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STAFF PHOTO BY KAY FATE

Students at Lincoln Elementary School step off the bus for the start of another day of classes. Owatonna and Medford schools started classes last week; Blooming Prairie and NRHEG started classes this week.

9-11

20 years later, 'this was the event in our lives'

BY KAY FATE
 STAFF WRITER

Cory Hendrickson was just beginning his first year as a history teacher at Blooming Prairie High School, his second year overall.

"It was the second week of school, and I didn't know many people here yet," he said. "I usually had the TV on in my classroom, but I'd turned it off. Then I heard a couple of women talking out in the hallway, something about a plane hitting a building, and I turned my TV back on.

"I remember right where I was standing when the first building fell," Hendrickson said.

It was, of course, Sept. 11, 2001. "My parents always had the discussion of where they were when JFK was shot; for my grandparents, it was Pearl Harbor," he said. "You could tell (that day) that it was a big deal – I think this was that event in our lives."

It certainly was for two of his students, who were ninth-graders when they were interviewed by the Blooming Prairie Times on Sept. 25, 2001.

Now the communications manager for the City of Shakopee, Amanda Lillie McKnight said looking back "feels surreal. I have vivid snippets of memories from that entire morning, including passing notes in geometry with friends, wondering if we were on the brink of World War III. I definitely felt the gravity of the situation."



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Cory Hendrickson was just two weeks into the school year as a second-year teacher on Sept. 11, 2001. The Star Tribune from Sept. 12, 2001, still hangs in his history classroom at Blooming Prairie High School. 20 years later, as do copies of the papers announcing the assassination of President John Kennedy and the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

So did Sarah Romeo, who said of that day, "my judgments were altered and became more realistic ... my young adult dream of 'wanting world peace' seemed a little less promising after that day."

Hendrickson said he remembers watching TV with his classes for the rest of the day, recognizing he was seeing history in the making.

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"The teachers basically let us watch the news in every class," McKnight said, "and some of them tried to offer context and reassure us that we were safe. They were all clearly in shock, too, and understandably so."

After that initial shock, Hendrickson had a job to do: Helping students understand the inexplicable.

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OUR VIEW



We haven't forgotten

We pledged not to forget, and we haven't. Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of 9-11 – the day al Qaeda terrorists attacked us on our own soil, killing nearly 3,000 people, destroying not only the World Trade Center but also our sense of safety at home.

Lest anyone wonder how the nation reacted, newspaper headlines from around the country on that terrible day exist to remind us:

TERRORIZED WAR

Enemy in the Shadows

Life altered forever

'Today our nation saw evil'

America's Darkest Day

TERROR HITS HOME

Fear, horror, anger, sadness. The tragic events of 9-11 spared no one.

Where were you?

Two graduates of Blooming Prairie and their history teacher Cory Hendrickson remember.

"I remember right where I was standing when the first building fell," said Hendrickson.

Amanda Lillie McKnight, who was in ninth grade at the time, remembers: "I have vivid snippets of memories from that entire morning, including passing notes in geometry with friends, wondering if we were on the brink of World War III."

Classmate Sarah Romeo also remembers: "We watched, a few gasps here and there, but mostly in silence. We were old enough to know: We were at war."

Whether you were young or old on the 11th day in September of 2001, you know where you were and how the audacious acts of terrorism forever changed the world in which we live.

With the images of that day etched permanently in the minds of those who watched two planes crashing into the World Center, another into the Pentagon and a fourth into a rural field in western Pennsylvania, we pause and renew our vow never to forget.

Letters to the Editor

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Look beyond the fair and deep-fried food



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

While venturing around the Great Minnesota Get-Together last week, I stumbled across a former Owatonna woman helping her friend, Renae Jenö, with her Ole and Lena stand.

Not surprisingly, the workers at Ole and Lena's were frying up their famous tater tot hotdish on a stick, though at a slower pace than usual with fewer fairgoers coming out this year to the Minnesota State Fair.

Darci Christofferson was one of the workers behind the scenes at Ole and Lena's. Her family isn't exactly shy about fairs as her father, Scott Kozelka, manages the Steele County Free Fair.

However, Christofferson has a more interesting story that goes far beyond fairs and deep-fried food. The 1996 graduate of Owatonna High School has been living in Evansville, Ind. the past seven years.

She is a registered nurse who recently has decided to be a traveling nurse. Her most recent assignment

was a six-month stint in the COVID unit at a hospital in Indiana that ended in June. "The whole unit was full of COVID patients," said Christofferson who worked 12-hour shifts trying to help people.

"I saw my fair share of death," Christofferson said. "People with underlying health conditions... they would be in for a month and couldn't take it anymore."

It wasn't unusual for Christofferson to have patients "struggling to breathe" while caring for them. "It's scary," she said. "It's something you can't fix right away."

Christofferson found that the majority of her patients were unvaccinated and younger people.

Before the onset of COVID-19, Christofferson worked as a hospice nurse for three years. While nothing in nursing school prepared her for COVID, she said her work in hospice became beneficial in dealing with families on the verge of losing loved ones.

"It prepared me to have difficult conversations with family," Christofferson said. "I was able to talk to them about the death process. We did a lot of education with our patients."

She said the hardest part of dealing with COVID-19 was seeing patients locked in a room and unable to



Darci Christofferson, formerly of Owatonna, fries up a batch of hotdish on the stick at Ole and Lena's stand at the Minnesota State Fair.

come out. For Christofferson, the worst was a 90-year-old dementia patient. "It was awful," she said.

And as Christofferson's best words of advice?

"Wash your hands, wear your mask and get vaccinated if that's something you want to do," she said.

While she believes in getting vaccinated, Christofferson is careful about mandating people to do it. "I would never tell people what to do with their body," she said, adding it's a personal choice.

Before becoming a nurse, Christofferson served for eight years in the U.S. Navy. Her 19-year-old son is following in her footsteps. He is currently in Navy boot camp.

Christofferson begins another travel nurse contract with St. Mary's

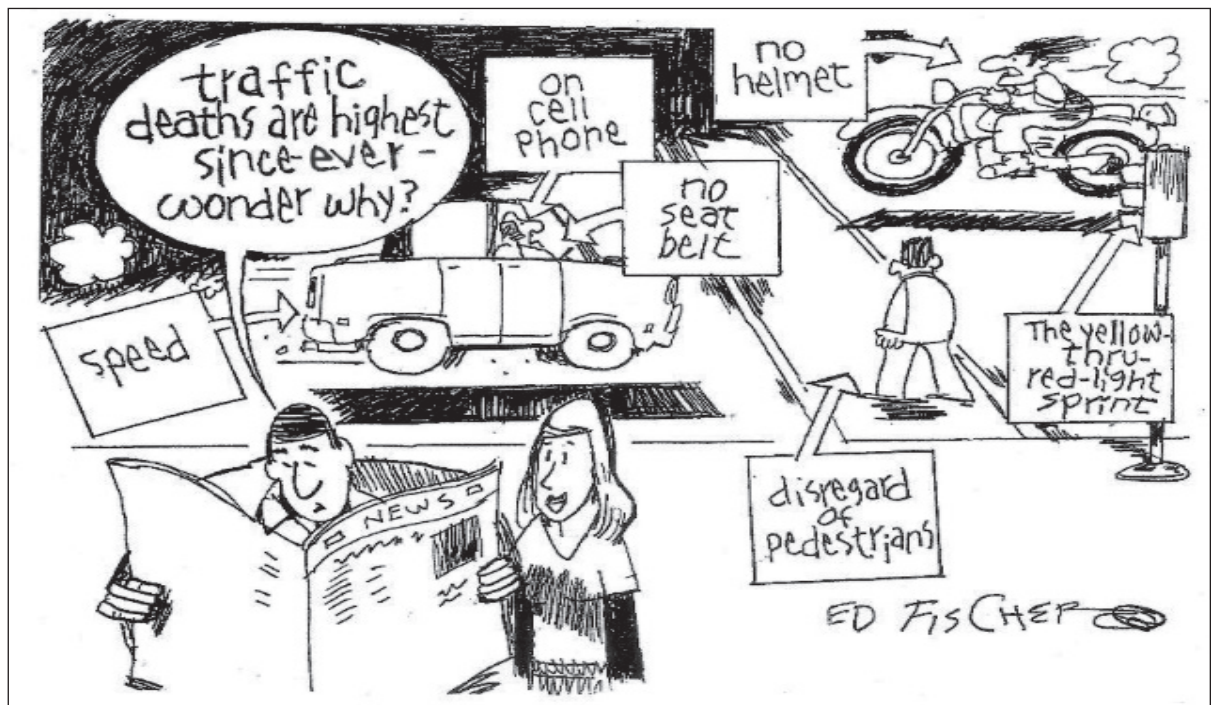
Hospital in Rochester later this month. But this time, she will not be in the COVID unit but rather the general medical unit.

She said she loves to be a traveling nurse because she can pick wherever she wants to work. Christofferson works with a recruiter who gives her options of where she can work.

Christofferson plans to move back to Owatonna within the next six months.

As for the State Fair, it was just what the doctor ordered, said Christofferson. She got to have some fun cooking utater tot hotdish and onion rings while helping out a friend in need.

We owe our gratitude to nurses like Christofferson, who have been going in hot pursuit of helping us fight the worst pandemic in a century.



GUEST COLUMN

School boards should decide CRT

BY GENE DORNINK

As the summer comes to an end, the Minnesota State Fair drew patrons and businesses from across the state.

In the Senate, we are beginning our Fall bonding tour. This will allow the members of the Capital Investment Committee, including myself, to see many of the vital local projects that need funds this year. In our community, we are seeking bonding funds for many projects including the Fountain Lake restoration, Austin Wastewater Treatment Plant, Shooting Star Trail connection, and the Hormel Institute Bioimaging Center.

I have been hearing from many of you about the importance of local control over our schools. Our school boards need to have the ability to do their jobs. Each individual district should be in control of its curriculum, activities, and regulations. What works in Minneapolis does not necessarily work in our community. Having local control is even more important because of the proposed curriculum changes and continued COVID mandates.

Curriculum changes like Critical Race Theory and new social studies standards have been proposed by the depart-

ment of education over the last few months. It is my strong belief that things like this need to be decided by your school boards. These local elected officials can be held accountable, unlike the bureaucrats in the department of education. Further, these are radical, divisive changes that are likely unnecessary in our communities.

As COVID transmission increases once again, we are seeing another reason to support local control. Mask and vaccine mandates need to be decided on a local level. Transmission rates and case numbers vary dramatically by area. A mask mandate

in one district may be supported while being ridiculed in another. When we leave the decision to the school boards and local leaders, it gives parents the opportunity to voice their opinions and partake in the decision-making process. Just recently in Albert Lea we saw an outbreak among students. As for any viral outbreak, the superintendent was able to respond quickly. If managing these isolated outbreaks were left to the state, the response would be slower and ineffective.

A second issue that I have heard from many of you about is the vaccine mandates being imposed by many

private businesses and schools. Let me be clear: I strongly oppose forcing anyone to get any vaccine. Those decisions need to be made between an individual and their doctor. While I will continue to oppose statewide mandates, we cannot prevent schools and private businesses from imposing their own rules. Public schools and universities must accept the exemptions provided under the law for vaccine requirements. You and your family may opt-out of receiving the COVID vaccine, regardless of school and university mandates, if you have a medical, personal, or religious reason to not

receive vaccinations. You will just have to fill out a form with the school's office, as you would for any other vaccination exemption. Private businesses may require employees and patrons to be vaccinated so long as they do not infringe on an individual's religious beliefs.

As always, I am here for you if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me by email at Sen.Gene.Dornink@Senate.mn or call me at 651-296-5240.

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There's not much social distancing at the Sturgis rally. More than 500,000 attended the 10-day event. Sturgis has a population of just over 7,000 during non-Sturgis rally days.

The Sturgis Scene

BP officer helps at cycle rally

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Show me your badge!" Go to the Sturgis, S.D. Bike Rally in August and hear this proclamation, only with a few different words.

Blooming Prairie Police Officer Dan Peach, 27, gladly shows his badge when he is working nine days as a certified police officer in Sturgis during the annual bike rally, which draws more than 500,000 bikers.

Peach just returned from his sixth year working the world-famous motorcycle rally. Peach

drives a police vehicle while on duty in Sturgis.

The pace, of course, is much different on the hills of South Dakota than on the farmland of Blooming Prairie.

"I've arrested more people for domestics, fights, assaults than I have done in a whole year in Blooming Prairie," Peach said.

Peach says he loves doing this special duty every year but he is happy to return to his full-time police job in the small Blooming Prairie town of 2,000 residents. "I love Blooming Prairie and hope to stay here

forever," said Peach.

Wikipedia says the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was begun in 1938 by a group of Indian motorcycle riders and was originally held for stunts and races.

Since then, the rally has become a pluralistic endeavor that consists of events put on by many different groups.

Attendance has historically been around 500,000 people, reaching a high of over 700,000 in 2015. The event takes place over 10 days and generates around \$800 million in annual revenue.

See STURGIS on A5 ►

Raising money to help others

Mary's Angels leading walk to end Alzheimer's

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

With their walking shoes ready to go, Mary's Angels have found where there's a walk; there is a way to help a disease that has no cure.

For two of the angels, Karen and Barry Thompson of Owatonna, the mission is very personal. Karen's mother, Mary Behne, battled Alzheimer's for about six years before she died in 2012.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Behne's family, which calls itself Mary's Angels, will be leading the Owatonna Alzheimer's Walk at the Steele County Fairgrounds. The Thompsons are coordinating the effort on behalf of their family, which includes about 40 members.

The Thompsons hope their efforts will eventually lead to a cure. Meanwhile, they are raising as much money as possible and hope to achieve this year's goal of \$52,000. As of late last week, about \$42,000 had been raised. Those interested in donating may do so at www.alz.org/walk.

In early August,

Mary's Angels got a jump on the fundraising effort. They raised \$7,100 at a fundraiser in Hayfield, where Behne lived for most of her life.

All the money raised goes to the Alzheimer's Association for research.

"I would love to have a cure, so our kids and grandkids don't have to go through this," said Barry Thompson. "It's hard on the family."

While there is no known cure, a new drug, Abucanumab, was recently introduced to help slow the progression of the disease.

The Thompsons said they feel like they lost their mother twice—first when she was battling Alzheimer's and again when she died. "She didn't know anyone for the last six months," Barry said. Behne was 78 when she died.

One of the troubling things the Thompsons experienced during Behne's battle was how some people, primarily adults, made fun of Alzheimer's patients. "They try to be smart and funny about it," Barry said. "If you haven't experienced it



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Barry and Karen Thompson and their family are the honorary family for the 2021 Owatonna Alzheimer's Walk to be held Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Steele County Fairgrounds. Karen's mother, Mary Behne, battled Alzheimer's for six years before she died in 2012.

personally, you really don't know how bad it can get."

The Thompsons had no idea what they were in for when Behne was first diagnosed with Alzheimer's in about 2007. "We didn't know how serious it can be," Barry said.

"She just thought she was very forgetful and couldn't remember," Karen said about her mother. Barry also said Behne often commented, "I wish this thing would work (pointing to her head)."

The final six months became the greatest challenge for the family. "It was hard," Barry said. "She couldn't talk. She just sat there and stared at us."

Karen refused to stop visiting her mother. She went to the nursing home where Behne had been placed at least four or

five times every week. "It was hard to go and see her," she said. "But I would just sit with her. It was so hard watching her be like that just sitting in a wheelchair."

Because Behne enjoyed listening to music, the family comforted her by putting a radio in her room. They also played games with her. "You have to keep your mind busy," Karen stressed.

Another tip Karen has for dealing with Alzheimer's is to always agree with the stricken family member. "Don't argue with them," she said.

According to the Thompsons, Alzheimer's is not just an older person's disease. They know of people as young as 40 who have the disease. "It can happen to anyone," Barry said.

There are no known causes of the disease, but the Thompsons have learned that one of the best defenses against it is keeping busy doing things. "You have to keep your mind active," Barry said.

Both Barry and Karen are involved with a local Alzheimer's Support Group to help other families going through the disease. "We don't know everything, but hopefully we can help them a little bit," Barry said.

With more awareness and money being raised in recent years, the Thompsons are hopeful that a cure is on the horizon.

"It amazes me that they found a cure for COVID-19 so quickly, but for other things, it takes years," Karen said. "I believe they will eventually find a cure."

