

Race for a cure at Relay

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People from all over the county flocked to the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna Friday night for the 26th year of the Relay For Life in Steele County.

“The relay started in 1985 with one person,” Rick Jeddeloh of the American Cancer Society said. “You’re all here because of one person.” That person was Dr. Gordon Klatt who, in 1985, walked and ran for 24 hours on a track in Tacoma, Wash., in order to raise money for cancer.

Jeddeloh, a cancer survivor of nine years, shared the history of the event to all those in attendance and thanked them for their support. “Without the relay, we wouldn’t have the stories that we have,” he said. “When the relay started in 1985 there were 4 million survivors in the U.S., in 2016 there’s 16 million survivors in the U.S.”

Each survivor has a story to tell, survivors like Maggie Dixon, who was first diagnosed in 1993 with breast cancer. At the start of this year, Dixon was also diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. “I feel very blessed to be asked to say a few words tonight,” she told the audience. “So

many of you have stories to tell about you’re journey.”

“My journey with cancer started in 1993,” she said. “My second bout came in 2010 with the same breast.” Dixon explained that in January of this year doctors also found cancer in her kidney which started in her pancreas. “The good news is that I have made it 26 years and much of it was due to research, early detection, good surgery and excellent health care.”

Dixon also credited the support of family and friends, including her husband and daughter. “I had my first



Tom Johnson, this year’s honorary chair, and fellow survivor Maggie Dixon, lead cancer survivors on the first lap of the Relay For Life in Steele County. The relay was held Friday night in on the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna.

Big Boy roars again



With a plume of black smoke and billowing steam, Union Pacific 4014 makes its way into Owatonna for a planned stop at Morehouse Park July 17.

NRHEG kids become engineers for a day

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
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Summer school students in grades K-6 at the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale- Geneva (NRHEG) Elementary School became engineers for the day, thanks to the Works Museum.

The Works Museum of Bloomington, is a hands-on engineering and design museum for kids and their grown-ups. The Works makes engineering fun for kids with hands-on activities, real tools and everyday materials.

Riley Leonard brought the Works Museum on wheels to the NRHEG Elementary School in Ellendale on July 15.

Two workshops were presented. One was a Circuit Explore Workshop for those kids in grades K-3. The other workshop was about building a motor power object.

The K-3 student group heard Leonard tell about the engineering museum for kids. “What is engineering?” Leonard asked the younger kids. “They build electronic things,” responded Isaac Carnuggio, a third grader.

“Engineers solve problems,” volunteered one of the three teachers with the first group. Teachers helping with the engineering projects were Kaie Knudson, Bev Krause Park and Kari Buendorf.

Each student was given a AA-battery, a button battery and a Christmas light to explain what an electrical circuit is. The students were then given two plastic cups to complete the circuit project.

“We’re going to be electrical engineers today,” Leonard told the excited students.

“You’re going to learn some pretty cool stuff,” said

Train lovers catch glimpse of railroad history

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
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Hundreds, maybe more, people lining the railroad tracks could hear the “long, lonesome whistle” of Union Pacific 4014 long before it came into view as it roared around the curve into Owatonna.

They had started to gather early last Wednesday morning, July 17, along the Union Pacific tracks to await the expected 10:45 a.m. arrival of the massive steam engine nicknamed Big Boy. The line stretched from before the Morehouse Park crossing to several blocks to the north, near the site where the Rock Island Railroad Depot once stood.

Steam engines were replaced by diesels many decades ago but Big Boy’s arrival was special for reasons other than simply being a relic from the past. It is the last operating engine of its class, the largest steam engines ever built, according to Union Pacific.

It has taken a multi-year restoration project to get the engine ready to travel the rails again under its own power in celebration of the completion of the transcontinental railway with the driving of the “Golden Spike” at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869.

“It’s the last of the giants.”

Todd Hale
Railroad Buff

Built to primarily operate between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne, Wyo. in the 1940s and 1950s, none of the Big Boys ever passed through Owatonna during their 20 years of service. But that did nothing to dampen local enthusiasm for the visit.

Trains hold a fascination for many Americans and a number of those waiting for Boy Boy’s arrival recalled how they either had model trains as children or had them as children and still had them today. Children waiting for the locomotive still said they had model railroads.

“I’m a huge train fan,” said Scott Kotnour, who had driven to Owatonna from the Twin Cities and planned to follow it all the way to its overnight destination at Union Depot in St. Paul.

His father, he explained, grew up in Chicago next to the railroad tracks. His two brothers also have big HO layouts, he said.

“I think I have that engine (UP 4014) in HO,” he added.

Another out-of-town visitor was Otto Schenk, who is from New Ulm.

“I came here just for the train,” Schenk said. “I have had a Lionel set since 5 or 6 years old.” His son had brought him to Owatonna because, “grandpa needed a ride.”

Another who made the trip from the cities was Jim Alexander who acknowledged that people had come for miles to see the train. It is unusual to see a train engine this large, he said, because it based in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Not that there were not plenty of Owatonna and Steele County residents waiting for Big Boy.

Owatonna Larry Hofschulte had brought his three grandchildren, Anna, Wyatt and Adelia, who live in Rochester, out to see the engine. Wyatt, he said, had a train set up at his house in Owatonna.

Todd Hale said the arrival of the engine brought back memories for him as he and wife,



Larry Hofschulte of Owatonna brought his grandchildren, who live in Rochester, to see the historic engine. Hundreds of people showed up to see the engine.

BP students study government

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
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Six Blooming Prairie High School seniors learned more about state, county and local government during a week-long stay at Girls State and Boys State.

The Blooming Prairie American Legion Post 52 and Auxiliary each sponsored three individuals at Boys State and Girls State.

Representing American Legion Post 52 at Boys State were D.J. Stender, Jack Matson and Adam Larson. The Legion Auxiliary sent three girls to Girls State: Baylee Sorenson, Kisha Aquino and Viridiana Villarreal.

Boys State was held June 9-15 on the campus of St. John’s University in St. Cloud. Girls State was held June 9-15 at Bethel University in St. Paul.

The Times met with the three Girls Staters and two of the three Boys Staters during a group interview. Adam Larson was unable to attend the interview.

Minnesota American Legion Boys State and Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are week-long experiences of learning about Minnesota government at the local, county and state levels by “doing.” It is a week of intensive study and involvement.

Boys State participants actually organize and participate in the various levels and branches of government in addition to participating in athletics, music, writing for the newspaper or holding leadership positions across all levels of the program.

Every boy participates in the process of city, county and state government. Minnesota Boys State is a program for young men who have just completed their junior year of high school.

Highlights of the week include political speakers, mock trials, campaigning, elections, and announcement of the Boys State Governor and State Constitutional Officers.

Girls State is a program for young women who have just completed their junior years of high school. Participants organize and participate in the various levels and branches of government.

Every girl is a citizen of a city, a county and the state as well as a member of a political party.

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OUR VIEW

DHS crisis needed to fix the ailing state agency

A crisis within Minnesota’s mammoth Department of Human Services comes at a good time for a complete analysis to see if the agency is really functioning like it should be. Most will agree it hasn’t for years.

Over the past few weeks, it has been the talk of the state. Minnesota’s DHS is in shambles and in desperate need of repair.

Earlier this month the top two deputy commissioners abruptly resigned, causing widespread speculation that things are running amok with the state’s largest government agency. Within days, Commissioner Tony Lourey resigned, followed by his chief of staff, Stacie Weeks. The two deputy commissioners then opted to stay on after all and withdrew their resignations.

Gov. Tim Walz has decided to take a careful path to figuring out how to fix the fractured agency. He appointed Pam Wheelock, a well-respected veteran in state government, as acting commissioner. Walz wants a complete overhaul of what’s happening within the agency before making permanent plans.

Wheelock is expected to analyze, stabilize and clean up the agency before a permanent commissioner is named. It may take considerable time to do, but it’s the right thing to do.

For a long time, many people have criticized DHS for growing too complex and too large to be efficient and accountable. Most people would not disagree that DHS needs to be restructured and revamped from top to bottom.

Undoubtedly, DHS, like most government agencies, is experiencing growing pains. What worked 10 or 15 years ago may not work today. It needs to be overhauled in some fashion. And the governor has vowed to get to the bottom of what’s really going on within the agency that handles the state’s welfare system. In addition to welfare, DHS is responsible for MinnesotaCare, Medicaid, food stamps, nursing homes, assisted living, MNSure, the state’s Sex Offender program and much more.

Sometimes it takes a crisis like what’s currently going on at DHS to make monumental and lasting changes for the better. Any sort of crisis brings on new opportunity. Let’s hope DHS is now finally on the path to sorting out what ails it.

Once the total overhauling is done, all Minnesotans will benefit from it and make our government run smoother.

GUEST COLUMN

Poll shows teachers still unaware of their union membership options

BY CATRIN WIGFALL

For over a year now, teachers have had the freedom to choose whether to financially support a government union. Their freedom to choose was reinforced on June 27, 2018 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mark Janus in *Janus v. AFSCME*.

But there’s an information gap regarding this choice and what it means for teachers and their rights. Three in four teachers have not heard of *Janus v. AFSCME*, according to a national poll of 1,003 teachers conducted by YouGov on behalf of Teacher Freedom. Fifty-two percent of teachers surveyed thought they were required to pay dues to a union to keep their jobs.

The poll also revealed several misconceptions teachers have about what happens if they leave the union. For example, just over a third of teachers believed the terms of the negotiated collective bargaining agreement would no longer apply to a teacher who is not a union member. Twenty-five percent believed a non-member would not receive any pay increases negotiated by the union. Both beliefs are false.

All employees—regardless of union membership status—are covered by the union contract that dictates wages, benefits, hours and working conditions. The union is the exclusive representative of all employees in the bargaining unit and must represent all employees in good faith. Because the teachers’ union fought

for, and won, the exclusive right to be the bargaining agent for both members and nonmembers, no one else can represent all employees in the unit. In fact, the union has pushed back against reforms that would change this forced representation.

According to the poll, 84% of teachers believe they should be able to join or leave a union at any time, but only 30% say it’s easy to resign from the union. Minnesota teachers are still bound by an annual union resignation “window” that limits when they can exercise their choice regarding union membership.

Minnesota teachers are restricted to opting out from Sept. 1-30, during their busiest time of the year. Thankfully, there are resources to help teachers who want to learn about their options. If you are an educator wondering if union membership is the best choice for you, visit EducatedTeachersMN.com to learn about the pros and cons of union membership, and how to stop paying union dues.

It is important teachers understand their rights regarding union membership. The *Janus* decision empowers educators to make the right choice for them, their profession, and their students.

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YOUR VIEW

Heritage Society’s goal has been reached

To-the-Editor:
Our goal has been reached!
Thanks to the generosity of our community, the goal of placing a marker on the graves of the Patterson Bros. and a roadside sign where the farm was, has been met.

A special thanks to Hope Creamery, Ellendale Lion’s Club, Southern MN Initiative Foundation, Russ Goette for donating the silent auction item, Pattie Carlson and Jackie Froman for proceeds from the flea market, and the

many anonymous people who contributed during our fundraising. You have all helped us to make a permanent contribution to the heritage of our community.

We also thank the many people who have attended and participated in the history tours of the last three years. Without the support of you, none of this would have happened.

Barbara Mrotz
Ellendale Area Heritage Society

Melodrama produces some community fun

“It’s been an absolute blast,” affirmed Kari Bottin, director of a Blooming Prairie melodrama performed Saturday, July 20 by local actors at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club.

It indeed was a “blast” for the audience, too, which responded with uncontrollable laughter to this rollicking performance.

The play was titled “A Penny Saved or The Widow Rootstock, Fully Loaded.” The melodrama was produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. of Englewood, Colo.

The show at times resembled a skit on the Carol Burnett television show. It was slapstick comedy at its best with the local actors breaking up at times when they forgot their lines, or improvised with some new lines.

This was the fourth melodrama performed by local stock to benefit the BP Servicemen’s Club. Five organizations are involved: American Legion and Auxiliary, VFW and Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

It’s just amazingly amazing that 10 members from the community can put together a one-time performance show in such a short time.

The cast and director invested a lot of hard work in making this show a success but credit for this successful venture starts with Karen Beede and Carol Holman. They came up with the melodrama idea and were organizers behind the scene.

Karen and Carol used their years of connecting with Blooming Prairie people as a beginning to recruit volunteers, not only for the stage production, but also for sale of tickets and planning of a meal.

Sandy Jones was also a major contributor to helping create and design the set and props.

The show drew 190 guests who enjoyed snacks and a tasty meal before the production began. Jenny Cashman coordinated the dinner.

The comedic production takes place three days in the summer, sometime between 1865 and 1873.

The play centers around Dastardly villain Fouraberie Blackguard, played by Paul Heimgartner. He tells Widow Rootstock (Julie Peterson) that her late husband owed him a ranch as payment for money that the late Mr. Rootstock borrowed from him.

Widow Rootstock’s three daughters, Violet (Karla Iacovino), Shirley (Miranda Camery) and Penny (Jackie Vorliceck), ain’t buying that.

Blackguard tries every trick in the book



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

to force the oldest daughter Violet to fetch her sister and return the deed, but she’s no shrinking Violet. Blackguard uses a rope to tie up Violet and convince her to give him the property.

Violet, aka Karla, screams while being threatened by Blackguard. “You can do better than that,” Blackguard tells Violet. She then used her Carol Burnett Tarzan yell to set the crowd in more laughing motions.

Biddy, played by Shirley Hinzmann, played the accident prone maid who was tantalized by Deputy Dewey Dauntley. Shirley played the part perfectly, imitating an accident ready to happen.

Tamzen Johnson had the most colorful attire of the cast. She played Blackguard’s sidekick, Sidney Lark.

Carol Heimerman did a fantastic job as the Card Lady, inciting the audience to applaud, boo and hiss.

Some light moments included the cast members talking about going to 218 Liquor for some libation. Another fun moment



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

A melodrama was presented at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club on July 20. The principals were a team of nine actors from the Blooming Prairie area. Shown from left are: front row – Shirley Hinzmann, Julie Peterson, Tamzen Johnson, Miranda Camery and Kari Bottin; second row: Ryan Heimerman, Carol Heimerman, Karla Iacovino, Jackie Vorliceck and Paul Heimgartner.

was when Blackguard’s mustache began to droop. He ripped the mustache off his face and threw it to the floor.

The story has a happy ending with Blackguard arrested by the deputy and by the sheriff (Julie Peterson). She also played the role of the judge.

The sisters also discover gold on their property to make the ending even sweeter.

“This was community fun at its best,” said director Bottin. The actors and all of the volunteers made this production a rousing success. “We will have to do one again sometime,” she added.

As the crowd filed out, Pastor Heidi Heimgartner was asked if she was taking the scoundrel Blackguard home. “Yes, she is and she thinks she’s taking me to church tomorrow,” he chuckled.

The battle of the socks

Faded flowers end up in the compost. Sour milk goes down the drain. And old socks? Well, they normally end up back on our feet. Unless, of course, you have the problem I’m experiencing.

I’ve waged a war on my assortment of socks. And it’s one that I am quickly losing.

Sport socks, dress socks, funny socks, casual socks, you name it and they’re driving me bonkers.

I’m ending up with holes in my socks in all places. Toe area, heel area, side area and everything in between are ending up with holes in them. And it doesn’t seem to matter what brand they are.

It used to be that I could easily get a year or more out of one pair of socks, but not these days. I’m lucky I get six months now. I don’t know what it’s, but they are ending up with holes in them at a faster rate than I can wash them.

