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Bloomington, Minnesota

Despite outcry, board moves ahead with Cedarview-Park Place

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Concerned citizens packed into last Tuesday's county board meeting to voice their opinions on the recent news that the potential sale of Cedarview-Park Place to Brad Bass of Bradford Development would result in temporary relocation for some of the residents.

The primary reason for any possible relocation is due to the fact the purchaser wishes to demolish the Cedarview building while

maintaining and renovating the current Park Place building. The Cedarview building is to be replaced with a new senior living cooperative.

Tom Shea, a former county commissioner who currently serves on the Koda Living Community Board of Directors, requested that the board add a provision to the purchase agreement to assure Park Place residents and their families that the option for relocation is not to be considered.

"The provision is that the purchaser agrees not to require Park Place tenants to vacate their apartments or relocate due to the demolition or renovation of the Cedarview building," Shea said. "Clearly relocating this elderly population for a period of six months is not in their best interest."

Many of those hoping to persuade the county to guarantee that relocation will not be considered have family members living there. Bonnie Russell, whose brother-in-law is a

resident there, opined that, "these people were just like us at one time, out doing their thing and they had to go to a home, and they should not be punished because they chose what home to go to."

"Really think about what you're doing here, and it's all about money," Russell told the board of commissioners, hinting at the possibility of a more expensive alternative scenario in which the residents would be allowed to remain while demolition and renovation work is done.

"They just got to figure out a better way to do this."

The strain of any possible move on tenants was a common thread in the conversation, as was the possibility for such an alternative approach to the purchaser's vision. "I helped to remodel Sunset Homes in Kenyon which was built in probably the 50s, a building that was full of asbestos, this building was remodeled with the residents still living in it," Steele County resident Mark Evers said. "It can be done."

Another issue of contention was the fact that many of the residents are pleased with the current staff, and are not looking forward to staffing rollovers due to new ownership. It is currently managed by Benedictine Health System as a Koda Living Community.

"My father lives at Park Place and the reason he lives at Park Place is because it really is the best place in town, and it's because of the staff that is

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Polka Mass keeps the beat of long tradition

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was a grand celebration observed for the 48th time in Litomysl on Sunday, July 28.

Some ominous clouds and some sprinkles didn't

dampen the spirits of hundreds of visitors who made the trek to the Litomysl Summer Festival at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Litomysl.

SEE POLKA MASS, A3



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Filled biscuits are a specialty item at the annual Litomysl Summer Festival. This year, the men, women and kids of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church made 725 dozen biscuits. Delivering the biscuits to some happy customers were sisters Sophia Schiller, 12, left, and Bella Schiller, 10.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Sounds of polka music fill Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl Sunday morning during the church's annual Polka Mass. The polka flavor to the service is a highlight of the Litomysl Summer Festival, which draws hundreds of people to the tiny church in Steele County. The Litomysl Anous Musical Group performs during the mass with Deb Lien directing the musicians and vocalists.

For new supt., kids come first

Staloch takes over top role at BP Schools

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

The torch of leadership in the Bloomington School District has been passed from Barry Olson to Chris Staloch.

Staloch, 43, took over the reins of leadership as superintendent in Bloomington Schools on July 1.

It was 20 years ago that Staloch began his education career, accepting a first grade teaching position in Bloomington.

He taught first grade for 10 years, fourth grade for two years and served as Bloomington Elementary

tary School principal the past eight years.

During his education career in Bloomington, Staloch has always maintained the philosophy that kids come first. "I really try to care and my parents taught me that," said Staloch.

"Kids should always be at the forefront in education," Staloch believes.

The transition from elementary principal to superintendent has been an easy one thus far. Staloch says Olson trusted people and was surrounded by good people. "Barry has been very helpful and did lots of good things here

regarding finances and education improvement.

"I'm not a top down leader," Staloch claims. "Instead, I try to ask the right questions at the right time and hope to be here for kids, parents and staff," he pointed out.

Staloch is a firm believer in "give and take" philosophy. "When my staff sees me giving, hopefully they will give back. I believe in leading by example. Also, if I'm asked to give more, I will do more. The more I have given the more I have received."

Superintendent Staloch is well known in the Bloomington community because he is involved. He has been a coach, has been involved in his church (First Lutheran Church) and recently took over as president of the Bloomington Lions Club.

His family is also involved in the community. Staloch, his wife Amy and children, Gabe, a fifth grader and Claire, a third grader recently worked side by side with the Feed My Starving Children project successfully completed at First Lutheran Church.

Staloch, who looks like he could still play on

a high school basketball court, grew up in Minnesota Lake.

He graduated from Maple River High School in 1994 and was a shooting guard on the Class A championship Maple River basketball team in his junior year. The Eagles returned to the state tournament Staloch's senior year but lost to Storden Jeffers. "I played with some great teammates and coaches," he said.

Staloch's father coached junior high athletics and taught Chris some of the coaching philosophies he still embraces.

An accounting major when he began college at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Staloch switched his major to education and graduated with a teaching degree.

His goal was to land a teaching and coaching job in southern Minnesota. That goal was achieved when he came to Bloomington at age 22 as a first grade teacher and head baseball coach.

Staloch actually interviewed for two teaching jobs just out of college, one at Bloomington and the other at Bloomington.

SEE KIDS COME FIRST, A3

Board hopes to save crumbling memorial at St. Mary's

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

An aging monument at a cemetery in Freeborn County is in dire need of repairs.

St. Mary's Cemetery located north of Maple Island has been home to the John Gardner Memorial for 61 years. In 1958, the memorial was erected at the cemetery and dedicated on Memorial Day in 1959.

The monument features a cross that rises 25 feet above grade and figures of the crucifixion scene, which are cast granite standing on a nine foot high base of Mankato Kasota limestone. The altar stands in front of the base on a platform.

"The limestone is starting to crumble and dipping where it shouldn't be,"

SEE MEMORIAL AT ST. MARY'S, A3

Man faces murder charge in drug overdose

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

A drug overdose that took the life of a 24-year-old man has resulted in murder charges against the man accused of supplying the lethal drugs.

The Steele County Attorney's Office has filed a third-degree murder charge and a second-degree manslaughter charge against Robert James Matras, 47, of Inver Grove Heights. He is accused

of causing the death of Jesse Robert Frohwein on July 10 in Owatonna.

Police responded to a possible overdose at Kwik Trip North by the Clinton Falls exit at about 6:55 a.m. on July 10. When officers arrived they found Frohwein

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Robert James Matras

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OUR VIEW

Hands-Free law will help make all Minnesotans safer

There are many new laws that take effect in Minnesota this week, but one of them will have widespread implications on most Minnesotans, at least when it comes to driving. We're talking about the Hands-Free Law.

On Thursday, it will be against the law to have a phone in your hand while driving, unless you are using it for the purpose of making a 911 call. This means drivers can't have their phones in their hands while driving, to get directions on google maps or to find a number in their contacts, or holding it to their ear while talking on the phone just to name a few things. It means that when their driving with their phone in their hands they are subject to getting a ticket, which may financially hurt them. But that's a small price to pay for putting many people in harm's way.

Drivers need to focus on driving. It's that simple. There is nothing more important going on at the time of driving than focusing on what's going on behind the wheel.

We, unfortunately, don't have to look far to find examples of the dangers and consequences from people using their phones while driving.

This past September, a beloved school teacher and her young daughter, were killed in a crash because another driver was allegedly checking his online banking account at the time.

One of the chief authors of the Hands-Free bill was David Senjem, a state senator from Rochester. He said the September 2018 crash that killed two innocent people on U.S. Highway 14 by Claremont was "my epiphany moment," to get the laws changed in Minnesota.

"It did not have to happen," Senjem says. And now he's glad he has been able to do something to bring some good out of the tragedy.

For far too many years, Minnesota, along with over 30 other states across the Union, has been behind the times when it comes to prohibiting cellphone usage while driving.

We applaud the efforts by the legislators in St. Paul for getting this law passed and for making our roads a little safer. It's definitely needed and appreciated!

Now it's up to us. Put down the phones and concentrate solely on driving. If you don't, a police officer may be in your rearview mirror tracking you down to issue you a citation.

GUEST COLUMN

New laws take effect this week

BY PEGGY BENNETT

August is here and that means a number of new laws will be taking effect. Specifically, all drivers are going to want to review these and act accordingly.

Hands free cell phone use – this is a law I co-authored that is designed to reduce distracted driving deaths and injuries by taking cell phones out of drivers' hands. Drivers will be required to use hands-free technology when making calls, sending messages, or accessing content – including audio and navigation software – behind the wheel.

Slower vehicles stay right – clarifies requirements on operating slow vehicles on the right side of the road and moving out of the left-most lane to allow others to pass, if the road has more than one lane in each direction.

Disability plates and permits – licensed physical therapists will now be authorized to provide a required medical statement that an individual can use to obtain a disability parking permit or disability license plates.

Clinic fee transparency – this statute requires provider-based clinics to disclose facility fees for nonemergency services before treatment, which should better ensure patients will not be surprised by unexpected separate charges that result in higher out-of-pocket expenses.

Prohibiting retaliation in nursing homes – prevents a nursing home or assisted living facility from retaliating against a resident or employee if the resident, employee or person acting on

the resident's behalf files a good faith complaint or inquiry or reports a crime. Illegal retaliation could include any form of discrimination, restriction or prohibition of visitors, withholding of food or care, discharge or transfer, or unauthorized removal, tampering with or deprivation of technology, communication or electronic monitoring devices.

OUT AND ABOUT

I've had the pleasure of attending a number of local festivities over the past few weeks. They include the Heydays celebration in Hayfield, where I had a delicious chicken dinner courtesy of the Hayfield Fire Department. Thank you to the firefighters and all these amazing volunteers for cooking up and serving such a delicious meal!

I also celebrated the Independence Day holiday by first taking part in Albert Lea's Third of July festivities, and then attended Blooming Prairie's Fourth of July celebration. Scott and Connie from the Ellendale-Geneva area had their mobile pretzel making operation at the Blooming Prairie event. They make some of the best soft pretzels I've ever tasted, so I was glad to buy one while I was there!

Peggy Bennett is state representative for District 27A, which includes most of Freeborn County, the City of Blooming Prairie and southern Dodge County, including Hayfield. She lives in Albert Lea.

YOUR VIEW

What you need to know about hands-free law

To-the-Editor:

We've received a lot of questions about the new "hands-free" law going into effect Aug. 1. Many people are asking about what they can and cannot do behind the wheel.

I strongly encourage drivers to start adapting to the new law now. That way you will be used to driving without a phone in your hand, which is safer for you and all of us on the road.

Here are a few important facts about the new law you need to know:

- You may not hold a phone in your hand.
- The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone. A driver may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video

live-streaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos from the internet or stored on the phone, using apps, reading texts or scrolling or typing on the phone.

- In an emergency, you can hold a phone to call 911.
- There is no official grace period for drivers; the law is the law starting Aug. 1, and drivers should never assume they'll get a free pass at any time.
- The first ticket is \$50 plus court fees and the second and later tickets are \$275 plus court fees.

For more information, visit Hands-FreeMN.org. Remember, hands-free is not distraction-free and not using your phone at all while driving is the safest option. Any task that takes your attention away from the road can wait!

*Chief Greg Skillestad
Blooming Prairie Police*

Let Al Batt entertain you

Give Al Batt the stage and he will entertain you.

Mostly, his entertainment is a rambling monologue about almost anything that comes across his mind, mainly Minnesota lore.

Al Batt of Hartland, Minn., is a writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist all wrapped into one. Al writes humor and nature columns for many newspapers and does regular radio shows about nature.

Batt, a local product, comes across as the neighbor next door. He was that good neighbor recently at the Freeborn County History Museum as he spoke to an Albert Lea area Parkinson's Disease support group.

Batt, who is well known also for being a man of many different hats, leaves his listeners with a happy feeling and a desire to laugh and have fun in life.



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

This summer has already been the season of gnats and mosquitoes, Batt said.

The rabbits and deer have been everywhere "and I love it," Batt smiled.

Minnesotans have been very busy this summer, Batt said, keeping their yards mowed.

"I remember when Dutch clover made up most of our lawn," Batt remarked. "This was the epitome of having a nice lawn," he said. "When the

neighbor's dog comes over and makes his mark, the Dutch clover would keep those spots green," Batt chuckled.

Growing up on the farm, Batt said air conditioning was foreign to him. "We went to the local grocery store and stood by the frozen food section to keep cool," he confessed.

Grocers came by and asked: "Are you going to buy anything?" Batt said.

Batt was also a regular visitor to the Rex-all Drug store in New Richland. "We went there to read MAD magazines and anything else we could get our hands on," he related. MAD Magazine just announced that it was discontinuing publication this fall.

Batt said he also liked to go to the library. "The librarian would say 'shhhh' before I said anything," he said with truth in his statement.

Moving on to another subject not even remotely connected with his comments about the weather, Batt talked about Aunt Helen. "I had three aunt Helens and loved to listen to stories told by them," he added.

Batt's teacher, Mrs. Demmer, "tricked me" into keeping a diary, Batt volunteered.

That diary told about Batt's family receiving Christmas cards from family in Algona, Iowa. "We didn't get them in the mail; we had to travel to Algona to get them," he said.

If this column is rambling, I have accomplished a goal of writing like Al Batt speaks.

"Today might be the most beautiful day ever," Batt said, inserting a philosophical comment to make people feel good about themselves.

Another from the hip comment flavored Batt's love for Minnesota. "I think Minnesota is the grandest state there is. All my relatives are from Iowa because they didn't know they could move to Minnesota."

A common thread in Batt talks revolves around his love for birds and animals.

"What's your favorite bird?" Batt asked.

Taking a survey, he forced a number of answers. These birds were mentioned: cardinals, meadow lark, eagle, hummingbird, ringneck pheasant, oriole, blue jay and robin. The cardinal won the poll by a landslide.

"This is where I am and I love your stories. As long as I talk, I also listen."

Batt keeps throwing out little anecdotes, opening the door to more random comments.

He then goes into the windup of his talk: "I hope you slide down the banister of life and as you do, I hope the slivers are going the right way."

He also added an exclamation point to his message: "I also hope your medical life is good."



