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IT'S SHOW TIME

State's biggest county fair features major changes

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Minnesota's biggest county fair is poised to become well, just a little bigger. When the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna opens Tuesday, there will be several major changes greeting fairgoers. People heading out to the fair will notice a major change once they step onto the north end of the fairgrounds as the former race track area has been reconfigured. The track had been basically setting idle for the

past nine years. The fair tore down the north end of the race track, paving the way for an extra 2.7 acres of space for exhibits, vendors and entertainment. Part of the frustration for fair managers in the past has been they had no room to expand. "We were land locked," said Wayne Steele, the fair's publicity director. "We can't complain that we are land locked any more." In the new area, children and adults can enjoy the Ultimate Bubble Sports, the pig races, a Ninja



course for kids to test their athletic skills, the All-Star Stunt Dogs Show and the U.S. Marines will be landing with a simulated rifle range. And for those who want to kick back and

relax, the fair has added a new saloon featuring hard liquor for the first time ever on the grounds. Steele said the new beer garden will attract a different audience than the tradi-

tional beer garden located by the midway. "It will be a great place for people to go and relax," he said, noting there will be no live entertainment offered in the new beer garden. Security is a major concern for the fair within the new beer garden. Steele said no one under 21 years of age will be allowed inside the beer garden. "It's going to be very secure," he said. Half of the new area features fresh asphalt while the other half has been seeded with grass.

Later this fall the fair will reconfigure the south end of the race track. A major change on the entertainment front will also greet fairgoers this year. The fair will offer two major concerts in the grandstand—Chris Hawkey performs Thursday night and Chris Kroeze will take center stage Friday night. "Switching to concerts is a big change for us," said Steele. "We haven't done that in a lot of years."

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Dairy operators named Farm Family of the Year



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER
Glen Johnson works with a youngster in tying up a calf during a recent Cow Camp at the Clover Glen Farm in eastern Steele County. Johnson and his wife, Deb, are being recognized as the Farm Family of the Year for Steele County

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

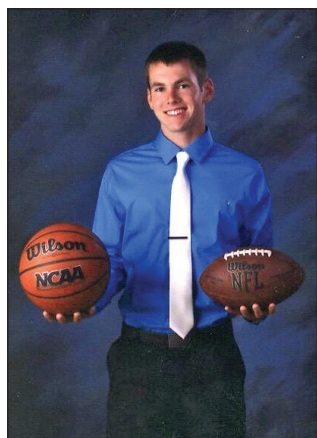
Glen Johnson admits he was a "little surprised" when he found out his farm operation has been named the Farm Family of the Year for Steele County. Johnson and his wife, Deb McDermott-Johnson, own Clover Glen Farms located in the far eastern part of the county. Johnson said he's surprised because it's just the two of them operating the farm with no children. "I never thought we would qualify," Johnson said. "I guess two people make a family," he added. Johnson also didn't think they would be picked because the honor usually goes to a family that has been born and raised in Steele County. The Johnsons moved to the

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BP grad killed in crash near college campus

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

A Blooming Prairie graduate has died in a one-vehicle crash in the Twin Cities where he was attending college. The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office identified the victim of the crash as Anthony Nelson, 22, who was attending Bethel College in Arden Hills. He was killed while returning to campus July 29 around 10:45 p.m. Nelson's vehicle reportedly veered into a ditch on County Road E2 west of Old Snelling and struck a utility pole and a tree. Members of the Lake Johanna Fire Department removed Nelson from the car and started CPR before he was taken to HCMC in Minneapolis where he died.



"Please pray for his family and friends through this difficult time," the school said in a Facebook posting. In a campus-wide email, William Washington, vice president of Student Life, wrote Nelson was returning to Bethel Monday where he was living for the

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BP teen cancer survivor honored at Dodge Relay for Life

BY KAREN JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

Blooming Prairie High School student Madelaine Stoen talked briefly to those attending last Friday's Dodge County Relay for Life activities about her experiences as a cancer survivor. Stoen, the daughter of Amy and Randy Stoen, was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, an extremely rare type of cancer in

her face when she was a toddler. As a 3-year-old, she didn't remember a lot of details of the early days of her cancer but she explained that the diagnosis was followed by radiation treatments and she is still feeling the effects of those treatments. A cancer survivor for 11 years, she said, she recently underwent a series of treatments in a hyperbaric chamber. Because of the radiation treatments her

jaw did not develop properly and her permanent teeth will not stay in. The hyperbaric treatment was done in hopes it will help her develop more blood vessels so her upper jaw can hold implants. She explained she and her family have received incredible support from family and friends and others in Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and Claremont,

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STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN JORGENSEN
Madelaine Stoen of Blooming Prairie lights the Flame of Hope as the honorary chair of the Dodge County Relay for Life Friday night in Kasson. She is going to be a freshman at Blooming Prairie High School and was diagnosed with cancer at age 3.

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OUR VIEW

Summer days, carnival lights await at the fair

Corn dogs, mini donuts, entertainment, exhibits, midway rides, animals, 4-Hers showing their projects and tons more.

They're all going to be found next week at the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna when the fair kicks into action with its six-day summer adventure. "Summer Days, Carnival Lights" is the theme for this year's fair, which in case you haven't heard is the largest county fair in Minnesota. That's all the more reason why you should make a plan to attend at least once or maybe all six days.

We are spoiled to have the state's biggest fair right in our own back yard. Residents of this great county have the luxury of enjoying the largest and best county fair without having to travel very far.

And this year's fair certainly shouldn't disappoint anyone. The appearance of the grounds will look drastically different as the fair ripped out a portion of the race track on the north end. A new barn has been added to replace two older cattle barns. Grandstand entertainment will take on a new twist this year with two major musical groups performing—Chris Kroeze and Chris Hawkey.

Officials at the fair have put together yet another great fair for everyone to enjoy. They have been working tirelessly behind the scenes since last year's fair ended to bring together another amazing production.

When asked what makes the Steele fair the best fair in the state last week, fair officials quickly responded, "The people who come to it and put it together." Fairgoers come to the fair to have good, clean, family-friendly fun.

One key fact that many people tend to forget about while they're celebrating the end of summer is the fair's economic impact to Steele County. A study a few years back found that the Steele fair generates between \$5-10 million each year to the county. "That's amazing," says Wayne Steele, one of the directors at the fair. "What other venue brings in that kind of revenue to the area? The contribution that we make to the county at large is amazing."

For years, Steele Countians have shown tremendous pride and ownership in their fair. People are willing to put the rest of their lives on hold for a week just to make sure the fair goes off without a glitch.

We hope you will get out and enjoy the summer days and carnival lights that await everyone next week. You won't be disappointed with what awaits you.



GUEST COLUMN

Time to put down the phones while driving

BY JOHN PETERSBURG

Drivers take note: it's time to put down your cell phones if you're used to holding them up to your ear while driving. State law now requires it.

On Aug. 1, a driver can 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. Simply put, drivers will no longer be able to physically hold a cellphone while operating a vehicle.

I've co-authored the hands-free bill, which to me tries to help people understand that when you get behind the wheel of a car that you are taking control of something very dangerous.

Those who supported this new law believe it is necessary in order to reduce the number of accidents that occur due to drivers who pay more attention to their cell phones than the road. We want drivers to remain attentive – mentally, physically and visually. If we focus more on driving, more people will be safe, and this long overdue law does just that.

If you haven't already made arrangements for this new law, I urge you to do so in the next few days. Starting last Thursday, law enforcement can and will pull you over if they see you with a cell phone in your hand while driving.

A MESS AT DHS

Chaos appears to be the order of the day at the Department of Human

Services lately, as top staff continues to come and go at an alarming rate.

First, deputy commissioners and longtime department employees Chuck Johnson and Claire Wilson unexpectedly resigned. Then DHS Commissioner Tony Lourey followed suit after holding the department's top job for only six months. After Lourey announced he was leaving, both Johnson and Wilson rescinded their days' old resignations.

We also learned that an investigation into a complaint against DHS Inspector General Carolyn Ham had not started, even though she's been on investigative leave for four months and has collected about \$42,000 of her taxpayer-funded salary.

WHAT A MESS.

We're not getting much in terms of answers from either the Department or the Walz administration, and that's a problem. With the billions of dollars that are spent within Minnesota's largest agency, the public deserves to know what the problems are so action can be taken.

A demand for Minnesota House hearings into this DHS fiasco has already been made, and it's my hope those hearings will be scheduled very soon.

John Petersburg is state representative for District 24A, which covers Steele and Waseca counties. He lives in Waseca.

It seems like yesterday

It seems like YESTERDAY when we all listened to "A Hard Days Night."

The Beatles have always been my favorite musical group and this will never change.

It was during a volatile time in 1963 when we had seen President John F. Kennedy assassinated before our eyes. It was a time of solitude and a time when we needed to be reawakened. The Beatles did just that.

The Beatles made us forget about the loss of a president for a short time. It was in 1964 that the Beatles really reached stardom in the United States.

Rewind to that time period by enjoying Beatles music through the sounds of some outstanding tribute groups.

Judy and I have seen several Beatles tribute groups, the best being the Fab Four and 1964. The group 1964 is maybe the one group having the oldest members. This group also just plays the Beatles music of the 1960s.



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

I elevate them to the top beside the Fab Four as the best Beatles Tribute Group I have seen.

The sounds of the Beatles were there and the mannerisms were similar.

Each of the four Beatles made their appearance real. Paul McCartney (Joe Covert) was excellent in sound and only cast a blip because he plays the guitar right handed rather than left handed like the real McCartney.

John Lennon (Jeff Boxwell) started the show with his rendition of "Twist and Shout."

Ringo Star (Kevin Fansen) made those percussion instruments hum. He also had the Ringo smirk down pat.

George Harrison (Aron Helm) is the youngest of the crew and he did a superb job on the guitar. He also took time to reminisce with Judy and me about our last place of residence, Lino Lakes MN. Helm said he



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Beatles group called A Hard Days Night will be making a return engagement to the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in Albert Lea on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The Fab Four captures the vision. All members look actually like Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. Their sound is also exactly duplicated. Also, this group does the sound of the 1960s and the music Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Just a few weeks ago, Judy and I and our friends Dawn and Dwayne went to the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in Albert Lea to see another Beatles Tribute Group. They are called A Hard Day's Night.

golfs at Chomonix, which is right across the road from our previous home.

A Hard Day's Night, the tribute band, had the Marion Ross theater rocking. The first set seemed the most popular but this group definitely captured the flavor of Sgt. Pepper.

The Hard Day's Night group returns to Albert Lea on Saturday, Aug. 31 for a 1956 Rock Revival.

If you like the Beatles, try to catch A Hard Day's Night on Aug. 31. It will be a night to remember.

A fair act of different sorts

A Christian music heavy-weight ended up bringing church to the fair in Albert Lea last Friday night.

It was a welcome sight at the Freeborn County Fair as Casting Crowns brought church to the fair and packed in a large grandstand crowd. What made it even more extraordinary is that this was the first time the Freeborn fair, which has been well-known for its concert offerings for decades, offered a Christian concert.

Casting Crowns is a contemporary Christian and Christian rock band started in 1999 by youth pastor Mark Hall, who serves as the band's lead vocalist. The band is based in Georgia.

The Grammy-nominated group has been Billboard's top-selling act in Christian music since 2007, selling more than 8 million records worldwide.

"Jesus is the only name," sang Hall after their encore performance of "Living He Loved Me." He reminded fairgoers, "Jesus is the only name. Jesus is the only name to remember."

The group opened the show with "Only Jesus." Casting Crowns performed several newer songs during the first half of the show, including "One Step Away," "Thrive," and "Awaken Me."

Hall said most of their songs are born from Bible studies for teenagers. All members of the band are active church leaders where they still work Sunday through Wednesday before heading out to perform around the country.

He told the adults not to worry about the teen-inspired music. He joked that adults are just like teenagers with bills.

Throughout the performance, Hall



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

interspersed personal stories of experiences growing deeper in his faith. Hall had a difficult time as a teenager. When he was 19 years old, he hit rock bottom and contemplated suicide. In recent years, Hall, 49, has battled kidney cancer and had a kidney removed. On the day he was diagnosed, Hall, stunned and overwhelmed, wrote "Oh My Soul," the centerpiece track on the album, "The Very Next Thing."

Hall connected in a very personal way by saying that everybody is a train wreck and broken in many ways.

But he's humble and quick to point out this isn't about Mark Hall or any other band members. "I don't need to be remembered," Hall says. "Jesus is the only name to remember!" Hall wants a "Jesus Only" message to be the band's lasting legacy.

Hall says he thinks many believers have forgotten to focus their eyes on Jesus alone in this life, instead of caring about wealth, fame or material possessions.

This is the second time I have heard Casting Crowns perform this year. In May, I traveled to Sioux Falls to attend a concert with my daughter. Both shows have left a lasting impression on me.

It's also noteworthy to applaud the Freeborn County Fair officials for breaking away from the norm with their concerts and bringing in a class act like Casting Crowns. In this broken world of which we are all broken in some way, it's refreshing to have a Christian group like Casting Crowns warm the hearts and souls with an uplifting show.

I hope you will find it in your heart to go in hot pursuit of living your life knowing and remembering "Jesus is the only name."

It's time to paint BP again

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

As we close in on September, Blooming Prairie is getting ready to paint the town pink once again, a symbol of a “Fight for a Cure” for cancer.

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group is a very active community organization of volunteers eagerly working to find a cure for cancer.

This year marks the 19th annual time to raise monies to benefit cancer research.

One of the first events will be staged Wednesday, Aug. 7 at the Blooming Prairie Country Club. It's called Golfing for a Cure.

Many other events will be sponsored this summer, leading up to the two-day auction on Friday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 7. Both auctions start at 7 p.m. under the Big Tent outside the Cue Company.

The Blooming Prairie area community and other supporters have helped raise over \$800,000 in funds for cancer research.

A record total of \$110,000 was raised and turned over to the Eagles Cancer Telethon in Rochester last January. The BP Cancer Group also donated \$10,000 to the Hormel Institute.