With holes appearing in every side of my socks, I’m convinced they just don’t make socks like they used. Stupid me, why would I think they would? Nothing else is made like the good old days any more.

It always amazes me how two socks that have been paired together the entire duration of wear end up with the same fate within days, sometimes hours of each other. Two socks end up being tossed out at the same time. The more I think about it, perhaps that’s a good thing otherwise I’d have one alien sock in the drawer with no match.

This past weekend I realized I am definitely losing the war on socks. I took out a



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

fairly new pair of dress socks that had been only worn maybe four times and guess what? Sure enough there was a hole in the side of one of them. Usually it’s a hole in the heels, but this time it fooled me and went on the side almost to the point of being out of sight. How could this be? I’ll probably still wear them for a few times until the hole gets larger, but they’re headed for the same demise much sooner than expected.

It’s to the point where I can’t even get to the store to buy replacements any more without holes riddling all my socks.

Tight shoes, hot washes, sweaty and rough skin, I know socks have a rough life. But really only a couple weeks?

In recent weeks, it seems like my garbage can is filling up faster with holey socks than any other garbage. I’ll confess I wear socks with holes for several times before I finally decide to part with them. I wear socks to the bitter end and beyond.

Socks, as I’m sure you’re well aware, aren’t exactly cheap. I usually look for the deals where you buy one pack and get another one free or half off. Perhaps the lousy quality is why they’re being pushed out of the store so fast.

Some people suggest just forget about wearing socks and going without. But I’m not quite that adventurous. I need to have something covering my feet.

My sock drawer is calling. It’s time for me to go in hot pursuit of figuring out how to win the battle of the socks.

Paying respects to hobo who 'caught the westbound train'

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
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The majority of those who came to see Union Pacific's Engine 4014 in Owatonna last week came out of an interest in railroads or just curiosity. But for one group of them there was a more personal reason to make the trip to Owatonna.

For them, including Ricardo and Dante and Minneapolis Jewel and Cindy Lou, it was to pay their respects to Tuck, a fellow hobo, who had recently, in hobo terminology, "caught the westbound train."

Tuck, who was married to Minneapolis Jewel, died June 20.

Minneapolis Jewel, who is herself a former Hobo Queen, said Tuck was twice given the title of Hobo King, at the National Hobo Convention in Britt, Iowa in 2007 and 2017.

The others who came Owatonna were also former Hobo kings and queens and felt it an appropriate way to show their respect, she said.

Tuck's newspaper obituary describes him as a hobo for 25 years and "an artist, craftsman, fisherman, railrider and husband, a great BS-er, loved by many for his witty repartee."

As such, he and the others may defy the tradition-



STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN JORGENSEN
Several of the Hobo royalty were more than willing to pose for selfies with those who came to see the engine.

al idea of what a hobo is. Hobos were the original migrant workers, Minneapolis Jewel explained. During the depression years, sometimes whole families would "ride the rails," following the crops and looking for work. A true hobo was not a bum and was not lazy. They simply chose a different lifestyle.

They are a "lost part of Americana," she said.

There are fewer hobos riding the rails now partly because of increased security on the trains. While some hobos may consider themselves homeless, it is by choice and most actually do have a place they call home and addresses and even a job. Many are also people who lived a hobo lifestyle at some point in their past but have now more or less settled down.

Minneapolis Jewel calls Minneapolis home and when asked where he lived Ricardo, who was Hobo King in 2016, said St. Peter.

Still, the hobos are a close-knit family that keep in touch with each other.

For the hobo community, she said, the "hobo family is more important than their real family." Hobos are very accepting of all types of people.

They are also very helpful, she added. Her house is near the tracks, she said, and when those still riding come to town they stop for a place to spend the night and ask if there is any work she needs done.

The Hobo King and Queen are chosen each year at the National Hobo Convention in Britt, Iowa. Minneapolis Jewel has been named queen five times. Dante was elected king in 2010 and Ricardo in 2016. Cindy Lou was elected queen in 2014.

The women elected as queen have not necessarily ridden the rails as much as the men, she said. Still, "I have ridden a few miles," she said.

This year's National Hobo Convention is scheduled for Aug. 8-11 in Britt.

While the Hobo Convention and Hobo Days are a community festival organized by a committee and authentic hobos are far outnumbered by non-hobos in attendance, Minneapolis Jewel, Cindy Lou, Dante and Ricardo will all be there as Tuck's ashes will be buried at the Hobo cemetery.

BIG BOY ROARS: *again* FROM A1

Mary, had lived in an apartment only a block or so away from the Morehouse crossing when they were first married.

"Isn't this something," he said, as he recalled hearing the whistle of the trains. It was a Rock Island track at the time and once in a while a steam train would go through, Hale said. A number of years ago the Challenger, a slightly smaller Union Pacific steam locomotive made a stop in Owatonna, also drawing a large crowd although not as large as Big Boy.

"It's the last of the giants," Hale said.

Discussing trains with Hale, Joe Svoboda said he been "into trains" since he was a kid. He said he remembered all the lines that had gone through Owatonna: Rock Island, Chicago-Northwestern and Union Pacific.

He said he had even heard that at one time there was a "hobo village" in Owatonna near the tracks running by the canning company.

that was being done in Owatonna with air hoses like a "big grease gun." Watching this work being done gave a good look at just how large the massive wheels of the engine were

The train had spent the previous night in Mason City where this work could take place. After leaving Mason City it made a short 15-minute stop in Albert Lea and was ready for a longer stop in Owatonna. There would be another 15-minute stop in Northfield before heading to its overnight destination in St. Paul where the train would be on display the next day.

In addition to the stops, the train was drawing attention as it traveled north to St. Paul. There were numerous reports circulating of crowds waiting in Ellendale and Hope to catch a glimpse of the train as it passed through.

The restoration work was completed just in time for Big Boy to celebrate the joining of east and west with the pounding of the

Union Pacific 4014, Big Boy
Built: 1941, delivered to Union Pacific Dec. 1941; retired in Dec. 1961
Length: 132 feet
Weight: 1.2 million pounds
Wheels: 4-8-8-4 wheel arrangement
Water capacity: 24,000 gallons
Fuel: Originally coal; now configured to No. 5 oil
Tender Type: 14-wheeled
Number of Big Boys Built: 25; seven now on display in museums; 4014 only one still operating

Union Pacific's website continuously updates the train's location as it makes it way across the UP system and many of those waiting in Owatonna were using their smartphones to keep track of the progress. The Big Boy was late in arriving but the wait did not deter the enthusiasm of those waiting.

One the train was stopped they had a chance to get close to the engine while still being careful to stay clear of the steam billowing out. And for those who got close enough, a chance to ask questions of Conductor Jim Leonard.

While the visitors had come to get a close look at the train, for the nine-member crew the stop was a chance to do some needed work.

In addition to making sure the boiler has enough water, crew members said, about every 60 to 80 miles grease needs to be injected into the side rods, a task

Golden Spike with a public appearance, along with UP's other historic steam engine No. 844, May 9 in Ogden. The celebration could not be held at the actual location, Union Pacific information said, because the company no longer has tracks near Promontory Summit. They were removed to support scrap metal projects during World War II.

With the anniversary celebration in Ogden complete Big Boy was ready for the "Great Race Across the Midwest."

Engine 4014 left the Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyo. on July 8 making brief whistle-stops in communities along the way. It is making longer stops, such as in St. Paul, in eight communities. During these stops the rail car walk-through exhibition is open to the public.

The train is scheduled to arrive back in Cheyenne on Aug. 8.



STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN JORGENSEN
Two crew members work to grease the rods of the engine during the stop in Owatonna. The two men up close to the engine shows the massive size of the wheels which are nearly as tall as they are.



STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN JORGENSEN
Conductor Jim Leonard made time to talk to those who had gathered to see the historic engine and answer questions.

BP STUDENTS: *study government* FROM A1

Unlike a summer or recreational camp, American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State is a week of studying and learning by involvement.

Stender and Matson both were impressed with their week at Boys State. "It was very fun and we were encouraged to meet new people," said Stender.

Matson said the camaraderie "was a blast." He said "lots of ideas were exchanged" and Boys Staters worked through the legislative process. "One of our bills addressed settling civil disputes by dueling," he laughed.

Both Stender and Matson were members of the Federalist Party. All Boys Staters, some 250, were encouraged to participate in sports, choir or band. Stender played in the band.

An estimated 300 girls attended Minnesota Girls State. Aquino was a Nationalist and Sorenson and Villarreal were both Federalists.

"It was an awesome week and we met so many nice people," Aquino said. Getting up in the morning was a challenge for Kisha, she said, because she and her roommates often stayed up until 3 a.m.

Villarreal said she was the first one up in her room. Sorenson said the week enabled her to meet new friends. "Yes, I really did make new friends," she related.

Aquino represented the county of Walleye and City of Muskie. Sorenson was from the County of Loon and City of Pheasant. Villarreal hailed from the County of Norway Pine and City of Birch.

The Blooming Prairie Girls Staters heard some interesting messages brought by an FBI agent, by an attorney, by a county sheriff, by a Supreme Court justice and by Gov. Tim Walz. All were women except Gov. Walz.

Stender represented Cook County and Jack was given the home county of Kittson.

Politics interests Aquino because her family was very active in politics in the Philippines. Corazon Aquino became the first woman president of the Philippines.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Wearing their Boys State and Girls State shirts are Blooming Prairie's representatives to Boys State and Girls State. The boys were sponsored by American Legion Post 52 and the girls were sent by American Legion Auxiliary Post 52. Shown in the front row from left are Kisha Aquino, Virdi Villarreal and Baylee Sorenson; back row— D.J. Stender and Jack Matson. Adam Larson is not pictured.

All Blooming Prairie Staters said they were impressed with how governments work.

"Our government has worked for a long time but at times it is all jumbled up," said Matson.

Villarreal said she learned through the legislative process of passing bills that "why pass it, if it's not perfect."

Matson said two words were emphasized during the week, compromise and bipartisan.

"Everyone must work together in government," Villarreal said.

Boys Staters and Girls Staters from Blooming Prairie agreed that they all became more patriotic after the week of studying government.

Holding a green card, Aquino said America has given her an education and she believes she should give something back. "I was given a place in which to grow," she explained.

Spending a week at Girls State gave Sorenson "a clearer understanding about government" but

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NRHEG KIDS: *become engineers for a day* FROM A1



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Fifth trader Clara Buendorf is very intense as she works on a Works Museum project of making a jiggle bot.

instructor Leonard. Fourth grader Kendrick Spies was the only one of both groups to have visited the Works Museum. "I learned a lot there and hope to learn more today," Kendrick said.

With the equipment given to each student, it was their challenge to light up the spider-looking creature.

"Wires make the light shine," said one of the students. Mason Pederson.

"What is a circuit?" Leonard asked his pupils. They then learned about "conductors" and "insulators."

"Where does electricity come from?" "Power lines," Carnuggio quickly replied.

The students were asked what was different when each battery was used separately. "The one was brighter than the other," answered Pederson.

The group also experimented with LED lighting. "Mr. Riley, I'm not even

holding the wire and it lights up," offered Carnuggio.

Following a successful session of lighting up their bulbs, cleanup was next on the docket. That's when the kids became the noisiest. "They really wanted to learn more about being an engineer," said Leonard.

"I learned that circuits are really fun," said Carnuggio.

The next session for those in grades 4-6 followed a similar path but their project is more complex.

Leonard distributed small motors to all class members and helped them assemble a motor-driven item called a "jiggle bot." Students had a chance to design their own small robots using pipe cleaners, eyesa, foam, straws, markers, popsicle sticks, etc.

The older group was more demonstrative than

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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



Zachary Bongers

Police had themselves asking, “What’s in a name anyway?” after an incident in Owatonna.

On July 14, a resident came to the Law Enforcement Center requesting help in getting some unwanted persons out of a residence. Officers responded to the home in the 500 block of S. Cedar Avenue where they located three unwanted people.

One of the persons denied having identification and provided his name and birthday. Officers attempted to confirm the given identity, but soon the state database had a different photo than the person they were dealing with. A short time later, a sister to the man arrived and provided his real name.

Once officers had the real name, they found out he had an outstanding arrest warrant. Police took Zachary Bongers, 27, of Faribault into custody for the warrant. He was also charged with giving a peace officer the false name of another person, which is a gross misdemeanor.

Bongers admitted to police that he knew he had a warrant and using his brother’s name.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Event brings police, community together for a fun night

BY HOWARD LESTRUD

STAFF WRITER

Blooming Prairie’s Third Annual National Night Out will be held Tuesday, July 30, beginning at 5 p.m. in Central Park.

The Blooming Prairie Police Department is again sponsoring the event. Other sponsors include: Minimizer, Jennifer Walsh Real Estate, Keller Williams Premier Realty, B to Z Hardware, the Kris Heichel Team, KIK Marketing and the BP Dairy Queen.

This year’s event will be combined with the Blooming Prairie Bike Rodeo. The Bike Rodeo was held the past two years in the Minimizer corporate parking lot.

Kids are encouraged to bring their bikes and learn more about bicycle safety. A free helmet will be provided by Jennifer Walsh Real Estate and Keller Williams Premier Realty. Walsh will present a testimonial about bicycle safety.

Hot dogs and chips will be served. Karen Peterson of Confections by Karen will provide the dessert. She has become very famous for her homemade cookies and cupcakes.

Typically, National Night Out is held around the country on the first Tuesday of August to promote safety in neighborhoods.

Police Chief Greg Skillestad and Officer

Dan Peach organized the National Night the past two years and promise that this year’s event will again be a popular community family activity.

More than 300 people attended last year’s event. Many family games will be featured, including ski ball, basketball, soccer games, duck pond, zombie tagdigging for gold and outdoor bowling. A bounce house will also be in the park for the kids.

Other activities planned include a taser demonstration at 7 p.m. Officer Peach said the victim will be a surprise. It could be Officer Peach, or maybe Chief Skillestad. That’s strictly rumor.

Police, fire and rescue

will have their vehicles at the park and available for tours. Local businesses and organizations will also have displays at the park.

National Night Out gives the public the chance to interact with officers and have a fun community night, says Skillestad. “It will be a fun community event and visitors will not be disappointed,” said Peach.

Live music will be provided by DJ Izzy. An outdoor movie is planned at dusk.

The evening will also feature a Rice/Steele 911 Dispatch Center display.

Those attending the evening’s activities will also have the opportunity



FILEPHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad and his wife Allyson give out another pulled pork sandwich during the 2018 National Night Out event at Central Park in BP. Picking up the sandwich is Reid Magana, 5, of Owatonna.

National Night Out

Tuesday, July 30

5 p.m.

Central Park

Blooming Prairie

Fairgrounds- Owatonna

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 8 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Mackey K. Drake, 41, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of order for protection. Drake was sentenced to \$131 and 24 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Robyn L. Hager, 44, Medford, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of predatory offender registration. The defendant was sentenced to \$581, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state and 3 years of supervised probation.

Andrew J. Haman, 32, Laporte, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of amphetamine/PCP/hallucinogens. He was sentenced to \$131 and 85 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 8 – 14:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alexis Alejo, 20, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Jamie L. Cox, 20, Dexter, seat belt, \$106; Esmeralda E. Guzman, 26, Austin, expired tabs, \$111; Michael A. Madison, 29, Dexter, seat belt, \$106; Queintin L. Matthews, 33, Jeanerette, LA, invalid license and no insurance, \$381.

MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Michael C. Marcus, 63, Ellendale, ATV registration violation, \$106.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Victoria K. Bettles, 21, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$141; Krista R. Brenno, 48, Minnetonka, speeding, \$121; Jessie R. Cooper, 20, River Vale, NJ, speeding, \$121; George T. Cusack, 44, Northfield, speeding, \$131; Lyle F. Daschner, 70, Janesville, seat belt, \$106; Clark C. Gustafson, 65, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Colton L. Hanson, 24, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; Mariana C. Hernandez, 18, Hollandale, seat belt, \$106; Danielle L. Herrera-Markwald, 46, Spring Lake Park, speeding, \$141; Pamela C. Hilden, 65, Montrose, owner allow illegal operation, \$181; Barbara J. Hillesheim, 50, New Ulm, speeding, \$131; Mackenzie M. Hoy, 26, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Nicholas J. Huebl, 19, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Jonathan J. Kauffman, 25, Barronett, WI, speeding, \$221; Chase A. Kraft, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Charles G. Lamothe, 20, Prairie Village, KS, speeding, \$131; David A. Lewis, 47, Excelsior, speeding, \$131; McKenna L. Mages, 22, Courtland, speeding, \$121; Victor H. Medina Namcela, 36, Hudson, WI, no license, \$181; Jacob D. Meskan, 19, Waterville, seat belt, \$106; Erica A. Nelson, 30, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Anna M. Newhouse, 31, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Joseph J. Ornelas, 36, Medford, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Barbara J. Ostendorf, 67, Waseca, careless driving, \$181; Eusebio L. Otero, 28, St. Paul, no license, \$181; Savannah R. Pietsch, 34, Las Vegas, NV, speeding, \$131; Chad A. Powell, 44, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Tyler O. Prestegard, 34, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Travis L. Raddatz, 23, Ostrander, seat belt, \$106; Jilene J. Rappe, 47, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Kasandra A. Rewey, 22, Cottage Grove, speeding, \$131; Daniel J. Rivera Escandon, 18, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$131; Abraham D. Ryan, 25, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131; Sangeena Sharma, 43, Marlon, IA, speeding, \$121; Christopher J. Smith, 47, Faribault,

cancelled license, \$81 and 1 year in county jail; Jayson A. Smith, 36, Albuquerque, NM, no registration, no insurance and possession of marijuana, \$531; Jose F. Vega, 39, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Courtney D. Williams, 28, Albert Lea, no license, \$181.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saladho H. Ahmed, 27, Faribault, permit violation and stop sign, \$181; Angela D. Andresen, 44, Owatonna, domestic assault, diversion program and 1 year of supervised probation; Tay L. Beckjorden, 22, Faribault, theft, \$132.99; Amanda M. Calhoun, 31, Owatonna, driving through barricade, \$121; Robert H. Crandall, 56, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$106; Dawn M. Dickie, 48, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Ryder L. Fitz, 17, Hollandale, speeding, \$141; Sean R. Gerlach, 18, Medford, muffler violation and speeding, \$171; Aleisha M. Gordon, 26, St. Paul, headlamps violation and improper information on license, \$141; Molly A. Hensrud, 28, Ottertail, suspended license, \$281; Bertha M. Jackson, 33, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Vernon A. Johnson, 42, Owatonna, falsely reporting crime, \$281 and 1 day in county jail; Garrett M. Larson, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Clifford J. Marshall, 36, Owatonna, DWI, \$306, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Robert L. Mast, 21, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Brenden M. McMann, 19, Hope, speeding, \$221; Marco A. Mendez, 38, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Daniel W. Miller, 57, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Reinaldo Quesada, 44, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$106; Christopher Ramirez, 36, Memphis, TX, DWI, \$156, 97 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or and domestic assault, controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend support groups,

cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, electronic monitoring and 2 years of supervised probation; Abraam Rodriguez, 18, Owatonna, seat belt and no insurance, \$306; Michael J. Shinabarger, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Jessalyn S. Traulich, 32, Northfield, failure to yield, \$100; Hunter M. Wright, 18, Geneva, seat belt, \$106; Luis A. Zelaya Rivera, 32, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dalton J. Andersen, 32, Owatonna, failure to drive in single lane and speeding, \$171; Dakota C. Anderson, 22, Mankato, speeding, \$121; Jessica L. Cole, 25, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Payton R. Cooper, 19, Mankato, speeding, \$141; Paige L. Ersland, 24, Ridle, OR, expired tabs, \$111; Joseph R. Fisher, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jennifer L. Gable, 38, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Charles R. Gatewood, 45, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Jeremiah K. Gbojueh, 44, St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Abdifatah A. Hujale, 19, Faribault, cancelled license and permit violation, \$331; Ahmed M. Ismail, 32, Owatonna, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Shantonia D. Jackson, 30, Owatonna, suspended registration, \$381; Lane H. Lembke, 16, Blooming Prairie, speeding and failure to drive in single lane, \$171; Hawa C. Lual, 44, Rochester, speeding, \$221; Michael J. McClatchey, 45, Owatonna, suspended registration, \$381; Eran M. Miller, 24, Wells, suspended license, \$281; Valentina Miranda, 31, Minneapolis, speeding and revoked license, \$341; Benjamin J. Ngalawa, 23, Katy, TX, speeding, \$221; Michael J. Nylund, 40, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Tyler O. Prestegard, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Roberts L. Robert, 55, Orrick, MO, speeding, \$141; Scott W. Simpson, 36, Denver, CO, speeding and prohibited passing, \$171; Jenifer S. Stursa, 43, Medford, failure to yield and careless driving, \$231; Anthony M. Thomas, 38,

Faribault, cancelled license, \$281; Abigail R. Weis, 18, Holmen, WI, speeding, \$221; Roger A. Wilcox, 52, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Shalene H. Wilson, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Ryan M. Zimmer, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE

July 17

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 300 block of 3rd St. SE at 5:59 p.m.

OWATONNA POLICE

July 12

Drugs: Drug activity was reported in the 100 block of School St. W. at 12:01 a.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1900 block of Wildflower Dr. NE at 10:45 a.m.

Restraining Order: Police responded to a restraining order violation in the 400 block of Oak Ave. S. at 12:05 p.m.

Arrest: At 9:11 p.m., police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Riverside Ave. NW.

July 13

Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:36 a.m.

Theft: Police received a theft report from the 200 block of Lincoln Ave. S. at 3:43 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at Cedar Ave. N. and Nature Valley Place NW at 6:21 p.m.

July 14

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:23 a.m.

Threats: Officers responded to a subject making threats in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 9:48 a.m.

Theft: Officer issued a theft citation in the 300

block of Park Dr. NW at 4:07 p.m.

July 15

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:12 a.m.

Theft: At 1:57 p.m., a citizen reported identity theft in the 700 block of Bridge St. W.

Restraining Order: Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 700 block of El Dorado Lane SE at 2:49 p.m.

Mental Health: Police responded to a mental health incident in the 700 block of Paris Place SE at 5:41 p.m.

Crashes: Motor vehicle accidents with injuries occurred in the 1700 block of Cedar Valley Dr. NW at 8:44 p.m. and the 1200 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:21 p.m.

July 16

Fraud: Police took reports of fraud incidents in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:11 p.m. and the 400 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:09 p.m.

July 17

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 100 block of Clark Dr. NW at 9:04 a.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report at Birch Ave. NE and Rose St. E. at 10:05 a.m.

Shoplifting: Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:50 a.m.

Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Rose St. E. at 4:57 p.m.

July 18

Arrest: Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 8:35 a.m.

Threats: Officers responded to a subject making threats in the 1600 block of Wedgewood Dr. NE at 12:38 p.m.

Probation: Police made a probation violation arrest in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 5:02 p.m.

SEE BLOTTER, A5

WARRANTS:

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

1.

Nancy Heim – DWI - \$1,000 bail

2.

Juan Hernandez – motor vehicle - \$1,000 bail

3.

Jeffrey Herzog – disorderly conduct - \$1,000 bail

4.

Faithful Hill – damage to property – no bail

5.

Landen Hill – assault – no bail

6.

Rodney Hill – traffic - \$1,000 bail

7.

Laquan Hillard – weapon without permit - \$3,000 bail

8.

Fahad Hilowle – DWI - \$12,000 bail

9.

Thomas Hitchcock – revoked license - \$500 bail

10.

Brandy Hodges – domestic assault - \$1,000 bail

11.

Damian Hortop-Rocha – burglary – no bail

12.

Dominic Hosteller – disorderly conduct - \$400 bail

13.

Brittany Hoverkamp – disorderly conduct - \$1,000 bail

14.

Renant Hubbard – controlled substance – no bail

15.

Andrew Hull – DWI - \$3,000 bail

16.

Rachel Hutchins – theft – no bail

17.

Spencer Hutchinson – DWI – no bail

18.

Trung Huynh – drugs – no bail

19.

Gloria Ibarra – warrant - \$30,000 bail

20.

Nicolas Ibarra – DWI – 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 21, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

For Arden Wold of Blooming Prairie, serving his nation seemed like the right thing to do. Wold is turning 90 soon and lives at the Heather Haus in BP. He has many fond memories of serving and doing his part. He graduated from BP in 1938 and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942.

The Blooming Prairie City Council approved the resolution for the \$300,000 Obligation Water Revenue B Series 2009B to fund the Highway 30 project. The interest rate is going to be very reasonable at 3.51%.

Phase two of the construction at Blooming Prairie High School is going smoothly. Superintendent Barry Olson hopes to be in all areas by Aug. 19. Crews from about 30 companies have been hard at work with demolition work and currently finishing up block and brick work.

Bret Hansen of Owatonna took home the “Best in Show” honors at this year’s Fourth Annual Car Show during Blooming Prairie’s Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration. Hansen beat out 54 other participants for the award. He was given \$200 in prize money.

Doug Miner, owner of Miner’s Outdoor and Rec, is retiring from the Minnesota National Guard after 21 years of service, three of which were in active duty with the Army. Miner enlisted two days after his high school graduation in 1988.

20 Years Ago July 20, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

When Chad Hein got a phone call while working at Viracon from his wife, Audre, in the wee hours of

the morning last week, little did he realize what was about to unfold. And when Blooming Prairie Police Officer Mark Lang went on duty July 12, he figured it would be another quiet night in Blooming Prairie. All three found out very quickly how seconds count when they delivered a baby boy at 3 a.m. in Hein’s upstairs bathroom.

Fixing the infiltration problem in the city sewer system was almost a given, but the hefty price tag for change will give council members their toughest test in finding financing in recent years. Depending on what the council decides to do costs for upgrading/replacing start at \$35,000 and go up to \$515,000. The council also learned that six trailers remain at the former trailer court in Blooming Prairie.

The Litomysl community spirit will be felt everywhere in the air at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl on July 25 as the 140 families of the parish host their 28th annual Litomysl Summer Festival. This country-style festival draws thousands of people as the Czech community of Litomysl puts on their annual fundraiser to help support St. Isidore’s School.

50 Years Ago July 16, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

This year’s Crazy Day promotion in Blooming Prairie has been scheduled for all day Friday of next week, July 25, it was announced today by the Civic Progress Club’s promotion committee. The event will be staged, rain or shine, starting when the stores open in the morning and continuing to 9 p.m.

Strong winds in the Blooming Prairie area last Sunday morning uprooted a tree on the Bernard Kubicek property and it fell onto their garage.

Jerry Ingvalson, president of the Blooming Prairie Future Farmers of America Chapter, attended the National FFA Leadership and Citizenship Conference in Washington, D.C., the week of July 7-12. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ingvalson of Blooming Prairie.

Winners of trophies for the five best Petunia displays in conjunction with Blooming Prairie’s second annual Petunia Festival held last Saturday and Sunday were announced. They are: Alvin Frey, Mrs. John Haubenschild, Mrs. Agnes Strand, Ray Wanous and Noel Wobschall.

Howard Bode, a 1969 graduate of the University of Minnesota Institute of Agriculture, has recently joined the Vo-Ag staff of the Blooming Prairie Public School system. He will be filling the position of high school vo-ag instructor and FFA advisor vacated by Truman Tillerlaas.

75 Years Ago July 20, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Staff sergeant Raymond P. Svatos, who was missing in action since May 5, was reported killed the same day in a telegram received last Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Svatos of Owatonna. He was killed on a bombing mission over the Ploesti oil fields in Romania.

The biggest premiums for registered Belgians and Percherons in Minnesota county fairs are paid right in Owatonna at the Steele County Free Fair, Aug. 15-20. And with the Morocco spotted horse show this year at Owatonna, this horse show will really be some thing to see.

Blooming Prairie hemp mill made its first shipment of processed hemp fibre Tuesday. Two carloads went out by Milwaukee freight. One car had a gross weight of 25,759 pounds of hemp. Another car contained 44,593 pounds of hemp.

suspended license, failure to obtain new license after information change and windshield violation, \$340.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Kasey E. Kersting, 19, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Dallas J. Laqua, 25, Claremont, speeding, \$120; Taya A. Lindquist, 19, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Nicholas J. Loomis, 28, Dodge Center, speeding, \$120; Mercedes K. Luepke, 29, Kasson, speeding, \$130.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Katie J. Borgesen, 26, Dodge Center, no insurance, \$280; Nicole R. Thielen, 42, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130.

OWATONNA FIRE

July 12

Fire: At 5:43 p.m., a natural vegetation fire occurred at U.S. Highway 218 and Austin Road.

July 14

False Call: At 9:01 a.m., a malicious false call occurred at the detention center.

Crash: Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 5600 block of 38th St. SE at 10:24 p.m.

July 15

Gas Leak: Fire personnel responded to a natural gas leak at 13th St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE at 10:26 a.m.

July 16

Gas Leak: At 8:35 a.m., a natural gas leak occurred in the 1200 block of Cedar Ave. S.

July 17

Carbon Monoxide: Firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 200 block of School St. W. at 10:45 a.m.

BLOTTER: FROM A4

Restraining Order: At 10:21 p.m., a restraining order violation occurred in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF July 12

Thefts: Deputies took theft reports in the 100 block of Riverview Court in Medford at 6:06 a.m. and the 500 block of Central Ave. W. in Medford at 11:47 a.m.

Animal: Deputies received a report of animal cruelty from the 4100 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township at 9:34 p.m.

July 14

DWI: At 10:10 p.m., deputies arrested a juvenile for driving while intoxicated in the 5400 block of 38th St. SE in Havana Township.

July 15

Animal: Deputies responded to an animal call in the 3700 block of County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township at 10:23 a.m.

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 4000 block of Crane Creek Rd. in Owatonna Township at 2:58 p.m.

Theft: At 10:16 p.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from Interstate 35 in Medford Township.

July 16

Property: At 4:09 p.m., stolen property was recovered from 52nd Ave. NW and 30th St. NW in Deerfield Township.

July 17

Arrests: Deputies arrested motorists during traffic stops at Frontage Rd. E. and 69th St. NW in Medford Township at 6:46 a.m. and on Highway 14 W. in Meriden Township at 9:31 a.m.

Burglary: Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 4500 block of County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township at 4:46 p.m.

July 18
Crash: At 9:34 a.m., a motor vehicle accident occurred at 50th St. NW and County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 6900 block of 158th St. SW in Berlin Township at 5:46 p.m.