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Local humorist and story teller Al Batt of Hartland spoke to a Parkinson's support group recently in Albert Lea. He is a man who is well received for giving some light comments about life.

A Parkinson's diagnosed person myself, I was able to laugh and forget about a disease that has touched many families.

Let's talk about Al Batt. Who is Al Batt anyway?

He writes a number of popular cartoon strips that are syndicated nationally and is author of the book, "A Life Gone to the Birds."

Batt is a columnist for "Bird Watcher's Digest" and writes for a number of magazines and books. He is a trustee of the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines, Alaska. Al also has hosted TV shows for many years and speaks at various festivals, conferences and conventions all over the world.

Like many other Minnesotans, Batt decided to open his monologue with some comments about the weather. This summer has already been one to remember because of its warmth and dampness.

"I think we should convince our legislators to introduce legislation that we have no 90-plus degree days," Batt said. This remark elicited a nodding of heads in agreement by most of the 30 attendees in the audience.

Batt said the Hartland weather station has been shut down forever.

Now it's the battle of the brush

From my battle of the socks to my latest skirmish with the brush in the yard, my summer has been filled with drama of all kinds. Life is relentless. The more I try to duck the battles, the worse they hit me.

Take my latest battle, for example. Mowing my yard became an obstacle course earlier this summer as I was dodging all kinds of hanging branches and brush from the trees in my yard. It seemed like I couldn't go three feet without whacking my head against branches or nearly poking out my eyeballs. It was the invasion of the brush, and I was losing the battle.

After realizing I couldn't withstand the pressure of being beaten by sticks, branches, twigs, brush and who knows what else, I got clever and grabbed my handy brush cutter and went on a rampage around my yard.

One after another, I clipped the low-hanging branches on every tree in the yard. I have about 20 trees. Before long, I had quite the mountain of branches growing in various piles around the yard. I even attracted the attention of my neighbor who came over wondering what on world I was up to. "Just getting even in the battle of the brush," I muttered out loud.

It seemed like I was taking my aggression out on the brush through the means of the clipper. I was having a fun time knocking them off one by one. Then came the clean up.

"Do I hear any volunteers?" I shouted across the neighborhood. Of course, nobody responded, and I was left to clean up the mess on my own.

I collected enough brush to ignite a bonfire that would likely be seen for hundreds



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

of miles. I'm thinking at least to Mount Rushmore. Living in the city, I knew that wouldn't be an option. The next best thing is to pile it up for the garbage hauler.

The next day I found a nasty note taped to my garbage can: "Can't take this, you need to break it down into smaller chunks."

So I grabbed my clipper once again and began cutting it up into 4-foot chunks, which

is what the note from the garbage hauler suggested. It's not so easy when there are branches going in every direction, but I did the best I could and made the pile much more manageable. Or so I thought.

I left about a dozen yard bags of brush for the garbage hauler for the next week. Once again, same result. Nasty note: "You're a fool, we can't take this, cut it into 2-foot chunks and tie it all together with twine into 3-foot bundles."

"You have got to be kidding me," I disgustingly ranted around the house saying. It'll take me the rest of the year to break all this down into what they're requesting. They would have been better off just telling me, "You're a crazy man, we can't take your brush."

I now have piles of brush stashed along the side of the house waiting for proper burial. I'm waiting for a friend to return from vacation so I can borrow his pick-up and dispose of the yard waste myself. I can't figure out why nobody wants my brush.

It's just another one of the battles I'm facing this summer. There is nothing better than going in hot pursuit of trying to stay on top of losing battles from all sorts of directions.

BP woman chairs Mower County Relay for Life

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Reese, 43, of Blooming Prairie served as this year's Relay for Life honorary chair in Mower County.

A new twist was added to this year's Mower County Relay for Life, the site being moved from the Mower County Fairgrounds to the downtown area of Austin on the south side. The 2019 version of Relay for Life was held Friday, July 26.

Reese, who battled breast cancer, is now cancer free and was chosen the honorary chair to give her the opportunity to share her journey story with others.

There were 12 Relay teams and Lisa was part of one of them. Her teammates were: Michael Jordahl, Bob Hartman, Sarah Hartman, Lisa Dunlop and Owen Hartman.

"Friday evening was unbelievable," said Reese.

"This was my first relay for life for the American Cancer Society and it was an awesome experience," related Reese, who will be married to Wes Gresham on Aug. 31.

The community comes together and this shows its support for this incredible event, Reese says.

She tells her story of being a Relay team member:

"We held a silent auction, teams were in the aisle lines raising money throughout the night. We sold luminaries, and then got to light them at dusk. It was amazing!

"I was selected as the honorary chair this year and what an honor it was! The American Cancer Society likes to honor those who have



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lisa Reese's Relay for Life Team was one of 12 teams participating in this annual event. Her team members included, from left: Michael Jordahl, Bob Hartman, Lisa Reese, Sarah Hartman and Lisa Dunlop.

fought and won their battle. So it was a good way to help show that we can win the battle and we will fight!"

Reese was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in August of 2017. She started chemotherapy immediately and continued it for six months. She then underwent surgery to remove anything that wasn't killed by the chemotherapy.

She had 26 proton therapy sessions and by July of 2018, she was cancer free.

Reese said by being strong for others, she can show kindness and show people the strength they need to fight the battle against cancer.

The cancer survivor is very familiar with the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. She says the local

group is a generous organization of individuals who take care of those affected by cancer. "They helped with anything I needed from parking passes to fruit," she said. "It was nice to have them here locally. They raise money all year to help those in need. I can't thank them enough."

Reese said her family has never stopped believing that she could beat this dreadful disease. "They made sure I was well and taken care of," she said.

She credits her fianc? Wes and her daughter Marnie as the inspiration she needed to get through some trying times.

"I am cancer free and healthy as can be," she affirmed.

Reese is employed by North American Title.

DESPITE OUTCRY: board moves ahead with Cedarview-Park Place

FROM A1

there," Sue Peoples told the board. "The place is not about the building itself. It is about the community and the family that they have developed with the residents there and with the staff."

While the level of frustration was palpable, Commissioner James Brady opted to make a motion to move forward with the agreement, mentioning that these public comments should be added so that the purchaser is made aware of the public's opinion.

"I'm going to make a motion to approve the purchase agreement in principal to move it ahead, just to keep moving it ahead with our staff but it's going to be coming back to the full board for approval," Brady said. "In the meantime, that will also give time for our administrator to get a hold of the [potential] new owner who can possibly have a meeting with you and address some of these issues. The sale isn't tonight, we're just going to keep moving ahead."

Although it was a tough decision, the board was in uniform agreement that moving forward is the best route right now. "You put us as commissioners in a no-win situation, nobody wants to say anything if something catastrophic will happen," Commissioner Rick Gnemi said, raising the possibility that if residents stay during renovation and demolition, there could be health and safety concerns.

"It's been the insurance companies, and not just his insurance companies, that stressed it to him [potential buyer Brad Bass]," Gnemi explained. "He was initially in favor



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Park Place assisted living facility in Owatonna is one of two buildings that are currently included in a purchase agreement being drawn up between Bradford Development and Steele County.

of leaving everyone there. He came back and we just found out about a week or two ago that they're going to have to move."

Gnemi helped to dispel the notion that this new development was something which had been known by the board for a while. "We didn't know ourselves, it's not like we were holding it in our vest pocket and waiting until the 13th hour to try and lay it on you," he said.

"That building has been sitting empty for a long time," Gnemi said of the Cedarview building. "We inherited this stuff and we're trying to clean it up. I realize that everyone in this room is very frustrated and angry."

After the heated discussion, Board Chair Greg Krueger called the public comment portion fin-

ished and added his own thoughts on the matter. "I think with the way that the motion is worded, that the potential buyer will get this message and he's going to come back to us, one way or the other he's going to make that part of his plan or he's going to walk away," Krueger said of a provision to guarantee residents are not relocated.

In the end, all commissioners were in favor of Brady's motion of continuing to move the agreement along while also informing the potential buyer of the public's concerns over possible relocation. The board is hoping to arrange a meeting between Bradford Development and Park Place families, residents, and staff to discuss these issues.

FOR NEW SUPT.,: kids come first

FROM A1

While in Blooming Prairie, Staloch has coached B squad and ninth grade boys basketball (8 years) and football for 11 years.

His schooling also continued as he received a Master in Education from St. Mary's College in Winona. He also earned his administrator's license at St. Mary's. His superintendent license was achieved in 2005.

Chris and his wife Amy met while taking a summer school class together in Albert Lea. Amy has taught fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Faribault the past 18 years. The Stalochs were married in 2006.

Asked if he every dreamed that he would some day be a school superintendent, Staloch replied frankly. "I really like to be involved in helping people and that's something I can do as a teacher, principal and superintendent," he said.

Staloch says he is here to support people and hopes to make the best decisions for all.

The superintendent title is just that, says Staloch. "I will continue to be the same person as superintendent as I was as a principal and as a teacher, he promises.

"It's caring for people," Staloch said in briefly explaining his job description. His duties are many including financial and curricular. "It's the right fit for me," he says.

Explaining his leadership style, Staloch said he firmly believes in the open door policy. "I want to hear all voices and want people to be invest-

ed as students, as staff, as parents and as a community," Staloch remarked.

Staloch knows that Blooming Prairie has been very supportive of its education system over the years. "It's a good place for kids to learn and grow," he said.

As a superintendent, Staloch wants to make sure he honors the past Blooming Prairie history in academics and athletics.

"I hope to be part of creating a better future for our students, staff, parents and community," he remarked.

Staloch is very impressed with school staff and with its students. "I hope to see Blooming Prairie schools even becoming better," he said. Continuous improvement is always a goal, he affirmed.

Talking about staff, Staloch said, "We hire people who truly care about what we are doing for kids," Staloch commented. "Our staff is passionate about making kids succeed," he emphasized.

"It's important that people know who I am. I now must cast a wider net and it starts with the students. When they see how much we care, they will work even harder to be successful."

Staloch says he plans to be visible in both school buildings and in the community. Superintendent Staloch has been very visible as a principal, visiting all classrooms every day.

Seeing a top administrator in the classroom makes the kids feel like

"Kids should always be at the forefront in education."

Chris Staloch
New BP Supt.

they have another person in their corner, Staloch says. "It gives them a safe environment and kids then perform better," Staloch added. He tries to learn student names and always tries to listen to the kids' stories.

Staloch says the community has been good to him and "it is a great place to call home."

Staloch prefers to use the word expectations rather than the word discipline. "We have high expectations for our kids," he said. "My kids may even think I'm a little tough but I'm not afraid to get down on a knee and explain to them that I care."

During his administrative time at the elementary school, Staloch said he is proud of the learning environment that has been maintained. Staloch has also been instrumental in developing a new playground at the elementary school.

Blooming Prairie is a "great, small community where people step up and help others," Staloch stated. "We're here for each other," he said.

Staloch said family is most important to him. He has a sister and two brothers, Leslie, Casey and Colby. When not in school, Staloch loves to fish and play golf.

"I'm very proud of where I came from and where I am headed," Staloch concluded.

POLKA MASS: keeps the beat of long tradition

FROM A1

Watching the weather closely were many, many volunteers who made this church fundraiser possible. Organizers of the event thanked the many volunteers who made this event such a success.

A staple of the celebration is the making of 725 dozen filled biscuits. This Czech custom does not die. The biscuits came in the flavors of prune, apricot and poppy seed.

There were many pre-orders, 350 dozen to be exact. The public sale began at 11 a.m. on the day of the festival. The apricot biscuits were sold out within a half hour.

The busy day of the celebration began with a Polka Mass in the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus Men's Choir performed prior to the beginning of the Polka Mass.

The Rev. Fr. Martin Schaefer of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona led the Polka Mass.

Schaefer praised the members of the polka band and said the sounds of the accordion and drums were welcome parts of the celebration.

He talked about Jesus giving everyone a brand new heart. He then related the personal experience of recently accompanying his mother to the cardiologist.

"God's heart is mercy and love," Schaefer said. "God wants us to turn away from sin," he remarked.

Following the Polka Mass, visitors traveled the grounds to consume some tasty foods and also to sample some of the fun activities. There were pony rides for the kids, face painting, bean bag toss, fish pond and



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Retired Blooming Prairie teacher Wally Wilke loves to do wood working and shares his talents with a lucky bidder on a silent auction, part of the 2019 Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 28.

even Chicken Poop Bingo, yes that's right.

What was once a private school building for one day became a Used a Bit Shop and a location for silent auction items.

Some fascinating items were put on the auction block. Retired Blooming Prairie teacher Wally Wilke donated a homemade children's rocker.

Wilke, who has been plagued by health problems most of this year, builds the rockers in batches of 25 at a time.

He makes the rockers out of either walnut, oak or cherry wood. Wilke sells the rockers but also donates some to auctions, like the one at Litomysl.

The child's rockers are about one-third the size of a full rocker, Wilke says.

As the Litomysl Summer Festival heads toward the 50-year mark, volunteers say they hope to be back next year for number 49.

BOARD HOPES: to save crumbling memorial at St. Mary's

FROM A1



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The John Gardner Memorial located at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Newry Township south of Blooming Prairie is in dire need of repairs. The cemetery board is hosting a fundraiser featuring a concert with Leslie Blasing of South Padre Island, Texas on Sunday, Aug. 11 at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie.

said Renee Tollefson, who serves on the cemetery's board of trustees.

The cemetery board is offering a concert by nationally-acclaimed singer Leslie Blasing, who sings seven decades of music covering Country, Pop, Classic Rock, 50s and 60s hits. She is based in South Padre Island, Texas where she has won multiple awards throughout the Rio Grande Valley for her vocals and entertaining production shows.

The concert will feature two hours of music and dancing at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Servicemen's Club, Blooming Prairie Chamber Office or by calling Tollefson at 507-219-1949.

"We are hoping to raise funds to repair the entire altar," Tollefson said. She noted that this is the first time ever that the cemetery board is reaching out to the public for donations. "We are just trying to keep our cemetery going," she added.