A community letter from the BP Cancer Group was sent to Blooming Prairie residents earlier this summer, urging everyone

to help raise funds for cancer research.

Over the years, some of these community funds have been channeled to a Community Fund, which has allowed the BP Cancer Group to provide assistance to countless friends and families in the area who are battling cancer.

“None of these donations could be made without the time, talents, donations and support of the community and by surrounding communities,” remarked Cheri Krejci, BP Cancer Group treasurer.

The Paint the Town Pink experience begins with the sale of small, pink flags. The flags will be posted on the vacant parking lot near the intersection of Highway 218 and Main Street. Per usual, only 250 flags will be sold.

If wanting a pink flag to honor a loved one, please contact Jennifer Milton at 507-456-6846 or Connie Trom at 507-456-8431.

The town will begin to turn pink on Sunday, Aug. 25 when the flags will be posted. Members of the Blooming Prairie football team and the volleyball team will help with putting up the pink flags.

Businesses and residents are also encouraged to decorate and to show support of the Paint the Town Pink experience. Flamingoes will also be available to purchase and place on yards around town.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Donations are steadily coming in for the 19th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Auctions scheduled for Sept. 6-7. Here, BP Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci displays a Ford racing helmet signed by these drivers: Kevin Harvick, Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Daniel Suarez, Brad Keselowski, Ryan Blaney, Joey Logano, Michael McDowell, Matt Tifft, David Ragan, Paul Menard, Ryan Newman and Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.

GUEST COLUMN

A regional bus trip with SMIF

BY TIM PENNY

Every summer I look forward to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's (SMIF) annual bus tour. For the fifth year, SMIF staff and board spent the day visiting partners who are making a difference in their community. This year we traveled to the eastern part of our 20-county region – Mower, Fillmore and Houston counties.

We started out the tour by enjoying a meal from SMIF loan client, Bella Victoria, before speaking with community leaders from Austin. A new community recreation center is in the process of being built, which will include a fitness center, youth center, child care and a community gathering space. Another exciting new program is targeted to youth – every student from Austin High Schools are eligible to have a two-year scholarship paid in full at Riverland Community College through The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship program. What a great way to invest back in the community.

In Harmony, we toured Harmony Enterprises, a manufacturer for waste handling and recycling products. This third-generation family business in a town of 1,000 has a global impact. Their compactors and balers can be found at airports, restaurants and other locations around the world, including places like Le Louvre museum in Paris. Next door is the Harmony Kids Learning Center, a child care facility that was built to support Harmony Enterprises employees and the community as a whole. They see this as an important employee retention and hiring tool, as well as a major asset for the town.

In Spring Grove, we had lunch with leaders from towns around the area. Spring Grove is one of SMIF's Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) communities. The REV program supports the long-term development of entrepreneurial ecosystems. We were told that the town is currently dealing with a good problem – they have had so much growth in entrepreneurship that there aren't enough phys-

ical locations to put the businesses.

While we were there, we toured RockFilter Distillery. The owner, Christian Myrah, grows the organic grain that gets turned into whiskey and bourbon. He believes that southeast Minnesota is conducive to the distilling business because the natural limestone has the same geology found in Kentucky where bourbon is a major industry.

Toward the end of the day we made a quick stop in Lanesboro (another REV community) to indulge in treats at Another Time Ice Cream before heading over to Preston. In Preston, we admired a mural that was supported by a SMIF Paint the Town Grant, before escaping the heat wave and meeting with local leaders at City Hall. We heard from the Preston Area Community Foundation, one of our Affiliate Funds, about the many ways they reinvest in the town. Leaders also talked about plans for a new veteran's home as well as the community's push for a new housing development.

We also heard about some of the challenges that our communities are facing, primarily the child care crisis, the workforce shortage and a lack of infrastructure for new housing. Despite these challenges, each place we stopped has made steps towards their own unique solutions.

The bus tour always reminds me that every community in our region – large or small – has a unique story to tell. As one person from Preston noted, people are the greatest asset we have in our communities. I couldn't agree more.

Next year we look forward to touring Freeborn, Waseca and Blue Earth counties. As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

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Customs, cool cars, and classics

Gus' Car Show attracts cars from every decade

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

On a warm Saturday morning, around 150 cars lined the back lot of the History Center, including convertibles, custom jobs, classics, Model Ts, and automobiles from every decade in history.

The event, in its fifth year, helps to raise money for the Steele County Historical Society, specifically for the restoration and preservation of the historic Gus' Station, which once resided in Ellendale.

“There was a service bay attached to Gus' Station, and we are going to create a building that is going evoke that image,” Historical Society Executive Director James Lundgren explained. The service bay will allow the Historical Society to showcase some of the historic cars they own, including a 1919 Dodge Bros. Touring

Car.

Gus' Station has a rich history within the county. “It was built in 1931 and dispensed Phillips 66 Gas and Mobile and Standard Oil products. Although it had several owner/operators, Gus and Hilda Jacobson ran it for many years until it closed in the 1980s,” Lundgren said of the historic landmark.

“The preservation project became a reality through the efforts of the Ellendale Historic League and the Steele County Historical Society and there was a ribbon cutting in August of 2014,” Lundgren explained. “It was originally down in Ellendale and it was moved up here and the Historical Society is very happy to have it as part of the Village of Yesteryear.”

During the event, those who wanted photos in front of the historic station were able to do so before



STAFF PHOTOS BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Don and Martha Pauley, owners of the oldest car at Gus' Car Show. The couple are the third owners of a 1910 Sears and Roebuck Buggy.

getting their cars lined up for the public to take a look at and learn about some of restoration that went into these likewise historic artifacts.

The oldest car was a 1910 Sears and Roebuck Buggy owned by Don and Martha Pauley of Clear

SEE COOL CARS, A8

Pink lawn spray will be available for lawns or driveways.

The BP Cancer Group will again sponsor the “Running Over Cancer” 5K run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 7.

This event has been moved from its start on Highway 218 to Central Park in Blooming Prairie. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Central Park, on the corner of Main Street and Center Street under the Water Tower.

The run-walk begins at 10 a.m. at Central Park and will end at the park.

New shirts will be available, \$25 for run and shirt, \$15 for run/walk and \$15 for just the shirt. Mandy Doocy and Ashley Valek are co-chairs of the run/walk.

Barb Kraling is again organizing the Cut for a Cure and this, too, moves from its Highway 218 location to Central Park. This fun event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 with crazy hair, face painting, chair massages, manicures, games and lofts of fun stuff. Kraling and her staff will offer hair cuts for \$5.

Family bingo is planned under the Big Tent from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Stix of Fury perform at 6:30. Saturday's live auction begins at 7 p.m.

Donations for the auctions may be dropped off at the Pizza Cellar or Cue Company between 4-9 p.m. or at Krejci Ford during business hours.

Donated items must be dropped off by Saturday, Sept. 1 to be included on the auction items list. Some of the items donated already include racing helmet donated by the Ford Motor Company Racing team; five quilts created by local crafter Mary Burr; casino packages; autographed Major League Baseball pink bat and Adam Thielen autographed jersey donated by Howard and Judy Lestrud.

For more information on Paint the Town Pink, contact Milton, Trom or Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895.

The 19th annual BP Cancer Auction Raffle will also be taking place on the weekend of Sept. 6-7.

First prize is \$1,000, second prize if \$300 and third prize is \$200. The raffle is in memory of Steve Prihoda. Tickets cost \$10 each. The drawing will be at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Cue Company. Need not be present to win.

A follow-up to the cancer week events will be a new event, Gun Bingo, sponsored by the Dodge County Corn Growers. It is scheduled for the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Ten games of bingo are offered for \$50. This event is similar to the purse bingo offered in the spring. To sponsor a gun in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Trom, Denise Krell at 507-438-3862 or Craig Anderson at 507-438-5499.

IT'S SHOW: time FROM A1

Steele said having the other acts in the past have been okay, but the board desired to try something different. “Sponsors have stepped up and ticket sales are strong,” he said.

Other grandstand shows will feature IMP Auto-cross on Tuesday, Mutton Bustin' and Enduro Race on Wednesday, Bull riding and Barrel Racing on Saturday and the Demolition Derby will close out the fair on Sunday.

But Steele pointed out people don't have to spend money in the grandstand to enjoy the fair. “We have so much good, free entertainment,” he said. “There is a variety of entertainment for everybody,” he added.

Another major change is the addition of a new barn. In March, a 61-year-old cattle barn toppled down under the weight of a heavy snow fall. The board quickly decided to replace it, along with another older barn, with a single barn. Just last week, the fair finished the barn in what took only six weeks to build. “It's fantastic,” Steele said of the new barn.

After an absence last year, the Human Cannonball will return for two daily shows. David Smith Jr. will blast himself across the midway Tuesday through Saturday at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Asked what makes the Steele fair such a great event, Steele said, “The superintendents and volunteers are what makes this fair go. It's all the people in the community that support us.”

Steele credits the businesses throughout the region for “supporting us tremendously” in many areas. “If it wasn't for those sponsors, our fair wouldn't

be able to offer as much,” he said.

The commercial exhibit space for area businesses and organizations has once again been sold out, according to Steele. There are 320 indoor commercial exhibits and more than 200 outdoor vendors, including 100 food vendors. “What a better place to show your products than a place with 300,000 attendance,” he said. “There is no other fair that has as many vendors selling products as we do.”

The free butterfly encounter is back again this year. People will be able to wander through the butterfly exhibit with intoxicatingly beautiful flowers provided by the floral superintendents and other volunteers.

There will be a decompression zone at KRFO Town Square featuring a variety of activities for children. The square will have an improved playground area and picnic tables to sit and watch kids play with friends while coloring the giant mural wall.

Fair officials are hoping and praying for good weather throughout the six-day run, which officially kicks off Tuesday with an opening ceremony at 5 p.m. The fair runs through Sunday, Aug. 18. Steele said they would like to hit a new record in attendance this year. The record stands at an estimated 350,899 in 2013.

Over the past few years, the fair has been hit by heavy rain on several days of the fair. “It's the evil of the fair,” Steele said. “Rain hurts the fair big time. We try not to speak about it. The R word is taboo.”

After a year of implementing big changes, Steele said, “Now it's show time.”

and she asked several of her friends to join her on-stage as she told her story.

She also said that she is trying to give back by raising funds for cancer research. She has done this by making such things as key chains, bracelets, dish clothes and hot pads and also has had her hair cut twice for Locks of Love. She also has spearheaded two book drives to buy books for the 16th floor of

the Mayo Clinic for the children with cancer and other illnesses.

Dodge County held its annual Relay for Life event last Friday night at the Dodge County Fairgrounds.

Also recognized was Jenny Steffes as the 2019 Caregiver of the Year. Steffes was diagnosed in April with a brain tumor and is currently receiving treatment.

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BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

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

CRIME BRIEF

For Owatonna driver: Fleeing, reckless, crash, jail

A man who allegedly avoided police and then drove recklessly before crashing finally ended up in jail.

Christopher Hondl, 48, of Owatonna faces felony fleeing police and reckless driving after an incident in Owatonna July 27.

Police tried to stop a vehicle for a driver's license violation in the area of Cedar Avenue and South Street. However, Hondl failed to comply and sped away, according to police.

An officer terminated the chase near Central Park because of "the driver's recklessness and the concern for public safety," police said. A short time later, a caller reported a crash involving the same vehicle near School and Main Street. When police arrived, they found the same driver that they were looking for walking away from the crashed vehicle.

BP First Responders rescue sanitation man

By Howard Lestrud
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie First Responders answered the call for help at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 31 and rescued a Skjeveland Enterprise employee with a foot lodged in a garbage truck.

Police, fire and ambulance responded to a call about 9:30 a.m. on the last day of July.

Two Skjeveland employees were reportedly emptying garbage when the accident happened.

First Responders helped free the Skjeveland employee from the sanitation truck and placed him on a gurney for transport to a local hospital. Early reports indicated the injured man would be OK.

The identity of the injured man was not released.

"Safety is always our number one concern," said Chris Skjeveland, owner of Skjeveland Enterprise. He offered no further comment about the incident other than other than the driver appreciates the thoughts and support of the Blooming Prairie community.

Staff Photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Fire Department personnel helped place a Skjeveland Enterprise employee on a stretcher after he had a foot lodged in the rear portion of the sanitation truck. Not identified, the man was reportedly transported to a local hospital.

3 face felonies in drug bust in Owatonna

By Rick Bussler
Publisher

A drug raid in Owatonna has landed a trio of Owatonna people in jail facing serious felony charges.

Isaac Romel Smith, 33, has been charged with one felony count of first-degree sale of cocaine or methamphetamine. Kimberly Sue Britt, 45, faces a felony count of first-degree aid and abet the sale of cocaine or meth. Blake Lynn Macpherson, 21, faces a felony count of possession of a firearm.

The charges stem from a drug raid by the South

Central Drug Investigation Unit at 112 21st St. NW in Owatonna on July 29. Agents have been engaged in a narcotics investigation with Smith and his girlfriend, Britt, for several months.

On May 15, an informant purchased a ½ ounce of cocaine for \$700 from Smith, according to the criminal complaint. The transaction took place at a Kwik Trip store on the north end of Owatonna. The informant walked away with 21.70 grams of cocaine.

There were some other purchases made by the informant during the month

of May that led to the basis for last week's search warrant and charges.

On July 29, a Steele County probation agent contacted police about a photo of one of her probationers, Macpherson. In

the photo, Macpherson was reportedly posing in what appeared to be a parking lot with a handgun that looked to be authentic. Macpherson was holding the gun in one hand and appeared to be displaying

gang signs with the other hand.

At about 3:30 p.m. on July 29, police and drug agents executed a search warrant at a residence where all three subjects were known to be at. Officers searched the apartment where they found a backpack with a loaded silver and black Smith Wesson .40 caliber handgun similar to the one that Macpherson posed with in the photo.

Agents checked a cupboard that smelled strongly of marijuana. A large plastic clear container that had a strong odor of mari-

juana and contained small green leafy fragments was located. There were also multiple digital scales and baggies. Police confiscated a large ball of cash, \$2,395, in the front pocket of Smith's pants.

