road during hunting season, snow crosses the road during winter. Some of it lingers and dawdles on the road, and soon there is a traffic jam of snow in these areas. You can tell when you are coming upon one as this anomaly is oftentimes accompanied by white out conditions.

Most importantly, though is never to succumb to a macho attitude when you are going up against this wicked, but pristine opponent. When driving, respect it. When walking, respect it. When preparing, do NOT underestimate it.

Pack your car accordingly – even for small trips. Think of it this way, don't pack for a trip, keep your car packed for winter.

A good rule of thumb is to pack the following:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries
- battery powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars
- raisins and mini candy bars
- matches and small candles
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- First-aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- tow chain or rope
- road salt, sand or cat litter for traction
- booster cables
- emergency flares and reflectors
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cellphone adapter to plug into lighter

We a rare and strange breed to live here. To live here for generations, it will take the wisdom of others who have gone through it and survived.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

When it rains, it pours. Forgive the cliché, but that's exactly what employees at the Steele County Courthouse came up against last Tuesday. Just as they were in the middle of their workday tending to court business, water poured through the ceilings and floors throughout the more than a century old historical building. Not surprisingly, the lower level took the brunt of the deluge.

"It's kind of chaotic around here," one worker said as he tried to get to dry ground.

Another worker, Mark Radue, who handles maintenance, said he's never seen anything like it in his 26 years with the county.

It's lucky that no one was injured by falling ceiling tiles as water gushed everywhere.

The water crisis is going to be felt around the courthouse for at least several months to come as work takes place to cleanup and restore the facility.

What many have found to be miraculous in all of this devastation is the teamwork displayed by our county employees as well as others. They have

Amazing work helps preserve a historic landmark

County Engineer Anita Benson has never dealt with a water line break in a government building of this magnitude. She was taken back by the amount of water from top to bottom in the courthouse. "It just shows you the power of water," she said.

Benson was impressed with the county's response to the emergency. "There was lots of good teamwork," she said. "Everyone pulled together to get business operations back together."

While the general public likely won't be involved in the cleanup process, there is one area where we can help. And that's to provide county officials with patience and understanding as they waded through all the aftereffects of the water damage.

Because of the quick help of all, the public's safety, both at the courthouse on the day of the burst and now afterwards, has never been jeopardized. Such response makes living in this county a true blessing.

Perhaps a new cliché could be started: when it rains, teamwork flourishes into greatness.

We owe our gratitude to those who went in hot pursuit of saving a historic treasure that has graced our county for 126 years.

CONTACT YOUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Congressman Tim Walz
Washington D.C. Office
1034 Longworth House
Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-2472
Rochester Minnesota
Washington, DC Office

Mankato District Offi
527 ½ South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-388-2149
877-846-9259

Sen. Al Franken
Washington DC Office
309 Hart Senate
Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5641

Rochester Offi
1202-1/2 7th Street NW
Suite 213
Rochester, MN 55901
(507) 288-2003

Sen. Amy Klobuchar
Washington D.C. Office
302 Hart Senate
Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-3244
Fax: 202-228-2186

Southern Offi
1130 1/2 7th Street, NW,
Room 212
Rochester, MN 55901
Main Line: 507-288-5321
Fax: 507-288-2922

Toll Free Number:
1-888-224-9043

CONTACT YOUR AREA MAYORS

Blooming Prairie Mayor
H. Peterson
507-583-7573

Ellendale Mayor
Mark Skroch
507-688-9432

Hayfield Mayor
Greg Demmer
507-477-3535
g.demmer@gofast.am

Medford Mayor
Lois M Nelson
507-390-4553
dlnelson1167@q.com

Owatonna Mayor
Thomas Kuntz
507-774-7342
Fax: 507-444-4394
mayor@ci.owatonna.mn.us

STEELE COUNTY
Times
Always local,
all the time.

Letters to the editor

My thoughts on KODA

Dear editor,
On Jan. 12, I went to a meeting at KODA where the board members that up SCCL/BHS (Steele County Communities for a lifetime/ Benedictine Health Care System) gave a pitch to the county commissioners.

In their slide presentation, I added money they have lost since their opening and

it would be over \$4 million in three years. Since SCCL/ BHS are supposed to each own 50 percent, it was interesting that they now want the taxpayers to take \$5 million more of KODA debt.

During forbearance, the county is paying the bare minimum to the 18 banks involved. That interest is coming from the County reserve fund. Why are we taking all the pain and Benedictine takes more of the pain. Forget your 50-50 partnerships.

At the end of the meeting, no one from the public was

allowed to speak. What a nice way to treat the people who you expect to bail you out.

Since I didn't get to ask my questions, here is a sample of what I wanted to know. I caught Tom Shea after the meeting adjourned and asked who makes up this shadowy group called the SCCL.

He said, " it is nine members of the board." SCCL has no money, makes no money and any money they have comes from Steele County taxpayers. With Tom on the board, no wonder we have trouble. Every time he had

a reason that would save us money, it turned out to always cost multi-millions.

What does the CEO and CFO of BHS get paid? Are board members paid? They complained of workforce shortage. There was never a problem at Cedarview. Treat your help right and they will be loyal.

Marlene Nelson
Owatonna, MN

STEELE COUNTY
Times
Always local, all the time.

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

A STATE AND NATIONAL AWARD WINNING WEEKLY

2016 6 National Awards 8 State Awards	2011 4 National Awards (Awards presented by Minnesota Newspaper Association and National Newspaper Association)
2015 4 National Awards 7 State Awards	
2014 3 National Awards 3 State Awards	
2013 2 National Awards 7 State Awards	
2012 2 State Awards	

MINNESOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

STAFF

Publisher	Rick Bussler
Managing Editor	Mark DeLap
Sales Manager	Robin DeLap
Marketing/Sales	Lori Wagner
Office Manager	Nancy Prizler
Sports Editor	Josh Zimmer
Staff Writer	LeMar Nelson
News Editor	Emily Schoenbeck
Graphic Design	Michael Anderson

DEADLINE

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

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

ETHICS

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

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Steele, Dodge, Freeborn & Mower.....	\$42
Elsewhere in Minnesota	\$44
Out of state	\$46



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

As of Monday, the water was still being cleared from the courthouse. All courthouse services have been moved to temporary locations across several of the county’s buildings, including the county attorney’s office across the street.

Water crisis causes security dilemmas for sheriff

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Last week’s courthouse water crisis is causing increased security risks and dilemmas for public safety officials.

Ever since the water pipe burst forcing the evacuation of all employees and closing the courthouse, Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele has been faced with providing 24-hour security at the facility. Deputies are working overtime as an extension of their regular shifts and coming in on their days off to keep the building secure.

With cleanup underway, the building is not secure because of large tubes running into the facility. “The door is unsecure because they’re trying to ventilate and get all the moisture out,” Thiele said. A cleaning catastrophe team has been working around the clock to get the courthouse back in order.

Security, Thiele said, is needed to protect the structure as well as confidential data kept with the court and probation departments.

“My focus is purely security and public safety with the courthouse,” Thiele said.

In addition to security at the

closed courthouse, the sheriff’s office is also forced to provide security at the Owatonna Fire Station for court employees, including the county’s judges. The third floor of the fire station has been transformed into a makeshift courtroom so that the courts can continue with their court calendar of trials and hearings.

Three deputies are manning the fire station to check anyone coming into court just as they would at the courthouse, according to Thiele. He said everyone is checked going into the fire station whether they are

coming in for court or for the fire department.

A specific route, Thiele said, has been established inside the fire station for fire employees to use where the public does not have access.

“It’s not the most ideal, but we can’t be choosers,” Thiele said of the temporary set-up. “It’s nice to have the building so close (to the existing courthouse),” he added.

Asked what the greatest challenge is for his office, Thiele responded: “The purpose of the (fire) building was not designed for courthouse or security.”

Logistics make it all very

challenging for everyone involved, Thiele said. But, the sheriff was quick to add, “We will make it work. We’re doing what we can with the space available.”

Thiele said there have been no issues with the temporary set-up to this point.

A smaller courtroom at the detention center is also being utilized more for those inmates already in custody and needing to make court appearances.

It’s unknown exactly how long cleanup may take, but Thiele has been told it will likely take up to two months.

Currently the increased overtime is cutting into Thiele’s normal budget. He said it’s unknown at this time whether he will be able to recoup the added financial burden through insurance or other means.

He called the courthouse water crisis “an unfortunate incident.” Thiele has toured the waterlogged courthouse and found a “good chunk” of the building has been extensively damaged.

“Water causes a lot of damage to everything,” Thiele said.

Elvebak will coordinate recovery

PIPE BURST: from page 1A

help with the process of drying the building.

Soon after the deluge, Servicemaster rolled in its catastrophe response mobile trailer equipped with large plastic tubes, which were attached to an emergency exit door on the back of the building.

“They’re blowing super dry air in and circulating moist air going out,” Benson explained. “It’s like a dehumidification system on a massive scale.”

The primary focus, Benson said, is to get everything thoroughly dried out before any repairs can be made.

Benson spent most of the week at the courthouse surveying the damage and supervising the cleanup efforts. “I’ve never spent that much time in a courthouse,” she said.

It will be difficult to tell how much structural damage there will be until workers can get into the walls, Benson said. She said it appears the majority of the carpeting will be saved. The elevator has been “red tagged” and can’t be used at this time, she added.

Many computers and other office equipment have been destroyed.

Elvebak said nothing significant has been identified at this time as suffering major structural damage. “But again, it is early in our assessment,” she cautioned.

As of late Friday, Benson said, “We’re making great progress. Everybody has really pitched in. This could have been a whole lot worse without everybody jumping in right away.”

Benson said the teamwork shown by everybody involved will lead to a positive outcome. “There have been a ton of people involved to make it happen,” she said. “Everyone has pulled together to get business operations back together.”

Officials still don’t know what caused the pipe to burst open, but they speculate the cul-

prit may be the sprinkler system on the ceiling of the third floor.

In the initial walk-through of the building, officials said that the third floor appeared to have some of the more obvious damage. As the drying continues, the focus is on confirming the stability of the infrastructure to the building.

“We are going to be doing a full assessment to make sure that all the infrastructure is secure and hasn’t been compromised before we allow anyone back in the building,” she stated.

The insurance adjusters have already been on site, which helps officials cut down the time to create the full-scale report on the building.

Closed Indefinitely

Due to the break, the courthouse is seizing all operations until further notice. The County Administration has relocated both probation services and court administration to three other county and city buildings. Officials are now in the process of removing all technology from the building, including communication services.

Elvebak stated she recognizes that people may be worried or concerned because they have court or may have to meet with a probation officer. “We recognize that and we are quickly trying to get sites set up. Probation services they can contact. We do have them temporarily relocated at the attorney’s office and their regular phone number is all set up a going. Court administration is with the state, so obviously you have a little different process, but they are over at the fire hall,” she added.

“This is certainly an inconvenience, not only to the staff who is working hard to continue with the day-to-day work with little disruption, but for the public, attorneys and anyone who has business conducted at the courthouse,” Elvebak said. She added the county has been working closely with the state to “mini-

mize the inconvenience.”

Emergency Meeting

During an emergency meeting with the county board Friday afternoon, Elvebak noted that while a vast majority should be covered by insurance, there may be a few items down the road that the county will be obligated to replace or repair.

The board also passed a resolution delegating Elvebak authority to execute agreements on behalf of the county. She would be required to consult with Minnesota County Intergovernmental Trust, the county engineer, county attorney and Commissioners James Brady and John Glynn, before moving forward.

The initial resolution did not include commissioners to be involved. Commissioner Greg Krueger suggested that two members from the board assist Elvebak in any decisions regarding the cleanup.

“I think it’s important to have members of the board present with Laura on these consultations,” Krueger added during the brief meeting.

Glynn commended all involved for their response to the incident.

Added Krueger, “I think it’s amazing the job that staff and Servicemasters and everybody has done so far.”

Historical Building

The courthouse was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1976.

Elvebak said every effort is being made to get the building back in use quickly. “But we recognize the historical value and that it is an asset to the community, so we are being considerate and thorough in the response,” she said.

Added Benson, “We know it’s an important building to the community and the county. It means a lot.”

Most of all Elvebak wants everything done in a way that will assure the public the building is safe and allows business to be

conducted efficiently and effectively once the building is repaired.

Similar Crisis

The Steele Courthouse is not the only courthouse in southeastern Minnesota to deal with a water crisis. In 2000, the Winona County Courthouse in Winona became deluged in water, causing millions of dollars in damages.

In September 2000, the ceiling of a fourth-floor courtroom collapsed breaking four water pipes and sending more than 4,500 gallons of water gushing throughout the courthouse. The break, which happened over a weekend and during a storm, caused extensive water damage to the interior of the building. At the time, water kept running throughout the weekend until it was detected.

During the crisis, all offices were relocated to alternate sites and plans for remodeling the structure were put into motion.

Like Steele, Winona’s courthouse was constructed in the late 1800s.

County officials approved a total renovation, which took about two years to complete. “They had to gut the entire building,” said Kenneth Fritz, county administrator. “It was a major renovation.”

The county did have insurance, but the policy did not cover all of the damages, according to Fritz. The county was forced to issue two bonds to pay for the renovations. The last of the bonds will be paid off within the next year, he said.

Fritz is sympathetic to what Steele County officials are now facing with the water damage. “It was not a fun time,” he said.

Despite what Winona faced during its crisis, the county has assured the building’s useful life long into the future.

The same is being hoped for with the Steele courthouse.

Department still functioning

PROBATION: from page 1A

center for probationers with ankle bracelets to report to their probation agents.

“Most of us were dry, but three of us got really wet.”

-Tim Schammel
Probation Services Director

Some agents were stationed across the street in the county attorney’s office while a larger group set up work in a large conference area at the administrative services building.

Though probation was functioning fairly soon after the washout, it put them in a compromising situation. “We’re used to working in separate offices for very private conversations,” Schammel said. “We don’t know how long our department can sustain this.”

Schammel called the temporary fix “definitely doable, but not ideal.” He was quick to

point out that despite the adversity, he has some special people in his office that will make it all happen in maintaining business as usual.

Though the water deluge has been a major inconvenience, Schammel says there have been many positives that have surfaced. “It’s amazing how the county has come together to help each other,” he said. He added all county employees have volunteered their space, time and help during this crisis.

For example, he pointed out the work of the county’s IT unit for its work in quickly restoring operations. “It’s amazing their small IT department got us up in one day,” he said. “We didn’t miss a day of work because of them.”

Regardless of the disaster, Schammel expects his department to continue offering the same public safety they have always been used to providing the area.



SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Are you caring for a person with memory loss? Would you like more help?

The University of Minnesota is examining the effects of remote health monitoring for people with memory loss and their family members. Learn more about participating in this free study by contacting Professor Joe Gaugler at **612.626.2485** or **gaug0015@umn.edu**.

Visit <http://eneighborstudy.org> to learn more

CommunityLiving

Obituaries

Berniece Grace (Duken) Nelson, of Blooming Prairie



Berniece Grace (Duken) Nelson, age 83 of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, peacefully entered the Gates of Heaven on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 after spending the past 7.5 years at Prairie Manor Care Center.

Berniece was born April 18, 1934 to Herman and Marie (Anderson) Duken in Austin, MN.

She attended country school south of Blooming Prairie, graduated from Austin High School, and went on to receive her nurse's training

in Rochester. Berniece was a registered nurse at Saint Marys Hospital-Rochester, St. Olaf Hospital-Austin, and Prairie Manor Care Center-Blooming Prairie.

Berniece fell in love with Mervin E. Nelson and they were married on December 15, 1957 at First Baptist Church in Blooming Prairie, where the Nelsons remained members.

To their union of 59 years, three rambunctious boys were born, Brian, Rodney, and Bruce, whom they lovingly raised. Berniece and Mervin enjoyed the warmth of Arizona winters for many years during retirement, as well as trips to Germany and Alaska.

Berniece was a loving wife, an amazing mother, and an extraordinary grandmother. She loved and treasured her family and prayed for them regularly.

The legacy she left her family was a gift. Known for her excellent cooking and baking, Berniece would spend

hours in the kitchen making meals and delights for her family. Her peach pie and homemade rolls were second to none.

She loved to serve delicious meals in her home and was a meticulous house keeper, as well as an avid window washer with never a streak or fly speck left behind.

Gardening and her beautiful flowers brought Berniece much joy. She quietly waged a long and weary battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

As she lay exhausted and vanquished, she gracefully slipped away from us. Her suffering finally ended as God carried her home to where her body and mind could be restored.

All the while, she trusted in God's promise of salvation and looked forward to entering her eternal home.

She was a faithful daughter of God. Berniece always had a gentle spirit, filled with graciousness and a deep consideration of others.

Precious moments and memories were made in her home that will always remain a part of her memory. Berniece's faith and love left an incredible mark on those she met.

We have lost her, but we know right where she is and we are thankful for the promise of Heaven.

Berniece was preceded in death by a baby boy and her beloved son Rodney Nelson, her siblings, and her parents.

She remains loved by her husband Merv, her sons, Brian (Lois) and Bruce (Amy) along with Rozann and her grandchildren Amber, Ashley, Alicia, Jenna, Lynnae, Anthony, and her great-grandson Owen.

Services are planned for the spring of 2017. Prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: 17th Kim Lea Hailey Naatz Sailor Lea	22nd Jon Esplan Joann Nielsen Andrew Schwarz Joseph Schwarz Elaine Schwarz Carol Braaten
18th Chelsie Hansen Paul Master Grady Strand	23rd Loretta Wurst Kim Hillson Timothy Wacek Jacob Krebs Dorothy M. Johnson
19th Carol Holman Bob Farr	Anniversaries: 21st Mike & Katie Ingvalson
20th Cameron Brown	
21st Kennedy Bishop Dale Borchert Laura Thomas	

Milestones is sponsored by:

Best kept secret!

Deli Sandwiches Daily Specials
ALL COME WITH A COOKIE & CHIPS

Tuesday - Ham	Thursday - Your Choice
Wednesday - Turkey	Friday - Beef

The Bakery
Main Street • Blooming Prairie • 583-4433

Keep it local
with our Grass Fed Beef

All cuts available and priced accordingly
Call or stop by to pick yours up today!

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

BP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BP Elementary School is accepting applications for a **Secretary** (approx. 10 mo. work year).

Ability to **multi-task, possess excellent computer skills**, and be a **team player** are a must.

An application form may be picked up at either school, requested by phone at **583-4426**, ext. **431**, or completed online at **www.blossoms.k12.mn.us**.

Deadline is January 27, 2017.

Registered Showroom

24 hour service for all your plumbing & heating needs

We'll treat your home as if it were our own.

THE BOLD LOOK OF **KOHLER** **256-4712**
Geneva, MN

OPEN-HEART SURGERY?
Within the last 5 years?
You may have been exposed to **M.chimeara** due to contaminated surgical heater-cooler units. Patients could be infected for years without showing symptoms. You may be eligible for compensation to pay for medical testing, treatment and damages.

The CLASS ACTION lawyers at **Patterson Dahlberg Injury Lawyers** can help.

PATTERSON DAHLBERG INJURY LAWYERS
507-424-3000 • pattersondahlberg.com
Free Consultation - No Obligation - No Fee Unless You Collect

Prairie Family & Sports CHIROPRACTIC

"Established to serve your health care needs"

Chad M. Eischens
Doctor of Chiropractic
Certified Medical Examiner

507-583-2271 • 866-5DrChad
www.drchad.org

344 E. Main Street • Blooming Prairie, MN

Prices Good 1/17 - 1/23

Tribe Hummus \$2.99 <i>with 20 Savers Points</i>	Lunchables Uploaded 15oz \$2.99 <i>with 20 Savers Points</i>
Cucumbers 2/\$1 <i>with 20 Savers Points</i>	Polka Dot Flavored Drink Gallon \$1.49 <i>with 20 Savers Points</i>
CV Croissants \$3.99 <i>with 20 Savers Points</i>	

Check out OUR DOLLAR Selection!
237 Hwy Ave. S. Locally Owned & Operated 507-583-6671

Clearance Sale

EVERYTHING IN STOCK MUST GO!