Like many rural churches, St. Mary's no longer has regular worship services. In 2015, St. Mary's became an oratory and is open periodically for weekday Mass as well as weddings and funerals. Despite the closure, four members of the cemetery board are attempting to keep the cemetery going. Besides Tollefson, Dan Donnelly, Pat Goodnature

and Mark McDonald are on the board.

The Irish immigration to America became a major population movement between 1840 and the end of the century. The potato famine in Ireland was the prime factor in driving millions of Irish from their homeland. Harsh British rule, suppression of the Catholic church and revolutionary changes in agriculture depriving farm workers of the land and work were also factors in the Irish immigration. From this immigration in the spring of 1856 came a colony of Irishmen to Freeborn County to secure homes for their families.

With many Irish families settling in the area, St. Mary's parish was established. Priests came every six weeks to two months to say Mass held in the Cashman, Barry and Coughlin homes, which started in May of 1859. The present church was built in 1892 and still stands today.

St. Mary's Cemetery, which had primarily served the Irish community of the area, lies on a hill in Newry Township, south and east of the church. The first recoded grave belongs to John Coughlin who died on Sept. 27, 1858 at the age of 27. The cemetery was platted in 1859 and it is estimated that 95% of those buried in the cemetery were farmers.

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.

Area crime celebrations focus on getting to know your neighbors

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

It's become known as the largest crime party in America. And it's all about people focused on doing good things for their communities.

**Night to Unite
Crime Celebration**
Tuesday, Aug. 6

Register block parties in City of Owatonna by Friday, Aug. 2
Call Pamela Roberts at 507-774-7200 or email Pamela.Roberts@ci.owatonna.mn.us

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, National Night Out and Night to Unite will take place around the country. In Steele County, there will be a National Night Out community gathering at the Ellendale City Park from 5:30-7 p.m. There will also be dozens of block parties around Owatonna throughout the evening. Blooming Prairie held its National Night Out gathering on July 30.

"A connected community is a safer community," said Stephanie Kibler, who is coordinating the celebration for Ellendale. "It's a good night to get to know your neighbors."

The Ellendale Lions Club

will be offering hot dogs for a free-will donation. There will also be ice cream and 1919 root beer provided by the city. Ellendale will make local firefighters and EMTs available for the citizens to meet during the party. Sheriff Lon Thiele and deputies from the Steele County Sheriff's Office will also be checking in at the party.

Pam Roberts, who is the coordinator of the Night to Unite for the Owatonna Police Department, encourages people to register their block parties with her so that police, fire and EMS personnel can be arranged to attend the parties. The deadline for registering

is Friday, Aug. 2. Online registration is available at www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/170/Police. Any questions may be directed to Roberts at 507-774-7200 or Pamela.Roberts@ci.owatonna.mn.us.

In the past, there have been as many as 40 block parties around Owatonna, according to Roberts. She said the numbers have been down a little this year, but she is hoping for last minute registrations to push up that number.

"It's really all about talking about crime prevention," Roberts said. "It's getting neighbors to come together and building that community partnership."



Night to Unite is a program designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anticrime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships. It also sends a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Roberts said officers are prepared to share crime information with residents during Night to Unite. She expects the new Hands-

Free Law will be a hot topic at this year's event.

"The Owatonna Police Department encourages you to participate in this great celebration of community, crime prevention and strong police-community partnerships," Roberts said. "A strong community makes for a safe community. Everything we do to strengthen the ties among neighbors of all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles makes our present and future that much brighter."

CRIME BRIEF

Man faces felonies in sex assault

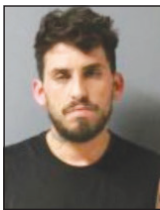
An Owatonna man faces several felony charges in connection with a sexual assault investigation.

David Barrera, 30, has been charged with two counts of first-degree and a single count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct in Steele County District Court. All three counts are felonies.

On July 22, Owatonna Police began a criminal sexual assault investiga-

tion where it was alleged Barrera was in a position of authority and engaging in sexual conduct with a 17-year-old. According to police, the contact began when the victim was 15 years old.

During an interview with police, Barrera initially denied any contact, but later admitted to contact, including acts of penetration against the victim.



David Barrera

Escaped prisoner back in custody after chase

Less than 12 hours after escaping from the Freeborn County Detention Center in Albert Lea, a prisoner is back behind bars again.

Officers with the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement captured Victor Nava-Urioste, 26, of St. Paul around 10:50 a.m. July 23, a day after he broke out of the Freeborn Jail.

At the time of his capture, Nava-Urioste was allegedly driving a stolen vehicle that he took from Graceland Cemetery in Albert Lea on Monday afternoon, July 22.

ICE tried to stop the stolen vehicle in St. Paul, but

the driver refused to pull over and fled at a high rate of speed. The pursuit ended on a dead end road where Nava-Urioste reportedly continued to flee on foot. ICE He apprehended him a short time later.

Freeborn Sheriff Kurt Freitag said detention deputies discovered around 5:30 p.m. on July 22 that Nava-Urioste escaped from the jail. Freitag said Nava-Urioste escaped through a jail door that was believed to have been locked, but was unlatched. He then walked through a hallway that leads to an exterior door at the south-



Victor Nava-Urioste

west corner of the government center.

Investigators found video that showed Nava-Urioste leaving the Freeborn

County Government Center at about 12 noon. He walked across Broadway Avenue South between Front Street and Pearl Street, according to Freitag.

He was being held in the Freeborn jail on a detainer for ICE.

Albert Lea Police took a stolen vehicle report from Graceland Cemetery at about 2 p.m. The suspect description is similar to Nava-Urioste, Freitag said. The stolen vehicle was a 2003 silver Toyota Camry.

Freitag said at the time of the escape that Nava-Urioste was not considered dangerous.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 15 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Jarod J. Fuller, 20, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to \$131 and 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Ian R. Meister, 34, Bloomington, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of child pornography. Meister was sentenced to \$131, 123 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend sex offender program, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, obtain permission to leave the state, no unsupervised contact with minors, stay away from areas where minors congregate, no access to internet without approval and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 15 – 21:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph K. Beisbier, 23, Mukwonago, WI, speeding, \$221; Adam C. Zuehlke, 31, Wells, revoked license, \$281.

MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Michael J. Hertle, 39, Austin, operate within 150 feet of shoreline, \$131.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Ibrahim A. Ali, 44, Minneapolis, driving wrong way on one way street, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Clarence A. Battey, 79, New Richland, move over law violation, \$131; Justin D. Berman, 32, Maple Grove, speeding, \$131; Domingo D. Deluna, 18, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Ruth E. Garrett, 55, Salem, OR, speeding, \$146; Tiffany N. Graham, 34, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Jeanee M. Grant, 31, Kansas City, MO, speeding, \$141; Jonathan A. Hausen, 19, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Dale L. Hoffman, 67, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Patrick A. Jaden, 24, Fargo, ND, speeding, \$281; John C. Johnson, 22, Wauke, IA, speeding, \$131; Mitchel T. Kintner, 21, Naperville, IL, speeding, \$121; Peter M. Kronschnabel, 59, Mendota Heights, speeding, \$100; Goy Lam, 19, Austin, speeding, \$141; Chelsey L. Nordstrom, 20, Princeton, speeding, \$221; Darin L. Reese, 51, New Richland, speeding, \$131; Allison R. Riggan, 22, Washington, IA, texting while driving, \$131; Juan R. Rojas-Hernandez, 38, Alvin, TX, speeding, \$141; Crystal M. Rossel, 39, Cottage Grove, speeding, \$121; Blendy Samarron, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Elizabeth J. Silva, 21, Albert Lea, speeding, \$281; Benjamin F. Sturm, 20, Shakopee, speeding, \$141; Solomon Taylor, 31, Philadelphia, PA, speeding and no license, \$381; Siyan Wei, 22, Fulda, speeding and suspended license, \$341; Matthew K. Weyh, 36, St. Cloud, suspended license, stay of adjudication, obtain license and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Mia A. Williams, 17, Geneva, speeding, \$121.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gwen L. Anderson, 57, expired tabs, \$111; Tyler A. Arndt, 20, Waseca, reckless driving, \$381, complete safe driving course and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Zachery L. Bongers, 27, Faribault, give peace officer false information, \$131 and 6 days in county jail; Anthony J. Brown, 52, Brooklyn Center, cancelled license, \$281; Kylen G. Engbard, 36, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$131, obtain license and 2 years of supervised probation; Nathan A. Frye, 33, Waseca, suspended license, \$281; Joseph B. Gable, 37, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Daniela Gallegos Mariscal, 36, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Pamela A. Johnson, 58, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$100; Kayce J. Keller, 21, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Adreana M. Laabs, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Carter N. McFarlane, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Ian R. Meister, 34, Naima N. Munye, 21, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Tamara J. Olson, 36, Northfield, theft, \$131, 1 day in county jail and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Cordarl R. Powell, 31, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jesse F. Riley, 39, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Ronald R. Robinson, 62, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Marivel S. Rodriguez, 49, Owatonna, abandoned vehicle, \$131; Heriberto G. Rosales, 34, Minneapolis, invalid license, \$181; Judith L. Schmidt, 56, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Brady D. Seitz, 24, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Brenda J. Shockey, 30, Owatonna, permit violation and no insurance, \$331; Matthew R. Steinberg, 31, restraining order violation, stay of adjudication, \$100, 10 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised

probation; Adam J. Techau, 34, Owatonna, theft by swindle, \$131, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Anthony J. Thostenson, 25, Waseca, expired tabs, \$111; Tracy A. Weegman, 44, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, Ignition Interlock program, no alcohol or controlled substance, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Joseph N. Wright, 47, Rochester, speeding, \$121.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Vivian I. Amundson-Crouse, 20, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$121; Kiersten J. Anderson, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Anthony J. Aunan, 49, Zumbrota, speeding, \$141; Brett R. Baumeister, 22, Faribault, speeding, \$221; Lucas J. Boelter, 39, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Steven R. Cole, 50, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Adela D. Deluna, 62, Bricelyn, no insurance, \$281; Garrett J. Ferch, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Kayla M. Gadbow, 22, Waseca, speeding and invalid license, \$181; Okuway O. Gota, 34, Waite Park, speeding and invalid license, \$321; Ryan J. Graves, 35, Burnsville, texting while driving, \$131; Michelle L. Hecker, 43, Owatonna, speeding, \$100; Zachary A. Kastner, 18, Byron, speeding, \$131; Matthew L. Kohnle, 50, Kewaunee, WI, speeding, \$121; Grace M. Marohn, 22, Mora, possession of marijuana, \$131; Terry L. Matthews, 48, Brooklyn Center, speeding and invalid license, \$521; Mario R. Medina Cortes, 28, Minneapolis, revoked license, \$281; Gabriel M. Muntean, 16, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Michelle L. Nelson, 52, Owatonna,

speeding, \$121; Luis F. Perez, 26, Blue Earth, obstruct legal process, \$131, 90 days in county jail; Zachary L. Prins, 29, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Tracy L. Rathai, 56, Waseca, revoked license, \$281; Kimberly N. Reed, 19, Waseca, speeding, \$141; William R. Seiler, 43, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Casey L. Smith, 28, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Jason J. Spatenka, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Melissa A. Stewman, 38, Lakeville, speeding, \$141; Benjamin L. Thomas, 22, Spring Lake Park, speeding, \$221; Matthew R. Winter, 24, Monticello, speeding, \$141; Cory A. Ziegler, 42, Claremont, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE July 19

Animal: At 8:34 a.m., officer assisted with an animal at large in the 600 block of 14th St. SE.

Arrest: Police arrested motorists during traffic stops in the 1100 block of School St. E. at 10:40 a.m. and at Oak Ave. S. and Mill St. W. at 9:12 p.m.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 500 block of 15th St. SE at 1:46 p.m.

Restraining Order: Officers responded to restraining order violations in the 300 block of State Ave. NW at 3:15 p.m. and the 500 block of School St. E. at 8:02 p.m.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Fremont St. E. at 5:02 p.m.

Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:10 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

July 20

Trespassing: Police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 1400 block of Greenleaf Road SE at 1:39 a.m.

Hit and Run: At 12:35 p.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 500 block of Ashley Lane SE.

Welfare: Officer conducted a welfare check at School St. W. and Mosher Ave. SW at 2:46 p.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 200 block of Nature Valley Place NW at 3:52 p.m.

DWI: Police arrested a juvenile for driving while intoxicated in the 500 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:11 p.m.

July 21

Fight: Officers responded to a fight in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:06 a.m.

DWI: Police made a DWI arrest at North St. W. and Oak Ave. N. at 1:14 a.m.

July 22

Theft: Police received a theft report from the 500 block of 15th St. NE at 2:44 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 5:09 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 400 block of Academy St. E. at 5:39 p.m.

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Police arrested a subject for criminal sexual conduct at the law enforcement center at 6:20 p.m.

July 23

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at North St. W. and Oak Ave. N. at 12:19 a.m.

Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 700 block of Paris Place SE at 8:09 a.m.

Restraining Order: Officers received a report of a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 10:38 a.m.