Smith faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine while Britt could receive 15 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. Macpherson could face up to 15 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

Both Smith and Macpherson remain locked up in the Steele County Detention Center. Britt has been released from jail on bail.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 22 with Judge Joseph A. Buetel presiding:

Briar M. Mork, 32, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of cocaine or methamphetamine. Mork was sentenced to \$131 and 98 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 22-28:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph L. Aase, 24, Mankato, expired tabs, \$111; Jose P. Anduray Zavala, 27, Burnsville, speeding and invalid license, \$321; Cristino J. Secundino, 51, St. Paul, suspended license, \$281; Robert C. Slegh, 62, Hollandale, speeding, \$141.

MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Osvaldo Trevino, 20, Claremont, take fish without a license, \$181.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Jesus Bautista Arenas, 24, Medford, speeding, \$141; Michael P. Benzinger, 35, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Anthony J. Cassen, 32, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Dennis J. Cole, 72, Owatonna, cancelled license and failure to use designated lane, \$331; Juliann M. Courtney, 31, Lawrence, KS, speeding,

\$121; Carlos Gonzalez, 18, Faribault, failure to obey traffic control signal as pedestrian, \$100; Victor Guerrero, 25, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Kyo L. Htoo, 19, Albert Lea, window tint violation, \$131; Jennifer M. Johannsen, 37, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Jose G. Martinez, 32, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Benito E. Mora-Flores, 22, Medford, speeding, \$121; Jessica T. Nguyen, 35, St. Paul, seat belt, \$106; Abdi H. Noor, 32, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Nicole A. Schaub, 39, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Patrick M. Sherry, 61, Hastings, speeding, \$141; Jordin K. Tollefson, 29, Waseca, DWI, \$406, 2 days in county jail, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Timothy J. Vallier, 33, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$121; Nicholas P. Vanderschaegen, 20, Cambridge, speeding, \$131; Adrienne M. Williams, 46, Raytown, MO, speeding, \$131; Anthony L. Wiuff, 19, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bisharo M. Ahmed, 24, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Ahlam M. Ali, 18, Faribault, permit violation, \$131; Jessica R. Brown, 44, Rosemount, speeding, \$141; Catherine M. Buck, 66, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Jathan P. Dettmer, 23, Claremont, revoked license and expired tabs, \$311; Kayla M. Gadbaw, 22, Waseca, suspended license, stay of adjudication, 1 year of unsupervised probation; Noel Garcia Soto, 31, Medford, invalid license, \$181; Rene Gilormini Jr., 29, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1

day in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Joey A. Gutierrez, 37, Owatonna, liquor sale to minor, diversion program and 2 years of supervised probation; Tami A. Heagy, 53, Waseca, stop sign, \$131; Eric J. Huisenga, 34, Owatonna, suspended license, no insurance and seat belt, \$506; Bertha M. Jackson, 33, Owatonna, no license in possession, \$101; Kristina K. Kloczek, 41, Owatonna, texting while driving and suspended license, \$331; Kallop J. Kunkel, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Kellie J. Logan, 25, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Jose L. Maya Ramirez, 24, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Michael J. McClatchey, 45, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Tanya L. McKinley, 34, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$281; Patrick K. Powell, 22, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Edilsen J. Ramos Perez, 25, Owatonna, invalid license, \$131; John C. Ress, 59, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Alexandra F. Simon, 23, Faribault, controlled substance crime, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Milo R. Wedin, 54, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Travis J. Berg, 45, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Kokouvi G. Dosseh, 40, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$221; William J. McCabe, 26, St. Louis, MO, speeding, \$141; Juan H. Perez, 18, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; London C. Stangler, 19, Hope, speeding, \$141; Anthony M. Thomas, 38, Faribault,

cancelled license, \$281; Lindsey D. Williams, 39, Austin, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

July 26

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 600 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 7:09 a.m.

Property Damage: At 9:07 a.m., officer issued a vandalism citation in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 700 block of Cherry St. NE at 1:57 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 5:57 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE.

Fight: Officers responded to a fight in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 7:52 p.m.

July 27

Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of St. Paul Road NE at 12:24 p.m.

Pursuit: At 3:09 p.m., officers pursued a subject at Cedar Ave. S. and Prospect St. E. They took a subject into custody.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 4:10 p.m.

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Police arrested a subject for criminal sexual conduct in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 4:35 p.m.

July 28

DWI: Police made a DWI arrest at Bixby Road SE and University St. SE at 12:19 a.m.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Grove Ave. N. at 6:04 a.m. They took a subject into custody.

Domestic: Police arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 12:08 p.m.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 600 block of Carlanna Place NE at 2:07 p.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 700 block of 13th St. NE at 4:23 p.m.

Restraining Order: Police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 800 block of Rolling Green Dr. SE at 8:36 p.m.

July 29

Theft: Police received a theft report from the 2500 block of Stony Creek Dr. NE at 8:35 a.m.

Warrant: Officers made warrant arrests in the 600 block of Academy St. E. at 1:15 p.m. and the 100 block of 21st St. NW at 3:18 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 4:07 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW.

Probation: Police arrested a subject for violating probation in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 5:29 p.m.

July 30

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 200 block of Woodland Dr. SE at 3:54 a.m. and the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:22 p.m.

Thefts: Officers took theft reports in the 500 block of 16th St. SE at 5:19 a.m. and the 1800 block of Truman Ave. SE at 6:39 a.m.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 200 block of Florence Ave. NW at 7:20 a.m. and the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 12:52 p.m.

Restraining Order: Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 1500 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 11:13 a.m.

July 31

Crash: Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 1100 block of Austin Road SE at 3:14 a.m.

Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Fremont St. E. at 9:33 a.m.

Shoplifting: Shoplifting incidents occurred in the 3000 block of Cabela Dr. NW at 1:42 p.m. and the 3900 block of Cabela Dr. NW at 1:43 p.m.

Theft: At 2:56 p.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1400 block of Hemlock Ave. NE at 3:45 p.m.

Aug. 1

Theft: At 6:12 a.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of 13th St. SW.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 1400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:17 a.m.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:51 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 8:16 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W.

SEE BLOTTER, A5

WARRANTS: The following individuals have active warrants in Steele County. The Sheriff provides this information as a public service		
1. Vern Klostrieche – DWI - \$12,000 bail	8. Michael Laursen – theft - \$10,000 bail	15. Herasmo Lino-Crisanto – false name – no bail
2. William Knutson – DWI - \$3,000 bail	9. Jordan Levine – DWI - \$500 bail	16. Chad Livernois – check forgery - \$3,000 bail
3. Win Ko – school bus arm - \$500 bail	10. Matthew Lewis – DWI - \$12,000 bail	17. Donald Logas Jr. – DWI – no bail
4. Timothy Koger – DWI - \$12,000 bail	11. Travis Lewis – revoked license – no bail	18. Noe Longoria – DWI, revoked license - \$12,000 bail
5. Eric Kovacevic – traffic - \$300 bail	12. Elliot Lightbourne – forgery - \$10,000 bail	19. Rogilio Lopez – DWI, revoked license - \$12,000 bail
6. Percy Lacey – revoked license – no bail	13. Juan Limon – theft - \$10,000 bail	20. Ever Lopez-Verde – DWI - \$12,000 bail
7. Vu Lam-Truong – open bottle - \$2,000 bail	14. Bruce Lindberger – DWI - \$1,400 bail	

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

It was a hot dog type of night at National Night Out

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was a doubleheader of sorts at the Blooming Prairie Police Department's National Night Out on Tuesday, July 30 at Central Park in Blooming Prairie.

The BP Police Department with area businesses sponsored the third annual Blooming Prairie Night Out on Tuesday, July 30.

The weather conditions couldn't have been any better and this beautiful summer night attracted more than 350 persons, the highest crowd total the past three years.

"We started serving hot dogs at 5 p.m. and gave away our last hot dog at 7 p.m.," said Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad.

Skillestad, officer Dan Peach and the rest of the Blooming Prairie PD helped organize the event. This year, the police linked its bicycle rodeo with the Night Out event. Most of the games and other activities were held in the park.

The Bike Rodeo was staged on the street between the BP Elementary School and Central Park. The BP Fire Department and BP Ambulance Service parked their rigs behind the starting line for the Bike Rodeo.

Bike Rodeo participants first went through an obstacle course, being coached on rules and laws regulating bicycle use.

Two local realtors, Jennifer Walsh of Keller Williams Premier Realty of Blooming Prairie, and Kris Heichel of The Kris Heichel Team of Fairway Independent Mortgage of Austin, donated 30 bicycle helmets.

The helmets were to be picked up at B to Z Hardware in Blooming Prairie.

Realtor Walsh gave a special testimonial about bicycle safety, gathering the youngsters to a spot in the park. She told of her nephew, 10 at the time, being struck by a vehicle.

Had he not worn a bicycle helmet, he would have not survived, Walsh said.

Some of the other activities included: live music by DJ Izzy; live taser demonstration (victim an Explorer Scout); bounce house; emergency vehicle tours; local business displays; Marian Mast's rock shop; zombie tag; bean bag toss; streamer toss and cotton candy toss.

Waco Vandal of Vandal's Family Market, was chief proprietor of a cotton candy machine. As he whirled out the cotton candy, Vandal's employee Juan Villarreal Ramon invited youngsters to try to put a brick into a basket.

Chief Skillestad's officer duty team on duty at Blooming Prairie Night Out included himself, Dan Peach, Jake Peterson, Shane St. John, Mark Lang, Matt Miller and Aaron Frieson. Not able to make the public event were officers Rick Ellingson and Craig Helgeson.

As a community event, Blooming Prairie Night Out brings people together.

"Just having people who know we are approachable, makes this event worth having," said Skillestad.

"We want the young ones including toddlers, school age to teens to come to us with anything that is on their minds," Skillestad continued.

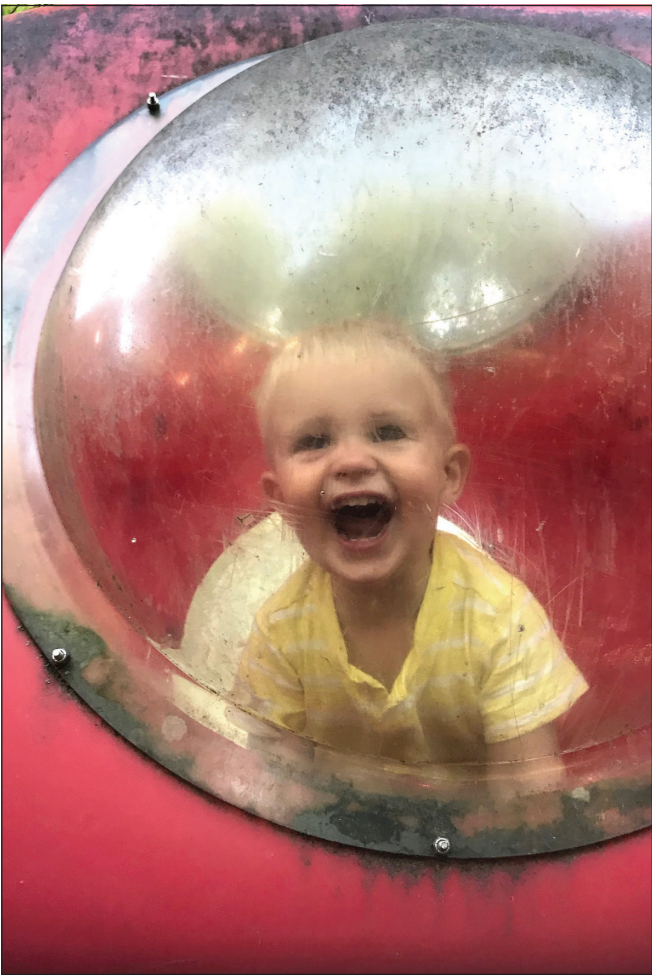
"Holding this Night Out allowed us to answer the public's questions and it gave us a chance to tell them about new laws passed including the Hands Free Law," Skillestad explained.

In addition to talking to local police, kids and adults also had the chance to visit with First Responders.

"It was really rewarding to have kids give us fist bumps and really look up to us," Skillestad remarked. "We are really a close-knit community and it was really fun to see families having fun," he added.



Henry Sundine became a police officer at Blooming Prairie Night Out on Tuesday night, July 30. He is the son of Shawn and Marcy Sundine of Blooming Prairie.



Little Harrison Sundine was having fun crawling through a big bubble obstacle at the Blooming Prairie Night Out on Tuesday, July 30. He is the son of Shawn and Marcy Sundine.

BLOTTER: FROM A4

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

July 26

Drugs: Deputies responded to drug activity at 69th St. NE and 34th Ave. NE in Medford Township at 9:11 a.m. They took a subject into custody.

Restraining Order: Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 2500 block of 28th St. SW in Owatonna Township at 11:37 a.m.

July 27

Crash: At 2:58 p.m., a motor vehicle accident occurred in the 13900 block of 72nd Ave. SW in Berlin Township.

Fire: Deputies responded to a fire call in the 300 block of 2nd Ave. SE in Medford at 5:41 p.m.

Liquor: At 11:20 p.m., deputy issued a citation for a liquor violation in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. SE in Medford.

July 29

Domestic: Deputies arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 10000 block of 36th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 10:37 a.m.

Restraining Order: At 10:40 a.m., a restraining order violation in the 900 block of 92nd Ave. SW in Meriden Township.

July 30

Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 7:24 p.m.

Restraining Order: Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 2500 block of 28th St. SW in Owatonna Township at 8:01 p.m.

July 31

Probation: Deputies arrested a subject for violating probation in the 2800 block of Rose St. in Owatonna Township at 10:11 p.m.

Aug. 1

Burglary: Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 3200 block of 52nd Ave. NW in Deerfield Township at 7:18 p.m.

ARRESTS Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Mahad Mohamed Omar, 19, arrested at 12:41 p.m. July 27, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Christopher Andrew Hondl, 48, arrested at 3:17 p.m. July 27, felony fleeing in a motor vehicle, held for court.

Shawn Phillip McDowell, 41, arrested at 5:49 p.m. July 27, felony controlled substance crime, held for court.

