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OUR VIEW

Step up to help find a cure for cancer

This weekend will be a chance for you to make a difference when it comes to fighting cancer.

On Friday, the annual Relay for Life will take place at the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna. It's a powerful and emotional event for many people who have been touched by cancer. It's also a way for you to help fund the cause of cancer research.

Organizers for Relay for Life want people to understand that no one faces cancer alone. We come together every year at Relay events around the country to support and celebrate survivors and caregivers.

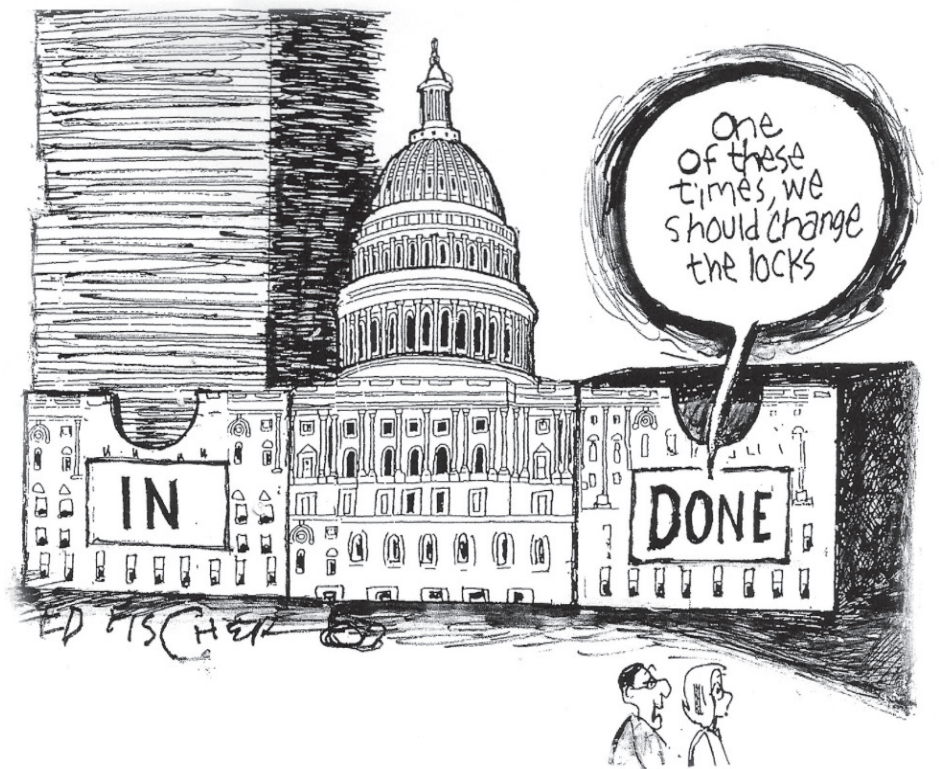
Each Relay event is unique. There are special events and activities just for survivors and their caregivers, so they can connect with others and know there is a strong support system available to them.

At Relay events no donation is too small as each and every dollar counts. Steele County's goal is \$100,000. As of Monday, about \$24,000 had been raised. Last year, around \$75,000 was raised, bringing the total raised over the past 25 years of the event to \$2.1 million just in Steele County alone. Your donations help fund groundbreaking cancer research, patient care programs and can make a difference in communities like ours. With every donation, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives.

Besides fundraising, it's a time to celebrate. Teammates take turns walking the path to symbolize the ongoing fight against cancer. Between laps, you can check out other games and activities featured for the whole family.

Perhaps one of the most impactful parts of the Relay is lighting the luminarias, which are lit to remember those we've lost, celebrate cancer survivors and show everyone affected by cancer that we are the light in the darkness.

Even if you or a loved one have escaped cancer's nasty grip, we are all partners against cancer. We all need to step up and step closer to finding a cure.



Casting out the lunker

A few months ago I shared with you in this column how there just might be a glimmer of mechanical talent in me after all.

Let's not get too excited about this, but I was able to put together with the help of my parents a new entertainment center for my house. You may recall how I really detest putting things together, especially when there are a zillion pieces involved. Well, okay maybe only a trillion pieces.

Since I completed putting together the new entertainment center, I was at a stand still with my new piece of furniture just sitting in one room waiting to be introduced to the family entertainment room.

There was just one problem. The piece that the new center was going to replace was unmovable. It would take an army to even slide it across the room. I could have maybe moved it a little across the room, but what good would that do?

You have to understand the battle I was up against. I had a real lunker on my hands. It was a solid oak monster that measured 70 inches tall and 48 inches across. And honestly, it had to weigh at least 500 pounds. Well, okay, maybe that's a little stretch, but you get my idea.

No matter which way you look at it, and believe me I gave it many cross-eyed looks over the years, there was really no way to deal with this lunker other than to leave it right where it was.

I had tried several times over the past few months to sell the piece, but to



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

no avail. Finally, I recruited my aunt and put her broker skills to use. She's really not a broker, but it sounds good, right? Any way, she took to social media and began advertising the piece. Within hours, she attracted 500 looks and a couple solid leads.

Less than a day after posting it, I had someone at my house who snatched it up right away. Finally, I thought, the lunker has been cast out of my life.

It wasn't easy getting the piece out of the house. Somehow two of us managed to lift in enough to get it out. My body is still aching from such heavy lifting. I don't think I'll ever be the same again.

But, hey, the lunker is gone! What more could I ask for?

This whole saga got me to thinking about how many of you have had a piece of furniture in your house wondering why you ever wanted it in the first place. This was the case with my lunker, which had been in the same place for 15 years. Like I said, there was no moving that creature no matter if you wanted to or not.

I feel like a big weight has been lifted off my life. Well, in reality, that's the God's honest truth. But I also feel a sense of freedom without the lunker taking up one entire room of the house.

It's now time for me to go in hot pursuit of enjoying my new entertainment center. And rest assured it's nowhere near the size of the lunker that I just cast out of my life.

And besides, once I move it even a little bit, there really was no where to go with it.

Shaking hands with the second Man on the Moon

They are real experiences:

- I shook hands with the second man to touch the surface of the Moon. That was Buzz Aldrin who I met at a Barnes & Noble book signing.
- I touched an actual Moon rock on display at the National Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C.
- I also viewed the actual Apollo 11 space capsule on display at the Space Museum.
- I once owned autographed photos of the Apollo 11 crew: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. My son and I sold the autographed photos to obtain monies to help finance a family trip to Disney World. Ouch!

There are lots of "I" mentioned in the above paragraphs, and I'm not bragging but when I began to think about the 50-year anniversary, I thought, Oh boy, that was some accomplishment.

It's still difficult to comprehend.

Each time I look at the moon, I pinch myself and remind myself that yes, Man Walked on the Moon.

As we observe the 50th anniversary (July 20, 1969) of Man on the Moon, it's fun to recall where we were when Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon. Judy and I were visiting my brother and his family in Austin. Judy was eight months pregnant with our son Troy.

We stayed up till wee hours to watch Armstrong make his "small step" and "giant leap" for mankind.

I've always been intrigued by the space race and followed the early years when the United States and Russia battled it out to be the first country to reach the moon. We won!



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

Judy and I have visited the Kennedy Space Center on two occasions, and we just shake our heads when we see the first launch sites, realizing that we were flying these missions, in many cases, by the seat of our pants.

We have lost 17 astronauts, three Apollo 1 astronauts on the launch pad, seven astronauts riding the Challenger spacecraft in January 1986 and seven astronauts on the Columbia spacecraft in February 2003.

One of my heroes, news commentator Walter Cronkite, admitted to being "speechless" as he provided commentary on Armstrong's first step on the moon.

This was a moment in history that we shall never forget. It parallels Cronkite's announcement that President Kennedy was dead, the victim of an assassin's bullets.

Cronkite narrated the first landing on the Moon, assisted by Wally Schirra, a recently retired astronaut of high renown.

From the recently published First in the Moon book published by Rod Pyle, we read a Foreword by Aldrin: "As I think about what space adventures await us, it's hard to believe that it has been five decades since Neil and I walked on the Moon. I may be biased, but I think it was the high point of the twentieth century with regard to human achievement, and it shows what we can accomplish when we work together toward a great and worthy goal.

"My memories of that first journey and landing are still clear and will be with me forever..."

Amen!



GUEST COLUMN

Owatonna will compete (and win) talent race

BY BRAD MEIER

By the year 2035, the 65+ age group is expected to eclipse the under 18 population for the first time in the history of the state of Minnesota. More than a half a million 65+ year old will be added to the state's population while gaining just 32,000 under 18 (Source: Minnesota State Demographer website).

You've heard about the aging population for many years, now it is here. And it's not just Owatonna, Minnesota or the United States. Consider this from the State Demographer report back in 2013:

"Because slowing labor force growth is affecting most states across the U.S. and most developed countries, there will be heightened international competition for labor, particularly talented workers that can take on the mantle of highly skilled and complex job functions."

The facts are simple, as a nation, birth-rates are not keeping up with the number of retirees leaving the workforce. This means the competition for quality people to fill important roles in our companies and communities is tight, really tight.

If we're trying to attract talent from across the Midwest or the country, or the world, how can we compete in Greater Minnesota? What is it that will attract the qualified talents in a quantity that will allow our economy to grow?

There are a couple key strategies that stand out:

1) **Retain the people that are already here.**

Owatonna boasts a highly trained workforce within a diverse economy. Emphasis on the talent that is here in our own 'backyard' is the logical and first focus area.

The Chamber, our partners Workforce Development, Inc., United Way of Steele County, Junior Achievement, local school districts and businesses have developed programs to give students exposure to careers here in Steele County. With a focus on students who don't have a plan after high school graduation, Workforce Coordinator Anisha Zak is working with students on job shadowing, internships and obtaining jobs-giving businesses an opportunity to showcase why they are a great place to work.

Made in Owatonna Days, also coordinated with our partners, give 150+ stu-

dents each year a chance to see different jobs and careers in person by getting out of school to hear and see about these opportunities.

Additionally, we have plans to include past Owatonna graduates who might not have completed a degree program or who are taking a gap year as well as young veterans and those returning to our area after trying out a new geography.

SteeleCoWorks magazine is a publication we use to provide information about careers in the area. Geared towards high school students, the piece shows the training/education needed for jobs, the pay scale and the job outlook for that position in the future.

2) **Improving Amenities**

Studies have shown that people move to cities with plentiful amenities. We don't really need studies to tell us this. Our employers already know that drawing people into a new community includes making the 'sales pitch' about the community. Which amenities will 'sell' the community are different for everyone, but key pieces need to be in place: great jobs, great schools, great medical care, and great housing options. We are not only competing with Rochester, Mankato, Faribault and Northfield, but also the Twin Cities and beyond.

Owatonna Forward's initiatives for the future, based on more than 3,000 responses from community members, creates a vision for growing and improving the community for those who live here, but also those who will choose to move here. Those include: Impact on Downtown, Life-Long Learning, Housing, Sense of Community, Safety, Health Wellness & Recreation.

The community engagement and hard work towards building and improving upon the amenities we have in the Owatonna area are vital to the future. Not to mention the important strengths that set us apart from larger communities that include a sense of belonging and a calmer less frenetic daily experience.

Owatonna is up to the task of continued growth and improvement. If we continue to embrace important changes and investments, we will be winners in the competition to attract talent.

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Diane Vorlicek squeezes her transplant pillow that she received after having a kidney transplant last week in Rochester.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RICK BUSSLER

Hildahl had hoped to simply donate one of her kidneys to her mother, but quickly found out they don't have the same blood type. None of Vorlicek's four children proved to be a match for her. The children are A+ blood type while Vorlicek is O type.

"I give a kidney (to somebody else) to get a kidney for my mom," Hildahl said of the exchange program. She started the exchange process about 18 months ago and has gone through extensive testing over that time period.

For Hildahl, there was never any doubt about helping her struggling mother out of a serious medical situation. "It wasn't even a thought," Hildahl says. "I just wanted to do it. I don't know how anybody couldn't do it for their parent."

Hildahl said she felt compelled to help her mother. "It wasn't her fault," Hildahl said. "She takes such good care of herself. That was my criteria for me to give her a kidney."

MOM'S NOT NORMAL

In early 2017, Jolley, who is a nurse in the Twin Cities, knew something wasn't right with her mother just by talking to her on the phone. "She sounded like she was having a stroke," Jolley said.

Jolley immediately called her father, Frank, to get Diane to the hospital. And what happened next became "classical for the Vorlicek family," Hildahl said. Once they got to the hospital, Frank needed more immediate attention as his blood sugar had dropped. Doctors ended up treating him more than her.



Gabbie Hildahl, 18, helps her mother, Auna Hildahl, get wrapped up to protect her abdomen area after she donated a kidney last week.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RICK BUSSLER

Diane was admitted into the hospital because "they didn't know what was going on with her," Jolley said. Doctors performed a kidney biopsy and soon found out that her kidneys had an extremely high amount of oxalate. They began checking her kidney functions and determined "they were way off."

Her kidneys were functioning at 7% and 13%. "They were quickly dying," Jolley said. "Doctors were amazed at how mom was still functioning."

A NEW LEASE: *on life* FROM A1

The road to a kidney transplant has been long and grueling for Vorlicek. On three different days every week for four hours at a time over the past two and a half years, Vorlicek was hooked up to a machine to keep her kidneys at a functioning level.

Asked what the past two and a half years have been like, Vorlicek responded, "Just tiring and sick. A lot of times sick." She added she found it be to confining and not able to do what she wanted.

She would often come home from dialysis and immediately go to sleep for the rest of the day.

This wasn't Vorlicek's first medical scare. She is a cancer survivor after successfully beating down lymphoma cancer 14 years ago through chemotherapy.

"I can get back to enjoying life again."

Diane Vorlicekl
Kidney Transplant Recipient

Hildahl got teary-eyed as she thought about the life-saving phone call that would change her life as well as her mother's. "I cried, but I was in shock," Hildahl said. "I called my siblings right away, and we decided it was okay to call mom."

Jolley said they weren't supposed to tell their mother, but they couldn't help it. "We were all so excited," she said.

They all found, however, that Vorlicek wasn't as excited as they expected. They speculate that she didn't come across as being excited because she was so in shock of what was about to happen. "I was in shock," Vorlicek agreed. "We wanted this for two years so it was kind of strange," she added.

Vorlicek's new kidney was flown in by medical transport from an undisclosed location.

The transplant started at 4:30 p.m. on July 10 and took about four hours to complete. The new kidney was placed in front of the other existing ones.

"Your life is going to be so much better," Jolley told her mother.

The procedure for Hildahl took about three hours. They were both in the hospital together, though in different rooms.

Hildahl's kidney was transported to a hospital in Madison, Wis., where it was transplanted to an unknown person.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Vorlicek is looking at about six months of recovery from the transplant. Doctors will be closely monitoring her oxalate levels on a regular basis. There will also be lots of

blood work, and Vorlicek will be taking anti-rejection drugs.

She was released from the hospital this past weekend and will spend the next three weeks at a transplant house in Rochester.

With her new kidney in place, Vorlicek will be following a certain diet. She said she can't wait to getting back to having some of her favorites, including milk, cottage cheese and ice cream.

The hope is that Vorlicek will not become as nauseated in the coming months during recovery. Prior to the transplant, she would often become "sick, dizzy and weak," Jolley said.

For Hildahl, she faces about eight weeks of recovery. She will be able to return to a normal life. Her goals are to "stay healthy and stay hydrated," she said.

Through the whole ordeal over the past few years, the Vorlicek family has found one thing that has been a godsend. "The town of Blooming Prairie is incredible," Jolley said. "Everybody has been so blessed. We couldn't have done it without them. It's helping hands period."

Hildahl pointed out that several people with connections to Blooming Prairie reached out offering to be a kidney donor. Angie Carlsen offered her husband's kidney after he died, but they needed a living organ. Robert Remker also tried to donate, but wasn't a match.

"We can't thank everybody enough," Jolley said. "Without it, none of us would have made it through this."

Added Vorlicek, "It was a rotten two years."

Air Force vet bicyclist winds through BP



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Robert (Bob) Johnson of St. Clair, Mich. stopped in Blooming Prairie recently while on a 3,000-mile cross country bike tour from St. Clair to Fountain Hills, Ariz. An Air Force veteran, Johnson was very intrigued by the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial.

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"What a beautiful memorial! It's one of the nicest I have come across."

Those were the words of cross country bicyclist Bob Johnson, 68, upon stopping in Blooming Prairie on Monday, and admiring the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial.