10th annual Jacob's Run this weekend

DEB FLEMMING
NEWS EDITOR

Chrystal Gasner knows the pain of losing someone to suicide. And like so many others, she is working to raise awareness about and to prevent suicide.

Now the scholarship coordinator for the Open Arms Suicide Prevention Program in Owatonna, Gasner said she lost her great grandfather and a high school friend to suicide.

See JACOB on A12 ►

BP cancer group ramping up for weekend

BY KAY FATE
STAFF WRITER

It's shaping up to be a weekend of raffles, running – and a record.

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group fundraiser kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday with a live auction under THE BIG TENT downtown.

It continues all weekend with raffle prizes, a 5K run/walk on Saturday at 10 a.m., BINGO under the BiG TENT from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and another auction on Saturday at 7 p.m. A continental breakfast will be held at the First Lutheran Church Sunday morning and more food and fun than anyone could ask for.

The activities also include a mum flower drive, and wrap up Sept. 16 with Gun BINGO.

This – the 20th year of the auction – could be the big one, with the potential of reaching \$1 million total raised over the past two decades.

Shame causes doubt, triggers helplessness



Steele Talkin'
MARK SKRIEN

Question: My husband is highly sensitive to criticism, and has to be "right" during our arguments. He blames it on his past, and claims to have been ridiculed by his parents and other students during his school years. He says that humiliation and shame were common.

What are the lasting effects of shame?

Answer: Shame first becomes evident when one is deeply "wounded" and hurt by important people during childhood and adolescence. The person is given clear messages by others of being inadequate, incompetent, defective, and unlovable. It profoundly affects how a person feels about self and others. Shame causes strong doubts and can trigger a powerful inner sense of worthlessness and helplessness. It can create a sense of being a failure as a person and can stop the person from being who they really are.

See SHAME on A10 ►

Block-by-block



STAFF PHOTO BY DEB FLEMMING

Reconstruction of Bridge Street from I-35 to 24th Avenue in Owatonna continues. The block just east of I-35 is open, allowing easier access to nearby businesses. Crews recently worked to finish landscaping in the median. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete no later than Oct. 30.

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT Burglary: Police arrested a subject for burglary in the 200 block of Birch Ave. NE at 6:37 p.m. on Aug. 29.

Man heads to prison; civil case heads to court

BY KAY FATE
STAFF WRITER

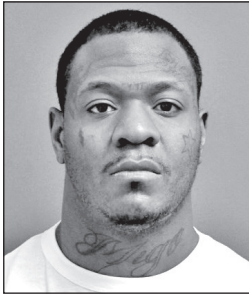
An Owatonna man was sentenced last week to 39 months in prison, but his case against the Owatonna Police Department is just ramping up.

Shawn Joseph Brown, 34, was charged in June 2020 with two counts of possession of ammo/any firearm after a conviction for a crime of violence and one count of fourth-degree drug possession with intent to sell. All are felonies.

After reaching a plea agreement, Brown pleaded guilty in May to the drug charge; his conviction was deemed a misdemeanor.

Steele County District Court Judge Joseph Buettel handed down a 39-month sentence; with credit for 466 days already served, Brown will serve less than a year before his minimum sentence is fulfilled.

The charges stemmed from an investigation that included the Cannon



Shawn Joseph Brown

River Valley Drug and Violent Offender Task Force and Owatonna police.

On May 20, 2020, Brown and his brother were detained while agents executed a search warrant at the men's home on Cedar Avenue.

According to the criminal complaint, officers found several items in a basement crawlspace and the basement ceiling, including 12 1-ounce bags of marijuana; 90 Ecstasy pills; nearly a gram of Fentanyl; a .45 caliber handgun, more than 50.45 caliber rounds and a stack of U.S. currency.

Despite the sentencing, Brown's case in conciliation court will move forward. He wants the \$10,000 in

cash – almost exclusively in \$20 bills – seized by the Owatonna Police during the search warrant to be returned to him.

In his filing document, Brown claims his bank records will show that his employee paychecks from an Owatonna business were directly deposited bi-weekly into his bank account, then promptly withdrawn. Because the money was “legitimately earned through my employment,” Brown wants the money back.

According to the criminal complaint, the money seized was found in a shoebox under the bottom drawer of a two-drawer dresser at the foot of Brown's bed.

According to Brown, he has “historically refrained from keeping the majority of my funds in the bank, as I prefer to hold cash.”

The money was reportedly deposited May 21, 2020, into the drug task force's forfeiture holding account at The State Bank of Faribault.

Man faces felony burglary charges, domestic assault

BY KAY FATE
STAFF WRITER

An Owatonna man made his initial appearance Wednesday on felony first-degree burglary and gross misdemeanor domestic assault charges.

The charges against Clifford Jahuar Marshall, 39, stem from an alleged incident on Aug. 29, when a woman reported that Marshall had barged into a house and hit her in the head, knocking her glasses off.

He accused the woman of cheating on him, according to the complaint, and told her he was tracking her with a GPS.

Officers went to a home on Phelps Street, where they could see Marshall and another man inside, but no one would answer the door.



Clifford Jahuar Marshall

The officers obtained a search warrant but didn't force entry into the home because Marshall's mother was expected home from work soon.

Marshall eventually came to the door, was arrested and searched.

According to the criminal complaint, Marshall sat on the back seat of the squad car, but refused to put his legs inside.

He repeated multiple

times that the officers should tase him, shoot him and slam the door on his legs. After about 45 minutes of negotiations with officers and his mother, Marshall pulled his legs into the car and was taken to the Steele County Detention Center.

Marshall faces felony charges in Rice County of possessing a firearm after conviction for a crime of violence and fifth-degree drug possession. He's due back in court on those charges in October.

Marshall's criminal record includes a 2015 case where he was charged with felony third-degree assault and misdemeanor domestic assault. The felony count was dismissed; he was convicted of the misdemeanor and served 29 days of a 90-day jail term.

Drivers over-confident at underpasses

BY KAY FATE
STAFF WRITER

It was a week of high-impact for a pair of high-profile vehicles.

On Aug. 28, a fifth-wheel camper trailer struck the Mineral Springs Road bridge,

shearing off equipment on the top of the camper.

Two days later, a semi-trailer hit the railroad bridge on Riverside Avenue – and got stuck under the railroad overpass. Riverside was closed for a couple of hours as the trailer was

removed.

The driver of the semi-trailer, a 59-year-old man from California, was arrested on suspicion of DWI. Formal charges are pending.

There was no information about any possible damage to the bridges.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 23 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding: Colby J. Reich, 36, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct – significant relationship with victim under 16. Reich was sentenced to \$1,075, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, predatory offender registration, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, psychological evaluation, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph exams as directed, no access to Internet without approval, no possession of firearms and 3 years of supervised probation. Sebastian R. Schumacher, 26, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to \$1,272.98 and 20 months in St. Cloud State Prison. The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 23 – 29:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrick L. Callahan, 23, Mankato, expired tabs, \$105; Vanessa M.

Gonzales, 23, Oakdale, permit violation, \$125; Allyce M. Himel, 32, Houma, LA, child passenger restraint system violation and no insurance, \$325; Justin L. Himle, 26, Owatonna, expired tabs and possession of marijuana and no insurance, \$355; William P. Okweari, 49, Austin, suspended license and no insurance, \$475; Jacob C. Sandte, 36, Mankato, assault, \$81, 6 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Amanda J. Tennyson, 31, Chaska, no insurance, \$275; Sebastian B. Van Sabben, 21, Austin, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$375, 2 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, psychological evaluation, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Nimo S. Abdullahi, 26, Faribault, unsafe change of course, \$125; Nicole E. Albright, 29, Cottage Grove, give peace officer false name, stay of adjudication, diversion

program and 2 years of supervised probation; Linh T. An Nguyen, 39, Cedar Falls, IA, speeding, \$135; Tristen A. Bauer, 23, Austin, possession of marijuana and DWI, stay of adjudication, \$375, attend MADD impact panel, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Louise D. Bequeaith, 20, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$135; Nathan L. Betru, 41, St. Paul, speeding, \$215; Archibald S. Briggs, 28, St. Paul, speeding, possession of marijuana and revoked license, \$385; Jon D. Brown, 48, Rochester, cancelled license, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Lionel G. Bustillos Portillo, 19, Kersey, CO, speeding, \$125; Tajanae C. Davis, 23, Minneapolis, speeding, \$215; Pierre C. Desuze, 57, Minneapolis, no license and revoked license, \$375; Roy J. Fingerholz, 67, St. Paul, DWI, \$375, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend AA, comply with Ignition Interlock, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation; Hannah F. Graham, 21, Duncan, OK, speeding, \$135; Gregory A. Stewart, 47, Gallup, NM, speeding, \$215; Michael L. Jilk, 36, Albert Lea, speeding, \$135; Andrew P. Johnson, 40, Savage, speeding, \$115; Treyten P. Kane, 18,

Owatonna, window tint violation, \$175; Edward J. Kirchoff, 22, Plymouth, speeding, \$135; Ifrain Marquez Garcia, 21, Blaine, speeding, \$215; Brian K. Masso, 40, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Rick J. Morgan, 63, Casa Grande, AZ, speeding, \$215; Tawnia K. Mullerleile-Garten, 50, Elysian, speeding, \$115; Dominic D. Panos, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$135; Ethan K. Pitzman, 19, Homer, AK, speeding, \$215; Steven R. Polkow, 72, Owatonna, unsafe change of course, \$125; Hannah R. Poor, 20, Woodbury, speeding, \$215; Leopoldo M. Rivera, 21, Waseca, speeding and no insurance, \$325; Karen A. Schaefer, 42, Medford, speeding, \$135; Warren F. Stearns, 48, Faribault, revoked license, \$275; Jeremy A. Stempowski, 29, Lorain, OH, speeding, \$115; Jerry J. Toeben, 50, Sartell, speeding, \$135; Sydney T. Williams, 24, Byron, speeding, \$135; Reverta C. Wilson, 35, Oklahoma City, OK, speeding, \$125; Rommel E. Zelaya, 21, Carbondale, CO, speeding, \$135.

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Jesse W. Baldus, 42, Waseca, seat belt, \$100; Joel M. Born, 58, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$175; RaeAnn M. Brogren, 22, Owatonna, invalid license, \$175; John R. Bulver, 34, Owatonna, revoked license, \$275; Gage T. Gourhan, 26,

Owatonna, suspended license, \$275; Dennis J. Hedberg, 47, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$275, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Cynthia Jaso Clementz, 32, Faribault, hands free violation, \$125; Cade M. Luebben, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$125; Wayne R. Miller, 43, Faribault, revoked license, \$275; Tamara J. Olson, 38, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$250, 70 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation; Bailey C. Rau, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$125; Daniel C. Reese, 19, Owatonna, seat belt, \$100; Gregorio B. Resendiz, 43, Hudson, WI, speeding, \$115; Joshua Rocha, 17, Minneapolis, speeding, \$275; Colton J. Stange, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$115; Ryan P. Stinnett, 22, Ellendale, revoked license, \$275; Brian K. Wocelka, 51, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$375, 3 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation.

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Little know social security program helps seniors manage their money

Dear Savvy Senior, Does Social Security offer any special help to beneficiaries who struggle managing their benefits? My aunt, who has no children, has dementia and struggles keeping up with her bills and other financial duties. Inquiring Niece

Dear Inquiring, Yes, Social Security actually has a little-known program known as the “representative payee program” that helps beneficiaries who need help managing their Social Security benefit payments. Here’s what you should know.

Representative Payee Program

Authorized by congress back in 1939, the Social Security representative payee program provides money management help to beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security income. Beneficiaries in need of this help are often seniors suffering from dementia, or minor children who are collecting Social Security survivors’ benefits.

Currently more than 5 million Social Security beneficiaries have representative payees.

Representative payees also handle benefits for nearly 3 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a Social Security administered benefit program for low-income people who are over 65, blind or disabled.

Who Are Payees?

A representative payee is typically a relative or close friend of the beneficiary needing assistance, but Social Security can also name an organization or institution for the role – like a nursing homes or social-service agency.

Some of duties of a representative payee include:

- Using the beneficiary’s Social Security or SSI payments to meet their essential needs, such as food, shelter, household bills and medical care. The money can also be used for personal needs like clothing and recreation.
- Keeping any remaining money from benefit payments in an interest-bearing bank account or savings bonds for the beneficiary’s future needs.
- Keeping records of benefit payments received and how the money was spent or saved.
- Reporting to Social Security any changes or events that could affect the beneficiary’s payments (for example, a move, marriage, divorce or death).
- Reporting any circumstances that affect

the payee’s ability to serve in the role.

As a representative payee, you cannot combine the beneficiary’s Social Security payments with your own money or use them for your own needs. The bank account into which benefits are deposited should be fully owned by the beneficiary, with the payee listed as financial agent.

Some payees, generally those who do not live with the beneficiary, are required to submit annual reports to Social Security accounting for how benefits are used. For more information on the responsibilities and restrictions that come with the role, see the Social Security publication “A Guide for Representative Payees” at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf.

How to Get Help

If you believe your aunt may need a representative payee, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 and make an appointment to discuss the matter at her local office. Applying to serve as a payee usually requires a face-to-face interview.

Social Security may consider other evidence in deciding if a beneficiary needs a payee and selecting the person to fill the role, including doctors’ assessments and statements from relatives, friends and others in a position to give an informed opinion about the beneficiary’s situation.

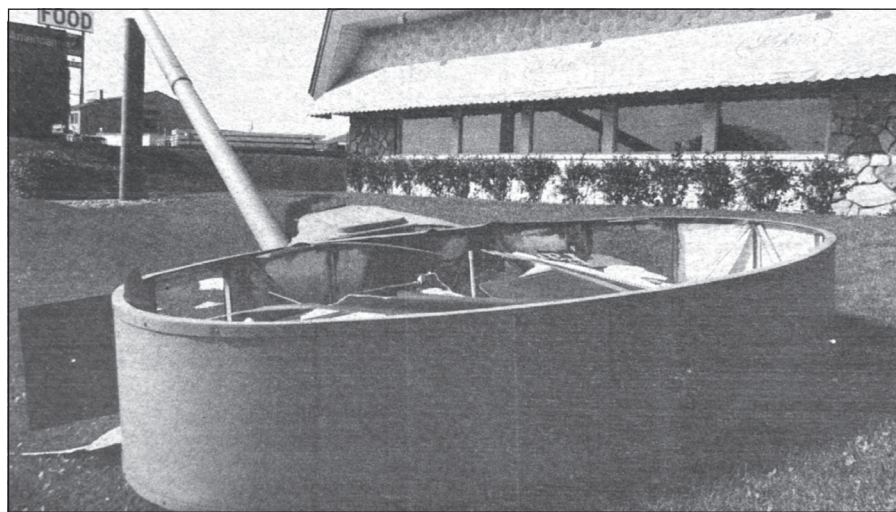
You should also know that if you become your aunt’s representative payee you cannot collect a fee for doing it. However, some organizations that serve in the role do receive fees, paid out of the beneficiary’s Social Security or SSI payments.

For more information on the program visit SSA.gov/payee.

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

History from the News Archives

Away she goes



The 70-foot sign at Perkin’s restaurant in Owatonna couldn’t withstand some high winds of 30+ miles per hour on Sept. 3, 1990. The sign came tumbling down with a thud shortly after noon. Even though the incident happened during the busy lunch hour, no one was injured.

10 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 2011

RICK L. BUSSLER, PUBLISHER

After 13 years serving Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie as its medical director, Dr. David Strobel has moved his practice from Austin to the Twin Cities. Strobel’s last day was last Tuesday. He loved working at the care center and mentioned he will greatly miss the people and staff. “It is a true team effort of Prairie Manor,” Strobel on his last day. “I will miss everyone.”

The high school sports season got off to a bang, with several events to report on. Probably the most interesting had to be the football victory by the Blossoms over NRHEG. After three years of frustration and three losses by a total of 12 points, the Blossoms edged the Panthers 33-30 with a come-from behind win. Now, with three freshmen on the starting team, the volleyball team managed to split a pair of matches. They defeated Medford in three straight games and then went to a deciding fifth game before dropping a match to the Bucs in Waterville.