Russell James Docken, 63, arrested at 12:37 a.m. July 28, DWI, held for court.

Anthony Eugene Wadley, 44, arrested at 6:29 a.m. July 28, probation violation, held for court.

Lorenzo Markey Cook, 28, arrested at 12:20 p.m. July 28, domestic assault, held for court.

Sarah Jane Carson, 32, arrested at 8:53 p.m. July 28, order for protection violation, held for court.

Isaac Romel Smith, 33, arrested at 9:57 p.m. July

29, felony sales, held for court.

Blake Lynn McPherson, 21, arrested at 11:21 p.m. July 29, felony possession of a firearm as a felon, held for court.

Kimberly Sue Britt, 45, arrested at 8:38 p.m. July 29, felony sales and aiding and abetting, held for court.

Kabinda Musonda Kamangala, 31, arrested at 7:31 p.m. July 29, domestic assault, held for court.

Sebastian Robert Schumacher, 24, arrested at 2 p.m. Aug. 1, felony possession, held for court.

Madison Keeley Johnston, 19, arrested at 2:14 p.m. Aug. 1, felony possession, held for court.

MN State Patrol

Martin Octavio Corralejo, 32, arrested at 6:34 p.m. Aug. 1, DWI, held for court.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of July 21 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Vincent J. Banks, 39, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DWI. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,080, 180 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, cognitive skill training, /

SEE BLOTTER, A10

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Prairie Cancer
Group

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Corner

Cancer run/walk will take
off from Central Park

Lake LaMotte rides piggy back while her mother Kelly LaMotte roller bladed to a finish in the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's "Running Over Cancer" 5K Run/Walk last September. This year's run/walk will be held, starting and ending at Central Park, on Saturday, Sept. 7. Ashley Valek, right, places a participation medal around Kelly's neck. (File photo by Howard Lestrud)

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It's called "Running Over Cancer." That's another Blooming Prairie Cancer Group fundraiser that will be held the weekend of Paint Blooming Prairie Pink event. The seventh annual 5K Run/Walk has been moved from its location on Main Street and Highway 218 to Blooming Prairie's Central Park. The race is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. Registration can be done online at: www.bpcancergroup.org. Same-day registration begins at 9 a.m. on the corner of Main Street and

Center Street under the water tower. The race starts at 10 a.m. The cost to just participate in the run is \$15. To compete in the run/walk and also receive a shirt, the cost is \$25. A t-shirt only costs \$15. Find more details on Facebook. Look for BP Cancer Group "Running Over Cancer" 5K Run/Walk. Mandy Doocy and Ashley Valek are co-chairs of the "Running Over Cancer" event.

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How to Help an Aging Parent with a Hoarding Problem



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Dear Savvy Senior,
My 70-year-old mother has become somewhat of a hoarder. Since my father died a few years ago, her house is so disorganized and messy with stuff that it's becoming a hazard. What should I do to help her?
Troubled Son

Dear Troubled,
Clutter addiction is a problem that effects up to five percent of Americans, many of whom are seniors. The problems can range anywhere from moderate messiness to hoarding so severe it may be related to a mental health disorder like obsessive-compulsive disorder. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and resources that can help your mom.

Why People Hoard
The reasons most people hoard is because they have an extreme sentimental attachment to their possessions, or they believe they might need their items at a later date. Hoarding can also be a sign that an older person is depressed or showing early symptoms of dementia.

Common problems for seniors who live in excessive clutter are tripping, falling and breaking a bone; overlooking bills and missing medications that are hidden in the clutter; and suffering from the environmental effects of mold, mildew and dust, and even living among insects and rodents.

What to Do
To get a handle on your mom's problem, the Institute for Challenging Disorganization offers a free "Clutter Hoarding Scale" that you can download off their website at ChallengingDisorganization.org.

If you find that your mom has a moderate cluttering problem, there are a number of things you can do to help.

Start by having a talk with her, respectfully expressing your concern for her health and safety, and offering your assistance to help her declutter.

If she takes you up on it, most professional organizers recommend decluttering in small steps. Take one room at a time or even a portion of a room at a time. This will help prevent your mom from getting overwhelmed.

Before you start, designate three piles or boxes for your mom's stuff – one pile is for items she wants to keep-and-put-away, another is the donate pile and the last is the throwaway pile.

You and your mom will need to determine which pile her things belong in as you work. If your mom struggles with sentimental items that she doesn't use, like her husband's old tools or mother's china for example, suggest she keep only one item for memory sake and donate the rest to family members who will use them.

You will also need to help her set up a system for organizing the kept items and new possessions.

Find Help
If you need some help with the decluttering and organizing, consider hiring a professional organizer who can come to your mom's home to help you prioritize, organize and remove the clutter. The nonprofit group National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals has a directory on the website at NAPO.net to help you locate a professional in your area.

If your mom has a bigger, more serious hoarding problem (if her daily functioning is impaired, or if she is having financial difficulties, health problems, or other issues because of her hoarding) you'll need to seek professional help. Antidepressants and/or talk therapy can help address control issues, anxiety, depression, and other feelings that may underlie hoarding tendencies, and make it easier for her to confront her disorder.

To learn more and find professional help see the International OCD Foundation which provides a hoarding center on their website (Hoarding.iocdf.org) that offers information, resources, treatments, self-help groups, and more. Also see HoardingCleanup.com, a site that has a national database of qualified resources including cleaning companies and therapists that can help.

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

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago Aug. 4, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

The Schroht family of rural Owatonna has been named Steele County's 2009 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota. The dairy farmers will be honored at the 28th Annual Farmfest in Redwood Falls and also at the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna. Being honored is Gerald and Berniece Schroht and their son and his wife, Randy and Audrey. Their legacy began 73 years ago.

Michelle Southworth of Blooming Prairie donated about 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love. She is a teacher at the local school. BP graduate Lisa Schiller cut Southworth's hair. Schiller is the manager of Salon-E-Clips in Owatonna.

Four young Blossoms were selected and attended the Legionville School Safety Patrol Training Center. Kevin Eischens, Isaac Baker, McKayla McFarlane and Abby Wayne traveled to the shores of North Long Lake in Brainerd to learn the correct school patrol procedures. Each of the students are entering sixth grade at Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

20 Years Ago Aug. 3, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Bloomington High School student Amanda Clausen recently returned from a trip to New York City and Washington, D.C., but her mind is focused on Cuba. As a participant at the Global Young Leaders Conference, Clausen represented Cuba. To do so, she had to learn about different aspects of Cuba, including government and trade, so that she could vote for the country during a model United Nations meeting.

The Blooming Prairie Women of Today is celebrating 30 years of community service and leadership training. Gwen Campbell is serving as chapter president this year. She plans to continue performing team building activities throughout the year.

50 Years Ago July 30, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

Brian Langlie, 21, was killed in a head-on crash of a car and truck just south of Blooming Prairie Friday night. Langlie was a graduate of Ellendale-Geneva High School. The Langlie vehicle crossed over the centerline and crashed into the semi-tractor, according to the Steele County Sheriff. Langlie was traveling alone at the time. His death was Steele County's seventh traffic fatality of the year.

Leslie Hansen is a champion when it comes to choosing champion swine. The 17-year-old high school senior took grand champion market hog honors at the 1968 Minnesota State Fair with Tara, his Purebred Hampshire gilt. He's now focused on his chances at the 1969 state fair. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo J. Hansen, on a 160-acre farm north of Blooming Prairie.

Bids were received for the Prairie Manor Nursing Home on Tuesday, July 22 at an open letting at the Community Building. The bids were received by the council and read by the architect before a crowd of about 35, which included many contractors as well as several interested local citizens. The total for the project is \$455,577.

75 Years Ago Aug. 3, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

The order of the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to Waist Gunner Kermit Olstad who was killed in a raid over Germany April 24. Mr. and Mrs. Olstad, parents of Kermit, who sacrificed his life for his country, received the medal last week. They reside east of Blooming Prairie.

A break in the engine room at the hemp mill Saturday has stopped processing. A large bolt worked loose and jammed a large shaft on the engine out of line so badly that it could not be repaired. A new shaft was expected from Chicago Wednesday but did not arrive.

Vernon Krejci, member of the Times staff, who leaves for military service with a contingent of men from Steele County Aug. 9, was the honored guest at a farewell party at the community building Tuesday evening. The party was a "smoker" with cards as the main pastime. A Dutch lunch was served and the "near soldier" was presented with a gift of money by his well-wishers.

Back to the 1800s for Lincoln's funeral train at Mower history series

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Our 16th United States President, Abraham Lincoln, remains one of the most popular presidents in our history.

Much of the history we read today about Lincoln centers around him leading America through the Civil War and about his involvement in the Emancipation Proclamation.



INTERNET PHOTO
This hearse was used to transfer Lincoln's body to a train headed to Springfield, Illinois.

History about Lincoln also revolves around his assassination on April 14, 1865 and about his funeral procession from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Ill., his birthplace. He called this part in history Lincoln's Death Pageant.

Fifty lovers of history turned out for a Mower County Historical Society

special presentation about Lincoln's funeral procession.

Sponsored by the Mayo Clinic Health System of Austin and Albert Lea, the Lunchbox History Series featured a well researched presentation by Gary Schindler, retired college professor from Riverland College.

Schindler has taught history for more than 30 years. He has been a guest of the Mower County Historical Society in the past, delivering a presentation on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Schindler captivated the audience with his interesting tidbits about preparations for Lincoln's funeral. He then took his listeners on the 1,654-mile journey from Washington, D.C. to his birthplace in Springfield.

Tracing his death back to the night he was shot at the Ford Theatre in Washington, D.C., Schindler said Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, sat in a bar near the Ford Theatre. He was drinking brandy.

It is speculated that Booth was part of an assassination scheme to also kill the Secretary of State.

Looking back into history, Schindler said he learned that President Lincoln was radiant on the evening he went to the theatre with his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln.

"He was the people's president," Schindler remarked.

Following Lincoln's assassination, Mary Todd Lincoln locked herself in her bedroom and basked in grief the rest of her life. "She wore black the rest of her life and told her sister-in-law that she was living in unconsciousness.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Retired Riverland College professor Gary Schindler spoke on President Abraham Lincoln's funeral during a Lunchbox History Series event on Thursday, July 25 at the Mower County Historical Society Pioneer Building.

The Lincolns were devastated by the death of a young son, Willie. Son Tad went to the show Alladin the night of his father's assassination. Robert, 22, left the White House soon after the assassination.

Other major players at the Ford Theatre included Major Henry Rathbone and Clara Davis. The Lincolns were late for the play but soon after they arrived, John Wilkes Booth fired a Deringer pistol that struck Lincoln in the back of the head.

"We didn't protect our president very well in those days," Schindler said.

Lincoln was shot at 10:30 in the evening, rushed to a building across the street and died eight hours later. Before he was moved from the Ford Theatre, two doctors went to the viewing box to assess Lincoln's condition. He was given mouth to mouth resuscitation and also heart massage.

Andrew Johnson succeeded Lincoln as president. Schindler related that Lincoln's wife despised

Vice President Johnson. After Lincoln died, Mrs. Lincoln reportedly never heard from Johnson.

A horse-drawn hearse came to the boarding house and took Lincoln to the White House where he would lie in state after an autopsy was conducted by seven doctors and a surgeon.

After lying in state in the East Room of the White House, Lincoln was escorted to the Capitol by six white horses and 50,000 soldiers.

The family reportedly wanted Lincoln buried in Chicago. American leaders preferred Springfield to be the burial place.

The funeral procession by train would retrace the route Lincoln made when he was elected in 1864. The train had eight cars and carried 150 people.

Lincoln's body was protected by two guards. No photography was allowed of the body.

Stops were made in the following cities: Baltimore, Md.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; New York; Buffalo, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Chicago, Ill. and Springfield, Ill.

The Cleveland stop drew 100,000 mourners. Chicago drew 40,000 mourners.

To discourage grave robbers, Lincoln's body was encased in cement. His son Willie was buried with him.

Up next: The next Lunchbox History Series will feature "Women at the Very Heart of the Great War." Ames Sheldon will be the speaker at noon on Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Mower County Historical Society Pioneer Building.



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summer.

Nelson was a senior accounting and finance and business double major at Bethel. He had a job lined up after graduation in 2020. According to his online obituary, he was involved in the Bethel Business and Economics Association and led Bible studies on campus. He also enjoyed biking, cooking and reading books while lying in his hammock, the obituary said.

"Anthony was a vibrant young man with a zeal for life and adventure... he loved to travel and fish

with his dad in Canada," the obituary read. "Anthony loved his friends and family with a love so big that everyone that knew him could feel their importance."

Nelson graduated from Blooming Prairie in 2016. While in high school, he was active in football, basketball, track and the fall musical. His hobbies were sports and farming.

In the Class of 2016 graduation section published in the Times, Nelson said his favorite memory of high school was being on

the football team that went to state in his junior year and section final basketball team during his freshman year.

His graduation photo showed him holding a basketball and football.

Nelson is survived by his parents, Brian and Lois Nelson of Blooming Prairie, and two sisters.

Services were held at Cornerstone Church in Austin Saturday. Burial was at the Danish Baptist Cemetery. His family has requested that donations be made to a charity.

Dodge County's Comp Plan draws sharp criticism

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The proposed Dodge County Comprehensive Plan for the next decade is drawing sharp criticism from an organization that has been battling the county's growing feedlot industry over the past six years.

In reviewing the proposed draft plan for the county's Comprehensive Plan, Sonja Trom Eayrs, who represents Dodge County Concerned Citizens, accuses county officials, both elected and appointed, of doing nothing to address serious health concerns tied to factory farms in the county. She said the county acknowledges many of the problems in the Comprehensive Plan, but is "doing nothing to correct the problems."

However, Mark Gamm of Dodge County Environmental Services, disagrees with Trom Eayrs' assessment of what the county is doing.

Some of the problems outlined in the plan include dangerous air emissions, irresponsible use of ground water resources and overall water quality. But, Trom Eayrs finds nothing in the proposed comp plan that will stop the growth of those problems.