He is a U.S. Air Force Reserves veteran serving active duty during the Vietnam Era from 1970-76. Johnson is an American Legion member of Post 58 in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Johnson was finishing Day 6 of his cross country bicycle trip from St. Clair, Mich., his summer home, to Fountain Hills, Arizona, his winter home.

He cornered this writer at the doorway of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club, asking if the club represented all branches of the military. He then reflected on his bicycle trip.

The bicycle trek will cover more than 3,000 miles, Johnson says. The stop was his third time he has been in Blooming Prairie while bicycling across country.

Holding tightly to his Trek bike, Johnson said he might try to spend the night in Blooming Prairie. He actually traveled a few miles farther to the south and spent the night at the Brookside Campgrounds.

Johnson has completed 10 rides across Ameri-

ca, six trips from Michigan to Arizona and four transcontinental coast to coast rides.

Johnson said he hoped to finish his current ride in 35-37 days. He tries to average about 85 miles in a day.

His trip includes a route through St. James and Pipestone and into South Dakota. He then enters Wyoming, travels through the Bighorn Mountains of Montana, traverses the Beartooth Pass and on to Yellowstone. Then, he travels to the Flaming Gorge of Utah, on to Flagstaff and finally to home.

Johnson has been retired for 12 years. He is an electrician by trade, working mostly for the Detroit Edison Company. "I made something you can't see... electricity," he says.

Johnson's Trek bike has eight speeds and with its long wheel base, it is very durable, Johnson affirmed. Johnson travels with four saddle bags, two on each wheel.

On one of his other trips through this area, Johnson stayed overnight in Ellendale and participated in the small town's summer celebration.

Johnson stays in contact with his wife Kari during his journey.

"I really enjoy stopping in small towns like Blooming Prairie and hope to be back again in the near future," Johnson remarked.

NOET NAMED: *History Teacher of the Year* FROM A1

degree with an emphasis in educational leadership from Southwest State.

For the past 22 years, Owatonna Public Schools has been fortunate to have Noet as a social studies teacher for seventh and eighth grades.

This past year, Noet was also recognized by the National Education Association (NEA) Foundation for being the Educator of Excellence. In 2017, he was a finalist for the MN Teacher of the Year.

His passion for STEM and building relationships with both students and educational colleagues is contagious. When asked what

he likes best about teaching history to students, Noet stated, "It's difficult to pick only one thing, but because I believe in doing history, when a student internalizes an event, concept or various perspectives about the past and then creates something (a sculpture, painting, journal, essay, skit, etc) that mixes the content of the class with their own viewpoint or interpretation of that history, you see creativity, growth and pride shine through the students as they share with the class. These are the moments they'll remember when reflecting back on their K12 years and it's a joy to be

able to witness that personal growth and expression."

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, the Owatonna Middle School will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials and recognition at a ceremony in Minnesota.

The National History Teacher of the Year Award will be presented by John Avlon, Senior Political Analyst and anchor at CNN, at a ceremony in New York City on Oct. 2. Past presenters at the ceremony include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Good Morning America's Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush,

former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Now celebrating its 25th year, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, visionaries and lifelong supporters of American history education. The Institute is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K-12 history education while also serving the general public. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history through educational programs and resources.

THE THREE: *BIG F's* FROM A1

After more tests in Owatonna and in Rochester, it was determined that Johnson had stage three Nodular Lymphocyte Predominate Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Johnson was a little bit shaken by the diagnosis, but was confident when the doctor told him they could knock it out.

In December, the doctor informed him that they need to start chemo therapy. "There is no textbook treatment for it, because it is so rare, but they prescribed six rounds of chemo for me," Johnson said.

It was during this early stage of chemo that Johnson saw another sign from God. "St. Mary's kids make cards for patients right around Christmas time, and I got a card wishing me a merry Christmas and telling me that God was behind me on this," Johnson said. "I think that was another sign from God."

Although Johnson never did get to meet the student who wrote the card, he was able to return his thanks. "It was signed by a kid named Finn, and I emailed the principal to tell her the card really touched my heart and she was able to thank the class and student," he said.

The card was not the only encouragement Johnson received. His youth

group at Good Shephard Lutheran Church also lifted his spirits. "One thing that is really cool is that I shared it with our youth group they prayed for me," Johnson said. "Being around those kids was my therapy."

Throughout his battle, Johnson recalls receiving texts from members of his youth group, helping him to remain positive during the process. "That really touched my heart," he said.

During one of the church services, Johnson said that a 94-year-old woman who had been a longtime member of their congregation also offered her own bit of encouragement. "She came up to me and told me that she prays for me every day," he said. "She said it with such passion and conviction that I thought if were those cancer cells I would leave right away."

He also leaned on co-workers who had gone through similar diagnoses. "I feel like God put all these people of faith in my life during this process, and it is what it is, and you have to be positive about it," Johnson said.

Although he remained positive, the chemo led him to lose his hair, and caused him to have cramping between his shoulder blades. "That was just part of the

"But my faith in God and people praying for me was huge."

Tom Johnson
Relay for Life Honorary Chair

process," Johnson said. He had to change his diet and stop using supplements, but he kept fighting and explained that drinking a lot of water helped him through the chemo process.

When his doctor called him in and informed him that the chemo was working and told Johnson that there was no longer any more active cancer in his body, he was relieved. "He told me we still need to do more to totally eliminate it," Johnson said. "I remember driving back to work with tears in my eyes saying why did I ever doubt you Lord."

Then, on the night of May 24, Memorial Day, something miraculous happened. "I received a call and they told me that the cancer was gone," Johnson recalled. "I feel like during the whole chemo process God had his finger on my reset button, like a video game console, and when I was all better, he took it off."

"You can't finish unless you start," Johnson said. "It is what it is and you have to be positive about it, you have to continue to live your life and you can't let it

get to you." Although there will still be some follow up work done, it seems as if the outpouring of prayers reached the man upstairs.

Johnson knows firsthand the value of faith, family, and friends within one's life and will continue to be a positive presence for all those around him. "My goal in life now is to live every day, and to make an impact in my life and in other people's lives," he said.

During this year's Relay for Life, Johnson will serve as honorary chair, sharing his story with others and completing a lap to demonstrate his recovery. "I've never done something like this, but they asked me to tell my story and make the first lap as a survivor," he said. "I'm open to wherever the good Lord wants to lead me."

Although his battle with cancer was a continuous trial, Johnson never lost his faith in God, and in his community, and he is now able to inspire others with his message of hope and faith. "It's like the Bible says, the rain falls on the just and unjust alike," Johnson said.

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: At 12:18 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

CRIME BRIEF



Jamie Knutson

A man's fancy work on social media has led him to ending up in jail. Owatonna Police handled a report of an order for protection violation on July 8. The victim reported to police that the suspect had been writing and tagging Facebook posts about her. Police said the officer saw the posts allegedly coming from the suspect's Facebook account. A domestic abuse no contact order barred the suspect from having any sort of contact with the victim, according to police. On July 10, Jamie Knutson, 41, of Owatonna was arrested at the Steele County Courthouse. He has been charged with violating an order for protection.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 1 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Marques D. Tate, 38, St. Paul, previously appeared and was convicted of felony motor vehicle theft. Tate was sentenced to \$581, 36 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state, cognitive skill training and 5 years of supervised probation.

Harley L. Norberg, 63, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft and gross misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The defendant was sentenced to \$4,567, 2 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 1 – 7:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kevin S. McElderry, 35, Minneapolis, suspended license, \$281.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER
Farah Alsibai, 40, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$121; Rosa A. Alvarado, 33, Alton, TX, speeding, \$141; Scott A. Bock, 32, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Benito L. Carrion, 28, St. Peter, speeding and no license, \$231; Jose E. Castellanos Melgar, 28, Burnsville, no license, \$181; Jeffrey J. Hellevik, 51, Claremont, seat belt, \$106; Janet L. Hereid, 58, Indianola, IA, speeding, \$131; Curtis L. Jorgensen, 53, Owatonna, failure to stop for red light, \$131; Adam J. Kowal, 20, Mankato, speeding and expired registration, \$151; Toe T. Lay, 20, St. Paul, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Jacob V. Louks, 27, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Richard E. Parkman, 42, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Philip E. Postlewaite, 51, Lakeville, seat belt, \$106; Ronaldo J. Rogel-Rodriguez, 20, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$141; Ricky D. Ryan, 54, New Richland, seat belt, \$106; Joseph B. Schammel, 86, Rose Creek, unsafe passing, \$131; Dennis W. Sullivan, 84, Scottsdale, AZ, speeding, \$121; Elleah L. Ziegler, 19, Mount Pleasant, WI, speeding, \$121.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Bisharo M. Ahmed, 24, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Daqwon R. Brown, 20, Owatonna, suspended license, possession of paraphernalia and failure to stop for traffic control signal, \$331; Eric M. Campion, 29, St. Paul, careless driving, \$181; Kelly M. Cardenas, 47, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Peter R. Caudillo, 26, Owatonna, revoked license, \$131 and 1 day in county jail;

Sevin M. Cremeans, 21, Blooming Prairie, collision with unattended vehicle, \$181; Jason A. Dalbec, 41, Owatonna, failure to stop for traffic control signal and speeding, \$171; Taylor M. Disher, 27, Waseca, revoked license, \$281; Madison T. Dowhaniuk, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Bryce A. Evans, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Shawn L. Farrenkopf, 30, Waseca, no insurance and expired tabs, \$311; Scott K. Fredin, 50, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Nathan A. Frye, 33, Waseca, suspended license, \$281; Jay B. Fuentes, 23, Owatonna, suspended license and speeding, \$331; Richard D. Grant, 45, Medford, theft, \$139.49; Eric J. Huisenga, 33, Owatonna, suspended license, no insurance and seat belt, \$506; Rage A. Iman, 22, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Abdifatah M. Jama, 18, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Tyreese A. Johnson, 26, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Matthew S. Karge, 25, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Cesar R. Martinez, 25, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Timothy J. Merritt, 31, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Cody J. Nappin, 37, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Ashley M. Padilla, 28, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Autumn S. Pena, 20, Owatonna, open bottle, \$181; Jessica A. Saari, 38, Albert Lea, stop sign, \$131; Serenity R. Schnoor, 18, Waterville, speeding, \$131; Narasimharao Tatini, 55, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Kristy K. Tech, 59, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131; Antwan D. Thomas, 44, Gary, IN, invalid license and headlights violation, \$221; Dao Vang, 38, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Isma H. Ahmad, 24, Brooklyn Park, suspended license, \$281; Kelly J. Axelson, 46, Nerstrand, speeding, \$121; Falconer R. Bellefy, 24, Owatonna, assault, \$381, 50 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain and maintain employment and 2 years of supervised probation; Blake A. Benson, 22, Maplewood, speeding, \$131; Jay A. Bhatnagar, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Mack D. Brown, 21, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Cassidy L. Cannon, 22, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$221; Craig P. Christianson, 46, Owatonna, littering, \$181; Arycka R. Clark, 21, Albert Lea, revoked license and speeding, \$321; Joseph M. Cohen, 40, Denver, CO, speeding, \$121; Joshua M. Dalluge, 33, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Ricardo Degollado, 48, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Alan J. Dominguez, 22, Owatonna, 22, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Rene M. Escobedo-Martinez, 21, Mission, TX, speeding and no insurance, \$421; Alan J. Frye, 22, Waseca,

speeding, \$131; Richard D. Grant, 45, Medford, suspended license, \$281; Rome C. Hayes, 36, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Zachariah T. Hogate, 18, Faribault, speeding, \$221; Jordan A. Kane, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Mary S. Keller, 30, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Ble A. Kouadio, 25, Mankato, speeding and permit violation, \$431; Temika Lashay, 39, Olive Branch, MS, speeding, \$141; Todd M. Lavery, 53, Basehor, KS, speeding, \$131; Abram Menchaca, 44, Austin, littering and invalid license, \$281; Angie S. Morrison, 43, Waseca, speeding and seat belt, \$146; Ahmed M. Muhumed, 31, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Jonathan B. Nimmo, 20, Minneapolis, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$81, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 30 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Kyaw Noo, 34, St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Michael Plancarte, 25, Galesburg, IL, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$81, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 3 years of supervised probation; Esteban O. Rubalcava, 17, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Francis R. Talbert, 36, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Francisco J. Tristan, 26, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Maxwell R. Villnow, 20, Amherst, WI, speeding, \$381; Maija J. Wolff, 21, Willmar, speeding, \$141.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE
July 7
Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Mill Ave. NE at 7:59 p.m.

OWATONNA POLICE
July 5
Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:29 p.m.
Restraining Order: Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 11:58 p.m.

July 6
Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 300 block of Vine St. E. at 8:01 a.m.

Theft: Police received a theft report from the 500 block of Elm Ave. S. at 11 a.m.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 600 block of 24th St. NE at 12:28 p.m.

Mental Health: Police responded to a mental health incident in the 2600 block of Rosewood Lane NW at 10:48 p.m.

July 7
Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Franklin Ave. SW at 12:24 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic

stop at 24th Ave. NW and Bridge St. W. at 3:22 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 9:24 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 400 block of 18th St. SE.

Restraining Order: Police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 9:31 p.m.

July 8
Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 1400 block of Linn Ave. SW at 8:30 a.m. and the 400 block of 11th St. SE at 2:20 p.m.

Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 2:39 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Restraining Order: At 4:49 p.m., police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

July 9
Assault: Police responded to an assault in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:47 a.m.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 200 block of Fremont St. E. at 12:51 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 1:56 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests at Cedar Ave. S. and School St. E. at 3:05 p.m. and the 2300 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:28 p.m.

Burglary: Officers began a burglary investigation in the 1000 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 5:24 p.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 9:55 p.m.

July 10
Arrest: At 12:25 a.m., police responded to 26th St. NW and State Ave. NW to assist a motorist. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 1200 block of Truman Ave. SE at 12:35 a.m.

Threats: Police responded to subjects making threats in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 8:45 a.m. and the 400 block of Academy St. E. at 9:14 p.m.

Weapons: At 9:56 a.m., police responded to an incident involving weapons in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE.
Restraining Order: Officers arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 1:11 p.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1200 block of Bellflower Lane NE at 2:22 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 400 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 7:09 p.m.

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July 11
Thefts: Police received theft reports from the 3300 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 6:52 a.m., the 200 block of Locust Ave. NE at 11:26 a.m., the 300 block of 22nd St. SE at 12:41 p.m., the 800 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 3:34 p.m. and the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 8:04 p.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 2000 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 9:06 a.m.

Shoplifting: At 9:11 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 3900 block of Cabela Dr. NW.

Theft: A motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:25 a.m.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 600 block of Agnes St. E. at 3:15 p.m.

Crash: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 2500 block of Mossy Creek Dr. NE at 11:14 p.m. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

July 8
Theft: Deputy issued a theft citation in the 100 block of Riverview Court in Medford at 9:13 a.m.

July 9
Hit and Run: At 2:45 p.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford.

July 10
Theft: Deputies took theft reports in the 5400 block of Kenyon Road in Merton Township at 8:29 a.m. and the 1300 block of 72nd Ave. SW in Berlin Township at 6:51 p.m.

Suspicion: Deputies responded to suspicious activity at 64th Ave. SE and Havana Road in Havana Township at 6:34 p.m.

July 11
Theft: At 9:27 a.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 2400 block of Lemond Road in Owatonna Township. .

ARRESTS

Steele County

STEELE ARRESTS OWATONNA POLICE
Jamie Duane Knutson, 41, arrested at 4 p.m. July 9, order for protection violation, held for court.

Nathan Alan Frye, 33, arrested at 12:26 p.m. July 10, theft, held for court.

Talus Nicholas Scovall, 18, arrested at 4:23 p.m. July 10, Danco violation and obstruction of legal process, held for court.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Josh Alonzo Wingen, 29, arrested at 1:12 a.m. July 10, false name of another person, held for court.