20 Years

Sept. 11, 2001

ELSIE SLINGER, EDITOR

The hijacked planes smashing into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center sear the mind, and like a film loop, replay images to infinity. The exploding fireballs shooting in all directions as they struck, buildings literally imploding into themselves and piling up rubble 10 stories high on the ground, and bodies falling from great distances seem strictly from a science fiction movie, and one expects to wake at any minute to find that it was all just a bad dream.

Downtown Blooming Prairie had many displays of patriotism, with flags waving and showing up in business windows. The flags at the banks and schools hung half mass in remembrance of the victims. The word on the street was consistently about what was happening out east, and ultimately how it would affect Main Street America now, and in the future.

Pastor Hegal reminded the congregation as they lit candles – “You will carry the light of hope back that terrorists will not have the last word.”

50 Years Ago

Sept. 5, 1971

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Thomas O’Connor, Jr., Blooming Prairie, was one of the three south-east Minnesota men honored by

Pioneer Seed Company for outstanding sales accomplishments, highest percentage sales increase, during the past year. This was the sixth consecutive year for their appearance at the State Fair. Gerald Brown of Utica was awarded for largest sales volume and Ervin Marti, of Kasson, for highest sales concentration.

The “Petal Tones” from Blooming Prairie High school performed on Labor Day at the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair. Members of the group are Sherrie Kittleson, Doug Olson, Debbie Long, Diane Brainerd, Herman Lembke, Ricki Krejci, Julie Hoel, Vicky Frey, Bruce Hattleberg, Bob Herron, Dave Hansen, Ken Christianson, Ron Johnson, Richard Schlichting, Bette Hansen, Judy Kittleson, Chuck Krell and Harlen Hansen.

75 Years Ago

Sept. 3, 1946

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Mst, Sgt. George Davis arrived home from Camp Dix, N.J. where he was honorably discharged from the armed forces in which he served for 19 months.

Two car accidents occurred this week. Chester Jacobson, L S Ulland Co. employee, was badly injured when the 1941 Chevrolet truck he was driving catapulted into a ditch 10 feet deep. Jacobson was transported to the Owatonna City Hospital. A second accident happened on a crushed rock road four miles west of the gun club entrance. Cyril Skalisky, driving a 1940 Ford, and Mr. Warsin, driving a 1937 Chevrolet collided. Both escaped injury, but both vehicles were very badly damaged.

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31 Years Ago

Sept. 13, 1990

TOM SHEA, PUBLISHER

Jeff Loveless, Owatonna, and his prize-winning hog were the recipients of a First Place Ribbon at the Minnesota State Fair last week. He was also first in his class. Jeff was one of the 112 Steele County 4-Hers to earn trips to the state fair. Twenty-five percent of the Steele County participants received ribbons this year.

A year-long birthday celebration is being held at Lincoln School. Last week two of the original staff were on hand to cut birthday cake for students and staff. Retired fifth grade teacher, Jermina Merk, taught at Lincoln for 23 years and Don Wilker took care of the building and grounds for 25 years. When Lincoln opened in 1960 there were only eight classrooms, 208 students, eight teachers and one half-time principal, Jim Hotchkiss.

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BP officer helps at cycle rally in Sturgis

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Peach, a graduate of Owatonna High School, measures 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds. “I’m still an Awesome Blossom,” he proclaims. “He looks like he just graduated from high school,” a close friend said.

He may not look older than he is, but when performing his police work, whether in Blooming Prairie or Sturgis, he becomes a seasoned officer.

How did Peach land the Sturgis gig?

He said he saw a post on Facebook asking for someone to work the rally. “It sounded like a blast, so I applied,” Peach explained. “It was one of the best decisions I have made during my career. I’ve built friend-

ships and it’s like one big, happy family.”

Looking back on his first year doing the Sturgis trick, Peach said the experience was surreal. “Working Sturgis is the greatest experience I could hope to have,” Peach says.

While on duty, Peach worked outside of Sturgis proper doing traffic enforcement. It was not unusual to be called to fights, DWI cases and also drug busts.

Peach said he called for assistance on a drug bust and requested help from a canine officer.

Peach arrested two people for having a large amount of unidentified pills and mushrooms in their possession.

Peach’s shifts typically ran from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Sturgis Police Department ran three shifts.

During the first five years of his police work at the Sturgis rally, Peach worked with Clint Mitchell as his partner. Mitchell gave up his job due to a heart attack. Peach was then assigned to duty with Teal Schmidt.

Six cars were on duty during Peach’s 12-hour night shift, two officers per car. A sergeant also ran a shift.

“We arrested a lot of people, no protesters, but lots of domestics, fights and assaults,” Peach said. There was no protesting in Sturgis, and thus, no arrests.

Peach said the crowd

was an older one. “There are mostly good people at the rally but there are also people making bad decisions,” Peach said.

For the first time ever, Peach said Sturgis allowed open containers of alcohol. This caused more arrests, he said.

The experience gained by Peach in Sturgis makes him more knowledgeable about incidents and will make him a better officer in BP. “I’m more well-rounded in respect to training and actual experience,” he says.

“I love coming back to Blooming Prairie to people I know,” he affirmed.

Peach says he hopes to go to the Sturgis rally every year until he retires from regular police work.



SHARING A HOBBY

Up on the auction block with Kruckeberg's passion of tractors, autos

STORY AND PHOTOS BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The time has come to sell off his hobby of tractors and cars, says former

Blooming Prairie businessman Dick Kruckeberg.

Kruckeberg has a large collection of International Harvester tractors and also a selection of old automobiles.

Kruckeberg's auction sale, to be auctioned by Col. Mark Ditlevson and Col. Tracy Holland, will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Kruckeberg's storage building located at the corner of Hwy. 218 and Hwy. 30.

The man who founded Minimizer more than three decades ago said he picked up a hobby because he had time and a little money to spend. Displaying a narrow grin at his stained glass shop, Kruckeberg said, "Money goes faster than time."

The sale will feature 20 tractors, trucks, autos, tools and toys.

He admits that he does not favor standing in a line at auctions. Kruckeberg said the only time he will attend an auction is if he wants something specific.

Kruckeberg has been a resident of Blooming Prairie since 1971. "Why have something if you have no use for it," Kruckeberg reasoned. He did admit that he derived enjoyment from collecting mainly old tractors and older vehicles.

"There has to be a better use for the building," Kruckeberg believes. His son Craig is starting an academy, Leo Augusta, and the storage building will be used by the academy. The name of the academy

has been derived from the middle names of Dick and his late wife Lorraine.

The shed has been used for many years to store a hobby that spans at least 25 years. "It's a hobby that got out of hand," said Craig Kruckeberg.

"I like old cars, mainly old-style Buick cars," the elder Kruckeberg confessed. He said his father always drove Buicks.

On the sale bill is a 1990 Buick Reatta convertible with only 30,000 miles on it. Kruckeberg said this car was his wife Lorraine's car. The auction will also feature a white 1988 Buick Reatta, Kruckeberg's favorite.

Also on the sale will be a 2012 Chevrolet Avalanche like new, a 1959 Buick LeSabre, a 1941 Diamond T, very rare and completely restored, a 1963 Harvester Scout, a 1974 International Cargo Star, a 1965 Ford Mustang, a 1929 REO Wolverine, and a 1948 military jeep with a C12 canvas top.

His favorite tractors include a 1951 Farmall Super C and a 1953 Farmall Super M. The Super M has power steering.

"Dick was a serial entrepreneur," Craig says with honesty. He traces his father's involvement with a service station in Rochester, his dedication to a snowmobile/camper dealership, his years as a truck driver and his time managing a restaurant with wife Lorraine.

"It's my hometown," Dick affectionately labels Blooming Prairie. In his younger days, he said few attended college. Dick recalls delivering milk for a

dairy for a few years and then working for the Owatonna Public Schools and for Dan Gainey, owner of Jostens.

Dick's work with Jostens was split between Arizona and Owatonna. He then went to Rochester and started a service station, which he ran for about 15 years.

Truck driving came next for Dick and that's what led to creation of Minimizer. The story is well known to many how Dick came up with the poly fender idea. It happened when Dick carefully analyzed how a poly trashcan his wife backed over returned to form. The idea of making a poly truck fender thus evolved.

A very unassuming person, Dick said he "had a dream" of building a functional product but never thought it would be "that good."

Pointing to his son Craig's strong marketing of the Minimizer firm and other family ventures, Dick says, "Craig has done a fantastic job."



These toy trucks will be on Dick Kruckeberg's auction.

"Why have something if you have no use for it."

Dick Kruckeberg
BP Businessman

Son Craig sold Minimizer two years ago and diversified his industry holdings under the name, Kruckeberg Industries.

Dick, a trucker and a man of many different hats, is now wearing a quite different hat, that of being an artist. His art work is done in stained glass, and Dick has opened

his Midwest Stained Glass business on Main Street in Blooming Prairie.

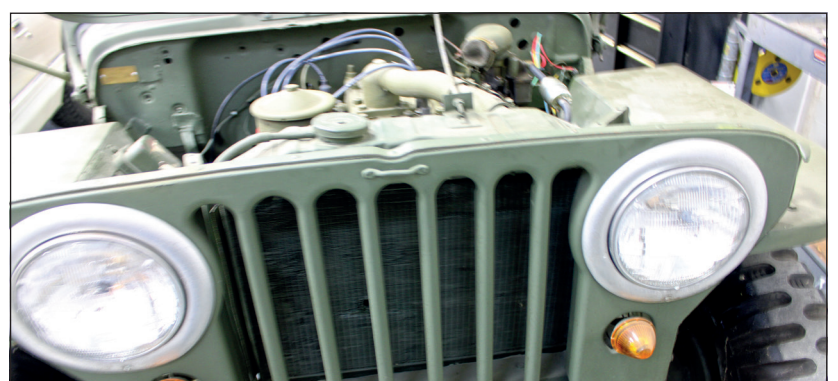
Kruckeberg's shop is located in his son Craig's office building, located near the former site of a blacksmith shop.

How did Dick Kruckeberg get interested in doing stained glass? He said his grandchildren

mentioned it to him many years ago. "It didn't sound too bad," Dick says.

A friend of the family in Arizona was instrumental in getting Kruckeberg into stained glass art.

By next spring, what once stored a man's passion will turn into a 18,000 square foot play yard for area children.



Want a military Jeep? Attend the Dick Kruckeberg auction in Blooming Prairie.



With a Harpel Chevrolet sign in the background, Dick Kruckeberg shows off a 1965 Ford Mustang and a 1988 Buick Reatta. Both vehicles will be on auction in Blooming Prairie on Saturday, Sept. 11. Besides this hobby, Kruckeberg has worn many different hats over the year, including truck driver, restaurant owner and founder of Minimizer, Inc.

MN State Fair Coverage

STEELE COUNTY TIMES

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Teen's steer earns grand champion at State Fair

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

When Lex Lewison and his brother Gavin picked out dairy steers about a year ago, they knew they had some special ones. They found out just how special last week at the Minnesota State Fair.

Lex, 17, earned overall grand champion with his steer, while Gavin, 13, had a reserve champion in his division. Both brothers qualified for the prestigious 4-H Purple Ribbon Livestock Auction, where Lex earned \$21,000 and Gavin \$5,250 for their animals.

"I was set on that one," said Lex in picking out his steer from a Wisconsin dairy farm in September 2020. "He just kind of stuck out."

Added Gavin, "We called him a beast."

For Lex, it was the first time in his 4-H career that he qualified for the market sale. And then to do so with his younger brother the same year made it even more special.

"It's pretty rare to be in the auction together," said Gavin, adding this also was his first time showing at the State Fair. This year was Lex's fourth time.

Lex said, "It was dad's goal for both of us to be in the market sale in the same year."

The Lewisons are members of the Straight River Stars 4-H Club and live on a small hobby farm with their parents Bradley and Tammy Lewison, south



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Lex Lewison of rural Owatonna shows his grand champion dairy steer at the Minnesota State Fair last week. After earning the title, he sold the steer in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Livestock Auction for \$21,000.

of Owatonna. Lex will be a senior and Gavin will be in eighth grade at NRHEG School.

Lex is proud of his accomplishment of having the best steer in Minnesota. "It was a nice reward for all the hard work we put in at home," Lex said, adding they have been walking the steers to prepare them for competition every day throughout the summer and washing

them two or three times a week.

"We do all the work with the steers together," Lex said.

Lex named his steer George and said he was the most cooperative steer ever. But, he was quick to add, George got mad if he didn't get his meals on time twice a day.

As for the money earned at the auction, Lex said he plans to

save it but doesn't know exactly for what yet. He plans to work throughout his senior year at Ron's Repair in Owatonna and hopes to go full-time into auto mechanics after he graduates.

Gavin concurred with his older brother's plan.

"It's a lot of money to spend at my age, so I will probably save it," Gavin said.

Lex said their parents have always been good about teaching them responsibility, especially when it comes to money.

For the Lewisons, 4-H has always been a family tradition. Their older sisters, Grace and Hannah, and their parents, have all been in 4-H.

While Lex and Gavin are the only two left in 4-H, the oldest gets first

and third picks for two steers to be shown at the county fair. Gavin tried to work his magic to switch things up this year.

"He was trying to bargain with me and give me second and third picks if I gave him first pick," Lex said.

After winning grand champion last week, Lex said he is glad he held his ground and kept the first pick.



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Kaden Nelson of Owatonna, center, listens intently as he was one of many 4-Hers to be awarded scholarships Saturday night at the Minnesota 4-H Livestock Auction. Nelson received \$2,000 along with Grace Arthur, also of Owatonna. A third Steele County 4-H member, Samantha Fredin, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Joining in the scholarship presentation was Linda Brekke, right, of the Linder Farm Network in Owatonna.

Area 4-Hers earn state livestock scholarships

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Three Steele County 4-Hers were recognized for their outstanding work in the livestock area during the Minnesota 4-H Livestock Auction Saturday night at the State Fair in Falcon Heights.

Kaden Nelson and Grace Arthur, both of Owatonna, received scholarships of \$2,000 from the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association. Samantha Fredin, also of Owatonna, earned a \$1,000 scholarship.

They were among 39 recipients of various scholarships, including six \$4,000 scholarships, 16 \$2,000 scholarships and 17 \$1,000 scholarships. In all, MLBA gave out \$73,000 in scholarships.

Recipients from Dodge County were Gabriela Espinoza and Melissa Seljan. They

each received \$1,000.

Since 1995, when the first scholarship of \$500 was awarded, 450 recipients have received

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Members of the Grass family of Owatonna were honored Saturday night for the contributions of the late Jim Grass during the Purple Ribbon Livestock Auction at the Minnesota State Fair in Falcon Heights. Family members include, from left: Buz and Cea Grass, Lindsay and Jake Grass with their four children Kaylee, Madeline, Lydia and Jeremiah, Kim Glover and Julie Grass and John Grass Jr.

State 4-H auction dedicated to memory of Owatonna man

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Something was noticeably different at this year's Minnesota 4-H Purple Ribbon Livestock Auction.

For the first time in its 42-year history, Jim Grass of Owatonna wasn't involved in the auction. He died in July at the age of 91.

But auction organizers didn't let Grass' contributions go unnoticed. They dedicated the auction to the memory

of Grass and honored his surviving family members. Among them were Grass' two children, Buz Grass of Owatonna and Julie Grass of Waltham, and his cousin, John Grass Jr. of Leroy.

Jim Grass' involvement with the auction goes back to 1980 when he served on the board of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association, which has sponsored the auction during its entirety. Jim Grass served on the first

committee that planned the auction, according to John Grass. During that time, Jim Grass was chairman of the auction, which has \$7.5 million for Minnesota 4-Hers with purple ribbon animals at the State Fair.

Jim Grass served on the committee until three years ago. However, he was still involved by soliciting area businesses to support 4-H and the auction.

John Grass, who has raised beef and hogs for most of his life, was

also involved with the auction right along with Jim Grass.

"Everybody knew him and I as being a part of this auction for years and years," said John Grass.

The auction, John Grass said, was near and dear to Jim Grass up until his death. "He was talking about the auction a few weeks before he died," John Grass said, adding they often made the trip together to the State Fair to take in the auction.

John Grass said their passion for the auction boils down to one thing.

"We like working with youth," said John Grass. "Somebody else gave to us when we were young so we could learn what we did and now I want to share the 4-H experience with the next two or three generations."

Jim's uncle, Forrest Grass, began showing at the State Fair in 1924. Jim took on the tradition in 1947 and showed for nearly 70 years. That

achievement was noted in 2014 by the fair in its new History and Heritage Center. A photo of the family and details of their story were placed on a story wall dedicated to fair competitions throughout the years.