ARRESTS Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE
Dominic Kenneth Autio, 18, arrested at 9:20 a.m. July 18, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Adam John Techau, 34, arrested at 3:18 p.m. July 15, warrant arrest, \$2,000 bail.
Caleb Michael Connolly, 29, arrested at 6 p.m. July 15, warrant arrest, \$1,000 bail.
Nathaniel Anthony Jones, 31, arrested at 11:58 p.m. July 15, felony receiving stolen property, held for court.
Leonardo Jacobs Holmes, 26, arrested at 12:22 a.m. July 16, felony receiving stolen property, held for court.
Ella Odessa-Fay Gates, 26, arrested at 1:03 a.m. July 16, felony receiving stolen property, held for court.
Anthony Joseph Aunan, 49, arrested at 3:30 p.m. July 18, 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 July 7 – 14:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Kassandra Aguilar, 21, Le Sueur, speeding, \$140; Darcey M. Andrews, 34, Medford, suspended license, \$280; Austin D. Bolin, 20, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; David L. Gonzalez, 35, Granada, seat belt, \$105; Kyle A. Hadrava, 27, Pine Island, speeding, \$120; Kathy A. Hegna, 64, Plymouth, speeding, \$220; Kyle V. Herring, 42, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Luke E. Hottel, 37, Bayport, revoked license, 90 days in county jail; Steven P. Johnson, 52, Owatonna, speeding, \$220; Skye T. Ronken, 38, International Falls, speeding, \$130; Madelyn F. Rysavy, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$280; Jacqueline P. Tozier, 34, West Concord, burning permit violation, \$105; Kim I. Tysdale, 56, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Adam J. Weber, 26, Owatonna, speeding, \$140.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Micah L. Cabbage, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$280; Adrian M. Elias, 19, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Linda M. Groskreutz, 62, Pemberton, speeding, \$120; Brooke L. Hondl, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$130; Stephanie A. Knudson, 27, Stewartville, seat belt, \$105; Elio R. Lopez-Perez, 23, Blaine, invalid license, \$180; Whitney N. Lutteke, 26, Wells, speeding, \$220; Minerva D. Martinez, 25, revoked license and stop sign, \$330; Siobhan M. McKee, 26, Claremont, seat belt, \$105; Derek G. Slagter, 34, Rochester, speeding, \$130; John F. Thoe, 52, Hayfield, failure to yield, \$180; Jerrod L. Vandal, 35, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Jeremy M. Weiss, 26, Rochester, expired registration, \$110; Chad O. Wilhelm, 43, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Nathaniel J. Zaske, 28, Kasson,

Men Get Osteoporosis Too



THE SAVVY SENIOR



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*Dear Savvy Senior,
Can men get osteoporosis or is it primarily a problem for women? When I fell and broke my wrist last winter the doctor that treated me told me I might have osteoporosis, but I never got it checked. What can you tell me?
Bony Bill*

Dear Bill,
Many people think osteoporosis is a woman’s disease, but men can get it too, especially in their later years. Here’s what you should know.

OSTEOPOROSIS IN MEN

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes the bones to become weak and brittle and more susceptible to fractures. Though women are four times more likely to acquire it, around 2 million American men have osteoporosis today, and another 12 million have “pre-osteoporosis,” or osteopenia.

Unfortunately, men are much less likely than women to get the health of their bones checked even after they break a bone. That’s because doctors are often unaware of the many factors that put men at risk of osteoporosis.

While menopause is a major component that accelerates bone loss in women, some of the key risk factors for men developing osteoporosis include: being over age 70; being thin or underweight; smoking; consuming more than three alcoholic drinks a day; having a parental history of osteoporosis; and having a previous fracture.

Certain health conditions – such as rheumatoid arthritis, celiac disease, testosterone deficiency, hyperthyroidism, COPD, kidney or liver disease, and mobility disorders like Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis or stroke – can also increase your risk. In addition, so can taking certain medications like anti-inflammatory steroids, prostate cancer drugs, proton pump inhibitors for GERDs, antidepressants, immunosuppressants, and anti-seizure drugs.

To help you determine your risk of osteoporosis, the International Osteoporosis Foundation has a quick, online quiz you can take at RiskCheck.IOFBoneHealth.org.

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

A good first step in preventing and treating osteoporosis is to get screened. All men over age 70 should have a bone density test, and those who’ve had a fracture or have other risk factors should be tested after age 50. Screening for osteoporosis is a simple, painless, bone density test, which takes about five minutes. Many health insurance companies will cover bone density tests, as does Medicare.

Here’s what else you can do to protect your bones.
Boost your calcium: The best way to get bone-building calcium is through your diet. Dairy products (low-fat milk, cheeses and yogurt), dark green leafy vegetables (broccoli, kale, collards), sardines and salmon, cooked dried beans, soy foods, almonds and fortified cereals and juices are all good sources of calcium. Vitamin D is also important to help your body absorb calcium.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation recommends 1,000 mg of calcium daily for men under 70, and 1,200 mg for those over 71. They also recommend 800 to 1,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D if you’re over 50. If you’re not getting enough vitamin D through sunlight or food, consider taking a supplement. Most daily multivitamins contain at least 400 IU.

Exercise: Weight-bearing exercises like walking, and strength training with weights or resistant bands three or four times a week, can significantly improve your bone health and reduce the risk of a fall that could cause a fracture.

Control these vices: Avoid smoking, limit alcohol to no more than two or three drinks per day, and limit caffeine (coffee, tea or caffeinated soda) to three cups a day.

Consider medications: The same drugs to treat osteoporosis in women have also been approved for men. The most widely prescribed for osteoporosis are bisphosphonates, a class of drugs designed to slow or stop bone loss. Talk to your doctor about these and other medication options, as well as potential side effects.

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

BP STUDENTS: study government FROM A3

also showed her that it’s not all about government.
Villarreal said her parents came to America as illegal immigrants before she was born. “I have a better life and also feel I should give back as much as I can,” she said.
“We do have a lot of rights and we should appreciate them,” remarked Stender.
Looking to the future, Aquino said she hopes to study philos-

ophy and sociology and may go to law school or medical school. Sorenson said she plans to attend Riverland Community College and then follow up with four years of more education. She said she may become a therapist. “I actually am undecided,” she said. Villarreal plans to attend the University of Minnesota and study science and engineering.
Stender will go for a four-year degree in forensic science at the

University of Wisconsin Platteville. Matson is planning to study environmental science at Montana University.
Boys and girls both participated in mock trials. Aquino’s case was a murder trial involving a mercy killing. Villarreal’s trial centered around a weapon, legal by carry and conceal, left unattended and resulting in a killing.
The Blooming Prairie Boys

Staters and Girls Staters hope to be given a chance to recommend the week-long experience to current juniors.
“Experience it and I recommend it to anyone,” said Matson. “It’s good practice for college and you learn how to abide by a schedule,” added Stender.
“I met a lot of amazing people and the week was not as political

as I thought it would be,” commented Sorenson.
“It’s a good experience to find ways to be different and to be better leaders,” said Villarreal. “We learned a lot about government behind the scenes,” Aquino said.
“Thank you American Legion and Auxiliary,” the Blooming Prairie seniors said in unison.

“Everyone must work together in government.”

Virdi Villarreal BP Girls Stater

YOUTH BASKETBALL

KINDERGARTEN-TIKES

Non-competitive program that focuses on developing social skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and motor skills in a safe environment. T-shirt included with fee.
Cost: \$35 (after October 31: \$45)
Location: McKinley School
Program tentative dates: Dec 7, 14, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15, 22
Times: Vary

1ST & 2ND GRADE-SQUIRTS

Focuses on developing basketball skills as well as sportsmanship and teamwork. T-shirt included with fee.
Cost: \$35 (after October 31: \$45)
Location: McKinley School
Program tentative dates: Dec 7, 14, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15, 22
Times: Vary

3RD-6TH GRADE

Scrimmages and games will emphasize learning and skill development. T-shirt included with fee.
Cost: \$45 (after October 31: \$55)
Location: Practices are held at elementary schools; games are held at Owatonna Middle School
First practice and meeting: November 12, 6:00-7:00pm, Girls at OHS and Boys at Owatonna Middle School
Times: Vary
Days: Practices vary; Games are held Saturdays at Owatonna Middle School on December 14, January 4, 18 and February 1, 8, 15, 22

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Woofstock-FREE event
August 24: 10am-noon
Lake Chase Dog Park
Bring your dogs, friends, and family for a morning of playtime in the park, a dog-friendly photo booth, face painting, canoes, and local vendors!

Movie in the Park-FREE event
Our final family-friendly movie in the park is at Manthey Park on Friday, September 6. Movie begins at sunset! Help choose the movie-look for a pole on our Facebook Page! Thank you Connie Knutson-ERA, and Profinium our current movie sponsors!

Park Passport-FREE event
Be sure to look for the insert in our Park & Rec brochure! We will also post the passport on our website. Thank you to our sponsor: Straight River Sports.

City Archery Deer Hunt
November 2-23 and November 24-December 20. Application fee is \$12 to the City of Owatonna, non-refundable. Registration deadline is September 13 at 4pm. Any questions, contact Mary Jo Knudson 507-774-7364 or maryjo.knudson@ci.owatonna.mn.us

6th Annual Trick or Treat Trail-FREE event
Saturday, Oct., 26 2-4pm
Steele County Fair Grounds
Note the new location for better parking and more space! Visit local businesses along the trail for treats, games, a photo shoot, and crafts. Visit the animals in the large petting zoo, take a ride on the kiddie train ride and find treasures in the scavenger hunt! The Woof or Treat Trail will be back at this year's event! Dress up your pet and visit the separate trail with treats and goodies just for them!

OBITUARIES

Verlin Eaker, 86,formerly of BP

Verlin Eaker, 86, of Mechanicsville, Iowa passed away Sunday, July 14, 2019, at his home, nearly nine months after the passing of his beloved wife, Sharon.



Funeral Service was held Friday, July 19, 2019, at Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services, Mount Vernon, Iowa by Pastor Josh Swaim. Survivors include his children, Dawn Steiger of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Terry Eaker of Holtwood, Pa., and Scott (Karen) Eaker of Rochester; grandchildren, Dayna Steiger, and Stephanie (Jeremiah) Phams, Shauna Dietrick, Terry Jr. "TJ" (Heather) Eaker, and Koby Eaker; and Jarryd (Samantha) Eaker, and Derek Eaker; great-grandchildren, Swayzie Duecker, Caeden Dietrick, Wrigley Dietrick, Uryah Dietrick, Savannah Dietrick, Macey Eaker, Madelynn Eaker, and Carter Eaker; sister-in-law, Lana (Wes) Johnson; brother-in-law, Earl Goetz; nieces and nephews, Keri (David) Yerhart, Tara (Eric) Johnson Krumm, Chad Johnson, Greg (Carmen) Goetz, Troy (Cathy) Goetz, Susan (Leo Jr.) Matzeder, Jeff (Suzi) Goetz, Larry Worke, Dick (Jan) Worke, and Dean Mesenbring; beloved dog, Tiffany; and numerous great-nieces great-nephews, extended family, and friends.

Verlin Lyle Eaker was born June 3, 1933, in Blooming Prairie, to Amos and Mabel (Dahl) Eaker. He grew up on the farm, and graduated from high school there. He later married Sharon Kime on March 13, 1955. They resided in Austin and Blooming Prairie until moving to Cedar Rapids in 1966. They later moved to Mechanicsville in 1977.

Verlin worked in insulation and siding, and belonged to the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 81. Most recently he worked as a supervisor in the Cedar Rapids Recycling department until his retirement.

Verlin enjoyed euchre and Canadian fishing trips with Sharon, family, and friends Ernie and Joyce Ludvick.

Verlin's passion was racing; he raced stock cars from 1955 to 1980 at many Midwest tracks. Running mostly half mile tracks, he raced regularly at Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Davenport, Independence, Oskaloosa, and West Liberty. Of his many racing accomplishments, the biggest wins of his racing career included the World 100, Miller 100, Yankee Dirk Track Classic, and three consecutive Challenge Cup wins. He was awarded several Hall of Fame inductions, including the Independence Motor Speedway, Chateau Speedway in Lansing, Minnesota, National Dirt Track in Florence, Kentucky, and Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids.

Verlin was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife of 63 years, Sharon; sister, Ruby Worke; sister-in-law, Carol Goetz; brother-in-law, Jack Worke; and niece, Vickie Mesenbring.

Please share your support and memories with Verlin's family on his tribute wall at www.stewartbaxter.com under obituaries.

Burton A. Kittelson, 97, Austin

Burton A. Kittelson, age 97 of Austin, passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at home with his wife by his side.

Burton was born July 1, 1922 in Austin, to Edward F. and Berthena O. (Stemson) Kittelson. He graduated from Austin High School in 1940. On Sept. 7, 1947, he married Dorthey E. Helleck at Red Oak Grove Church in Austin.

Burton was a farmer growing corn and beans, along with raising cattle and hogs. He enjoyed traveling and fishing. Burton was a resident of rural Austin and a member of Red Oak Grove Church.

Survivors include his loving wife, Dorothy Kittelson of rural Austin; five daughters, Emilie (Don) Olbert of Grand Junction, Colo., Jean Patchen of Shawnee, Kansas, Faye Herron of Rapid City, S.D., Joanne (Steve) Hoban of Spanish Fork, Utah, Bonnie (Alan) Zerby of Rochester; 15 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward F. and Berthena Kittelson; and brother Edward Kittelson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019 at Red Oak Grove Church in rural Austin with Pastor Mike Walerius officiating. Visitation will be held 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Worlein Funeral Home in Austin and at the church one hour prior to the service on Friday. Interment to follow service at Red Oak Grove Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to donor's choice. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Lotus Ann Hanson, 81, Dexter

Lotus Ann Hanson, age 81 of Dexter, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, St. Mary's Campus.

Lotus was born March 7, 1938 in Waltham Township, the daughter of Edwin and Marie (Anderson) Paape. In 1954, while still in high school, she met Thomas Hanson at the local roller rink. The couple married on June 25, 1955 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham. They lived in the Hayfield/Waltham area all of their lives, until recently moving to Dexter.

She was a woman of strong faith and a lifelong member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham. Lotus was a very hard worker both in her career that spanned over 30 years at Crenlo in Rochester and at home raising her four children. She filled her free time tending her beautiful flower gardens, a large vegetable garden every year, and feeding and watching the birds.

After her retirement, she was able to expand her gardens and enjoy them even more. She cherished time with her family, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings, collecting Precious Moments, coins, spoons and thimbles. Her family always tried to help expand her spoon and thimble collection when they traveled. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Tom Hanson of Dexter; children, Todd (Mary) Hanson of Fredericksburg, Va., Jody (Dan) Morrisette of Austin, Dawn Lorentz of Kasson, and Lori (Chuck Kerrins) Hanson of Grand Meadow. She was also blessed with 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren with two on the way.

Those who journeyed ahead that she will join in heaven, her parents Edwin and Marie Paape; brother, Dean Paape; and grandson, Kelly Hanson. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham with Rev. Paul Hauschild officiating. Interment will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Waltham at a later date.

Worlein Funeral Home in Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

RACE FOR A CURE: at Relay

bout with cancer in 1993, and how ironic that it was the same year that the walk started in Owatonna," she said.

She also attributed her strength to a strong personal faith in God, something she shares with her doctor. "Christ is the big 'C' and cancer is the little 'c,'" she said. "Be grateful for each and every day, look at the glass half full, and have faith and trust. I am grateful for family and friends for all their prayers, love, and support."