Scott Matthew Tuomala, 24, arrested at 3:08 p.m. July 10, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 30 – July 7:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Deanne L. Bosetti, 48, Milwaukee, WI, speeding, \$130; Garcia J. Bravo, 24, Rochester, speeding, \$280; Daniel G. Ebenhoh, 68, Claremont, speeding, \$120; Niko A. Engesser, 19, North Mankato, possession of

paraphernalia, \$130; Ian E. Johnson, 18, Dodge Center, rear lamps violation, \$160; Gregory O. Krausert, 54, Rochester, suspended license, \$280; Robert W. Langley, 44, Dodge Center, possession of paraphernalia, \$130; Paul M. Meza, 27, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Jacob R. Michaelson, 32, Dodge Center, speeding, \$120; Amanda D. Murphree, 38, Dodge Center, DWI, \$505, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Heather L. Reps, 35, Lewiston, speeding, \$220; Shadrick R. Rudlong, 51, Blooming Prairie, DWI, \$480, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Gerald D. Sackett, 87, Claremont, suspended license, \$280; Sandra L. Solberg, 61, Byron, parking violation, \$32; Thomas J. Weber, 25, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Aaron K. Weikert, 29, Rochester, obstruct legal process and fleeing peace officer, \$580, 4 days in county jail, write letter of apology and 2 years of probation; Daniel T. Welscher, 23, Mankato, speeding, \$140.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tyler R. Deno, 26, Byron, trespassing, \$130, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Robert A. Ebert Jr., 32, Dodge Center, disorderly conduct, 24 days in county jail; Jenny L. Fiksen, 28, Mantorville, revoked license and no insurance, \$480; Ebony M. Houghton, 32, Kasson, revoked license, \$280; Samuel D. Hershberger, 32, Rochester, seat belt, \$105; Brooke L. Hondl, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$130; Jason M. Koehler, 29, Dodge Center, stop sign, \$130; Cody J. Libra, 26, Tioga, TX, texting while driving, \$130; Elio R. Lopez-Perez, 23, Blaine, invalid license, \$180; Peggy A. Marquette, 52, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Christeena L. Martinovic, 47, speeding, \$140; Andrea M. Noble, 32, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Rolf O. Pepple, 64, Davenport, IA, speeding, \$140; Guadalupe Salas, 32, Farwell, MI, seat belt, \$105; Mark E. Tune, 32, Kasson, seat belt, \$105.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Ashlee M. Asp, 29, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Lynn M. Koehler, 44, Claremont, speeding, \$120; Patricia W. Kruckeberg, 53, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Donna M. Lehman, 64, Oronoco, speeding, \$120; Gregory D. Tiegen, 53, Byron, speeding, \$130.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marissa B. Jacobson, 30, Rochester, speeding, \$140.

OWATONNA FIRE

July 5
Water: Fire rescue conducted a swift water rescue at 26th St. NE and Deer Trail Lane at 9:51 p.m.

July 7
Vehicle Fire: Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 4800 block of St. Paul Road at 11:59 a.m.

SEE BLOTTER, A5

WARRANTS: The following individuals have active warrants in Steele County. The Sheriff provides this information as a public service

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| 1. Valente Gomez Jr. – DWI – no bail | 8. Edgar Gutierrez – assault, theft - \$2,000 bail | 15. Brian Hambly – shoplifting - \$500 bail |
| 2. Hiran Gonzalez – dishonored checks – no bail | 9. Ricio Guvrra – theft - \$300 bail | 16. Eric Hancock – revoked license - \$1,000 bail |
| 3. Donald Greenleaf III – domestic assault – no bail | 10. Mark Hage – indecent exposure - \$1,000 bail | 17. Lori Hanson – DWI – \$3,000 bail |
| 4. Douglas Greir – worthless check - \$1,000 bail | 11. Roger Halbach – DWI - \$3,000 bail | 18. Robert Haston – DWI - \$1,000 bail |
| 5. Brandon Grunwald – DWI – no bail | 12. Michael Hale – theft - \$3,000 bail | 19. Ronald Heard Jr. – domestic abuse - \$1,000 bail |
| 6. Alma Guajardo – no insurance - \$1,000 bail | 13. Brandon Haley – theft – no bail | 20. Andrew Heidemann – theft - \$300 bail |
| 7. Steven Gustafson – warrant - \$2,000 bail | 14. Dean Hall – motor vehicle theft – no bail | |

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification and apprehension of wanted individuals

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago July 14, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church of rural Austin has begun its Sesqui-centennial celebration year with the theme of Celebrating God, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Former pastors and sons and daughters of the congregation will be invited to speak during the coming months. The current pastor of Red Oak is Rev. Gene Leiter.

Courtney Severtson of Westfield Township received the Donald L. Peterson Scholarship Award at the Dodge County banquet held June 17 in Kasson. She is the daughter of Jim and Marilyn Severtson of Blooming Prairie.

Allan Reese of Ellendale is the lucky winner of \$1,000 in the American Legion Post #52 raffle held on the Fourth of July. The raffle brought in \$3,400 for the causes supported by the Legion throughout the year.

TT Motorcycles of rural Blooming Prairie is moving to town the first of the year from its current location outside of town. TT Motorcycles is southern Minnesota's leading after-market Harley-Davidson Parts, Sales and Service dealer.

20 Years Ago July 13, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Cambridge Glass collector Dr. Les Hansen, formerly of Blooming Prairie, came back to give a presentation about the glassware at First Lutheran Church. He is the son of Carlo and Esther Hansen. He is a dairy cattle geneticist at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campus.

Mrs. Lorinda Eaker of rural Blooming Prairie found a surprise in her flower garden—a blooming Easter lily. She was about to throw it out two years ago, but her children

talked her out of it and planted it for her. This was the first year it sprouted and gave her sic blossoms.

Have you been meaning to go over and meet that new neighbor and just haven't gotten around to it yet? Here's your chance: the Healthy Youth/Healthy Blooming Prairie Neighborhood Block party is set for Aug. 22-28. It's the second year for the event, which was very successful last year with hopes of continuing that success for the growth of healthy youth in the community.

50 Years Ago July 9, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olsen, highly esteem residents of Blooming Prairie for the past 48 years will move to Menomonie, Wis., later this month to make their future home. Mr. Olsen's first employment in Blooming Prairie was at Farmers & Merchants State Bank, where he worked for 13 years. He then spent many years as an appraiser for the Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank in Blooming Prairie.

Father John P. Cody, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Newry and St. Aidens parish in Ellendale, has been assigned to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Owatonna. He will assume his new pastorate on July 17.

Three Blooming Prairie youths were elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout at an impressive ceremony on June 30 at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie. The new Eagle scouts are Dale Magnusson, Paul Brakke and Wayne Carlsen.

An attempted break-in at the Sustak Store in Bixby, about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, failed when the intruders were chased away by the store's owner. The thieves broke in the porch area on the front of the store and then attempted to enter the building by breaking the inside door glass. William Sustak, owner

of the store, heard the noise and when he came out to investigate, three youths made a hasty departure by car.

75 Years Ago July 13, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Starting Wednesday night of last week, Blooming Prairie's federal hemp mill assumed nearly full capacity when a night shift was started. The plant is now employing 125 persons. Each shift works nine hours. Hemp plant workers are paid every two weeks. The payroll for one crew in the two week period is \$3,969. With the addition of the second crew, the payroll is expected to run well over \$7,000 every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Nelson of Geneva have been notified by the War Department that their son, Sgt. Einer Nelson, was killed in action June 14, 1944 in the invasion of Normandy, France. Sgt. Nelson has been in the service for 28 months. He was 30 years old.

The primary election held Monday aroused but little interest with Blooming Prairie villagers, with only 146 voters exercising their right of franchise. This is the lightest primary vote cast here for more than 12 years.

Important subscribers notice: Due to the fact that we are unable to secure adequate printing office help and account of paper shortage, The Times will discontinue mailing out past-due subscription notices. Henceforth all subscriptions will be discontinued two or three weeks after date of expiration.

Burnett E. Johnson, 27, died in action Sunday, June 11, according to a message received by the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson of Ellendale. Pfc. Johnson was serving on the Italian front. He was a member of Company F, national guard, Owatonna, and left with that unit in February 1941.

ACTING TALENT: comes forward FROM A1

rowed from him. (At least that's what he claims!)

"Of course, the poor widow doesn't have the money, leaving her no choice but to turn over the deed to the ranch.

"Luckily, the three Rootstock daughters aren't willing to give in so easily! The chase is on when young Penny swipes the deed and runs off to "the secret hiding place' with it! "Blackguard tries every trick in the book to force the oldest daughter to fetch her sister and return the deed, but she's no shrinking Violet.

"Shirley is as clever as her sisters, so when she figures out she's being followed as she takes food to Penny, she leads Blackguard's sidekick on a hysterical, wild journey over hill and cliff. (Don't worry, the staging is a cinch!)

"So with the girls so ably handling Blackguard's

devious attempts, what is our hero, Deputy Dewey Dauntley, to do? Why he's out rescuing Biddy, the Rootstock's maid, from snakes, horses, bees and even chickens!

"Doesn't he understand that heroes are supposed to rescue heroines in melodramas?!"

The cast will have practiced 10 times before the show is performed.

- Cast members are:
- Julie Peterson, widowed landowner
 - Karla Iacovino, her eldest daughter
 - Miranda Camery, middle daughter
 - Jackie Vorliceck, youngest daughter
 - Shirley Hinzmann, "Biddy" the maid
 - Ryan Heimerman, Deputy Dewey (hero)
 - Paul Heimgartner, Dastardly Scoundrel
 - Tamzen Johnson, Scoundrel's Sidekick



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The Dastardly Scoundrel, aka Paul Heimgartner, tries to convince the eldest daughter, aka Karla Iacovino, to agree with his demands.

• Carol Heimerman, Card Girl (boo-applause) Seating is limited with 240 tickets to be sold. Tickets cost \$25 and are available from F & M State Bank or by calling the

Servicemen's Club at 507-583-7884.

Cocktails will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. The melodrama begins at 7:30 p.m.

DIocese SHIFTS: parishes, reassigns priests FROM A1

moved St. John Baptiste De La Salle in Dodge Center into the Byron cluster with Church of Christ the King in Byron and Church of the Holy Family in Kasson. The Dodge Center parish had previously been in the Blooming Prairie cluster.

Father John Lasuba will continue to lead the Byron cluster, replacing Father Tom Niehaus, who had been at the Dodge Center parish. Niehaus has been reassigned to a parochial administrator position with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He will be overseeing two parishes in the Montgomery area.

One of the biggest changes involving priests is the reassignment of Father John Sauer of Sacred Heart in Owatonna. For the past 11 years, he has split his pastoral duties between Sacred Heart and Litomysl. He is now responsible solely for Sacred Heart.

"It certainly is going to be different to be able to focus all my time and energy on one parish," said Father Sauer. "It's kind of a blessing as most of our priests have more than one parish," he added.

Serving one parish will

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Father John Sauer

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

allow Sauer to do "more planning rather than always reacting" to issues. At Sacred Heart, Sauer will be responsible for continuing three English services and one Spanish service every weekend. Sacred Heart serves about 1,000 families. Sauer said he is excited to have more time to spend on analyzing current programs at Sacred Heart to see how they can be improved. "I'm going to look at ways for me to be more involved in the day-to-day functions," he said, adding he will be able to focus and be more present in the parish than ever before.

He has been a priest for 34 years. When he came to Owatonna in 2008, he was assigned to both Sacred Heart and Litomysl.

While he's excited to focus on just one parish, Sauer is also saddened to lose his connections with Litomysl. "Obviously, I will miss the people," Sauer said. "There is a lot of ener-

gy out there, and they care deeply for each other. They have wonderful energy and spirit of what it is to be a community."

Perhaps the most important question is whether Father Sauer is going to attend the upcoming Summer Festival that attracts more than a thousand people and has a rich history spanning over decades at Litomysl. "It's on my calendar," Sauer said with a laugh. Sauer is actually looking forward to it because "I can be there, and I don't have to work."

He called Litomysl's Summer Festival an important part of the history of Steele County. "People work very hard together and get involved in the baking and planning of it," Sauer said. He added there are many different roles involved with pulling off the festival.

Sauer explained that the most recent changes with the area parishes are part

of a larger pastoral plan within the diocese. He said the diocese has been focusing on how to serve the people better. "We continue to always look at the best way to utilize the resources we have," he said.

All of the changes have been centered in the Blooming Prairie cluster as well as the Fairmont cluster, according to Sauer.

He pointed to the changing economics and demographics as reasons for the diocese to make changes. "Certainly towns that were booming at one time are now struggling," Sauer said. "As these changes happen, we look at how do we best respond to this," he added.

The bottom line, Sauer said, is that "we want to keep our parishes strong and vibrant, but we have limited resources to staff."

At this time, there are no other major changes planned within the diocese for the immediate future, Sauer noted.

No changes have taken place with St. Joseph Catholic in Owatonna and Christ the King in Medford. They will continue to be served by Father James Starasinich.

Where to Get Help Paying Your Medicare Costs



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Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any sources you know of that can help me save on my Medicare coverage? I'm 65, and live primarily on my Social Security, and am having a hard time paying my Medicare out-of-pocket costs.
Need Some Help

Dear Need,
There are several financial assistance programs that can help lower-income Medicare beneficiaries who are having a difficult time paying their out-of-pocket health care costs. Here's what's available, along with the eligibility requirements and how to apply.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Let's start with a program that helps pay premiums and out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Parts A and B. It's called the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), and it has several different benefit levels for people based on their income and asset level. At its most generous the program will pay your Part A and B premiums and pretty much all your Medicare deductibles, coinsurance and copayments. At its least generous the program will pay just your Part B premium.

To qualify for a MSP, the minimum standard set by Medicare, is an income under 135 percent of the federal poverty level, which at the moment works out to around \$1,426 a month for individuals (or \$1,923 for married couples). Everything counts towards income, including payouts from 401(k) plans, pensions, Social Security, and help from family members.

Medicare also allows states to impose an asset test, which can be as little as \$7,730 per individual (\$11,600 for married couples), not counting your house or car but counting retirement savings and bank accounts.

But some states have made their MSP programs a lot more generous, with much higher income limits and in some cases no asset tests at all. And the program may be called something else in your state. To find out if you qualify or to apply, contact your state Medicaid program. Visit [Medicare.gov/contacts](https://www.medicare.gov/contacts) or call all 800-633-4227 for contact information.

MEDICATION EXTRA HELP

For help with Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan costs, there is another completely separate program called Extra Help. To get it, you'll need to apply through your local Social Security office.

Depending on how low your income is, this program will pay part or all of your Part D prescription drug plan's monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. In 2019, individuals with a yearly income below \$18,735 (\$25,365 for a married couple), and assets under \$14,390 (\$28,720 for a married couple) can qualify for Extra Help.

If you're eligible to be in a Medicare Savings Program, you will automatically qualify for Extra Help. But because the requirements are slightly different, even if you don't qualify for a Medicare Savings Program for Part B you might be able to get Extra Help for Part D. For more information or to apply, visit [SSA.gov/extrahelp](https://www.ssa.gov/extrahelp) or call Social Security at 800-772-1213.

OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Depending on your income level, needs and location there are many other financial assistance programs that can help like Medicaid, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), (LIHEAP) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and many others.

To help you find out what types of assistance programs you may be eligible for, and learn how to apply for them, go to [BenefitsCheckUp.org](https://www.benefitscheckup.org). This is a free, confidential Web tool designed for people age 55 and older that contains more than 2,500 programs.

It's also possible to get help in person at one of the 87 Benefits Enrollment Centers scattered across the U.S. Call 888-268-6706 or visit [NCOA.org/centerforbenefits/becs](https://www.ncoa.org/centerforbenefits/becs) to locate a center in your area. Some centers also offer assistance over the phone.

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

BLOTTER: FROM A4

July 8 Burning: Firefighters responded to an unauthorized burning in the 100 block of North St. E. at 9:41 p.m.	400 block of St. Paul Place NE.
July 9 Gas Leak: At 10:58 a.m., a gas leak occurred in the	July 10 Fire: At 11:43 p.m., firefighters responded to a self-propelled motor home or recreational vehicle fire in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

MN Tax Partnership plans seminars for businesses

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Do you want to learn more about state and federal employment taxes and other employer responsibilities?

The Minnesota Business Tax Education Partnership is holding seminars for employers and their representatives with experts from the following agencies:

- Minnesota Department of Revenue
- Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Program
- Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- United States Department of Labor
- Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association

Three seminar locations and dates are offered.

The Riverland Community College of Austin will host a seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8.

The Rochester Community and Technical College hosts a seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the college on Thursday, Aug. 15.

The University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development will host a seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The seminar will address worker status (independent contractor vs. employee; employment tax basics (withholding, depositing and reporting); unemployment insurance (tax rates, wage reporting and benefit account issues); federal and state labor standards (wage and hour) and workers compensation requirements.

Business owners, tax and payroll professionals, bookkeepers and accountants are encouraged to attend.

Continuing education credit is offered through the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program.