John Grass recalls Jim's words of wisdom for people who said they couldn't do something. "He told them, 'you can't wait... you can't do it any younger,'" John said, adding people took his advice and accomplished what they set out to do.

Ready for show



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Hailey Rysavy of Owatonna enjoys a quiet moment with her cow as she waits to enter the show ring for the showmanship contest at the Minnesota State Fair. She is a member of the Straight River Stars 4-H Club and one of Steele County's dairy princesses. The Times will have a complete list of 4-H results from the State Fair in next week's edition.

Area 4-Hers earn state livestock scholarships

◀ AREA from A7 culture companies around Minnesota, while the other half is matched from proceeds of the 4-H Livestock Auction.

In 2020 when there was no in-person presentation, Lexie Ignaszewski of Steele County received a \$2,000

scholarship while McKenna Schrodt received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The scholarships are provided each year to young people who are interested in pursuing college educational careers in livestock and related livestock enterprises.



Jirousek wraps up 51 years of showing

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Showing cattle has become quite a ritual for Dean Jirousek of rural Ellendale.

The 67-year-old farmer has been bringing registered Guernseys to the Steele County Free Fair for the past 51 years. This year was no exception.

"That's quite a milestone," Jirousek said. "In life nothing is for sure. I'm not sure how many more years I will show."

In addition to showing in open class, Jirousek has made his cattle available for area 4-H members to lease. The heifer he leased to Brooke Bauer of Hayfield became reserve champion at the Minnesota State Fair.

Jirousek also showed the same heifer in the open class show at the State Fair and won first place in his class.

His ties to the 4-H program go back many

years. He was actually a latecomer to 4-H,

joining when he was 16 years old. After 4-H, he took part in the open class competition. He later had two children involved in 4-H, and now that they have graduated from the program, he still keeps showing in open class and making his livestock available for other 4-H members.

Jirousek's grandfather named the family farm Oak Leaf Lawn Farms in 1864. Jirousek operates the oldest family farm in Steele County.

He thought the end of showing was coming a few years ago. "I was ready to hang up the spurs, but I wanted to show in the new barn," Jirousek said, pointing to the new cattle barn built in 2019. "And now I'm two years into the new barn," he said.

Jirousek keeps showing to showcase his breeding program and the animals he

has developed from it. "Some people make it a business of showing, but for me, it's more of a tradition," Jirousek said, adding he does it more as a hobby and certainly not for the premium money.

In recent years, Jirousek has taken great pride in showing Margaret, the daughter of one of his best cows ever. She comes from "a very outstanding cow family" through embryo transplant, he said. Another calf from the same line will be coming in September.

Getting a strong line of cows requires lots of homework, Jirousek said. "You have to know the breeds and pedigrees so you can mate correctly," he said.

Jirousek has noticed big changes in the quality of cattle over the years since he began showing. "Life is full of changes, and to be successful in life, you have to adapt to changes," he said.



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Dean Jirousek has been showing at the Steele County Free Fair for the past 51 years. He began in 4-H as a teenager and has shown in the open class for most of those years. Besides showing at the county fair, he also brought a heifer to the Minnesota State Fair this year.

He doesn't only show at the county level but also the Minnesota State Fair. Jirousek also is considering showing in late September at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

For years, Jirousek

operated a dairy herd of about 102 cows. He has since quit milking and has only 10 cows left on the farm. He still farms about 400 acres of corn, soybeans, sweet corn, peas and wheat.

Jirousek is worried

about the dairy industry. In 2014, there were 85 dairy herds in Steele County. This year it's down to 16. "It's changing a lot and changing real fast," he said, adding there is no way to reverse the trend.

PUBLIC SAFETY

◀ **BLOTTER** from A4 speeding, \$115; Calvin M. McGovern, 33, Northfield, theft, \$134.99; Mackenzie E. Meier, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$215; Bridgett D. Mitchell, 47, Owatonna, revoked license, \$275; JoAnne M. Murphy, 66, Fairfax, speeding, \$215; Michelle M. Raskovich, 42, Lakeville, speeding, \$135; Jared A. Smith, 45, Ellendale, speeding, \$115; Hope E. Stubbles, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$135; Tyler J. Sullivan, 18, Alexandria, speeding, \$115; Terence A. Ueal, 50, Milwaukee, WI, no insurance, \$275; Brandon D. Wencil, 26, Medford, careless driving, \$175.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE

Aug. 30
DWI: Officer made a DWI arrest at Highway Ave. S. and 1st St. SE at 5:27 p.m.
Sept. 2
Crash: At 11:51 a.m., a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of 2nd St. NW.

OWATONNA POLICE

Aug. 26
Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 3:43 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Academy St. E. at 7:56 a.m.
Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 400 block of North St. W. at 2:45 p.m.
Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 400 block of North St. W. at 3:46 p.m.
Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 8:38 p.m.
Aug. 27
Welfare: Officer conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of 22nd St. NW at 2:55 p.m.
Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 6:57 p.m.
Aug. 28
DWI: Police made DWI arrests in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 1:05 a.m. and the 100 block of Mill St. W. at 10:54 p.m.
Restraining Order: At 1:35 a.m., a restraining order violation occurred in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE.
Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100

block of Phelps St. E. at 12:13 p.m. They took a subject into custody.
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 9:32 p.m.

ARRESTS
Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Mark Anthony Burciaga, 33, arrested at 5:51 p.m. Aug. 27, probation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Jeannette Fuentes Young, 35, arrested at 3:03 p.m. Aug. 28, domestic assault, held for court.
Kay Dear, 27, arrested at 2:58 a.m. Aug. 29, domestic assault/assault, held for court.
Clifford Jahuar Marshall, 39, arrested Aug. 30, felony burglary, domestic assault, assault and order for protection violation, held for court.
Sarah Song Won Eaton, 33, arrested at 10:50 a.m. Aug. 31, felony probation violation, held for court.
Nathan-Adam Curiel Chavez, 19, arrested at 11:21 p.m. Aug. 31, domestic assault and warrant arrest, held for court.
Joshua Davis Robinson, 37, arrested at 11:22 p.m. Aug. 31, domestic assault/assault, held for court.
Brandon Paul Woessner, 18, arrested at 8:37 a.m. Sept. 1, warrant arrest, held for court.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Milo Steven Weckwerth, 45, arrested at 5:15 a.m. Aug. 29, DWI-test refusal, held for court.
Stephen Aaron Craig Brandt, 38, arrested at 11:56 a.m. Aug. 28, warrants arrest, held for court.
Natnael Samson, 20, arrested at 8:15 a.m. Aug. 30, obstruction of legal process, held for court.
Shawn Christopher Wlaschin, 35, arrested at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 1, warrant arrest, body only.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 15 – 22:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Eric L. Bermea, 33, Hayfield, revoked license, \$280; Vanessa L. Cardenas, 31, Waseca, suspended license, speeding and no insurance; Shawn E.

Clement, 36, Dodge Center, receiving stolen property, \$205, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 3 years of supervised probation; Tara K. Eineichner, 39, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Joseph A. Gates, 33, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Corey L. Greening, 41, Rochester, seat belt, \$105; Paris A. Ingebritson, 20, Rochester, minor consumption, \$180; Margaret A. Mundt, 69, Owatonna, passing parked emergency vehicle, \$130; Jeffery L. Myers, 63, McHenry, IL, speeding, \$130; Leslee L. Sadlo, 48, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Mackenzie M. Snow, 28, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Avery E. Thompson, 24, Kasson, suspended license and seat belt, \$305; Justin M. Wiedenbeck, 19, Union Grove, WI, speeding, \$140.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

James T. Adams, 50, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Shafi A. Ahmed, 38, Rochester, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$140 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Andrew S. Buck, 33, Owatonna, speeding, \$130; Amanda J. Burr, 28, Claremont, speeding, \$130; Jacob T. Downs, 40, North Mankato, speeding, \$140; Edward G. Kearns, 48, Rochester, disorderly conduct, \$180; Kenneth E. Law, 51, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Murray W. McKinley, 70, Rushford, speeding, \$120; Terry J. Rippentrop, 58, Ellendale, speeding, \$130; Joseph E. Roblin, 24, Jordan, speeding, \$130; Ava J. Rowe, 16, Mankato, speeding, \$140; Ebony C. Smith, 32, Winona, invalid license and no insurance, \$380; Joel O. Spafford, 39, Owatonna, speeding, \$140; Kirk A. Stowers, 56, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Aaron S. Tarasenko, 42, Byron, speeding, \$140.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Cameron A. Akzam, 21, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Joseph T. Bleakley, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$140; Annabel M. Boughey, 18, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Hannah A. Gilbertson, 18, Austin, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$180; Mateah L. Lamore, 24, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130; Kelsey J. Long, 31, Byron, speeding, \$130; Bridgette S. Narveson, 35, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Madeline F. Patterson, 22, Kenyon, speeding,

\$120; Chase W. Tilley, 26, Rochester, speeding, \$130.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sharon A. Robinson, 65, Inver Grove Heights, speeding, \$120. The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 22 – 29:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Patricia M. Blanchard, 32, Hayfield, speeding, \$140; Curtis C. Boyum, 35, Kenyon, speeding, \$120; Kristine M. Bratlien, 51, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Shawn C. Davis, 38, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Brittny S. Jenkins, 23, Ellendale, speeding, \$130; Jeffrey P. Johnson, 22, Edgerton, WI, speeding, \$120; Shari L. Lammey, 58, Kenyon, speeding, \$230; Victor M. Oropeza, 26, Rochester, invalid license and speeding, \$140; Tyler J. Ranvek, 36, Kasson, speeding, \$130; Juan D. Thompson, 40, Rochester, revoked license, \$280; Sean P. Valentin, \$140; Victor M. Oropeza, 26, Rochester, invalid license and speeding, \$130; Jeannette I. Weber, 33, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Emma M. Whipple, 28, Kasson, speeding, \$120.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Adrienne F. Chezick, 37, Afton, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$140 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Christian A. Farias, 26, Albert Lea, speeding, \$140; Isaac M. Hughes, 18, Byron, speeding, \$140; Ashley A. Kearns, 39, Houston, speeding, \$140; Vadzim Lahutski, 55, Coon Rapids, speeding, \$220; Samantha G. Velasco, 25, Rockford, IL, speeding, \$220.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Terry Bean, 54, Dayton, TX, trailer brake violation, \$280; Kalum J. Diaz, 25, Willmar, unsafe passing, \$130; Jeffry P. Doucet, 64, El Mirage, AZ, speeding, \$120; Devorn Grady Jr., 58, Hickory Hills, IL, speeding, \$130; Brandi M. Grant, 41, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license, \$340; Morgan B. Hettinger, 26, Rochester, speeding, \$220; Jason D. Laplante, 58, Oronoco, speeding, \$380; Timothy A. Moenning, 21, Dodge Center, speeding, \$220; Bridgette S. Narveson, 35, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Glaiden S. Reysack, 20, West Concord, speeding, \$220; Alexis A. White, 17, Pine Island, speeding, \$120.

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Help grandkids prepare for the future

If you're a grandparent, you don't need Grandparents Day, observed on Sept. 12, to remind you of the joys of having grandchildren. Yet, you might want to use this day as an opportunity to think about ways to help provide for your grandchildren's future.

The type of gift or support you provide will be different at various stages of your grandchildren's lives. Here are a few suggestions:

When they're born...

Open a 529 plan. It's never too early to start saving for college or other types of advanced education. To help your grandchildren meet these costs, you could invest in a 529 education savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages if the money is used for qualified education expenses. If the grandchild for whom you've established the account ends up not using it, you can change the beneficiary to a qualified family member of the original beneficiary. (Be aware, though, that a 529 plan could affect your grandchild's financial aid prospects.) If your grandchild doesn't go to college or university, a 529 plan can also pay for expenses related to apprenticeship programs offered through trade and vocational schools and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

When they're children...

Open a savings account. It's important for your grandchildren to develop good financial habits – and one way you can help is to open a savings account for them and encourage them to contribute to it. You might even offer an incentive, such as matching their contributions, either in whole or in part. Consider shopping around for a high-yield savings account that's free to open and charges no monthly maintenance fees.

Establish a custodial account. You may want to introduce your grandchildren to the world of investing by starting a custodial account (known as UGMA or UTMA) in their name. You can put most types of investments, such as stocks and mutual funds, inside this account and track their progress along with your grandchildren. Children often enjoy learning about investing – and they may like owning shares of companies that make familiar products and services. The earnings generated by these investments can have tax implications, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before opening the custodial account. And you can't hold onto this account forever – once your grandchildren reach the age of majority, they gain control of the account, so they can do what they please with the investments.

When they're young adults...

Help with the down payment on a home. Once your grandchildren are out in the world, they may well want to become homeowners. And, as you know, it can be challenging to come up with a down payment, so, if you can afford it, you may want to help in this area. You'll be doing your grandchildren a big favor, because home ownership is a key element in building wealth.

Provide financial guidance. As your grandchildren join the working world, they could benefit from advice and guidance on various issues, such as setting short- and long-term goals, managing their 401(k) plans and choosing an appropriate investment mix. So, consider making an appointment for them with a financial professional.

By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant – and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction.

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20 years later, 'this was the event in our lives'

◀ **20 YEARS** from A1
"I think the first thing we talked about is the reason why it happened," he said, "all the things leading up to it: the Persian Gulf War, Russian invading Afghanistan. But it wasn't a typical war, against a single country; we didn't understand all the tentacles in Al Qaeda. I never thought it was last as long as it did."

The attack and subsequent war couldn't help but affect her thoughts about politics and international affairs, McKnight said.

"At the risk of sounding dramatic, I believe it molded an entire generation. The 20-year-war is something I never could have imagined in 2001," she said. "What a detriment to so many lives, here and abroad, and a waste of our country's resources."

Hendrickson said it was a lesson in how things "matter in the whole world, how connected it all was."

The lessons have changed somewhat.

"The first couple of years, the kids (I taught) were in high school when it happened; then it was elementary school... Now, these students weren't alive then," Hendrickson said, "so we just talk about 'what do you guys know about the role of the U.S. in the war,' then what draws us into the world? People aren't always happy to see us."

Still, he said, "no matter who it was, in 2001, we didn't have a choice. George W. Bush had to do something, but in society, we see it through a political prism – and it's a different world."

McKnight, now a mother herself, recognizes the changes.

"If I could talk to 2001 Amanda, I'd tell her that she's often going to feel helpless when it comes to international issues, but she should always seek to be inclusive and impactful in her own

community," she said. "I can't save the lives of our soldiers and the Afghan civilians who have died, but I can have empathy for what the survivors have all been through, and act accordingly."

Romeo echoed the sentiment, thinking of those left behind.

"... what I can't help is to also think of those innocent people that we have been saving," she said, "and now their lives will also be turned upside-down. Women's



Amanda Lillie McKnight

rights will probably go out the window and they will definitely revert to their previous lives, prior to our safety."



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Library story time resuming on Sept. 14

There is nothing better than having a child snuggle in your lap while you share a book with them. As Emilie Buchwald states, "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." The website Raising Readers notes, "Children fall in love with books because of the memories created when they snuggle up and read with someone they love."

At the Blooming Prairie Branch Library, we are sometimes asked what books parents "should" be reading with their child. I try to find out what interests the families have and make suggestions based

on that. But I could also reply that families should read the books they enjoy – silly, tender, calming, exciting, colorful, or strange. The easiest books to read with young children are picture books; while the words are read, the child can listen and engage with the illustrations. Here at the library, we have a wonderful variety of picture books. We will be happy to help you find ones to your liking.

This summer, a young girl came in specifically wanting a book with a pink kitty. Her mother and I showed her books with pink covers about cats, but that wasn't what she wanted. We showed her book after book about cats, but our young reader was adamant: the book had to be about

a pink kitty. I was about to give up when miraculously I spotted the book Itty-bitty Kitty-corn by Shannon Hale. The cover featured a pink kitty! Extra bonus – the kitty was part unicorn! Our reader left satisfied, and her mother and I were relieved.

We can introduce you to some great picture books at our library story times. We will begin again on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. in the gazebo at the park. We will continue to post the stories on Facebook after the event. Stay tuned for updates as to where we will be holding story times over the next few months.

One last quote from Dr. Seuss: You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." Keep on reading!