Another survivor who credits faith, Tom Johnson, also shared his story. Johnson was diagnosed with nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin's lymphoma this past fall, but with chemo therapy and a strong conviction, he was able to battle through it and overcome it.

He recalled the time his doctor, the same doctor who treated Dixon, told him that he would pray for him. "God put a doctor who is a Christian in my life," Johnson said. "He said that he would pray for me too, and that he would pray for peace for my wife and I, and he would pray for wisdom for both of us."

Johnson credits the faith and support of those

around him with helping him through such a tough time in his life, including members of his parish and the young folks who are part of the Christian youth group he volunteers in. "There's so much I'm grateful for, first of all my relationship with Jesus, without him I couldn't have done this, my family, my Bible study group, my church, and the kids in my youth group," he said.

"Hearing people say that they've been praying for me every day is very humbling," he said. "The response was unbelievable, there was about 300 people who attended my fundraiser. I felt like George Bailey from the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life.'" After recounting his story, Tom Johnson, this year's honorary chair, thanked all those who volunteer.

For all those who participated in the relay, and those who are currently going through their own battles with cancer, survivors like Dixon and Johnson help give them hope and inspiration. "The event so far has raised \$53,034," the evening's MC John Connor said before the survivors inaugurated the relay by taking the first lap.



BOOK NOOK

A summer whirlwind at the library

Whew! It's been quite a summer whirlwind at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library! We have had a lot of fun children's programs featuring art, science, music, animals, and theater.

While our schedule in August is a bit lighter, our Summer Reading Program continues throughout the month. We will have movies on Mondays at 1 p.m. and storytimes at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Pony Tales and Teen Time will be meeting all month long. The official end of the program will be a magic show at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27 by none other than our beloved police chief, Greg Skillestad. There will be some special surprises that day!

On Thursday, Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. we will be having our annual Take It Apart Workshop. This is for children ages 6 & up. I've always found it easier to take things apart than to put them back together. We have some items to dismantle, but could use a few more. If you have small appliances that no longer work, consider donating them to the library for that day. No microwaves, television sets, computer monitors, or dehumidifiers, please.

We have a great opportunity in August to share with students entering grades 2 through 5. Bakken Museum from Minneapolis will be presenting Science in the Summer. This intensive program will focus on the human body, including the brain, DNA, and circulatory systems. Participants must agree to be present both days, Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Thursday, Aug. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Sign up is limited so please call the library at 507-583-7750 as soon as possible to get your child's name on the list.



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Recipe Corner

Serves 4 to 6

8 extra-large eggs
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 1 teaspoon Creole mustard
 14 teaspoon Cholula Hot Sauce
 14 teaspoon ground cumin
 12 teaspoon kosher salt

14 teaspoon cracked black pepper
 2 teaspoons finely chopped pickled jalapeño slices
 1 teaspoon pickled jalapeño juice
 12 avocado, peeled and pitted
 Pinch of smoked paprika

- Place the eggs in a medium pot and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, cover the pot and remove from the heat. Keep covered for 11 minutes, then remove the eggs from the water and place in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process.
- Preheat a sauté pan. Cut the chorizo into very small dice and sauté until crispy. Set aside to cool.
- In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, mustard, hot sauce, cumin, salt, pepper, jalapeño, and juice.
- When the eggs have cooled, peel under cold running water. Slice the eggs lengthwise and remove the yolks.
- Combine the avocado and egg yolks in a small bowl, and mash together with a fork.
- Add the avocado mixture to the mayonnaise mixture and blend thoroughly. Spoon the mixture into each half egg white. Dust with the paprika, sprinkle with the cilantro and chorizo, and serve.

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JULY 26:
 FRANK HENEFIELD AND MARY ANN WORKE

JULY 27:
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JULY 28:
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JULY 29:
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JULY 30:
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JULY 31:
 COLE CHRISTIANSEN, JOAN MAST, KENDAHL ZIMMERMAN, ZANE MILLER, MICK DITLEVSON, ETHAN EHLERS AND VINCENT HERNANDEZ

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 23:
 SHIRLEY & HARLAN HINZMANN AND HEATHER & TONY SCHILLER

JULY 24:
 CHUCK & MARILYN WAGNER AND JOHN & ANITA ANGELL

JULY 25:
 ROGER & RHONDA TOQUAM AND BRENNAN & STACIE TOQUAM

JULY 27:
 SCOTT & SANDY BASNESS

JULY 28:
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And who is my neighbor?



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“There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, ‘Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘What is written in the law? How do you read it?’ He said in reply, You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus replied to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this and you shall live.’ But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

And who is my neighbor? That is a question that continues to challenge us as our community and nation become increasingly diverse. We know this just by glancing around us - our neighborhoods

don’t look like they used to. The people next door no longer necessarily look like us. They don’t come from the same ethnic background. They may not speak our language or share our customs. It is a trend destined to continue.

While on sabbatical earlier this year I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, an Orthodox Jewish professor of New Testament, in a presentation about how a first century Jew, such as the disciples of Jesus, would have heard the parables. She points out that over the centuries we have layered on various interpretations, which color the way we hear the parable.

She points out that the history of animosity between the Palestinian Jews and the Samaritans

(who were also Jews) was deep and long lasting. No one would have expected a Samaritan, who was an enemy, to act in this compassionate way. Dr. Levine reflects that this is the point of the parable. Although the priest and Levite who had an obligation to stop and help passed by the Samaritan stops. She quotes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said that the difference in response came from asking different questions. The priest and Levite wondered, “What will happen to me if I stop and help this person?” A legitimate question on the dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho. The Samaritan, on the other hand, asked, “What will happen to this person if I do not stop to help?” This is what made

the Samaritan a neighbor to the beaten man. We are challenged to put aside our prejudices and see neighbors all around us. An old rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun. “Could it be,” asked one of the students, “when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it’s a sheep or a dog?” “No,” answered the rabbi. Another asked, “Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it’s a fig tree or a peach tree?” “No,” answered the rabbi. “Then when is it?” the pupils demanded. “It is when you can look on the face of any man or woman and see that it is your sister or brother. Because if you cannot see this, it is still night.”

AREA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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6329 SE 28th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
507-676-5696
Worship: Sunday at 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
106 Third St. SE., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
507-256-4288
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

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434 First St. SW.,
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Worship Service- 9 a.m.
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8953 SW 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
507-451-3854
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School, Adult Ed:
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2500 7th Ave. NE., Owatonna
Pastor Greg Schlicker
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507-451-4125
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Worship: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

MOLAND LUTHERAN – ELCA
7618 NE 84th Ave., Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
507-789-6661
Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN – ELCA
9651 SW 75th St., Ellendale
507-465-8366
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN – LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
507-451-2720
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Education Hour: 10:15 a.m. Sun.

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30456 Mower-Freeborn Road,
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Pastor Lindsay Brennan
507-583-2038 or 507-437-3000
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Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
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(Sept. – May): 10:15 a.m.

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.

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.

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1301 Lincoln Ave. Owatonna
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30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Pastor Dwight DoBell
507-567-2474
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ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN – LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
507-567-2272
Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN – ELCA
2781 SW 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor: Rev. Dean Smith
507-451-2165
Worship: 9:30 a.m..

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a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday
Sunday School: 8:15 a.m.
& 9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
104 First St. SE., Hayfield
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507-477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Worship: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS
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

TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS
57043 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
507-567-2272
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A melodrama in BP

Locals steal the show in “A Penny Saved”



The dastardly scoundrel, played by Paul Heimgartner, takes the eldest Rootstock daughter Violet, aka Karla Iacovino, in tow during a scene from “A Penny Saved.” (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)



Deputy Dewey Dauntley, aka Ryan Heimerman, arrests Fourberie Blackguard (Dastardly Scoundrel), aka Paul Heimgartner, during one of the latter scenes from “A Penny Saved,” performed at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club on Saturday night. Sidney Lark, aka Tamzen Johnson, is at right.



The Rootstock sisters plan their strategy of dealing with Fourberie Blackguard. From left, are Shirley Rootstock (Miranda Camery), Violet Rootstock (Karla Iacovino) and Penelope Rootstock (Jackie Vorlicek).

NRHEG KIDS:

become engineers for a day

the younger kids. “It vibrates and rotates,” Josh Houle said in describing the outcome of his motor project.

Twins Bailey and Brenna Dalbec proved they could work together in making their motor run.

The students and their teacher even named their jiggle bots. Kendrick named his “Speedy.” Fourth grade teacher Samantha Klukow named her robot, “Wackadoodle.”

“It’s very rewarding to see these young kids learn more about becoming an engineer,” remarked Leonard.

Leonard earned a degree in biology from St. John’s University in St. Cloud. He plans to attend graduate school at the University of Iowa, majoring



Ella Dobberstein, left, and Vivienne Schlaak show off their projects during a Works Museum session at NRHEG Elementary School on Monday, July 15.

in cell and developmental biology.

On this particular morning of summer school, the NRHEG kids did what Leon-

ard’s van was stenciled: “The Works, where kids explore how things work.”

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With gardening tools close by, Pam Folkens carries out a bunch of weeds from Frank Vorlicek's back yard in Blooming Prairie. Folkens organized a group of gardening lovers to help out Vorlicek, who has been battling medical setbacks for several months.

STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

The fairy gardeners

Group helps BP couple in need of sprucing up their yard

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

With the recent medical scares he and his wife have faced, Frank Vorlicek has been noticeably absent this summer from something he truly loves—flower gardening and keeping up his yard.

But, thanks to a group of caring friends, Vorlicek's Blooming Prairie yard won't miss a beat moving forward as it has been returned to pristine condition. On a recent sunny morning, a group of 11 people made its way into his yard and cleaned it up by pulling weeds and trimming branches.

"We're the fairy gardeners," Pam Folkens, organizer of the group, said as she pulled out a hand full of weeds. "It will be better than what it was."

SEE THE FAIRY, B6



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Some of the "fairy gardeners" that helped clean up Frank Vorlicek's yard in Blooming Prairie on a recent morning include, from left: Donna Maixner, Beth Krebs, Pam Folkens, Mary Malherek, Nancy Peterson and Karen Valentine. Also helping out, but not pictured are Judy Bishop, Ali Mach, Patti Misgen, Karla Ressler and Vern Krebs.

Ellendale history group reaches goal

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The Ellendale Area Heritage Society has achieved its goal of raising funds for a marker and sign showcasing the Ellendale Gold Mine.

Barbara Mrotz, president of EAHS, reports

that the group's recent campaign was a success to raise enough funds for both the marker and road sign of the Patterson brothers, who lived in Ellendale for more than 50 years after arriving in 1893. "We got all that paid for plus a little

SEE ELLENDALE, B2

Serving the community



Steele Talkin'
STEPHANIE KIBLER

Holding a City Council position can be trying at times, however more often than not, it is a rewarding experience. Ellendale has had a lot happening this past few months. These changes have brought new opportunities and renewed excitement in serving on the council.

Recently, the Council went through the hiring process for a city clerk/treasurer. We interviewed a wide-range of qualified candidates, shared viewpoints on where we see the city heading and how the clerk can impact that. We were extremely happy that Tiffany Krueger accepted the position and is now in the Clerk's office full-time. Tiffany brings energy and new viewpoint that will move the City forward. She and Kim Zimprich make a great team, and we are all looking forward to working with them.

The Council has been working with CEDA on

SEE SERVING, B2

Hinderaker hits on economics at Road to Prosperity forum

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, July 15, Steele County residents were treated to a forum led by John Hinderaker on the current state of Minnesota's economy and solutions moving forward. Hinderaker is the president of the Center of the American Experiment in Minneapolis. He has appeared on NBC, CBS, Fox News, CNN, and CNBC.

During Monday night's discussion, Hinderaker provided data on Minnesota's current economic climate, and what steps should be taken to help make the state more competition economically. "Whether we like it or not, we are in competition with other states," Hinderaker told the audience.

"The sooner you identify a problem and diagnose a problem and try to do something about it, the better off you're going to be," he said. "If we don't recognize there's a problem, we're never going to solve it, so one of my missions in life is to go around to groups like this one and many others to communicate to people the fact that we shouldn't be complacent."

Hinderaker described the theme of the talk as highlighting economic areas where Minnesota needs to do better and can do better, this includes areas

like tax rates, regulations, and economic metrics such as per capita GDP.

He used different charts compiled by economists from the Center of the American Experiment in order to emphasize Minnesota's standing compared to other states. "Minnesota is one of the lowest states in terms of economic growth in the 21st century," he explained at the outset. "We are below average when it comes to economic growth."

"We have a little above average per capita GDP," Hinderaker said while adding that Minnesota is also above average in per capita income. "In these per capita measures Minnesota looks relatively good, but there's some problems. One of them is that per capita income includes wages, salaries earned from labor, return from capital, and government transfer payments. So, if you're on welfare and you're receiving welfare payments, that's considered per capita income."

Hinderaker explained that per capita statistics are not an accurate measure of economic wellbeing due to the above factors. "In part it's a measure of how much the government is paying out," he said. "In the 21st century by far the fastest growing element of per capita income in Minnesota, and the U.S., is not labor

income, it's not return on capital, it's government transfer payments."

"We live in a state where a lot of people work but unfortunately they produce a below average amount of economic output per year or per hour worked," Hinderaker said. "They earn a below average amount of money per year or per hour worked. What that means is that Minnesota has a relatively low productivity economy."

He also explained that Minnesota has a trove of undeveloped resources which could be used to help boost our economy. "Minnesota has probably the largest undeveloped mineral resources

anywhere in the world," Hinderaker said. "Every place else in the world that has mineral resources even close to ours, they develop them. In Wisconsin they develop them, in Michigan they develop them, and in Canada they're developing them like crazy."

Another area that Hinderaker feels would help our economy is improving venture capital. "We're below average in starting up new businesses and maintaining young businesses," he said. "If you don't have your share of growing young businesses, you're not going to be creating new jobs as you should be."

SEE HINDERAKER, B2



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Economist John Hinderaker gives a presentation on the current state of Minnesota's economy during a forum held at the VFW in Owatonna July 15.

Fair saloon draws heat from public

Citizens petition the addition of hard liquor served at the fair

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

After the fair board approved the sale of hard liquor at the 2019 fair in an 8-5 vote during May's board meeting, members from the community offered their own opinion with a petition against the move.

"Somebody came to me and talked about not having alcohol served at the fair and wondered if we could do something and get signatures from people who were against it," Lloyd Kaplan, who helped spearhead the petition, explained.

The petition is a reaction to what the fair is calling the saloon, a new location which will offer liquor to fairgoers separate from the Beer Garden. "There's enough alcohol there with the Beer Garden and the people who bring their own," Kaplan opined.

"We are well aware that people bring hard alcohol or mixed drinks in a mug," Fair Board President Dan Deml said. "This tent and its double fence will be manned at all times by a uniformed official, so I think the security will be very good." It will also likely cut back on those drinking hard alcohol incognito.

Another issue of contention for those who signed the petition was the location of the tent. "The first location was right by the 4-H food stand and the new location is in the new racetrack area," Kaplan said. "I still think it's too close to where the 4-H kids are and the petting booth."

"We don't have to show those young kids that the fair is about drinking alcohol," Kaplan added. "They don't need to do that at the fair when there are off-site locations to drink such as the Bowling Alley, or a bar."

The tent will be positioned on the newly cleared space north of the racetrack and will be a spot for those looking for a less noisy atmosphere than the Beer Garden to grab a drink.