2207 7th St. NW • 507.282.7682
familyfuncenter.com
The Game Room Store With So Much More!

Alaska 7 Day Cruise & 6 Day Land Tour
2017 Departures - July 19 • Aug 2 • Aug 16
Seattle Tour • Pike Place Market • Boeing Aircraft Factory • Alaska's Largest Glacier Land Tours at Each Port • Extended Denali Park Tour - See More Wildlife! • Mt McKinley Center Pivot Irrigated Farm • Dome Rail Train • Riverboat Cruise • Iditarod Race Dogs Pipeline • Dinner Theater • Ice Museum • Eskimo Village • Trolley Tour • Musk Ox Farm

Europe 6 Countries • See the Best of Europe!
July 8 - 22
Netherlands • Belgium • Germany • Czech Republic • Austria • Switzerland Flower Auction • Farms • River Cruise Dinner • Beautiful Mountain Scenery

Ireland • England • Scotland
See Famous Cities & Countryside • Grain & Cattle Farms • Dairy • Stonehenge Cliffs of Moher • Dingle Peninsula • Fun Shows • Tourist Highlights
Call for Brochure 1-888-414-4177 RupiperTours.com

SEMCAC senior menu

Jan. 18 Soup/Crackers Sandwich Gelatin Salad Ice Box Cake	Jan. 20 Chicken Pot Pie Cukes/Sr. Cream Beet Pickles Dinner Roll Citrus Fruit Cup	Jan. 24 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Spinach w/ Vinegar Fresh Fruit
Jan. 19 Hot Pork on Bread alt: Liver & Onion Mashed Potatoes Fresh Squash Lemon Bar	Jan. 23 Hawaiian Chicken Confetti Rice Peas Kdney Bean Salad Vanilla Ice Cream	

GRIEF RELIEF

Many people aren't quite sure what to say when they visit a funeral home. The fact is nothing can be said to adequately express our lost or make the bereaved family member to feel better. Words are not important. But it is appreciated that you care enough to express your sympathy. When a friend loses a loved one convey your feelings at the funeral home with a hug or a word. And offer your assistance. You'll be appreciated for caring.

Direction with dignity from Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna.

Cory Michaelson

Michaelson FUNERAL HOME
Direction With Dignity
www.michaelsonfuneral.com
507-451-7943

Pastor's corner: See Yourself As God Sees You

A scientific researcher gathered 10 volunteers for a special psychological study called the “Scar Experiment.” Separating the volunteers into 10 different cubicles without mirrors, she explained that the purpose of the study was to examine how other people would respond to a stranger with a physical deformity, such as a facial scar.

Using makeup tricks straight out of Hollywood, the scientist put bloody and gruesome scars on each volunteer’s left cheek. She showed each volunteer the new “scar” with a small handheld mirror and then put the mirror away.

The researcher’s final step

in each cubicle was to tell each volunteer that she needed to put some finishing powder on his or her scar with a cloth to prevent it from smearing. In reality, she used a tissue to wipe off the scar. The volunteers, however, believed they still had scars on their faces.

Each volunteer was then sent out into the waiting rooms of different medical offices with instructions to notice how strangers in the office responded to the scar. After the appointed time, all 10 volunteers returned with the same report. They noticed that strangers were more rude to them, less kind to them, and stared at their “scar.”

Preoccupied with our personal flaws, we often assume that other people consider them as repulsive as we do. In reality, most people hardly notice the things we think are wrong with us. Because our flaws consume us, we may act toward others as if they disapproved of us. That makes it difficult to form friendships.

On the other hand, a healthy self-image comes from knowing God thinks highly of you. He created you and loves you as his child. When you take time to listen to God’s voice telling you who you really are, you will be less likely to worry about that others think of you.



Peace,
Pastor Pastor Paul Hauschild
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hayfield, MN

Area Church Spotlight

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hayfield, MN

LERBERG'S FITNESS CENTER

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



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

FLOOR TECH

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



3249 N County Road 45
Owatonna
507-451-7121



Sales • Service • Rentals • Leasing
800-722-1282
www.garlickswater.com



FOR THAT HOMETOWN
PERSONAL TOUCH

Hwy. 218
Blooming Prairie
507-583-2018



Always local, all the time.
411 East Main Street
507-583-4431



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

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5881 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services:
Saturday Evening at 6 p.m. with Holy
Communion, Sunday Morning at
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month. Sunday School 9:00
a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Sept. - June)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sergeant
Pastor Collin Duling
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

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

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288

Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

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

Worship 8:30 AM
TRINITY LUTHERAN



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

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

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Worship 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Todd Bugler, Senior Pastor
Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4520 www.tlcowatonna.org

Worship Services: Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Contemporary
Holy Communion served
All Saturdays & 1st/3rd Sundays
8:15 & 9:30 am Sunday School

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC
Ellendale, Minnesota
Pastor Richard Sliper
Saturday - 8 a.m. Men's
Bible Study Sunday - 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:10 Sunday School;
10:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Tuesday - 6 a.m. Call to Prayer, open
to all Churches; 7 p.m. Call to Prayer
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study;
6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands
of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation;
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MOLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
7618 NE 84 Ave., Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
(507) 789-6666

(Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m. Worship
(June - Aug. 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Catholic

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Thursdays 9 to noon

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC PARISH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 583-2784

stcolumbanuschurch.com
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Sunday.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
307 First St. SW., New Richland
The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 465-8217

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
Fr. Jose Morales,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 451-1588

www.litomysl.webs.com
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
with Children's Church
Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
Family Faith Formation and Adult
Bible Study after Mass with noon
potluck; 2nd Sunday of month Faith
formation for Kindergarten thru
Confirmation: every Wednesday
evening 6:30 p.m.

Annual turkey bingo, Sunday, Nov. 20
7 p.m.

SACRED HEART PARISH
810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer
The Rev. Jose Morales,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 451-1588
www.sacredheartowatonna.org

Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday,
8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sunday
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Adoration: Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH
512 S Elm, Owatonna • 507-451-4845

Fr. Kevin Connolly
Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Reconciliation 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday
Daily Mass 8 a.m. Tues., Wed. & Fri
(Communion Service 8 a.m. Thursday)
Adoration Chapel avail Mon-Fri
7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. key fob
required after hrs or wknds

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
205 NW Second Ave., Medford
(507) 451-6353

Fr. Kevin Connolly, Pastor
Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday Mass: 9 a.m.



Christian

Christ Community Covenant Church

540 18th St. SE, Owatonna
Dr. V. Brent Carlson, Pastor
507-451-1032

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Connections 10:15 a.m.

DESTINY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Owatonna Campus
422 W. North Street, Owatonna
Pastors Sam and Cheri Benson
507-254-8514 www.destinycc.org
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Full Gospel



Pastors Mark & Robin DeLap
616-788-1044
www.streetfireministries.net

Methodist

BLOOMING GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
43089 180th St., Medford
(7 miles west of Medford on CR 23)
Pastor Cindy Kennedy
(507) 835-8726

Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

ELLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirkse
(507) 684-2731
www.ellendaleumc.org
Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Free home style meal on the first
Sunday of the month through Dec.
2016. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.
followed by the free meal at
11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

OWATONNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
815 E. University, Owatonna
Loren Olson, Pastor
Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4734
www.owatonnaumc.org
Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sunday

Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Church School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m.

Non-Denominational

BRIDGES OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
130 East Bridge St. Owatonna,
Pastor Keith Haskell
507-215-2249

Sundays 10:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship starts at 9:30 a.m.
Reformers Unanimous Meetings
Fridays at 7 p.m.

CEDAR CREEK CHURCH
30 E. Main St. P.O. Box 224,
Hayfield
Pastor Aaron de Neu
(507) 477-2255

www.cedarcreekchurch.org
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

ELEVATION NORTH CHURCH
2002 Austin Rd.

Pastor Doug Jones
(507) 363-3099

www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com
Sun 10 a.m. English Service
10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone
2 p.m. Spanish Service
Wed. 7:00 Bible Study
Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
332 14th St. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Scott Peterson
(507) 721-1366

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Gateway Connection: 7 p.m. Saturday

DESTINY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Owatonna Campus

422 W. North Street, Owatonna
Pastors Sam and Cheri Benson
507-254-8514

www.destinycc.org

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

SIMPLE CHURCH

Pastor Todd Lundgren

507-451-5661

Sundays 9:30

Meeting in the Country Goods

building across the

freeway from Cabela's.

Other gatherings? Please call.

Mennonite

PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

13638 750th St., Blooming Prairie

Dennis Martin

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

Services: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Mormon

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

404 31st St. N.W., Austin

Bishop Rick Bremner

(507) 433-9042

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

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

109 E. Main St., Hayfield

Pastor Steven Robertson

(507) 477-2631

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Seventh-Day Adventist

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

2373 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna

Pastor Robert Brauer

(507) 340-7143

Service: 11 a.m. Saturday

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

UCC

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

211 Main St. S., Medford

Pastor Louise Bender

(507) 451-4596

Confirmation: 9 a.m. Sunday

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday

Assembly of God

VIBRANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

702 Third St. S., Ellendale

Pastor Patrick Stitt

(507) 684-3421

Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

vibrantlifeag.com

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

104 First Ave. N.E.,

Blooming Prairie

Pastor Matt Fennell

(507) 583-2673

Services: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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

Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday



Locally Owned & Operated

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



Always local, all the time.

411 East Main Street
507-583-4431



Service Center:
507-528-2233

After Hours Towing:
507-456-4158

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





Blooming on the Prairie for a century and a half!



Newspaper pulls through The Great Depression

“The Great Depression a thunderbolt out of the clear sky.”

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Newspapers in our history report both the good news and sometimes the bad news.

Thankfully, there are many active newspapers, including many community weekly publications in Minnesota.

The Blooming Prairie Times evolved in 1873 and has been uninterrupted in publication to the current date.

The name of the publication was recently changed to the Steele County Times but its base is still Blooming Prairie where the offices still exist.

In this third part of recounting newspaper history for our 150th anniversary recollections, we look back on the effect

of The Great Depression on the local newspaper.

The Great Depression (1929-39) was the deepest and longest-lasting economic downturn in the history of the Western industrialized world. In the United States, the Great Depression began soon after the stock market crash of October 1929, which sent Wall Street into a panic and wiped out millions of investors.

Let’s pick up some words printed in a Centennial Edition of the Times.

The depression of the late 1920s was like a “thunderbolt out of the clear sky.” Business slumped and along with it went advertising.

Failing in health at this time, Publisher Theodore Fagre made plans to shut down the newspaper.

History shows us that Fagre kept the Times operational for more than two decades when many less determined or courageous men would have seriously attempted to end it.

Mrs. Geraldine Rasmussen purchased the Times on Oct. 17, 1929. She totally remodeled the paper, instituting many up-to-the-minute styles of that era. More photographs were used and feature stories and general news articles became more dominant. Canned material was eliminated.

It was said that Mrs. Rasmussen, with enthusiastic vigor, produced a journalistic revolution never before seen in Minnesota newspapers.

“1 of 12 leading newspapers in U.S.”

With many innovations, including new equipment and machinery, attention-grabbing headlines and pictures, the Times moved into the forefront as one of the best weekly newspapers. This reputation is still sound today, in 2017 under Bussler Publications.

Mrs. Rasemussen and her

husband, H.E. Rasmussen, purchased the Austin Daily Herald in 1930. Mrs. Rasmussen then granted a one-year lease to Clement and Brown of Waseca.

Marvin Clement continued much of the same format established by Mrs. Rasmussen.

When the lease expired, Mrs. Rasmussen sold the newspaper to Walter K. Mickelson. He had previously pumped ink into his veins at the Mankato Daily Review. He later published the Waseca Journal.

As the Times survived the Depression, it was named one of the 12 leading weekly newspapers in the United States. Newspaper specialist John Casey, University of Oklahoma, chose the Times as a member of his 1931 All-American Weekly team.

The selection process emphasized “depression-busting.” Casey was especially interested in a special creamery edition, termed “an outstanding piece of newspaper

enterprise.”

Ground was broken in November of 1934 for a new building to house the Times. A 30x80 foot printing office gave the Times 50 percent more room than it had in its former structure.

The new Times office was located in the triangle across from the Blooming Prairie Cooperative Creamery Association. The new Times building was said to be a structure of necessity. The paper was on the grow and more space was needed. More presses and other printing equipment were added.

Roy C. Forsman became general manager of the times in July of 1935. He replaced Mickelson who accepted a position as director of the public relations department of the Works Progress Administration of St. Paul.

Mickelson remained owner for three more years. He announced the sale of the Times to Frank Krejci in September of 1938. Krejci was a highly successful veteran Iowa publisher.

He owned the Lake View (Iowa) Resort for 18 years before moving to Blooming Prairie.

He brought along his three sons: Victor, Vyrle and Vernon. The three sons were involved in the Lake View Resort operation. They soon became a big part of the printing operation at the Times.

NEXT: The Krejci family made quite an imprint on the business community of Blooming Prairie. Take a look at some of the changes made when brothers Victor, Vyrle and Vernon took over the ownership in 1956.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The Steele County Times will be reflecting on the 150-year history of Blooming Prairie with stories of interest during the entire year of 2017. Following is Part Two on the Blooming Prairie Times evolution. Much of the information comes from a Centennial publication of 1967 that recounts newspaper history of Blooming Prairie.)



MY BP RECOLLECTIONS

In honor of Blooming Prairie’s 150th anniversary, the Times is looking for reader submissions detailing life in the community.

Help us celebrate
Blooming’s rich heritage!

One winner will be chosen every month and awarded a pair of tickets to the **Chanhasen Dinner Theatre!**

- No more than 300 words
- Signed with contact info
- Submit to the Times
- E-Mail: bptimes@frontiernet.net

- Mail: P.O. Box 247, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
- In Person: 411 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie



**STEELE COUNTY
TIMES**
Always local, all the time.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE

A place for all kids to feel welcome.
A place that nurtures kids—a place where they can grow.
A place that gives them every opportunity to be their best.

The Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie is
the place for everyone.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE

401 4th St SE,
Blooming Prairie MN 55917
507.583.6699
msundine@bgclubbroch.org
www.bgclubbroch.org

Winter white out? Precision for your collision.



507-437-2837
1410 21st Avenue, Austin
HOURS: M-Th 7:30AM - 5:30PM, Fri. by appt only.
Closed Sat. & Sun.



CSI:
Collision Specialists Inc
www.csiaustinmn.com



In a time of uncertainties... TRUST.

stick with your loyal companion.
Your community newspaper is still the leading source for everything you need to know.

87% of all Minnesota adults read a paper each week. Want trust?
Look no further.



**STEELE COUNTY
Times**
Always local, all the time.

411 E. Main Street | PO Box 247
(507) 583-4431 | Fax (507) 583-4445

E-mail: bptimes@frontiernet.net • www.bloomingprairieonline.com

Weather whips through Blooming



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Bloomington experienced a strange weather phenomenon last week as a low creeping wind and ice storm engulfed the city. Visibility was less than a quarter mile and inside the cloud, swirling winds caused the chill to feel like -30 degrees. Like an ominous cloud it shrouded BP and then moved into the fields west of town.

SCCL under scrutiny

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Steele County Communities for a Lifetime hosted an information session for the county commissioners at the Koda Chapel on Jan. 12. The public was also invited to attend.

Most of the meeting was taken up with Kevin Rymanowski, who sits on the SCCL board, giving a presentation on the history of SCCL to explain how the decision in front of the board came to be.

The initial vision was for a downsizing and replacement of the existing Cedarview nursing facilities in favor of ones built on the hospital campus.

SCCL would be a collaboration between the Cedarview staff, Owatonna hospital, Benedictine Health Services, Allina Health, and Steele County.

It would, and is, a non-profit corporation with a board of directors made up in equal parts of members from the county and Benedictine Health services.

The timeline for SCCL:

May 2008 - obtained special legislation allowing for project to move forward

June 2009 - Steele County Communities for a Lifetime is incorporated

November 2012 - SCCL and the county enter into a lease and purchase agreement. Operation of Cedarview/Park Place is transferred to SCCL

October 2012 - groundbreaking of new care facilities, Koda, at Owatonna hospital campus

2012/13 - planning committee determines best use of existing Cedarview facility

Feb. 12, 2013 - 58 residents move into new Koda Living Community

In its first few years, Koda failed to make any profits, and as of this year is in the black for the first time.

For the last year, Koda facilities have now run at full capacity with beds empty only as long as it takes to move someone in.

“We struggled,” Rymanowski said, “but we are moving in the right direction.” He noted that Koda made 9 million dollars in revenue this year which is an almost 2 million dollar increase over last year.

Rymanowski attributes the past revenue trouble to a combination of poor cost projections and lower Medicare payment rates, such as the 11 percent decrease in 2012.

The lower rates meant no raises for the staff, which led to trouble keeping Koda fully staffed. Without a full staff, they were limited in the number of residents they could admit.

Last January, when the Medicare rate increased, they gave raises and their staffing trouble diminished, so they can now operate at full occupancy.

With their difficulties at the new facility under control, the SCCL board is now returning its attention to the facilities at Cedarview/Park Place that are sitting empty.

The original plan had been to renovate Park Place into new assisted living sites. The projected cost had been half a million, but when they took their plans to the city they discovered the costs would be closer to 2.5 million. At that cost, they considered the

SCCL

Continued on page 2B

Ellendale council swears in new mayor

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Jan. 12 Ellendale city council meeting opened with swearing in the new mayor and council members. Russell Goette is now beginning his first term as mayor of Ellendale. Steve Engle and Duane Goebel were also sworn in and make up the council alongside Stephanie Kibler and Scott Groth, who were not up for election this November.

The council also made appointments to the various city commissioner positions. The appointments are:

- acting mayor - Groth
- liquor store commissioners - Kibler and Goette
- water commissioners - Engle and Groth
- street commissioner - Goebel
- building and ground commissioners - Kibler and Goette
- maintenance commissioners - Engle and Goebel
- economic development commissioners - Groth and Kibler
- treasurer - Lee Ann Hojberg
- fire chief - Mark Lee

The only positions left unappointed were the those one the health committee. When Goette asked around and no one even knew what it did, so the council elected not fill the committee.

“We have an ambulance crew that’s more than qualified to answer any health questions,” said Goette.

With the appointments finished, the council onto regular business starting with an update from Tami Hallum on the status of The Muni.

Hallum said they’re updating there menu to vary the items and cut down on the number of fried foods.

“It’s been a while since there’s been a new menu,” Hallum said. They’re looking to add pork wings, steak sandwiches, bull bites, and Cuban sandwiches. They also want to start doing Mexican themed nights with fajitas and tacos.

Several new events are in the works including getting Saturday afternoon cleared for Bingo, and tentatively scheduling a wine and craft beer tasting the Sunday after Valentine’s Day. Hallum would also like to host more street dances beyond Ellendale Days

Goette asked Hallum to look into buying more menu items locally.

“See what we can buy in town,” said Goette, “We need to support the businesses in town.”

After Hallum finished her update, the board discussed the future of The Muni. They talked about possibly selling it to someone interested in keeping it as a restaurant or possibly starting a micro-brewery. The council



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Mayor Russell Goette was sworn into office at the most recent Ellendale council meeting. He is beginning his first term as mayor of Ellendale

agreed they needed more information and will continue to talk with the bank and realtor about their options.

A quick maintenance report informed the council that the Department of Health had called to let them know the number two well they want capped might be covered by a grant. The well will take

\$10,000 to seal.

On Jan. 23 at 11am there will a town-wide water shut-off to undertake maintenance repair.

As a final minor piece of business, the pictures of the Ellendale area veterans that use to hang in the Muni will now be hung in the community center.