Shame has far-reaching symptoms

◀ SHAME from A3

Shame involves trauma that is aimed at them by significant people in their life such as parents, teachers, coaches, relatives, peers, and partners. Direct shame occurs when someone is treated like an object rather than a person. It can be caused by threatening looks and actions, name-calling and put-downs, discipline that involves slapping or hitting, abandonment or rejection by people that are supposed to be there, withholding verbal or physical expressions of love, or absence of nurturing. It can also be the result of parents showing minimal interest in their children.

People who have experienced significant shame and humiliation may develop a weak sense of self, sensitivity to criticism, powerlessness, and an attitude of passing on their pain

to others. Individuals who experience high amounts of shame develop rigid rules by which to cope with it. For instance, a person may try to be in charge or control of others, such as in arguments with partners, co-workers, or their children. The desire to be "right" or win an argument may give them a sense of power or worth.

A shame-based person has learned to always be "correct" and "never make mistakes." These beliefs imply that one needs to be perfect. Trying to be perfect creates undue stress and tension. Perfectionism is a common characteristic for shame-based people.

Shame-based people learn that if things don't happen the way they expect, they can easily blame and punish someone else. The person tends to focus on who did the misdeed rather than

on how the situation or issue can be handled.

Part of the blame and fault-finding for shame-based people is a tendency to compare self to others. The comparing leads to competition as differences become deficiencies. The person either feels inferior and more shameful, or superior and condescending. A shame-based person believes that most things are either right or wrong, good or bad, and leaves no room for middle ground. An example of this might be taking a class and feeling stupid and incompetent when others know more about the subject.

Denying feelings, wants, and needs are also common characteristics of people suffering from past shame. Unpredictable moods, lack of conflict resolution, and withholding information are all possible for the shamed-based individual. There can also be many other signals evident.

Unfortunately, shame and behaviors that accompany it lead to feeling more shame. The pattern or cycle repeats itself. A way to break the cycle of shame is to gain a sense of empowerment. Feeling empowered involves positive self-talk and a deeply felt belief of a right to be human and not having to be perfect at all times. It means that a person is worthwhile even when mistakes are made. This leads to an enormous lessening of tension and to a sense of relief, self-respect, and self-confidence.

If self-worth and self-esteem are evident, the person can begin to clearly identify unhealthy behaviors and patterns and to start to see real choices and alternatives in any given situation.

The shame cycle can be complicated to identify and moving toward empowerment can be even more difficult. If some of the symptoms of shame and humiliation are present, a mental health professional may be able to assist and get the person back on the road to recovery.

Mark Skrien is a licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist and the former clinical director of South Central Human Relations Center in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.

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Gilman Peterson, 69, Dodge Center



Gilman Peterson

Gilman Eldred Peterson, age 69, of Dodge Center, formerly of Blooming Prairie, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, at Bay View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Red Wing.

Gilman was born Oct. 22, 1951, in Austin, to Eldred and Orlene (Ruhter) Peterson. He was baptized and confirmed at Red Oak Grove Church in rural Austin. He graduated in 1969 from Blooming Prairie High School.

Following high school, he joined the United States Army and served our country from 1971-1973 and was stationed in Germany.

In January of 1973, Gilman met Patricia Fay Groeneweg and the two were united in marriage on April 20, 1974, at Red Oak Grove Church. From this union, a son, Franklin, was born. Gilman worked as a machinist for various tool and dye companies in Owatonna and Albert Lea. He also worked

restoring tractors and farm equipment for many years. Together, Gilman and Patty hog farmed for 20 years in Corning, Freeborn County. After they sold the farm, the family moved to New Richland and made their home there for 20 years before settling in Dodge Center.

As a youth, Gilman was active in 4-H and FFA and enjoyed biking, canoeing, and camping. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and enjoyed attending the yearly Peterson Family Reunions and was proud to have served as their past president for many years.

In his later years, Gilman loved trying new foods and restaurants. He especially enjoyed lutefisk and lefse and attending the rural church dinners. Gilman could often be found mowing his lawn, doing yard work, and driving his skid loader. Above all else he cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandson, Henry. Together, Gilman and Henry spent time with the cats and donkey and enjoyed watching reruns of old shows and movies, especially Hogan's Heroes. He loved spending time with his son in the

shop working on International Harvester tractors and equipment. Gilman will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Gilman is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Patty; son, Franklin (Stephanie); grandson, Henry; siblings, Delmar Peterson, JoAnne (Randy) Smith, Merlin (Denise) Peterson, and Rodney (Tracie) Peterson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eldred and Orlene; niece, Joy Peterson; and sister-in-law, Barbara Peterson.

The funeral service for Gilman was held on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, rural Austin. A private interment was in Udolpho Cemetery, rural Blooming Prairie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church or Udolpho Cemetery Fund. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

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June Randall, 91, Owatonna



June Randall

June Randall passed away Aug. 30, 2021, at the Owatonna Hospital.

Funeral service was Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Brick - Meger Funeral Home in Owatonna. Burial took place on Tuesday, Sept. 7 in Chamberlain, S.D.

June was born June 18, 1930, just before a cyclone hit Chamberlain, and all babies under 10 lbs. were swept up and out of the nursery. June was one of four remaining babies. She was the daughter of Floyd and Pearl Munger.

June was a survivor many times over in her lifetime, including scarlet fever at 9 months of age. Hemorrhaged after tonsils and adenoids were removed at age 7. It was touch and go for three weeks in Hot Springs, S.D. hospital. At age 4, June slipped on a floor furnace at her grandparents' home at Reliance, S.D.,

and wore a backboard until age of 22. In 1932, June fell on a cactus plant on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation and was badly poisoned, near death. She had survived several major surgeries during her lifetime.

On June 4, 1950, June married Avery G. Randall at Presbyterian church in Chamberlain to this union was born Elmer F. Randall and Randy R. Randall. They moved to Minnesota in 1953. Avery preceded her in death in 1985.

In 1988, June moved to Owatonna, retiring from deputy register of deeds in the metro area. Grandson, Justin A. Randall, was born in March 1988 and family needed a babysitter. Also, June brought her dad to Cedarview Nursing Home, as she cared for him since 1977. After his passing in 1991, June started volunteering at nursing homes, hospital (of which she is a life member of the hospital auxiliary), United Way, care giver program, election judge, Healthy Seniors, Solo and Singles Club which she was a Sunshine Chaperone since 2000, V.F.W. Auxiliary, Elks Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Club of Albert Lea, Senior

Place of Owatonna, and Hospice since 1982.

In 1998, June received "Service to Mankind Award" from the Owatonna Sertoma Club. In April 2000, June was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year Award" from Cedarview Nursing Home. June continued volunteering from 1988 until their closing.

June was a loving, caring person, who loved spending time with or helping others. June welcomed and acted upon the opportunities to help other people. She looked forward to many card games and enjoyed traveling and meeting new friends.

June was preceded in death by her both sets of grandparents, her parents; husband, Avery, and a very special friend, Duane B. Boulder in 2008.

She is survived by sons, Elmer (Sharen) Randall of Bloomington, and Randy (Laraine) Randall of Owatonna, four grandsons, eight great-grandchildren and many friends. For more information or to leave a condolence message go to www.megercares.com.

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DEATH NOTICE

Wayne Grubish

Wayne J. Grubish, age 87, of Owatonna, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at

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Happy Labor Day! According to the U.S. Dept. of Labor on its website, Labor Day is defined in the following manner: "Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday

Fitting for Christians to mark Labor Day

to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

It is all together fitting Christians that we acknowledge and celebrate this day. In the end of the medieval age, Martin Luther railed against the idea that the manual labor of the common man was in any way inferior to that of the other two estates. In his treatise *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church* Luther stated "...the works of monks and priests, however holy and arduous they may be, do not differ on whit in the sight of God from the works of the rustic laborer in the field or the woman going about her household tasks...all works are measured before God by faith alone."

In arguing so Luther is simply reminding us of the Scriptural position on work. Deuteronomy 25:4 states "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." The prohibition was in defiance of the practice of placing a muzzle on the ox who is laboring to free the usable grain from the now worthless husk. This practice would keep it from being able to grab a rewarding bight of the grain. It is obvious why this practice would be beneficial to the farmer, yet God has a greater concern than just the profit margin. He desires to convey a principle that the worker is worthy of recompense for his labors. If the lowly ox is worthy of compensation how much more so

his brother who labors beside Him

The Apostle Paul twice quotes the command God gave to Moses in Deuteronomy 25:4. He clarifies the purpose for the command is not solely for the well being of the animal, but rather an admonishment to ourselves not to allow our greed to justify a misuse of one another. He clarifies this first in I Corinthians 9:9-10 "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope" and again

in I Timothy 5:18 "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward."

In the book of James, the author warns business owners of the dire consequences of defrauding or abusing those in their employ. He states boldly in James 5:4 " Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

Jesus himself quotes this principle when he sent his disciples out two by two. He fully expected that those who received the benefit of their labors would con-

tribute to their physical support. Jesus states in the Gospel of Matthew 10:5-10, "... Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat."

So Brothers and Sisters in Christ do your labor by faith unto the Lord as seeking to please Him and enjoy your celebration.

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Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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106 Third St. SE., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
507-256-4288
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

FIRST LUTHERAN – AFLC
503 Radel Ct. – Ellendale
Pastor Kyle Smith
507-684-2451
Worship: Sunday 9 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Call to Prayer: Monday 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Jesus & Me: Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m., Confirmation: Wednesday 6-7 p.m.
Youth Group: Wednesday 7-9 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: Saturday 8 a.m.

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Rev. Heidi Heimgartner
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Sunday School- 10 a.m.

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

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507-451-4125
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Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
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Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

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9:30 a.m. - Live broadcast on KRUE 92.1 FM
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Jacob's Run this weekend

◀ **JACOB** from A3
 "I've struggled with mental health issues myself - depression as an adolescent and anxiety as an older adult," said Gasner. "I want people to know there is help out there."



Chrystal Gasner

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2016 suicide became the second leading cause of death for Americans ages 10-34 and the fourth leading cause for those 35-54.

"This is something close to my heart," said Gasner.

This past year, the Open Arms Suicide Prevention Program awarded 13 scholarships of \$500 each to students attending area high schools.

Gasner said money raised by Jacob's Run funds the scholarships.

Jacob's Run began after the death by suicide of 15-year-old Jacob Sikel.

Friends of Robert Sikel, Jacob's dad, organized the first ride shortly after Jacob's death in 2012 and soon after Jacob's parents and other family members traveled to Colorado and completed the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention training program.

Sikel then organized the local Open Arms Suicide Prevention Program.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Jacob's Run.

On Saturday, the 50-mile ride will take off from the Owatonna Eagles, making three stops - Shieldsville, Zumbrota and Waltham - along the route before

returning to the Eagles. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., with kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. More than 200 riders are expected to participate in this year's event.

To celebrate its anniversary, a 2020 Yamaha V-Star donated by RJ Sport and Cycle in Duluth is being raffled off. Only 200 raffle tickets are being sold for \$50 each or five for \$200.

For more information on Jacob's Run, the raffle or to pre-register for Saturday's ride, visit <https://openarmssuicideprevention.org/events>.

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65th ANNIVERSARY

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Fall Gardening Tips

- Plant spring bulbs, garlic and grass seeds in bare spots
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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS RETURN



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

The Huskies kickoff team prepares for the beginning of the second half in their season opener against Rochester Mayo.

2 wins, 2 losses for area teams

Blossoms smoke Hayfield In opener

BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

Blooming Prairie defeated Hayfield 57-6 Friday, with most of the points coming in the first half.

After Hayfield led 6-0 in the first quarter, the Awesome Blossoms rang up six touchdowns in the second quarter to make the score 42-6.

Drew Kittelson had a big night for the Awesome Blossoms, passing efficiently with 10 completions on 12 attempts for a total of 242 yards and six touchdowns.

Senior wide receiver Colin Jordison had a huge night as well on offense, racking up 137 yards receiving and three touchdowns on four receptions.

On defense, senior middle linebacker Tyler Archer led the Awesome Blossoms defense with seven tackles.

Blooming Prairie will face Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity at home in their next matchup on Sept. 10.

NRHEG WINS

The NRHEG Panthers defeated Kenyon-Wanamingo by a score of 28-14 in front See **BLOSSOMS** on B2 ▶



PHOTO BY MARY NELSON

Bradley Simon catches a pass from Blooming Prairie quarterback Drew Kittleson.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

Senior outside linebacker Cael Dowling sacks Mayo's quarterback on a blitz in Friday night's game.

Huskies come up short

BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna Huskies suffered their first loss in the season opener against a very tough Rochester Mayo Spartans team.

The tone of the game was set early, as the Spartans leaped out to a 7-0 lead thanks to a long touchdown run.

After a Huskies punt on the ensuing drive, the Spartans capitalized on another big run to take the lead at 14-0.

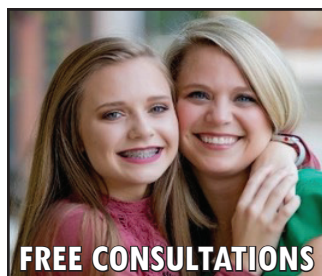
The Spartans would tack on another field goal before the Huskies started to get into rhythm.

A huge passing touchdown from senior quarterback Taylor Bogen to senior wide receiver Nick Williams created the first points of the game for Owatonna and breathe more life back into their visiting fans.

Cutting the deficit to 10 points, the home crowd began to quiet down as the initial onslaught seemed to come to a halt temporarily.

The second quarter continued the high scoring trend of the first, bringing another 21 points onto the scoreboard.

However, the Huskies were not on the See **HUSKIES** on B2 ▶



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GOPHER CONFERENCE STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

GOPHER CONFERENCE		
	Conf.	Overall
NRHEG	1-0-0	1-0-0
Blooming Prairie	1-0-0	1-0-0
Randolph	1-0-0	1-0-0
Bethlehem Academy	1-0-0	1-0-0
JWP	0-0-0	0-1-0
United South Central	0-0-0	0-1-0
Medford	0-0-0	0-1-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	0-1-0	0-1-0
WEM	0-1-0	0-1-0
Hayfield	0-1-0	0-1-0

MID SOUTHEAST – WHITE DIVISION

	Conf.	Overall
St. Clair/Loyola	0-0-0	1-0-0
Blooming Prairie	0-0-0	1-0-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-0-0	1-0-0
NRHEG	0-0-0	1-0-0
WEM	0-0-0	0-1-0
Medford	0-0-0	0-1-0

VOLLEYBALL

	Conf.	Overall
NRHEG	0-0-0	3-0-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	0-0-0	3-0-0
JWP	0-0-0	2-1-0
WEM	0-0-0	0-0-0
Randolph	0-0-0	0-0-0
Blooming Prairie	0-0-0	0-2-0
Medford	0-0-0	0-1-0
United South Central	0-0-0	0-1-0
Bethlehem Academy	0-0-0	0-2-0
Maple River	0-0-0	0-2-0
Triton	0-0-0	0-2-0

BIG NINE CONFERENCE STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

BIG NINE CONFERENCE

	Conf.	Overall
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	1-0-0
Faribault	1-0-0	1-0-0
Northfield	1-0-0	1-0-0
Mankato West	1-0-0	1-0-0
Winona	1-0-0	1-0-0
Rochester Century	0-0-0	1-0-0
Mankato East	0-0-0	0-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-1-0	0-1-0
Owatonna	0-1-0	0-1-0
Austin	0-1-0	0-1-0
Albert Lea	0-1-0	0-1-0
Red Wing	0-1-0	0-1-0

BIG SOUTHEAST – RED DIVISION

	Conf.	Overall
Mankato West	1-0-0	1-0-0
New Prague	1-0-0	1-0-0
Northfield	1-0-0	1-0-0
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	1-0-0
Austin	0-1-0	0-1-0
Owatonna	0-1-0	0-1-0
Rochester Century	0-1-0	0-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-1-0	0-1-0

BIG SOUTHEAST – BLUE DIVISION

	Conf.	Overall
Faribault	1-0-0	1-0-0
Kasson-Mantorville	1-0-0	1-0-0
Stewartville	1-0-0	1-0-0
Winona	1-0-0	1-0-0
Albert Lea	0-1-0	0-1-0
Byron	0-1-0	0-1-0
Mankato East	0-1-0	0-1-0
Red Wing	0-1-0	0-1-0

VOLLEYBALL

	Conf.	Overall
Mankato West	2-0-0	2-1-0
Rochester Century	1-0-0	2-1-0
Owatonna	2-1-0	2-1-0
Mankato East	2-1-0	1-1-0
Red Wing	1-1-0	1-1-0
Rochester Mayo	0-0-0	2-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-0-0	1-0-0
Faribault	0-0-0	1-1-0
Northfield	0-0-0	1-1-0
Albert Lea	0-1-0	0-1-0
Austin	0-2-0	0-3-0
Winona	0-2-0	0-3-0

GIRLS TENNIS

	Conf.	Overall
Owatonna	4-0-0	5-2-0
Rochester Century	3-0-0	5-2-0
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	3-0-0
Northfield	1-0-0	1-1-0
Mankato West	4-1-0	4-2-0
Winona	3-2-0	8-4-0
Mankato East	2-2-0	2-5-0
Rochester John Marshall	1-1-0	2-1-0
Faribault	0-1-0	0-6-0
Austin	0-2-0	0-2-0
Albert Lea	0-4-0	0-4-0
Red Wing	0-4-0	0-4-0

BOYS SOCCER

	Conf.	Overall
Owatonna	1-0-0	3-1-0
Rochester Century	1-0-0	2-0-0
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	1-0-0
Winona	2-0-1	2-0-1
Mankato West	2-1-0	3-1-0
Mankato East	1-1-1	1-2-1
Rochester John Marshall	0-0-1	1-0-1
Austin	0-0-1	0-0-2
Faribault	0-1-0	2-1-0
Northfield	0-1-0	1-1-0
Albert Lea	0-1-0	0-1-0
Red Wing	0-3-0	0-3-0

GIRLS SOCCER

	Conf.	Overall
Mankato East	2-0-0	2-1-0
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	1-0-0
Rochester Century	1-0-0	1-2-1
Owatonna	1-0-0	1-2-0
Mankato West	2-1-0	3-1-0
Winona	2-1-0	2-1-0
Austin	0-0-0	0-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-1-0	0-1-0
Albert Lea	0-1-0	0-2-0
Faribault	0-1-0	0-3-0
Northfield	0-1-0	0-3-0
Red Wing	0-3-0	0-3-0



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

Senior outside linebacker Cael Dowling sacks Mayo's quarterback on a blitz during Friday night's game at Rochester Mayo.