Deml said that the location is not necessarily an issue that folks need to be worried about. "The Beer Garden sits right next to the food court and the Midway, and the location for the tent will be removed by quite a distance from young adults and entertainment," he said. "The idea that this is in the middle of some place where it shouldn't be is something I completely disagree with."

The petition was signed by a wide variety of people throughout the county, including business people, farmers, educators, ministers, and State Representative John Petersburg. "The people are talking and the board has to listen," Kaplan said.

SEE FAIR SALOON, B3

Strong winds cause tree damage in BP



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Strong winds late Saturday morning caused some significant tree damage in Blooming Prairie. Here, a large weeping willow tree owned by Mike and Melissa Trihus was uprooted by the powerful winds.

Chamber alerts businesses about bogus sports marketing

The Owatonna Chamber of Commerce is alerting area businesses about a scam targeting area businesses. Sports Media Marketing located in Texas is making calls to Owatonna businesses selling sponsorships for local high school athletics. “This is not connected to Owatonna High School sports and will not be used at Owatonna athletic events,” said Brad Meier, president of Owatonna Chamber. Meier urges local businesses to be very cautious and contact the chamber or the Activities Office at OHS at 507-444-8988 with questions on legitimacy of an ad/poster/promotion sales. This is the same company that did the same thing last year, according to Meier.

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Giving hearts earn Bishop medals at Litomysl

Several area families have been recognized for their giving heart and dedication to the parish family at Holy Trinity Church at Litomysl of rural Owatonna.

On June 16, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Bishop John M. Quinn awarded Bishop's medals to seven long-time parishioners at Litomysl. Bishop's medals are awarded to volunteers in the parish who have many years, often decades of service to their community. Members of Litomysl's church councils nominated the recipients for their gift of heart and dedication to the parish family.

Bob and Carol Prokopec were honored for their many years of helping in various ways such as annual parish festival, maintaining of the church, school, and cemetery grounds, teaching religion class, St. Isidore School nurse, members of both the Men's Club and the CCW, parish trustee and finance council member, baking buchty, sewing for missions and priests' vestments, serving in liturgical roles and choir, visiting the sick, prayer chain leader and delivering communion to homebound.

David and Janet Miller were honored for their many years of helping



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Seven long-time parishioners of Holy Trinity Church at Litomysl of rural Owatonna have been awarded Bishop's medals. They include, from left: Father John Sauer, Bob and Carol Prokopec, David and Janet Miller, Rose Ann Kubicek, Marie Kubicek and Bishop John M. Quinn. Not pictured was Bruce Kubicek. The honorees and parish family celebrated with a brunch following mass.

in various ways such as volunteer creating church bulletin for over 40 years, care and maintenance of school, and church buildings and grounds, sewing for missions and prayer shawls, church sacristan and decorator, scheduling and serving in liturgical roles and choir, festival planning and worker, members of both the Men's Club and CCW, and in charge of opening and securing the church buildings.

Bruce and Rose Ann Kubicek were honored for their many years of helping in various ways such as St. Isidore School secretary, long-time finance, pastoral and cemetery council member and parish trustee, serving in liturgical roles,

Litomysl Festival organizer and workers, maintaining of the church, school and cemetery grounds, church building projects chair people, members of both the Men's Club and CCW, and maintain sacramental records, parish records and mass intentions.

Marie Kubicek was honored for her many years of helping various ways such as festival organizer and helper, substitute teacher at St. Isidore; mixing fruit, and kneading the dough for the buchty, member of CCW, mission sewing, serving in liturgical roles, prayer chain leader, and willing to help whenever asked.

After the medals were given out during mass, the parish family celebrated brunch with the honorees.

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economic development as well as a strategic plan for the city with the hopes that we generate renewed interest and more investments into Ellendale.

As many of you are aware, the Council has reduced the asking price for the Municipal Liquor Store and this has piqued interest in the business. We are looking forward to a new owner who will likely bring new ideas and events to the city.

One of the largest projects the Council is working on is the Codification Manual. We have worked diligently to review all ordinances, create new policies, review resolutions and fee structure and combine all into a Codification Manual. This will be a one stop shop for all policies regarding the city – from animal control to zoning. Once the final is approved there will be a public meeting held to address the changes and receive input from the residents.

One of the goals of the City Council is to improve the quality of life for all residents. There are a variety of ways that the Council does this, including the enforcement of ordinances such as lawn mowing, animal control and abandoned or unsafe properties, working with the EMTs, fire department and law enforcement on health and safety issues, and listening to you, the residents of our beautiful little city.

We look forward to partnering with all community members on these projects and others. If you have feedback for the council, you are invited to reach out to any one of us, we are always happy to have a conversation.

Stephanie Kibler serves on the Ellendale City Council. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors of various organizations throughout Steele County.

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ELLENDALE: history group reaches goal

FROM B1

more,” Mrotz said. “We’re really happy.”

The grave marker had been installed in Forest Hills Cemetery in Owatonna earlier this spring while the sign was erected in mid June, Mrotz said. Both were in place when EAHS had its history tour during Ellendale Days last month.

EAHS included the Patterson brothers during this year's history tour. “We’re glad we drew attention to the Patterson brothers,” Mrotz said.

The Pattersons established a gold mine east of Ellendale. However, their dreams of yielding gold didn't pan out. They lived out their lives in quiet obscurity.

Asked what's next for EAHS, Mrotz responded, “Catching our breath at this point.” She said the group has had only one meeting since Ellendale Days. But she's confident the history tour will return.

“The Good Lord willing and the creeks rising, we'll do it again,” Mrotz said.

HINDERAKER: hits on economics at Road to Prosperity forum FROM B1

“We’re seeing a number of factors coming together here to prevent us from experiencing the kind of growth that a state that has as much going for it as Minnesota really ought to experience,” he said. “My opinion is that we’re held back by our government, and by the public policy that this state’s government has enacted over a period of decades.”

Minnesota has the fourth highest top income tax rate in the country, a statistic that Hinderaker feels limits our economic growth. There are seven states that don't have a personal income rate at all. “Our lowest personal income tax rate is even higher than the highest income tax rate in 23 states,” he said. “The fact is in Minnesota we’re all taxed too much,” he added.

“One of the problems we have in Minnesota is our taxes are all high and it doesn't matter which way you look at it,” Hinderaker said. “We have the third highest corporate tax rate in the United States. Obviously if you’re trying to attract capital to a state, one thing you wouldn't do is to enact one of the highest corporate tax rates in the country.”

Minnesota is also losing people in high income brackets while attracting people in low income brackets. “People are going to come to Minnesota if they see a better opportunity than they see in other states,” Hinderaker said. “We are losing people on net in every income level above \$25,000. That's not really a sustainable business plan.”

In conclusion, Hinderaker said, that lower taxes, less government spending, less regulations, and working towards getting a better match between job needs and job training will all put Minnesota on a better standing in terms of economic competition with other states.

“We in Minnesota may not want to compete, we might prefer to sit it out, but the reality is other states are competing with us,” he said. “If we don't compete, we lose. Sitting out is not an option, the competition is going on and the question is: will Minnesota be the kind of state that succeeds in that competition, or the kind of state that fails in that competition?”

COUNTDOWN TO STEELE FAIR
20 DAYS



Racetrack makes way for more space for exhibits, activities

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
STAFF WRITER

It had been years since there was stock car racing on the track at the Steele County Fairgrounds so the Fair Board made a decision last year to eliminate the old track and begin the process of opening up the area to other uses.

The track is now gone and the fence and cement on the north side has been removed and the land leveled. The remaining fences and cement will be removed in the future.

From the barns and 4-H building one will be able to look across and see the Village of Yesteryear, Fair Manager Scott Kozelka said. It will make it look like a whole fair, he said, and that is important because the Fair Board and the Village have been partnering to help each other.

The additional two-and-a-half acres will also make it possible to add more vendors and activities and

also to consolidate existing ones into one space.

For the 2019 fair, he said, the area will host several new attractions. The All-Star Stunt Dog Show will provide entertainment for all ages. The act has been featured on America's Got Talent, Ellen and Oprah. The U.S. Marines will be bringing in a large trailer display that will feature a shooting simulator.

Mobile Ninja Warriors will have a fitness course to test physical skills.

The new Steele Saloon will also be located in the area.

As for returning events, the pig races will also be moved to the area.

There will also be a number of commercial vendors in the area including Southside Marine and a company that builds hurricane-proof housing out of old silos.

Over the years the Fair Board has tried to restart racing on the track outside of fair week but to no avail. There are other tracks in



STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN JORGENSEN
The scene looking towards the grandstand is a bit different now that the north fencing, cement and stock car race track have been removed. Work is continuing to get the area ready for the upcoming Steele County Free Fair, which opens on Aug. 13.

the area for drivers to race and as most of those are longer tracks they have to make adjustments to accommodate the half-mile track at the fairgrounds.

The removal of the track does not mean that there will be no races at the county fair or what have come to be traditional grandstand events.

The IMP Autocross is scheduled for Tuesday night and the Enduro Race on Wednesday night. Saturday night will see Bull Riding/ Barrel Racing and Mutton Bustin'. Fair Week will end with the afternoon Demolition Derby on Sunday.

Shows on Thursday and Friday nights will take a

different turn with Chris Hawkey performing on Thursday and Chris Kroeze on Friday.

Getting the area ready for this year's fair has not been without its challenges as the weather has been less than cooperative, Kozelka said. The work started in October but severe winter weather in the new

year made work difficult. Then came a wet spring, followed by this summer's issues with rain.

Still the Fair Board and staff are confident that all will be ready when the fair opens on Aug. 13.

"We're just praying for the weather and getting ready for the guests," he said.

Ventriloquist's boyhood love rekindles for audiences at the fair

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

Ventriloquist James Wedgwood will be entertaining children and grown-ups alike with two performances daily on the Reseland Stage at KRFO Townsquare.

Wedgwood and ventriloquism have gone together since he was 9 years old and one of his favorite aunts gave him a Danny O'Day ventriloquist doll for Christmas. He learned and practiced the basic skills of this ancient art throughout his childhood and did his first public performance in an eighth grade variety show.

After high school he went on to earn a B.A.

in theatre from Indiana University. After being named "Best Actor in Indianapolis" by the Indianapolis Encore Association, he moved to the Twin Cities where he acted, did commercials and performed with Dudley Riggs' "Sunday/Monday Company." He also tried his hand at stand-up comedy.

When he met an agent who suggested he put a ventriloquist act together his boyhood love of ventriloquism was rekindled and he has now performed at corporate events, state and county fairs, colleges, libraries, schools and theaters across the country. He was also on "The Statler Brothers Show" and has opened for national acts in-

cluding Glen Campbell, Jeannie C. Riley and Janie Fricke.

Among the characters who have made their way into his shows are Willard Twittsnoggle, Uncle Ernie, Patrick McWiggins, Luanda LaDouce, Danny Boy and Fleetwood Bob. He also invites the audience to be a part of the show.

Willard Twittsnoggle is a good ol' boy who loves "deer huntin' and ice fishin' and baggin' ducks" but somehow never gets it quite right. He describes Uncle Ernie as "the uncle you grew up with that just got more colorful with age." Patrick McWiggins, is a quick witted and wise-cracking leprechaun and Luanda LaDouce is "sassy but classy."



Wedgwood and all his friends will be on the Reseland Stage at 3:15 and 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, and Saturday, Aug. 17 and 3:15 and 5:15 on Sunday, Aug. 18.

All shows on the Reseland stage are free.

Free entertainers abound at the fair

The Steele County Free Fair offers some of the best free entertainment you will see anywhere in Minnesota.

We have several new musical groups playing at the Fair Square plus some we haven't seen in a while. Many of the bands include musicians from Steele County such as the Owatonna Community Band, which will be performing at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Also on Tuesday will be the reunion of the Fabulous Love Handles.

The Deb Anthony Band will be kicking off the musical entertainment at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Dee Miller classical blues band at 5:30 p.m. and Walter's Wheelhouse, with Janelle Marie Kendal from Bloomington Prairie, to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday evening the Bad Tangerines will perform at 5:30 p.m. and the Whitesidewalls will close out the day at 8 p.m.

The Riverbend Dutchmen will kick off the musical entertainment at 12 p.m. Friday. The Hootenanny Annies will follow Friday at 2:45 p.m., Just Friends at 6 p.m. and the ever-popular Blue Ringers will round out the day a 7:30 p.m.

The Dan Stursa band will kick off Saturday's entertainment at 12 p.m., Branded at 2:30 p.m. and Wreckless at 5:15 p.m.

The Endless Summer band, out of Des Moines Iowa, will close out the day with some good old 50s/60s music at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at 12:15 p.m. will be the Tai Kwon Do demonstration, Led Foot Larry will be performing at 1:15 p.m. and Mr. Peabody at 4 p.m. The fair square ends the day at 7 p.m. with the introduction of the Owatonna High School Cheerleaders and the Owatonna 2019 Football Team.

Entertainment schedules for all venues are available on the Steele County Free Fair website at scff.org, and at many stores and businesses throughout Steele County.



Steely's Insights
WAYNE STEELE

FAIR SALOON : draws heat from public FROM B1

"The Steele County Fair is such a great family event, and I don't think we should do anything that could potentially impact that," Rep. Petersburg said. "Drinking a beer to cool down is much different than drinking hard liquor. Hard liquor is easier to over indulge and to get intoxicated as well. For me the potential downsides and dangers far outweigh any benefits."

A cover letter, which was included with the petition, reads: "We feel the decision to introduce the sale of hard liquor to be very detrimental to the quality of the fair." It also says that the addition of such sale would, "likely pose a significantly negative impact on community minded goals that the fair board hopes to achieve each and every year."

To counter the argument, Deml cited the fact that other county fairs have long served alcohol with no negative impact,

including Waseca, Freeborn, Mower, Dodge, and Olmsted. "They all have hard liquor and it's been very successful," he said.

Kaplan explained that he is a longtime attendant of the fair and just wants his concern to be voiced. "I've been going to the fair since I was a little boy, I was a superintendent in the past," he said. "The fair has always been a great time for families and kids to come together, and I think the board has done a good job with that."

"We're just letting the board know what the people of the county think," Kaplan said. He also explained that he has submitted the petition to the county board. "As of Wednesday of this week, every one of the commissioners received it."

While some may have thought that this is a new notion, Deml explained that the board has been looking to add an additional site to serve

alcohol for some time, pending available space. "The proposal was made in January, and we discussed it at length at the state convention and talked with law enforcement and other fair boards," he said.

"We have discussed it a number of times and so I think we really did our due diligence, and once it was passed, the wheels were put in motion and things moved forward," he said. "It's a trial and we'll see what happens. If anyone is concerned or has questions, I strongly urge people to call Doug Meier or myself."

Meier will be in charge of the tent, dubbed the saloon, and Deml and the board feel that he has the experience to be able to handle something like this. "Doug is experienced for this, and we've contacted professional bartenders," Deml said. "You've got to give it a fair shake and a fair chance."

Deml also mentioned that

he has heard from those on the opposite side of the fence, who were wanting something like this at the fair for a long time. "Nobody has to go in it, but the people who do enjoy it have the right to," he said. "You have to consider both audiences."

Still, Kaplan and the other signatories feel that the addition of hard alcohol is a mistake. "There's enough going on with entertainment, and food, and they have the Beer Garden if you want to have a beer," Kaplan said. He urged those with a similar opinion to voice their concerns as well.

"We've had the Beer Garden for 60 years that we've run successfully and conscientiously and there's no reason for people to think that it won't be the same for this," Deml said. The plan for now is to test out the new tent for both the 2019 fair and the 2020 fair, pending any negative side effects.