"People need to wake up and see what is occurring in their own back yard," Trom Eayrs said.

The county held a public information meeting on the proposed comp plan on Feb. 20. Since that time, Trom Eayrs has shared substantial documents and comments with the county regarding the comp plan. She pointed out that the county has had several months to consider the comments from DCCC, but she claims the county has not made any effort to address the serious concerns.

Specifically, Trom Eayrs is concerned about the 53-acre minimum. The county has a density limit on dwellings constructed on less than 53 acres in the

agricultural district. Yet, she points out, the county allows for the construction of factory farms on "postage-stamp parcels" of just five acres. "This is idiotic," Trom Eayrs says. "Many citizens in Dodge County are third, fourth and fifth generation families and, by birthright, should have the right to live in rural areas that their ancestors settled."

In regards to factory farms, the draft report acknowledges that both farm owners and non-farm owners have expressed concerns about the number of animal feedlots in their neighborhood and related impacts on water quality and air quality. "While the draft report acknowledges that there is a problem with factory farms, county leadership does not make a concerted effort to change direction in order to solve this serious problem," Trom Eayrs said.

With land use and water quality problems, Trom Eayrs said the county

acknowledges the problem, but "there is no effort by the county to address high nitrates in the Comprehensive Plan." She added there is no effort by the county to address manure management or air emissions from area factory farms.

"Dodge County continues to ignore the environmental degradation of Minnesota waters and public health consequences due to the size and concentration of factory farms," Trom Eayrs said. "When will Dodge County officials put the citizens of this county first, not pigs?"

Trom Eayrs accuses county officials of giving the agricultural industry "preference over our own citizens." She said she feels county leaders have been "irresponsible as far as permitting factory farms" in the county. "I think they are ducking their responsibility," she said. "The fox is in charge in Dodge County, and the fox is determined to stay in charge in Dodge County. We're determined

to call them out."

But, Gamm says the county has taken some proactive steps in dealing with concerns raised by DCCC. He said the draft plan includes a number of implement actions. Some of them include: review of options for increasing rural housing opportunities while protecting prime agricultural land and consideration of new Groundwater Protection Overlay Zoning District with a purpose to further protect vulnerable drinking water supplies from pollutants. Gamm also points out the county is working with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to implement its Nitrogen Management Plan to protect surface water and groundwater.

The Comprehensive Plan is an in-depth analysis of countywide goals and aspirations. The plan defines future policy and action for a wide variety of issues including land use, housing, economic development, transportation,

broadband technology, natural resources and environment, recreation and history and culture. The plan, which was last revised in 2001, enables the county to adopt and enforce land use controls including zoning.

The county received more than 827 written comments from landowners and other interested parties, including DCCC, according to Gamm. He points out that everyone has an additional opportunity to comment on the draft plan at the upcoming public hearing.

The Dodge County Planning Commission will meet tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the south wing of the Government Services Building in Mantorville for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Comp Plan. Public comment will be received during the public hearing portion of the meeting. When the public hearing is closed, the Commission will act on the requests.

Puttin the squeeze on



These three siblings are putting the squeeze on to their business careers by opening up a lemonade stand to the public last week. Offering some tasty lemonade with a smile are Justin Schumacher, 8; Hailey Schumacher, 13 and Natalie Schumacher, 9. Proceeds will be used for a trip to Florida, the kids said.

Foundation awards non-profit grants

The Owatonna Foundation annually awards grants for capital projects in the following areas: community, arts, recreation and education.

At a recent Grants Committee meeting the following grants were awarded to the following local 501C3 non-profits:

- **Wee Pals Child Care Center:** \$7,265 for a security system upgrade.
- **"We All Play" Inclusive Playground and Miracle Field:** \$85,000 towards the project.
- **Owatonna Soccer Association:** \$35,000 (\$75,000 total) towards the new soccer fields that are under construction.
- **Owatonna Trails Association:** \$3,000 towards the purchase of a new snow groomer.
- **Owatonna Arts Center:** \$6,500 towards

the purchase of a new ice maker.

"We are pleased to award grants for these very exciting and deserving projects and non-profits," said Dave Einhaus, chairman of the Grants Committee. "The Foundation's mission of *improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation, and education*' will be well served by the addition of these amenities to our community," he said.

Each year, Einhaus said, the Foundation's Trustees look forward to the grant applications arrival to see how they can positively impact Owatonna now and for the future. "Our local non-profits truly are the drivers behind new proj-

ects and ideas and we are thrilled to be able to fund them for the betterment of Owatonna," he said.

The next deadline for grants is Sept. 1. For complete information and a grant application, please visit the Foundation's website at: www.owatonnafoundation.org, or call 507-455-2995 and talk to Laura Resler, executive director of the Foundation.

The Foundation was established in 1958 with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents. Since then, the Owatonna Foundation has invested more than \$12 million dollars in grants to Owatonna projects and also annually awards \$30,000 in scholarships for both traditional and non-traditional students.

It's Fiesta time at Vandal's

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Brady Holmberg took one for the team at Vandal's Family Market.

Holmberg is a co-owner of Vandal's with his wife Brandi and brother-in-law Waco.

Holmberg was perched atop a dunk tank, a way for him to stay cool on Vandal's special anniversary day. The anniversary day car-

ried the theme of "5th Anniversary Sale and Fiesta."

Temperatures were beautiful, just budging over the 80-degree mark. The sun was also shining on this special day for Vandal's with no rain in sight.

The menu was Mexican style with tacos, walking tacos and corn. The corn was called Mexican Street Corn. It was brandished with parmesan cheese and cilantro.

Oh yah, for dessert, root beer floats were offered to represent the American brand.

The Bounce House was available for the kids, and maybe for some adults who think they are still kids.

Juan Villarreal Ramon was the artist in residence, manning the face painting table. Juan loves art work. Just check out the mural on the wall coming into Vandal's. The colorful artwork

was done by Juan.

Many sale specials were offered and visitors were encouraged to sign up for prizes. Another hit of the day were fresh peaches in the crate.

"We just couldn't be happier with the turnout of loyal customers," remarked Brandi Vandal-Holmberg. "Our customers are number one," added Brady. "I was the corn man on this special day," said Waco.



Eunice Ehlers of Blooming Prairie had her hands full of taco goodies at the 5th anniversary of Vandal's Family Market on Saturday, Aug. 3.



Vandal's Family Market owner Brady Holmberg was a sitting duck as he sat on the dunk tank at Vandal's 5th anniversary party on Saturday, Aug. 3.



Juan Villarreal Ramon is the artist in residence at Vandal's Family Market in Blooming Prairie. He was busy doing face painting at Vandal's 5th anniversary party on Saturday, Aug. 3.

OBITUARIES

Ronald Fisher, 68,
Blooming Prairie

Ronald “Ron” Henry Fisher, age 68 of Blooming Prairie, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Methodist Campus. Ron was born July 13, 1951 in Owatonna, to Paul and Marion (Wangen) Fisher. On July 21, 1979, he married Judy Lester at Geneva Lutheran Church. Together they had four daughters. Ronald worked for Bosch Company in Owatonna as a maintenance worker for 38 years, retiring in 2016. He enjoyed helping anybody, mowing lawn, walking, pushing snow, and going to the grandkids activities. Ron was a wonderful grandfather and family man. He will be dearly missed.



Ronald Fisher

Survivors include his wife Judy Fisher; daughters, Lisa (Scott) Johnson, Kelly Witts, Brenda (Luke) Judy, Stephanie Fisher; six grandchildren, Auna, Larisa, Heidi, Olivia, Seth and Isabelle; siblings, Kathy (Ray) Edel, Dennis (Linda) Fisher, Ronald’s twin Donald (June) Fisher, Caroline (Bruce) Oeltjenbruns, Diane (Bill) Ferwerda, Kenny (Rita) Fisher, Marj (Gary) Radtke, Nancy (Mike) Wolters, Sue (Jim) Miller, Doug Fisher, Dale Fisher, Allen Fisher, Greg (Julie) Fisher, Jeff (Marty) Fisher, Lisa (David) Boyd, and Pam (Dave) Neuberger. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Scott Fisher; sister-in-law, Kim Fisher. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Mike Walerius officiating. Interment was in Blooming Prairie Cemetery. Worlein Funeral Home in Blooming Prairie are in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Patrick Gorman, 65,
formerly of Owatonna

Patrick C. Gorman, 65, of Ardmore, Okla., and formerly of Tempe, Ariz. and Owatonna, passed away on July 24, 2019 after experiencing a major stroke on July 16. Patrick’s wish was to donate his body for research and tissue donation and has been fulfilled. Pat is loved and will be sincerely missed by his wife, Linda, and daughter, Janel in Ardmore, Okla., and daughter Sarah (Aaron) Gorman Humphrey and granddaughter, Maisey Pearl in Forth Worth, Texas. Truly missed also by his sisters, Terry (Greg) Jensen and Jan Williams, and brother, Dan Gorman, all of Owatonna. “To live in the hearts of those you love is not to die.” Preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Beverly Gorman. A full recollection of his life and details for a memorial/celebration of life will be forthcoming at a later date. Condolences, memories and memorials can be passed on to Linda Gorman, 1405 4th Ave. NW, #333, Ardmore, OK 73401. “Do not be afraid. I am with you always.”

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DAIRY OPERATORS: named Farm Family of the Year FROM A1



“It’s a pleasure knowing we’ve educated kids as well as parents about agriculture.”

Glen Johnson
Farm Family Recipient

area in 1993 from northern Minnesota when they took over an existing dairy operation. “If you’re here long enough, I guess they forget about that,” he said. Clover Glen Farm has a capacity of 90 milking cows. They have Holsteins, Brown Swiss and “one lone Guernsey left.” They also farm 220 acres of corn and alfalfa. They split the farm duties and both manage daily operations. He takes care of nutrition, feeding, herd health and reproduction as well as their cropping systems. She takes care of the young stock and keeps the farm’s records. While they may not have children of their own, the Johnsons have certainly adopted many over the years through Cow Camp, which they started 12 years ago. The camp allows about 16 youngsters to come to the Johnson farm from the city to learn about cows. Since the camp began, Johnson estimates about 200 kids have gone through the program. “Some we claim as ours,” he said. Johnson is especially proud of the fact that four of the children who have taken part in cow camp in grades K-6 are now headed off to begin agriculture careers largely because of what they experienced on the Johnson farm. “They realize there is a career that they never knew about before coming to Cow Camp,” he said.

Both Glen and Deb take great pride in the Cow Camp. “We enjoy teaching young people where their food comes from,” Johnson said. “It’s a big pleasure for both of us,” he added. The hard work of being dairy farmers can get overwhelming at times for the Johnsons, especially with Deb working full-time as the director of Owatonna Community Education. “It’s just Deb and I doing it,” he said. “Sometimes we wonder why.” But Johnson says he wouldn’t want it any other way. He especially enjoys the independence being a farmer offers. “You’re your own boss,” he said.

“If you make a wrong decision, you can’t blame anyone else.” The Johnsons have utilized some of the Cow Camp graduates to help out with farm chores when they get older. With Johnson working alone a large part of the time, they have made many changes “just so I can do it myself,” he said. “If we need two people, it waits until the weekend.” Cows from the Johnson farm are taken to many fairs throughout the area, including Dodge, Olmsted and Steele. The Johnsons will be bringing 34 cows to the Steele fair next week. Most of them will be

shown by 4-H members. Prior to the fair, the Johnsons work with the 4-H families to prepare them for showing. “We train whole families,” he said. “We get the parents involved, and we’re there to answer all the questions.” And it’s the preparations for showing that give the Johnsons a sense of fulfillment. “It’s a pleasure knowing we’ve educated kids as well as parents about agriculture,” he said. Johnson encourages people coming out to the fair next week to stop by and see them in the cattle barns. “We’d love to answer any dairy questions,” he said. “That’s why we go to the fair for people to come by and visit.” Clover Glen Farms will be honored during the Hall of Fame ceremony at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the fair. They will also be recognized during a statewide ceremony this week at Farm Fest; however, the Johnsons will not be able to attend. Families are selected as the Farm Family of the Year by their local county selection committees for demonstrating commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture and agricultural production. “These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota’s economy and the vitality of Minnesota’s rural communities,” said Bev Durgan of University of Minnesota Extension.

CUSTOMS,: cool cars, and classics FROM A1

Lake, Iowa. The couple took Best in Show last year with a 1912 Maxwell automobile. “We’re the third owners of the Sears and it was restored by the second owners,” Martha explained. The couple owns five collectible cars and her husband and his brother handle any work that needs to be done on them. “It’s kind of like potato chips, once you start you want more,” she quipped. At the end of the show, the award winners were announced, including top 15, three for best in show, and a people’s choice winner. This year’s best in show went to Dave Gertz from Waterville and his restored 1949 3100 Chevy. “We just got the interior done this spring, and we got it on the road last year,” Gertz said. He has

owned the car since 2010. “It took us eight years to get it built. When we bought it, it was a pile of parts. We bought it from a guy up in New Prague who had torn it apart 25 years before and decided he never wanted to finish it and so he piled it in the corner of his dad’s garage until his dad sold the farm and we bought it.” Gertz also owns a Cutlass Supreme 72 Convertible. After the awards were given, those who wished to were able to drive down to Hope for further celebrations at Spurgy’s Bar and Grill. The major sponsors for the event were the Hope Creamery and Tri M Graphics. This year’s second and third place Best in Show winners were Terry Hansen for his 1956 210 Chevy



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Best in Show. Dave Gertz holds up his award next to his restored 1949 3100 Chevy. Gertz said it took him eight years to get the car into driving shape.

and Rod Brown for a 1970 442 Oldsmobile. Michael Schlueter took home the People’s Choice award for his 2002 Ford Mustang Roush Stage 3.