Huskies come up short; drop opener 58-31

◀ **HUSKIES** from B1 receiving end of any of the points. Another long touchdown run and a pair of pick-six interceptions led to 21 more Spartan points, catapulting Mayo out to a 38-10 lead at halftime.

Facing a steep climb to get back into the game, the Huskies battled through the adversity on their first drive back from half.

A loose ball fumble as the result of an errant snap gave the Huskies very promising field position in Spartan territory.

After a drive that saw

some key fourth down conversions, Bogen once again managed to find an open receiver for a score.

This time it was junior wide receiver Ayden Walter who found pay dirt as he battled through the crowded secondary across the middle of the field for the touchdown grab.

However, this would be the last time the Huskies drew near contention for the victory.

The rest of the way the Spartans managed to hold their lead, never relinquishing a three-score lead, and winning 58-31.

The Huskies saw

some injuries during the matchup as junior tailback Conner Grems and defensive lineman Ethan Anderson both spent some time off of the field getting attended to.

Some top performers for the Huskies team in the matchup were Williams and Bogen who supplied the majority of Owatonna's offense.

Williams finished with 9 receptions for 205 yards and one touchdown, constantly finding open space downfield for the Huskies.

Bogen found some rhythm in the passing game completing 20-32

attempts for 328 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions.

However, the quick deficit in the score called for a game script that was pass-heavy, keeping the Huskies' rushing attack at bay.

Defensively, the Huskies were spread fairly evenly across the board in production.

On the schedule next for the Huskies will be a home matchup against Rochester Century.

The Huskies won their meeting with Century last season to the tune of a 42-0 victory.

The game will take place Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Blossoms smoke Hayfield; NRHEG wins 28-14

◀ **BLOSSOMS** from B1 of an excited Panthers crowd.

"I am proud of our team for hanging tough and pulling out a win. The defense played very well and made some huge plays, and our offense had a nice night. We are excited for where we are heading," said Panthers Head Coach Marc Kruger.

The Panthers were led on offense by a solid performance from senior quarterback Porter Peterson.

Peterson accounted for three of the Panther's four scores, tallying two

rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown on the night.

He would finish the game completing 7 of 17 passes for 133 yards and adding an additional 41 yards rushing.

The only other Panthers' score came from junior running back Andrew Phillips, who scored the game's first touchdown on a six-yard rush.

Phillips was the workhorse back for the Panthers, grinding out 75 yards rushing on 21 attempts while adding 54 yards receiving on two receptions.

The NRHEG Panthers' next game will be an away tilt against Mayer Lutheran on Sept. 10.

MEDFORD LOSES

Medford lost their game to Rushford-Peterson by a score of 24-6 in a hard-fought, low-scoring affair.

"The defense played a great game, only giving up 89 yards rushing on 30 attempts and 73 yards passing on 21 attempts. However bad field position all night long, and not being able to move the ball on the ground caused some problems," said Head Coach Jerome

Johnson.

The Tigers' defense was led by solid performances by juniors Tate Hermes, Garron Hoffman and Dillon Bartosch, and senior Justin Ristau.

Hermes led the squad with 14 tackles and one sack, while Hoffman recorded 13 tackles and Bartosch made nine tackles with two sacks.

Ristau got it done for the Tigers in the secondary, creating turnovers with two interceptions on the night.

The Tigers have a home matchup against United South Central next week on Sept. 10.

Think I've found a rule I really like



Steele Sports
JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

One observation I made my very first day as a reporter is that high school sports are way different in southern Minnesota than they are back in my home state of California. Some differences were staggering, others minor. One thing is for certain: I have lots to learn. Looking at the rosters for each school as I received them on my first week, I noticed the first major difference. I had no idea that high school teams could roster

junior high athletes.

I later learned that this is because many high schools in smaller towns are connected to their respective middle schools; hence the junior-high, senior-high connection.

As simple as it may sound to everyone who comes from a small town or lives in one currently, I could not wrap my head around this at first.

My high school experience began when I stepped on campus as a ninth grader at Westmont High School in Campbell, Calif.

This is because in San Jose, a city of a million people, there were four different middle schools that all fed into my high school; one of four high schools in a 10-mile radius.

Upon reading the Minnesota State High School League bylaws, I realized this might possibly be my favorite rule of all time.

I can think of no better opportunity than being able to play high school sports for six seasons.

Even just the experience of playing the game with athletes who are more than likely bigger, faster and stronger than you.

I remember the first day of practice in high school, everything was so much faster than when I had played football in middle.

Having that experience two years earlier would have paid massive dividends by the time I was a starter on varsity.

There's no doubt in my mind that in college the athletes who had six years of experience in high school football came into college with a slight edge.

However, I suspect I'll have to wait until winter to fully appreciate another difference between my high school experience and Minnesota's offerings.

That is because my high school did not have an ice hockey team.

When I say that there was no "ice" hockey team at my school, I mean exactly that; there was no hockey team that played explicitly on ice.

There was, however, a roller hockey team that played in a style that could only be described as brutal.

I remember going to the team's first game that they played because I had never seen roller hockey before.

The long, low-scoring affair was filled with constant collisions and poorly executed passes.

It was a monstrosity that would bring a tear to any hockey-loving Minnesotaan's eye.

Fortunately, the San Jose Sharks were there to show me what good hockey actually looks like.

Well... at least on some nights.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

Head Coach Miles Otstot updates Quinn VanMaldeghem of her mile pace early in the race.



NRHEG runner turns heads

BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's not every day that a high school coach can say a definitive leader on the team is an eighth-grade athlete, especially not one who qualified for the state in their first year of competition.

Bursting onto the scene as a NRHEG seventh-grader during the 2020 season, Quinn VanMaldeghem did just that.

VanMaldeghem finished second in the Gopher Conference last year. And had there been a state tournament in 2020, she would have qualified to compete. Before the start of the season, she had

no competitive running experience.

When asked about how it felt to be a state qualifier, VanMaldeghem had one word to describe the feeling: "Awesome."

Initially viewing cross country as a way to stay in shape and enjoy her spare time, VanMaldeghem said she took the sport up after talking to her mom.

"Well, I played soccer and then I saw that there was cross country, so I asked my mom what it was and she said that it was running, and I like running so that's how I got into it."

Aside from working hard and keeping herself in competition shape, VanMaldeghem said

there's a strategy to winning.

"Well, usually you let the people tire themselves up in the front, so as you make your way up there, you can just pass them. If it's a really windy day, you stay right behind them so they can block the wind for you, and then you go," said VanMaldeghem.

Aside from her successes, she said there's another thing that keeps her going: the fun.

"The team spirit is great. It's a nice sport. Everyone is just having fun; there's no bad attitudes or anything like that," said VanMaldeghem.

When she joined the team, Head Coach Miles Otstot

said he couldn't believe what he saw.

"Last year, I didn't even know she was coming out until the first day of practice, and then she shows up and I was like, 'Who's this girl?' I still say it sometimes. It's super exciting."

VanMaldeghem is also the first state qualifier that Otstot has coached.

After finishing third in the Gopher Conference for both boys and girls last season, the Panthers hope to climb to the top of the standings this season.

No official captains have been named yet for the Panthers, but VanMaldeghem will surely hope to lead by example on the trails this season.



After slow start, big week for Blossoms volleyball

STAFF PHOTO BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS

Big week ahead for Blossoms volleyball

BY JOHNNIE PHILLIPS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Awesome Blossoms volleyball team comes back from Labor Day weekend with a packed schedule, including two meetings against Hayfield.

The Awesome Blossoms will face off with Hayfield at home for the first match on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting between the two teams will be on Sept. 11 as the Awesome Blossoms compete in an invitational at Hayfield.

The invitational, scheduled for 8:30 a.m., will be held in a tournament format and will feature eight schools, including Blooming Prairie and Hayfield. Also attending the invitational will be Alden-Conger/Glenville-Emmons, Dover-Eyota, Goodhue, Leroy-Ostrander, Lyle-Pacelli and Pine Island.

Hayfield, who started

its season with two non-conference wins, sits at a perfect 2-0 on the season.

Blooming Prairie, on the other hand, has had a slower start.

The Awesome Blossoms dropped to 0-1 on the season after a three set loss to Goodhue to begin the season.

Head Coach Jennifer Wayne mentioned during preseason that a slow start may be a possibility for her team, as the roster is fairly young.

The Awesome Blossoms currently only roster one senior, middle blocker Josie Hoffman.

The rest of the roster is made up of two sophomores and 12 juniors.

However, Wayne says that she believes after a game or two, her team will find its groove and be a very competitive side.

Despite the opening loss, the Awesome Blossoms still have reason to be excited.

A mixture of veterans and new faces alike showed their skill in the first game, giving the team reason to be optimistic.

Sophomore setter Macy Lembke put on a strong performance assisting on 17 points, while also tallying a kill and a block.

Also on offense, the trio of middle blockers consisting of juniors Sierra Larson, Abby Hefling and Haven Carlson combined for a total of 14 kills.

Strong performances from Larson and Hefling are something that the Awesome Blossoms will rely upon this season, as both were nominated team captains.

As the season is still young, the invitational will not only be a good way for the Awesome Blossoms to gain experience, it should also be a good way for the team to see how it measures up to a fair share of competition.



OWATONNA PROUD



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Assistant Principal Phil Wiken shows off a mural he designed by the C plaza at Owatonna High School.

“Envision Your Future”

BY PHIL WIKEN

When I was a student in high school I remember walking into a hallway one day and seeing this amazing mural of colorful lettering. It

was like calligraphy, only better! Not only was it enormous, but it was as if this mural had erupted out of nowhere onto the wall – one day, it was just there. The letters ran the length

of the entire hallway outside of our gym bursting with vibrant style and energy. This is what we saw each day we entered school, welcoming students and visitors alike.

It took a moment to decipher the message which said “The future is now!” This student-designed mural called all of the viewers to seize the moment – to make our own future. When I close my eyes I can still see the mural in my mind’s eye, and it makes me proud. Proud in the sense that our school had recognized the unique (often misunderstood) artistic strengths of our students and with the message of the recognition that we had the

agency to create our own future.

Mr. Kath asked me to help him rethink the design of the C plaza. The goal was to change the space into something more usable but also make it special and welcoming for students. Through this process, one idea that emerged was painting a mural. Immediately, I remembered the mural at my old school and how that had inspired me artistically and challenged my thinking about what is possible, and who is responsible for the future. As we have continued our journey with the Career Pathways here at OHS we have developed a few key phrases that encapsulate the idea behind the Career Path-

ways concept. First, Explore your path. Second, Envision Your Future. Within our Compass advisement period, students are supported with a curriculum and resources that allow them to understand their strengths, discover their interests, and refine a career direction they want to know more about. Through the Career Pathways, students will have opportunities to gain relevant experiences and credentials in areas of study that will help better prepare them to envision what they want to do.

As I began to sketch the design, I used stylized lettering to highlight the message “Envision Your Future.” In the painting,

I attempted to play to my strengths as an artist and graphic designer while giving a nod to the mural in my old high school that inspired me. Flanking the word future is the phrase “Explore Your Path,” which is found on posters and stickers around the school. Here it is written in both Spanish and Somali to recognize the strengths of our multilingual students and families. Although not entirely complete, the mural hopes to challenge students with a message to define their own unique vision for their future.

Phil Wiken is an assistant principal at Owatonna High School.



Game tickets made easy to access

Hometown Ticketing is used to purchase activity passes and game tickets, and they now have a FAN APP available.

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mobile device. All game tickets and activity passes can be scanned directly from the app to enter events.

The FAN APP is available to download on both Android and iOS devices. Once downloaded, follow the instructions to set up an account.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit www.owatonnaactivities.com/ticketing.

Learning year round



SUBMITTED PHOTO

While students are back in school, it's fun to reflect back on what they learned over the summer months. Here are some sixth grade students enjoying learning adventures over the summer.

September board meeting changed

The September 27 school board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The School Board is an elected body formed by Minnesota law to conduct the business of the school district at open meetings, which the public may observe, with specific exceptions such as negotiation strategy or litigation (see policy 205, Open Meetings and Closed Meetings, on the school district website). In the interest of open communications and hearing the concerns and views of the public, the School Board gives the public an opportunity to address the Board in the “Public Forum” portion of the regular business

meetings. Guidelines for public forum can be found on the school district website: www.isd761.org/our-district/school-board/meeting-dates.

Owatonna Public Schools board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the District Office with some exceptions. Typically, the second Monday of the month is a work session and the fourth Monday of the month is the regular business meeting. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed and changes will be updated on the school district website: www.isd761.org/our-district/school-board/meeting-dates.

District develops Safe Learning Plan

Throughout the school year, Owatonna Public Schools’ Safe Learning Plan will use guidance from state and local health department officials, local medical experts, and Minnesota Department of Education to advise our practices. Our goal is to maintain a normalized environment where

students can learn and teachers can teach.

Our plan includes information regarding health and safety, face coverings/masks, cleaning/sanitizing procedures, transportation on school buses, safe food services, and visitors and volunteers.

Owatonna Public Schools prioritizes

student/staff safety and health, data-driven decision-making and the importance of local school districts to make informed decisions that are in the best interest of their students, families and communities. We continue to work closely with local, county and state

partners to educate, promote and encourage the community of Owatonna to help us provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

To view the Safe Learning Plan, visit our COVID-19 Response website: www.isd761.org/district-services/health-services/covid-19.

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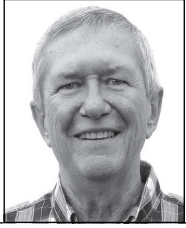
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Milking contest challenge with real cows



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

The battle of the Century could be taking shape, Rick Bussler vs. Howard Lestrud.

After Steele County Times publisher Rick Bussler recounted his fate (not Kay Fate) in a Steele County Free Fair Milking Contest, I, Howard Lestrud, a former publisher and now a freelance writer for the Times, thought it was time to promote a real milking contest.

I have laid the gauntlet at the slippery hands of Rick the Publisher.