Otto Bremer Trust awards \$10M in grants

The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$10,036,807 in grants and program-related investments as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“Our commitment to organizations in the region is reflected in the breadth and depth of investments OBT made in this grantmaking cycle,” said Daniel Reardon, co-CEO and trustee, OBT.

The Otto Bremer Trust, based in St. Paul, is a private charitable trust established in 1944 by founder Otto Bremer, a successful banker and community business leader. OBT owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. The mission of OBT is to invest in people, places, and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Since its inception, OBT has invested more than \$700

million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin.

Some of the grants awarded to organizations in southeastern Minnesota include:

- The Center Clinic, Inc., Dodge Center, \$100,000. For support of a new facility to provide medical care for uninsured individuals and families in rural southeastern Minnesota.
- Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center dba Farmamerica, Waseca, \$29,550. To provide education and hands-on experiences for junior high students to explore career opportunities in agriculture.
- Mower County Seniors, Inc., Austin, \$50,000. For general operations to support and serve seniors in Mower County.

For a complete list of grants, go to the Bremer website.

Bremer Bank announces new president in Owatonna

Bremer Bank announces Mark Mohlke has joined its Owatonna branch as market president. In this role, Mohlke will oversee day-to-day activities as he works with our Owatonna team and community to help customers reach their goals.

Mohlke has 28 years of experience in the financial services industry as a registered representative, senior business banker and community bank president in Northfield and Faribault, among other positions. He has enjoyed working for customers in both the public and private sector.

Volunteering and helping to empower youth in the community is important to Mohlke. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, a nonprofit that supports Rice County youth programs. Mohlke has been a part of several community organizations, including serving as a past vice president of the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, and former chair of the Community Services Advisory Council of the Northfield Public School District. He looks forward to becoming involved in the Owatonna community.

70 Years of Service

Anhorn's Gas & Tire celebrates anniversary



The Anhorn family, including its next generation. Pictured are John Anhorn, his wife Cindy, and their two children, Julia and Thomas. Anhorn's Gas & Tire is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Since 1949 Anhorn's has been serving the region, and for each of those 70 years an Anhorn has stood behind the counter.

John Anhorn was only 7 years old when he stood behind the counter to count change, of course back then he needed a little assistance reaching it. “I was always good at counting change, in fact the family that used to own the Dairy Queen in Owatonna gave us a milk crate so I could get up to the till. I’ve been here a long time, 38 years.”

“My grandparents moved to Medford in 1949,” Anhorn explained. “The station was existing, and back then we were a Webb station, that was our brand. Back then everyone was branded, but we’ve been unbranded ever since Webb dissolved.”

The station would pass from Tom and Olga Anhorn to John's parents, Bob and Shirley. “My dad was always involved,” he said. “He was 9 when they bought the place.”

Back in 1949 the building was a lot smaller. “My dad always said that the front door remained in the same place,” Anhorn said. “I thought it was a joke, but when I redid the driveway, I actually found the original foundation of

“My dad taught me that if you treat your customers right, they’ll take good care of you too.”

John Anhorn
Anhorn's Owner

the 14 foot wide building and the front door literally is in the same place.”

Over the years the Anhorn's were constantly looking to expand and improve their business. “It's one of those things that when business was good and you had room to add, you added on,” Anhorn said. It's safe to say that, although the door is in the same place, the building is no longer 14 by 10 feet.

“Next door was actually a Standard station, and when my grandfather first started, they basically told him they have all the business tied up,” he said. “My grandfather told them that we'd pick up the stranglers, and we ended up buying that building too. We offer great products at a reasonable price and do a good job for the customer.”

“My dad taught me that if you treat your customers right, they'll take good care of you too,” he said of wisdom he learned by working side-by-side with his father. “It's a people business, there's no doubt about that. A lot of my customers are my friends.”

Situated on Main Street, which is a good location due to its proximity to the highway and function as a county highway, Anhorn's is sitting good. “I grew up on Main Street, and I live on Main Street, and the building's on Main Street,” Anhorn said. “So, I've been a Main Street guy my whole life.”

Despite its small-town location, Anhorn's covers a wide swath of territory around southeastern Minnesota. “We also cover Faribault, Owatonna, Waseca, West Concord, Kenyon, we have customers from all over,” Anhorn said. “I've had people come down from the cities, they've been longtime customers.”

“We do a lot of tires, we're a Bridgestone Firestone affiliated retailer, of course we service and handle all brands,” Anhorn explained of their niche. “We do a lot of the light service work, maintenance work like oil changes, transmission flushes, we do a lot of truck accessory stuff, we kind of do anything on that side.”

They also tow and perform delivery of bulk fuels to rural customers. “Farm fuels and stuff like that, we do a lot of different things for the community, we're kind of like a hardware store,” he said. “If they need something quick, we got stuff.”

With 70 years under their belt, Anhorn's shows no sign of slowing down. During Medford's Straight River Days in June, they helped out by rallying the county to provide permission to shut down Main Street for the Civic Club's car and truck show. They also hosted a Bigfoot monster truck. “We had 70 some cars out here,” Anhorn said.

“My favorite part is the people,” he explained. “As far as a favorite product to sell, the truck accessory stuff is fun to sell because you're selling a want, not a need. Sometimes with tires they feel like it's a need, but it's fun talking to customers who come back and appreciate the products we sell, whether it's a tire or something else.”

In a world of faceless corporations, Ahorn's aims to provide service and products with a name and a face and bring personality and friendliness to their business, which serves the community and region. Anhorn's Gas & Tire is located at 216 South Main St. in Medford.

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EXIT Realty Rochester announces that Denis Leyendecker has joined its growing team of ded-

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STEELE-DODGE **BUSINESS**



Construction of the new all in one Home Federal building in Kasson is continuing to stay on progress, despite the inclement weather we have been experiencing this summer. The bank hopes to move into the new building by the end of September.

Despite rain Home Federal building project still on schedule

BY ALEX MALM
STAFF WRITER

Despite the devastating rain and flooding that’s made its way through Dodge County in the last couple of weeks, the Home Federal building project in Kasson is still on schedule, according to Market President Matt Bradford.

The building, which is located on Mantorville Avenue South, right off U.S. Highway 14, is being completely remodeled, so that Home Federal can merge its entire bank into one convenient location.

Currently, the bank in Kasson is located in two different locations, with the Main Street location being utilized as the main branch, housing offices, inside tellers and other services, while the Mantorville Avenue location is the drive-up location.

Bradford explained that

Home Federal bought the bank a few years ago and eventually made the decision to merge their two locations together into one consolidated location.

He said that the Kasson location was the only Home Federal Bank that had a drive-up location separate from the main branch.

With the advancement of banking technology, there is no longer a need for two separate locations, and with one facility it will make it much more convenient for clients, Bradford said.

“The updated facility will have all the modern banking tools to service our clients along with a familiar staff to assist them,” Bradford said.

With the transition into one building, Bradford and his team are looking forward to being able to service all of their clients in one convenient location.

Some of the different features of the remodel includes putting on new roofs, glass windows in the front of the building, and a completely remodeled inside. They will also be featuring nine parking spaces for customers.

One of the things that they will be keeping in place is the current drive-up windows, but Bradford explained they will be remodeling to make it all look alike.

The bottom level, Bradford said, will serve as the main level, which will include four offices, and teller-windows for customers to utilize. They will also continue to have a drive-up service with the work stations for tellers on the main level.

Upstairs will have a couple of extra offices, a conference room, and storage, which will be needed when they consolidate two locations into one, according to Bradford.

Overall, Bradford said, their goal is to make the best use out of the space that they have.

With a soon to be empty building on Main Street, Bradford explained that they are happy they were able to sell the building to CM Squared Properties owned by Chris and Candy McKern. Chris is the mayor of Kasson. Bradford has said in the past that he is looking forward to seeing what the McKerns will do with their new space.

“Having already owned other Main Street properties, we are looking forward to seeing what they have planned for their space,” said Bradford.

“It was important for us to sell the building to a viable business before moving forward with our project,” he added.

Bradford said that they tentatively hope to be transitioning fully into the new building in mid-to-late September.

Area bank outfits students with school supplies

This summer 50 students from Kasson-Mantorville will receive brand-new backpacks stuffed with essential school supplies through the Bremer Backpacks initiative.

Made possible by Bremer Bank’s expanded partnership with United Way, this first-of-its-kind initiative ensures more than 5,000 children in need across the Upper Midwest will be well-equipped to tackle the upcoming new school year.

During the week of June 10, hundreds of Bremer employees volunteered in shifts to assemble the backpacks at the company’s Service Center in Lake Elmo. Stocked with classroom essentials including crayons, markers, colored pencils, notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, pencil pouches, erasers and pencil sharpeners, completed backpacks were distributed to more than 65 Bremer locations throughout its footprint in Greater Minnesota, western Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Launched in conjunction with Bremer’s 75th year in business, the Bremer Backpack initiative represents the company’s philanthropic mission – originally stemming from founder Otto Bremer – to invest in the communities they serve. This initiative also follows Bremer’s recent rebrand, in which a new logo and website were launched to signal the bank’s focus of meeting its customers where they are and in a way that provides value to them.

“For 75 years, Bremer Bank has defined its purpose as helping our communities grow and prosper,” said Jeanne Crain, president and CEO of Bremer Bank. “We are proud to continue this commitment through the Bremer Backpack initiative and are thrilled to have such a dedicated partner in the Greater Twin Cities United Way.”

“When it comes to educational success, our vision is that all children are ready to thrive academically, personally and socially,” said John Wilgers, president and CEO of Greater Twin Cities United Way. “We are grateful to Bremer Bank for its support and commitment to helping students in the Upper Midwest start the year off confidently and ready to learn.”

According to the 2018 Huntingdon Backpack Index, the average cost of classroom supplies is \$637 for an elementary school student, \$941 for a middle school student and \$1,355 for a high school student. A 2018 survey from the National Center for Education Statistics notes that 94% of public school teachers pay an average of \$479 worth of classroom supplies per year out of their own pocket, with some spending more than \$1,000.

Applebees joins fight against childhood cancer

Beginning July 8, Applebee’s restaurants nationwide are teaming up with Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation for their 15th year in the fight against childhood cancer and to fund pediatric cancer research and family support programs.

Again this year, neighbors who visit any of the more than 1,000 participating Applebee’s restaurants now through Aug. 11 can purchase lemon-shaped pin-up cards in \$1 and \$5 increments

which will go directly back to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. Guests can also enjoy a Quencher Lemonade, new Rainbow Lemonade or regular lemonade when dining in and a portion of the proceeds will be donated and will help children impacted by cancer, the leading cause of death in children under 19.

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation was established in 2005 to continue the mission of four-year-old Alexandra Scott.

While fighting her own battle against cancer, Alex set up a lemonade stand in her front yard to raise money for “doctors to find a cure” for all childhood cancers. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer by the time they turn 20[1] and yet pediatric cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded.

Guests who cannot make it into a restaurant but want to contribute can visit Applebees.com/AlexsLemonade to find a local

participating restaurant and learn about additional ways to join in the fund-raising efforts.

“Our 15-year partnership with Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation is deeply important to our Applebee’s family and to our local neighborhoods. We believe in the power of ‘Doin’ Good in the Neighborhood,’ and I am personally proud of the more than \$10.2 million that we have raised throughout the years and the good that this money

has been able to do by finding cures for childhood cancers,” said John Cywinski, Applebee’s President. “We are grateful to all who will join our efforts this summer to make a difference, one cup at a time.”

“Applebee’s was one of our first and continues to be one of our most dedicated supporters of Alex’s mission. Watching their restaurants turn into lemonade stands each summer and seeing how their local communities

rally together in support of our Foundation, makes me tremendously proud,” said Liz Scott, Alex’s Mom and Co-Executive Director, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. “It is because of this great work and dedication that we have been able to break new ground in pediatric cancer research and help children who wouldn’t otherwise have the means to get life-saving treatment. We look forward to saving more lives together.”

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OBITUARIES

Michael Earl Harber, 69, Austin



Michael Earl Harber, age 69, of Austin, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday morning July 6, 2019 at his home.

Michael was born on May 31, 1950, in Austin, the son of Robert and Doris (Mellem) Harber. He graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1968. On April 7, 1979, Michael was united in marriage to Deloris Nelson. Michael farmed for many years and the last 10 years before retiring he worked at Tandem Products in Blooming Prairie.

A member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Austin and US RV MAPS, his faith was very important to him. After retirement, the couple spent winter months in Texas enjoying time with MAPS friends and with family. The time Michael enjoyed most was spending time with his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his loving wife, Deloris Harber of Austin, three daughters, Tammy (Dan) Arens of Fari-bault, Heidi (John) Ferguson of Shiner, Texas and Sara (Garry) Janssen of Lewisburg, Tenn.; two sons, Jason (Erin) Harber of Chicago, Ill. and Trevor Harber; 10 grandchildren and one on the way and a great grandchild on the way; two sisters' Jeanne Lewis of Dothan, Alabama and Denise (Mike) Fogarty of Rochester; and two brothers, Dan (Elizabeth) Harber of Waseca, and Tom (Tammy) Harber of Blooming Prairie, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Doris Harber, and a sister, Nancy.

Memorial services were held on Friday July 12, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family. Services are performed with Worlein Funeral Home of Austin. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

BOOK NOOK

Recalling a major event in history

Where were you 50 years ago this week? Many of you were not even alive. But for those of us who were, this week brings back memories of an amazing time.

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed on the moon. As a 12 year old, I watched with my family on our very small black and white television as Neil Armstrong descended the ladder and stepped on the moon. We were amazed that it had really happened and knew that we were watching history being made. Later that night I stood outside in our driveway in Winona and stared at the moon in awe.

For those of you who didn't experience that moment, or who would like to know more about the landing and the people who made it possible, join us at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library on Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. for a movie about the first man on the moon. If that time doesn't work for you, we have both books and movies on the subject. Give us a call or stop in at the library.

Kids, don't forget that our July Book Fair is only a week away - on July 25 from 1 to 6 p.m. Come to pick up your free book and keep reading all summer!



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

COLLEGE NEWS

Area students graduate from colleges

St. Scholastic
Isaac Rocha of Owatonna has graduated from the College of St. Scholastica with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

St. Scholastica held its spring commencement ceremony on May 12 in Duluth.

Western Governors
Three area students have earned a degree from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City.

They include: Linda Lavallie, bachelor of science in business management and Allison Stark, bachelor of science in nursing, both of Austin and Rochelle Richardson, bachelor of science in nursing, of Waltham.

The online, non-profit university held commencement ceremonies this year to celebrate the graduation of more than 22,000 students from across the country.

Students achieve academic honors

Rochester Institute
Brayden Wachowiak of Owatonna was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., for spring semester.

Wachowiak is in the game design and development program.

U of North Dakota
Carter Millam of Blooming Prairie was named to the Dean's List at the University of North Dakota at Fargo for the Spring 2019 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a GPA that's in the top 15% of the enrollment in each of the University's degree granting colleges and schools.

Gettysburg College
Brandon Katzung Hokanson of Owatonna has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean's Honor List for outstanding academic achievement for the Spring 2019 semester.

Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the College Dean's Honor List.

Gettysburg College is located in Gettysburg, Pa.

Grinnell College
Evan Wedler Holt of Owatonna has been named to the Dean's List at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

He is one of 361 students honored for outstanding academic achievement by Grinnell College. To make the Dean's List, students must have a GPA of 3.75 or above.

Holt is the son of Jonathan and Marla Holt.

KIWANIS SPEAKER

Kiwanis group learns about Helping Paws



Kathy Lindekugel of Helping Paws of Southern Minnesota spoke to the Kiwanis Club in Owatonna recently. She is pictured with Dean Kirchner, president of the local club.

Kathy Lindekugel, representing Helping Paws of Southern Minnesota, spoke recently to the Kiwanis Club of Owatonna, to introduce club members to purpose of this new organization in the process of forming as a local non-profit.

Dean Kirchner, Kiwanis president, welcomed her presentation to Kiwanis, which meets Wednesday noons at SpareTime Entertainment, 333, 18th St. SE, Owatonna.

Helping Paws seeks to control the feral cat population in the county through a trap/neuter/return program. Uncontrolled, one feral cat each year may generate 48 cats that can significantly impact the bird population and spread disease. The fledgling organization works with Steele County Animal Control and local citizens to trap, spay or neuter and return the cats to owners or find foster homes. Each cat is then ear marked by attending veterinarians to indicate its status.