Welfare: Officers assisted

SEE BLOTTER, A6

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

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| 1. Shannon Irons – warrant – no bail | 8. Cody Johnson – warrant - \$2,000 bail | 14. Brandi Junak – DWI - \$12,000 bail |
| 2. Stanley Ivy – revoked license - \$3,000 bail | 9. David Johnson – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail | 15. Mikael Kajansinkko – DWI, speeding - \$500 bail |
| 3. Jiliena Jackson – domestic assault – no bail | 10. Justin Johnson – drugs – no bail | 16. Tongyik Keirkow – DWI - \$12,000 bail |
| 4. Michelle Jarvis – worthwhile check - \$1,000 bail | 11. Lawrence Johnson – domestic assault - \$1,000 bail | 17. Marie Kinard – DWI – no bail |
| 5. Angela Jellum – DWI - \$12,000 bail | 12. Robert Johnson – criminal vehicular operation - \$10,000 bail | 18. Carissa King – theft - \$300 bail |
| 6. Darrel Jensen – revoked license - \$6,000 bail | 13. Scott Jones – disorderly conduct - \$300 bail | 19. Georgia Kingswan – DUI – no bail |
| 7. Jose Jimenez Jr. – domestic assault – no bail | | 20. Larry Kittelson – DWI – no bail |

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



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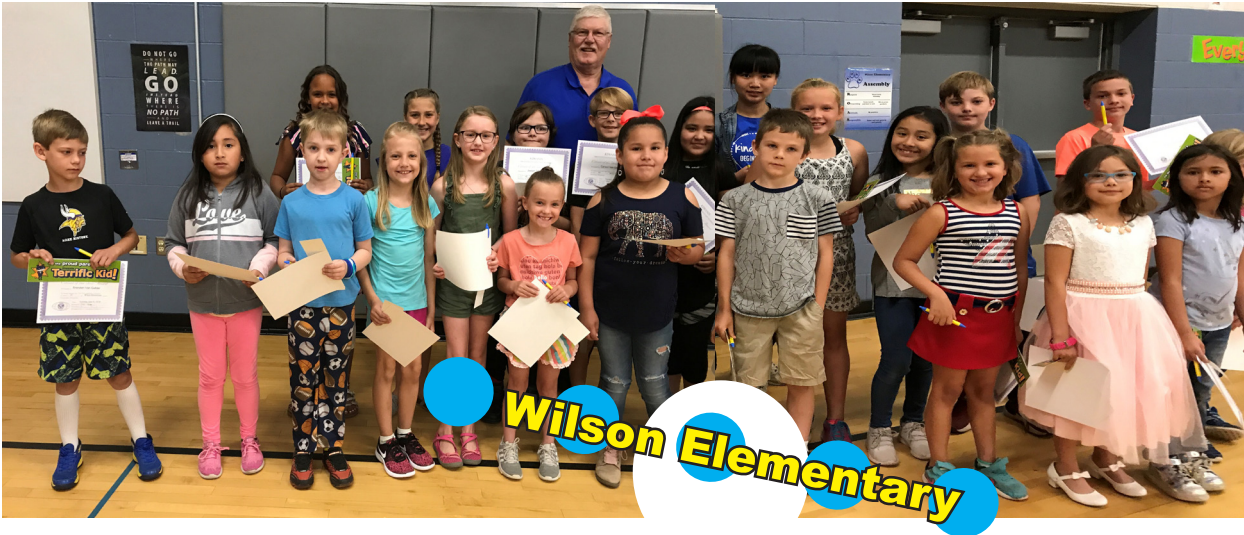
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At the end of the school year, Citizens of the Year were chosen at each of the elementary schools in Owatonna, including Lincoln, Washington, McKinley and Wilson as well as St. Mary's School.



For most, student peers completed balloting and school administrators awarded certificates. The Kiwanis Club of Owatonna sponsors the recognition program, certificates and Kiwanis gift pens. Kiwanis is an international service organization of men and women who focus on development of young children and youth. The local club meets Wednesdays at noon at SpareTime Entertainment in Owatonna.

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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 was baptized at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin. He graduated from Austin High School in 1940.

On Sept. 7, 1947, he married Dorothy E. Helleck at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Austin, where he was also confirmed. Burt liked farming. He raised pigs, cattle, corn and soybeans. His dad bought their first tractor in 1937. They sold the horses in 1950, then sold the dairy herd in 1954.



Burt was also a patriotic man. During World War II, he went to Fort Snelling to enlist in the United States Air Force with two neighbor friends. They passed their physical but he did not. The physical showed he needed surgery, after surgery he laid flat in bed for two weeks. Then could barely stand or walk but being young he healed fast. His brother was already in service, so Burt was the only one to farm with his dad. He put in the crop, then went to enlist again. His dad found out his plan and got to the draft board in Albert Lea before him and got him deferred. He always felt bad he couldn't do his part but was willing to help his dad who could no longer farm.

One month in the 40s he had the largest cream check from the Red Oak Grove Creamery. He worked hard to be a good farmer and to provide for his family. Burt had many farm accidents in his lifetime not all death defying but some were close. Early in the summer of '55 he got caught in the power take-off on the Minneapolis Moline Tractor. Both legs were broken. In the fall he drove the corn picker and picked all the ear corn while still on crutches. The hand clutch saved him.

At the age of 92, while dumping trash in a hole in the woods with his tractor and loader it went down into a dug hole. He slid off the tractor seat and was pinned under the tractor for about three hours. His angels saved him as he walked away with only a few scratches. During all the years of farming, he enjoyed fishing and traveling across the country over 30 times to visit his daughter's families.

Survivors include his loving wife, Dorothy Kittelson of rural Austin; five daughters, Emilie (Don) Olbert of Grand Junction, Colo., Jean Patchen of Shawnee, Kan., Faye Herron of Rapid City, S.D., Joanne (Steve) Hoban of Spanish Fork, Utah, Bonnie (Alan) Zerby of Rochester; 15 grandchildren, Heidi (Jason) Crum, Graig (Julie) Olbert, Derrick (Cassi) Patchen, Linea Wilson, Janet (Brandon) Annan, Eric (Missy) Herron, Jody (Jason) Illies, Sharlyn (Dan) Riggs, Nicholas Hoban, Justin (Sara) Hoban, Andrea (Mike) Streeter, Benjamin (Simone) Zerby, Jeffrey (Tina) Zerby, Laura (Matt) Cox, Lisa Zerby; 31 great grandchildren.

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

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at Red Oak Grove Church in rural Austin with Pastor Mike Walerius officiating. Interment followed the 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.

Merilyn Frances Hoium, 87, Rochester

Merilyn Frances Hoium, 87, died July 12, 2019 at Season's Hospice in Rochester.

Merilyn was born Feb. 29, 1932, on a farm near Geneva. Merilyn went to a one-room school house in Freeborn County. Merilyn moved to Blooming Prairie High School in 1948. That was where she met her husband Donald Hoium. Don and Merilyn were married in July 1950.

Don was in the Air Force and they traveled very extensively. They lived in Germany for four years with our family and the Azores for four years with our family. Merilyn had eight children, two of which were born in Germany.



After the children were grown, she finished college at Kent State in Ohio and became an accountant. She was also a real estate broker in Indiana. She was active in Catholic ministries as well as volunteer in a myriad of organizations such as Cincinnati Symphony, American Red Cross, Crisis Pregnancy Hot Line, Methodist Hospital Sacramento, and St Mary's Gift Shop. She helped award financial scholarships to students at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. She loved all animals especially her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Merrill and Annette Winzenburg, her sisters Anita Earl, Alice Thomas, and Betty Good plus two other siblings who died at birth. She was also preceded in death by her son Donald Jr., his wife Mary (Sweet), and their daughter Stephanie.

She is survived by her husband Donald Sr. (They would have been married 69 years on July 15.), and their surviving children: Larry and Bev (Schleicher), Lincoln, Neb., Kathy and John Riehl, Port Charlotte, Fla., David and Sharlet (Overton) Chicago, Ill., James and Tammie (Friedrick), Waynesville, Ohio, Robert, Blooming Prairie, Amy and J.D. Bingman, Arab, Ala., and Deb and Michael, Mankato. She is survived by four brothers, Kenneth and Lois Winzenburg, Henry Winzenburg, Ed and Jackie Winzenburg and George and Sandy Winzenburg.

She has 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Paws & Claws Rochester.

The funeral Mass was at Pax Christi Catholic Church on July 23, 2019.

Burial will be private at Saint Aidan Catholic Cemetery Bath, Minn.

BOOK NOOK

Something's a little fishy at the library

Have we got a fish story for you!

As anyone who has ever stepped foot in the Blooming Prairie Branch Library knows, we have a beautiful aquarium at the library. It was provided by the Friends of the Library and Spray Control Systems several years ago. Many visitors comment on how clean the tank is. For that we thank Craig Kruckeberg, former owner of Minimizer, who generously provides funds for Bry the Fish Guy to come and clean our tank twice a month.

A few months ago the fish service brought us 12 young Dalmatian Mollies. As they have grown they have developed more black and white spots to live up to their name. Last week we noticed that a couple of fish seemed to have gained a lot of weight. Yep, on Monday when the library opened, we found 16 baby Mollies. Most were no bigger than 1/4 inch long.

A sad fact of fish life is that mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles will often eat the babies. Library helpers Lori Pfeifer and Evan Westphal saved the babies by netting them and placing them in a special breeder box, the crib as I call it. The babies are safe. We are contemplating having a library special in the future – check out a book, get a free Molly! (Only with parental permission, of course.)

Whenever you come to the library, be sure to notice the new additions here – books, movies and even fish!



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or 1 teaspoon dried

12 colossal shrimp, shells on

1/2 cup kosher salt or coarse sea salt

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. In a small bowl, prepare dipping sauce by whipping together 1/2 cup of the olive oil, the lemon juice, garlic, parsley, and oregano. Save. Using a paring knife, make a 1/4-inch incision down the backs of the shrimp. Devein them, but do not remove the shells. In a medium bowl, add remaining 1/4 cup olive oil and the shrimp. Toss the shrimp in the oil, then sprinkle salt overtop, and toss thoroughly so that the shrimp are coated in salt. Grill shrimp directly over the heat or pan cook for approximately 3 minutes per side, or until shrimp are opaque throughout. Serve with dipping sauce.

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It’s human nature to build walls



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In the Netherlands there is a wall. There is nothing special about the wall itself. In fact, it looks like any other brick wall. It is the location that makes this wall so special. It was built in between two old graveyards, one for Catholics and one for Protestants.

In 1888, a change was made in the landscape of this wall. Following the death of her Protestant husband, Lady J.C.P.H van Aefferden, a Catholic of noble birth, wanted to forgo her family plot to be buried alongside her husband of 38 years.

Dutch policy made that impossible. So Aefferden arranged her grave directly on the other side of the wall from her husband. After her death two stone hands were added to the back of their gravestones, clasping across the wall that separates them. There are many pictures online of these unique gravestones.

It really is human nature to build walls. The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years to try and keep out invaders. In 1961, the East Germans began construction on the Berlin Wall to keep people from fleeing from East to West Germany. Presently there is a growing wall on Palestinian land to separate Israel from the West bank. And our country is in a heated debate over a wall on the border with Mexico.

Walls can be spectacular as architectural structures, but they can be even more fascinating as entities that inhabit our thinking and shape cultures. After all, the strongest walls are not actually constructed out of brick and mortar, but rather out of our jealousy, prejudice, anger, self righteousness, fear and/or insecurity. So whether the wall is made of bricks and mortar, or our fears and preju-

dices, one thing that all walls have in common is that their function is always fundamentally the same – to create divisions, to prevent people and ideas from moving freely, and to legitimize differences.

Maybe that is why I am so touched by that image of the two stone hands reaching across the wall in the Netherlands. It is a subtle reminder that it may be our human nature to build barriers, but it is the divine in us that wants so desperately to reach across those barriers that separate us.

Of course, if we are really going to lean into the divine in us...I think we would do more than reach across those barriers that separate us. After all, in Jesus’ death and resurrection he did more than reach across human made boundaries, Jesus tore all the barriers down. Not even death gets to be the final separation.

Maya Angelou once said, “*Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.*”

This is the love that we know through Christ. No matter what walls and barriers we may try and put up between ourselves and others or even between ourselves and God, we have a God who comes in love to break them down.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Walls may be part of our culture, but thankfully they are not part of God’s culture.

Our God has a new vision of community, one in which the unimpeded love and grace of God moves us and gives us the courage to change our landscapes, to break down whatever walls may be standing in our way and holding us back from loving God and one another.

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With a soapy brush in hand and water bucket close by, Elise Wilkert of Owatonna washes her calf during Cow Camp at the Clover Glen Farm in Steele County July 17. The 6-year-old was one of 16 area children that took part in the Cow Camp, which was organized by Deb McDermott-Johnson and her husband, Glen, 12 years ago.

COW CAMP FOR KIDS

Learning the ropes of dairy care and showing

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY RICK BUSSLER

When Glen Johnson looks out and sees many young girls and boys leading calves around his Steele County dairy farm, he chuckles with enjoyment at all the chaos taking place.

As the children are trying their hardest to keep the animals in line, Johnson wonders if the camp should be renamed, “Cow Chaos.”

“There are cows running all over. Kids dragging on the ground. One crying because the calf wouldn’t move and another one crying because it ran away,” Johnson related. “Some years have been worse than others.”

Such is the life for children in grades K-6 at Cow Camp, which is offered through Owatonna Community Education, a program directed by Johnson’s wife, Deb McDermott-Johnson. Cow Camp was held the week of July 15 at the Johnson farm once again as it has for the past 12 summers.

Cow Camp is a hands-on experience where children get to lead calves around the yard and wash them by hand. They also learn the birth dates and breeds of each calf. By the end of the camp, Johnson hopes the kids aren’t afraid of the animals.

McDermott-Johnson came up with the idea for Cow Camp as a way to spur interest in agriculture and cows with young people, especially those who have never been on a farm before. As she looked at the programming offered by Community Education, she found that there was nothing available for kids with agriculture.

“It’s amazing,” McDermott-Johnson said of Cow Camp. “This whole program is setting up for the next generation. It’s pretty impressive.”

One of Cow Camp’s success stories lies within Lilly Zollner, 18, of Owatonna. She went through Cow Camp as a third grader and now works on Johnson’s dairy farm. She assists with calf chores, field work, vet checks and other farm chores. The camp is responsible for getting her involved in 4-H as she joined the Pratt Commandoes.

Zollner assisted helping youngsters during last week’s Cow Camp. “I’m giving back because I had such a great opportunity so other kids can do it,” she said. “It’s fun to work with the calves and



Max Fink, 6, of Owatonna uses all his muscle to lead his calf, Buddy, around the yard of Clover Glen Dairy Farm during the recent Cow Camp for youngsters from around the area. There are several other campers in the background leading their calves around the yard.

show the kids how to bond with them and wash them.”

And as if the camp didn’t have a great enough influence on Zollner’s own childhood, it’s also responsible for what she plans to do in her adult life.

McDermott-Johnson said Zollner is gifted in many ways. She is an accomplished violinist, figure skater, theatre acting and other musical talents. “If she crashes on the ice, it’s no different than getting knocked down by a heifer,” McDermott-Johnson said. “I’m secretly admiring what her future is going to be like,” she added.