In his Aug. 25, Hot Pursuit column, Rick said he had never milked a cow before. That's still true because he milked a fake cow (Bella) in the Steele

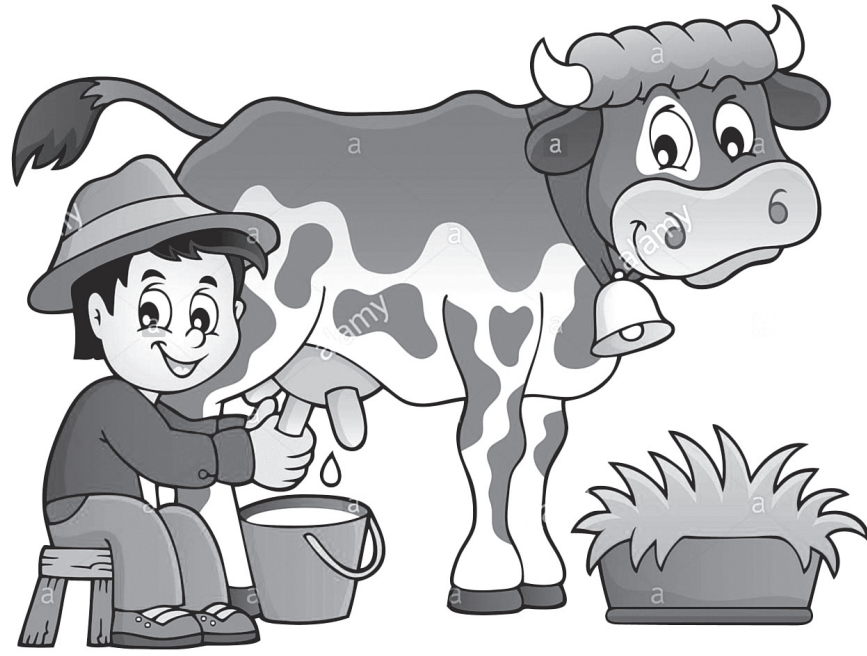
County Free Fair contest sponsored by the American Dairy Association.

This contest would feature a real live cow. I have never competed in a milking contest but I do have the experience of milking real live cows when I lived on a small dairy farm, two miles west of Corning on Highway 251.

My parents owned 15 dairy cows and I was part of my parents' team to milk the cows twice daily, by hand. My parents did have milking machines at one time but placed them in retirement in the attic of our farm home.

Mom and dad believed our cows, all Guernsey except one Holstein, produced better when milked by hand. The milk was then picked up by a local milk hauler and taken to the Red Oak Grove Creamery in Corning.

There was a real routine to be followed on our farm when we milked cows by hand.



Mom, Dad and I would pick out our favorite milk stool (some crafted by me at a young age).

We had a rotation we followed so we wouldn't be side by side with one another.

I had one cow, named Bloopy, who liked me as her BIG SQUEEZE. She would let her milk down for me but would hold it when milked by Mom or Dad.

There were challenges on the milking circuit with a cow named Ginger. She was very frisky, so frisky that we had to put chains on her back legs so she wouldn't kick us during the milking experience.

Ginger detested milking time. Seated before Ginger, I began milking. Guess what? She jumped and kicked with the restrainer on her and ended getting both rear feet in chains into the milk pail.

Thankfully, the

negative experiences were outweighed by the positive ones. This isn't a joking experience, but I do remember helping Dad birth a calf.

Back to the Dairy Rumble between Bussler and myself.

I propose it be held at an American Dairy Association event in June (Dairy Month) next year. This will give the two contestants time to train for the Thriller in someone's dairy barn.

I also propose that the contest involve real cows and the length of the contest be expanded from 30 seconds to 1 minute. Combatants would secure pledges from supporters in the form of a financial donation.

Judges could be named from a group of dairy princesses, past and present.

The contest shall be in two parts, first round without blindfolds and second round, also one minute, with blindfolds.

Winner of the contest will donate monies to a favorite charity.

This challenge was given to Bussler before it appeared in the printing of this column.

I am now in Hot Pursuit of having Publisher Bussler accept the challenge. If Bussler accepts the challenge, more planning of this dairy happening must be done.

If interested in promoting this once in a lifetime duel, please contact Howard (Reflections) or Rick (Hot Pursuit).

SQUIRT! SQUIRT!

New teachers may be familiar faces

BY KAY FATE
STAFF WRITER

It was old-home week — literally — for the newest teachers in the Blooming Prairie School District.

The first day of teacher in-service brought together Frank Cacich, Angela Anderson, Camden Heimerman, Cam Rutledge and Hannah Heffler. Except for Heffler, they all have very close ties to the area.

Cacich, a special education teacher at the high school, is married to a Blooming Prairie native who graduated from BPHS.

Anderson, a second-grade teacher at the elementary school, is also married to a Blooming Prairie native who graduated from BPHS.

Heimerman, who will teach music at the elementary school, is a Blooming Prairie native ... who graduated from BPHS.

The new high school PE teacher, Rutledge, grew up 11 miles away in Hayfield — a perennial rival of the Awesome Blossoms.

Heffler's father's family is from Austin, so she's not that far removed, but she has her own unique circumstance: As a third-year teacher, this will be her first full school year teaching in a classroom, and her first year teaching English and language arts.

She spent the last two years teaching Spanish at Austin High School, most of it remotely, thanks to COVID-19 restrictions.

WHY BLOOMING PRAIRIE?

"I grew up in a small town," Heffler said, "and I missed being part of a tight community, seeing students and parents out and about, seeing the support — all the things that people love about a small town."

Feeling that tie to students and their families is part of what brought Anderson to the Blooming Prairie district.

"My husband farms here; we live outside of town," she said. After teaching nine years in Florida, followed by eight years in Byron, Anderson said she



STAFF PHOTO BY KAY FATE

The new teachers in the Blooming Prairie School District very naturally fell into the social distancing guidelines they'll use in their classrooms. From left are Frank Cacich, secondary special education; Camden Heimerman, elementary music; Cam Rutledge, secondary PE; Hannah Heffler, secondary English and language arts; Angela Anderson, second-grade.

"loves being here, going to sporting events and other things right in town."

It's what Rutledge is used to.

"I grew up in Hayfield, and I always knew I wanted to live in a small town," he said.

After attending college at Rochester Community Technical College and Winona State University, Rutledge said he knew he also wanted to teach in a small town.

"I'm also the head (boys) basketball coach, and I remember what it's like to go out on Friday nights, go to the games, hang out afterward."

Heimerman knows exactly what it's like to do that in Blooming Prairie.

"It's nice to have my mentors from high school mentoring me now," the 2017 graduate said. "It's nice to have a lot of familiarity for my first job."

Cacich has spent the last five years teaching in the Twin Cities area, and didn't think his wife would want to leave the metro area.

"I'm just excited because I worked in schools with the same population as the whole city of Blooming Prairie," he said. "I like the

thought of a close-knit community. I was looking for a job, and there was an opening here."

He asked his wife about moving back, and she was all for it, Cacich said. Their three children will also attend school in the district.

THE BIG PICTURE

So how do teachers in small towns teach students that the world is a much bigger, often vastly different place?

"I grew up in a community like Blooming Prairie," Heffler said, "and I know what it's like not to be exposed to a lot of diversity. It's nice to be able to bring that perspective to the kids and let them know there's always an opportunity to explore those cultures."

While in college, she once spoke entirely in Spanish to a class of English-speaking students to give them a taste of what it might be like to have different learning abilities and experiences.

"I just came from large, diverse schools," Cacich said. "There was diversity around every corner," including race, religion, sexuality and mobility.

"So how do we bring it here? I think it's by

teaching them different skills, and that everybody's a human, first," he said.

Anderson's classroom in Florida was near a Navy base, which provided a lot of diversity, she said.

"I encouraged that by using literature and stories (about differences), and it allowed for opportunities to use a speaker" to educate about diversity, "or having the kids share their own difference," Anderson said. "Like Frank said, everybody's a human, so I try to do a lot with kindness, teaching them that kindness is key to relationships."

Having younger students helps, she said, "because they're curious, and they can learn" that not everyone is the same.

"Music is a really natural mode to see differences," Heimerman said, "as long as you bring it in in a very authentic way. Music is tied to culture," so that means using different styles of music lends itself to discussing languages, religions, traditions and more.

"In phy ed, I like to find different games, activities and sports from all over the world," said

Rutledge, "and give them new stuff to do. I'm not trying to make them the best athlete ever. I want them to be good people."

NERVOUS? OR EXCITED?

"I'm way more excited than nervous," Rutledge said, as the others nodded.

There was no real concern about the coronavirus and all it may or may not bring, including more distance learning, mask mandates and quarantining.

"I think we're all just determined to do the best we can with whatever the year throws at us," said Anderson.

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- SEPT. 10** Facebook Page
BP Cancer Auction
- SEPT. 11** 5 p.m. – Chamber Meeting, City Hall
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BP Cancer 5K
- SEPT. 12** 5:30 p.m. – Gun Bingo, Servicemen's Club
Continental Breakfast, First Lutheran Church
- SEPT. 14** 8 a.m. – Fall Garage Sale
10 a.m. – Online Storytime, BP Library
9 a.m. – Crazy Days on Main Street

ELLEDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

- SEPT. 10** 8 p.m. – Berlin Township Meeting, Community Building
11 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
- SEPT. 13** 11 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
- SEPT. 15** 11 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

- SEPT. 10** 7 p.m. – Medford Park Board Meeting, City Hall
2 p.m. – Bonnie Krueger Retirement Celebration, Owatonna Library
- SEPT. 11** 10:30 a.m. – Online Storytime, Owatonna Library Facebook Page
3 p.m. – Steele County Board Meeting, County Admin Building
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna Human Rights Commission Meeting, City Hall
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall
- SEPT. 13** 4:30 p.m. – Owatonna Park Board Meeting, City Hall
5:30 p.m. – Moonlighters Exchange Club Meeting, Owatonna VFW
7 p.m. – Steele County Planning Commission Meeting, County Admin Building
- SEPT. 15** Safe Summer Expo, Four Seasons Centre
4 p.m. – Owatonna EDA Meeting, City Hall

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- BP ELEMENTARY**
Sept. 9- Spaghetti, garlic breadstick, hamburger, leafy green salad, celery sticks, fruit
Sept. 10- Toasted cheese sandwich, turkey BLT flatbread, tomato soup, baby carrots, fruit
Sept. 13- BBQ meatball sub, pretzel bites with cheese cubes, steamed peas, baby carrots, fruit
Sept. 14- Cheese-bread dunkers, cheeseburger, roasted broccoli, celery sticks, fruit
Sept. 15- Beefy nachos with cheese sauce, beef hotdog, Mexican corn, cherry tomato, fruit
- BP HIGH SCHOOL**
Sept. 9- Spaghetti with garlic breadstick, hamburger, leafy green salad, celery sticks, fruit
Sept. 10- Toasted cheese sandwich, turkey BLT flatbread, tomato soup, baby carrots, fruit
Sept. 13- BBQ meatball sub, crispy chicken salad, steamed peas, baby carrots, fruit
Sept. 14- Cheese-bread dunkers, cheeseburger, roasted broccoli, celery sticks, fruit
Sept. 15- Beefy nachos with cheese, beef hotdog, Mexican corn, cherry tomato, fruit

Riding for Rachels' Light



STAFF PHOTO BY DEB FLEMMING

Jerry Hein of Blooming Prairie took part in Rachel's Ride in late August. The 3-1/2 hour motorcycle ride and raffle that followed raised more than \$2,000 for Rachel's Light, a non-profit that provides transitional housing for women and children in Steele County. This weekend Hein plans to hop on his motorcycle to participate in Jacob's Run, a fundraiser for the Open Arms Suicide Prevention Program. "I don't miss that one," said Hines, whose nephew died by suicide three years ago.

Open House set for Beaver Lake Park project

Steele County is holding an open house meeting to gather public input on a proposed project to improve both County Highway 28 and Beaver Lake Park northwest of Ellendale. It will take place on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at NRHEG Elementary School in Ellendale. The open house will be held in the school gym on the south side of the building. Parking is available in the lot on the south side of the building off of 8th Avenue West. Use the doors on the south side of the building to access the gym. The County is interested in hearing input on users experience and responses to the current roadway and park as well as what desires they have for future investments. The County is in the beginning stages of developing a feasibility report for the improvements of the highway and park. The development process for this report will last approximately 10 months, and it will include several opportunities for community engagement. The construction timeline has not been determined, but is anticipated to be scheduled within the next few years. In addition to the open house, visit the project web site at www.hkgi.mysocialpinpoint.com/steele-county-csah-28-beaver-lake-park for more information about the project process, schedule, and background information. A brief survey and interactive map is available to help provide the planning team thoughts or ideas for the future, or concerns that need to be addressed.

'Poetry of the Brush' at Arts Center, reception Saturday

Minnesota has a very active group of artists that are members of the "Ming Chow Sumie." They paint using the traditional brush working in the classic style and contemporary imagery. Craig Steinmetz and Ben Wong's works will be showcased in the gallery through Sept. 26. It is named "Poetry of the Brush." The artists will be available during a reception on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 1-4 p.m.

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Ellendale church announces fall programming

First Lutheran Church of Ellendale has announced its fall programming. Jesus And Me (JAM) begins on Wednesday, Sept 8. JAM is an after-school discipleship program open for any child in grades 1-6 and is held from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Kids will be able to have a snack, play some games, and, of course, have a Bible lesson. Sunday School starts on Sunday, Sept. 12. This year, Sunday School will be for all ages, including adults. Also, all ages will be learning the same lesson most weeks, just at different levels of difficulty. The motivation behind this is to encourage young families to not only bring their kids to Sunday School, but also to stay themselves and learn the same lesson at the same time. Confirmation begins on Sept. 8 and will be held on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. If you are interested or know someone in either seventh or eighth grade who is interested, please talk to Pastor Kyle Smith for more information.

BP Manufacturer's Luncheon slated

The Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce's annual Manufacturer's Luncheon will be held Thursday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizzeria Cellar Party Room in Blooming Prairie. Speakers will include Bob Kill, president and CEO of Enterprise Minnesota, Mary Urch of Steele County Public Health and Chris Staloch, superintendent of Blooming Prairie Public Schools. All manufacturing businesses in Blooming Prairie and the surrounding area are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by emailing Emily Glaser at bpcofc@gmail.com by Oct. 8.

St. John Lutheran awards scholarships

St. John Lutheran Church in Owatonna recently awarded \$30,000.00 in scholarships and grants for the coming academic year.

Of this amount, \$1,000.00 came from the Steele County Scholarship Fund which is sponsored by Leona and (the late) LeRoy Stockwell and \$29,000.00 came from the St. John Lutheran Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Students were recognized for their scholarships/grants at the Aug. 1 worship services. Since its inception in 1979, the St. John Foundation has awarded approximately \$851,000 in scholarships and grants to both members and non-members of St. John.

Two students received the \$500 Steele County/St. John Lutheran Scholarships:

The St. John member recipient is **Thomas Earl**. He is a 2019 graduate of Owatonna High School (OHS) and attends Bemidji State University, Bemidji. He is the son of Mike and Joyce Earl.

The non-member recipient is **Emma Anderson**. She is a 2021 OHS graduate who will be attending Winona State University, Winona, MN. She is the daughter of Todd and Kelly Anderson.

The following non-members of St. John are recipients of St. John Foundation Scholarships:

Elise Egbert — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Todd and Joanna Egbert, will attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire;

Hannah Gebur — 2018 OHS graduate and daughter of Tom and Susan Gebur, attends Iowa State University, Ames;

Laura Gebur — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Tom and Susan Gebur, will attend Minnesota State University-Mankato;

Jenna Gleason — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Joey and Debby Gleason, will attend Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa;

Emily Hagen — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Rob and Erin Hagen, will attend Luther College, Decorah;

Tucker Jenö — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Luke Jenö and Jennifer Jenö, will attend University of Minnesota-Twin Cities;

Ashton Jensen — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Michael and Brenda Jensen, will attend Augustana University, Sioux Falls;

Zachary Liebl — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Troy and Holly Liebl, will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings;

Maggie Newhouse — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Paul and Deena Newhouse, will attend St. Mary's University, Winona;

Brianna O'Connor — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Byron and Linda O'Connor, will attend University of Wisconsin-River Falls;

Lauren Phelps — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Brian and Dawn Phelps, will attend Concordia College-Moorhead;

Gabriel Rysavy — 2019 OHS graduate and son of Albert and Peggy Rysavy, attends St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona;

Elise Sande — 2020 OHS graduate and daughter of Brian and Rachel Sande, attends the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph; and

Brianne Ulrich — 2019 graduate of Ulrich Home School and daughter of Scott and Rachel Ulrich, attends University of Northwestern-St. Paul, Roseville.