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2	tablespoons molasses	1	teaspoon baking soda
1, 13	cups buttermilk	1	teaspoon sea salt
34	cup rolled oats	2	tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into cubes
1, 23	cups whole-wheat flour	1	extra-large egg, beaten
1, 34	cups unbleached all-purpose flour	1	8 x 4 x 2 1/2-inch loaf

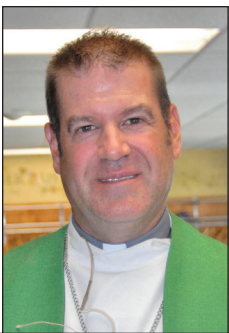
Mix the molasses and the buttermilk in a large bowl. Stir in the oats and then let soak for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 F. In another bowl, mix the flours, baking soda and salt. Add the pieces of butter and rub in, using the tips of your fingers, until the mixture looks fine like crumbs. Add the beaten egg and the mixture of soaked oats and mix well with a wooden spoon to make a fairly heavy dough. Scrape the mixture into the greased loaf pan and, with floured fingers, press it into a neat loaf shape. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 350 F and bake for a further 35 minutes. Turn out the loaf onto a wire rack and let cool to room temperature before slicing. Keep tightly wrapped and eat within 3 days, or toast. The loaf can be frozen for up to 1 month.

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Throwing stones at those who sin



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“Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”(John 8:7b)
This was Jesus’ response to a group of people looking to punish a woman for her sins. To be honest, they were right. This woman was “caught in the very act of adultery.” The Law actually said that the offending parties, both male and female, could be stoned for their action, but here the accusing group was only concerned with the guilty woman.
And the woman was caught. The group was right. She was guilty of this action. Her sin became the community’s business, and she was going to be publicly disciplined for her indiscretion. Maybe this was a

way to punish her, maybe this was a way to make an example of her, or maybe this was a way for that group of self-righteous people to feel better about themselves and their own sinfulness. Punish this woman for her sin because it was public, isn’t that what we do? We condemn those whose sins are exposed, while we cover up our own brokenness.
Jesus knew the Law of Moses, and Jesus knew the truth of this woman. Yet his response to these people was anything but condemning. Jesus said, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” He didn’t argue with them about her situation—whether she committed adultery or not—but instead, Jesus

asked the group to take a look at themselves.
Have you ever done something you’re not proud of? Do you want your dirty laundry aired in public? Jesus didn’t defend the woman. He simply asked – who in the group was sinless. One by one they walked away, knowing the truth of their lives. One by one they walked away, with their sin exposed... to themselves, maybe for the first time. One by one they walked away, without throwing a stone.
Could you cast a stone at this woman? Do you cast stones at those who are “obviously” sinners in your world?
In her book, *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans said, “At

least for a moment, the religious leaders got it: Jesus hung out with sinners because there were only sinners to hang out with.” (p.93)
What powerful words. Jesus hung out with sinners because there’s no one else but sinners to hang out with.
Once all the people had left the temple and Jesus was alone with this woman, he asked her a question. Jesus said, “Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”(John 8:11)
Jesus does not condemn, but forgives. He shows us we can let go of our stones. And by the grace of God, love one another in our brokenness.

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Trom takes grand champion in BP flower show

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

After a three-year absence, the Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored flower show returned with 82 floral arrangements entered by local gardeners.

The event took place at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Ninety-five guests attended the popular flower show. Eighteen gardeners entered arrangements in the competition.

Karen Beede and Julie Hoffman were chairs of the flower show.

Gloria Trom's floral arrangement was judged grand champion. The floral arrangement featured a variety of Geraniums, a spike, ivy and yellow, white and purple smaller flowers.

She said she fought successfully to overcome a threat to her flowers from the Japanese beetle.

Trom, of rural Austin, said she displays her flowers on her deck in pots.

Reserve champion honors went to Elaine Braaten of rural Austin. Her arrangement featured a Schererazade hybrid lily.

The People's Choice



The People's Choice Award, given to the arrangement judged the best by those in attendance at the Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary Flower Show on Aug. 1 went to Louise Peterson of Blooming Prairie.

Award was given to the floral arranger who received the most votes from those attending the flower show.

The People's Choice Award went to Louise Peterson of Blooming Prairie. She

entered 11 different varieties of floral arrangements in the flower show competition. "I got up very early this morning to bring in my entries," commented Peterson.

Following presentation

of the flower show awards, drawings were made for winners of attractively designed gift baskets. Carol Holman and Leanne Hanson distributed the baskets to the lucky winners.



Grand Champion honors in the Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary Flower Show on Thursday, Aug. 1 went to Gloria Trom of rural Austin. Eighty-two entries were recorded in this year's flower show, report co-chairs Karen Beede and Julie Hoffman.

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mmunity service and 7 years of supervised probation.

Trevor E. Broitzman, 32, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault of a peace officer, obstruct legal process and domestic assault. He was sentenced to \$5,528.78, 115 days in county jail, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, write letter of apology, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 3 years of supervised probation.

Edward G. Kearns, 46, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was

convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Kearns was sentenced to \$130 and 21 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Joshua J. Tonnar, 39, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Tonnar was sentenced to \$1,080, 66 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, cognitive skill training, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of July 21-28:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Timothy E. Banks, 56, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Alex M. Bryngelson, 43, Mantorville, DWI, \$980, 3 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation; Albert L. Cannon, 60, Claremont, DWI, \$1,005, 30 days in county jail, chemical

dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Amy L. Evans, 37, Winona, revoked license, \$280; Lynn M. Landers, 49, Claremont, speeding, \$130; Melissa M. Moe, 35, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Juan J. Perez, 19, Dodge Center, minor consumption, \$180; Debra M. Perry, 64, Pine Island, speeding, \$130; Hanad H. Qasal, 31, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Christopher G. Rodriguez, 23, Kasson, speeding, \$380; Vincent J. Sullivan, 69, Kellogg, speeding, \$130; Jamison A. Vondersitt, 21,

Stewartville, disorderly conduct, \$180; Michael J. Vondersitt, 43, Hayfield, disorderly conduct, \$180.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nicholas B. Bjergum, 39, Kasson, obstruct legal process and disorderly conduct, stay of adjudication, \$400, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, write letter of apology, chemical dependency evaluation and 6 months of probation; Spencer C. Espe, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$220; David D. Folkert, 53, Kasson, careless driving and failure to drive in single lane, \$230; Arisela E. Garza,

19, Mantorville, revoked license, \$280; Katrina M. Licata, 25, Mound, speeding, \$140; Antoine R. Little, 35, Rochester, revoked license, \$280; Mark A. Otto, 28, Hendricks, speeding, \$140; Bruce A. Retterath, 55, Zumbrota, speeding, \$130; Hannah R. Watson, 18, Byron, failure to yield, \$180.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Gretchen E. Bill, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$140; Bree E. Clark, 46, Rochester, speeding, \$220; Brian D. Dodd, 30, Houston, TX, speeding, \$130; Amber R. Geier, 26, West Concord, speeding, \$140.

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Wayne and Betty Kubicek stand in front of the new barn being finished on the Steele County Fairgrounds. The Kubiceks helped assist with the new barn's cost and will be officially recognized with their names on the new building come fair time.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Building a barn and a legacy

Wayne and Betty Kubicek donate to new barn at fair

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne and Betty Kubicek knew they wanted to do something for the community after drawing up the paperwork for their estate planning. That was when the replacement of two old barns resting on the fairgrounds came to mind. "We attended the fair for the last few years and became aware of the obvious aging of the last two surviving original livestock buildings," Wayne said. "They were adequate, but definitely outdated, and they were sort of the blight of the fairgrounds in a way."

Both Wayne and Betty have been going to the fair since they were younger. "We've been here all our life," Betty said. "We really like the fair, we've entered things in the fair, and participated in various things." Betty has taken home several grand champion ribbons for some of her entries, including a table cloth and an Afghan rug. Although they were both raised on farms, the two were never in 4-H, but still thought that doing something to help the community and the local program was a great way to give back. "We both worked

SEE BUILDING A BARN, B3

Top seniors picked for Steele County

The Steele County Exchange Club, with cooperation of the Steele County Free Fair, is proud to announce Carol Prokopec and Vern Wilker as recipients of the 2019 Senior Citizen Volunteer Award for Steele County.



Steely's Insights
WAYNE STEELE

Carol is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Blooming Prairie serving on various committees such as making quilts of valor for veterans, distributing poppies, ordering and selling military bracelets, marching with the American Legion Auxiliaries and VFW on Memorial Day. She volunteers at the Prairie Manor Nursing Home and the Heather Haus Assisted Living serving coffee, taking residents to medical appointments and treatment sessions and helps with bingo. Carol is also chairperson for the Prairie Manor Family Council. Each week Carol visits new nursing home residents and leaves a welcome folder from the Family Council. Carol transports residents to events in Blooming Prairie at the Servicemen's Club so they can take part in meetings and events. Carol is also active in the Austin Association of the Deaf. Carol has donated to the Lily Sparrow House in Owatonna and volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. Carol is also very active in her church, the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl. Carol is a choir member, sings at funerals, greeter, prayer chain caller, quilt maker and festival worker. Vern loves to work with youth and has done so by:

- Getting the youth camp ready each year for the Elks Club youth campers
- Teaching farm and farm equipment safety
- Teaching geography to elementary school children through the Wilson School "Passport Program"

SEE TOP SENIORS, B5

Makin bacon at the fair

Goette's pork stand to offer bacon on a stick

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

Dean Goette of Blooming Prairie fries up some bacon Friday night at the Freeborn County Fair in Albert Lea. Goette is offering something new this year at the fairs—bacon on a stick. He will be at the Steele County Fair with the bacon as well as his famous pork chops next week.



For decades fairgoers have been enjoying pork chops, but this year there will be another added bonus that hasn't been available before at the Steele County Free Fair: bacon on a stick. Classic Concessions featuring Dean and Kim Goette of Blooming Prairie is adding bacon to its list of offerings at this year's fair. And it's not just any ordinary bacon. The Goettes are frying up a thicker cut of bacon smoked with dill pickle. It comes from Geneva Meats. Goette said his family had a taste testing of several kinds of bacon and the dill pickle-flavored bacon came out on top.

"Most of the people like bacon," Goette said as he fried up several slabs of bacon at the Freeborn County Fair in Albert Lea Friday night. A customer came by to buy some bacon on a stick and asked if it was from Geneva Meats. "No wonder it's good," the bacon lover said walking away. It was the Goettes first time back at the Freeborn fair since 2001. They dropped out after their daughter decided to get married during fair week. He was glad to get back to the Freeborn

fair this year since it's his home fair. Goette grew up on a hog farm in northwest Freeborn County and was in 4-H for 11 years. While they are just getting back into the Freeborn fair, the Goettes have been a mainstay at the Steele County Fair every year for the past 31 years and will be back again this year. They will be offering one stick of bacon for \$2.50 or two sticks for \$4. The cost has turned a few people away, but Goette takes it all in stride. "One lady said she wouldn't give a \$1 for bacon. I told her it's the fair, get over it," Goette said. The Goettes purchased a new Blackstone gas grill specifically to fry up the bacon. The grill is equipped with a grease trap. "We get more grease than you would think," Goette said. The Goettes are also selling packaged beef jerky this year. "Goette is just not prejudice to pork," he said with a smile. He is looking forward to the Steele fair next week. "The Owatonna fair is just like a reunion for us," Goette said. "It's grand central station all week," he said, adding the Steele fair has always been the best one for them. The pork stand is located outside the north side of the Four Seasons Centre. "We used to think we had a bad location for a few years," Goette said. "But now we wouldn't trade it for anything," he added.

Board learns all is coming together for annual fair

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

With the Steele County Free Fair looming, the Board of Directors reviewed a year of projects and additions while making the final preparations for the annual event. It is the largest county fair in the state. One of the larger projects included the demolition of two older barns, one of which was damaged during a winter storm, and the construction of their replacement: a new barn set to match the aesthetic look of the other barns.

The northern part of the racetrack was also sliced off in favor of adding more room for vendors and attractions, among the additions that will going here is a new bear tent dubbed "The Saloon," which will offer an alternative to the Beer Garden for thirsty fairgoers. "I want to start not only with our board, it's been a very stressful year with everything we're doing, with the track and the barn, and I just want to say that the county has also been awesome," Fair Manager Scott Kozelka said as he offered thanks to all those

who helped pull together on the offseason projects. "Our grounds crew from Josh (Prokopec) and Scott Seykora on down has been amazing." The racetrack project was assisted by the county public works department, who Kozelka singled out as helping things move smoothly and swiftly along. "Whenever you see anyone from the Steele County Highway Department, thank them, because this project couldn't have been done without them, it's been amazing," he said. All the other moving parts are coming together

for the fair, from getting volunteers for Steely and Stella, to finding additional superintendents. Charlie Kaplan will be helping with the auto museum, Kevin Christey will be helping with camping, and Greg Carson will be helping at the Saloon, all as new superintendents. Ideas were also floated as how to continue to keep making improvements in security and safety, including preventing underage drinking. This includes the acquisition of new security cameras for the Beer Garden, and coordinated efforts which would prevent

someone who was refused service at one location to go to another in the hopes of being served. "I think we're working our way towards a safer and better place," Director Roger Noble said of the measures already taken and those under consideration. The goal each year for the board is to continue to polish their refined system. During the meeting, the board also voted on a new addition to their ranks. Building/grounds staff member Josh Prokopec was named as the 17th director on the board.

Prokopec has been a regular presence at meetings. "Based on our vote tonight, he will be up for reelection at our annual November meeting," Glen Meger of the nominating committee explained. "It's our recommendation that we appoint him to the board until November, when he is up for reelection. Along with Prokopec, Bruce Busho, James Linder, Gene Fisher, and Wayne Steele will all be up for reelection during the annual meeting, to be held

SEE BOARD LEARNS, B3

A big impact



Third District Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presents a Community Partner award to two members of the Owatonna Community Education team who helps Steele Waseca Drug Court participants earn their GED. Shown with Judge Bueltel are award recipients Angela Donlon and Kimberly Reyant. Judge Carol Hanks and Nicole Grams, Drug Court coordinator are also pictured.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Owatonna teachers honored for GED work at Drug Court picnic

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It takes a lot of partners to make the programs work, said Assistant Third District Chief Judge Joseph A. Bueltel when addressing the products of the Steele Waseca Drug Court.

Judge Bueltel represents the Steele County side and Judge Carol Hanks works with the Waseca County part of the program.