And as if the camp didn’t have a great enough influence on Zollner’s childhood, it also appears to be responsible for what she plans to do in her adult professional life as her future appears to be headed towards

the animals. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at River Falls this fall where she will major in animal science. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian technologist.

She traces her interest in agriculture back to Cow Camp more than 10 years ago. “I want to work with animals,” Zollner says. “I just love being with the cows and showing them. It’s one of the best decisions I ever made.”

Cow Camp is in such popular demand that only a select few are able to participate. The size of the camp is limited by the number of calves available on the Johnson farm. They match up each child with a calf based on their size. “The last thing we want is for someone to get hurt,” Johnson said. Some of the calves are brought in from other area dairy farms just for the

camp. McDermott-Johnson said they’ve had as many as 19 in the past. “If we get over 16, it’s unmanageable,” she said.

The children get to name the calves during camp. Some come up with funny names like Buddy and Della.

Johnson said the camp is important because people need to know where their food comes from. “Having them on the farm shows them how we take care of animals and have respect for them,” he said. “They absorb so much, so fast, they are on the farm seeing how things work.”

Another important reason for the camp, Johnson said, is showing them where their milk comes from.

Kylie Kruckeberg of Owatonna is another graduate of Cow Camp. She went through the camp nine years ago. She said the experience led her into both the 4-H and FFA programs.

“It’s a nice way to experience agriculture while still living in town,” Kruckeberg said, noting she wouldn’t have been able to had this experience without Cow Camp.

Kruckeberg, a junior at Owatonna High School, started by leasing some animals from the Johnson’s and now she actually owns a couple of them herself. She comes out to the Johnson farm as much as she can. She plans to show three cows and two heifers at the upcoming Steele County Fair.

Cow Camp has impacted children in other ways. “I’ve had one parent who said we saved their son’s life because he had been hanging out with the wrong crowd prior to Cow Camp,” McDermott-Johnson said.

The camp is basically focused on hands-on learning. “If you want them to succeed, you need to give them the hands-on,” McDermott-Johnson said. “The book is sufficient, but it’s not an enough of a deep dive into life.”

McDermott-Johnson said she would put this program on the road if she could for children all over to enjoy. “So many don’t get this experience,” she said. “They are making a memory that they will remember the rest of their lives.”

Last week there was an advanced Pro Camp for six more children who have already gone through Cow Camp in years past.

McDermott-Johnson said the equalizer in either of the camps is the cattle. “We’re all getting slimy together,” she said.



Kylie Kruckeberg of Owatonna helps a camper with his calf at Cow Camp. Kruckeberg graduated from Cow Camp nine years ago and now helps out with the annual camp.

“It’s a nice way to experience agriculture while still living in town.”

Kiley Kruckeberg
Cow Camp Graduate

“Having them on the farm shows them how we take care of animals and have respect for them.”

Glen Johnson
Cow Camp Host



Getting the calves clean can be a challenge as this youngster found out. Host instructor Deb McDermott-Johnson helps the girl out by using a steel brush to get the tough spots out.

Medford rezones property

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

After entering into a purchase agreement with developer Todd Nelson on a tract of land commonly referred to as “the old football field,” the City of Medford opted to rezone the property to better suit the needs of Nelson’s vision.

“The Planning and Zoning Board recommended to rezone the Todd Nelson property from R1 to R2,” City Administrator Andy Welti explained. This would rezone a majority of the property as Multi-Family Residential District. The portion of the property on which the developer plans to build single-family units will remain designated as Residential District.

Although the council approved the Planning and Zoning Board’s request, several citizens voiced their concerns on the matter during the meeting. “Residents expressed their opinions on valuations of nearby properties and traffic concerns and long-term ownership of the property,” Welti said.

“What the developer will be doing is planning the property and submitting plans for the city’s approval,” he explained. “Rezoning will become official upon the council approving the plat.” The plat is the proposed layout of the potential development.

SEE MEDFORD REZONES, B3

Time to familiarize about Hands-Free

Starting Aug. 1, Minnesota law will require drivers to put down their phones and go hands-free while driving. The state’s hands fee cell phone law makes Minnesota the 19th state, along with Washington, D.C., to enact laws regarding hands-free use while driving.



Steele Talkin’
ANDREA MARSHALL

We at Steele County Public Health care about your safety and that of your family. That’s why we encourage you to become familiar with this new law

and adapt your cell phone use so you and others on the road are safer.

The new law allows drivers over 18 to use their cell phones to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts, or get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone. A driver may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos, using apps, reading texts of scrolling or typing on the phone.

Hands-free certainly does not mean distraction-free. We encourage you to not use your phone at all while driving. Did you know that using a cell phone while driving, whether hands-free or hand-held, delays a driver’s reactions as much as having an alcohol concen-

SEE HANDS-FREE, B4

Society looks to new funding source for upcoming history exhibits

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The Steele County Historical Society is reaching out to a different fundraising platform by joining the ever-popular GoFundMe campaign for a couple upcoming projects.

James Lundgren, executive director of SCHS, said it will be the first time his organization has ever utilized GoFundMe to raise funds. Lundgren said “all non-profits have that struggle” of coming up with enough funds for various projects. “It’s a challenge for all non-profits to get the funding for projects we want to do,” he said.

Lundgren said GoFundMe is something

Steele County Historical Society GoFundMe Campaigns

- \$5,000 goal for Rural School Exhibit
www.gofundme.com/rural-school-exhibit
- \$5,000 goal for American Legion Centennial Exhibit
www.gofundme.com/american-legion-centennial-exhibit

other non-profit organizations have tried in recent years to raise funds. “We thought we would take a shot at it,” he said.

GoFundMe is an American for-profit crowdfunding platform that allows people to raise money for events ranging from life events such as celebrations and graduations to challenging circumstances like accidents and illnesses. From 2010 to 2017, more than \$5 billion was raised on the platform for 2 million individual campaigns. GoFundMe allows users to create their own website with which they raise money.

Specifically, SCHS is looking for donations for two upcoming projects, the

SEE NEW FUNDING SOURCE, B5

SKYWARN teaches how to track storms

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

When inclement weather rolls through the county, emergency services and the National Weather Service rely on amateur storm spotters to track and diagnose the strength and aftermath of storms.

On Saturday, July 27 Steele County SKYWARN hosted a training session at the Owatonna Fire Station for residents who want to learn a thing or two about weather and see if they might be interested in trying their hand at helping SKYWARN during storms.

“We normally offer this training session in the spring, but we chose to do it this time of year because of the interest, we have about 3,800 people following us on Facebook,” Dave Purscell of Steele County SKYWARN explained. “It got very, very busy after Sept. 20 of last year, that tends to happen anytime we get severe weather.”

The busy season for SKYWARN typically runs from March or April until late autumn, during which thunderstorms and tornados often rip through parts of the state. “You



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Dave Purscell from Steele County SKYWARN talks about the field guide to prospective spotters at last weekend’s training session held at the Owatonna Fireman’s Hall.

can have tornados anytime of the year,” Purscell said.

At the training session, Purscell ran through some of the techniques to spotting and identifying severe weather,

including hail, thunderstorms, and tornados. He also addressed how to track these and use location to give updates to SKYWARN which then consolidates that

information for the National Weather Service.

The forum also taught those in attendance how to monitor

SEE SKYWARN TEACHES, B5

Climate Change urges citizens to take action

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Just a stone’s throw away from the Jim Hagedorn townhall, a group of concerned citizens gathered inside Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Owatonna to hear a lecture on Climate Change by Alan Anderson of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Alan Anderson speaks to area residents about climate change, and the need for action while suggesting the formation of an Owatonna chapter of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby last Monday night at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer Corner

Golf for a cure on Aug. 7

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Join the fight against cancer by going to the golf course on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and participating in the annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Golf for a Cure event.

Nicki Bishop is chairing the event this year for the first time. “The BP Cancer Group is investing lots of effort into this fundraiser,” said Bishop. Connie Trom is in charge of the games, cookout (6 p.m.) and other activities connected with this event.

Proceeds from this annual event go directly to the BP Cancer Group. The golfing event is not just for golfers. Anyone can visit the event which starts at 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per person with a cart rental and it also includes dinner, green fees, cart and prizes. Cost is \$30 per person without a cart rental.

Golf carts are limited, thus please specify when signing up.

The public also has the opportunity to sponsor a hole in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Businesses can sponsor holes, too.

“Our players do not need to be skilled golfers or they don’t have to play; just stop by all of the holes,” said event organizer Nicki Bishop.

Golfers may register in advance by contacting the Country Club or by contacting Nicki at 507-456-3541.

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Digging a Water Line



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The grounds crew at the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna keeps busy getting the new barn ready for the fair. With the aide of a back hoe, crew members last week dug a trench in an effort to install a water line for the new wash rack located on the side of the barn. Fair manager Scott Kozelka says the barn will be complete and ready for dairy animals in time for the fair, which begins on Aug. 13 and runs until Aug. 18. The barn is just one of several major projects on the grounds this summer.

The Steele Saloon

A new option for liquor at Steele County Fair

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

There will be a new option for fairgoers seeking to cool down with an alcoholic beverage this year. The Steele County Free Fair Board has approved a second location for selling beer, wine and now hard liquor on the grounds. The Steele Saloon will be located in a tent in the area of the old race track, said Fair Board Director Doug Meier. The sale of hard liquor will be first for the fair and it will only be available at the Saloon. Currently only beer and wine are available in the Beer Garden.

Meier said the Saloon is part of the redevelopment of the fairgrounds that is under way with the removal of the track that previously was in front of the grandstand and opening up that area for additional activities and vendors. The actual Saloon will be housed in a 40 by 80 foot tent, he said. It will also include some outside seating. There will be a fence around the area, he said, and then eight feet away there will be another fence surrounding it. This, Meier said, is to prevent a person from

passing a drink across the fence to a person on the grounds. No one under 21 will be allowed inside the area at any time, he said. He also said that while beer, wine and hard liquor will be available, there will be no shots poured. Another way the Saloon will be different from the Beer Garden, he said, is in the type of music played. It will be a “speakeasy” atmosphere, Meier said, with no loud music. The idea, he said, is to have a place where people can come, have a drink, and talk without having to talk over the music. At the Beer Garden bands are a nightly feature. “It’s going to be quiet,” he said, “allowing visiting with friends.” The fair board did not make the decision to allow hard liquor sales lightly and

it was approved on an 8-5 vote after a lengthy discussion. Meier said that the decision to have the Saloon for the next two fairs is to see how it is received and if it is financially feasible to continue it. At the end of two years, he said, the fair board will look at the idea again and then make a final decision on whether hard liquor should be sold and the Saloon become a permanent feature. “We will look at the numbers and see how it goes,” Meier said. For this year’s fair, the Steele Saloon will be open on Tuesday, opening day, from 4 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it will be open from 2 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday morning, he said, will feature a Bloody Mary bar. The Beer Garden will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and will open at noon on Sunday. There is no admission for the entertainment inside the Beer Garden but no one under 21 is allowed to enter.



MEDFORD REZONES: property FROM B2

Nelson will initially move forward with phase one of development, which involves construction of a 16-unit apartment complex. The schedule is for the developer to break ground on the first phase in the spring of 2020. “Future phases will include another apartment building, and several townhomes, and he will eventually develop about nine single-family houses,” Welti said of Nelson’s proposed plans for the property.

The development of this property is a positive for the city and school district, both of whom were looking for a buyer that could deal with the issues of storm water drainage plaguing its sale on the market. “The school district has had only a few interested developers for the property and this is the first developer who has come forth with a plan at this time that will not require the city to spend a significant

amount of money for storm water on the site,” Welti explained. Nelson’s plan involves adding a pond in the middle which will effectively mitigate the issue of storm water drainage. During the meeting, the council also moved forward on setting new water and sewer rates, a standard item of action during the middle of summer. Prior to the session, the city’s 2020 preliminary budget and tax levy was

reviewed by those on the council. “The council reviewed the proposed 2020 budget and levy and will take action on it during the August meeting,” Welti said. As of now, the proposed 2020 budget will have an expenditure of \$2,434,288 and a revenue of \$2,395,801, but these numbers are not set in stone and can possibly change. The next Medford City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.

3 stages provide free fun at the fair

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

Three stages will be providing free entertainment this year at the Steele County Free Fair. Visitors will have options at the Village Stage, United Prairie Bank stage and Elmer Reseland Stage. Performers at the Elmer Reseland Stage include The Moogician, Norm’s Magic and Ventriloquist James Wedgwood. In addition to the performances, the Reseland Stage will host a number of contests including Seed Spitting and Nail Driving. The Amateur Talent Show will also be on the stage on Sunday afternoon. Appearing on the United Prairie Bank Stage will be a variety of performers including the Community Band, The Lovehandles, Stix of Fury, Dee Miller Band, Walter’s Wheelhouse, the Golden Tones, George’s Concertina, Little Fisherman, Bad Tangerines, While Sidewalls, the Rad Zoo and others. The Community Outdoor Worship service will be held at the stage on Sunday morning. The Owatonna Football/Cheerleader Rally will conclude events on Sunday evening. The Village Stage at the Steele County Historical Society will feature “Music in the Village” every day of the fair. Among those appearing at the Village Stage will be Dave Williams, Dunnell Lenort, the Golden Tones, Joe’s Concertina, Ditch Creek Dixies, OHS Jazz Combo, Jeff and Noelle Page, Just Kidding, Lights of Litomysl, Laklanders, Sunrise, and Todd and Roger Uptadel.

Senior Day set for the fair

Thursday, Aug. 16 is Senior Day at the Steele County Free Fair. The day begins with free parking for those 65 and older from 8 a.m. to noon sponsored by US Bank of Owatonna. Entertainment begins at 10:30 a.m. with the Golden Tones of Owatonna. The Senior Citizen volunteers of the year will be honored at 11:30 a.m. George’s Concertina band kicks off the afternoon at 12 p.m. and the Little Fisherman at 2:45 p.m. The White Sidewalls will end the day’s entertainment at 8 p.m. There will be specials offered to the seniors by many of the vendors at the fair. Del Pointe, the Rodney Dangerfield of Owatonna, will be the emcee for Thursday afternoon’s entertainment. On Friday, Aug. 16, the Riverbend Dutchmen will be on the United Prairie stage from 12–2:30 p.m. and Saturday at 12 p.m. will be the Dan Stursa band. Dan Stursa will also entertain fairgoers at the barn dance from 5–9 p.m. in the Swine Show Arena. Luverne Wanous and Hans Hohrman will be performing at the entrances to the Four Seasons every evening and Sunday afternoon.