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On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

It's a bit later than in recent years, but we are beginning to see one of our most dreaded yard and garden insects – the Japanese Beetle. I spotted a few in Steele and Rice counties the week of July 8, but hadn't seen any earlier than that. They are emerging a little later than usual, perhaps because of the periods of cooler weather this year. But, once they're out in full force, you may spot them on any of over 300 species of plants in our yards and landscapes. They are generalist feeders, and can quickly defoliate plants once they begin munching.

The Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*), should not be confused with "Asian beetles," which is what some people call non-native lady bugs. Asian lady beetles are red or orange, with black spots. Japanese beetles are much larger, at approximately 1/3-to-1/2 inches long. They have a metallic green head and thorax (the area behind the head) with copper-brown colored wing covers. The sides of the beetle's abdomen have five patches of white hairs and the tip of the abdomen has two patches of these hairs.

Though Japanese beetle adults consume many different plants, some of their favorites include roses, grapes, apple trees, and basswood trees. Larvae feed on the roots of grasses and can be a problem for yards and turf, but that mostly occurs only in large expanses of turfgrass, like golf courses or especially large lawns.

Japanese beetles can be a significant landscape pest and difficult to tolerate, because their damage is typically extensive and ugly to look at. Japanese beetles typically don't kill the plants they're eating, but they leave behind skeletonized, sometimes sickly-looking plants. They skeletonize leaves by feeding on tissue between the major veins giving them a lace-like appearance. Then, damaged leaves turn brown and may fall off.

Fortunately, adult Japanese beetle damage usually affects only the appearance of plants. Healthy, mature trees and shrubs, and even flowering plants, like roses, can tolerate a lot of feeding without significant, long-term injury. Even fruits, vegetables, and herbs can tolerate limited leaf feeding, but severe damage may affect plant growth and reduce yield. Japanese beetle can be a pest in soybeans and other agricultural crops as well, though damage does not typically warrant treatment at this point. The main plants to worry about are usually young or unhealthy plants. They may be stunted, injured or even killed from persistent feeding.

To reduce injury to plants, you can regularly harvest beetles off plants (drop them into soapy water to terminate them) during July and August. This can decrease feeding and prevent the beetles from attracting even more Japanese beetles to your property.

For more information and for treatment options, please visit <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-insects/japanese-beetles> or contact me at 507-332-6165 or lacanne@umn.edu.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural educator for the University of Minnesota Extension for Steele and Rice counties. She writes a column for this newspaper regularly.

Profitable land use options exist for wet cropland

Continual and extreme rainfall this spring prevented planting and caused drowned out areas in thousands of acres in Minnesota. Some of these areas of the field are common wet areas and continually drown out. They are along edges of the field, are near waterways or can be large potholes in the center of fields. Landowners need to make economical and practical decisions regarding the proper land use practice for these areas. Farm management specialists estimate that for every acre that is drown out it takes 10 to 20 acres or more of average yielding crop to compensate for the expense and loss of potential income. There are several management options producers may consider to make this land more profitable in the future.

Installing additional tile drainage is an option if the areas are not affected by federal and state wetland laws. However, many of these wet areas generate minimal, if any, crop yield to provide income to the field. If increased drainage is not an economic, practical or feasible option, landowners should consider conservation programs and practices that can be economical and practical while protecting the soil and water resources.

These wet fields may be eligible for conservation programs offered through various federal USDA and state agencies.

The USDA's Conservation Reserve Program - Continuous Signup offers many programs that pay annual cash rental rates for a 10 or 15 year contract for a variety of eligible practices. They include: Farmable

Wetlands Program (FWP), Wetland Restoration and Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife, just to mention a few. Wetland payments are also provided in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in your county for more details about these programs.

The Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) program is offered through the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). WRE offers payments for wetland establishment and preservation.

Minnesota's Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has several opportunities for landowners who are considering restoring wetlands on their property. The first is wetland banking which involves the restoration of wetlands to generate credits which can then be sold to third parties who need the credits to offset wetland impacts at another location to satisfy state and federal regulatory requirements. The wetland banking market in Minnesota is one of the most active ones in the country, and there are several different options for interested landowners to consider. Additional information on wetland banking can be obtained by contacting BWSR Wetland Section staff. The second opportunity is a state and federal partnership wetland program through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP). Landowners can obtain additional information on MN CREP by contacting the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office.



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JULY 26
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July 29
1 p.m. – Movie Mondays, BP Library

JULY 30
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library
5 p.m. – BP Police Night Out, City Park

JULY 31
1 p.m. – Teen Time, BP Library

ELLEDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

JULY 25
7:30 p.m. – Ellendale City Council Meeting, Community Building

JULY 26
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

JULY 29
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JULY 31
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JULY 25
Owatonna Crazy Days
10 a.m. – July Bookfair, Owatonna Library
2 p.m. – Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
5 p.m. – Crazy Days Car Show, Downtown Owatonna
7 p.m. – 11 at 7 Concert Series, Central Park
7:30 p.m. – The Last Five Years, Little Theatre of Owatonna

JULY 26
Owatonna Crazy Days
9:30 a.m. – STEM Club, Owatonna Library
7:30 p.m. – The Last Five Years, Little Theatre of Owatonna

JULY 27
Owatonna Crazy Days
7 a.m. – Famers Market, Central Park
9 a.m. – Fun Fly #2, Owatonna RC Modelers

9 a.m. – Steele County Skywarn Spotter Training Class, Owatonna Fire Hall
1 p.m. – Owatonna Sings Singing Competition, Central Park
7:30 p.m. – The Last Five Years, Little Theatre of Owatonna

JULY 28
10 a.m. – Litomysl Summer Festival, Holy Trinity Catholic Church
2 p.m. – The Last Five Years, Little Theatre of Owatonna

JULY 30
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Summer Storytime, Owatonna Library
4 p.m. – The North Market, Grace Baptist Church

JULY 31
9:30 a.m. – Garden Time, Owatonna Library

Gus' Station breakfast, car show reset for Aug. 3

Because of last Saturday's inclement weather, the Steele County Historical Society postponed the fifth annual Gus' Station Breakfast and Car Show to Saturday, Aug. 3.

Be sure to join in for breakfast in the History Center in Owatonna. 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.

The car show runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon. 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 Midget vintage race car; Vintage Super Modified race car; 1967 Chevelle Asphalt race car, 1963 Nova vintage Late Model race car; 1961 Mculloch Go-Kart; 1948 Customized Crosley Pickup; Model A hunting camper; and the current Mastell Brothers Touring Series points leader Sprint car.

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.

River Rats Car Club donates flag box



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Doug Miner, right, of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club accepts a flag box donated by the River Rats Car Club of Austin. John DeVries made the presentation. The box is located just outside the Servicemen's Club.

Flower show coming to BP

Flower displays will be overtaking the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie next week.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 52 will be hosting a flower show and luncheon. This will be the first time in four years that the show will be taking place.

Flower entries will be accepted from 8-10 a.m. Winning entries will be awarded around noon. Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Unlimited entries will be allowed in the various flower categories.

For more information, contact Martha Walters at 507-583-7568 or Karen Boede at 507-583-2246.

Skywarn training set for Owatonna

Steele County Skywarn will be conducting a Skywarn Spotter training class on Saturday, July 27. Class will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W Main street, third floor conference room.

Anyone interested in may attend. The class is free.

To be deployed as a Skywarn spotter, you must attend one of these training classes every two years.

For more information, go to www.steele-countyskywarn.org or email steelecountyskywarn@gmail.com.

THE FAIRY: gardeners FROM B1

Vorlicek has been suffering from what turned out to be an overdose of wellbutrin, causing near incapacitating balance problems. He also suffered a severe bladder infection. He said he was "constantly falling down," but luckily never broke anything. In March, he was treated at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester before spending the next three months in therapy at Fieldcrest Nursing Home in Hayfield.

"I went through hell," Vorlicek said. He confesses that his medical setbacks caused him to have suicidal thoughts over the past several months. "I was completely out of my head," he said, adding he now understands how drug users have suicidal tendencies.

Doctors initially didn't think Vorlicek would be able to walk again. But, after significant therapy and now the use of a walker, he is able to get around again, though at a much slower pace. He returned back home on June 30.

When Vorlicek got home, one of the first things he noticed was that his yard hadn't been touched all year. That's, in part, because his wife, Diane, has been facing her own medical problems and waiting for a kidney transplant for the past 2 ½ years. She finally received a new kidney July 10.

Besides not having a yard in perfect shape, Vorlicek also had to deal with not being able to run his flower business, Frank & Tom's, which he had done for the past 28 years in Blooming Prairie. "I was a mess," he says. "It was very hard for me."

The efforts of the fairy gardeners are taking "a lot of sadness" out of the situation for Vorlicek. "I think it's very nice otherwise I would have nothing but weeds," he said. "It's a blessing. I am so overwhelmed with how good people are. Oh my God, it absolutely overwhelming that these men and women would take time to come here and weed my mess."

Vorlicek's backyard garden, which he can see from his living room, comforts him. "It's a love of nature and God's creation," he said. "I am very much at peace," he added.

“Discover Seven Falls” at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park

Southeastern Minnesota artist, Frederick Somers, opened an exhibit of new works this past weekend in the Nerstrand Big Woods State Park Visitors Center.

"I want visitors to follow me through two years of walking and watching and painting along a tributary of Prairie Creek that joins the waters of Big Woods Park. Feel the mist, contemplate mysteries of seabed fossils next to spring flowers," Somers said. Somers whose oil and pastel paintings are included in the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota Museum of Marine Art and numerous other area collections includes materials he has created from creek-side stones in these paintings.

The exhibit will be on view through Aug. 11. Events are free. Minnesota State Park vehicle permit is required.

Saturday, July 20 8-9:30 p.m. in the Park Pavilion, conversation with the artist with photos of 'where and how' the paintings were created.

Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to sundown artists are invited to Paint-Along with Somers at the park. Artists are requested to check in at the Visitors Center for maps.

July 27 Children's Activities hosted by Friends of Big Woods Park will include coloring pages from Fred's sketchbooks 1-3 p.m. and children's Ice Cream Social 2-4 p.m.

Additional information for artists is available at: www.fredericksomers.com. This activity is made possible through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council in cooperation with a private foundation.

Support group for mental illness meets in Owatonna

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors free support groups for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness.

Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences.

A family support group meets in St. Paul on the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m., at Christ Community Covenant Church, 540 SE 18th St., in Owatonna. For information, call Judy at 507-451-0043.

NAMI Minnesota is a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families through its programs of education, support and advocacy.



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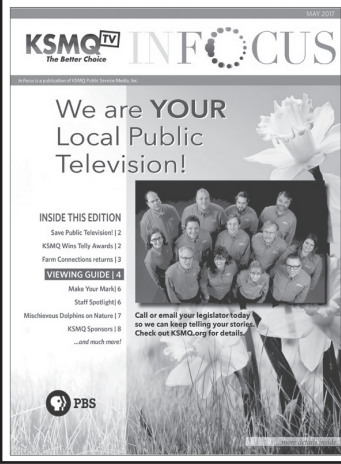
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Finishing on No. 5 are these golfers in the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce golf outing. From left to right are: Stacey Busho, Shawn Sundine, Kari Bottin, Jenny Cashman, Marcy Sundine and Rachel Klemmensen.

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BP Chamber Fundraiser

62 golfers take part in annual golf outing



This top foursome is ready to tee off in the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce golf outing. From left are Ed Kvestad, Steve Dietrich, Dondi Stender and Eaton Miller.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD



This car from Krejci Ford was parked on the fifth green at the Blooming Prairie Country Club during the BP Chamber Golf Outing on Wednesday, July 17. Loretta Wurst and Carol Kirkebon were the hole in one watchers. Nobody made a hole in one to win the car.

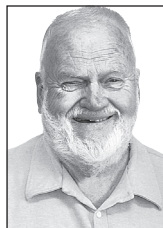
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State Farm Insurance of Blooming Prairie sponsored the eighth hole in the BP Chamber Golf Outing on July 17. Shown from left are Judy Plemel and Bonnie Coughlin of State Farm and golfers Amanda Schiefert, Brooke Ericksen and Becky Farmer.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

This family reunion won't include me



Outside the Lines

LEMAR NELSON

Twelve years ago my family, like a lot of other families, decided that it would be fun to have a family reunion. With the encouragement of a couple of cousins, the plans got underway for the first Nelson family reunion. Thus, the first family reunion took place at a cousin's place in Oregon. In two weeks the fifth such get-together will take place, and it is coming full circle back to Oregon at my sister's home in The Dalles.

After that first reunion, we have convened every three years in South Dakota, Minnesota, and most

recently at my home in Blooming Prairie. We have had turnouts of almost 50 to approximately 25, and they all have had plenty of entertainment and personal reminiscences.

At that first reunion in Oregon we visited a space museum near Monmouth, in South Dakota, we took a tour of the former School for the Blind at Gary, and in Minnesota we took a river cruise on the St. Croix. A year ago, I was proud to show off the Spam Museum in Austin.

While all of these attractions were interesting, the remembered experiences of those attending aroused much more attention than the little side trips. To hear some of the stories the cousins would relate of their times growing up caused a lot of merriment, and some experiences never revealed before came slipping out inadvertently by accident.

Yes, approximately 40 relatives will congregate at the Dalles, Ore., to renew

SEE REUNION, B10

High temps heat things up at Chateau

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

The hottest weather of the summer greeted fans and drivers July 19 for week 10 of racing action at Chateau Speedway in Lansing. Friday night's action was sponsored by Motor Supply Company of Austin and Albert Lea as well as R and S Racing of Albert Lea.

All the Kids in attendance were treated to Freeze Pops before the races and then to help cool off the flagman, they were all given water balloons at intermission to try and hit the flagman. Flagman Ross Spitzer was a great sport about the whole thing and ended up quite wet from all the water balloons that flew his way.

On the track, the action was hot as well with several features running caution free. Leading the way with 25 laps of non-stop action were the French's Repair and Fabrication USRA

A Mods, Dustin Brown of Thornton, Iowa led the first lap before Josh Angst of Winona moved out of row two to the front on lap two and set sail to lead the field the rest of the way.

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks ran a caution free main event with Brady Krohnberg of Walters scoring his fifth feature win of the year. Troy Maas of Faribault grabbed the early lead off the pole while Krohnberg started outside row two.

Also trying to beat the heat were the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks as they kept it green from start to finish with Zach Elward of Hayfield chalking up feature win number six on the season.