Seven graduates of the Steele Waseca Drug Court program attended a special picnic at Brown Park in Owatonna on Wednesday, July 31.

The Steele County Safe & Drug Free Coalition and the Steele Waseca Drug Court joined hands to celebrate their past successes. This is the first time the two organizations had sponsored the picnic together.

Special recognition was given to two partners with the Steele Waseca Drug Court.

Andi Gaffke, coordinator of the Steele County Safe & Drug Free Coalition, welcomed those in attendance and congratulated those participants



PHOTO BY SHERIFF LON THIELE

Howard Lestrud of Blooming Prairie received a Community Partner award from Steele Waseca County Drug Court judges Joseph A. Bueltel and Carol Hanks.

ulated those participants in the programs for their hard work.

Nicole Grams, coordinator of the Steele Waseca Drug Court, pointed out that many of the alums were at the picnic.

Past graduates who attended the picnic were

Shanda Grundhoffer, Destiny Reich, Shavon Hodges, Chris Powers, Randall (Bo) Jones, Cedric Dow and Scarlett Tanner.

Many Steele and Waseca county staff members and two county commissioners from Steele County and two from Waseca County

attended the picnic. Commissioners Greg Kreuger and Rick Gnemi represented Steele County and commissioners Blair Nelson and De Malterer represented Waseca County.

Two Community

SEE TEACHERS HONORED, B3

Drug Court rebuilt Olson's life



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Current Steele Waseca Drug Court participants Stephanie Thompson, Heather Olson and Cody Skow attended a Drug Court Picnic on July 31 at Brown Park in Owatonna.

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"I could have gotten high, but instead I chose Drug Court and rebuilt my life."

That's what Heather Olson of Blooming Prairie says about choosing to enter the Steele Waseca Drug Court rather than to continue a path of "getting high" on meth.

She and two other Drug Court participants, Stephanie Thompson and Cody

Skow, took time to visit with this reporter about their journey to recovery. Shavon Hodges, a May 24 graduate, also met with this writer.

Olson, mother of four children, faced eight years of probation and had committed a seventh parole violation. Drug Court helped Olson building a foundation of recovery, she says. Her charges stemming from drug use (meth) came in Mower County.

Olson has logged 445 days of sobriety. She hopes to graduate Drug Court this fall. "It helped change my life," she continued.

Drug Court helped Thompson no longer being homeless and it also helped her health. "My kidneys were close to shutting down," she said.

"Now, I have a beautiful apartment and a full-time job," smiled Thompson.

Skow says Drug Court has meant a lot to him in rebuilding his family and

giving him more structure in his life.

Skow has a son Braiden, 10. The father is proud to relate that he has been coaching Braiden's soccer team and has gotten more involved in youth sports.

Hodges was brought to Drug Court after she was charged with first-degree sales of meth. She completed three years in Drug Court and struggled with efforts to get her GED. She succeeded, however.

Hodges said if she wouldn't have had Drug Court, she would have given birth in prison to her son Nehemiah, now 3 1/2. "Drug Court gave me a second chance at life," she says.

Hodges she is closing on a house with her wife Dinah.

Drug court works. Just visit with graduates or with participants and they will tell you it works.



SHAVON HODGES

Owatonna Foundation elects new trustees



Brandon Wayne



Dave Ramsey

The Owatonna Foundation Board of Trustees recently held its 61st annual meeting at the Steele County History Center.

During the meeting, the Trustees conducted their business of annual committee reports, grants approval, and electing Trustees and Officers.

"The Foundation has gone through a period of incredible growth in the last few years," Foundation president Denny Meillier points out. "The establishment of a staffed

office located in downtown Owatonna and the incredible support from business and individual donors that has grown our assets to over six and a half million dollars has brought us to the place we are at today."

Meillier said the Foundation's commitment to the mission of "improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation and

SEE OWATONNA FOUNDATION, B4

Mini-roundabout open for traffic in Owatonna

The construction of the roundabout at the intersection of County Highway 1 and County Highway 34 (Cedar Avenue and 26th Street) is substantially completed. All legs of the intersection and all lanes are now open to traffic.

Minor work to install street lighting remains. Due to manufacturing lead times, the lighting will be installed later this fall. Road construction signing and barrels will remain until the lighting is completed.

The construction of this roundabout introduces a mini-roundabout to the county. Unlike larger roundabouts, this roundabout does not have

a landscaped center. Both the center island and the approach medians are paved with red concrete and are meant for larger vehicles to drive over to make the turns. Smaller vehicles should remain in the lanes to navigate the roundabout.

For more information on driving a mini roundabout, check out this video from the Minnesota Department of Transportation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwNV7FpCV2Q>.

Steele County advises motorists to drive with caution and slow down through work zones for their own safety and for the safety of the construction crews.

Back to School: Successful Transition



Steele Talkin'
CAROLYN WHEELER

While the start of the new school year holds excitement for most kids, anxiety is very common.

In fact, children can have both feelings and parents are key to helping nervous kids have a successful transition back to school. This is a familiar topic to therapists at South Central Human Relations Center. Several therapists who regularly work with families and children offered recommendations.

Kasey Bishman, MSW, LICSW, advises validating the child's feelings. "It is normal to feel nervous about school starting. The parent could offer an example of a time they were nervous about something and it turned out OK. Reading books with your child on a similar topic can be helpful. She identified a book by Audrey Penn, The Kissing Hand as helpful for parents and children facing school or facing separation.

Amazon.com has a brief editorial review of the book on the website:

"Chester Raccoon doesn't want to go to school--he wants to stay home with his mother. She assures him that he'll love school--with its promise of new friends, new toys, and new books. Even better, she has a special secret that's been in the family for years--the Kissing Hand. This secret, she tells him, will make school seem as cozy as home. She takes her son's hand, spreads his tiny fingers into a fan and kisses his palm--smack dab in the middle. Whenever he feels lonely at school, all he has to do is press his hand to his cheek to feel the warmth of his mother's kiss. Chester is so pleased with his Kissing Hand that he--in a genuinely touching moment--gives his mom a Kissing Hand, too, to comfort her when he is away."

Sandi Guggisberg, MA, LMFT advises parents of young children to be excited and upbeat about the start of school: "The morning routine could include saying to your child -I'll be excited to hear at the end of your school day how it went.'" She notes parents may be nervous themselves and cautions parents from communicating negativity to the child. Sandy also

SEE BACK TO SCHOOL, B4

Human cannonball to blast across fair

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

After a year’s absence, David “The Bullet” Smith will be returning to the Steele County Free Fair.

Twice a day he will be thrilling fair goers as he is shot out of a cannon over the GoldStar Midway. Performance times will be 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Called the “heir to the throne,” Smith is a second-generation human cannonball, the son of David Smith Sr., known as “Cannonball Smith.”

“The Bullet” currently holds five Guinness World Records for the highest cannonball shot and the farthest cannonball shot, (he broke his own record three times). His most recent Guinness World Record was set in Tampa, FL on March 13, 2018 when he was shot 195 feet. He has performed more than 8,000 shows around the world.

Besides breaking world records, he has been shot over some incredible obstacles, including Ferris wheels, concert stages



and a portion of the Grand Canyon.

Growing up Smith watched his father tour with the cannonball act. When he was 17 he got into the cannon for the first time at the family’s home in Oregon. It would only be two years before he had a chance to stand in for his father at a show in Wisconsin.

In many ways it was natural that David would make a career of being shot out of a cannon.

His father had been a college gymnast and math teacher when he decided to give the circus a try and went on to become a flying trapeze artist. He performed the trapeze act

with his wife for several years before deciding to become “Cannonball Smith.”

For the second generation, “The Bullet” has taken a traditional circus act and transformed it into a world-wide thrill show, becoming one of the worlds most spectacular stunt performers.

The Smith’s and the Steele County Free Fair have a long history as the elder Smith performed the act at the fair for a number of years before his son took over.

David “The Bullet” Smith’s appearance at the Steele County Free Fair is sponsored by the Owatonna Motor Company.

BUILDING: a barn and a legacy FROM B1

“You can take a given amount of money and put it towards something that’s lasting and it will serve for years.”

Wayne Kubicek
Donator to Fair

with cattle, so we thought we’d do something with cattle,” Betty explained.

According to the Kubiceks, they first approached Fair Board President Dan Deml about helping out financially with the replacement of the two old barns prior to the board’s decision. “They came last fall and wanted to do something, and this was something they were interested in,” Deml said of the barn’s sponsors. “I told them it could be five years or so, but all of a sudden things fell into place way faster than anybody ever imagined.”

It was almost a blessing in disguise when inclement weather rolled through this winter and damaged a roof on one of the two older barns. The board acted quickly and decided that replacing both barns would be a better decision rather than simply fixing the single damaged roof.

“We contacted Dan Deml to discuss assisting with the cost of replacing the two aging buildings with a new, larger structure similar to, and complimentary to, the other recent buildings,” Wayne said. “It was an unusual coincidence that we were preparing to do this and then nature just sort of accelerated the program.”

As lifelong fairgoers, they have many great memories, including the time Betty drove the pace car during a race, or the time Wayne participated in a demolition derby. “We’re square dancers, and we’ve square danced here for years and year,” Wayne said.

Outside members of their now dissolved square dancing group often marveled at the quality of the fair. “All summer long we would invite people to come to our fair and dance with us and incredible numbers of people have come and said ‘wow, what a fair,’” Wayne recalled. “It makes us appreciate what a good fair we have, and that goes to credit the people that arrange this, and the volunteers that work here. The whole community really pulls together, otherwise it wouldn’t be such a successful fair.”

It was their own appreciation for the fair which spurred their interest in helping assist the cost of replacing the new buildings. “You can take a given amount of

money and put it towards something that’s lasting, and it will serve for years,” Wayne said of the choice to sponsor the barn.

Deml said he and fellow director Sandy Jirele visited with the Kubiceks and went over names for the barn. “What I had done in meeting with them, is I had gone through a number of different names with them, knowing that at this current time it’s going to be dairy, and in the future, it is likely to be beef,” Jirele said. “When we met with Wayne and Betty her face lit up a couple of different times when I went through these names.”

The new name that was decided upon is the Wayne and Betty Kubicek Family Cattle Haven, a name which fits right alongside Wayne and Betty’s own rural childhood of raising cattle. “They had a series of names and we had a series too and one of the names we both had was haven,” Wayne explained.

“It’s very rewarding,” Wayne said of knowing that their contribution will go to help the community. “It’s nice to know that our efforts and our good fortune that left us able to do things allows us to do something that’s going to be here the next 60 or 80 years. People will benefit down the road because we were able to do this.”

Even after attending the fair year in and year out, Wayne and Betty Kubicek still look forward to it every August. “The fair has been a big event in our lives,” Wayne said. “We’re here almost every day, and most of the time if possible.”

“It’s been a great time, and it’s nice to see the fair has maintained its size and maintained its attendance,” Wayne said. “A lot of the success of the fair has to be attributed to the people that manage it, we have a good fair board, and we’ve had good fair boards in the past, and that’s what it takes to keep it afloat, but it takes community support too, so we thought that it was kind of our turn.”

Prior to the fair officially getting underway, Wayne and Betty Kubicek will be there for the inauguration of the new barn, which resides just west of the Livestock Show Arena. Thanks to the Kubiceks, fairgoers will be able to utilize this new barn for years to come.

BOARD LEARNS: all is coming together for annual fair FROM B1

at the Community Center in Owatonna on Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

After a landmark year celebrating a century of festivities, the Steele County

Free Fair will continue its tradition of excellence during August’s hot summer days and amid glittering carnival lights when the 2019 celebration gets underway.

Operation Extra Eye

Citizens will assist in keeping fairgoers safe

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

A group of concerned parents will be providing an extra eye in keeping visitors safe during next week’s Steele County Free Fair.

The effort is dubbed Operation Extra Eye, according to Sheriff Lon Thiele, whose department is charged with security at the fair. He said there are about a half dozen citizens from the community that will provide assistance in keeping children safe throughout the fair.

Thiele said the citizens will have incident communication to alert sheriff’s deputies of any issues going on around the fairgrounds. “The volunteers will be in plain clothes and keeping an eye on areas that look suspicious,” he said.

During the fair, the parents report to the sheriff’s office where they present their identification. They are instructed to call the sheriff’s office if they run into anything unusual while on the grounds.

“They are donating their time to keep our children safe,” Thiele said. “They did a great job last year for having that extra set of eyes.”

The citizens group was quickly organized just before last year’s fair after an attempted abduction at the Freeborn County Fair in Albert Lea. Some concerned parents reached out to the sheriff just before the fair began.



Security is always a high priority for Sheriff Lon Thiele and his deputies during the Steele County Fair. During last year’s event, Thiele stopped to talk to some fairgoers while patrolling the grounds. Thiele will be receiving extra help once again this year from some citizens in an effort called Operation Extra Eye.

“They are donating their time to keep our children safe.”

Sheriff Lon Thiele
Steele County

Within the first few hours of the program last year, the group assisted in finding a lost child wandering around the fair. There were no other incidents for the rest of the fair.

Thiele said he is appreciative of the efforts of the citizens group. “We have amazing communities in our county that step up and care for children,” he said.

In addition to the citizens group, the sheriff’s office will have a large contingency of special deputies, volunteer posse members and regular patrol

deputies working throughout the fair. Officers from outside agencies will also be brought in to help keep the peace.

Thiele encourages anybody coming to the fair with children to take a current picture that day of the child in the event something happens.

The sheriff’s office will also be offering Operation ID during the fair in which children can come in and get fingerprinted.

“We want to make sure this is seen as a family friendly event,” Thiele said.

Mega Ride tickets continue on sale

There is still time to get Mega Ride tickets for the 2019 Steele County Free Fair.

Mega Ride tickets will remain on sale through 5 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Hy-Vee store in Owatonna.

Tickets are \$55 and entitle the wearer of the wrist band to unlimited rides the entire week of the fair on the Goldstar Midway. Wrist bands will be attached on the first day of the fair

beginning at 1 p.m. at the midway ticket office.