Steely’s Insights
WAYNE STEELE

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Have you ever considered entering a competitive department at the fair? A number of opportunities exist including photography, culinary, hobbies, homemade wine and homemade beer, vegetables and many more or perhaps you have entered before and plan to enter this year. The deadlines to register are quickly approaching. Aug. 1 is the deadline for a number of departments. The SCFF has made it very easy to enter your products or projects. On the fair website (www.scff.org) is a tab called Exhibitor Guide and once you are in the Exhibitor Guide a red box appears that says enter here. Just complete the entry and submit or you may bring your entry form to the fair office. Exhibitor Guide Catalogues are also available at local banks, libraries and at the fair office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the fair office at 507-451-5305 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wayne Steele is the entertainment and publicity director for the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna. He also serves as vice president on the fair board.

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It's that time of the summer to be visiting the farmers markets in our area. Blooming Prairie resident Betty Behnken, left, picked up some home grown fruits and vegetables from Terry Jordan, Stewartville, of Produce Plus. The makeshift Farmer's Market is located in the lot across from Vandal's Family Market

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MN CREP signups continue in Mower County

With increased payment rates and this season's abnormally high rainfall, Mower County landowners are encouraged to apply for turning marginal cropland into permanent prairie and wetlands.

Applications are made through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

The Mower Soil & Water Conservation District is continuing to seek Mower County landowners interested in MN CREP, a state-federal program that permanently restores cropland to native prairie or wetlands, especially on flood-prone or erosive acres.

MN CREP applications, which were on hold for nine months, need to be submitted by Aug. 25 through Mower SWCD (Soil Water Conservation District).

In two years, Mower SWCD has helped get about 125 acres of cropland – all in the Cedar River watershed – enrolled in permanent conservation through MN CREP. Contracts for another 223 acres are nearing completion for land in Mower County's Cedar and Root River watersheds.

"Low crop prices and unusually high amounts of rain might have farmers looking at their fields differently," said James Fett, a Mower SWCD watershed technician overseeing the local program. "MN CREP gives them an opportunity to retire problematic acres from production and turn them into excellent wildlife habitat benefiting water quality."

MN CREP payment rates have increased to at least \$7,000 to \$8,000 per acre. It also is not known yet when the next MN CREP application period will open after August, making the next month an ideal time to apply for the program.

"We hope people at least look into the possibilities for their land soon because it's a great opportunity that is not always around, and MN CREP compensates you for the value of your land," Fett said, adding that temporary contracts also are an option through the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

MN CREP, which pays 100 percent of the costs for restoring cropland to wetlands and prairie, is a perpetual easement in which landowners retain private ownership of enrolled

acres. Public hunting never will be allowed on MN CREP land unless allowed by the private landowner.

To date, Mower SWCD has four completed MN CREP contracts in Mower County totaling about 125 acres. They include:

- Garbisch Family – 75 acres along Roberts Creek in Red Rock Township, west of Brownsdale.
- Loucks Family – 6 acres along Rose Creek in Austin Township.
- Brad and Wendy Hines – 20 acres along Blooming Prairie Creek in Udolpho Township.
- Roger and Dawna Peterson – 24 acres along Blooming Prairie Creek in Udolpho Township.

MN CREP is a voluntary state-federal program designed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat through permanent conservation easements that keep the land under private ownership.

MN CREP was created to protect and restore up to 60,000 acres of marginal cropland across 54 southern and western Minnesota counties, including Mower, by using vegetative buffer strips, wetland restoration and drinking water well-head protection.

Landowners accepted into MN CREP enroll in the federal USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 14 to 15 years. At the same time, the land is put into a permanent conservation easement through the state's Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM).

Under MN CREP, work typically involves restoring hydrology through tile breaks, tile blocks, scrapes, embankment construction and daylighting tiles, among other practices. The site is seeded with a highly diverse mixture of native grasses and forbs beneficial to wildlife and pollinator habitat. It also prevents erosion and filters surface and ground water.

In designing MN CREP land-restoration projects, engineers take careful detail to ensure that landowners upstream and downstream of the site have no negative effects to their drainage, Fett said.

Mower County landowners interested in MN CREP should contact James Fett, Mower SWCD, at 507-434-2603, ext. 5, or by email at james.fett@mowerswcd.org.

Farm stress got you down? Help is available

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) are teaming up to make copies of the Coping with Farm and Rural Stress in Minnesota brochure available at FSA offices in USDA County Service Centers across the state.

The brochure highlights key resources that can help people struggling with financial, legal, emotional, and relationship problems.

"We've been hearing from farmers who are worried about the stress loads that so many of their friends, neighbors, and relatives are under," said Meg Moynihan, MDA senior advisor. "They want to help the people they care about find the right kind of support, but sometimes aren't sure where to turn."

Minnesotans can also call 651-201-6012 to receive a copy in the mail or can download the brochure at www.minnesotafarmstress.com. Both the print and online versions are free.

Farmers who are experiencing anxiety, depression, indecision, and other challenges can call the free Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline at 833-600-2670 any hour day or night. People who are worried about someone else in their life – but not sure how to approach them about it – can also call this number for help.

TIME TO FAMILIARIZE: about Hands-Free FROM B2

tration level of .08 percent (University of Utah) and that driving 55 mph while texting and driving is like traveling the length of a football field blindfolded (NHTSA)? If you must use your phone, please follow the guidelines recommended by Mn Safety Council. This includes:

- using a single earphone that has a microphone (using earphones in both ears is illegal)
- buy an auxiliary cable and connect it to your phone's earphone jack to your car's AUX jack. Most cables can be purchased for less than \$5.
- Buy a car cell phone holder or clip your phone to the dash
- Buy a Bluetooth speaker or earphone to pair with your phone. These devices generally sell for \$10-\$50+.

The following are commonly asked questions and answers regarding the new law.

Can I ever hold my phone? Yes. Hand-held phone use is allowed to obtain emergency assistance, if there is an immediate treat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle while performing official duties.

Can I use GPS navigation? Yes, GPS and other systems that can only be used for navigation are exempt from the hands-free law. In-car screens and systems are also exempt. In both cases, most of these systems lock when the vehicle is moving.

Can I use hold my device while waiting at a stop sign or red light while my vehicle is not moving? No, at no point while a driver is in the vehicle may they have the device in their hand.

If my teen is under 18 years old and has a driver's permit or provisional driver's license, can they use their phone in hands-free mode? They cannot make or answer calls while driving (hands-free or hand-held).

Does the new law apply to smart watches? Smart watches are considered the same as cell phones and therefore, have the same restrictions as cell phone use and can only be used by one touch or voice activation.

What are the penalties? The first ticket is \$50 plus court fees and the second and later tickets are \$275 plus court fees. There is no official grace period for drivers, and beginning Aug. 1, drivers should never assume they'll get a free pass at any time.

Steele County Public Health is providing information sheets that outline how cell phones can and cannot be used when a vehicle is in traffic. Additional resources are available on the MN Safety Councils Hands-Free resource page.

Start now to make your phone hands-free and help make all of us safer on the roads.

Andrea Marshall is a health educator with Steele County Public Health in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors from various organizations around Steele County.

Tassels are showing around the area

On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

We're starting to see tassels in some corn fields in Steele and Rice counties. We should see even more tassels emerge in the next several days. Tassel emergence happens soon after the upper leaves point upward. Silks emerge at about the same time as the tassels, because both parts are necessary for pollination. In fact, the appearance of tassels and silks indicates the beginning of corn undergoing pollination. Due to the weather we've been having, you may be wondering about how your corn is growing coming into its pollination period.

Corn's critical period for yield determination begins two weeks before tasseling and lasts until two weeks after tasseling. Stress to corn during this period, especially the week after tasseling, can decrease yield by decreasing the number of kernels per plant. The factors that would most likely cause reduced yield are dry soil and high air temperature.

University of Minnesota Extension Corn Specialist, Jeff Coulter, notes that although high air temperatures recently occurred in much of Minnesota, it is unlikely that they negatively affected corn in most fields. Heat stress has less of an impact on corn during pollination than drought stress, and typically does not occur until air temperature exceeds 86°F with dry soil or 92°F with adequate soil moisture and high humidity.

Drought or heat stress – or a combination of the two – before pollination affects the number of potential kernels per row. These factors can also delay silk emergence, while either speeding up or not affecting pollen shed. This delay in silking results in asynchrony between – or incorrect timing of – silk emergence and pollen shed. This can result in poor kernel set and ultimately result in lower yield.

Combined drought and heat stress shortly after tassel emergence can also cause exposed silks to dry quickly and be less receptive to pollen. You can check the success of kernel set during and shortly after pollination by carefully unwrapping husks and gently shaking ears. Silks detach from the ear within a couple days after they have been pollinated. Silks that do not detach have either received pollen very recently or have not received pollen. This ultimately results in fewer kernels on the ear.

It's actually more common in Minnesota that drought stress would happen after successful pollination. This stress typically results in kernel loss at the tip of ears. If drought stress is intense or combined with other stresses, kernel loss can occur in more severe patterns on ears.

Corn development is behind normal and behind last year. But at this point, yield potential is still variable and uncertain. Our overall yield will depend on weather conditions from now through mid-August.

Corn typically reaches maturity 55 to 60 days after the start of pollination. With this year's later start to corn pollination, growers should anticipate higher moisture grain at harvest and you may need to dry corn before selling or storing.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension educator for the University of Minnesota in Steele and Rice counties. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.

CLIMATE CHANGE: *urges citizens to take action* FROM B2

The CCL is a non-partisan group focused on educating and organizing chapters throughout the nation with the aim of lobbying representatives and senators in order to influence them to support energy conservation, renewable energy, and efforts to reduce CO2 emissions.

“If we do nothing we’re really heading for a disaster,” Anderson told the crowd of people at the outset of his talk. “We need to be headed for almost zero emissions by the end of the century and that’s just to preserve the way it is now.”

Although it seemed an alarmist tone, Anderson pivoted back to practical steps that citizens can take when encouraging lawmakers to act on environmental issues. According to Anderson, one important step would be to institute a carbon fee and dividend.

“This is kind of the core of what Citizens’ Climate Lobby is trying to do, because what we believe,

and what the scientists are telling us, is that without some kind of carbon tax we could do everything else and we’re not going to get to where we need to go,” he said. “This will reduce emissions faster and more broadly than almost anything else we would be able to do.”

The idea is to tax fossil fuels that come out of the ground or into our ports by \$15 a ton initially, and that would go to the treasury where it would all be refunded back to U.S. households minus an administrative fee of around 2%.

“It will be more expensive for households because the price of heating, and cooling, and all those things is going to go up, but this dividend portion going back to American households is what makes the lower 70% of American households either whole, or come out a little ahead of the game,” Anderson explained. “So, you’re protecting middle- and lower-income people from

those rising prices.”

In Anderson’s theory, as all things fossil fuel become more expensive, all things non-fossil fuel will become cheaper alternative energies. “If fossil fuels became even more expensive, everybody would put solar panels on their house,” he quipped.

“The beauty of a carbon fee is that it applies to absolutely everything in the economy,” Anderson said. “People don’t have to agree with it or believe in climate change, they can just vote with their pocketbook and go with what’s cheaper. If you don’t have some kind of carbon tax or carbon fee, then the alternative would be to start doing things piecemeal.”

All those smaller regulations would become a nightmare both to enact, and to keep track of, so in Anderson’s eyes a carbon fee and dividend is something of a panacea for the environment’s woes. “This is one bill that impacts absolutely everything, and the economists tell us it’s

easy to keep track of and it’s hard to cheat on,” he said.

Right now, there are several CCL chapters within Minnesota, but Owatonna is not one of them. Anderson and his fellow CCL members hope to form additional chapters, including one which would operate out of Owatonna in order to add more numbers to their grassroots lobbyist army.

“Twice a year in June and November we head to Washington,” Anderson said of one of their larger lobbying efforts. “This last year there was 1,400 lobbyists from all 50 states and out of the 535 possible government offices that we could visit, we had scheduled appointments in 510.”

Citizens’ Climate Lobby was started in 2007 and now has over 140,000 members throughout the nation and around the world. “It has the singular mission to build the political will to pass a revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend,” Anderson said.

Anderson said that the fee and dividend would carry an agricultural exemption for farmers who use fuel. “In reality, ag. fuel while it’s huge for an individual farmer is not that much for our whole fuel use package, and we want farmer’s to be behind this,” he explained. “If we don’t stop CO2 emissions then our climate will just keep getting hotter and hotter and we’ll have more tremendous rainfalls that are a big problem for farmers, and that’s all predicted by climate scientists to just keep getting worse.”

“Any farmer who cares about the land, and their kids who may inherit it in the future, they should all be on board to try and bring a halt to this,” Anderson added. “The U of M Ag Department has said that for every degree of summer heat increase, crop production will probably decrease by a certain percentage, so the higher it goes the lower crop production goes.”

He feels that it is im-

portant for citizens to get involved in political affairs as regular concerns and voices may not be represented by big lobbyist groups. “One of the things I think sometimes we forget in America is that there is one thing more powerful than big money, and that’s 51% of the vote, so whatever party you prefer you should work with your representatives to try and fix climate change and do something about it.”

“Our kids’ and our grandkids’ future depend on us getting this right,” Anderson concluded. “The challenge is that CO2 is going up, a third of it stays up there for centuries so we have to bring that down as fast as we can, we cannot wait for a future generation to fix it, it will literally be too late.”

Bill H.R. 763 introduced this past January within the U.S. House of Representatives currently imposes a carbon fee and dividend. The bill has 58 sponsors from both parties.