BP City Council will look at sex offender ordinance

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

After some informative discussion at a regular city council meeting Monday, Jan. 9, Bloomington Mayor H. Peterson and council members asked the city attorney to present a model sex offender ordinance to them at the the next council meeting Feb. 13.

City Attorney Jason Iacovino brought up discussion on a Level 3 sex offender ordinance and said he will prepare a model ordinance for the city to study.

Council member Bill Newman expressed concern about Level 3 offenders residing close to areas where kids are found. “They can live here

but not near the areas of concern,” Newman said. He also said the city has limited police coverage to deal with these issues.

Iacovino, speaking at the City Center, said the cities of Ramsey, Elysian, Morristown and Stewartville have ordinances setting parameters where Level 3 sex offenders can live. Ramsey joined three other Anoka County communities in adopting ordinances. The other cities were: Andover, Anoka and Coon Rapids.

Iacovino said the ordinances aimed at Level 3 sex offenders “are narrowly tailored” and essentially, will cover most Level 3 offenders. The ordinances speak to distances an offender can

live from schools, city parks and churches. It was pointed out by city administrator Mike Jones that there are no distances recited in state statutes.

The public is concerned about the high risk of these unsupervised offenders, Iacovino said. He said Bloomington’s Police Chief Greg Skillestad believes an ordinance should be adopted for the safety of children in the community.

Following the meeting, Chief Skillestad spoke with the Times and said these Level 3 offenders are given that label for a reason, meaning they are more likely to re-offend.

“We are not saying

ORDINANCE

Continued on page 2B

School patrol safety members keep others safe



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Sheriff Lon Thiele places a sheriff pin on Shania Garz’s sweater Friday morning during a ceremony in which she and 44 other fellow fifth graders were sworn in as school patrol safety members at Lincoln Elementary in Owatonna. The patrol members are committed to keeping other students safe around school. Story appears on 2B.

County Living



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Paytn Struss, left, and Ava Flemke raise their right hands as they take the oath to be school patrol members Friday morning at Lincoln Elementary School in Owatonna. Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele administered the oath for 45 patrol members and gave them each sheriff pins to signify their commitment to safety.

Young patrol members take oath

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Their job is to keep other students safe. And last week they took a pledge to uphold their commitment.

On Friday morning, 45 fifth graders at Lincoln Elementary School in Owatonna stood before other students, parents and faculty members a little nervous, but mostly excited as Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele approached them. They weren't in any trouble, but instead Thiele administered the oath to them for serving as safety patrol members.

Each of the students raised their right hands and promised to do their best in keeping fellow

students safe coming to and going away from school. Thiele also gave them a sheriff's pin to signify the important job they have.

"It's a pretty big deal," said Amy Roberts, fifth grade teacher and school patrol coordinator. "They like to be recognized for doing the right thing."

Roberts said having a student patrol is valuable to the school. "They're keeping kids safe, but it also gives kids an opportunity to work together as a team," she said.

In addition, the program teaches responsibility, according to Roberts. "It gives the kids the opportunity to showcase their strengths and take on the role of leadership," she said.

Fourteen school patrol members are called to duty each day "to keep the walkers and the crossers safe," Roberts said. She added the patrol members work in pairs and are typically supervised by a staff member.

Besides helping younger students cross the streets safely, patrol members also keep an eye out for dangerous student behavior and report it if necessary.

Thiele says the swearing in ceremony is one of the more enjoyable aspects of his job as sheriff. "This is fun," he said. "It gives them some appreciation for the hard work they do."

The sheriff said he's available to do ceremonies like this for any school in the county.

City of Blooming Prairie in compliance with Pay Equity Act

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The City of Blooming Prairie is in compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act (LGPEA) which was adopted by the Minnesota Legislature in 1984.

The act was passed to correct gender-based wage discrimination in public sector employment in Minnesota. The law requires that female employees not be paid consistently below male employees of comparable value (points).

City Administrator Mike Jones reported to the council at its regular monthly meeting at the City Center on Monday, Jan. 9 that pay equity numbers are better than they have ever been

Jones said some pay raises were given to female staff and public utilities also made some adjustments in pay equity this past year.

Jones' report will be filed with the State of Minnesota before Jan. 31, 2017 and includes a Library Tech 1 position. In the past Jones has not included the position as the city is only required to report employees who work 13 hours a week. The city is in compliance including the position in the report.

Jones said he ran three different compliance reports including the Library Tech 1 position, without the position and reflecting the Library Tech 1 position

being filled by a male employee. All three reports were in compliance, Jones said.

On a motion by council member Brad Clark, the council unanimously approved Jones' report.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution detailing official appointments for 2017. Council member Bill Newman was appointed acting mayor. Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie was named the Official Depository. City investments can be made at the U.S. Bank system and Northland Security. The Steele County Times was named the Official Newspaper. City Attorney will be the law firm of Hennefield & Iacovino.
- Reviewed expense reimbursement limits and mileage rate. The mileage rate of 53.5 cents a mile represents the IRS rate set Jan. 1, 2017. The city's current policy is to reimburse mileage at the IRS rate. This rate is a decrease of a half-cent per mile from 2016.
- Reviewed city fee schedules. The only change is reflected on the Blooming prairie Public Utilities rates schedule. The water base rate was increased by \$2 to \$13 a service. City Administrator Jones said with water main improvements to Main Street and 3rd St. South, the BP Utility Commission

determined that an additional rate increase was needed to cover future debt payments.

- Approved a summary for employee evaluations and pay adjustments during closed session on Dec. 12, 2016.
- Accepted donation of \$1,500 from the Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce as part of its charitable gambling operation at J & H Liquors. It was requested that \$750 of the funds be used by the city for fire department expenditures and \$750 of the funds be used for ambulance expenditures.
- Set meeting of Blooming Prairie Local Board of Appeal & Equalization for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10 at the City Center. A date for the continuation meeting has not been set.
- Approved temporary liquor license for the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Sunday, Feb. 5, Super Bowl Sunday.
- Listened to Jones' city administrator report. He reported on possible transfer of streets, talked about the three-year revenue averages, said the ice rink is running smoothly under the direction of Jeremy Wangen and related that the EDA is looking at four possible building demolitions during 2017: old clinic, old barbershop, S & S Motors and barn owned by Mike Debeau.

Commissioners concerned over costs

SCCL: from page 1B

no longer feasible. The valuation of Park Place is \$3,662,801. The outstanding bond balance against it is \$2,795,000.

It's currently costing the county \$120,000 a year to maintain the empty building at Cedarview. The SCCL is investigating alternative uses. The current financing bond limits its future uses to housing related activities.

In July 2016, SCCL entered into a forbearance agreement with lenders that has been extended twice, and is now in effect till June 2017.

The SCCL board is now seeking to be released from an outstanding debt to the county. When SCCL purchased Cedarview they did so at a price equal to the balance of outstanding bonds, plus a \$2 million cash component that would be paid back prior to 2030 from the profits of Koda.

Since Koda has not been making a significant profit, they have not been able to pay back the \$2 million.

As long as they are in debt the \$2 million, they cannot borrow money from the banks. They want to borrow

money from the banks, so they can refurbish the unused Cedarview facilities and put them to use.

The provision allowing for the county to forgive the debt was suspended when they extended the forbearance agreement until June. The new county board has until then to assess the pledge and whether or not to release SCCL from its \$2 million commitment.

After Rymanowski gave his presentation, the commissioners had a chance to comment and ask questions.

Commissioner Rick Gnemi commented that, "You're running it as good as its gonna get."

He was concerned that, with all beds full, Koda had maximized its revenue and cannot continue the same gains it had from last year.

"We have a responsibility to the taxpayers," Jim Abbe remarked in reference to considerable public concern over the issue.

Greg Krueger, also a SCCL board member, commented that they had gone to taxpayers in 2010 telling them a set cost and far exceeded it.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

All five commissioners attended the workshop on SCCL. This was strictly an informational meeting to bring the commissioners up to speed on the situation.

"How do we go back to these people and ask them to trust again?" Krueger said, "I don't know that the taxpayers of this county can handle that."

The meeting ended in some disruption, as members of the public had been under the impression they would have the chance to comment, and they did not. There were several outbursts from the audience,

and Mayor Lois Nelson, who chaired the meeting, had to call for order. A few members of the public left in frustration.

17,500 offenders in Minnesota

ORDINANCE: from page 1B

offenders are not welcome; we just want to be proactive," said Skillestad.

According to the Department of Corrections figures released last September, there are approximately 17,500 registered predatory offenders in Minnesota, of which 370 are at Level 3. More than 30 communities in Minnesota reportedly have adopted Level 3 predator ordinances.

U.S. District Court Judge Donovan Frank in 2015 ruled that the Minnesota Sex Offender Program is unconstitutional. The state

of Minnesota appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals in April 2016.

A U.S. Court of appeals panel early this month reversed the lower court ruling and affirmed the constitutionality of Minnesota's sex offender confinement program, putting the matter into the hands of a lower court.

Minnesota is one of about 20 states where sex offenders can be confined through a civil court order instead of prison or after an offender's prison sentence has ended.



Follow us on Twitter
for real time news updates:
@SteeleC_Times

First family fun night



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Our first Family Fun Night of the new year will be held

on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library.

We will enjoy stories about our Winter Wonderland, including one that will be read by (electric) candlelight. Our ECFE friends will be providing crafts for the kids. Embrace the Minnesota winter weather, bring a blanket if you are cold, and join us that evening!

We now have an Imagination Station in our children's area. Based on STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering & Mathematics) principles, the station features simple learning experiences for adults and children to share. Each board provides instructions, questions for the adult to ask the child, and how the activity helps children master skills needed before kindergarten. Each week a new activity will be set up in the children's area.

Thanks to Karen Hanson of the Owatonna Public Library for sharing the stations with us. See you at the library!



157 Hwy. Ave N – Blooming Prairie MN

Career Opportunity: Process Operator Job
APPLY ONLINE ONLY AT:
www.arkema-americas.com

This position is responsible for the operation of the system to manufacture various epoxidized soybean oil products. Arkema is a 24/7 operation with a 2 week rotating shift, 12 hour work day, 36 hrs. first week & 48 hrs. the second week (overtime applies), night shift premium.

Job Duties:

- Operation of process equipment and monitoring process indicators
- Follow documented process procedures
- Proficient use of Arkema data entry systems using process monitoring computer
- Follow company Health, Environmental and Safety standards
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications/Experience Required

- HS diploma or GED
- Chemical plant experience preferred; manufacturing experience a plus
- Basic computer skills (Microsoft office, etc)

Benefits: 401K, Medical, Vision, Dental, vacation, personal holidays and holiday pay.

Arkema is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CRIME BRIEF

Man faces felony DWI after crashing into car

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A suspected drunken driver is facing a felony DWI charge in connection with a property damage crash in Owatonna.

Lonnie Hans Bronstad, 41, of New Ulm has been charged by the Steele County Attorney’s Office with two felony counts of first-degree drunken driving, including refusal to submit to a chemical test.

Police responded to a report of a crash on West Frontage Road in front of Walmart Jan. 6 at about 9:09 p.m. A motorist received moderate damage to the driver’s side of his vehicle. No one was injured.

When police went to talk to Bronstad, who was parked in the McDonald’s lot, he gazed out of the driver’s window failing to acknowledge the officer. Because of damage to the vehicle, Bronstad had to crawl out of the vehicle on the passenger’s side.

Once Bronstad got out of the vehicle, the officer saw he had poor balance and had an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him, court documents allege. Bronstad admitted he had been drinking in Faribault, but denied driving the vehicle.

During field sobriety tests, Bronstad allegedly told the officer multiple times, “I’m drunk, but I wasn’t driving.” Despite

his plea of not driving, a witness provided information to police to the contrary. He also had keys to the vehicle in his pocket, police said.

A preliminary breath test administered at the scene indicated Bronstad’s alcohol level to be .241, which is three times the legal limit to drive.

After being arrested for impaired driving, Bronstad refused to take a breath test.

Court records show Bronstad was previously convicted of felony DWI in Lyon County in 2004. A check of his driving record shows he has an alcohol restriction requiring no use of alcohol.

Besides the pair of felony counts, Bronstad has also been charged with violation of a restricted driver’s license, which is a gross misdemeanor.

If Bronstad is convicted of the felonies, he faces a maximum sentence of seven years in prison and a \$14,000 fine.



Lonnie Hans Bronstad

property damage crashes throughout the day – at Oak Ave. S. and School St. W. at 11:47 a.m., at Cedar Ave. S. and Mill St. W. at 3:10 p.m. and at State Ave. NW and Hoffman Dr. NW at 8:12 p.m.

Jan. 11

Snowbird. Officers towed four vehicles for snowbird enforcement throughout the day.

Theft. Police took a theft report in the 3600 block of County Road 45 N. at 11:54 a.m.

Shoplifting. At 12:09 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE at 6:18 p.m.

Jan. 12

Warrant. Officers made a warrant arrest in the 2200 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 10:36 a.m.

Stop Arm. At 2:48 p.m., police received information regarding a stop arm violation in the 1900 block of Woodcrest Dr. NE.

Burglary. Officers responded to a burglary in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 8 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Jan. 2 with Judge Joseph A. Buetel presiding:

Peter R. Caudillo, 24, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony knowingly violate registration requirement as predatory offender. He was sentenced to \$131 and 21 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Jan. 2 – 6:

Blooming Prairie
Police Department

Jose O. Campos, 23, Albert Lea, speeding, \$131; Lah Reh, 33, St.

Paul, permit violation and no insurance, \$331.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Eduardo Angeles, 51, Omaha, NE, no license, \$181; Jewel E. Campbell-Goodwin, 21, Minneapolis, permit violation and no insurance, \$331; Kyle B. Daniels, 19, Rosemount, speeding and revoked license, \$581; Gary T. De Motts, 61, Chippewa Falls, WI, unsafe lane usage and not current log book, \$181; David D. Dietz, 67, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Eric J. Ensign, 28, Rochester, speeding, \$141;

Jason R. Erke, 38, Apple Valley, speeding, \$121; Desirae D. Farr, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jeff D. Frye, 51, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Norma J. Hoffmaster, 46, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Paw Htoo, 20, Storm Lake, IA, speeding, \$121; Andria J. Ites, 34, Brooklyn Center, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Roland D. James, 57, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106;

Ashton A. Kane, 21, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Dennis D. Krenz, 17, Faribault, speeding, \$281; Yang Y. Ly, 33, Cottage Grove, speeding, \$121; Kaleb R. Maynard, 19, Sioux City, IA, speeding, \$121; Emil F. Miller, 54, Blooming Prairie, seat belt; Kathleen A. Nelson, 51, Mantorville, speeding, \$121; Hilario Ortiz-Vital, 21, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$141; Pamela M. Roiger-Joel, 34, Mankato, seat belt, \$106; Benjamin J. Schafer, 19, Woodbury, speeding, \$141;

Irie S. Schlaeger Dos Santos, 20, Minneapolis, possession of marijuana, \$231; Hillary R. Schneider, 29, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Shane A. Stutzman, 40, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Lee M. Wallin, 26, Hartland, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$181; Vicente B. Zarate, 29, Austin, no insurance, no license and seat belt, \$406.

Owatonna Police
Department

Melissa A. Broton, 42, Wabasha, suspended license, \$281; Andres Cantu, 24, Eagle Pass, TX, invalid license and no insurance, \$381; Mohamed H. Dahir, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jacob M. Dub, 17, Owatonna, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Benjamin D. Fratzke, 40, Winona, DWI, \$406, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Vincent F. Guggisberg, 24, Owatonna, suspended registration, \$381; Thomas W. Halvorson, 47, Lamberton, DWI, \$981, 90 days in county jail (work release), maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, anger management and 3 years of supervised probation; Jenna W. Herzog, 32, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Adrian Ibarra, 42, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Daniela G. Mariscal, 33, Owatonna, no license and no insurance, \$381; Christine J. Martin, 58, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Kimberly M. Matzke, 39, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Francisco J. Menchaca, 24, Owatonna, no insurance, expired tabs and improper information on license, \$331; Martin W. Osmund, 53, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Gary L. Padilla, 37, Owatonna, give peace officer false information, \$131; Julie M. Schmitt, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Joseph J. Wallin, 20, Owatonna, damage to property, \$1,057.69 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Beau P. Wanner, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Kevin W. Webster, 27, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Linda M. Williams, 46, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281.

Steele County
Sheriff’s Office

Paul J. Andersen, 52, Ankeny, IA, speeding, \$121; William F. Caron, 52, New Richland, stop sign, \$131; Brendan A. Dimmel, 20, Janesville, revoked license and no insurance, \$481;

Joshua A. Geary, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$381; Agro A. Gushwa, 16, Geneva, speeding, \$121; Meranda S. Hedberg, 24, Farmington, speeding, \$121; Juan Hernandez-Juarez, 32, St. Paul, revoked license and speeding, \$331;

Patricia A. Hovey, 49, Cheboygan, MI, speeding, \$121; Alex M. Huerta, 23, Faribault, no license and possession of marijuana, \$331; Laurie K. Johnson, 51, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Mohammed B. Kanneh, 27, Moundsview, speeding, \$141; John D. Knudtson, 18, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Brian E. Lafky, 22, Medford, speeding, \$141;

Ernesto Lazaro Vazquez, 34, Medford, no license, \$181; David P. Markl, 47, Las Vegas, NV, speeding, \$121; Madison A. Meixner, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Jordan P. Muldoon, 27, Waterville, revoked license and no insurance, \$481;

Kristofer J. Schneider, 24, Hutchinson, speeding, \$121; Diane J. Sell, 29, Wadsworth, IL, speeding, \$141; Samantha V. Serratore, 24, Austin, speeding, \$141; William J. Stewart, 43, Pompano Beach, FL, speeding, \$131; Julie K. Templin, 52, New Richland, speeding, \$121; Trevis P. Underdahl, 41, Northfield, speeding, \$121; Beau P. Wanner, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Michael S. Winter, 25, Medford, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office handled 164 complaints during the week of Jan. 4 – 10. Some of them include:

Jan. 5

Disturbance. At 12:15 a.m., deputies responded to a disturbance where a woman was throwing things at her fiancé in the 100 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center.

Suspicion. Deputies found a vehicle in a parking lot that was darked out and occupied in the 400 block of 3rd Ave. SW in Dodge Center at 1:53 a.m.

Assist. Deputies assisted Rochester Police with locating a kidnapping/assault suspect in the 600 block of 13th Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 3:26 p.m.

Civil. At 4:26 p.m., deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 300 block of East St. N. in Claremont.

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 54200 block of State Hwy. 56 in West Concord at 10:03 p.m.

Jan. 6

Animal Neglect. At 9:07 a.m., deputies received a report of two dogs running loose in the 400 block of 2nd St. NE in Dodge Center. The complainant said the dogs are always running loose, appear to be very cold and may have injuries to their paws.

Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 17800 block of 540th St. in West Concord at 3:58 p.m.

Disturbance. At 6:38 p.m., a Claremont citizen called deputies when a female refused to leave his home in the 300 block of East St. N.

Child Abuse. Deputies began an investigation of child abuse in the 300 block of 1st St. NE in Dodge Center at 7:17 p.m.

Jan. 7

Accident. Deputies, Dodge Center Fire, West Concord Ambulance and Mayo One responded to a snowmobile accident in the 900 block of North St. NE in Dodge Center at 5:35 p.m. One was transported by ambulance to St. Mary’s Hospital.

Jan. 8

Suspicion. Deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 61000 block of 205th Ave. in Dodge Center at 9:17 p.m.

Welfare. Deputy completed a welfare check in the 54300 block of 237th Ave. in West Concord at 10:41 p.m.

Jan. 9

Larceny. A citizen reported an

attempted theft of a four-wheeler in the 20900 block of 601st St. in Dodge Center at 12:36 p.m.