The local Kiwanis Club is part of Kiwanis International, a service club that focuses on community needs, especially related to young children and youth.

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SECOND LAYER:

1 c. powdered sugar

1 c. Cool Whip

8 oz. softened cream cheese

Spread on the first layer.

THIRD LAYER:

2 sm. pkg. instant butterscotch pudding

3 c. milk

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix together. Spread over cream cheese layer. Chill.

FOURTH LAYER:

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Then it says to **Do** the things you did at first. Act the same way towards your mate that you used to. What you did to fall in love, you must continue to do to stay in love. And if you act romantic you will begin to feel romantic. Not vice versa. You act your way into a feeling you don’t feel your way into an action.

When you first fell in love you did five things. So do them again.

1. Focus on them, give them prominence or make them the priority.
2. Encourage them, give them approval or recognize their good qualities.
- 1 **Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) “So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”**
3. Give them affection. And not only that which leads to the bedroom. Who cares if you weren’t raised that way? Change anyway.
4. Give them some fun. Don’t be

so boring. Be adventurous with your spouse.

And finally...

5. Make an effort to live in spiritual oneness by putting Christ first place in both of your lives. And begin praying for one another, together.

If you’ll do those five things, the romance will come back. By the way, is Christ first place in your life? Have you asked him to forgive you? Do you have your trust in Christ for your salvation? Because that should be your first step. Get your life right with God first then the spark will be on the way.

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AURORA LUTHERAN 6329 SE 28th St., Owatonna Pastor Stephanie Wood 507-676-5696 Worship: Sunday at 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.	30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin Pastor Lindsay Brennan 507-583-2038 or 507-437-3000 www.roglutheran.org Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School (Sept. – May): 10:15 a.m.	108 Third Ave. SW., Medford Pastor Mark Biebighauser 507-451-0447 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie Father Thomas Niehaus 507-583-2784 www.stcolumbanuschurch.com Mass: 10 a.m. Sun. & 8:30 a.m. Friday Reconciliation: 9 a.m. First Friday & Saturday	BRIDGES OF HOPE COMMUNITY 130 W. Bridge St., Owatonna Pastor Keith Haskell 507-215-2249 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. Biblestudy: 9 a.m. Sun. Reformers Unanimous Meetings: 7 p.m. Friday	(Fellowship, Church School, and Adult Discussions follow) Wednesday Activities: Sept – May (see website for schedule)
COMMUNITY LUTHERAN – ELCA 106 Third St. SE., Geneva Pastor Kristen Venne 507-256-4288 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.	ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN – LCMS 4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont Pastor Alan Broadwell 507-528-2404 Worship: 6 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.	TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS 57043 300th St., Waltham Pastor Jesse Krusemark 507-567-2272 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.	ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH 512 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna Father James Starasinick Deacon Patrick Fagan 507-451-4845 Saturday Mass: 4 p.m. Sunday Mass: 8 & 10 a.m. Reconciliation: 3-3:30 p.m. Sat. Daily Mass: 8 a.m. Tues., Wed. & Fri. (Communion Service 8 a.m. Thursday) Adoration Chapel available Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Key fob required after hours or weekends	DESTINY CHRISTIAN 2515 Harvest Lane NW Owatonna Pastors Joe & Vicki Braucht www.destinycc.org Worship: 6 p.m. Sat.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 109 E. Main St., Hayfield Pastor Kirk Johnston 507-477-2631 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.
FIRST LUTHERAN – AFLC 503 Radel Ct., Ellendale Pastor Richard Sliper 507-684-2451 Saturday: 8 a.m. Men’s Bible Study Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation Tues.: 7 p.m. Call to Prayer, open to all churches Wed.: 9:30 a.m. BibleStudy; 3:30 – 5 p.m. Jesus and Me; 6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN – LCMS 28959 630th Ave., Sergeant Pastor Collin Duling 507-251-5568 Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9 a.m.	ZION LUTHERAN – ELCA 7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale Pastor: Rev. Dean Smith Worship: 8:00 a.m.		CEDAR CREEK 30 E. Main St., Hayfield Pastor Aaron de Neui 507-477-2255 www.cedarcreekchurch.org Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN P.O. Box 66, Claremont 507-528-2320 Pastor Douglas Walters 10 a.m. Worship
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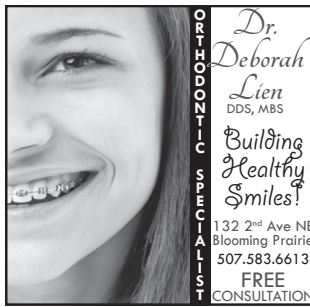
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BP eliminates potholes, avenues get new look

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Minnesota is often called the Pothole Capital of the world.

Bloomington Prairie can attest to that by having its own share of potholes. It is important to know, however, that this small southern Minnesota city is taking care of its pothole problems this summer by implementing some major street projects.

These street projects, which include 2 1/2 miles of road work, were part of a five-year plan of city street projects implemented in 2015, said city administrator Andrew Langholz.

The street projects include significant replacement mill and overlay and also some major sealcoating. The overlay work is being done by Ulland Brothers Construction Co. of Albert Lea at a contracted cost of \$641,480.

Pearson Brothers of Hanover, Minn. has been contracted to do the seal coating project at a cost of \$35,000.

Both Ulland Bros. and Pearson Bros. have done contract work for Bloomington Prairie in the past.

Much of the work was completed before the city's giant-sized Fourth of July celebration. "We couldn't get all the street work finished before the Fourth because of interruptions caused by the weather," Langholz remarked.

Some complaints have been heard about the construction projects disrupting traffic but most residents "are excited about the work being done," says Langholz. "The streets were very rutted and are significantly better now; potholes can do a lot of damage," Langholz continued.

Langholz pointed out that contractors have put in lots of long hours because of the wet weather conditions.

The avenue project of applying new overlay of bituminous includes 17 blocks. Two avenues, First and Second Avenue West, have a first layer of paving applied and will have the second layer applied in mid-August.



ANDREW LANGHOLZ

First Avenue East has been graveled and will soon have the first layer of bituminous applied.

After both layers of bituminous are applied, the blacktop thickness will be between 3-4 inches.

The project was planned by former city administrator Mike Jones. "He did a lot of work on this project and that's why it has gone so smoothly," Langholz stated. "We have plenty of other things to learn," said Langholz, who has been on the job only since early February of this year.

The sealcoating project includes four blocks next to the Cue Company and F & M State Bank and 8-9 blocks from 1st St. NE to the Main Street intersection on 218 and west to the high school. The city "piggybacked" with Steele County for bidding purposes on the sealcoating project.

City crews continue to maintain existing roads. "It's much easier and cheaper to maintain than to rebuild," Langholz says.

The city crew includes public works director Tony Motl and Dave Johnson, Dave Hoffman and Pat Wehner. Motl, with public input, makes decisions regarding city street maintenance.

No other short-term, major street projects are planned at this time, says Langholz, but he said some long-range planning is under way, working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on a Highway 218 project.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

These roadwork signs have widely populated the City of Bloomington Prairie this summer. Overlay and sealcoating work have been completed in some areas and remain to be done in other areas.

Due to deteriorating pavement conditions along Highway 218 from south of Third Street SE to Highway 30, MnDOT is planning a reconstruction project in 2023. Public input is being sought by MnDOT, asking the public to comment on the website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy218-bloomingtonprairie-reconstruct/index.html>.

The comment period closes on July 26.



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Street construction crews from Ulland Brothers of Albert Lea and from Pearson Brothers of Hanover have been busy this summer doing overlay work and sealcoating. Here, workers from Ulland Bros. work at removing excess gravel from a section of the avenue overlay project.

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New barn inherits name at fair

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

With a month to go before the fair gets underway, the Steele County Fair Board is putting their ducks in a row in order to ensure that this year's celebration continues the tradition of bringing excitement, fun, and festivities to all those who attend.

One of the pertinent items on the agenda included deciding on a new name for a cattle barn being constructed for this year's fair. The barn is replacing two older barns, one of which was damaged during last winter's inclement bouts of weather.

"The framing is done, and the crew came this morning to start on the

steel," Fair Board President Dan Deml informed the board of the barn's current state before talking about other construction efforts such as the electrical and digging. "That's moving along and they have a crew here everyday so that will likely continue every day until that's done."

The barn is to be named after Wayne and Betty Kubi-

cek of Owatonna. "They came last fall and wanted to do something, and this was something they were interested in," Deml said of the barn's sponsors. "I told them it could be five years or so, but all of a sudden things fell into place way faster than anybody ever imagined."

Deml said he and fellow director Sandy Jirele have

visited with the Kubiceks and gone over names for the barn. "What I had done in meeting with them, is I had gone through a number of different names with them, knowing that at this current time it's going to be dairy, and in the future, it is likely to be beef," Jirele said. "When we met with Wayne and Betty, her face lit up a couple of different

times when I went through these names."

The new building will be named the Wayne and Betty Kubicek Family Cattle Haven, as per the Kubicek's wishes and the board's approval. Deml said he was confident that the barn will be done for this year's celebration.

SEE NEW BARN, B3



Top award again for Big Brothers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota, which is based in Owatonna, has picked up a coveted award for the second straight year.

The group has been recognized as the Small-Mid Agency of the Year. In honoring the local group, BBBS of America said the winning agency has focused on growing the number and maintaining the quality of mentoring relationships (matches) between caring adult volunteers (bigs) and youth (littles).

BBBS of America honored the local agency and two others on June 27 during its Annual National Conference in Charlotte, N.C. These agencies have demonstrated outstanding leadership and have increased the number of children they serve in their communities. They have also all made key strategic decisions that have allowed them to innovate and grow over the past year.

According to BBBS of America, the winners were selected based on growth in the number of children served, quality and length of mentoring matches, and increased revenues, which ensure the agency can continue to grow and serve more children.

"In all 50 states, local BBBS agencies are strengthening their communities through mentorship, but these agencies have truly excelled in providing quality services and growing their reach," said Pam Iorio, president and CEO of BBBS of America. "These agencies are helping thousands of children reach their full potential."

Michelle Redman, executive director of BBBS of Southern Minnesota, said her

SEE TOP AWARD, B3

Something for everyone at Farmers Market



STAFF PHOTOS
BY HOWARD
LESTRUD

Every Saturday through early October is reserved for the Owatonna Farmers Market in downtown Owatonna. This past Saturday morning proved to be a beautiful time for area residents to enjoy the market. Local growers and artisans put their wares out for public consumption. Left: It's for the birds! Yes, some home crafted bird houses are for the birds. Dale and Corinne Swanson of Blooming Prairie have been selling these bird houses and other craft items every Saturday morning at the Farmers Market in Owatonna.

Cloverbuds involve youngsters in 4-H

Do you know any kindergarten, first, or second graders? If you do, you know they are excited to try new things and be a part of their community.

Here in Steele County we have a large group of youth in grades K-2 who are having fun before they are "truly" 4-Hers! Youth can join in traditional programming once they enter third grade in the fall, but those younger siblings just can't wait and are able to join 4-H through our Cloverbud program. The purpose of the University of Minnesota Extension 4-H Cloverbud Program is to support the positive development of youth as they explore their world, discover the possibilities, build self-esteem, and practice the basic social skills which will be the basis for a future where they will become competent, caring and contributing citizens.

This past year in Steele County we have had anywhere from 25-30 Cloverbuds attending our bi-monthly programs where they are able to explore projects such as cooking, crafts, science, songs, games, and teambuilding. Each meeting the youth and their families explore and have time to learn hands on about project areas they may consider when they become a third grader or older. Cloverbud programs are developmentally age appropriate with the following characteristics: fun, positive, activity centered, focused on life skills, non-competitive, incorporating cooperative learning and designed to manage risk.



Steele Talkin'
MISSY KOCH

Splashing a little fun into summer

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Steele County residents were able to enjoy the summer with a myriad of fun activities during the ninth annual Weekend Out in Owatonna.

The event was put on by Owatonna Parks and Recreation to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month. "We hope that people come out and enjoy the free activities and have a lot of fun," said Jessica

Abrahams of Owatonna Parks and Rec.

Beginning at sunset on Friday evening, people were treated to a free movie in the park, "The Sandlot," which played at the Lincoln Soccer Complex. Free root beer was provided by the Owatonna Shriners Club.

Prior to the movie, people were able to tryout the repurposed courts at Lincoln. The courts were finished last fall, and feature pickle ball, bocce ball, and beanbags. Those

who do not own the equipment are able to rent it free of charge through the Parks and Rec office.

"We wanted to have the movie out there to show people our repurposed courts and let them know that they can rent the equipment through our office without a charge," Abrahams said.

On Saturday, kids races for all ages were held at Darts Park in Owatonna. Races such as the Diaper Dash for those who are 24 months and

younger, a Toddler Trot, and a Kids K Trail Run were held. All participants who finished received a prize.

Perhaps one of the more interesting events was held on Saturday morning at River Springs Water Park in Owatonna. Participants were charged with building cardboard boats large enough to seat themselves. It was even a lot of fun for the spectators, who got to watch these ama-

SEE SPLASHING, B2

SEE INVOLVE YOUNGSTERS, B3

Hagedorn hosts Town Hall in Steele County

As part of U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn's town hall event tour, Hagedorn will host a town hall in Owatonna on Monday, July 22. This is the third in-person town hall in Hagedorn's 21-county town hall event tour that began June 1 in Martin County.

Hagedorn will be at the Owatonna Middle School at 500 15th St. NE in Owatonna from 6:30-8 p.m. Guests are requested to enter through Door 13. He will be in the new atrium.

Local county attendees who present



Jim Hagedorn

valid government-issued identification will receive priority to ask questions. Questions from residents of other First District counties will be addressed as time permits. For security purposes, and out of respect to all attendees, signs and literature for disbursement will not be permitted.

Hagedorn was elected last fall to represent Minnesota's First District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He grew up on the family's grain and livestock farm near Truman. He currently resides in Blue Earth.

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County Board receives update from Chamber, moves forward on improvements project

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

In what was a routine post-fourth meeting of the Steele County Board of Commissioners, the board was able to get an update from the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and move forward with the street improvements project.

Chamber President Brad Meier spoke to the board about the current state of the Chamber, including the workforce development center and economic programs. Meier also thanked the commissioners on the work that they have been doing.

"We want to communicate to you what we would like to see, and communi-

cate this to the City of Owatonna as well," Meier told the board. "We would like to see the levy stay below the growth rate percentage and preferably closer to the new growth rate."

Meier also gave an update on workforce development. "We were advocating to the State of Minnesota to get some money to reopen the workforce center here," Meier said. "We lobbied to get \$275,000 a year for two years and that was denied so we are taking a look at the State Workforce Development Fund to see if there's opportunity there."

He also mentioned the Chamber's concern with the fund. "We're sending money up to the state that's not coming back to Steele County," Meier said.

After Meier's comments, the county moved forward with regular business. This included approving a cooperative agreement with the City of Owatonna for the CSAH 19 and CSAH 45 improvements project. "As far as construction cost, the county shares \$1.9 million and the city shares about \$680,000, those do not include the project development fees that we've paid out," County Engineer Greg Ilkka said.

The board also awarded the contract for the project to Interstate Improvement, Inc. The amount of the contract will be \$2,583,182.51, which was almost 16% under the county's estimate for the project's cost. "This is another good bid from a budget perspective,"

Ilkka said. The county and the city will be splitting the cost with the county paying 75% and the city paying the remainder.

Another item on the agenda pertaining to the project involved the approval of a construction engineering services agreement. The board approved entering into an agreement with ISG, Inc. for engineering services on the project at the cost of \$192,322. "Our preferred choice was also the low-cost proposal," Ilkka said. "They've been working with the city in the city on a number of projects, so they are familiar with the City of Owatonna."

The next county board meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 5 p.m.

SPLASHING: a little fun into summer FROM B1



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Cardboard boat captains set sail at River Springs Water Park in Owatonna during the ninth annual Weekend Out held last weekend.

teur mariners bravely set sail or sink.

A beach party was held on Saturday at Lake Kohlmer with kayak, paddle boat, and other rentals offered at a low price. There was also food and beverages and music and activi-

ties. The rental specials continued throughout the weekend.

For those who wanted to check out the many trails around town, a trails challenge requiring participants to fill out a form and walk three of the trails in

order to get a chance to win a prize was another highlight. The trails included in the challenge were: Kaplan's Woods Parkway, Muckle Trail, Buxton Trail, North Straight River Trail, and the Leo Rudolph Trail.