SKYWARN TEACHES: *how to track storms* FROM B2

severe weather in a safe and responsible way, as well as how to properly report such cases as a spotter. Spotters operate in the field, usually in pairs or groups, and are tasked with helping to deliver any information they can to SKYWARN, operating out of the Owatonna Fireman’s Hall. They are required to attend a training session such as this one once every two years.

“We need lots of spotters, we have 430 square miles in this county,” Purscell said of the importance of training classes such as this one. “Being able to cover that when we’re doubling people up, and when people work multiple shifts and may or may not be available any given time, and the fact that I need four or five people to staff my weather operation center, I need plenty of spotters.”

Training sessions such as these are open to the public, and SKYWARN holds regular meetings at the Owatonna Fire Station on the third Tuesday of every month. “Some time people will attend who have no intention of spotting, they just want to learn more about severe weather, and that’s fine, we’re happy to share that information,” Purscell said.

“Our organization is predominantly about having spotters so we can help make people aware, that’s our primary

responsibility, but we’re really into education, severe weather education,” he explained. “We send out members of our group to go speak at service organizations or clubs, we’re more than happy to put on a 15- or 20-minute program.”

Although it is not a necessary skill, knowledge of amateur radio helps spotters in the field when cellphone coverage and reliability can get dicey. “Amateur radio is very helpful, most SKYWARN groups around the country are only amateur radio, but we chose a few years ago to allow cellphone users because we want more people to participate.”

“A lot of people who choose to be spotters find out very quickly when they’re riding with somebody who does use amateur radio that it is much better,” Purscell said. “Because you’re listening to all of the communication that is going on.”

With years of experience, Purscell and his fellow SKYWARN spotters have seen plenty of severe weather. “Sept. 20 of last year was crazy, there was a lot of interest after that one, but June 17, 2010 was the largest tornado outbreak in the State of Minnesota,” he said. “We had five tornados in Steele County that day.”

He also has tips for motorists who may be out in inclement weather. The first

is to understand weather, and to avoid traveling in it if possible. “Everybody should be aware of what’s going on, and plan their trips accordingly,” Purscell said. “If you are caught on the road, all the new warning systems actually list the mile markers where the threats are between, so paying attention to where you’re at on the road helps.”

“You do not want to drive through flooded roadways, and definitely slow down if the visibility is bad,” he continued. “If you’re going to pull off the road because of visibility or hail make sure you’re completely off the roadway, and flashers should be on for that.” During a tornado stopping below an underpass is not a wise decision, due to the wind tunnel effect it creates. “The air speeds increase within that wind tunnel that’s formed in there so it’s a very dangerous place to be.”

For those who want to get involved or simply learn more, attending one of the meetings is a great start. “If you are interested in spotting for Steele County SKYWARN the best thing that you can do is come to our monthly meetings,” Purscell said.

Anyone who wishes to learn more about SKYWARN and the services they provide can visit their website at: <http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org/>.

SOCIETY LOOKS TO: *new funding source* FROM B2

Centennial of the American Legion and Rural Schools. Lundgren said SCHS is hoping to get \$5,000 for each exhibit. They hope to raise the money so the exhibits can be installed by Veteran’s Day this November.

As of Monday afternoon, the Legion exhibit had raised \$170 and the Rural School exhibit \$70.

The Legion exhibit will explore the four pillars of the American Legion and its history in Steele County over the past 100 years. The text of the exhibit has been written, but now the SCHS needs funds to physically contract the exhibit. Lundgren said the \$5,000 would enable the society to

create a high quality exhibit for the History Center.

The other exhibit will focus on rural schools in the county. Grants have been secured that have covered the writing of the text, but now funds are needed to do the physical construction of the exhibit.

Lundgren said if for some reason the campaign goes viral and more funds are raised, SCHS would look at expanding the programs for each exhibit, which will be on display throughout most of 2020. He said sometimes the society brings in speakers for panel discussions about the topics related to the exhibits.

Donations are tax deductible.

Manhole strategy



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AUG. 5
1 p.m. – Movie Monday, BP Library
- AUG. 6**
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library
2 p.m. – Pony Tales, BP Library
2 p.m. – Bakken Museum Science of Me program, BP Library

ELLENDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

- AUG. 2**
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

AUG. 5
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
- 6 p.m. – Ellendale Fire Department Meeting, Community Building

AUG. 7
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

- AUG. 1**
10 a.m. – Owatonna Chamber Annual Golf Event, Country Club
2 p.m. – Open House, Unique Abilities
4 p.m. – Downtown Thursday, Downtown Owatonna

AUG. 3
7 a.m. – Farmers Market, Central Park
8:30 a.m. – Gus' Station Car Show, History Center
9 a.m. – Izaak Walton League Minnesota Division Meeting, Baymont Owatonna

AUG. 5
6 p.m. – Owatonna Firefighters Relief Association Meeting, Fire Station
7 p.m. – Steele County
- Planning Commission Meeting, County Admin Building

AUG. 6
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Summer Storytime, Owatonna Library
4 p.m. – The North Market, Grace Baptist Church
5 p.m. – Night to Unite, Owatonna

AUG. 7
9:30 a.m. – Garden Time, Owatonna Library
10 a.m. – Bakken Museum Science of Me program, Owatonna Library
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Study Session, City Admin Building
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

BOB Ride rescheduled for Aug. 17

On Saturday, Aug. 17, the Bikers of Blooming Prairie (BOB) hope to eclipse a record \$14,568 earned in last year's ride for the benefit of Toys for Tots.

The July 20 BOB Ride was rescheduled because of a storm that struck the area during the morning hours.

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

Harvey Farr, chairman of the event, encourages

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

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

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

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

Ice Cream Social at Meriden church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Meriden is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 4 from 4-7 p.m.

The social will feature pulled pork sandwiches, BBQs, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, fruit cup, root beer floats and lots of pie and ice cream.

The church is located at 2781 SW 92nd Ave. in Meriden.

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Rescheduled Gus' Station Car Show this Saturday

Due to the rain storm during the original date, the Steele County Historical Society has moved the fifth annual Gus' Station Car Show to Saturday, Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna.

Classic cars of all ages, new and old, domestics and imports will be on display throughout the facility parking area at the SCHS, ensuring there is something for everyone to see. The car show is a participant voting system, with open class trophies to the top ten vehicles. A dash plaque will be given to all entries. There is a \$5 per vehicle registration fee.

The show will feature a wide range of specialty vehicles scheduled to attend. 1957 Vintage Sprint Car #9, 1970's vintage wingless sprint car #17, 1957 vintage Chevy Convertible Stock Car; 1948 Curtis Craft Midget vintage race car; Vintage Super Modified race car; 1967 Chevrolet Asphalt race car, 1963 Nova vintage Late Model race car; 1961 McCulloch Go-Kart; 1948 Customized Crosley Pickup; Model A hunting camper; and the current Mastell Brothers Touring Series points leader Sprint car.

The fund raising breakfast was held on the original date, so no breakfast will be held on the alternate date.

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.

The Gus' Station Car Show and Breakfast is made possible with the generous sponsorship from title sponsors Hope Creamery and Tri M Graphics.

Arkema tries to spark fun with STEM learning

Six teachers from Steele County will be hitting the classroom early for Arkema's annual Science Teacher program.

The teachers will come from Blooming Prairie Elementary, NRHEG Elementary in Ellendale and McKinley Elementary in Owatonna. They will show up for class at the Arkema plant in Blooming Prairie Aug. 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the three-day event, Arkema scientists will provide hands-on mentoring to help elementary schools teachers discover new ways to make science interesting for the students they will be teaching this fall.

This year's subjects explore energy and electromagnetism, next generation environments and next generation mixtures and solutions.

Following the program, Arkema also provides a donation to each participating school to replenish kit materials.

Each summer Arkema shares time, resources and expertise in order to spark students' curiosity and generate enthusiasm for the sciences. The program functions in communities where Arkema has either manufacturing or research facilities. Since its inception in 1996, teachers who have participated in the program have shared what they have learned with more than 50,000 students nationwide, most of whom are from socioeconomically disadvantaged homes.

The coordinator for the program in Blooming Prairie is Sandi Mayzlik.



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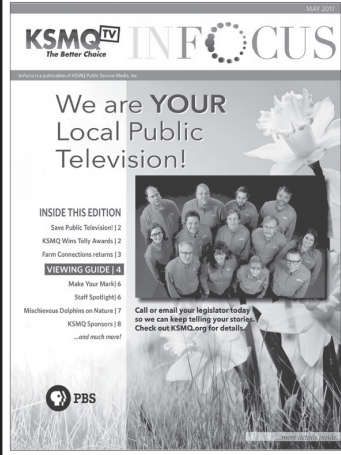
Blooming Prairie resident Lois Nelson smiles widely with satisfaction after being one of 21 blood donors at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 24 at the Blooming Prairie City Center. Bobby Baxter of the Red Cross administered her blood draw. The Red Cross has issued an urgent call for blood during the month of July with the Fourth of July holiday cutting drastically into donations nationwide.

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Seth Pack Golf Tourney continues to raise money for special needs programs

BY ALEX MALM
STAFF WRITER

Twelve years ago the son of Hayfield Math Teacher and Activities Director Chris Pack was born with Down Syndrome.

Ever since then, his family has been looking for ways to help raise money that support special needs programs.

For a couple of years, they did the Buddy Walk in St. Paul to help support the State Down Syndrome Association, but they ultimately knew they wanted to do more locally.

Pack explained that they wanted to have more of an impact close to home and see the results of the fundraising efforts used locally, so they decided to start the Seth Pack Golf Tournament in 2011.

Ever since then it has been nothing short of successful.

The first tournament, like many fundraisers started off small with 50 golfers and 12 teams. After raising money for the worthy cause, they decided to do it again the following year,

“It shows that people in small towns are always willing to help out.”

Chris Pack
Seth Pack’s Dad

and gained even more support from the community.

Every year since then the tournament has gone up in golfers and attendance, peaking at 160 golfers, and 40 teams last year. Pack said that they are on track to reach or surpass that number again this year.

But Pack explained that the tournament goes beyond just golf, during the day and leading up to it, they have plenty of ways to raise money for the cause. Since they started the tournament they have raised over \$60,000, most of which has gone to families with children with special needs in South East Minnesota.

“It goes well beyond just golf,” Pack said. “We are able to raise money in many different ways.”

While the majority of the money has been used to help with programs like ARC, which helps provide programs and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha, and Winona counties, they have also expanded in their giving recently.

This year, they were able to help provide most of the funding for the state tournament bound Hayfield Adaptive Bowling Team and provided a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Hayfield High School.

Pack explained that it is very fulfilling to be able to help raise money to help kids and families, and that they are overwhelmed with the support from the community and outside the community.

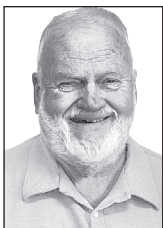
“It shows that people in small towns are always willing to help out,” Pack said.

The annual event will be taking place on Aug. 2 at the Oaks Golf Club in Hayfield.

Dog Days upon us

It hardly seems possible, but we are rapidly approaching the “dog days” of August, when the whole world seems to pause and regroup for the final hectic months of another year.

Fall sports begin practices in just a couple of weeks, farmers cast an eye on their fields and hope that crops start to mature, and families take the opportunity for one last activity or excursion before school begins in September.



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

I don’t know who first named those middle days of the month dog days, but it does seem to be appropriate. Everything just seems to slow down and hesitate in activity before the big final push of the final four months before the calendar turns over, and we enter still another year

of life. Let’s enjoy these days of inactivity and remind us that it won’t stay quiet very long.

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

What has happened to the basic civility, which we have always enjoyed in our everyday society? I am no prude, but I have been dismayed at the dialog and actions of supposedly good Americans. And I think this new philosophy stems back from the Fayetteville demonstration in which a lady was killed by a reckless driver.

What made that incident so deplorable traced back immediately to the seeming indifference that our president treated the entire incident? I truly do make an effort to avoid politics and religion in my weekly ramblings, but the present tenure of the general population gives me pause as to the direction and the ultimate destination of our society.

Whatever happened to those days not too far back where people interacted with each other with politeness and genuine concern for the next person. Politicians take turns criticizing the other candidates, and they are adamant in the thought that their campaign and platform ideas are the only ones that will work. That philosophy seems to permeate the atmosphere surrounding the political field, as we begin the campaign for the 2020 election-one of greatest importance to our country and its citizens.

One thing that certainly is missing from society is the complete absence of compromise. I don’t think I have seen more than one or two bills be enacted this legislative session, which were a joint effort by the political parties. Where is that spirit of compromise that makes government work that is a sore need in today’s society? I for one, am anxiously waiting and hoping that we will return to that kind of society again soon, although I am not holding my breath that it will happen. That is too bad for all of us.

OUT AND ABOUT

This is one of the very few weeks in which there is not an event in the community about which to urge residents to attend and support. The next big affair for the area will be the Cancer Group’s big two-night auction the first week in September. This is a major fundraiser for that group and will be a giant event. Make plans to attend now.

It has been quite a while since I attempted to entertain readers with some humor. Maybe it is time for another attempt. For example, I love a polished speaker; I really really do. I don’t mean one who’s polished, I mean one who’s through. Ignore the stagnation of mid-August, enjoy remaining summer, and we’ll talk again.

Anticlimactic finish in feature race at Chateau



Zach Elward of Hayfield captured the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks Friday night at the Chateau Raceway in Lansing. The heat featured 18 laps of non-stop action. This is the second week in a row that Elward has won the competition.

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

Temperatures didn’t make the 90s this week but mid-80s still felt plenty warm for week 11 of racing action at Chateau Speedway in Lansing Friday Night.

“Bruiser” the Austin Bruins Mascot was on hand to greet fans and take pictures with the kids. A pair of drivers picked up their first feature wins of the season and some thrilling finishes made for some exciting races.

One feature race, however, that was set up for a thrilling finish turned rather anticlimactic after a late caution. The French’s Repair USRA A Mod Main Event was setting to be a three-car battle between Jason Cummins of New Richland, Brandon Davis of Hayfield and Steve Wetzstein of West Concord. Davis took the early lead off the front row while Cummins moved into second out of row two.