Probation. Deputy completed a probation check in the 100 block of 5th St. SW in Dodge Center at 2:35 p.m.. The subject was found to be in violation and transported to the Olmsted County Jail.

Animal. Deputies received an animal complaint from the 60200 block of 195th Ave. in Dodge Center at 5:16 p.m.

Jan. 10

Fraud. A Dodge Center citizen reported a fraudulent charge on her bank card at 10:38 a.m.

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 1:15 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Jan. 2 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Vantiy S. Bartlett, 29, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of narcotics. Bartlett was sentenced to \$205 and 24 months in Shakopee State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Jan. 2 – 9:

Dodge County
Sheriff’s Office

Wayne M. Adreon, 37, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Jacob J. Bigelow, 21, Kasson, suspended license, \$280; Renard L. Carter, 26, Dodge Center, suspended license, \$280; Michael P. Chilson, 51, Mantorville, parking violation, \$32; Kevin M. Claussen, 19, Pine Island, fleeing a peace officer, stay of adjudication, \$100 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction;

Daren L. Crago, 45, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Dakota P. Delzer, 20, Mantorville, revoked license, \$280; Vincent P. Dombrowski, 21, Delafield, WI, unlawful passing and speeding, \$190; Chrysten N. Doney, 28, Rochester, revoked license and no insurance, \$480; Kelly A. Domink, 25, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Dominga Fernandez, 61, Kasson, stop sign, \$130; Grace M. Hager, 18, Kasson, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$130 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction;

Ryan R. Jacobson, 30, Owatonna, invalid license, \$180; Jason J. Jennings, 48, Claremont, parking violation, \$32; Joshua J. Kastner, 40, Zumbro Falls, parking violation, \$32; Luis F. Leon-delgado, 38, West Concord, invalid license, \$180;

Brian H. Lubbert, 41, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Keith W. Lyke, 23, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Brian D. Mitchell, 33, Wanamingo, speeding, \$140;

Juan A. Ochoa, 40, Rochester, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$1,000, 37 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain employment and housing, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Ryan O. Olson, 38, Nerstrand, revoked license, 90 days in county jail; Tammy A. Ray, 40, Mantorville, parking violation, \$32;

Scott R. Schley, 57, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Christian G. Skjeveland, 47, Claremont, solid waste facility delivery violation, \$580; Lawrence P. Smith, 68, Adams, parking violation, \$32; Ryan E. Smith, 34, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140; Allen E. Starkson, 57, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Kyisha L. Stevenson-Gaines, 34, Rochester, parking violation, \$64; Randall J. Udenberg Jr., 34, Goodhue, no insurance, \$280; Joshua S. Yngsdal, 24, Dodge Center, revoked license, \$280.

Kasson Police
Department

Shawn R. Bjerke, 31, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Lorne N. Deraad, 48, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Ebony M. Haughton, 29, Kasson, revoked license and seat belt, \$305; Arianna L. Holtz, 23, Stewart, speeding, \$140; Thomas J. Horton, 29, Rochester, revoked license and no insurance, \$480; April D. Josselyn, 34, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; Amie M. Koivu, 34, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Meggan L. Murphy, 24, Kasson, theft of motor vehicle, stay of adjudication, \$1,000, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, educational assessment, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Jesse A. Riese, 38, Plainview, cancelled license, stay of adjudication, \$200 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Richard C. Schneider, 46, Byron, seat belt, \$105; Ted C. Servis, 42, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Amanda K. Siegele, 27, Kasson, revoked license and seat belt, \$305; Aaron M. Swarts, 41, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Trent R. Traxler, 26, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; James A. Wolkenhauer, 55, Medford, cancelled license, stay of adjudication, \$200, Ignition Interlock program and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Lorie L. Alwes, 57, Kasson, failure to yield, \$130; Tierney L. Davis, 25, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105; Jenny G. Guadalupe Gutierrez, 22, Albert Lea, no insurance, \$280; Larry F. Homan, 55, Stewartville, unsafe passing, \$130; Jaymie L. Livingston, 20, Faribault, no insurance, \$280; Cynthia A. Peterson, 23, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Karl S. Rasmussen, 44, Kasson, failure to yield, \$40; Andrew J. Weingartz, 26, Mankato, speeding, \$140.

ARREST
Steele County

Owatonna Police

Lonnie Hans Bronstad, 41, arrested at 9:46 p.m. Jan. 6, DWI-test refusal, held for court.

Jonathan Sivelstre Viera, 28, arrested at 5:05 p.m. Jan. 7, domestic assault, assault and terroristic threats, held for court.

Nicholas Looman Zvorak, 39, arrested at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 8, DWI, held for court.

Natalie Ann Moe, 31, arrested at 11:28 a.m. Jan. 12, failure to appear warrant, assault, fleeing a peace officer and obstructing the legal process, \$6,000 bail.

Steele County Sheriff

Destiny Renee Reich, 26, complaint warrant arrest, \$20,000 bail.

Jason Alan Dalbec, 39, arrested at 7:37 a.m. Jan. 9, felony probation violation apprehension and detention, body only.

Samantha Ann Bill, 24, arrested at 10 a.m. Jan. 9, possession and shoplifting warrants arrest, body only.

Caleb Rodney Buchanan, 24, arrested at 10 a.m. Jan. 9, probation violation (possession) warrant arrest, body only.

Kaylynn Alicia Smart, 28, arrested at 5:20 p.m. Jan. 9, probation (check forgery and drugs) warrants arrest, body only.

Terry Lee Fink, 44, arrested at 3:33 p.m. Jan. 9, warrant arrest, body only.

Jacob David Reed, 23, arrested at 7:20 p.m. Jan. 9, warrant arrest, body only.

Marcus Wayne Leith, 39, arrested at 3:04 p.m. Jan. 10, probation violation and controlled substance warrants arrest, \$10,000 bail and body only.

Brandin David Botten, 28, arrested at 7:16 p.m. Jan. 11, order for protection violation, held for court.

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.
The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Lennie St. Martin – burglary – no bail
- Anthony Stapleton – revoked license - \$2,000 bail
- Joseph Stenbakken – contempt of court - \$500 bail
- Bashir Sudi – theft by check - \$10,000 bail
- Pablo Tagle – theft by swindle - \$1,000 bail
- Brandon Tate – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail
- Alvin Taylor – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- John Tedd – domestic assault – no bail
- Allen Telschow – DWI – no bail
- Ramiro Terrones – DWI - \$500 bail

- Norma Thibodeau – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail
- James Thomas – theft – no bail
- Carla Thompkins – stalking - \$35,000 bail
- Larry Thompson – obstruction - \$3,000 bail
- Timothy Tillman – assault - \$20,000 bail
- Richard Tople – DWI – no bail
- Enrique Torres – theft - \$300 bail
- Julio Touchet Campos – criminal sexual conduct - \$250,000 bail
- Jaime Tovar – DWI – no bail
- Jeremy Trevino – drugs - \$500,000 bail

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

WHO'S YOUR
fav?

Reader's
Choice
Awards
2017

Dodge/
Steele

1ST ANNUAL
READERS'
CHOICE AWARDS

Winners will be published in
the Annual Readers Choice
Publications in
February

2 Ways to Vote:

1.Drop off
at Steele County Press
411 Main St E, Blooming Prairie

2.go online to steeledodge.com and print
the page and send in or drop off at to
address above.

dc@kmtel.com

FOOD AND DRINK

Breakfast _____

Lunch _____

Dinner _____

Happy Hour _____

Buffet _____

Hamburger _____

Steakhouse _____

Ethnic _____

Mexican _____

Italian _____

Pizza _____

Liquor Store _____

Beer/Bar _____

Locally Owned Grocery Store _____

Family Dining _____

Ice Cream/Yogurt _____

Sports Bar _____

HOME & GARDEN

Electrician _____

Roofing Company _____

Antique Store _____

Hardware Store _____

Plumbing Company _____

Landscaping _____

Heating and Air Company _____

Appliance Store _____

Flooring Store _____

AUTOMOTIVE

Truck Dealership _____

Car Dealership _____

Car Wash _____

Oil Change _____

Towing Company _____

Auto Repair Shop _____

Auto Body Shop _____

Gas Station _____

New Car Salesman - Dealership _____

Used Car Salesman - Dealership _____

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate Company _____

Real Estate Agent - Company _____

Mortgage Lender/Broker _____

Title Company _____

New Home Builder _____

RECREATION

Waterpark (Indoor) _____

Waterpark (Outdoor) _____

Summer Camp _____

Travel Agency _____

Sporting Goods Store _____

Bowling _____

EDUCATION

Private School _____

Public School _____

College _____

University _____

Vocational School _____

Technical College _____

Teacher - School _____

Principal - School _____

BANKING & FINANCIAL

Bank _____

Financial Planner _____

Insurance Company _____

Accounting Firm _____

Tax Preparation _____

Accountant/CPA _____

Insurance Agent Location _____

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Spa _____

Tanning _____

Fitness Center _____

Massage Therapy _____

Stylist - Salon _____

Facility _____

MEDICAL

Doctor _____

Pediatrician _____

OB/GYN _____

Dentist Office _____

Orthodontist _____

Optometrist _____

Dermatologist _____

Chiropractor _____

Hospital _____

Emergency Room _____

Urgent Care Clinic _____

Pharmacy _____

Clinic _____

Hearing Center _____

OTHER SERVICES/SHOPPING

Pet Store _____

Vet Clinic _____

Pet Grooming _____

Lawyer/Attorney _____

Photographer _____

Tattoo Parlor _____

Book Store _____

Funeral Home _____

Moving Company _____

Florist _____

Employment Services _____

Computer Repair _____

Submit your
ballot by
Monday,
February 6

No photo copies will be accepted

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

ARE YOU A SUBSCRIBER YES / NO _____

Mail or Deliver to:

1.Drop off
at Steele County Press
411 Main St E, Blooming Prairie

2.go online to steeledodge.com and print the page
and send in or drop off at to address above.

Help for seniors with bladder control problems

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the best treatments recommended to help seniors with bladder control problems?
Leaking Linda

Dear Linda,
 Incontinence is very common in older adults. According to the CDC, more than half of women and 30 percent of men ages 65 and older are affected by it. Fortunately, there are a wide variety of treatment options that can help, as well as a number of absorbent pads or underwear you could use for leakage protection. Here's what you should know.
 See A Doctor
 If you leak unexpectedly (also known as stress incontinence) or sometimes have such a strong urge to urinate (urge incontinence) that you fear you won't make it to a bathroom in time, your first step is to make an ap-

pointment with your primary care doctor, or see a gynecologist, urologist, or urogynecologist.
 A doctor can determine if a medication side effect or a condition like diabetes or a urinary tract infection might be causing urine leakage. They can also set you up with a treatment plan. Depending on the reason or the type on incontinence you have, here are some common treatment options.
 Non-drug therapies: There are a number of exercises, bladder training techniques and lifestyle strategies that should be the first line of treatment.
 Kegel exercises (repeatedly tightening and relaxing the muscles that stop urine flow to strengthen them) are especially helpful for women with stress incontinence, or leaking when they laugh, cough, sneeze, lift

heavy objects, or exercise.
 Bladder training involves keeping a diary of urination and accidents, then slowly increasing the time between bathroom visits. It's most effective for those with urge incontinence.
 There are also a number of lifestyle strategies that can help, such as cutting down on caffeinated and alcoholic drinks, which cause the kidneys to produce more urine. Getting sufficient fiber in your diet to keep yourself regular, because constipation can contribute to incontinence. Losing weight if appropriate, because excess weight puts pressure on the abdomen and bladder, and being overweight can also lead to Type 2 diabetes, which causes damage to the nerves that control the bladder. And if you smoke quit, because smoking leads to excess coughing which can cause urine leak-

age.
 Medications: Several drugs are approved for urge incontinence (or overactive bladder), such as prescription mirabegron (Myrbetriq), oxybutynin (Ditropan XL and generic), solifenacin (Vesicare), and tolterodine (Detrol and generic).
 While drug treatments are effective for many people, you also need to know that more than half of those who take incontinence drugs stop within six months because of side effects including constipation, drowsiness, dry mouth, blurry vision, and dizziness.
 Injections of Botox into the bladder muscle are also approved for this condition and may reduce the urge to urinate. This is usually prescribed to people only if other first line medications haven't been successful.



THE SAVVY SENIOR

Brought to you by:

Prairie Manor Care Center & Heather Haus

220 3rd St. NW,
Bloomington Prairie

583-4434

Medications should only be considered for those who continue to have bothersome symptoms despite having tried lifestyle changes and therapy exercises.
 Electrical stimulation: Mild electric shocks to nerves in the lower back or the pelvic area can stimulate and strengthen muscles that are involved in urination. This can help with both urge and stress incontinence, but it requires multiple treatments over many weeks.
 Surgery: Several surgical procedures are available for stress incontinence. The most common is sling surgery, where strips of synthetic mesh are implanted to support the urethra. This surgery is very effective in most patients, but should be a last resort.
 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.

Prairie Manor Inc. annual board meeting is:

Jan 26th at 5:00PM in the Chapel
 223 4th St NW Bloomington Prairie
Public Welcome.





Always local, all the time.



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

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

ELLENDALE
 Lerberg's Foods

HAYFIELD
 Casey's General Store

MEDFORD
 Anhorn's Gas & Tire

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



"Quality Care with a Small Town Touch"

Prairie Manor Care Center has an Immediate Openings for:

❖ **DIETARY AIDE** ❖

Part-time, days, evenings & weekends

Apply in person or call Pam Doerhoefer, CDM at 507-583-5181
 220 3rd St NW Bloomington Prairie, MN 55917
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



"Quality Care with a Small Town Touch"

Prairie Manor Care Center has an Immediate Openings for:

❖ **HOUSEKEEPING** ❖

Part Time Weekdays, Some Weekends, and Some Holidays!

To apply, contact George Snyder at 507-572-6194
 gsnyder@prairiemanorinc.com • fax 507-583-2401, or in person
 220 3rd St NW Bloomington Prairie, MN 55917
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

Steele County Times Professional Directory

Accountants



Johnson, Doerhoefer & Miner P.A.
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Certified Public Accountant **Tamzen R. Johnson**

319 East Main Street, Bloomington Prairie | 888-933-6828 | Fax: 507-583-2389

Automotive



ROD & TESS KOSTER, Owners
 Bus: 507-583-2018 • Fax: 507-583-2317
 Hwy. 218 • Bloomington Prairie
 www.kostercarkorner.com
FOR THAT HOMETOWN PERSONAL TOUCH

Construction




Johnson Construction & Tree Service

Tree & Stump Removal • Trimming & Topping • Tree Moving
 Lot Clearing • Backhoe/Skidloader • Hauling General Construction
 24 Hr. Emergency Services • Year Round Work • Licensed & Insured

KYLE JOHNSON • 507-583-7592
 AUSTIN & BLOOMINGTON PRAIRIE

Dental Care

BLOOMINGTON PRAIRIE DENTAL CENTER

"Dentistry for the whole family"

Jeffrey A. Schwert, D.D.S.
 132 2nd Ave. NE
 Bloomington Prairie ~ 583-6613

Dental Care



Locally Owned

Main Street Dental Clinics
 comfortable dentistry

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

Funeral Planning

A Simple, Thoughtful Act of Caring
 PREARRANGEMENT & PREFUNDING



507-583-7561
www.worlein.com

Mary Kittelson
 NFDA Certified Preplanning Consultant • Licensed Agent • Purple Cross Plans

Worlein Bloomington Prairie Funeral Home
 418 Highway Ave S. ,Bloomington Prairie, MN

Garbage

SKJEVELAND ENTERPRISES

YOU CAN COUNT ON US! Sanitation & Recycling Services
Pride in service since 2007

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

- Sanitation & Recycling Services
- Roll-Offs & Dumpsters
- Rubbish & Garbage Removal

Contact Skjeveland Enterprises today!

507-528-9900



Bridal



Holiday Inn & Suites
Annual Bridal Expo

2365 43rd Street NW, Owatonna
 Sunday, January 29, 11am-3pm

Grand Prize Drawing, Cake Dive
Vendor Prize Drawings

No pre-registration required

Orthodontic Specialist

Dr. Deborah J. Lien, DDS, MBS

ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST

Building Healthy Smiles!



132 2ND AVE. NE
BLOOMINGTON PRAIRIE

FREE CONSULTATIONS

drdeborahlienorthodontics.com **507.583.6613**

Recreation



Outdoor Power Equipment,
 Golf Carts, ATV, Sales Service,
 Parts & Accessories

Hwy 218 S.
Bloomington Prairie

www.minersoutdoor.com • 507-583-2712

Repair Service



SALINAS AUTO REPAIR INC.

656 3rd St. NE
 Bloomington Prairie, MN

Robert Salinas
 Family-Owned
583-6620

Siding & Windows

J.A. GWILT SIDERS, INC.

Siding & Windows
 Lic. #20533878

- Maintenance Free Siding
- Premium Vinyl, Steel & Aluminum
- Custom Trim Work
- Seamless Aluminum or Copper Gutters
- Lifetime Warranty

For Free Estimates Call: 507-583-7413



Now supplying siding for contractors & do-it yourselfers!



Alecia and Jake Peterson

- Jake & Alecia met in 2003 at Winona State
 - Jake received EMT certification at age 18
 - Jake corporal with BP Police
 - Jake Steele County Peace Officer of the Year in 2016
 - Jake BP firefighter
 - Jake BP Ambulance EMT
 - Jake teaches snowmobile safety
- Alecia & Jake founded Stix of Fury in 2009 by buying some drum equipment
 - Scholarships given by Stix of Fury in memory of Alex Jorgenson
 - Alecia teaches first grade in Owatonna
 - Both are wonderful examples to the community

Thanks for your dedication in helping to make Bloomington Prairie a great small town!

Frontier COMMUNICATIONS
Easy Does It.
1.888.Frontier
Frontier.com

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

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

Bloomington Prairie Bus Company

"Safety First! Be on Time!"

Vandal's FAMILY MARKET
237 Hwy Ave. S • Bloomington Prairie 583-6671

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

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

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

Floor Tech
Carpet Ceramic • Floor Care
Hardwood Laminate
322 Main St. E.,
Bloomington Prairie
583-2276

DARRICK'S PREFERRED AUTO
Darrick Schewe
Owner
507-583-9994
Located in NAPA Auto Parts Building

Minimizer
www.minimizer.com
800-248-3855
Bloomington Prairie

CASH WISE
Employee Owned
www.cashwise.com
LARGE SELECTIONS LOW PRICES
495 West N. ST.
Owatonna
507-451-7220
facebook

Dr. Deborah Lien
ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST DDS, MEd
Building Healthy Smiles!
132 2nd Ave NE • Bloomington Prairie
507.583.6613 • FREE CONSULTATION

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

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

misgen auto parts
507-684-2100
12880 SW 72nd Ave, Ellendale



Win No. 200 for Huskies' Moen

All-time wins record falls in Big Nine sweep



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna 182 pounder Brandon Moen (black) takes down Austin's Kaden Igou in the first period of the match in the Huskies' 43-20 win Thursday night at the OHS gymnasium. recording a pin at the 1:22-mark of the first period, Moen broke the school's all-time record for wins with his 200th.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After taking down Austin's Kaden Igou, Owatonna High School's Brandon Moen was seconds from cementing himself in Owatonna wrestling history.

Securing a pin at the 1:22-mark of the match, the defending Class AAA state champion broke the all-time record for wins, previously held by Alex Meger, with his 200th career win in an Owatonna singlet.

Moen's pair of wins was a part of Owatonna's sweep of two Big Nine Conference opponents, with a 43-30 defeat of Austin and a 38-30 scrap with Winona.

"It feels good," commented Moen. "Coming into the season, things were a bit shaky; I was injured, but I worked hard and had a good support system. To get it at home and share it with all the fans and the team, it was great."