The following members of St. John are recipients of St. John Foundation Scholarships and Grants:

Connor Budach — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Mike and Lee Anne Budach, will attend the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis;

Noah Budach — 2018 OHS graduate and son of Mike and Lee Anne Budach, attends the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis;

Erik Coulter — 2020 OHS graduate and son of Jon and Heidi Coulter, attends South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.;

Jamie Davison — 2018 OHS graduate and daughter of James and Gia Davison, attends the University of Wisconsin-Superior, Superior, Wis.;

Brent Fischer — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Brian and Glenda Fischer, will attend Drake University, Des Moines;

Elizabeth Fisher — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Eric Fisher and Tricia Fisher, will attend the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse;

Hannah Fisher — 2018 OHS graduate and daughter of Eric Fisher and Tricia Fisher, attends the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse;

Tayah Hoffman — 2019 OHS graduate and daughter of Brad and Kendra Hoffman and Farrah and John Nel-

son, attends Bemidji State University;

Kathryn Ihrke — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Corey and Sara Ihrke, will attend Minnesota State University-Mankato;

Rachel Kellar — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Michael and Kristine Kellar, will attend Rochester Community and Technical College;

Dominic Nelson — 2021 OHS graduate and son of John Nelson and Karla Bauer, will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities;

Maya Ratzloff — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Jeff and Kelly Ratzloff, will attend Winona State University;

Isabella Schroeder — 2021 OHS graduate and daughter of Jason and Jodi Schroeder, will attend Winona State University; and

Matthew Seykora — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Brian and Mary Beth Seykora, will attend Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.

The following members of St. John are recipients of St. John Foundation Scholarships and the St. John Foundation ELCA Matching Grants:

Amanda Honsey — 2018 graduate of Medford High School and daughter of Jeff and Tracy Honsey, attends

St. Olaf College, Northfield; and

Ashley Kellar — 2019 OHS graduate and daughter of Michael and Kristine Kellar, attends Gustavus Adolphus College.

The following members of St. John are recipients of St. John Foundation Grants:

Jorden Kalbach — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Keith and Stephanie Kalbach, will attend South Central College, North Mankato;

Mackenzie Paulson — 2020 graduate of Medford High School, and daughter of Brian and Janita Paulson, attends Minnesota State University—Mankato; and

Charles Pittman — 2021 OHS graduate and son of Sam Pittman, will attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Wadena.

To be eligible for a scholarship award, the student must be a resident of Steele County and a full-time student for a full academic year. All students graduating from high schools in Steele County in 2022 and all students planning to be enrolled in a college or vocational/technical school full time

during the 2022-2023 academic year may apply for a scholarship. Application forms may be picked up at any of the high schools in Steele County (counselor's office), at the St. John Lutheran Church Office (we cannot honor requests for mailing forms to individuals) or on the website at www.stjohnowatonna.org after Feb. 1.

Persons wishing to contribute to the Scholarship Fund of St. John Lutheran may do so by writing a check to the St. John Lutheran Church Foundation or to St. John Lutheran/Steele County Scholarship Fund and mailing it to St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060-4099.

New Exchange Club member



April Paxton, left, takes membership with the Exchange Club of Owatonna. Paxton brings her passion of community service and Americanism with her. Welcoming Paxton is Exchange Club President Sandra McConn Halla.

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ACROSS

- 1 "A Kiss Before Dying" author --- Levin
- 4 Foam clog
- 8 Spanish dictator
- 14 City next to San Francisco International Airport
- 16 Foreign or American
- 17 Budget entry
- 18 Like an idol
- 19 Prepares for publication
- 20 Recreation
- 22 Malt beverage
- 23 Bill Clinton's hometown
- 25 Liberate
- 27 Broad smile
- 29 Head Corleone
- 31 Discrimination
- 35 Unagi, to a sushi eater
- 36 Apparel for Batman
- 37 Complete reversal
- 38 Viral genetic material
- 39 Without protection
- 42 "El ---" (Charlton Heston movie)
- 43 Illicit alcoholic beverage
- 45 Heap
- 46 Book reviewer, of a sort
- 47 Like Georgia Brown
- 48 Spoken
- 49 Retained
- 50 Be inappropriate
- 52 "Warts and all"

- 54 Move up and down
- 57 Heeltaps
- 59 Deputized group
- 62 --- Bedelia (Peggy Parish character)
- 64 Woovers do chop up fragrant tree
- 66 Prepare to fire again
- 67 One way to order dinner
- 68 Make possible
- 69 Deride
- 70 Tiny Tim, to Bob Cratchit

DOWN

- 1 Man or Capri
- 2 Sudden assault
- 3 Destroy
- 4 Brittle
- 5 Furrow
- 6 "This --- on me!"
- 7 Software
- 8 Coquette
- 9 Moral virtue
- 10 Gone by
- 11 Jazz singer --- Simone
- 12 Spark generator
- 13 "--- I built a railroad ... " ("Brother, Can You Spare a Dime", Harburg/Gorney)
- 15 Back
- 21 Hawaiian fish

- 24 "--- Almighty" (2007 movie)
- 26 "Please Don't --- the Daisies" (Doris Day/David Niven movie)
- 27 Listerine targets
- 28 Resume
- 30 Hoppy beer
- 32 Those who follow afterwards
- 33 Lewinsky scandal participant Linda ---
- 34 Wrap up by
- 36 Regarding guardianship
- 40 Airport formerly known as Wilcox Field
- 41 Jazz scatter
- 44 Little Red farmyard baker
- 48 Lyric poem
- 49 Great Plains native American tribe
- 51 Commerce
- 53 A very small spot
- 54 Uncover
- 55 Augury
- 56 Composer --- Bartok
- 58 Musical composition for one
- 60 De---, old car
- 61 The Land of Nod was east of here
- 63 High ball
- 65 Fox partner in Oklahoma

Financial boost benefits Ellendale renovations

Thanks to contributions to the Community Foundation of Ellendale (CFE) spring financial appeal, renovations of the Ellendale Community Building will move forward.

To date, CFE and the Ellendale City Council have collaborated to complete updates in the main entry, bathrooms, and a complete kitchen renovation.

The Foundation also benefited from a substantial financial gift of \$1,955 from Julie Wichmann in memory of her husband, Lowell. He recently died and served the Ellendale area as a sheriff's depu-

ty for many years.

The funds will be used as the next renovation phase begins, which involves the small meeting room, entry and main hall. Ceiling tiles and flooring will be replaced and the walls will get a fresh coat of paint.

The final phase will include updating the large gathering room. The Foundation looks forward to receiving future contributions toward that effort, along with increasing the CFE endowment fund.

Pete Paulson, president of CFE, says the Foundation is dedicated to preserving

a quality life in the Ellendale community and surrounding area.

Paulson said sentiments are best expressed by Julie Wichmann, who "... encourages others to donate in their loved one's memory, keeping money in our town, improving for the next generation."

Other members of the CFE board are: Larry Otto, vice president; Colleen Brekke, treasurer; Sherry Schott, secretary and Allie Larson, Michelle Sletten, Sherry Schott, Tiffany Krueger, Emily Otto and Arlen Brekke, directors.

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Diocese of Winona-Rochester Chapter 11 Reorganization Proceeding (Case No. 18-33707)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND OBJECTION DEADLINE FOR MOTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT WITH SETTLING INSURERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Diocese of Winona-Rochester ("Diocese"), the Debtor in the captioned bankruptcy proceeding, case number 18-33707, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota ("Court") and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors ("UCC") filed a joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization [Docket No. 316] ("Plan") and a disclosure statement for the Plan [Docket No. 317] ("Disclosure Statement") under Section 1125 of the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Bankruptcy Code"). On July 16, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Disclosure Statement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Diocese has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 363, & 365 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(l), 6004(c), and 9019(a) with Interstate Fire & Casualty Company, National Surety Corporation, and London Market Insurers ("Settling Insurers"), and on August 17, 2021, filed in the Court a motion to approve the Agreement ("Motion"). [Docket No. 339]. If the Motion and the Plan are approved, the Diocese will (a) sell, and the Settling Insurers will purchase, certain insurance policies and certificates issued to, or subscribed on behalf of or allegedly issued to or subscribed on behalf of, the Diocese ("Subject Insurance Policies"), by the Settling Insurers, as described more particularly in the Agreement, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests, and (b) fully release any all claims against the Settling Insurers and certain related entities under or relating to the Subject Insurance Policies, including extra-contractual claims. In addition, there are other provisions in the Agreement than those set forth in the preceding sentence, which should be reviewed to understand completely the Agreement and its effect on your rights.

IF THE MOTION IS APPROVED, FOR THE AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE PLAN MUST ALSO BE APPROVED AND PROVIDE FOR THE ENTRY OF AN INJUNCTION, PERMANENTLY BARRING ALL ENJOINED CLAIMS (AS DEFINED IN THE AGREEMENT), BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS AND CERTAIN RELATED ENTITIES; INCLUDING COMMENCING OR CONTINUING AN ACTION AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; ENFORCING A JUDGMENT OR ORDER AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; CREATING OR PERFECTING LIENS OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; AND ASSERTING OR ACCOMPLISHING ANY SET OFF, RIGHT OF INDEMNITY, OR RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS. FURTHER, THE AGREEMENT SPECIFIES THAT THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE AN INJUNCTION CHANNELING ALL THE CHANNELED CLAIMS (AS DEFINED IN THE AGREEMENT) TO A TRUST, TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PLAN, WHICH WILL ADMINISTER AND RESOLVE THE CHANNELED CLAIMS, AND THE HOLDERS OF ALL SUCH CLAIMS WOULD BE BARRED FROM TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS, INCLUDING COMMENCING OR CONTINUING AN ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANNELED CLAIM; ENFORCING A JUDGMENT OR ORDER AGAINST THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANNELED CLAIM; CREATING OR PERFECTING LIENS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO ANY CHANNELED CLAIM; AND ASSERTING OR IMPLEMENTING ANY CHANNELED CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS.

Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement and Motion are on file with the Court, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Motion may be obtained by (a) contacting the Diocese's counsel by mail, telephone or email at Bodman PLC, Attn: Robert J. Diehl, Jr., 6th Floor at Ford Field, 1901 St. Antoine Street, Detroit, MI 48226, Tel.: 313-259-7777, Email: rdiehl@bodmanlaw.com; (b) visiting the Diocese's website at https://www.dowr.org; or (c) visiting the website of United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota at https://www.mnb.uscourts.gov. A PACER login and password are required to access documents on the Bankruptcy Court's website and these can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing on the Motion will occur on [September 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.] before the Honorable William J. Fisher, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 2A, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Any response or objection to the Motion must be filed and served by September 17, 2021. Any written response must reference case number 18-33707, state the specific legal and factual basis for the objection, be accompanied by a proof of service, and conform and be served in accordance with the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota.

IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE AS TO WHICH INSURANCE COVERAGE IS OR MAY BE AVAILABLE OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY OF THE DIOCESE'S INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.

FORECLOSURE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 26, 2000

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$110,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): James E. Lambert and Paula D. Lambert husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Ameriquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 2, 2000 as Document Number A284936 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for JP-Morgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on January 8, 2009 as Document Number A000361433 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to JPMC Specialty Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded on October 16, 2015 as Document Number A000404591 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by assignment recorded on September 7, 2016 as Document Number A000409470 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by assignment recorded on September 5, 2018 as Document Number A000420073 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on January 11, 2019 as Document Number A000421942 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL2 by assignment recorded on January 11, 2019 as Document Number A000421943 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: East 40 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and

West 40 feet of Lots 7 and 8, all in Block 22 in Johnson and Company's Addition to the Village of Medford, and vacated alley adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 in said Block 22, Steele County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 407 1ST AVENUE SOUTHWEST, MEDFORD, MN 55049

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$112,946.14

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Ameriquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-101-2201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100015000420015118

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2022.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS

IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: August 24, 2021

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2018-RPL2 Mortgagee TROTT LAW, P.C. By: /s/ *N. Kibongni Fondungalah, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (21-0317-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 6:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021 *Regular School Board Work Session in conjunction with a Special School Board Meeting High School Media Center 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, 2021 *Open Public Forum High School Media Center 7:15 p.m. Monday, September 20, 2021 *Regular School Board Meeting High School Media Center

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER-CHAIRPERSON II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Any person may raise a question to the School Board. The Board will not act on any item presented to them, which is not on the agenda, until the following Board meeting. Also, the Board would like persons to limit themselves to five minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes per topic. These limitations are needed for us to run a timely and orderly Board meeting. Persons are requested to identify themselves prior to speaking.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-CHAIRPERSON II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. ROLL CALL-CLERK IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA V. AUDIT PRESENTATION VI. PRINCIPAL REPORTS VII. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED A. Consent Agenda Minutes Bills Treasurer's Report Resignation/Termination Donations B. Employment C. Volunteer Coaches D. Handbooks E. Election Judges F. Absentee Ballot Board G. Student Pass H. Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2021 Payable 2022 I. Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Insurance J. Steele County Area Mental Health Collaborative Contract VIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY A. Safe Return to Learning Plan B. Committee Reports C. Enrollment Data D. Dates to Note IX. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS X. ADJOURNMENT

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*Agenda may be subject to changes

NOTICE

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER 6:00 A.M.

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER CHAIRPERSON II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. ROLL CALL - CLERK IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- V. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

Resolution Relating to Establishing the Location for Absentee Voting for School District Elections not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election

- VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY VII. ADJOURNMENT

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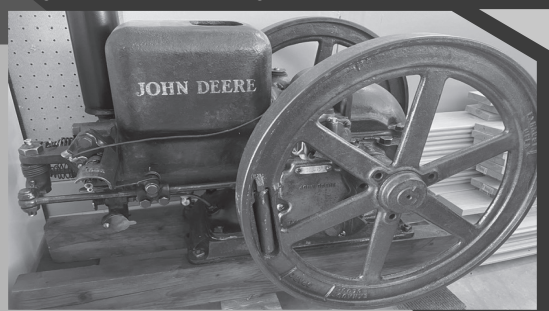


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Dear Motor Medics,
I have a newer Mazda Miata and I'm having a problem with detonation in my engine. During cruising and under acceleration the engine will ping under load and on hills. The car calls for premium gasoline and I use it every tankful but even if I use the highest-octane premium fuel the car still pings. Do you have any ideas on what it could be?

Mark in Sioux Falls South Dakota

Dear Mark, this may not be as bad as you think,
You have asked a great question and we want to address the fuel question first as its very important. If a car specifies premium fuel, it is important to use it. Not only does it ensure the best performance from the fuel that the car can deliver, it also allows the car to burn cleaner than using less than premium lower octane fuel. When the lower octane fuel is used it is possible to build up carbon deposits which can cause detonation. You may be using premium, but you could still have some carbon buildup in the engine which is contributing to the detonation. Carbon deposits can often be removed by getting a professional fuel system cleaning done. The kind we use cleans both the injection system and the combustion chambers which is what we suggest. A professional cleaning combined with regular use of premium fuel can make a difference in the amount of detonation you get from your engine. Good luck and enjoy that car.
Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I drive a 2009 Dodge caravan with the sport package. I use it for daily driving and on weekends I tow a boat in the summer and two snowmobiles in the winter. Last month my trailer light wiring harness that plugs in under the vehicle corroded so badly that I removed it from the main harness and carefully closed and protected the bare wires. After the plug removal I removed the tail lamps and carefully connected the trailer harness directly to the tail and brake lamp wires so they would not come off or short. I have hauled the trailer about three times now and on the most recent trip both turn signals failed. I don't see any burnt fuses, but I get to power to the lights.

John in Palm Springs Florida

The caravans now contain a front electronic control module that controls lighting functions including the taillights and trailer lighting. When built, the trailer lights were on a separate circuit than the taillights. The tail lamp circuit is made to only carry the amp load of the two tail lamps and no more. If any extra load is added by way of a trailer the module can overload which can destroy it. The first step is to remove the added wiring and check fuses. If there is still no power you will need to have the module checked and possibly replaced.

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