Cummins was able to pull away from Davis for his second feature win of the season. Joe Horgdahl of Kasson came home third ahead of Kevin Stoa of Albert Lea and Joel Alberts of Mantorville. Heat wins went to Davis and Blake Aarnrdt of Brownsdale.

In Action Builders USRA B Mod action, Tucker Williams of Rochester scored his first Career Chateau Speedway Feature win. Tucker and Taylor Ovrebo of Wells lined up on the front row for the main event with Taylor leading a little more than the first half of the race. Williams made several runs at Ovrebo using the outside line several times to try and make the move for the lead, but it was the inside line on lap twelve that proved to be the winning combination. Once he got to the front he stretched out the lead to score the win. Kadden Kath of Owatonna made his way up to second but had to settle for the runner-up spot.

The Power 96 Pure Stocks have been making it a habit of running caution free features this year and raced through yet another one. Brandon Shaner of Owatonna who was making his first appearance of the season at the track rocketed from row three to the front on the drop of the green flag. Only problem was he pulled out of line early and was called for jumping the start. The

track does not throw caution in these instances instead docking the driver two spots on the next caution or at the end of the race. It was looking like it was going to be a tough moment if he stayed up front but Jack Maas of Faribault reeled him in and made the clean pass for the lead just over halfway thru the race. Maas went on to win his second feature win of the year and Shaner who crossed in second was scored as fourth.

Also running a caution free main event were the Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets and for the second week in a row Aaron Reimers of Prior Lake had his shot at getting his first feature win snatched away late by Justin Schelitzche of Cologne.

Not to be outdone were the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks who put together 18 laps of non-stop action in their main event. Fred Prudohl of Winona took the early lead off the front row but surrendered the top spot to Zach Elward of Hayfield five laps in.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds had about as close as you can come to a caution free feature without actually getting one. A short yellow for a first lap spin was all that slowed the field as they restarted and kept it clean the rest of the way. Jeremy Misgen of New Richland took the early on lap one before giving it up to Ryan Goergen of Stacyville, Iowa on lap three. Two laps later, the third leader in the races first five laps became Cory Asmussen of Waseca. Asmussen would make sure there was no fourth leader of the race as he led the field the final 15 laps all the way to victory lane as he became the second driver on the night to pick up his first Career Chateau Speedway Feature Win. Ryan Wetzstein of West Concord put on quite a show in coming home second.

Up next for the track is another big weekend. There will be seven classes of cars next Friday Night with the KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods on the schedule again next week for the 7:15 p.m. race time. Track Employees will once again be making the trip up to the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Kasson on Sunday for the rescheduled Thunderbird Open from the rained out event at the Dodge County Fair a couple weeks ago.



Here are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 26:

- WISSOTA Midwest Modified**
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 97-Cory Asmussen-Waseca, [2]; 2. 90-Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord, [16]; 3. 79-Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, [5]; 4. 83-Kylie Kath-Claremont, [4]; 5. RED1-Dan Wheeler-Savage, [6]; 6. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [7]; 7. 37-Michael Wytaske-Hartland, [15]; 8. 77T-Casey Trom-Austin, [11]; 9. 44Z-Anton Nelson-Hayfield, [8]; 10. 1M-Josh Mattick-Rose Creek, [14]; 11. 26-Brad Minske-Northfield, [9]; 12. 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [3]; 13. 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [10]; 14. 86-Noel Hoppe-New Richland, [12]; 15. (DNF) 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [17]; 16. (DNF) 14-Cole Kroneman-Austin, [1]; (DNS) 4-Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie,
Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 83-Kylie Kath, [1]; 2. G12-Ryan Goergen, [3]; 3. 97-Cory Asmussen, [9]; 4. 14-Cole Kroneman, [7]; 5. 26-Brad Minske, [2]; 6. 77T-Casey Trom, [5]; 7. (DNF) 4-Brayten Cisneros, [4]; 8. (DNF) 37-Michael Wytaske, [6]; 9. (DNF) 90-Ryan Wetzstein, [8]
Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. RED1-Dan Wheeler, [2]; 2. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [7]; 3. 44Z-Anton Nelson, [3]; 4. 79H-Luke Hainka, [4]; 5. 33-Darryl Hainka, [8]; 6. 86-Noel Hoppe, [6]; 7. (DNF) 1M-Josh Mattick, [5]; (DQ) 98D-Christopher Deno, [1]
Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 31-Jack Maas, [4]; 2. 1-Troy Maas, [3]; 3. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [2]; 4. 11-Brandon Shaner, [5]; 5. 17-Michael Wick, [6]; 6. 96-Kyndra Neis, [1]; 7. 3G-Josh Sousa, [7]; (DNS) 0-Brian Adams
Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 11-Brandon Shaner, [2]; 2. 31-Jack Maas, [4]; 3. 1-Troy Maas, [5]; 4. 96-Kyndra Neis, [1]; 5. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [3]; 6. 17-Michael Wick, [7]; 7. 3G-Josh Sousa, [6]; 8. (DNF) 0-Brian Adams, [8]
Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 14-Justin Schelitzche-Cologne, [8]; 2. 2-Aaron Reimers-Prior Lake, [5]; 3. 16M-Matt Wieman-Owatonna, [2]; 4. 88-Matt Tighe-Austin, [3]; 5. 79T-Taylor Pearson-Burnsville, [4]; 6. 20-Joe Frahm-Stewartville, [6]; 7. 5-Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake, [7]; 8. 5L-Luke Geisler-Richfield, [14]; 9. 13-Daniel Knish-Kilkenny, [11]; 10. 17-Ryan Timm-Austin, [9]; 11. 21-Brandon Downs-Austin, [1]; 12. 89-Timothy Gores-Garden City, [12]; 13. 28-Patrick Andrus-Austin, [13]; 14. (DNF) 6-Timothy Barnett-Owatonna, [10]
Heat 1 (5 Laps): 1. 14-Justin Schelitzche, [4]; 2. 5-Nick Sillman, [3]; 3. 16M-Matt Wieman, [1]; 4. 21-Brandon Downs, [7]; 5. 17-Ryan Timm, [2]; 6. 13-Daniel Knish, [6]; 7. 28-Patrick Andrus, [5]
Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 2-Aaron Reimers, [7]; 2. 79T-Taylor Pearson, [4]; 3. 20-Joe Frahm, [5]; 4. 88-Matt Tighe, [6]; 5. 6-Timothy Barnett, [1]; 6. 89-Timothy Gores, [2]; (DQ) 5L-Luke Geisler, [3]
Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks
A Feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [7]; 2. 19-Keith Tourville-Janesville, [10]; 3. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [8]; 4. 34JR-Braden Brauer-Eyota, [6]; 5. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [3]; 6. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [5]; 7. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [4]; 8. 2-Fred Prudohl-Winona, [1]; 9. 4-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, [11]; 10. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [9]; 11. 99-Greg Lammers-Owatonna, [13]; 12. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [2]; 13. 39J-Dan Klingfus-Austin, [12]
Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward, [5]; 2. 34JR-Braden Brauer, [4]; 3. 01-Kory Adams, [2]; 4. 32-Jason Newkirk, [6]; 5. 47-Brent Holland, [7]; 6. 4-Chris Hotovec, [1]; 7. (DNF) 99-Greg Lammers, [3]
Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 101-Ken Adams, [2]; 2. 21-Jesse Stahl, [4]; 3. 42-Cody Hyatt, [6]; 4. 2-Fred Prudohl, [3]; 5. 19-Keith Tourville, [5]; 6. 39J-Dan Klingfus, [1]
Action Builders USRA B-Mods
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 4W-Tucker Williams-Rochester, [2]; 2. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [8]; 3. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [5]; 4. 02-Cole Denner-New Hampton IA, [3]; 5. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [12]; 6. 55H-Aaron Hoff-Mantorville, [7]; 7. 21-Taylor Ovrebo-Wells, [1]; 8. 10T-Trevor Fecht-Allison IA, [4]; 9. 30-Scott Demmer-Ellendale, [6]; 10. 72-Alex Schubbe-North Mankato, [13]; 11. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [9]; 12. 75-Cole Sukow-Cresco IA, [10]; 13. 83-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [15]; 14. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Claremont, [20]; 15. 34-Jeremy Schaufenbuel-New Hampton IA, [11]; 16. (DNF) 55III-Gavin Shaw-Brownsdale, [18]; 17. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw-Brownsdale, [14]; 18. (DNF) 66W-David Wytaske JR- Grand Meadow, [19]; (DNS) 02K-Hunter Kennedy-St Ansgar IA, (DNS) 5-Jesse Baer-Minnesota Lake,
Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 02-Cole Denner, [2]; 2. 75-Cole Sukow, [3]; 3. 55H-Aaron Hoff, [6]; 4. 10T-Trevor Fecht, [5]; 5. (DNF) 02K-Hunter Kennedy, [4]; 6. (DNF) 5-Jesse Baer, [7]; (DQ) 81K-Caleb Korpi, [1]
Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 83X-Kadden Kath, [6]; 2. 99-Noah Grinstead, [2]; 3. 83K-Kobie Kath, [5]; 4. 30-Scott Demmer, [3]; 5. 72-Alex Schubbe, [1]; 6. (DNF) 55III-Gavin Shaw, [4]; 7. (DNF) 66W-David Wytaske, [7]
Heat 3 (8 Laps): 1. 4W-Tucker Williams, [4]; 2. 44-Matthew Brooks, [1]; 3. 34-Jeremy Schaufenbuel, [6]; 4. 21-Taylor Ovrebo, [5]; 5. 55-Brody Shaw, [2]; 6. 83-Charlie Steinberg, [3]
French’s Repair USRA A Modifieds
A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [4]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [2]; 3. 96H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [1]; 4. 98-Kevin Stoa-Albert Lea, [5]; 5. 4A-Joel Alberts-Mantorville, [3]; 6. 4-Derek Clement-Spring Valley, [8]; 7. 51-Blake Arndt-Brownsdale, [9]; 8. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [7]; 9. 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [12]; 10. 24-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [11]; 11. 72-Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie, [16]; 12. 3A-Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, [14]; 13. 65D-Dustin Brown-Thornton IA, [10]; 14. 21-Troy Gudmonson-Savage, [18]; 15. (DNF) 90-Steve Wetzstein-West Concord, [2]; 16. (DNF) 11-Nicholas Winsky-Kasson, [17]; 17. (DNF) 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [13]; 18. (DNF) 15-Chris Loberg-Elma IA, [15]
Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 50-Brandon Davis, [2]; 2. 71-Jason Cummins, [1]; 3. 77-Jacob Stark, [5]; 4. 98-Kevin Stoa, [6]; 5. 90-Steve Wetzstein, [9]; 6. 24-Charlie Steinberg, [8]; 7. 96-Greg Jensen, [4]; 8. 15-Chris Loberg, [7]; 9. 11-Nicholas Winsky, [3]
Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 51-Blake Arndt, [2]; 2. 4A-Joel Alberts, [5]; 4. 96H-Joe Horgdal, [1]; 5. 65D-Dustin Brown [7]; 6. 23-Darwin Karau, [6]; 7. 3A-Taylor Ausrud, [8]; 8. 72-Doug Hillson, [9]; 9. 21-Troy Gudmonson, [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. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on March 20, 2019 as Document Number T000077114 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 1, Maplewood Terrace Townhouses No. 2, Owatonna, Minnesota, Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 13 AUGUSTA PLACE, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$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
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 6/26, 7/3, 7/10
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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: 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
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NOTICE
 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: October 14, 2011 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$173,487.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Vivian Mubarak and Jack Evanhoe, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 17, 2011 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17998 as Document Number T000067769 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: East 5 feet of Lot 13; and Lot 14; Block 2, Heers Addition No. 3, Owatonna, Minnesota. Steele County, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 465 WILLOW CRK DR NE, 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: \$149,750.54 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-285-0214 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 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PER-

SONAL 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: July 22, 2019
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NOTICE
 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DIVISION THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Case No.: 74-JV-19-863 Case Type: CHIPS
 Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: To Respondent: Mercedes Michele Brittany Johnson

X Parent

NOTICE TO: Rusty Allen Smith, above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Office of the Court located at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. Notice is hereby given that the matter of said Termination of Parental Rights Petition will be called for hearing before the Court located at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, on September 9th at 8:30 am or as soon after as the Matter can be heard.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) and taking permanent custody of the child/ren named in the Petition.

WITNESS, the Honorable Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court

Date: 7/25/2019
 Krystal Stearns Court Administrator
 Date: 7/25/2019
 7/31, 8/7, 8/14

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 1. Dried corn kernels (pl.)
 6. A dog is one
 9. Medieval feline
 13. Appeal emotionally
 14. Uncommon
 15. Chinese currency
 16. Gain as interest
 17. Habitat
 18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
 19. 2015 NL batting champ
 21. Makes wet
 22. Discounts
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 29. Ancient Greek ruler
 31. Ruse
 33. Where coaches spend their time
 36. LA landmark __ House
 38. Nothing
 39. Chickpea plant
 41. Revolutionary War militia member
 44. Civil rights organization
 45. Fathers
 46. Carries things
 48. Frequently
 49. Location of White House
 51. Small amount
 52. A structure forming a covered entrance
 54. Soothes
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 61. Footsteps
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 63. Once-influential student organization
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 65. Bura__ : Nigerian language
 66. Small boy
 67. Belonging to a thing
 68. Mosses
 CLUES DOWN
 1. Went too fast
 2. Protruding ridge on worms
 3. Insignificant
 4. Pains
 5. South Dakota
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 7. Emerald Isle
 8. Golfers know this well
 9. Desire to set fire to things
 10. A glow
 11. Levels
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 27. Indigenous people
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 30. Painting technique
 32. Repentance
 34. Not bright
 35. Kansas hoops coach
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 40. Dead end
 42. Foul-mouthed bear
 43. Nostrils
 47. Game Cache File
 49. One who believes in a supreme being
 50. Carnival worker
 52. Gnawing animals
 53. German town
 55. Conquer
 56. Thai money
 57. Taxis
 58. __ Clapton
 59. A form of Persian
 61. Pounds per square inch
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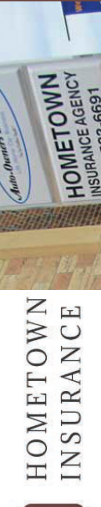
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