Moen needed just two wins to break the record on Thursday. After recording a pin at the 2:13-mark of his match against Winona, the stage was set. Head coach Scott Seykora noted that Moen's work ethic years ago set the stage for a memorable career.

"Ever since he's been in the varsity room at seventh grade, he's one of the hardest working guys in practice. Always getting extra reps, hitting the weights all offseason and he definitely deserved that 200th win," he added.

After Kaden Nelson picked up a tech-fall with a 15-1 thumping of Winona's Hunter Schellhas to give the Huskies an early 5-3 lead, Owatonna struggled to

WRESTLING

Continued on page 3C

FOUR-POINT STANCE



JOSH ZIMMER

"Row the boat" meets SKI-U-MAH

Well, the hiring of P.J. Fleck to return the Golden Gophers football program to the throne of the Big Ten powers has been official for just over a week now. And, without conducting a practice, or even coaching the Gophers to a win, the 36 year old coach is already making his presence known.

In the following hours that University officials announced that Fleck was going to be the man for the job – over a former champion in Les Miles – the heat on the recruiting trail quickly started to burn tracks to the Twin Cities. After saying that recruiting was the No. 1 most important part of changing the culture at Minnesota, six commits flipped from Western Michigan to Minnesota.

One of those commits, quarterback Tanner Morgan was expected to start class at WMU just days later. His commitment should bode well for a team that will be struggling to replace Mitch Leidner. (Are they really struggling though?)

Now, I may be one of the few that agree with the take that stars don't matter. I have always believed that it's the development of the kid that is what is important. However, the top tier schools in the country, heck even Ohio State and Michigan have continually proven otherwise while the Gophers have remained bottom dwellers. And that largely is due to the fan bases. Look at those schools mentioned. Where were they this season?

THEY, were in the midst of playing for a national champion until late season losses while the Gophers were boycotting – though I agree with the player's actions – a meaningless bowl game. They also have to teams that are littered with some of the nation's top recruits.

These final few weeks are going to be what could set Fleck up for a hot start on junior day heading into the preseason recruiting for the 2018 season. I mean heck it took only 24 hours for Fleck to flip a handful of recruits and give the Gophers a solid top 50 recruiting class. As on now, that class currently sits at three early enrollees and "hard commits" from twenty recruits, most with a three star rating, according to 247 sports' database.

I personally love this time of year. Everything about it makes you love college football that much more and for Gophers fans, they hope that the early riches of the Fleck era will end in load of fresh young talent to stake their claim at TCF Bank Stadium.

Razorbacks dominate Gopher Valley

Westfield wins first Gopher Conference title

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Medford - If Saturday's performance at the Gopher Valley Conference tournament in Medford is any indication, the Westfield Razorbacks are on the cusp of starting a long tradition.

In the first year of the program's existence, the Razorbacks dominated the mats of the Gopher Valley Conference tournament, recording the program's first conference championship, edging out Maple River by 21 points.

"We're extremely proud of the way our kids wrestled," commented Westfield co-head coach Chad Gimbal. "We brought 13 up here and all 13 placed."

The Razorbacks jumped out to an early lead in the team race after recording three wins by pin and a bye in the first six weight classes. In fact, Westfield would only lose two matches in the opening rounds. After the semifinals, the Razorbacks had 10 grapplers still vying for a conference title.

Of the 10 finalists, Ethan Arett (106), Riley Schultz (120), Jordan Sullivan (145), Colton Krell (160), Morgan Moreno (170), and Mitchell Oswald (220) would take home titles. Schultz needed a takedown in the finals seconds to pull out a 5-4 win while Moreno was able to fend off Jeremiah Colon of



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Westfield's Colton Krell (top) prepares to turn Medford's Marcus DeLeon in the second period of their semifinal match at the Medford Gymnasium Saturday. Krell captured a Gopher Valley Conference championship at 160 pounds.

RAZORBACKS

Continued on page 2C



FREE CONSULTATIONS

Dr. Deborah I. Lien

DDS, MBS

583.6613

132 2nd Ave NE •
Bloomington, MN

ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST

Building Healthy Smiles!



GOOD LUCK TEAMS!

Owatonna Bus Co., Inc.

Safety First! Be on Time!

Blossoms on hot streak

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

The Awesome Blossom boys won their second game in a row with a win over Alden-Conger Saturday. The non-conference gamea was apart of a girl-boy doubleheader played at BPHS Saturday afternoon.

The victory for the boys marked the second double-digit win over the last two games. They defeated Alden-Conger 67-36. BP jumped out to an early lead against the AC Knights and led 27-12 at the break.

Good balance in scoring enabled a lot of players to get good minutes in the game.

Max Romeo had a 20-point game for the second time in a row, and Gabe Hagen added

10 points. Three other Blossoms had seven points each.

“The boys played well,” commented coach Nate Piller, “and I was glad to give starters and some key players lots of rest.

“We have five games in six days coming up, and four of them are on the road.

“We will need everyone in top condition for that busy stretch of games.”

Knights 80, Blossoms 64

The Awesome Blossom boys had to score 80 points to get the job done, but defeated Kenyon-Wanamingo 80-64 on the home court Friday.

A good first half that saw the winners take a 40-27 lead at the break was duplicated in the second half as well, which enabled BP to maintain the halftime advantage. Three players score 20 points or bet-

ter for the Blossoms, led by 22 points from center Jake Ressler

Max Romeo and Gabe Hagen each accounted for 20 points in the win. Seth Bedenbaugh added nine points for Blooming Prairie.

Gavin Rosen and Jack Beulke counted 22 and 20 points for the Knights.

Four three-pointers were included in Ressler’s 22 points, and Romeo swished six treys in his total.

“We had a good night shooting,” commented coach Nate Piller, “and the three-pointers really helped our scoring in this one. We also had an edge in rebounding and were able to minimize some of our turnovers. It was a good win for the boys to put us back above .500.”



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Blooming Priarie's Jake Ressler (10) slams home a dunk in the Awesome Blossoms' 80-64 win over Kenyon-Wanamingo Firday night at BPHS. Resller scored 22 points to lead all scorers.

Blossoms girls split



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Blooming Prairie's Ayren Ingvalson (11) works the ball up court during the Blossoms' 55-46 win over Alden Conger in non-conference action Saturday at BPHS. Ingvalson lead the team with 12 points.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

A good comeback in the second half found the Awesome Blossom girls claiming a good win over Alden-Conger 55-46 in the matinee game Saturday afternoon.

BP took an early 11-1 lead, but then let the Knights gradually come back and eventually take that 5-point margin into the break. The second half, however, provided a different story. The girls moved the ball much better and really stoked up the defense. BP regained the lead early in the half and maintained a lead the rest of the way.

Sam Wurst led the Blossom scoring with 12 points, but Ayren Ingvalson had a career night with 12 points also. Marissa Larson counted 11 points, and McKenna Hein added eight points, nine rebounds, and three assists.

Kylie Forystek had career

high eight assists and helped key the second half run which gave the locals control of the game.

“We got a nice win at home against an Alden-Conger team that had won three of its last four games,” remarked Coach John Bruns.

“Ayren Ingvalson had her best game of the season in scoring 12 points and collecting six rebounds. Ayren has been a workhorse all season in doing things that don’t necessarily show up in the scoreboard, and her game was well deserved.”

Knights 76, Blossoms 36

The one-two punch of Mara Quam and Savannah Blees proved the undoing of the Awesome Blossom girls, as the Knights ran away from the Blossoms 76-36 at Kenyon on Friday.

Quam poured in 29 points, and Blees counted 21, as the Knights shot a blistering 50 percent from the field, includ-

ing 7 of 18 attempts from the three-point range.

KW jumped to a quick early lead and never let the Blossoms into the game. In fact, only four players managed to score for the Blossoms.

Marissa Larson and Sam Wurst counted 13 points each while Kylie Forystek scored eight.

“We lost tonight to a very good Kenyon-Wanamingo team,” remarked coach John Bruns.

“We struggled offensively finishing plays and taking care of the ball. Defensively, we didn’t have an answer for Quam or Blees, as they dominated he offense for the Knights.”

Both Wurst and Larson had seven rebounds for Blooming Prairie. Forystek handed out four assists and added two steals to her stat sheet in the game.

Panther round up

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Boys basketball

The Panthers jumped out to an early double-digit led over United South Central to coast to a 68-33 win Friday.

NRHEG held a 40-16 lead at half and never looked back. For the unbeaten boys, Oakley Baker made his first three-pointers attempted to jump start the team to a big early lead, and the team never looked back. After the halftime advantage, the Panthers literally coasted to the victory. Eight different players made the

scoring column for the 11-0 team.

Baker led all scorers in the game with 27 points, Tyler Raimann and Benji Lundberg chipped in 14 and seven points respectively.



Girls basketball

Marnie Wagner scored 23 points to lead the Lady Panthers over Byron 57-45 Saturday in Byron.

The Panthers held just a five-point lead at half.

NRHEG 73, USC 43

The Lady Panthers managed to hold a 45-point lead at half as NRHEG stormed to a 74-43 win over United South Central Friday night at NRHEG high school.

Kayley Camerer lead the Lady Panthers in scoring with 16 points. Maddie Wagner counted 14 points, had five rebounds, six assists, and two steals.

Tigers fall at home

Medford held to 28 points

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Tigers head coach Spenser Busho has said that the one thing plaguing his young Medford High School boys basketball squad is the runs that they allow opposing team to generate. While the opening minutes of the game was certainly a bright spot for the Tigers, Bethlehem Academy’s demoralizing run to end the first half has been the story of their season.

“That’s what we’re trying to limit right now,” commented Busho. “I think to start the second half they had a 9-0 or something like that in 30 seconds.”

Powered by two separate runs of 20 points or more, the Cardinals thumped the Tigers 71-28 at Medford Gymnasium Tuesday night. After Medford managed to generate a quick 5-0 run early in the first half to build a 7-4

lead, Bethlehem Academy head coach Eric Hildebrandt opted to call a timeout.

Outside of the timeout, the Cardinals’ defense hunkered down while the offense exploded for a quick 9-0 run prior to forcing Medford to call the first of its two first half timeouts.

“I told my guys in the timeout, ‘someone needs to step up and make a play,’” Busho said.

Despite the quick timeout to not only regroup his squad, but to try and cool off the Cardinals’ shooters, Bethlehem Academy remained hot. In fact, between the two timeouts, the Cardinals generated 25-6 run. That run would increase to 27-10 as Tigers faced a 33-17 deficit.

Coming out of the half, the Cardinals explosion on the offensive side of the court would ensue. The Tigers surrendered a 19-5 B.A. run prior to Busho calling the lone timeout of the

second half.

“We got whatever we wanted, buckets weren’t falling, but we got a good look just about every time,” added Busho.

Medford connected on just 11 shots throughout the contest, with just two of them being from beyond the arc. The Cardinals would end the game on a 20-11 run in the second half and have three players reach double figures, with sophomore guard Griffin Malecha scoring a game-high 20 points. Defensively, B.A. held every Medford scorer under six points, with Cole Volkmann’s five points being the team-high.

**Editor’s note: The final score of the lady Tigers’ contest with Bethlehem Academy was 56-52 Medford. Final stats from that contest and both squads’ contests on friday were unavailable at time of press.*

13 placers key to first conference title

RAZORBACKS: from page 1C

LCWM to win 9-8.

After winning each of their matches by pin fall, Tristan Reiken (182), Dylan Nirk (195), and Trey Chatman (285) would lose in the finals. After a scramble to which it appeared Chatman hurt his arm, he would medically forfeit the match.

Quentin Kubista would place fourth while Sutton Schultz and Joey Meyer each finished sixth.

While Westfield may have dominated the finals lineup, Medford had Willie VonRuden (138) and Jonny Meyer (106) competing for a conference crown while New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva’s Cole Staloch was the lone finalist for the Panthers.

Staloch won 5-1 over Nathan Moore of WEM after defeating Medford’s Nick Masso 3-2 in the semifinals. VonRuden may

have had the match of the afternoon.

Facing top-seeded Lincoln Arndt of Maple River in a sudden victory situation, VonRuden was able to block an incoming shot only to finish with a nice ankle pick to secure the 3-1 win. There was a moment in the second period when the freshman was in the mix of a scramble on the edge of the mat – appearing to gain enough control to be rewarded a takedown – when the officials called the two out of bounds.

“I thought I had it locked up, but the ref saw it otherwise,” said VonRuden. “I just kept my head in the match and was able to secure a takedown at the end.”

VonRuden was named the Gopher Conference’s most valuable wrestler, which was

voted on by the coaches of the conference. Meyer finished second and Marcus DeLeon (160) finished third. Nate Miexner (182) and Nick Masso (152) took home fourth place finishes while Nate McCarty and Christian Tupa finished fifth. Cael Kavitz finished sixth. Tigers head coach Dennis Whitman said that he was impressed with his team’s performance.

“Overall, I thought we were consistent today; we wrestled well all day. We didn’t have one round where we dropped our guard at all. To get force place in this conference wrestling eight kids today is impressive,” he added.

Medford finished in fourth place of the tournament while NRHEG eighth with 69 points.

STARS OF STEELE

Brandon Moen

Ayren Ingvalson

In Owatonna’s triangular against Winona and Austin, senior Bradon Moen broke the all-time wins record for Owatonna.

The defending state champion won both matches by pin, with the win over Austin at the 1:22-mark of the match breaking the record.

In Blooming Prairie’s home game against non-conference foe Alden-Conger, Ingvalson had a career day.

She tied for the team-high in points with 12 and also provided strong defense on the back end of the court.

Stars of Steele is brought to you courtesy of: **Owatonna Bus Company**

Passing of the torch

Owatonna's defending state champ breaks all-time wins record



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Sydney Schultz (20) boxes out as she battles for a rebound Tuesday against Rochester John Marshall at the OHS gymnasium. Schultz led all scorers with 24 points.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Records are meant to be broken.

It seems like a cliché, but it's the truth. In the world of sports, you measure someone's level of accomplishments by the amount of championships won and the amount of records even broken or set throughout the career.

In front of a pack crowd for the Big Nine Conference triangular against Austin and Winona, Owatonna senior and defending Class AAA state champion Brandon Moen was on the cusp of breaking a record that has stood since 2006.

That record, was the all-time wins record for Owatonna's wrestling program, previously held by 2011 NCAA Division II national runner-up and OHS alum Alex Meger at 199.

Coming into the duals Thursday, the top-ranked wrestler at 182 in Class AAA only needed two wins to break the record. With both Winona and Austin having grapplers at 182 and 195 pounds, it was virtually a lock for

Moen to have two matches. However, he still needed to compete, and rather than just compete, he dominated.

In Owatonna's 38-30 win over Winona in the opener of the triangular, Moen recorded a win by pin at the 2:13-mark of the match, tying the record and setting the stage for the final match of the night.

Against Austin, Owatonna jumped out to a 33-18 lead as the Eastern Michigan commit stepped onto the mat. His opponent, junior Kaden Igou. After cutting Igou to get back to neutral position, Moen strikes with a quick double-leg, lifting his opponent off the mat briefly prior to the return. Slipping a half nelson in, the crowd starts to erupt. Moen recorded the fall just 1:22 in the match and cemented himself in history.

As the official was raising his arm, members of the Owatonna crowd held up signs that marked "Congrats Brandon 200 wins."

"I've been in a lot of big arenas, a lot of fans, commented Moen, "but to see the home crowd, my friends and family up there, it's a good feeling,"

Just seconds later, Meger - who was in attendance - stepped down from the crowd to award Moen with a plaque, essentially passing the torch. Afterward, Meger said that he was glad to see another Owatonna kid break the record.

"I'm glad to pass the torch along. He's a very deserving kid. He's a great kid and I think he's going to have a really good college career; I'm excited to see what he's gonna do wrestling Division 1," he added.

With just a over a month left of the season, the record could be as high as 220 to 230 wins when his high school career is finished, hopefully with a second state championship to join the accolades.

"200 wins is great, it's a great career to look back on, but the ultimate goal is to get the team to state and then win a state championship for myself. Then I can look back on my career and say it was a good career," Moen added afterward.

Moen will look to keep his perfect 9-0 record intact this week against Rochester John Marshall on Thursday.

Lady Huskies clip Falcons

Huskies hold Falcons to 23 percent shooting in 59-31 win

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Receiving an extra day of practice due to a winter storm sweeping the area Tuesday afternoon, the Owatonna High School girls basketball team was back in action Thursday night when they hosted Faribault.

Like much of the games the Huskies have played in this season, the first few minutes of the first half appeared to show that fans were in for a game they would be tight until the final shot. Then, Owatonna's aggressive defense made a few plays.

Powered by a 9-0 run midway through the first half, the Huskies (8-3, 7-2) defeated the Falcons 59-31 at the OHS gymnasium. Head coach Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa

"It was very physical on both sides of the court," commented Huskies head coach Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa. "Our girls did a great job of getting in the passing lanes and finishing down low; I was really proud of how they ran and that they attacked,

attacked, attacked. It was great to see."

Owatonna held just a three-point lead early in the first half prior to senior Caitlyn Anderson creating a turnover that would ultimately turn into a 9-0 run for the Huskies. After the score increased to 13-6, Faribault was forced to take a timeout. Hugstad-Vaa said that the run stemmed from the aggressive style of play.

"We just want to be aggressive and come out every game ready to go. So, we play our game and adjust to how their defense is playing," she added.

The Huskies recorded 11 steals to Faribault's 10, yet had 21 turnovers. The difference was that Owatonna was able to capitalize off the turnovers. The lead would continue to grow to 29-16 as junior Sydney Schultz took over. Of her 16 points, 12 came in the first half.

Owatonna held a 33-18 lead at half, but it could have been more if not for the struggles throughout the first half to find the bottom of the net. For the game, Owatonna completed 44

percent of their shots, while limiting the Falcons to just 23 percent.

Despite the occasional shooting struggles, the attacking style of play continued into the second half as Owatonna built a commanding lead off a 12-4 run to put any thoughts of a comeback aside.

"We acted like it was 0-0; we needed to come out and play every possession our hardest," noted Hugstad-Vaa. "We've had leads going into half and had the other team come back so we needed to treat it like it was tied and just start with winning the second half."

Owatonna holding a 51-28 lead with five minutes left in the game when Faribault head coach Bill Bardel was assessed a technical foul after gesturing a traveling violation towards an official, putting the Huskies to the charity stripe for two attempts.

Holding a 59-28 lead with three minutes left, much of the reserves were in the game for Owatonna.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Bria Wachowak (3) defends Faribault's Grace Amacher (25) during the first half of the Huskies 59-31 Big Nine Conference win Friday. The Huskies defense forced 16 turnovers and held the Falcons to 23 percent shooting.

Huskies sweep Big Nine Conference foes Winona, Austin

WRESTLING: from page 1C

to keep any momentum. Outside of forfeits at 126, 145, and 160 pounds, Owatonna would not secure a win until Nick Staska's pin at 182.

"We lost some close ones," noted Seykora. "They matched up well with us in the lower weights and that's where they got us a bit. Hats off to Winona they came after us; it was a close dual."

While Moen's win was a momentous occasion, fellow senior Griffin Thorn stole the show. With a 1-1 tie and the time winding down, Thorn was able to secure a takedown on the edge of the mat to record the 3-1 win for the Huskies, locking in the 38-30 win.

Against Austin, Owatonna jumped out to a commanding 21-6 after Landon Johnson (106) and Joe Fox (120) won by pin fall while Kaden Nelson eked out a 9-7 thriller over Gavin Brady. After surrendering a pair of forfeits, Austin would record a pair of pins to cut the lead to 27-12.

The Huskies would continue to build on the lead with a pin from 152-pounder Cade King, who also was recognized for recording his 100th career win

earlier in the year.

After Moen's monumental win at 182, Owatonna dropped two of the final three matches by pin, with Griffin Thorn recording the 13-4 major decision.