All in all, it was a fun summer weekend filled with events and activities for those residents who wanted to get the most out of the warm weather and amenities available through Owatonna Park and Rec.

Public Health to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week

The Steele County WIC Program is celebrating Minnesota Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August and World Breastfeeding Week, Aug. 1-7. This year's theme focuses on "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding."

As community members, employers and health professionals, we can do a

lot to support women and families, and help mom and baby get this healthy start. When Amy was a few months pregnant she contacted WIC and got healthy foods and support from WIC staff throughout her pregnancy and after Isaiah's birth. "She encouraged me and gave great tips... I feel that she helped strengthen the bond between me and my son. I never thought I could breastfeed, and even the other women in my family said bottle feeding was easier... I am so grateful that I followed my heart and listened to the advice and support I heard from my doctors and the women at WIC."

The help and support Amy received from those around her gave her the tools she needed to reach her goal of breastfeeding her son who has grown into a pre-schooler with a healthy appetite!

World Breastfeeding Week helps raise awareness of the importance of support in empowering a mother to successfully breastfeed and reach her goals. Breastfeeding is one of the best investments in saving lives and improving health. Support from family, employers, childcare, public health, and health providers all play critical roles in enabling a mother to breastfeed.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, breastfeeding is the standard for infant feeding. It provides essential nutrients and antibodies that boost an infant's immune system, providing protection from childhood illnesses. Babies who are not breastfed are more likely to develop common childhood illnesses like ear infections and diarrhea as well as chronic conditions such as type 2 diabetes, asthma and childhood obesity. For mothers, breastfeeding leads to lower risk of breast and ovarian cancers, type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Nine out of 10 Minnesota moms start breastfeeding, but three of those nine will stop breastfeeding before six months, according to the latest Centers for Disease Control Breastfeeding Report Card. Only about half of Minnesota infants are exclusively breastfed by three months. [For WIC agencies: WIC serves women who may face extra challenges in workplace support and other barriers. Eight out of ten WIC moms start out breastfeeding, but by six months only 1 in 3 are breastfeeding. Half of infants who receive formula in the hospital have stopped breastfeeding by three months, while 3 out of 4 of those who receive only breastmilk are still breastfeeding.] WIC works to

provide information to help women get a strong start with exclusive breastfeeding. Challenges women face to meet their breastfeeding goals include those they experience in health care settings, worksites and child care centers.

In Minnesota, growing numbers of health care, child care, employers and health departments are working to address the barriers and make breastfeeding easier for new mothers. Steele County Public Health supports breastfeeding with phone consults, home and clinic visits, Amazing Newborn Clinic Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m. at Roosevelt School and by helping employers support breastfeeding employees.

By making breastfeeding easier, mothers can reach their goals and give their babies the best possible start in life. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recognizes those who take steps to provide accommodations and support for women who would like to breastfeed or continue to breastfeed after returning to work or school. Visit the MDH Breastfeeding Friendly Recognition Program website for more details.

For more information, contact Steele County Public Health WIC at 507-444-7660.

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COUNTDOWN TO STEELE FAIR
27 DAYS



Oldies back at the fair again

Band featuring the Penny brothers may be in its last year

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

Since their days growing up in Kiester, Minn., music was always a part of Dan and Tim Penny's lives. So it's no surprise that almost 20 years ago the Led Penny band was formed.

Today Led Penny includes Dan and Tim, Dan's son Shawn, Tim's son Marcus and Tim Pfeifer. The group will be entertaining again this year at the Steele County Free Fair. They are scheduled to perform at the Beer Garden Stage at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16.



The Led Penny Band has been performing for nearly 20 years. The founders, Tim and Dan Penny, both play rhythm guitar.

Tim and Dan Penny both play rhythm guitar, Marcus plays bass guitar, Shawn lead guitar and Pfeifer, drums.

"We are classic rock and roll," Tim Penny said. When they formed the band they were looking for a name that "sounded like rock and roll" he said. Tim said his wife, Barb, loved Led Zeppelin and Led Penny seemed to work so that's what they became.

Although there were years when they were busier, they now try to keep their performances to 10-12 a year, Penny said. The county fair is a must, he said, and they always

do a show at the Owatonna Eagles.

For a while, he said, the band used the slogan "the rock you remember" and that still describes the playlist of 60s, 70s and 80s music. And all of it is danceable, Penny added.

Penny said he and his siblings grew up in Kiester where he graduated from United South Central High School. He had a band while in high school as did brother Dan. In college, Tim said he played in a Peter, Paul and Mary type band with another brother and sister.

His father was the choir director at their church so

singing and music were just a part of the family.

The family had performed as a group at a charity event in Kiester and put on a family musical show for the town's annual Kiester Days. One year the group decided to do more rock and roll at the show and realized how much they enjoyed it.

"This band came out of that family singing," Penny said. "We thought maybe we should do it."

The band generally takes December, January and February off, he said, but during those months, they get together to practice and learn new music, generally adding a few new songs to the playlist. March through November, he said, the group usually just gets together for their performances.

Penny, who was a state senator for six years and a U.S. congressman for 12 years, is currently the president and CEO of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund.

"At this stage of my life," he said, "I'm delighted to be in a rock and roll band. It's a return to my youth."

It's been almost 20 years



Tim Penny is one of the star performers for the Led Penny Band, which will be performing once again this year at the Steele County Fair.

for the band and "that's a good run," he said.

This, however, might be the last year for Led Penny.

It's Dan's band, Penny said, calling his brother "the patriarch." Dan has said this is going to be the last year, he said, but there have been some "suggestions" that the band might continue to do a few performances such as the fair.

Whatever the future holds, the group will be on stage for this year at the fair.

There is music every day at the Beer Garden stage.

Revenge of the 80's opens this year's fair performing at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, Arena

takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday evening's band will be October Road. There are two shows a day on the weekend. Following Led Penny's Friday afternoon show, SFO A Tribune to Journey will be at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Jivin Ivan and the King of Swing will perform at 3 p.m. and Shane Martin at 8:30.

On Sunday, Dan Tursa will be on stage at 1 p.m. with the Church of Cash at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BARN: inherits name at fair FROM B1

During the meeting, the board also heard from the Junior Fair Board and 4-H Liaison Tracy Ignaszewski. The Junior Fair Board demonstrated a new scavenger hunt that they will debut at this year's fair. The hunt will be implemented through an app which can be downloaded on the phone.

"It will make it so much easier for fairgoers to just download an app get in and do the scavenger hunt instead of having to walk down to the exhibit building get the passport and then go through all the livestock buildings," Junior Fair Board member Lexie Ignaszewski explained.

Although the Junior Fair Board is hoping to utilize the app throughout the

fair, the plan currently is to hold the scavenger hunt on Friday unless they are able to host multiple games without a price increase for using the app. "We are currently in negotiations with the company to see if we can hold multiple games," Tracy Ignaszewski told the board.

The board also submitted the 2019-2020 Steele County Agricultural Society proposed budget to the county during last week's meeting.

As the days slowly tick towards August, and the biggest county fair in the state looms on the horizon, the fair board will be wrapping up any final projects before looking to ready themselves for the annual celebration.



The new cattle barn being constructed on the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna. This new barn will be replacing two older barns, one of which had its roof damaged in the winter. The barn is to be named after the Kubiceks: Wayne and Betty Kubicek Family Cattle Haven.

CLOVERBUDS: involve youngsters in 4-H FROM B1

In June, we held a Cloverbud Day Camp where we got to learn about the outdoors – fishing, nature hunts, sun safety, rocks, dragon flies, played water games, and had FUN! Do to our ever so rainy days we have been having we ended up inside for our out-door fun, yet with our youth team leadership we kept as busy if not busier then if we were outside. Teambuilding with a large parachute, building projects in small groups, and learning large group table fun helped pass the rainy day away.

With the Steele County Free Fair just around the corner, our Cloverbuds are also busy making plans for projects they will participate in this coming August. Cloverbuds can exhibit non-competitively and will work with older members

or parents to showcase their projects. There many opportunities for them from fashion to livestock. Cloverbuds may bring up to five projects to the 4-H Building the Monday of fair to conference judging and share one on one with the judge. Some may bring a painting, a simple cookie to taste, even vegetables they have grown, or even a poster about their pet. You will also see many Cloverbuds at our livestock shows, they will be at the end of the lead as an older 4-Her is helping them through the motions presenting their animal. Becoming comfortable with answering questions from the judge and being a part of the fair fun. Plan to come and check out the abundance of cloverbud projects you will see in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the

Steele County Fair, you will be impressed with their showcase!

4-H is a family affair and offers something for everyone young and old. This past year it has been fun to watch our large group of Cloverbuds and their families become a part of our larger Steele County 4-H program.

I'm looking forward to next 4-H year to meet new Cloverbuds and their families as we explore more project areas.

For more information contact us at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685.

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

TOP AWARD: again for Big Brothers FROM B1

agency is honored and humbled to accept the award for the second year in a row. "This award is not only a testament to the wonderful work our volunteers and staff, but also to the outstanding communities we serve," Redman said. "What Big Brothers Big Sisters does is urgent and important. Together, we are all defenders of potential."

BBBS creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of our youth. For 47 years, BBBS of Southern Minnesota serves youth in Steele, Dodge, Rice and Waseca counties. To learn more about getting involved, visit their website www.bbbsofsouthernmn.org, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bbbsofsouthernmn>, or call 507-451-5922.

Calling all amateurs for talent



Steely's Insights
WAYNE STEELE

Entry Forms are now available for the Amateur Talent Show held at the Steele County Free Fair on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m.

Entry Forms are available on the fair website at scff.org or the fair office.

Entrants must be from Steele County. There are three divisions of competition: pre-teen (12 and under), teen (13-18) and open (any age). Winners in each division will receive \$75 cash and a chance to compete at the Minnesota State Fair. The second place winner will receive \$25 cash and be eligible, if the first place winner is unable to attend, to perform at the Minnesota State Fair.

This year's talent show will be held at the Elmer Reseland stage in KRFO Town Square.

Wayne Steele is the entertainment and publicity director for the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna. Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna.

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1 p.m. — Movie Mondays, BP Library
6:30 p.m. — Fire Relief Association Meeting

JULY 23
10:30 a.m. — Storytime, BP Library
2 p.m. — Pony Tales, BP Library

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JULY 18
10 a.m. — Singer Will Hale, Owatonna Library
Noon — Family Summer Event, Cabela's
7 p.m. — 11 at 7 Concert Series, Central Park

JULY 20
7 a.m. — Farmers Market, Central Park
8 a.m. — Gus' Station Breakfast & Car Show, History Center
Noon — Family Summer Event, Cabela's
12:30 p.m. — Shooting Sports Seminars, Cabela's

JULY 21
10 a.m. — Secret Garden Tour, Owatonna
12:30 p.m. — Shooting Sports Seminars, Cabela's
1 p.m. — Family Summer Event, Cabela's

JULY 22
4 p.m. — Owatonna HRA Meeting, City Admin Building

7 p.m. — Medford City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

JULY 23
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Summer Storytime, Owatonna Library
Noon — Reach Big Info Session, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota Office
4 p.m. — The North Market, Grace Baptist
4 p.m. — Owatonna Public Utilities Meeting, OPU
5 p.m. — Owatonna Planning Commission Meeting, City Admin Building
5 p.m. — Steele County Board Meeting, County Admin Building

JULY 24
9:30 a.m. — Garden Time, Owatonna Library
5:30 p.m. — Big Night Out for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, 10,000 Drops Craft Distillers in Faribault

Litomysl Summer Festival set for July 28

The Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl will be showing off its country church pride at the 48th Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, July 28.

Litomysl is located seven miles northwest of Blooming Prairie.

The 150 families of the parish will host the event, which is one of the largest summer parish festivals held in Minnesota each year. The country style festival draws hundreds of people from many communities.

Litomysl is Czech for “wistful thoughts.”

Holy Trinity Church dates back to 1878, when settlers in the Litomysl community built their first church. The community is actually named after the original Litomysl, located about 100 miles east of Prague.

In 1940-41, settlers built the stone church that parishioners worship in today. It is one of the largest stone churches in the nation. Members of the parish brought over 600 loads of rock from their fields to build it.

Czech traditions, from delightful pastries to polka music will be alive and well once again in Litomysl.

The day's activities include Mass, music, games, silent auction, eats and treats, a used a bit sale, face painting, live pony rides, raffles, pull tabs, and wagon rides.

Litomysl is difficult to find on a map, but miles and miles of motor vehicles will line County Road 4 and 24th Avenue SE in rural Owatonna for the annual Litomysl Summer Festival.

A traditional Polka Mass is planned for 10 a.m.

The Mass has participants singing traditional hymns to the beat of polka music, led by the Litomyslaneous Polka Group. Also participating in the morning mass will be the Owa-

tonna Knights of Columbus #945's Fourth Degree in full regalia.

Music will echo throughout the grounds. Before the Mass the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Choir will perform in the church. Hans Hohrman will dazzle visitors with his accordion near the school building, while the “Dan Stursa Band” and “The Czech Lites” from New Prague will entertain the crowd when they grace the stage north of the church.

The Klecker Band, which has played at all of the past 46 Festivals, will delight listeners in the afternoon inside the church.

The festival brings several thousand people to one small spot in Steele County for fundraising, music, food, games and perhaps most importantly, fellowship, organizers said.

The Litomysl Summer Festival, a Steele County tradition, is always held on the last Sunday in July.

By 11 a.m. all outdoor activities begin with many food booths available to delight anyone's appetite. Festival-goers won't leave hungry, as the Holy Trinity community will be stocked with pork rib sandwiches, pork burgers, brats, hot dogs, walking tacos, root beer floats and refreshments to quench the thirst of all ages.

In the church basement, a shaved ham or turkey sandwich meal with potato salad, baked beans, and beverage will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. Pie and filled biscuits will also be on the menu.

Everyone will have the opportunity to view the old gas engines and water pump action between the school and the garage.

A silent auction, along with a used-a-bit sale, with bargains galore will be



FILE PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Youngsters love buchtý, a Bohemian delicacy. The filled biscuit is enjoyed by Mavarick Hill, grandson of Jill Hondel of Owatonna. He's eating an apricot filled biscuit sold at the Litomysl Summer Festival at last year's festival.

featured in the building formerly housing a school. A country store with garden produce will be located by the church.

People of all ages will take their turn to partake in the many games they choose from plinko, bingo, spin the wheel, fish pond, dime toss and the ever popular root beer barrel game.

As has been the case in years past, many local businesses and individuals have donated thousands of items to be used for prizes in the games. Thousands of items have also been donated for the used-a-bit sale in the school and for the Silent Auction. The annual “Big Ticket” raffle has 70 prizes (with a value of over \$4,000), the first prize being \$500. The drawing will be at 4 p.m.

The women of the parish will make many, many dozen prune, poppyseed and apricot biscuits (or “buchtý” in Czech). They will go on sale at 11 a.m. near the St. Isidore's School building.

Buchtý is a traditional Czech biscuit filled with prunes, apricots, or poppy seed. The women make sweet yeast dough, roll it out, cut it into small squares and fill the squares

with prune, poppy seed or apricot filling.

The corners of the square of dough are lifted up kitty-corner and folded in the middle and dough is pinched together. The dough has four eyes on top with the filling peeping out: these eyes are called the four eyes of God.

A tractor pulling a tram will help people get to the Festival more quickly, when they park their cars on the roads surrounding Litomysl.

Check out the Litomysl Festival website at www.litomysl.webs.com.

Litomysl is located eight miles south of Owatonna on Co. Rd. 45 then two miles east on Co. Rd. 4 (SE 98th St); to 9946 24th Ave. SE; or five miles north of Blooming Prairie on Hwy 218 to Bixby, then 4½ miles west on Co Rd 4 (SE 98th Street) to 9946 24th Ave. SE; or six miles south of Owatonna on Interstate 35 to the Hope exit #32, then left on Co. Rd. 4 to Co. Rd. 3, go 1/2 mile south, then three miles east on Co. Rd. 4 (98th Street) to 9946 24th Ave. SE; or from Ellendale east on Hwy 30 to Co. Rd. 45, then 5 miles north on Co. Rd. 45 to Co. Rd. 4 (SE 98th St), then two miles east to 9946 24th Ave. SE.

Blood emergency: Red Cross issues urgent call

Following a difficult Fourth of July week for blood and platelet donations and ongoing challenges finding new blood donors, the American Red Cross now faces a blood shortage and has issued an emergency call for eligible individuals of all blood types to give now and prevent delays in medical care.