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods ran a clean caution free feature with Michael Bryan of Mason City, Iowa scoring his second feature win of the year. Bryan started outside

SEE HIGH TEMPS, B10



Here are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 19:

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods

A Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [2]; 2. 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [4]; 3. 17-Anthony Kramer-Owatonna, [3]; 4. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow-Mason City IA, [6]; 5. 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [1]; (DQ) 5-Logan Brown-Clear Lake IA, [5]

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 17-Anthony Kramer, [2]; 2. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [1]; 3. 14-Micheal Bryant, [3]; 4. 22-Nick Hauge, [6]; (DQ) 5-Logan Brown, [4]; (DQ) 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [5]

6. 89-Timothy Gores, [1]; 7. 6-Timothy Barnett, [8]; (DNS) 42-Travis Hyatt, ; (DNS) 19-Jerry Coopman,

Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 5-Nick Sillman, [3]; 2. 17-Ryan Timm, [2]; 3. 20T-Troy Tuma, [6]; 4. 193-Daniel Knish, [4]; 5. 02-Bryce Lisowski, [5]; 6. 16M-Matt Wieman, [1]; 7. 9-Nate Coopman, [8]; 8. 1KV-Kristin Voss, [7]

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks

A Feature 1 (18 Laps):

1. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [4]; 2. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [6]; 3. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [2]; 4. 27P-Parker Anderson-Phillips WI, [5]; 5. 34JR-Braden Brauer-Eyota, [8]; 6. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [3]; 7. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [10]; 8. 46-Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, [9]; 9. 4-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, [7]; 10. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [1]; 11. 2-Fred Prudoehl-Winona, [11]; 12. 39J-Dan Klingfus-Austin, [12]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 27P-Parker Anderson, [2]; 2. 01-Kory Adams, [4]; 3. 4-Chris Hotovec, [1]; 4. 42-Cody Hyatt, [3]; 5. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [6]; 6 (DNF) 39J-Dan Klingfus, [5]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. 32-Jason Newkirk, [1]; 2. 101-Ken Adams, [6]; 3. 15-Zach Elward, [3]; 4. 34JR-Braden Brauer, [5]; 5. 21-Jesse Stahl, [2]; 6. 2-Fred Prudoehl, [4]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods

A Feature 1 (20 Laps):

1. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [2]; 2. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [1]; 3. 02K-Hunter Kennedy-St Ansgar IA, [3]; 4. 56H-Brandon Hare-Elma IA, [9]; 5. 20-Mark Motl-Owatonna, [4]; 6. 30-Scott Demmer-Ellendale, [5]; 7. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [10]; 8. 72-Alex Schubbe-North Mankato, [6]; 9. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [11]; 10. 54-Jett Sorensen-Rochester, [13]; 11. 4W-Tucker Williams-Rochester, [12]; 12. (DNF) 33S-Dustin Steinbrink-Austin, [8]; 13. (DNF) 66V-Dustin Von Hagen-Glenville, [7]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 20-Mark Motl, [1]; 2. 99-Noah Grinstead, [5]; 3. 56H-Brandon Hare, [3]; 4. 72-Alex Schubbe, [6]; 5. 66V-Dustin Von Hagen, [2]; 6. (DNF) 83K-Kobie Kath, [4]; 7. (DNF) 54-Jett Sorensen, [7]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. 83X-Kadden Kath, [1]; 2. 30-Scott Demmer, [2]; 3. 02K-Hunter Kennedy, [4]; 4. 44-Matthew Brooks, [6]; 5. 33S-Dustin Steinbrink, [3]; 6. (DNF) 4W-Tucker Williams, [5]

French's Repair USRA A Modifieds

A Feature 1 (25 Laps):

1. 99-Josh Angst-Winona, [3]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [10]; 3. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [8]; 4. 3A-Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, [4]; 5. 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [6]; 6. 65D-Dustin Brown-Thornton IA, [1]; 7. 72-Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie, [9]; 8. 21-Troy Gudmonson-Savage, [5]; 9. 6-Dustin Kruse-Brandon SD, [7]; 10. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [11]; 11. 29H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [2]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 99-Josh Angst, [2]; 2. 71-Jason Cummins, [4]; 3. 3A-Taylor Ausrud, [6]; 4. 21-Troy Gudmonson, [1]; 5. 72-Doug Hillson, [3]; 6. 77-Jacob Stark, [5]

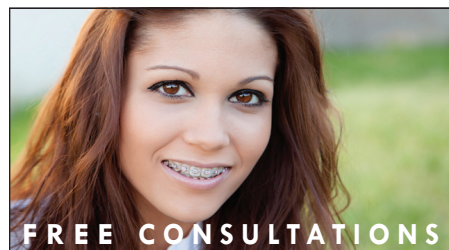
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1. 50-Brandon Davis, [3]; 2. 23-Darwin Karau, [1]; 3. 6-Dustin Kruse, [5]; 4. 65D-Dustin Brown, [2]; 5. 29H-Joe Horgdal, [4]



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FORECLOSURE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$134,564.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Traci A. Langstaff, a single person MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advisors Mortgage, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 1, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17761 as Document Number T000066016 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 1, Maplewood Terrace Townhouses No. 2, Owatonna, Minnesota, Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 13 AUGUSTA PLACE, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$118,693.01 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisors Mortgage, LLC RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-421-0105 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100199600012390478 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 20, 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 February 20, 2020.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: June 19, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
6/26, 7/3, 7/10 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

FORECLOSURE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 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, and thence Easterly along 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) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: June 28, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/

N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Michael van Muelken* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (19-0350-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7

NOTICE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
June 17, 2019

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

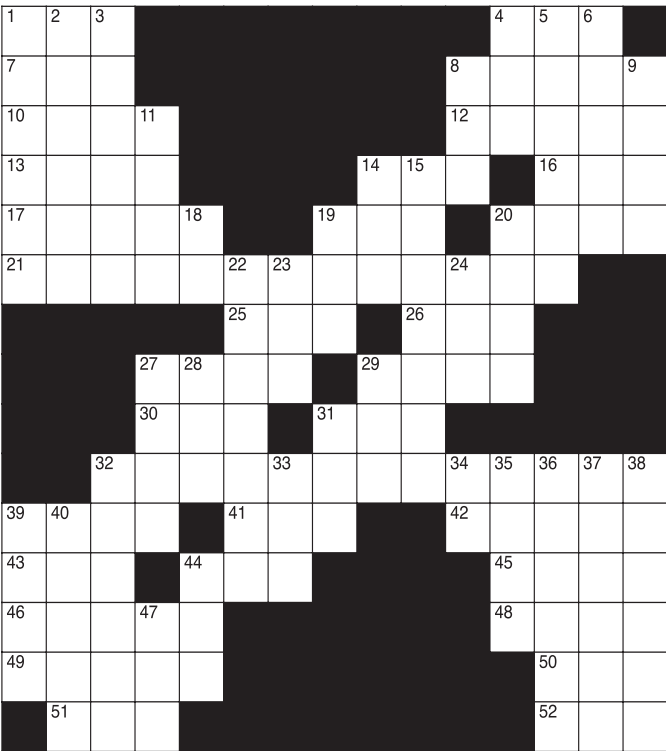
OPEN FORUM – Patrick Gordon, Executive Director of ZED, shared information regarding their upcoming building project.
I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL - CLERK
Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille
ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, Associate Principal, Elementary School Principal, Member of the Press
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the June payroll amount and preliminary FY 19 budget information. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Principal reports given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach.
VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignations, Donations
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the following items. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
* minutes from the May 16, 2019 regular school board work session and May 20, 2019 regular school board meeting
* June bills in the amount of \$213,788.09; May handwritten checks in the amount of \$25,462.51; and June payroll in the amount of \$1,406,687.72
* Treasurer's report as presented with no transfers between financial institutions since December 18, 2018
* budget year-to-date comparison for 2017-18 to 2018-19
* resignation from Cory Hendrickson as assistant track coach at the end of the 2018-19 season
* resignation from Chelsea Van Roekel as third grade teacher and head track coach effective

June 4, 2019
* resignation from Tyler Krelling as physical education teacher/coach effective June 10, 2019
* resignation from Jenna Volgarino as the assistant volleyball coach effective June 12, 2019
* no personal donations in excess of \$1,000.00 have been received within the last month requiring formal acknowledgment
B. Reassignments
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve reassignments of the following persons starting with the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
Stacy Magnus will change from part-time speech clinician/part-time special education coordinator to full-time special education coordinator
Ann Stephenson will return to the special education classroom full-time from being part-time special education teacher/part-time special education coordinator
Heather Schiller will return to a first grade classroom from kindergarten
Rhea Carlson will change from an ECSE teacher to a kindergarten teacher with the implementation of the "Bridges" program
Andrew Hardecopf will replace Justin Kiehne as an interventionist
Justin Kiehne will replace Andrew Hardecopf as a fifth grade teacher
C. Employment
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of Sara Reinke as an assistant academic triathlon coach for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
D. Community Education Director
With the retirement of Superintendent Olson, we do not have a licensed "Community Education Director" on staff. According to MASA and State Statute 124Dd.19, a district may apply to use an individual that is not licensed as a community education director when a district has a total population of 6,000 or less and identifies an employee who holds a valid superintendent license under MN Rules, Chapter 3512, to serve as director of community education.
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Christopher Staloch as the district's community education director effective July 1, 2019, which is the date that he becomes superintendent of schools. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
E. Volunteer Coaches
No additional volunteer coaches at this time.
F. Maternity /Family Leaves
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve a staff member for a maternity/family leave through approximately October 11, 2019. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a staff member for a maternity/family leave for approximately twelve weeks with a start date of approximately November 25, 2019. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
G. Kindergarten Sections
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve four sections of kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year which includes the introduction of the "Bridges" program. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
H. Preliminary Budget 2019-20

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a preliminary budget for 2019-20. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
I. Designation of the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve Christopher Michael Staloch as the designated IOwA (Identified Official with Authority) effective July 1, 2019. The IOwA is to be certified annually by the School Board. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
J. Election Process
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a resolution providing that school board general elections held after 2017 shall be held in the even-numbered years; establishing a transition plan. Motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye: Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, and Steve Ille; 0 Nay; and 1 Absention: Jon Sunde)
K. District Audit FY 19
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve CliftonLarsonAllen as the audit firm to conduct the district's fiscal year 2019 audit. The fee will remain the same as for fiscal year 2018. The audit will tentatively begin on approximately August 19, 2019 or other agreed upon date. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Committee Reports
A report update was given on the following committees: Education Foundation, Negotiations, Steele County Collaborative, Wellness, and ZED
B. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year as of May 31, 2019, was 414 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 336 at the high school (grades 7-12) (331 attending BPHS and 5 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 3 seniors and 2 juniors with attendance being full-time.
C. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
1. Mr. Olson thanked the community and school boards.
2. The Board thanked Mr. Olson for his dedicated service.
3. Thank you's were acknowledged from retiring staff members.
IX. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, July 15, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).
A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

CLUES ACROSS
1. Stonestreet character
4. What part of (abbr.)
7. 4th Caliph of Islam
8. Boojum tree
10. Ancient Irish people
12. Civil Rights group
13. Celery (Spanish)
14. Ed Murrow's network
16. No (Scottish)
17. Classic dramatic music
19. Former OSS
20. Oven for ceramics
21. The Palmetto State
25. Rapid bustling movement
26. Mauna __, volcano
27. Ridge of wind-blown sand
29. Brilliantly executed action
30. Alias
31. Head of a large company
32. Bill Nye
39. Sources of otaheite starch
41. Small amount
42. A flat or level surface
43. European cave salamander
44. Nickname for Robert
45. Syrian tablets from 3000 B.C.
46. Lasso
48. Fabrics of camel or goats
49. Old name for an area in



Turkey
50. Shock therapy
51. UC Berkeley nickname
52. Partridge Family's Susan
CLUES DOWN
1. Cocoa beans
2. N.W. Syrian city

11. Legal action for damages
14. Data executive
15. Hot air, trial or party
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19. __-magnon - early humans
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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA June 13, 2019

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the June 17, 2019, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Hameister Clerk of the School Board Independent School District #756 Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

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By Shannon Nordstrom And Russ Evans

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.

Take care, the Motor Medics

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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THIS FAMILY: *reunion won't include me* FROM B7

acquaintances and exchange interesting reflections on an earlier, less hectic time. My only regret is that, although I am now the patriarch of this family, I have made the difficult decision not to make the trip.

In my present health, I would be a real burden on the family members who have promised to help me, plus a three plus hour plane ride just doesn't seem very wise. I will have plenty of my immediate family members who are planning to attend represent me in fine fashion. I will be there in spirit.

All in all, I think family reunions are excellent opportunities to see relatives and renew old acquaintances, sometimes after a separation of many years. I know I am delighted that we established such a tradition, and I hope that it continues time after time.

PLENTY GOING ON

Even in this time of summer doldrums, plenty of activity can be found in the community. Last week the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual Golf Fun Day. From all reports, it was a resounding success.

A hot day didn't stop a large contingent of golfers from enjoying a day out on the golf course and a delicious meal at the end of the day. The new Ford is still safely at the car dealer, as the hole-in-one prize went unclaimed for another year, but plenty of entertainment made the day a welcome respite from the usual grind of business.

This event is one of the major fundraising activities of the chamber, and the organization is grateful for the support the community provides. Already plans are underway for the event next year, which will be on July 15. Some new and different attractions will be offered at that time.

Last Saturday the Servicemen's Club sponsored another melodrama. I believe this marked

the third or fourth such presentation, and it also greatly entertained a large audience, it is always fun to watch our neighbors and friends throw themselves into roles far different from their usual character, and it seems to work each time.

And last Saturday the annual BOB Ride for a Cause took place and raised a substantial amount of money for the Toys for Tots campaign. It is easy to see why this community has a well-earned reputation as one that des more than its share of worthwhile and charitable projects. Residents can take a good deal of pride in that reputation.

With Mother Nature continuing to inundate us with rain, seemingly every other day, farmers will have a tough time with crops this growing season. All we can do is hope that Mother Nature turns off the faucets and let the crops grow and mature. Enjoy the summer, hot though it may be, and we'll talk again.

HIGH TEMPS: *heat things up at Chateau* FROM B7

front row and led flag to flag for the win.

The Action Builders USRA B Mods ran 20 laps of caution free action in their feature but that was after two first lap cautions slowed the start of the race. Kadden Kath of Owatonna started outside of Noah Grinstead of Austin on the front row and the two stayed side by side the first lap before Kath cleared Grinstead and set sail to his third feature win of the year. It was also a sweep for Kath on the night as he also had a heat win.

A first time visitor to the track led the way in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified Class. Calvin Iverson of Eleva, Wis., scored a pair of wins as he swept the class on the night. He and Kylie Kath of Owatonna went back and forth the first couple laps with Kath leading lap one. Iverson came out of row two to challenge the front row starter on the start setting his car to the inside of Kath.

The Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets worked through a couple of quickie cautions to wrap up the night. Aaron Reimers of Prior Lake led for much of the race. Dan Knish of Kilkenny passed him for the lead a hand full of laps in but mechanical problems dropped him from the top spot and gave it back to Reimers.

Temperatures are forecast to be a little more reasonable when next Friday Night comes around. It will be the Mini Mods week off next week so the track will be featuring its main six classes with the first green flag scheduled for 7:15 p.m. as the 63rd Anniversary Season rolls on.

The track also announced the rain date

schedule for the Dodge County Fair Race at Kasson that was rained out following four heat races. The track, along with the Dodge County Fair Board, was attempting to bring racing back to the track for the first time in two years. Race time on Sunday, Aug. 4 in Kasson will be 6 p.m., and the program will start over from square one. None of the heats that were run Thursday Night will stand. Drivers will redraw as they sign back in at the draw shack. With it being a full restart, any drivers who were not on hand Thursday can still enter. Draw cutoff will be at 5 p.m. with Hot Laps at 5:45 p.m., following the pit meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday night's ticket stubs and wrist bands will be honored for admission.

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10:45 AM
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11 AM - 2 PM
- RUSTY'S ROCKIN' JAMBOREE
11:30 AM
- PARKS AND REC 3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
2 PM ON BRIDGE STREET
- DUNK TANK
11 AM - 7 PM
- PICKLE BALL DEMO
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**saturday
MARKET DAY**

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