It was a depleted lineup for the Huskies Thursday night as a handful of their regular starters were unable to compete. Despite the void left by the regular varsity competitors, Seykora said that it didn't change the mentality.

Mounds view duals

At the Mounds View dual tournament, the Huskies went 4-1 before falling in the championship to state-ranked Anoka.

Owatonna defeated Tartan in the opening round 54-14 before downing Blaine 43-16.

In the semifinals, the Huskies edged host Mounds View 38-27.

In the finals, state-ranked Anoka took advantage of a injury-depleted roster, winning with a 59-7 thumping of Owatonna.

**Editor's note: Final results from Saturday were unavailable prior to press.*



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna 152 pounder Kade King (black) gets in on a deep shot against his Austin opponent. King was honored prior to the duals for reaching the 100-win milestone.

Husky round up



By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Girls hockey

Visiting Big Nine Conference foe Rochester Mayo Thursday, the Owatonna girls hockey team extended the streak to three.

After an early 1-0 deficit in the first period, Owatonna exploded for six goals in the final two periods.

Margo Achterkirch and Jenna Bogen each registered four-point performances in the 6-4 win.

Bogen scored two goals and added two assists while Achterkirch recorded the hat-trick. Sydney Hunst scored the other goal for Owatonna.

Boys Hockey

Hosting Big Nine Conference foe Rochester Mayo at the Four Seasons Centre in Owatonna, the Huskies managed to find a way to win.

Locked in a 2-2 tie heading into the third period, Owatonna was able to find the back of the

net twice in the final period to down the Spartans 4-2.

Tyler Wencl and Mitch Weise both accounted for two points in the win.

Weise had a pair of assists while Wencl scored a goal and assisted on another.

Adam Rehman managed to get the Huskies on the board in the first period off a feed from Weise to tie the game 1-1.

Wencl's goal tied up the game at 2-2. Both Rehman and Wencl's goals came on the powerplay.

Owatonna's final two goals came from Braden Meier and Nate Smith. Meier's goal at the 2:28-mark of the third period proved to be the game-winner.

Boys basketball

Visiting Big Nine foe Faribault, the Huskies (6-3, 5-2) were able to pull a hard fought 63-60 win in overtime.

Dalton Kubista lead the charge with 24 points, 17 of which came in the first half.

Owatonna managed to hold the Falcons to 40 percent shooting from the field.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE BLOSSOMS

WRESTLING



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
December 3	Redwood-River Valley	Springfield H.S.
December 6	Maple River	Maple River H.S.
December 6	Mankato East	Maple River H.S.
December 6	St. Clair/Mankato Loyola	Maple River H.S.
December 8	United South Central	United South Central H.S.
December 15	Byron	Byron H.S.
December 17	FC/Lanesboro/M-C	Fillmore Central H.S.
December 22	Triton/Plainview-EM	Hayfield H.S.
January 5	Lake City/Goodhue	Lake City H.S.
January 12	Medford	Medford H.S.
January 14	Tournament	Medford H.S.
January 17	GMLOS/St. Ansgar	St. Ansgar H.S.
January 19	Maple River/Tri-City United	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 21	Austin/Cannon Falls/GMLOS	Hayfield H.S.
January 21	St. Charles/St. Thomas/Waseca	Hayfield H.S.
January 26	Zumbrota-Mazeppa	Hayfield H.S.
January 28	Lake City	Lake City H.S.
February 2	NRHEG	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 3	B O L D	Truman H.S.
February 9	WEM/JWP	Blooming Prairie H.S.

Front Row: Manager Jace Tehay, Wyatt Brennan, Colton Krell, Jackson Heydt, Riley Schultz, Ethan Arett, Manager Miranda Steinfadt
Middle Row: Coach Chad Gimbel, Sutton Schultz, Jordan Sullivan, Joey Myer, Max Harty, Seth Peterson, Coach Shane Masching
Back Row: Coach Brad Heydt, Dylan Nick, Trey Chatman, Mitchell Oswald, Zach Elward, Tristan Rieken, Morgan Moreno

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
December 2&3	Triton	Triton H.S.
December 6	Goodhue	Goodhue H.S.
December 9	Medford	Medford H.S.
December 13	United South Central	United South Central H.S.
December 16	Bethlehem Academy	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 20	JWP	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 22	Mankato Loyola	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 6	Maple River	Maple River H.S.
January 10	NRHEG	NRHEG H.S.
January 13	Kenyon-Wanamingo	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 14	Alden-Conger	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 19	St. Clair	St. Clair H.S.
January 20	Waterville-EM	Waterville H.S.
January 21	Tri-City United	Tri-City United H.S.
January 24	Medford	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 27	United South Central	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 31	Hayfield	Hayfield H.S.
February 3	Bethlehem Academy	Bethlehem Academy H.S.
February 7	Maple River	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 10	NRHEG	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 13	Southland	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 14	Grand Meadow	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 16	Lyle-Pacelli	Blooming Prairie H.S.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
November 29	Triton	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 2	WEM	WEM H.S.
December 6	Goodhue	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 9	Medford	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 13	United South Central	Blooming Prairie H.S.
December 16	Bethlehem Academy	Bethlehem Academy H.S.
December 20	Southland	Southland H.S.
January 5	Randolph	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 6	Maple River	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 7	Cleveland	Target Center (Minneapolis)
January 10	NRHEG	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 13	Kenyon-Wanamingo	Kenyon-Wanamingo H.S.
January 14	Alden-Conger	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 20&21	WEM	Blooming Prairie H.S.
January 21	Tri-City United	Tri-City United H.S.
January 24	Medford	Medford H.S.
January 27	United South Central	United South Central H.S.
January 31	Hayfield	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 3	Bethlehem Academy	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 6	Lyle-Pacelli	Blooming Prairie H.S.
February 7	Maple River	Maple River H.S.
February 10	NRHEG	NRHEG H.S.
February 14	JWP	JWP H.S.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Front Row – Max Romeo, Kaden Thomas, Cameron Kubista, Kory Rafial, Tim Wolf, Seth Bedenbaugh, Ben Smith
Back Row- Coach Nate Piller, Brad Staska, Nick Thompson, Trent Swenson, Gabe Hagen, Zach Piller, Josh Hein, Assistant coach Andrew Hardecopi (Not pictured: Jake Kessler)

Head Coach=Nate Piller
Assistant Coach=Andrew Hardecopi



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row – Maggie Bruns, Allison Krohnberg, Maren Forystek, Rianna Bishop, Marti Snider, Baylee Sorensen
Middle Row- Asia Thostenson, Megan Oswald, Jasmine Anderson, Kylie Forystek, Kyle Forystek, Ayren Ingvalson
Back Row- Coach Cory Hendrickson, Coach John Bruns, Julia Worke, McKenna Hein, Marissa Larson, Sam Wurst, Jillian Wigham, Coach Dean Meshke

Head Coach=John Bruns
Assistant Coaches=Cory Hendrickson&Dean Meshke

SPORTS

R

F

T

N

I

W

HometownLiving Community Calendar

Event Spotlight: Robotics to highlight AAUW meeting

AAUW Owatonna members invite interested guests and potential members to attend their meeting on January 24 at 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Senior High School. The program for the evening will feature the OHS Robotics Team. The group has grown into a team of 40 students who prefer hands-on learning. We will view a past robot that can shoot Frisbees into slots and also see one which is in the process of being built. STEM education is our future. Come and check out what is going on with the students in our community.

PHOTO MEMORY



LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Archived staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Sophia Esplan and Aubrey Klocke put their change in a collection jar at the Pizza Cellar on Jan. 17, 2016 during a BP Cancer Group fundraiser, a pancake breakfast. More than 150 attended the breakfast.

FOR THE RECORD



HAPPENING NOW

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Winter is definitely not over in Blooming Prairie. A steady snowfall powered by strong winds meant more work for local residents. Here, Roger Sorenson snow blows near some mail boxes.

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Jan. 17th:
10am - 11am Hearth and Home Series - Flood Walls in a Former Swamp-land, Hormel Historic Home
10am - 5pm Second Floor Gallery Show - Paul Walech Roth, Austin ArtWorks Center
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym
Jan. 18th:
10am - 5pm Second Floor Gallery Show - Paul Walech Roth, Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
6pm - 7pm Pinterest Craft Club - Wine Cork Wreath Project, Austin Public Library
6:30pm - 8pm Adult Hockey
Jan. 19th:
7am - 7pm 58th Annual Lions Club Pancake Fundraiser First United Methodist Church, 204 1st Ave NW, Austin
10am - 5pm Second Floor Gallery Show - Paul Walech Roth, Austin ArtWorks Center
3pm - 6pm Ski and Snowshoe Rental, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym
6pm - 7pm Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night
6pm - 7pm LEGO Club, Austin Public Library
6:30pm - 7pm Twilight Tales: Evening Storytime, Austin Public Library
Jan. 20th:
All day Austin Packer Classic Girls 12U/10U B Tourney, Packer Arena and Riverside Arena
10am - 5pm Second Floor Gallery Show- Paul Walech Roth, Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
12pm - 1:30pm Food and Friends - Dinner Party Worthy, Mower County Senior Center
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo, Austin VFW
6pm - 8:30pm Autism Family Respite Night, YMCA of Austin
7pm - 9pm Austin ArtWorks Open Jam Session, Austin ArtWorks Center
7pm - 10pm Austin Bruins vs Minnesota Wilderness, Riverside Arena, Austin
Jan. 21st:
10am - 3pm Second Floor Gallery Show - Paul Walech Roth, Austin ArtWorks Center
10am - 5pm VEX Robotics Tournament, Austin High School
10:30am - 12pm Kids' Studio- Clay, Austin ArtWorks Center
Jan. 22nd:
12pm - 3pm Austin Wedding Showcase, Hormel Historic Home
1pm - 3pm Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
1pm - 2:30pm Riverside Figure Skating Club - Basic Skills, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Jan. 23rd:
All day Lyle Lion's Club Meeting
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo, Austin VFW



Bloomington
800-248-3855
www.minimizer.com

ELLENDALE/GENEVA

Jan. 17th:
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Elnd
Jan. 19th:
5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
6:30pm - 7:30pm Triton Zumba, Multipurpose Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
Jan. 20th:
6 p.m. - Geneva Cancer Auction, Geneva Bar & Grill, 101 West Main Street, Geneva.
Jan. 21st:
2pm - Geneva Cancer Auction, Geneva Bar & Grill, 101 West Main Street, Geneva.
Jan. 23rd:
6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Elnd

ALBERT LEA/FREEBORN Co

Jan. 17th:
10:30am - 11:15am Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library
3:30pm - 4:30pm Let's Draw & Paint, Southwest Middle School
5:30pm - 6:30pm Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
5:30pm - 6:30pm Zumba, Lakeview Elementary School
6pm - 8pm Beginning Crochet, Brookside Education Center,
6pm - 7pm Nonfiction Book Club
6pm - 9pm Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
6:15pm - 7:30pm Yoga For Beginners, Christ Episcopal Church
6:30pm - 7:45pm Gentle Movement Yoga, Brookside Education Center
Jan. 18th:
4am - 6:30am Soccer Skills & Games(3rd-7thGrade), Albert Lea Family Y
2:30pm - 3:30pm Intro to iPads
4:15pm - 5:15pm Beginning Yoga, Sibley Elementary School
Jan. 19th:
10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time
10:30am - 11:15am Music & Movement, AL Public Library
5:30pm - 6:30pm AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
5:30pm - 6:30pm Council Workshop
5:30pm - 6:30pm Zumba, Lakeview Elementary School
6pm - 7pm Night-time Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library
6pm - 7pm Restorative Yoga, Essence of Yoga, 136 S Broadway Ave, Albert Lea
6:30pm - 8:30pm Rag Quilting, Brookside Education Center
Jan. 20th:
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym, Albert Lea
Jan. 21st:
All day Library Closed
All day Solo and Ensemble Contest, Lakeville North High School, Lakeville
10am - 1pm Child & Babysitting Safety Class, Freeborn County Historical Museum
2pm - 5pm Two Hearts Canvas Painting, The Interchange Wine & Coffee Bistro, 211 S Broadway Ave, Albert Lea
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
Jan. 23rd:
10am - 11:15am Yoga For Beginners, Christ Episcopal Church, 204 Fountain St, Albert Lea
10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time
10:30am - 11:15am Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library
6pm - 7:15pm Yoga For Beginners, Sibley Elementary School
7pm - 8pm AL City Council, Council Chambers
7pm - 8pm City Council

J&H LIQUOR'S:
340 E. Main St. Bloomington, MN • (507)583-7557
HAPPY 2017!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
-BAR BINGO MONDAY @6:30 PM
-EUCHRE: JAN. 14 FEB. 25
(1 P.M. 2 PERSON TEAM)
-BLOOMIN' GRAPEVINE WINE CLUB
TUES. 7-8:30 P.M. @ J&H
FEE CHARGED. 21 AND OVER.
JAN. 24 FEB. 7 MARCH 14
APRIL 4
MAY 9: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BENEFIT
7-9 P.M. @ J&H

- CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY: APRIL 1ST
(31 YEARS IN BUSINESS)!
- CRUISE FOR CANCER RIDE...JUNE 24
- STREET DANCE: JULY 3RD
- JULY 4TH ; OPEN 10AM - CLOSE
-B.O.B. RIDE: "TOYS FOR TOTS" JULY 22
ALL EVENT DETAILS AVAILABLE AT J&H LIQUOR'S

OWATONNA/MEDFORD/HOPE

Jan. 17th:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Ave
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
10am - 11:45am OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
4:30pm - 5:30pm OPL Brd Mtg, Gainey Rm
6:00pm - 7:30pm Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program workshop, Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna
6:30pm - 7:30pm Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford
7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, City Hall
Jan. 18th:
4pm - 5pm Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
6:30pm - 8pm Adult Hockey
Jan. 19th:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
Jan. 21st:
9:30am - 11am Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program workshop, Owatonna Public Library
Jan. 23rd:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
4pm - 5pm Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
6:30pm - Medford City Council, Medford high school choir room



Dr. Deborah J. Lien DDS, MBS
132 2nd Ave NE • Bloomington, MN
Building Healthy Smiles!
583.6613
FREE CONSULTATIONS
ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Jan. 17th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
4:45pm - 5:45pm BP Boys N Girls Club Brd Mtg
5:30pm - Ambulance Commission Meeting, City Center
Jan. 19th:
6:00pm "Citizen of the Year" Banquet, Servicemen's Club
Jan. 23rd:
6:30pm - Fire Relief Association Meeting, City Center

Event Spotlight: BP Citizen of the Year Banquet

The banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Servicemen's Club. Social hour starts at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. The event will be honoring "Citizens of the Year" Alecia & Jake Peterson. Menu includes: Haddock, Bar-b-que ribs potatoes, glazed carrots, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be bought at the door. RSVP by calling the Chamber office at 583-4472 and leaving a message.



Refreshing!
KIDS & ADULTS LOVE IT!
Channel 15/ Charter 779!

PANTHER OF THE WEEK



Aiden Merritt is NRHEG's Panther of the Week. He is the son of Larry and Glee Merrit who live near Janesville. Aiden is in Mrs. Jensen's Kindergarten class.

Aiden has been chosen for Panther of the Week because of how responsible and respectful he is in class and during recess. He always has a smile on his

face and is a very hard worker. He is thoughtful of others and he's a great helper in class. He makes his peers around him better students.

Aiden likes to play outside with his dog Mya. He likes to learn about numbers in school. In the summer, he likes to slide on his big slide at home. His favorite season is winter because he has a big sled. Keep up the great work Aiden!



Movie Review: Live by Night



BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

It's hard to be a good man in a tough world. It's also hard to be a fresh movie in a well-worn genre. *"Live by Night"* is a good gangster film, but it's not untouchable.

The film follows the story of Joe Coughlin, played by Ben Affleck, a disillusioned Irish WWI veteran turned bank robber turned gangster for the Italian mob at the heart of prohibition. Over the course of the film, he fights regular police officers, corrupt police officers, other gangsters, the KKK, and the man who killed a woman he loved — all in a quest to be the king of Florida's mob community.

The film lacks a clear antagonist and suffers a loss of focus as a result. What Coughlin wants is never really clear in the film: revenge? power? love? All of the above? The overall effect is more a series of adventures for our mobster than a cohesive whole.

It feels like Affleck, who also directed and wrote the film, is fighting to avoid predictability. Anytime you think you have where the plot is going figured out, the film switches gears. Predictability is avoided, but at the expense of emotionally connecting with any one plot line.

The odd part is, outside of its poor plot consistency, it's a good film. The visuals dazzle as the scenes move from 1920's Boston to Florida. There's a particularly stunning landscape shot of Florida's waterways at sunset. The costumes are fun and creative. The dialogue is snappy. The performances are all on point. There's a lot of good pieces that just didn't manage to fit together as well as they could have.

While the plot lines are underdeveloped, they're all intriguing, particularly when Coughlin runs afoul of the KKK. The gangster community of Florida is made up of Cubans, Hispanics, African Americans, and led by the Irish Catholic Coughlin. The Klan takes issue with these people poisoning their perfect communities with demon rum, unless they can get a cut of the action. Gangsters have always held a special place in the American imagination, and it's really satisfying to watch them beat-up Klan members.

If you're a diehard gangster film fan or want a night out with some outlaws, check it out. If not, this is one film that can sleep with the fishes.

Rated: R

MINNESOTA MONDAYS



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

The temperature rose over the weekend leading to a cloudy but warm Monday at 30 degrees, a trend that's predicted to continue into the week with temperatures expected to peak this coming weekend around 40 degrees.

Tuesday



High: 31°
Low: 21°

Wednesday



High: 37°
Low: 32°

Thursday



High: 38°
Low: 33°

Friday



High: 39°
Low: 37°

Saturday



High: 39°
Low: 35°

Sunday



High: 40°
Low: 35°



Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Cancer Corner

Support the fighters Admire the survivors, Honor the taken.

Love Your Melon puts a hat on every child battling cancer



Submitted photo

The crew at Love Your Melon looked back on 2016 and said they were "filled with gratitude" for public encouragement and support. The firm announced its final numbers for the year. In 2016, Love Your Melon donated 40,083 beanies to children battling cancer and gave \$1,543,259 to its nonprofit partners in the fight against pediatric cancer.

Love Your Melon website reads. "Thank you for believing in us, together we will rewrite the story of pediatric cancer in America," writes Zachary, Brian and the Love Your Melon crew.

Therapeutic treatments for childhood victims of cancer can be very beneficial, it is written on the Love Your Melon website.

According to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, therapeutic treatment may boost the immune system, stimulate the heart and lungs, relax muscles, relieve pain and balance blood pressure.

Therapeutic treatments help make children battling cancer comfortable and provide the opportunity for them to talk to their friends and family about positive experiences, rather than negative ones that involve the pain they are going through.

Current treatments for childhood cancers include surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. These treatments have been effective in recent years, increasing the cure rate for childhood cancers

drastically. Though these medical treatments are often successful, they are extensive and come with many consequences to children's quality of life.

With these consequences and long periods of time spent in the hospital, children need additional therapeutic treatments. Entertainment and distraction can go a long way in a child's recovery process. It can decrease their stress levels and create positive thoughts that improve their chance of survival.

As children go through the challenging battle of cancer treatment they need more than just medicine. Therapeutic treatments are proven to increase treatment success and at Love Your Melon, the leadership is dedicated to providing this relief for children by creating an adventure they will never forget. Love Your Melon was able to take them on a helicopter, plane, boat or limo ride. Love Your Melon hats provide the opportunity to get to know these amazing kids personally and learn more about how others can make a difference.