About 450 fewer blood drives were organized by businesses and other community groups last week than during a typical week as people across the country celebrated the holiday with activities and travel. This led to about 17,000 fewer blood donations than needed for patients in a single week, causing the Red Cross to now have less than a three-day supply of most blood types available – and less than a two-day supply of type O blood – for patients. At least a five-day supply is desired.

“Medical emergencies and critical treatments don't stop for holiday celebrations. Patients depend on lifesaving blood transfusions every day,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Blood Services. “Right now, the Red Cross only has less than a three-day supply when we need a five-day supply to be prepared for all situations that require blood products. To help meet this need, we've added about 8,000 additional appointments at blood donation centers and community blood drives over the next few weeks to accommodate more donors. But we need people to fill those appointments, please join us today.”

In June, the Red Cross launched the Missing Types campaign to encourage donors – especially new donors and those who have not donated in the past years – to give blood or platelets during the challenging summer months. Through the campaign, the letters A, B and O – letters that make up the main blood groups – disappeared

from popular brands to symbolize what happens when blood goes missing from hospital shelves during blood shortages.

Despite an encouraging response to the campaign, blood donations still fell short of expectations in June, resulting in more than 24,000 fewer donations than needed, more than 650 fewer here in the North Central Blood Services Region, and causing a significant draw down of the Red Cross blood supply.

“Blood is only available when generous blood and platelet donors roll up a sleeve to give, and right now, all donors – especially those give have never given or haven't given in a while – are urged to make an appointment to give today,” Numark added.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY:

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Mantorville
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FREEBORN
Albert Lea
July 19: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mayo Clinic Health System, 404 Fountain St.
July 23: 1 p.m.-7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 702 Highway 69 S.
July 25: 1 p.m.-7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 S. Washington Ave.

MOWER
Austin
July 29: 12 p.m.-6 p.m., St. John's Lutheran, 1200 NW 13th Ave.

STEELE
Blooming Prairie
July 24: 1 p.m.-6 p.m., City Center, 138 Highway S.

OWATONNA
July 18: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1620 S. Cedar
July 19: 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Steele County Fairgrounds, 1525 S. Cedar Ave.

Gus' Station comes alive at Village of YesterYear

The Steele County Historical Society will hold the fifth annual Gus' Station Breakfast and Car Show on Saturday, July 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the History Center in Owatonna.

Classic cars of all ages, new and old, domestics and imports will be on display throughout the facility parking area at the SCHS, ensuring there is something for everyone to see. The car show is a participant voting system, with open class trophies to the top ten vehicles. A

dash plaque will be given to all entries. There is a \$5 per vehicle registration fee.

The show will feature a wide range of specialty vehicles scheduled to attend: 1957 Vintage Sprint Car #9, 1970's vintage wingless sprint car #17, 1957 vintage Chevy Convertible Stock Car; 1948 Curtis Craft Midg-et vintage race car; Vintage Super Modified race car; 1967 Chevelle Asphalt race car, 1963 Nova vintage Late Model race car; 1961 McCulloch Go-Kart; 1948 Custom-

ized Crosley Pickup; Model A hunting camper; and the current Mastell Brothers Touring Series points leader Sprint car.

Be sure to join us for breakfast in the History Center. The breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person; children 5 and under eat free with paid adult. The meal will be egg bake, fruit, muffins and beverage. Tickets are available at the SCHS or online.

Guests can stroll through the Village of

Yesteryear and purchase commemorative items in Gus' Station and are also available in the County Junction Gift Shop located in the History Center. Admission to the car show is free, however donations are always appreciated. All proceeds go to Gus' Station Restoration and proposed addition of a service bay to be located next to Gus' Station. Immediately following the car show, there will be a car run to the Spurgy's Bar in Hope.

BOB Ride hopes to eclipse 2018 success

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, July 20, the Bikers of Blooming Prairie (BOB) hope to eclipse a record \$14,568 earned in last year's ride for the benefit of Toys for Tots.

Registration for the 20th annual ride begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday at J & H Liquors and will continue until 10:25 a.m. Registration costs \$10 per rider.

Harvey Farr, chairman of the event, encourages motorcyclists and classic car

owners to join the ride that will leave at 10:30 a.m. from J & H Liquors and travel to Mantorville, Zumbro Falls, Dundas and back to J & H.

Farr says the BOB entourage will return to J & H by 4:30 p.m. A meal will be served at 5 p.m. and is

open to the public. Last year's total was even embellished after the ride and surpassed \$15,000.

Blooming Prairie's donation last year represented the highest Toys for Tots donation total in Steele County.

Auxiliary plans flower show for July 30

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 52 will bring back its popular flower show and luncheon. The show was last presented four years ago.

The show will be held on Tuesday, July 30 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club. It is open to the public, adults and children. Flower entries will be accepted from 8-10 a.m. Winning entries will be awarded between 12 noon and 12:30 p.m. Lunch is available from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. A card party begins at 1 p.m.

Unlimited entries are allowed per lot. Exhibitors will provide their own container. The American Legion Auxiliary is not responsible for loss or breakage of materials.

A flower rule is that the stem must be below the water line and must be free of leaves. Flower stems should be uniform in length.

All entries must be removed from the Servicemen's Club by 4 p.m.

Eight classes are offered:
• Class 1, gladiolus, single spike display
• Class 2, rose display, one specimen
• Class 3, garden flowers, annuals, lots of snapdragon, 3 spikes; zinnia, 1 variety, 3 stems; petunia, 1 variety, 3 sprays; marigold, 3 blooms and Aster, 3 blooms.
• Class 4, garden flowers, perennials, lots of black eyed susan, 1 stem; daisy, 3 stems, any variety; cone-flower, 1 stem; host, 1 leaf; hydrangea, 1 stem with leaves; lily and other.
• Class 5, arrangement/centerpiece, your choice of

container, lots of mini arrangement, rose arrangement, mixed arrangement, wild flower arrangement and other.

• Class 6, House Plants
• Class 7, Outdoor potted plants, lots of single specimen and mixed specimen
• Class 8, Succulent plants
• Class 9, Junior Division, grand champion and reserve champion will be rewarded.

A cash prize of \$5 will be given for grand champion, \$3 for reserve champion and \$2 for First Premium in each lot. Ribbons will be

displayed for Second and Third Premiums.

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- July 27 – Nordic Fest – Decorah, Iowa
- Aug. 4 – Giant Celebration – Le Sueur
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- Aug. 11 – Festival in the Park – Kasson
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Hometown Sports

Blades standout heading to Utah



The Steele County Blades announce that Antonio Najera has committed to play college hockey at the University of Utah in the fall. Najera just finished his third and final season with the Blades. The Mexico City, Mexico native played in 121 total games for the Blades after playing at Banff Academy in Alberta in 2016. He scored 10 goals with an accompanying 13 assists in his time in Owatonna. This past season he totaled 5 goals and 5 assists in 44 games. Najera is also currently a member of the Mexican National Team,

having just participated in the IIHF World Championships, which took place in Mexico City this past April. “Nobody deserves this opportunity more than Tony. He ranks up there with some of the best to have worn our colors,” said Nick Adamek, head coach. “I am proud to say that I know him as a human being. To have been able to coach him has been a real treat. I know Coach Huras is getting a fantastic representation of what Blades hockey can be. Though we are sad to see him go, we wish him the best of luck and can not thank him enough for all that he gave to our program.

We are better for having had him here.” Huras said, “Antonio plays with a ton of intensity and heart. His feet are constantly in motion which helps him play a very strong two-way game up. He will be expected to make an impact immediately with his work ethic and character on our team. We are excited to bring his international hockey experience to Salt Lake City, and we hope to help him continue to develop Antonio as player throughout his time here in Utah.” “During my time with the Steele County Blades, I learned a lot about what type of person and player

I am,” Najera said. “I truly believe that as each year passed I was able to grow both on the ice and off. I will always be thankful to the Blades organization for everything they did for me in helping me get to where I am today,” he added. The University of Utah is located in Salt Lake City. Founded in 1850, the University of Utah is the flagship public university in the state of Utah and has established itself as an epicenter for scientific, medical and engineering research. The Skatin’ Utes are at the ACHA Division I Level and participate in an independent schedule.

Last year they were ranked in the top 20 in the nation. They are led by former professional player Brett Huras, who just ended his 4th season behind the bench with the Skatin’ Utes. Najera is the second Blade from the 2018-19 season to make his college commitment, following Matt Colagiovanni’s commitment to Trine University. Blades Alumni Cory Schillo wrapped up his junior hockey career in Saskatchewan and has committed to the University of Wisconsin- River Falls. More information on where other Blades will be headed will be available shortly.

Dodge County Fair to host Chateau Speedway this week

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

Drivers and fans were eager to get back to racing Friday Night at Chateau Speedway in Lansing after rain drowned out last week’s action.

Ninety-eight cars filled the pits for the night’s action, which was packed with excitement from start to finish. Lots of two and three wide action as drivers duelled for the wins with drivers in five of the seven classes picking up their first feature win of the season.

Leading off right after Intermission was the Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks, which ran a clean caution free race with Michael Wick of Faribault leading the parade of drivers to Victory Lane with their first Feature Wins of the year at The Track.

In WISSOTA Midwest Modified action, Ryan Goergen of Stacyville, Iowa was hunting his first feature win of the season and had a nice place to start from sitting on the outside of the front row. Goergen went to the front and opened himself up a lead early but the racing behind him was tight and wild. The field went 16 laps of the 20 lap main event before a caution came out. Kyiie Kath of Claremont had made his way up to second and was within a car length of the lead as he and Goergen came up on traffic.

The Adams Graphics WISSOTA Street Stocks put on a great show in their 18 lap main event, which went caution free. Brent Holland of Glenville led the first couple laps with Bernie Adams of Stacyville, Iowa tucked up behind him. Kory



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Zach Elward of Hayfield was recognized as the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock feature winner Friday night at the Chateau Raceway in Lansing.

Adams of Stacyville went three wide with Cody Hyatt of Waseca and Raey Hastings IV of Austin for third on lap two and than after Bernie took over the lead on lap three he moved around Holland for second.

A pair of cautions did very little to slow the pace of the Action Builders USRA B Mod Main Event. Scott Demmer came off the outside of the front row to grab the early lead with Noah Grinstead of Austin coming out of row two to move up to second. Back to back Cautions on lap three put a small hitch in the race but when it went back green after those it was another wild ride to the finish. Grinstead was able to keep close to Demmer and made several runs alongside him in the corners but would lose contact on the straightaways until he got a good run out of turn two on lap fourteen. Noah finished off the pass and lead the final six laps to score his first feature win of the season. Kadden Kath of Owatonna made a late charge for second while Demmer held off Zach Davis of Caledonia and Matt Brooks of Austin. Demmer and Kath

posted heat wins during the first half of the night. The French’s Repair USRA A Mod Feature was another back and forth race with the top six cars swapping positions throughout the 25 lap Main Event. Joe Horgdahl of Kasson jumped from the pole to the early lead. A caution on lap two was the only hiccup in an exciting race. The Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets ended the night with the fifth driver who saw the Victory Lane after a Feature Win for the first time this year. It was another tight finish in a race that saw two different leaders fall out of the race while leading. Nate Coopman of Mankato picked up the lead on lap five only to lose it to Dan Knish of Kilkenny a lap later. Two laps after that, however, Kilkenny was pulling into the infield giving the lead back to Nate. A caution than came out as Knish was too close to the track where he coasted to a stop at and for safety reasons they had to move him. Before they could restart Coopman pulled up on the front straightaway with mechanical issues.

That turned the lead over to Justin Schelitzche of Cologne with Jerry Coopman of Mankato right behind him. Coopman did all he could the final five laps but Justin fended off the challenges and celebrated his first Feature win of the season at the Speedway. Ryan Timm of Austin finished third followed by Adams Gransee of Waseca and Timothy Gores of Garden City. Gransee had a heat win on the night as did Jerry Coopman.

Next week will be a busy week for the Chateau Speedway Crew. The track will be presenting the show at the Dodge County Fair in Kasson on Thursday night. A former weekly track in the neighboring county, Dodge County Speedway has a long tradition of racing. In cooperation with the fair board, the show will feature five classes of racing action. It will not be a sanctioned event so there will be no points on the line, but nice purses highlight the night with the \$1,500 to win “A” Mod Class. The class will feature a combination of WISSOTA, USRA and IMCA Cars with each car having to conform to their own sets of rules. The “B” Mods will have two \$400 to win divisions, one for the USRA and IMCA Sport Mods and one for the WISSOTA Midwest Mods. There will also be a Street Stock class based on the WISSOTA rules as well as a Hornet class. Again the Hornet class will be based on WISSOTA rules with the Chateau Phase In Rules exceptions. Race time in Kasson will be 7 p.m. All seven classes of cars will be on the schedule again at Lansing Friday.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 12:

KEYKO Outlaw Mini Mods A Feature 1 (12 Laps):

- 1. 5-Logan Brown-Clear Lake IA, [6]; 2. 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [11]; 3. 17K-Anthony Kramer-Owatonna, [7]; 4. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [5]; 5. 71-Matt Prehn-Mason City IA, [2]; 6. 2C-Cole Bennerotte-Byron, [3]; 7. (DNF) 17-Tanner Prehn-Mason City IA, [4]; 8. (DNF) 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [8]; 9. (DNF) 1R-Bobby Ruehlow-Mason City IA, [1]; (DNS) 97-Davis Royle-Northfield, ; (DNS) 89-Allen Royle-Northfield,

- Heat 1 (6 Laps):** 1. 5-Logan Brown, [4]; 2. 17K-Anthony Kramer, [5]; 3. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [6]; 4. 71-Matt Prehn, [1]; 5. 2C-Cole Bennerotte, [2]; 6. 17-Tanner Prehn, [3]

- Heat 2 (6 Laps):** 1. 14-Micheal Bryant, [2]; 2. (DNF) 22-Nick Hauge, [3]; 3. (DNF) 89-Allen Royle, [1]; 4. (DNF) 97-Davis Royle, [4]; (DQ) 15-Nathan Kilwine, [5]

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

- A Feature 1 (20 Laps):** 1. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [2]; 2. 90-Ryan Wetzstein-West Conocrd, [7]; 3. 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [3]; 4. 37-Michael Wytaske-Hartland, [4]; 5. 79-Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, [10]; 6. 1M-Josh Mattick-Rose Creek, [8]; 7. 77T-Casey Trom-Austin, [9]; 8. 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [11]; 9. RED1-Dan Wheeler-Savage, [6]; 10. 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr-Austin, [18]; 11. 26-Brad Minske-Northfield, [13]; 12. 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [12]; 13. 86-Noel Hoppe-New Richland, [17]; 14. (DNF) 53-Tianna Mithun-New Richland, [14]; 15. (DNF) 14-Cole Kroneman-Zumbrota, [15]; 16. (DNF) 83-Kylie Kath-Claremont, [5]; 17. (DNF) 97-Cory Asmussen-Waseca, [1]; 18. (DNF) 12S-Chad Switzenberg-Sheridan WY, [16]

- Heat 1 (8 Laps):** 1. 90-Ryan Wetzstein, [1]; 2. RED1-Dan Wheeler, [3]; 3. 98D-Christopher Deno, [2]; 4. 37-Michael Wytaske, [7]; 5. 77T-Casey Trom, [5]; 6. 79H-Luke Hainka, [8]; 7. 26-Brad Minske, [9]; 8. (DNF) 12S-Chad Switzenberg, [6]; 9. (DNF) 86-Noel Hoppe, [4]

- Heat 2 (8 Laps):** 1. 1M-Josh Mattick, [2]; 2. 83-Kylie Kath, [6]; 3. G12-Ryan Goergen, [3]; 4. 97-Cory Asmussen, [9]; 5. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [4]; 6. 33-Darryl Hainka, [5]; 7. 53-Tianna Mithun, [8]; 8. 14-Cole Kroneman, [7]; (DQ) 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr, [1]

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock

- A Feature 1 (15 Laps):** 1. 17-Michael Wick-Faribault, [2]; 2. 31-Jack Maas-Faribault, [4]; 3. 26-Brady Krohnberg-Walters, [5]; 4. 7X-Andrew Eischens-Taopi, [3]; 5. 3G-Josh Sousa-Alden, [6]; 6. 96-Kyndra Neis-Chatfield, [7]; 7. 11-Michael Gift-Faribault, [8]; 8. (DNF) 1-Troy Maas-Faribault, [1]; (DNS) 75L-Devin Losee-LeRoy,