Sponsored by **Krejci Ford**

Carrot Cake

1 1/4 c salad oil
1 3/4 c. white sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
2 c. flour
2 tsp. baking soda

1 c. flaked coconut
1 (6 oz) can crushed pineapple, undrained
2 c. shredded raw carrots
1 c. chopped pecans
2 tsp. cinnamon

Mix together in bowl, oil, sugar, eggs and salt. Add dry ingredients slowly. Add all other ingredients one at a time. Bake at 350° in a well-greased 9x13-inch pan for about 57 minutes. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

Recipe Corner



Sponsored by:
KREJCI FORD
15TH PRESIDENT'S AWARD WINNER
Blooming Prairie
583-2046

PASS TIME IN LINE.
READ
STEELE COUNTY Times
Always local, all the time.



The Steele County Times
Subscribe today and save 33% off the newsstand price.
www.steeledodgenews.com

See us on Facebook!

STEELE COUNTY TIMES PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Excavating

SEPTIC SYSTEMS • Design • Installation • Compliance Inspections

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

State License #1844

BISHOP BE EXCAVATING, INC.

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

507-583-2999

Serving The Area Over 13 Years

Bonded & Insured

Collision

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

ASSURED PERFORMANCE™ COLLISION CARE

Ford Body Shop
Mopar
GM
Enterprise

CSI: Collision Specialists Inc

507.437.2837

www.csiaustinmn.com

Electrical

AMERICAN ENERGY LLC

507-383-1547

Jay D. Peterson
Electrical Contractor
www.americanenergyllc.us
email americanenergyllc@gmail.com

Geothermal | Solar PV
IR Thermal Imaging | 3D Concrete Imaging

Tires

Mike's REPAIR

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

870 32 Ave. NW
Owatonna, MN 55060

Complete Truck Parts and Service

Mike Hartle
Owner

Truck Accessories

Minimizer

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

AN AMERICAN FAMILY OWNED COMPANY FOR 30 YEARS

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

Pets

Bennett's PET HAVEN CEMETERY, INC.

"Professional Cremation and Burial Services for your loving pet"

Larry & Donna Bennett
4151 N. County Rd. 45
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 451-2203

Shorty & Sue Schroht
857 Mosher Ave.
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 455-3204

Cell: 507-456-7997

Sanitation & Recycling

STEWART

Locally Family Owned and Operated Since 1994

507-451-0976

Your Local Choice!

When you have had it with the Large Corporate Companies, We offer you a friendly Small town way of doing business. Unlike our World Wide Competitors who rely on a contract to ensure your patronage, we earn it the old fashioned way!

Or Toll Free 1-888-451-0976 • P.O. Box 321 • Owatonna
email: info@stewartssanitation.com



YOUR AGRI CONNECTION FARM LIVING PLUS

www.steeledodgenews.com

USDA's farm service agency expands bridges to opportunity nationwide

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the expansion of a unique service for farmers and ranchers. FSA's Bridges to Opportunity program provides a one-stop-shop that connects producers with resources, programs and educational services offered across the department, as well as from other USDA partner organizations. Bridges to Opportunity, which currently provides enhanced customer support to more than 150,000 customers in 20 states, will expand to serve customers across the country before the end of the month using fiscal year 2016 funds.

"By partnering with numerous local, state, regional and national agricultural organizations, FSA employees now can provide farmers and ranchers with comprehensive information about resources, grants, courses, events and activities provided throughout USDA

and from external partner organizations," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "Bridges to Opportunity is another example of how USDA is working to reconnect people to their government and provide enhanced services to farmers and ranchers, who, in turn, provide our nation and the world with safe, affordable and reliable food, fuel and fiber."

FSA's presence in over 2,100 county offices, in nearly every rural county, puts the agency in a unique position to partner with non-governmental organizations to reach thousands of agricultural producers who can benefit from the programs and services. Bridges to Opportunity allows FSA employees to search and obtain a list of all local, state, regional and national organizations that may be able to assist local producers with their specific need. For example, FSA's Houston County office in Texas partnered with many agricul-

tural organizations to serve producers affected by severe drought. When drought-stricken agricultural producers came to the county office looking for assistance, FSA employees were able to provide traditional services,



such as the Livestock Forage Program and the Emergency loan program administered by FSA, as well as connect local farmers with local, regional, and national organizations that provide drought assistance and education.

Bridges to Opportunity was developed by FSA to provide producers with a more comprehensive customer service experience by connecting them with other USDA agencies and nonfederal partners. Through Bridges to Opportunity, FSA county office employees have the tools to connect farmers, ranchers and anyone interested in agriculture with customized expertise on topics ranging including organic production, beginning farmer resources, integrated pest management, disaster assistance, conservation practices, agricultural educational courses, loans, grants and other financial assistance that can start, grow or benefit farming and ranching operations.

"Bridges to Opportunity embodies FSA's modernized approach to customer service. By providing a broader array of resources than FSA or USDA alone, FSA is bringing farmers and ranchers one step closer to achieving

their version of the American Dream," said Dolcini.

For more information about Bridges to Opportunity, please contact your local FSA county office. To locate your FSA county office, please see <https://offices.usda.gov>.

Over the past eight years, USDA has taken big, bold steps to forge a new era for civil rights and ensure all Americans who come to USDA for help are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Through coordinated outreach and consistent engagement, USDA is forming new partnerships in diverse communities and regaining trust where it was once lost. Learn more about our progress during the Obama Administration to increase access to opportunity for all Americans, and to create a more equal and inclusive USDA in chapter 8 of our yearlong results project: The People's Department: A New Era for Civil Rights at USDA.

Dayton-Smith Tax Bill would provide property tax relief to Minnesota farmers across the state

Lt. Governor Tina Smith and State Rep. Paul Marquart today called on the Minnesota Legislature to pass property tax relief for Minnesota farmers this Legislative Session. This property tax relief, proposed by Rep. Marquart during the 2016 Legislative Session, is included in Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's 2017 Tax Bill. If passed, up to 74,000 Minnesota farmers, plus additional agricultural landowners, could see relief.

"Right now, farmers in Minnesota face low commodity prices and high land values, while their property taxes have gone up more than 100 percent in the last 10 years," said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. "I pledge to work with legislators on both sides of the aisle to keep more money in the pockets of Minnesota farmers this year, to grow opportunities for farmers, families, and communities across our state."

Over the last ten years, property taxes for Minnesota farmers

have increased by 114 percent. This problem has been compounded by low commodity prices and rising agricultural land values. To help relieve property tax burdens on Minnesota farmers, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith have proposed investing \$34 million into tax relief for owners of agricultural property.

"Ensuring that property taxes are fair and affordable is vital to making our rural economies competitive and our communities livable," said Rep. Paul Marquart. "During this legislative session we must commit to keeping property taxes in check through local government aid and property tax relief. By doing so we'll keep and attract homeowners, businesses and farmers to rural Minnesota."

This tax credit would be available to all individual farm owners in Minnesota who pay property taxes for school district debt levies. For those farmers, the tax credit would reduce their taxes from those levies by 40 percent.

For the 74,000 Minnesota farmers who live on their land, that would mean average relief of \$243 on their annual property tax bill. Additional agricultural landowners would also see relief under the Dayton-Smith Tax Bill.

About Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Tax Bill

Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith have proposed a 2017 Tax Bill, which would provide \$300 million in tax cuts for more than 450,000 Minnesotans and in aid payments to local governments for essential services, while protecting the state's long-term fiscal health. The Dayton-Smith Tax Bill also would reduce taxes for Minnesota farmers and landowners to help build an economy that works for everyone, everywhere in Minnesota. And their proposal would eliminate tax loopholes for corporations — leveling the playing field for businesses.

Women in Ag Network announces second annual Conference

"Planning for Our Future," the second annual Women in Ag Network conference, will be Feb. 16 in Willmar.

The conference runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Willmar Convention Center. Discounted rates are available by registering early.

The conference is an opportunity for women in agriculture to learn how to manage through times of adversity and see a way to the future. Participants will have an opportunity to both learn these skills and network with others who are facing similar challenges. Breakout sessions during the day are designed to build skills in business planning, marketing, entrepreneurship and more.

Lilia McFarland, new and beginning farmer and rancher program coordinator for USDA, will give the keynote address, "Planting Seeds for the Future."

"The number of women farmers in Minnesota is growing— today more than one in four producers in

the state is a woman," said Extension educator Pauline Van Nurdén. "Our goal for this conference is to empower Minnesota women in

forward.

As a sampling of the conference, Berning offers these five tips for effective, realistic planning in farming. (<http://z.umn.edu/Stip-splan>)

For registration details and more information on the conference, please visit: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/women-ag>

The Women in Ag Network formed to provide educational opportunities for women involved in agriculture, to enhance their leadership, management and production abilities. Our goal is to connect women to relevant, research-based education and to each other. For updates, please like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/umnnextwomeninag>

Funding for this project was provided by the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Award Number 2015-49200-24226.



agriculture -- giving them opportunities to gain skills, enhance their leadership and management abilities, and network with other farmers just like them."

Women in agriculture want to be proactive and prepared for any situation in agriculture, added Extension educator Betty Berning. The conference will provide tools to proactively plan; participants will leave feeling like they have a path

MDA requests research proposals on the effectiveness of conservation practices

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is requesting proposals for research to quantify the effectiveness of agricultural conservation practices related to impaired waters and for development and evaluation of best management practices to protect and restore water resources.

Proposals should quantify agricultural conservation practice effectiveness related to nutrient source reduction, off-site movement, and treatments in the State of Minnesota. Proposals should focus on the water

quality effects of individual conservation practices and/or the cumulative effects of multiple conservation practices. Proposals must include a cost effectiveness component, as well as an education and outreach plan to benefit Minnesota residents.

Submission Deadline: Project proposals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time, February 10, 2017. Additional infor-



mation regarding the Request for Proposals, including research priorities, is available in the January 3, 2017 State Register (see page 846 or 22).

Applications must be submitted using the format prescribed in the proposal instructions. To request proposal instructions and to receive application materials, please e-mail for the full RFP, which will be sent free of charge to interested parties.



One Agent for **Life**
and **Auto**
and **Home**
and **Health**
and **Business**
and **Farm & Ranch**

All the insurance you need from one agent. **I take simple seriously.**
Contact me today.

Darrell B. Ingvaldson, LUTCF
100 S Mill Street
PO Box 298
Brownsdale
(507) 567-2296

**FARM BUREAU
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company,* Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company,* Western Agricultural Insurance Company*/West Des Moines, IA. Health insurance policies are underwritten by an insurance company that is not affiliated with our companies. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services M142 (4-16)

SunOpta™
Grains and Foods Group

Hope • Ellendale • Blooming Prairie

Let Us Put A Drainage Project Like This On Your Farm

We can also help you with:

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

LOKEN

Excavation & Drainage, Inc.

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

41 Years in Business!

CFS
THE POWER OF PROGRESS

an Ag-focused Cooperative
that turns **Progress** into
Powerful solutions for
our customers.

cfscoop.com

CFS
THE POWER OF PROGRESS

Agronomy • Energy • Grain • Feed • Financing

Legal Notices

Foreclosure

16-105134

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: May 27, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$167,638.00
MORTGAGOR(S): John C. Ress, an unmarried man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100039032239395920
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Quicken Loans, Inc.
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 28, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000371393
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 1, Radel's Francis Addition
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1030 Hemlock Ln, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-437-0104
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$155,321.59
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 10, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Steele Co. Chapter of Minnesota Pheasants for 2017 will be held at the KC Hall, 820 S. Elm, Owatonna on Tuesday, Feb. 7 with Social hour at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00.

Please join us to hear what we have been doing this year, waht we have for future plans and projects and our election of officers for the upcoming year. If you would be interested in becoming a board member please contact President Josh Hobart at 456-4213 or just show up as we always tak nominations from the floor. We have several vacancies on the board and would like ot see some new faces along with new ideas.

1/10, 1/17, 1/24

580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on August 10, 2017, or the next business day if August 10, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 15, 2016

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

12/20,12/27,1/3
1/10,1/17,1/24

Probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74 - PR-16-2574

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Marilyn J. Knutson,
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated June 25, 2008, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Judy Bishop and Denise Brekke, whose addresses are 10753 Dodge Mower Road, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 and 3819 Dane Road, Owatonna, MN 55060, respectively, as co-personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the co-personal representatives. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the co-personal

representatives has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Co-Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Date: March 7, 2016

____Kris Schmitz____
Registrar

Attorney for Personal Representative
Kristin K. Haberman
Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A.
202 N. Cedar Avenue
P.O. Box 545
Owatonna, MN, 55060
Attorney License No: 0268045
Telephone: (507) 451-3580
FAX: (507) 451-3532
Email: haberman@owatonnalawyers.com

1/10,1/17

Probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-17-33

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Gennell M. Iverson,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Keith Iverson, whose address is 18896 820th Ave., Hayward, Minnesota 56043, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

NOTICE TO MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Steele County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, P. O. Box 890, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, until 11:30 a.m., January 27, 2017, for seasonal material requirements for the following:

Plant Mixed Bituminous Material and Aggregate Materials.

Bids are to be submitted on the prepared proposal forms which can be secured at the Office of the County Engineer, 635 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, Telephone: 507-444-7670 or on the Steele County website at www.co.steele.mn.us

The County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technical defects and to award the contracts to other than the lowest bidder, or more than one bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the County will be best served thereby.

Laura Ihrke
Steele County Auditor

1/10, 1/17, 1/24

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

Date: Jan. 4, 2017

____/s/_Kris Schmitz____
Registrar

Court Administrator
Lee Ann Riehle (MN# 240461)

Streater & Murphy, P.A.
111 Riverfront, Suite 301
P.O. Box 310
Winona Minnesota 55987
Telephone: (507) 454-2925
Facsimile: (507) 454-2929
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

1/10,1/17

Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, 333

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

ASSUMED NAME:
Park Plaza

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 310 Allan Avenue 320 Allan Avenue Owatonna MN 55060 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: Park Place Investment Group, LLC

Address: 11401 SW 72 Ave Ellendale MN 56026 USA

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Darrin Stadheim

MAILING ADDRESS: 345 Florence Avenue Suite 102 Owatonna MN 55060

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: stadheimproperties@hotmail.com

1/10, 1/17

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

Contact the Steele County Times Today!

STEELE COUNTY Times 507-583-4431

Always local. all the time.

RADON

#1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers

AMERICAN WATERWORKS

Reduce Your Risk. Call Today!

1.800.795.1204

Chanhassen

DINNER THEATRES
entertaining *You*

LERNER & LOEWE'S

CAMELOT

Winner of 4 Tony Awards

952.934.1525 • 800.362.3515

ChanhassenDT.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017 - 2025 ROAD AND BRIDGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room at the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input regarding the proposed 2017-2025 Road & Bridge Capital Improvement Plan.

A draft copy of the Plan is available at www.co.steele.mn.us. If you unable to attend but wish to make comment, please forward your comments in writing to the Steele County Engineer, 635 Florence Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 or e-mail anita.benson@co.steele.mn.us.

1/10,1/17

Geneva Township Board of Supervisors

Request for Quotes

Year round road grading, plowing and road maintenance

The Board of Supervisors of Geneva Township is requesting quotes for road grading, plowing and road maintenance for 34.4 miles of township roads.

Full specifications can be obtained by contacting the clerk at 507-473-0184 or e-mail genevatownship@outlook.com.

Quotes, along with proof of insurance, must be submitted to the clerk no later than February 6th, 2017 to be considered.

Quotes can be mailed to Geneva Township, 28499 800th Ave. Hollandale, MN 56045 or e-mailed to genevatownship@outlook.com.

The Geneva Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and/all quotes and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of all township.

Geneva Township
Dawn Loverink, Clerk

1/17, 1/24

July Public Records

Steele County Births July 2016
Rowynn Clara Dee Dittrich, Parents: Emily and Derek, July 1.
Sydney Charlotte Swanson, Parents: Katie and Ryan, July 2.
Wesley David Calcamuggio, Parents: Melinda and Jonathan, July 3.
Irshaad Abdirizak Mohamed, Parents: Faduma and Abdirizak, July 3.
Arbes Ajre, Parents: Alije Alimi and Arlind Ajre, July 6.
Atlas Edward Ackerson, Parents: Kyrsten and Jesse, July 6.
Westin Lee Trom, Parents: Libby and Benjamin, July 7.
Elijah Phillip Guzman, Parent: Stephanie Ramgren, July 8.
Payton Lynn Speckhals, Parents: Sarah and Lucas, July 9.
Jude Xavier Gabel, Parents: Joslynn and Jared, July 10.
Violet Anne Nelson, Parents: Annie and Johnathan, July 10.
Blakely K. Winzenburg, Parents: Sara and Patrick, July 13.
Loretta Kay-Beth Rubedor, Parents: Hallie and Jason, July 14.
Collin Gary Eustice, Parents: Rachael and Craig, July 14.
Steven Richard Kehne, Parents: Stephanie and Aaron, July 15.
Leona Lynn Bushlack, Parents: Kari and Coleman, July 17.
Everett Joshua Langr, Parents: Kelly and Joshua, July 20.
Scarlett Rose Aguirre, Parents: Liliana and Fernando, July 20.
Edith Katherine Frost, Parents: Tisha and Benjamin, July 22.
Kylar Leighton Lloyd, Parents: Ashley and Erik, July 25.
Ira Ambrose Borland, Parents: Amber and Dana, July 25.
Ingrid Elaine Lightly, Parents: Jessica and Brian, July 27.
Braelyn Margaret Anderson, Parents: Gretchen and Travis, July 27.
Anisa Ahmed Abdi, Parents: Muna Mohamed and Ahmed Hassan, July 27.
Maryama Bashir Hassan, Parents: Fatuma Dahir and Bashir Kheir, July 28.
Brinley Sophia Stringfield, Parents: Amy and Ryan, July 28.
Everly Marie Scheeler, Parents: Amy and Jonathan, July 29.
Joshua Anthony Flores Escalante, Parents: Silva Escalante and Emigdio Flores, July 29.
Addison Jeanne Remund, Parents: Amanda and Matthew, July 30.
Madelynn Kristin Harguth, Parents: Amanda and Scott, July 31.

Steele County Deaths July 2016
Gilbert Frank Pechacek, 87, Owatonna, July 2.
Donald Carl Radtke, 83, Owatonna, July 9.
Marlene Ann Schultz, 76, Faribault, July 11.
Donald Alan Haberman, 74, Blooming Prairie, July 12.
Shirley Mae Noble, 80, Blooming Prairie, July 13.
Darrell Gene Mays, 79, Owatonna, July 15.
John Charles Standke, 85, Owatonna, July 15.
Shirley M. Thompson, 81, Owatonna, July 15.
James Francis Voegele, 64, Owatonna, July 15.
Gerald Alan Ballstadt, 61, Owatonna, July 18.
Marjorie Phyllis Dammen, 87, Blooming Prairie, July 18.

Marie Evelyn Krause, 99, Owatonna, July 21.
Anna Marie Travaglio, 89, Owatonna, July 22.
Lester Svenby, 97, Owatonna, July 22.
Alvin Wilbert Volkmann, 82, Medford, July 23.
Margery Marie Vizenor, 96, Owatonna, July 26.
Betty Jean Lorraine Lageson, 86, Ellendale, July 27.
Kati Jo Whiteside, 33, Ellendale, July 28.
Douglas Eugene Thorn, 71, Owatonna, July 30.
Judith Joan Eggler, 77, Medford, July 31.

Steele County Marriages July 2016
Jose Manuel Garcia Zepeda and Elsa G. Escalante Aristondo, July 2.
Joshua James Cluever and Kimberly Michelle Pesola, July 2.
Ryan Robert Ayers and Christy Michelle Hormann, July 8.
Jena Marie Johnson and Dallas Jon Brewer, July 9.
Christopher Francis Wegscheid and Dawn Diane Sorensen, July 9.
Amy Elizabeth Kubat and Cody Erik Lageson, July 9.
Toussaint E. McDaniel and Katrina Lavonne Wettschreck, July 9.
Traci Lynn Hanson and Matthew Myron Schmidt, July 9.
Todd Andrew Finney and Kely Lynn Heyer, July 11.
Tyler Howard Kilde and Deidre Marie Brown-Leer, July 12.
Andrew Charles Farwell and Chelsey Lynn Johnson, July 16.
Gregory Joseph Malecha and Melissa Marie Massey, July 16.
Alexander Zeral Pirk and Ana Jose Alvarez, July 16.
Johysse Torres-Zamora and Nesa Jo Trevino, July 22.
Aaron Robert Caswell and Heather Rose Fast, July 23.
Patric Wolf and Jessica Marie Davis, July 23.
Molly Marie Spitzer and Nathan Thomas Brage, July 23.
Nathan Donald Hager and Shannon Sharon Randall, July 23.
Jacob Richard Majerus and Abby Marie Hunstad, July 23.
Erik James Anderson and Jessica Ann Anderson, July 23.
Kristin Marilyn Whited and Bradley Joseph Boyd, July 23.
German Aquino and Rosa Izcela Ochoa, July 25.
Jose Mario Peralta-Bartolo and Stacey Nicole Defant, July 29.
Michael Marlin Anderson and Gwen Larae Olson, July 30.
Michael James Paulson and Katelyn Ann Fisher, July 30.
Justin Scott Krueger and Tia Leigh Solland, July 30.
Joshua David Bramer and Robyn Ashley Sherman, July 30.
Ben Richard Aase and Michelle Lea Hodgman, July 30.
Douglas Michael Bellrichard and Nicole Elizabeth Sjostrom, July 30.

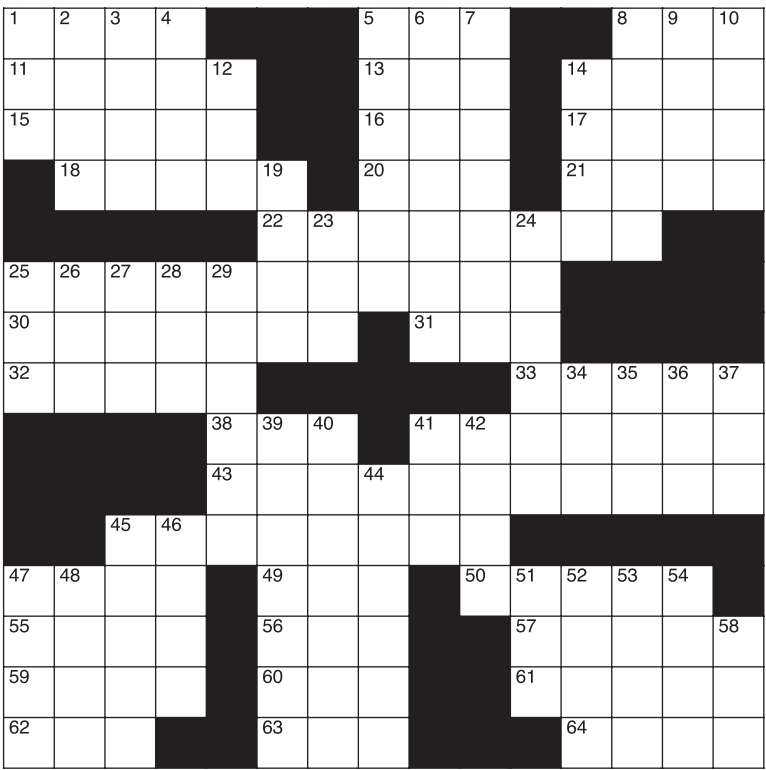
Steele County Divorces July 2016
Randallynn Nicole Guenthner and Jeremy Lyle Guenthner.
Qian Zhang and Scott David Becker.
Lawayn Ann Trom and Douglas Patrick Trom.
Vicki Lynn Southworth and Randy James Southworth.
Aaron R. Quast and Crystal Lee Quast.
Karianne Marie Hart and Donovan Micheal Hart.
Brenda Sue Berg and Charles William Berg.

A	C	H	E		A	F	T		C	P	A
S	H	A	P	E		N	O	R		P	A
L	I	M	I	T		I	R	A		A	B
	C	A	C	A	O		M	E	N		S
					B	R	A	S	S	I	E
K	I	N	G	S	O	F	L	E	O	N	
E	R	U	P	T	E	D		E	M	U	
G	E	N	O	A					R	E	N
				L	A	O		S	T	E	R
					I	N	V	A	L	I	D
	S	A	N	D	A	R	A	C			
C	R	A	B		A	R	A		S	A	B
L	U	B	A		N	I	B		B	R	A
A	C	E	S		T	E	L		C	A	M
D	K	R			E	S	E			D	B

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Pain
5. Near the stern of a ship
8. Certified public accountant
11. External appearance
13. Neither
14. He played with Peter & Mary
15. Maximum
16. Irish republican organization
17. Swedish rock group
18. Source of chocolate
20. Counterparts to women
21. Type of levy
22. More tasteless
25. "Use Somebody" rockers
30. Burst
31. Flightless, fast bird
32. Type of salami
33. Charges to live somewhere
38. Ji dynasty's ancestral home
41. They play music
43. One who cancels
45. Resin from an African tree
47. Shellfish
49. Notre Dame coach Par-seghian
50. Thoroughbred horse race: __ Stakes
55. Empire in pre-colonial C.



- Africa
56. Small piece of caramel
57. Hillsides
59. Does great
60. Israeli city __ Aviv
61. Brief appearance
62. Danish krone (abbr.)
63. Midway between east and southeast

64. Database mgmt. system

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Syrian city
4. A long narrative poem
5. Living thing
6. Envision
7. Flat surface on a vessel's stern
8. Scottish sport
9. They serve beer
10. Expression of sorrow or pity
12. When you expect to get there
14. Bullfighting maneuver
19. Double-reed instrument
23. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
24. Hardened
25. Small cask or barrel
26. Anger
27. Female religious figure
28. Central mail bureau
29. Ruled Russia
34. Geological time
35. Catches fish
36. As well
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. A moderately slow tempo
40. Female reproductive organs
41. Patti Hearst's captors
42. Twitchings
44. Suitable for crops
45. Cavalry-sword
46. Greek sophist
47. Dressed
48. Tight crowd of people
51. Basics
52. "Raymond" actor Garrett
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Old World tree
58. Distress signal

GIVE YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES.

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

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

ACCENTRA
Investment Services

507-434-3334 400 Fourth Ave. NE • Austin, MN 55912

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

Jay Braaten,
Financial Advisor

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT
SMIF still accepting application
for AmeriCorps teaching position

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a great paid service opportunity at Blooming Prairie Preschool.
SMIF seeks to fill an open 900-hour AmeriCorps service position within Blooming Prairie school district's preschool classrooms.
This is a six month position running approximately from Jan. 15 to July 31, 2017.
Please share with your friends and

relatives who may know of someone seeking a new and exciting career growth experience. To apply go to www.smifoundation.org to access the application link.
Princeton University describes national service as "the best first job that prepares young people for the workforce".
SMIF has served as legal host for AmeriCorps national service positions for 22 years and been focuses on

supporting children falling in the skill gap for social and emotion regulation school readiness skills.
SMIF recruits individuals seeking opportunity to serve their community while earning funds for college, networking opportunities for future job placement as well as the critical professional skills needed in a competitive job market.

WE UNDERSTAND SMALL BUSINESS BECAUSE WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS.

Johnson, Doerhoefer & Miner P.A.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
583-7528
314 E. Main St. • Blooming Prairie
WWW.JOHNDOERCPA.COM

CDL A DRIVERS & TRAINEES! – HIRING EVENT

Earn \$65,000+ in 2017!

McLane is hiring CDL A Drivers and Driver Trainees to join their team.

Driver Teammates enjoy:

- Full Benefits Day 1
- Industry-Leading 401(k)
- Paid Vacations and Holidays

Trainees receive:

- Paid CDL-A Driver Training School
- \$15.70/hr. while attending

Be part of something bigger:
McLane's Teammates have raised over \$90 million to help the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the communities in which they work.

Applicant Requirements:
21 Years of Age/ HS Diploma/ 50,000 Safe Driving Miles

For more information:
Call Kalen (262) 504-1617 or visit our **HIRING EVENT**
Fri. Jan. 20th 8 AM to 4 PM
Sat. Jan. 21st 8 AM to 12 PM
Comfort Inn
2345 43rd St. NW
Owatonna, MN 55060

Drivers:
Text **driver** to **82257** or
APPLY NOW at www.driveformclane.com/goto/minnesota
email resume: mnhr@mclaneco.com
McLane is an EOE/AA/M/F/Vet/Disabled.

STEELE COUNTY TIMES

Keep up with the Times
NEW YEAR | NEW LOOK

DOING WHAT WE SAY SINCE 1935. SEE FOR YOURSELF.

NOW HIRING DRIVERS FOR A NEW, LARGE DEDICATED ACCOUNT!

LIMITED TIME—UP TO \$10,000 SIGN-ON BONUS

Earn up to \$70,000/year
Home weekly | Haul freight for one customer

Additional opportunities available in our Van and Intermodal divisions.

SCHNEIDER schneiderjobs.com
800-44-PRIDE

Classifieds

Dodge County
Independent
Dodge County
ADvantage
Steele County Times

3-WEEK SPECIAL: \$30
BUY TWO WEEKS, GET THE THIRD FREE
UP TO 20 WORDS; 10¢ FOR EACH WORD AFTER

FOR SALE


REAL ESTATE


AUTO


REACH OVER 17,000 IN OVER 12 COMMUNITIES

To place an ad: Call: 507-583-4431, E-mail: bptimes@frontiernet.net, Mail: P.O. Box 247, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

EMPLOYMENT

Dodge Center Chiropractic is looking for a detailed and friendly front desk Chiropractic Assistant. Position is part time, up to 30 hours/week. Ability with basic computer use is a must. Stop in for an application or email dodgecenterchiropractic@frontiernet.net. 3-5c

Substitute needed for Taher Food Service. Job includes food prep, serving, possibly cashiering. This position is "as needed" and would cover elementary, middle, and high schools. Hours are not guaranteed, but our subs usually work a few times a month. Please contact Wendy Sellers 507-634-4462 to set up an interview. 4,5,6nc

Wellington Adult Care has a full time day position available working with elderly residents. We are a home and community based facility. We provide 24 hr care. Applicant must be 18 years old have a valid drivers license, and pass a background check. Experience preferred but will train the right person. For application and interview Call Bill or Janie Hill @ 507-374-2198 or 507-319-4521. 5ffc

PROPERTY MANAGER NEEDED- Prairie Villa Apartments in Blooming Prairie is accepting applications for a new site manager. Maintenance, administrative, cleaning and good people skills a must. Flexible hours and hourly wage. Employment application required and found on www.lifestyleinc.net or by calling 507-451-8524, tdd 507-451-0704 EOE. 4,5c;6nc

SERVICES

HAMM'S WELDING - All types, aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, fabrication work and repairs. HAMM'S WELDING, 528-2524, rural Claremont. 9tfc

Dodge County Printing, wedding invitations, bumper stickers, graduation invitations, pens, can holders, letterheads, envelopes, business cards, carbon-less forms, computer stationery. Ask about other items available, 507-634-2661. 33tfp

Have you taken Invokana and suffered any serious side effects? Call 507-573-4551 to speak with a lawyer. You may be entitled to compensation. .tfc

FOR SALE

If you or a loved one have taken Xarelto and suffered any serious side effects, call 507-573-4430 to speak with a lawyer. You may be entitled to compensation. tfc

GRAB AND GO BOKAYS for \$9.99. Free Delivery, in town, Owatonna. Call for delivery 507-451-7673. cedarfloraldesignstudio.com email: cedarfloral.com The right arrangement for all occasions. 1tfc

For Sale- HP 2800 Inkjet. Business Color Printer \$150 OBO Call 507-634-7503 52tfc

**mcAn**
Minnesota Classified Advertising Network


EMPLOYMENT

RAILROAD VEGETATION CONTROL: Full-time traveling opportunity, 60-80 hours/week, \$12-\$15/hour starting, meal allowance, paid lodging & benefit package. RAW, Inc. in Cooperstown, ND 888/700-0292 info@rawapplicators.com www.rawapplicators.com

HELP WANTED

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE OIL Company, Renville, MN is seeking a qualified General Manager. This is a successful five location energy coop with both refined fuels, propane, C Stores, vehicle service and tires with sales of \$20 million. Successful coop agricultural business management experience desired. To Apply contact: David.Lemmon@chsinc.com or 320/219-0270 <http://tinyurl.com/hadktjr>

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

CDL A DRIVERS \$7,500 sign-on-bonus. Medical benefits on day 1 & earn \$65k+ in your first year!!! Guaranteed pay. Profit sharing, 401k with company match & more! Email mnhr@mclaneco.com or call Kalen now! 262/504-1617

MISCELLANEOUS

GOT KNEE PAIN? Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace - little or no cost to you. Medicare patients call health hotline now! 800/755-6807

IF YOU HAD hip implant revision surgery you may be entitled to compensation without ever going to court. Call Attorney James Rolshouse 800/438-6453 or go to: rolshouselaw.com

DISH TV - BEST DEAL EVER! Only \$39.99/mo. Plus \$14.99/mo Internet (where avail). Free Streaming. Free Install (up to 6 rooms). Free HD-DVR. Call 800/297-8706

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

BUYING

BUYING AND SELLING gold & silver, collector coins, diamonds, gold jewelry, silver dollars, rare currency, any gold or silver items. Kuehl's coins, Fairmont, Minnesota, 507/235-3886

MISCELLANEOUS

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

DRIVE WITH UBER No experience is required, but you'll need a Smartphone. It's fun and easy. For more information, call: 800/912-3649

TARGETED ADVERTISING
THAT WORKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS



ADvantage
DODGE COUNTY
Dodge County Independent
121 West Main Street
Kasson, MN 55944

FASTENAL®
DODGE CENTER
FULL TIME & PART TIME
POSITIONS AVAILABLE
MONDAY-FRIDAY
WAREHOUSE SUPPORT
DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED.
MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD.
APPLY ONLINE AT
FASTENAL.COM
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

**LEARN**
Something New
Every Week in the
INDEPENDENT

**HOME SELLERS**
Serving Your Buying and Selling Needs!
BOB REMKER
507-363-9275 Cell
bremker@gmail.com
www.HomeSellersMN.com

Kasson-Mantorville Schools
are seeking a 1.0 FTE Elem Special Education Teacher for 2nd Semester for 2016-17.
Special education licensure in ECSE or ABS is preferred.
Please complete an application on-line at
www.komets.k12.mn.us
and include a resume, application letter, transcripts and reference letters. Contact Darcel Reker at 507.634.1121 with any questions.

**EQUITY BANK**
in Claremont, MN is looking for a motivated individual to serve in a part time position as a Teller.
■ This position could lead to full time.
■ The qualified individual should possess excellent customer service skills, be detail oriented and highly organized.
■ Must have positive attitude and maintain a professional atmosphere.
■ Duties include processing a variety of customer transactions efficiently & accurately.
■ Prior teller experience is a plus but willing to train the right individual.
Please forward your Qualifications / Resume to
kmorris@equitybankmn.com
or you can drop it off at the bank as well.
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER•MEMBER FDIC

WHEN A NURSING HOME IS NOT FOR YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE...
Wellington adult care has trained staff who work 24 hrs. a day to provide you with services such as prepared meals, medication management, personal care such as bathing, dressing and grooming, as well as other activities of daily living. All meals are served family style in the dining room. Special diets are not a problem. We also arrange transportation to and from medical appointments accompanied by staff or family. We supply laundry services, and housekeeping. Our home is wheelchair accessible. We have a 1 to 5 staff to client ratio. All rooms are private. We serve a variety of clients over the age of 55. We are licensed by Dodge County and the State of Minnesota.
For more information please contact
Jane Hill @ 507.374.2198 or 507.319.5134 20tfc

KRUEGER TRUCKING
CDL driver over the road dryer van. Driver benefits included. Paid holidays, vacation pay, and 401K health plan.
Krueger Trucking
Austin, MN
1-800-634-3317

PossAbilities
Serving children and adults with disabilities
PossAbilities provides employment, job coaching, work skill building, recreation and life skill building using a person-centered approach for individuals with developmental disabilities from ages two through retirement in Olmsted County.
We create opportunities to contribute to and connect with the community.
PossAbilities is an AA/EEO employer.
Direct Support Professional Employment Services
JOB SUMMARY
•Direct support of individuals and groups for job crews, job coaching, work skill development, individual placement and transportation. All training is provided.
•Full and part-time; weekday hours between 7:00am-5:00 pm
•Starting wage range: \$12.07-\$13.19 (depending on qualification)
BENEFITS
•For employees working 30 hours or more per week PossAbilities offers:
Health Care and Voluntary Dental
Voluntary Long-Term-Disability
Company paid Short-Term-Disability
Company paid Life insurance
Health Savings and Flex Spending
•403(b) retirement plan
•4 weeks of PTO annually
REQUIREMENTS
•Must be reliable
•Valid driver's license & clean driving record
•Ability to pass a background check
•High school diploma or GED
•One year work, volunteer, or life experience with persons with disabilities
•Strong communication skills
For a rewarding career, please fill out an application that can be found online at www.PossAbilities.org or send resume and cover letter to
Gary Hach at PossAbilities main office, 1808 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904.
Applications can also be picked up at PossAbilities main office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

**Paul J. Kiltinen**
ATTORNEY AT LAW
INDIVIDUAL WILLS
\$50.00
HUSBAND & WIFE SIMPLE WILLS
\$100.00
507-634-7773
16 N. MANTORVILLE AVE.
P.O. Box 295
KASSON, MN 55944 3-6c

Ready for a second act? Retirees, this job is perfect for you!
Community Support Staff \$12.50-\$13.00/hour
You could be the perfect candidate for the Community Support Staff position with Opportunity Services. Make a difference in a person's life by supporting them in community services. We are currently looking to fill full-time and part-time positions in Kasson and Byron. Daytime hours! No weekends. No evenings. Full benefit package including: medical, dental, STD/LTD, and PTO. Senior Medicare Eligible Insurance Supplement available for those that work 20 hours per week. Must have a high school diploma, valid driver's license with a clean driving record and ability to lift 40 lbs.
Are you a positive, energetic person interested in working with adults with disabilities and/or behavioral needs disabilities?
Apply online at: www.oppserv.org
Opportunity Services is drug-free and an equal opportunity employer. Opportunity Services is an EEO/AA Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.
OS | opportunity services
Pride. Put it to work.

The Legend Continues... 49th Annual
Indoor Used Car Event
Saturday, January 21st
Open at 8:00 am
Come Shop In 65°
Indoor Comfort All Day Saturday
FREE Sloppy Joes, Pop & Coffee Saturday

HOME OF THE
\$12⁹⁵
Oil
Change

PRE-SALE and WRITE-UP

Thursday, January 19th and Friday, January 20th 8 am-8 pm

*Get pre-approved and get your name on the perfect car at the perfect price



2012 Ford
Focus SEL
\$8,799



Financing as low as
1.99%

O.A.C. \$10,000 Minimum to Finance

On Site Lending
with super low rates



2009 Ford Escape
Limited
\$8,999

**OVER 75
4x4'
AVAILABLE**
Starting At
\$1,999

2016 Chrysler
Town & Country
30,000-40,000 Miles
STARTING AT
\$19,999

8 TO
CHOOSE
FROM

**OVER 150
USED
VEHICLES**
Starting At
\$499

2015/2016 Chrysler 200
40,000-50,000 Miles
STARTING AT
\$11,999

12 TO
CHOOSE
FROM



2001 Dodge
Ram 1500
\$8,499

**45
VEHICLES**
Priced Under
\$14,999

With 30
Under
\$10,000



2011 Ford
Fusion SE
\$7,299



www.davesyverson.com

All vehicles subject to prior sale from print date

2310 E. Main St., Albert Lea, MN | 800-423-6663 | 507-373-1438