- Heat 1 (6 Laps):** 1. 31-Jack Maas, [4]; 2. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [2]; 3. 26-Brady Krohnberg, [7]; 4. 1-Troy Maas, [9]; 5. 17-Michael Wick, [5]; 6. 3G-Josh Sousa, [3]; 7. 96-Kyndra Neis, [6]; 8. 11-Michael Gift, [8]; 9. (DNF) 75L-Devin Losee, [1]

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets A Feature 1 (15 Laps):

- 1. 14-Justin Schelitzche-Cologne, [5]; 2. 19-Jerry Coopman-Mankato, [7]; 3. 17-Ryan Timm-Austin, [1]; 4. 36-Adam Gransee-Waseca, [3]; 5. 89-Timothy Gores-Garden City, [9]; 6. 20-Joe Frahm-Stewartville, [2]; 7. 02-Bryce Lisowskl-Faribault, [12]; 8. 88-Matt Tighe-Austin, [13]; 9. 79T-TJ Pearson-Burnsville, [4]; 10. 21-Brandon Downs-Austin, [10]; 11. 6-TJ Barnett-Owatonna, [14]; 12. 28-Patrick Andrus-Austin, [15]; 13. (DNF) 9-Nate Coopman-Mankato, [6]; 14. (DNF) 193-Daniel Knish-Kilkenny, [8]; (DNS) 08-Levi Selly-St Peter,

- Heat 1 (5 Laps):** 1. 19-Jerry Coopman, [8]; 2. 193-Daniel

- Knish, [2]; 3. 17-Ryan Timm, [4]; 4. 20-Joe Frahm, [7]; 5. 89-Timothy Gores, [3]; 6. 08-Levi Selly, [1]; 7. 88-Matt Tighe, [5]; 8. 28-Patrick Andrus, [6]

Adams Graphics WISSOTA Street Stocks A Feature 1 (18 Laps):

- 1. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [12]; 2. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [4]; 3. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [8]; 4. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [1]; 5. 46-Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, [5]; 6. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [7]; 7. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [6]; 8. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [9]; 9. 99-Greg Lammers-Owatonna, [10]; 10. 2-Fred Prudohl-Winona, [3]; 11. (DNF) 16-Jacob Bennett-Austin, [13]; 12. (DNF) 31-Raey Hastings IV-Austin, [2]; (DNS) 4-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center,

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 01-Kory Adams, [3]; 2. 42-Cody Hyatt, [2]; 3. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [1]; 4. 31-Raey Hastings IV, [4]; 5. 32-Jason Newkirk, [6]; 6. 99-Greg Lammers, [7]; 7. (DNF) 15-Zach Elward, [7]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 21-Jesse Stahl, [1]; 2. 101-Ken Adams, [5]; 3. 47-Brent Holland, [3]; 4. 2-Fred Prudohl, [6]; 5. (DNF) 4-Chris Hotovec, [2]; (DQ) 16-Jacob Bennett, [4]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods A Feature 1 (20 Laps):

- 1. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [4]; 2. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [8]; 3. 30-Scott Demmer-Ellendale, [2]; 4. 1Z-Zach Davis-Condaga, [1]; 5. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [5]; 6. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [6]; 7. 83-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [15]; 8. 72-Alex Schubbe-North Manakto, [7]; 9. 02K-Hunter Kennedy-St Ansarg IA, [9]; 10. 54-Jett Sorensen-Rochester, [14]; 11. 51-Shawn Evans-Kenyon, [3]; 12. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Korpi, [11]; 13. 44J-Justin Murray-Owatonna, [13]; 14. (DNF) 66V-Dustin Von Hagen-Glenville, [10]; 15. (DNF) 8-Dan Lewison-Dexter, [17]; 16. (DNF) 55II-Gavin Shaw-Brownsdale, [12]; 17. (DNF) 21-Taylor Ovreb-Dells, [16]

- Heat 1 (8 Laps):** 1. 30-Scott Demmer, [2]; 2. 99-Noah Grinstead, [7]; 3. 72-Alex Schubbe, [6]; 4. 44-Matthew Brooks, [5]; 5. 51-Shawn Evans, [1]; 6. 81K-Caleb Korpi, [3]; 7. 55III-Gavin Shaw, [9]; 8. (DNF) 83-Charlie Steinberg, [4]; 9. (DNF) 21-Taylor Ovreb, [8]

- Heat 2 (8 Laps):** 1. 83X-Kadden Kath, [2]; 2. 02K-Hunter Kennedy, [4]; 3. 1Z-Zach Davis, [1]; 4. 83K-Kobie Kath, [5]; 5. 66V-Dustin Von Hagen, [7]; 6. (DNF) 44J-Justin Murray, [3]; 7. (DNF) 54-Jett Sorensen, [6]; (DQ) 8-Dan Lewison, [8]

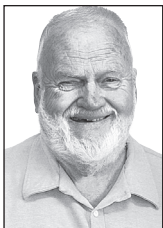
French’s Repair USRA A Modifieds A Feature 1 (25 Laps):

- 1. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [4]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [10]; 3. 98-Kevin Stoa-Albert Lea, [6]; 4. 90-Steven Wetzstein-West Concord, [9]; 5. 29H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [1]; 6. 4A-Joel Alberts-Mantorville, [3]; 7. 23K-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [12]; 8. 51W-JT Wasmund-Pine Island, [8]; 9. 51-Blake Arndt-Brownsdale, [7]; 10. 24-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [5]; 11. 23B-Brett Bumgardner-Hawkeye Iowa, [15]; 12. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [14]; 13. 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [11]; 14. (DNF) 21R-Tony Raness-Lake Mills IA, [13]; 15. (DNF) 23-Adam Kates-Tonganoxie KS, [2]

- Heat 1 (8 Laps):** 1. 51-Blake Arndt, [2]; 2. 23-Adam Kates, [5]; 3. 90-Steven Wetzstein, [6]; 4. 24-Charlie Steinberg, [7]; 5. 51W-JT Wasmund, [3]; 6. 96-Greg Jensen, [1]; 7. 21R-Tony Raness, [4]; 8. 23B-Brett Bumgardner, [8]

- Heat 2 (8 Laps):** 1. 4A-Joel Alberts, [2]; 2. 98-Kevin Stoa, [1]; 3. 50-Brandon Davis, [3]; 4. 29H-Joe Horgdal, [4]; 5. 71-Jason Cummins, [7]; 6. 23K-Darwin Karau, [6]; 7. 77-Jacob Stark, [5]

Thoughts on a hot summer day



Outside the Lines

LEMAR NELSON

About this time each year my thoughts start wandering off in several directions. I note that the students at the local school are now almost halfway, and the growing season for farmers is one-third on the way to harvest. Along the way, I am a few months closer to another birthday and more struggles in keeping some semblance of good health.

We can note that the oversupply of rain has finally subsided, and crops are eagerly soaking the warm temperatures, along with the high humidity that promotes optimum growth. Somehow, it makes the hardship of the early spring months somewhat more bearable.

Some of my thoughts get stuck in reminiscent mode. The events of the season, such as the Fourth of July celebration, the BP Youth Club Ribfest, and the just completed golf fun day all leave a pleasant taste, and events still to come instill feelings of anticipation. It may not be a big deal to

most, but for me, these random thoughts of summer entertain me and sustain me through the rest of July and all through the remaining time of summer. Forgive me for that.

LOCAL GRADS EXCEL

One recent BPHS graduate and two former students have recently been rewarded with outstanding achievement honors. Riley Millam, a 2019 graduate, received national recognition when he was recognized for inventing an app for the high school Spanish class that the class used to enrich its curriculum. Millam, a charter member of the BPHS robotics class, will further his career with a scholarship and work at the local Arkema plant.

Aaron Krejci, a 2010 graduate, recently received the Outstanding Protector award from the University of Northern Iowa for his athletic training duties to students at Arlington-Blackhawk High school in Iowa. Krejci was himself an outstanding athlete at the local high school, missing his last season in football because of an injury.

Krejci inherited his interest in athletic training, primarily thanks to a several relatives involved in coaching or working with student athletes. He is studying to be a full-time athletic trainer in the future.

And as they say, last, but

certainly not least, comes 1976 graduate Dennis Trom. Trom recently coached the Randolph High School Rocket softball team to a third place finish in the state Class A tournament. This was just one of many achievements the BPHS grad has accomplishments at the small school in southern Dakota County.

While in high school, Trom lettered in three sports and made the all-State team in football his senior year. The football team was ranked No. 1 in the state. Besides football, he functioned as a point guard in basketball and played baseball for five seasons. He remains in the Blossom history as one of the most exciting athletes BPHS has produced.

At Randolph, Trom was named Section Coach of the Year in softball and also earned that honor previously in basketball. He is most proud of the fact that he has had the fortune to coach his own children during his tenure on the Randolph teaching staff. There is no doubt but that Trom remains one of BPHS’ finest athletic graduates.

One of my biggest pleasures in writing this column these many years is the privilege of reporting on the exploits of local residents, former residents or high school students or former students. That ability will always give me

the most satisfaction in my writing.

WHAT’S UP?

Two events are of note this week, although because of our recent change in publishing date, the first of the events is already here. The Chamber of Commerce Golf Fun Day is underway, with a tailgating theme and approximately 50 golfers (or non-golfers) are making their way around the course and providing entertainment for everyone while doing it. Let’s hope this fundraiser for the chamber is a resounding success.

The other upcoming attraction is the old-time melodrama to be performed at the Servicemen’s Club this Saturday, July 20. I think this is the third or fourth such production and that the others have all provided some hilarious entertainment. This sounds like a very fun evening and one not to miss.

One other event looming on the horizon is the annual Steele County Fair, just a month away. This biggest fair in Minnesota is poised once again to entertain large crowds each day, and many fair goers will make more than one trip to partake of its attractions. Mark the dates on your calendar now. Keep enjoying the summer weather, and we’ll talk again.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 20, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$103,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Larry M. Jarvis, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 25, 2008 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 15747 as Document Number T000062717 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Lot 2 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line between said Lot 2 and Lot 3 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 7 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 2 and 3 approximately 85 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 2 and 3, 86.19 feet to the place of beginning. Also all of Lot 3 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna, excepting therefrom the following: Beginning at a point in the line between said Lot 3 and Lot 4 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch Street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 12 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 3 and 4 approximately 107.62 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 3 and 4; and thence Easterly along the line between said Lots 3 and 4, 110.86 feet to the place of beginning. All the above described real estate is conveyed subject to and together with all riparian rights. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 510 MAPLE DRIVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1967 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$70,686.38 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-150-0103 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None 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: September 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 3, 2020. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-

LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 28, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

7/3, 7/10, 7/17,
7/24, 7/31, 8/7

NOTICE

City of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota – Code of Ordinances – Publishing Summary

The Blooming Prairie City Council approved an update to the Code of Ordinances after a public hearing was held on Monday, July 8, 2019. Below is a summary of the updated table of contents for the Blooming Prairie Code of Ordinances. A printed copy of the Blooming Prairie Code of Ordinances is available at the Administration Office located in the City Center. **CITY OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA – CODE OF ORDINANCES** **TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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City Administrator
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City of Faribault

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Dear Motor Medics,

I am a loyal Hoody from Canada listening to your car-talk show every chance I get. My car is a 2004 Chrysler 300M with 80,000 miles, that I bought last year. Since I didn't know the car's service history I decided to have the transmission fluid and filter changed as you have talked about on your radio show. Listening to you talk I have learned that this only replaces some of the fluid therefore I would like to take my car in to have a complete transmission flush done where they will replace all the fluid. Would you say that this is advisable to do at the current mileage?

Thank you Lawrence in Canada

Dear Lawrence,

This is one of the most frequent questions we get about cars on our radio show. With this model if it hasn't been done it's a good idea to flush your transmission instead of just dropping the pan and changing the filter and whatever fluid comes out. Removing just the pan to drain the transmission will only result in about 5 quarts out of 15 or so being changed, or roughly 1/3rd of the capacity. That would be like changing only 2 quarts of engine oil each change instead of draining the entire engine. The contaminated fluid will eventually lead to a buildup of deposits on the valves and eventual slipping of the transmission. For a complete flush we recommend adding a cleaner to the transmission then operating through all of the gears and then flush it. Once flushed add a conditioner and you should be set. Most facilities with a flush service should have this option available.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I enjoy your car-talk show and columns very much. I have a 1999 Chevrolet pickup with a V8 and 4wd. I feel I get lousy combined city highway mileage, at last check it was 14mpg. I have heard you advertise a cleaner that might improve gas mileage. I am wondering if it would clog the fuel filter since I have never used it and since I don't know what junk could be in the system now. Do the tank or lines need to be flushed first? Do I just pour it in the tank and go? How often should I use it? Thanks so very much.

Thank you, Jeanne in South Dakota

Dear Jeanne,

The cleaning we mention on the radio show is what's commonly referred to as fuel system or induction system cleaning. When a cleaning is properly performed it will clean the intake, injectors, and combustion chambers of the engine bringing back its ability to run efficiently. Carbon deposits in the engine rob its efficiency and this leads to lost mileage and power. You do not need to replace the filter to do this or clean the tank as this is not a pour in product. The pour in products are good in between cleanings but cannot clean as well as the professional system. Your mileage compares with many other vehicles like yours so at this time cleaning the system may not gain you much in the way of mileage if any.

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Bracelet making was one of the activities available for the younger set at the Extravaganza.



A group of youngsters played a version of musical chairs using milk cans.



Marin and Liam Bushar tried their hands at starting a fire with a piece of iron, a rock and a bit of fabric. The two were visiting Owatonna from Irving, Texas. Rod Kauten came from Iowa to demonstrate the way early settlers started a fire.

Nothing deters Extravaganza lovers

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
KAREN M. JORGENSEN

The heat and humidity Sunday didn't keep Owatonna and Steele County residents from attending the Steele County Historical Society's 33rd annual Extravaganza at the Village of Yesteryear.

Sunday's event included a variety of new attractions as well some old favorites.

There was a variety of musical entertainment, including first-time attendees The Skalley Line. Fred Keller played the mandolin while Mike Chew accompanied him on guitar and banjo. Keller, who lives in Sandstone, also entertained the audience with stories of pioneer days in the area.

As a lead-in to a song he wrote, Keller told the tale of a man to traveled to Bruno, Minn. where he came upon the Doyle Brothers who, among other businesses, provided alcohol to the workers at the sandstone quarries. The Doyles, he pointed out, hired a man name Black Jack Dawson who added "knockout drops" to those workers drinks who were a little too slow to pay. This story, he said, led him to write the song "Black Jack Dawson and Three Little Drops" which he sang for the audience.

The name, The Skalley Line, comes from a railroad that at one time ran between Swede Hollow in St. Paul to Duluth.

While most of Keller's mandolins were traditional instruments he did demonstrate his abilities on what he called the "commodium," a mandolin made

out of a metal bedpan. His partner, Chew, is a banjo and guitar maker from the Twin Cities.

Luverne Wanous and Hans Horman were also on hand to play their music on the front porch of the Durnell House. There was an organist playing the Saco Church pump organ as well as a string quartet.

Another new feature at the event was a petting zoo, which featured several goats, some piglets, steers and a mother cat with eight kittens.

Gary Myers of Lake City was also on hand to demonstrate his woodcarving skills. Normally, he said, he attends rendezvous events as a blacksmith.

As a blacksmith, he said, his interest is in early American blacksmithing methods which he described as the simplest and requiring the least equipment.

There were old time games for the kids, rendezvous participants, demonstrations of rope making, clothes washing and quilting and other activities.

Food was plentiful also with sloppy joes, locally-made brats, pork burgers, bucht, ice cream, pie, old fashioned soda floats and kettle corn available.

A free event, Extravaganza is supported by the premier event sponsor Zumbro River Brand with additional sponsorship from Kibble Equipment, Owatonna Park and Rec and Tri M Graphics.

The Village of Yesteryear is operated by the Steele County Historical Society and open from May 1 to Sept. 30. The History Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday



Fred Keller and Mike Chew entertained the crowd with their music and stories of early settlements in Pine County in northern Minnesota.

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Steele County resident Al Rysavy demonstrated ropemaking on a rope braider from 1901.



Bonnie Cole of Owatonna was on hand to demonstrate quilting. Cole is the co-chair of the local Heritage Quilting Group. The group meets once a month where they have a business session, program and a show and tell of their quilts. "I love to quilt," Cole said, adding she learned to sew from her grandmother.



Four-year-old Penelope Zapata showed off one of the kittens at the petting zoo.