Mega ride tickets must be purchased by 5 p.m. on the first day of the fair and can be redeemed throughout the week of the fair.

TEACHERS HONORED: for GED work at Drug Court picnic FROM B2

Partner awards were presented by Judge Buettel following the picnic lunch.

Angela Donlon, Adult Basic Education teacher in Owatonna Community Education and Kimberly Reyant, adult learning center site supervisor in Community Education, were saluted for their work in motivating Steele Waseca Drug Court participants to receive their GED.

“These wonderful ladies have been responsible for me getting my GED,” said Steele Waseca Drug Court graduate Shavon Hodges. She graduated this past May.

“Without you, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” Hodges continued. “Wow, I am going to college now,” she beamed.

“Our students deserve all the credit,” said Reyant.

Another Community Partner award was given to Howard Lestrud for his detailed coverage of Steele Waseca Drug Court graduations.

His plaque reads: “Steele Waseca Drug Court extends this recognition award for your outstanding contribution in various activities conducted by yourself or your organization on several occasions to promote the mission and success of the Steele Waseca Drug Court program. We highly appreciate your best efforts in our achievements. Wishing you the best for your future endeavors.”

In addition to alums attending the picnic, several current Drug Court participants, who are nearing graduation, attended the picnic.

Many young children of the current and past Drug Court also enjoyed the picnic.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Steele Waseca Drug Court graduate Destiny Reich of Owatonna is flanked by her children, all attending a Drug Court picnic at Brown Park in Owatonna on Wednesday, July 31. Her kids from left to right are: Trynity Reich, 11; Zayleigh Reich-Pete, 10 and Tyler Gartner, 6.

Whitni Minton, Miss South Central Outstanding Teen, worked with some of the youngsters at the picnic on coloring projects. She is 17 and was second runner-up in state competition.

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Kiwanis give out scholarships to area graduates



Several Owatonna graduates have been awarded scholarships by the Kiwanis of Owatonna. They are, from left: committee co-chair Jerry Ganfield, Selena Ong, Ilhan Omar, Emily Keck, Lydia Rieck, Nick Staska, Gabriel Rysavy, Dominick Yerhot and co-chair Bob Stark. The winners in the other picture are Ashley Keller, McKenna Schroht and Zachary Barrett

Ten Owatonna High School graduates received Kiwanis International scholarships for attending colleges this fall. Five awards were made by the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District and five additional by the Kiwanis Club of Owatonna. The scholarships are based on community volunteer participation as well as high school academic achievement. Kiwanis International is a service club that focuses on the needs of young children



and youth, the local club meeting Wednesday noons at SpareTime Entertainment in Owatonna. Recipients of the scholarships are Selena Ong, Ilhan Omar, Emily Keck, Lydia Rieck, Nick Staska, Gabriel Rysavy, Dominick Yerhot, Ashley Keller, McKenna Schroht and Zachary Barrett.

Class of 1949 visits BP Veterans Memorial



The Blooming Prairie Class of 1949 had its 70th reunion on Saturday, July 27 and asked Tom Peterson, BP Veterans Memorial chairman, to show them the Memorial. Class members at the reunion included, from left: Beverly Draeger, Romana Wesely, Verna Magnuson, Verna Busho and Evelyn Johnson. The class has Wall Paver at the Memorial recognizing the Veterans in their class. "I was touched by their love of Country and reminiscing about the Korean Conflict and their classmates who answered the call," Peterson said.

Scholarship available to art students

The Owatonna Arts Center is making a scholarship available to area students focused on the arts. Graduates from a high school in Steele County who are majoring in the arts and have post-secondary work in an accredited program are eligible for the \$1,000 scholarship, according to Silvan Durben, director of the Arts Center. "I am very honored and humbled to have the Silvan Durben Arts Scholarship named after me," Durben said. "The Arts Center and I want to nurture young people in their artistic educational journey," he added. For further information and to apply, go to www.oacarts.org/silvan-durben-scholarship or contact the Arts Center at 507-451-0533.

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BACK TO SCHOOL: Successful Transition FROM B2

acknowledges that being anxious with something new or unknown is normal. Renee Lips-Bush, MSW, LICSW has suggestions for parents with children of junior high age and older. "It really helps kids for parents to check in daily about how school is going for them. And particularly for kids who have struggled with school or mental health, it helps if they can find resources at school, for example someone at school that they can trust. Renee highlights the important of getting the day at home started well and referenced a plaque in her office, "One small positive thing in the morning can change your whole day." Childmind.org is a resource for more information on this topic. Caroline Miller is the editor and recently offered advice in the website newsletter. She shares her observations as well as those of Dr. Rachel Busman, clinical psychologist at the Child Mind Institute: "Do some test runs. If you anticipate that your child will be seriously nervous on the first day, it helps to give her time to get used to the new school or new classroom in advance. Go to the school several times before school starts, and do as much walking the halls as you can, to locate her classroom, the lavatory, the cafeteria, the playground. Repetition is good; going by again just to ask a question at the office, or drop off a form, gives her more chances to get comfortable being there. Let someone know. If your child needs extra support to make a successful transition, let someone at school know - his teacher, an aide, the school psychologist or the school nurse. You want to communicate that your child is looking forward to school and is excited - you're sure he'll be fine - but he will be much more comfortable if he can meet the teacher briefly and see the classroom before the crowded, chaotic first day, when all the other kids will be there. You're not asking for a lot - just a little expo-

sure that will set him up to succeed. And you'd like the staff to be alert to signs that he might need an assist. Arrange for a hand-off. If you think your child will be reluctant to separate, it's very helpful to have someone primed to meet and engage her when you arrive. The teacher may be too overwhelmed to pay special attention to your child, but maybe she has a buddy in the class, or you could ask an aide, the nurse, the school psychologist, to plan for a handoff. When separation problems persist. Leaving a child who is crying or whining at school is a tough thing for any parent to do. "But most kids are pretty resilient," Dr. Busman notes, "and we don't want to underestimate their ability to cope. Most kids recover quickly once mom or dad leaves." If your child's teacher reports that she bounces back and participates enthusiastically in activities during the day, the best way to help her get more confident about separating from you is not worrying too much about her complaints. "It's not being a bad parent to ignore a little bit of whining or reluctance," says Dr. Busman. "It will actually help a child move beyond it if you give more attention to things that you do want to see her do." If kids continue to have full-blown separation problems, and fears that something bad will happen to their parents interfere with their ability to function in school, they should be evaluated by a mental health professional. Those interested in an evaluation at our agency can call 507-451-2630 and ask for Intake staff for Outpatient services. Carolyn Wheeler is a licensed independent clinical social worker, and the former executive director at South Central Human Relations Center in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors from various organizations throughout Steele County.

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OWATONNA FOUNDATION: elects new trustees FROM B2

education" is taken very seriously by the Trustees. "There are no words to express our gratitude to everyone that has contributed to date. No matter the size of your gift, each gift given truly reflects our donor's commitment to making Owatonna a better place," he said, adding the Foundation is truly a community foundation. At the meeting, trustees and officers are elected. Trustees that were reappointed to the Board for a five-year term include: Todd Hale, Jerry Deetz, Dale Gandrud and Julie Rethemeier. Trustees Dr. Carol Winter and Matt Kottke were recognized for their years of service towards the mission and betterment of the Foundation and were granted Emeritus Status for their outstanding contributions while serving on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Two new trustees were also elected at the meeting. They are Dave Ramsey and Brandon Wayne. Ramsey is a retired Federated executive and also recently retired from his current position as a vice president at Cambria Enterprises LLC. He has served in numerous volunteer positions such as Steele County United Way, Owatonna Rotary, Big Brother & Big Sisters, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Exchange Club of Faribault and as a Volunteer Hockey Coach for Owatonna Youth Hockey. He is married to

his wife Kim, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren. "The Foundation is the leading nongovernmental/business organization in the community to impact infrastructure challenges and needs in the community," said Ramsey. "I believe the Foundation has to share the vision and motivate people who value the community to make meaningful and impactful contributions to the mission to help assure continued growth and prosperity such that Owatonna continues to be a leading small city not only in Minnesota but recognized as a special place for people throughout the 21st Century," he said. He added the Foundation is the difference maker and needs to continue to have leaders who can express that vision and need and get community leaders to sign onto that vision with both financial resources and talent to generate and use those resources wisely. Wayne is a partner at Dufresne, Wayne and Associates, an Ameriprise Financial Services office. He has served in several volunteer positions such as the 761 Foundation Board, Director of, and Public Policy Committee, of OACCT, Fundraising Committee for the NRHEG PTO, the Allina Owatonna Hospital Board, and Trinity Lutheran Church of New Richland. He is married to his wife, Jodi and they have three children: Eva, Owen and Quinn. "The Foundation's biggest impact is right here in Owatonna and Steele County," Wayne said. "I see the opportunity of giving and financing projects that are critical to the community, and to be a vehicle for success when the private and/or public sector cannot accomplish certain projects on their own. The goal of the Foundation is to create a better Owatonna and to enhance community assets that belong to us that we can all enjoy." The following Trustees were elected to serve as officers: Denny Meillier, president; Tom Dufresne, vice president and Ray Stawarz, secretary/treasurer. Other members of the Board of Trustees include: William Beer, Dr. Brian Bunkers, Gregg Draeger, David Einhaus, Bob Heers, Charles Herrmann, Mike Jensen, Jay Johnson, Kent Kienholz, Chad Lange, Betsy Lindgren, Tim McManimon, Corey Mensink, Gene Michaelson, Andy Michaeltz, Monte Mitchell, Jolayne Mohs, Carol Nelson, Judy Plemel, Dave Seykora, Stephen Smith, Dean Velzke, Dennis Von Ruden, Sharon West, and Dr. Bob Wottreng. Business also included the full Board of Trustee approval for a grant to the Owatonna Soccer Association for \$35,000 to be used towards the development of the new soccer field and \$85,000 towards the "We All Play" Project. The meeting is also the official 'Kick-off' to the fundraising season and the Business Fundraising Campaign. Incorporated in 1958, the Foundation has served the Owatonna community for 61 years. Since then, the Foundation has provided over \$12 million dollars in financial support to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. The Foundation makes grants for capital projects in the following categories: Community - with projects that have an impact on the quality of life of the people of Owatonna, and the parks and places they use and enjoy. Arts - with projects that support fine arts, both visual and musical, and encouraging a diverse cultural environment. Recreation - with projects that help improve the recreational diversity of Owatonna, offering all ages a recreational outlet throughout the year. Education - with scholarships and improvements promoting literary and scientific ventures and preserving the history of Owatonna. The Foundation also provides \$30,000 annually in both traditional and non-traditional vocational and technical scholarships for youth and adults that are residents of Owatonna. The Foundation office is located at 108 West Park Square, Owatonna. Summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, go to the Foundation's website at www.owatonnafoundation.org, or call 507-451-2995.

Draft EIS details impacts of proposed wind farm

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement released late last month details the potential impacts of a wind farm that touches Steele, Dodge and Olmsted Counties.

Dodge County Wind, LLC has submitted requests to the state of Minnesota that would allow construction of a 170 MW wind farm of up to 68 turbines that would be located in Dodge and Steele counties and terminate at a substation near Byron in Olmsted County. The majority of the turbines would be located in Dodge County.

Before construction can begin, Dodge County Wind needs to obtain three state permits – a Certificate of Need, a Site Permit and a Route Permit.

Most of the controversy about the project has centered around the route of the transmission lines.

When they first submitted their applications, Dodge County Wind proposed two possible routes for the transmission line, designated A and B. Both of those routes went from a Dodge County substation through the southern, primarily rural, area of Dodge County before moving northward to connect to the Byron substation. Earlier this year, the Public Utilities Commission asked Dodge County Wind to consider two additional routes that would more directly follow existing electric lines. These routes were designated C and D.

Depending on the route finally chosen, the transmission line would be between 21 and 26 miles and run from a new collector substation south of Claremont to the Byron substation.

Routes C and D go through residential and commercial areas in both Dodge Center and Kasson and were opposed by residents whose homes and businesses fell within the right-of-way of the lines. State law sets limits as to how close to a transmission line a building can be located.

The draft EIS determined that there were no homes and five buildings that could be displaced by Route A. For Route B, there is one home and five buildings in the anticipated right-of-way.

Those numbers increased for routes C and D. For Route C, there was the potential for displacement of six homes and 55 non-residential buildings. For Route D, the numbers were 34 homes and 16 non-residential buildings.

Other negatives to C and D, the Draft EIS determined, were that route C would conflict with operations of the railroad and the Dodge Center Airport and route D with the airport operation.

It was also determined that Route C would substantially alter the aesthetics of downtown Dodge Center and Kasson, and Route D would alter the aesthetics of the Kasson-Manterville school complex. Two historic properties are also located adjacent to the anticipated right-of-way in downtown Kasson.

The Draft EIS also anticipated that following either Route C or D would double the cost of the project.

In all areas considered, the impacts of Routes A and B were considered minimal or minimal to moderate.

Because of the impacts, the writers of the Draft EIS declined to move forward with a full analysis of Routes C and D.

Regarding the actual wind turbines, Dodge County Wind is proposing up to 68 turbines located within an area of 52,085 acres. While there would be some turbines in Steele County, the majority would be in southern Dodge County. Dodge County Wind also presented some alternative turbine locations in case there were unanticipated obstacles.

The Draft EIS provides a review of all aspects of the project but does not make recommendations.

Copies of the document can be viewed at public libraries in Owatonna, Dodge Center, Kasson and Rochester. They can also be viewed online from the Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission websites.

Two public information meetings will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Minnesota Wi-Fi Performing Arts Center, 101 16th St. NE, Kasson. The first session will be at 1 p.m. and the second at 6 p.m.

Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted through Friday, Aug. 30.

Comments can be sent to Suzanne Steinhauer, Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101; emailed to suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us, submitted online at mn.gov/commerce/energy/facilities or by fax at 651-539-0109.

Following the close of public comments on the Draft EIS, a more formal public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be held in September. The Final EIS is expected to be released in early November with the Administrative Law Judge's report submitted to the PUC in mid-December for a final decision on the project.

Mower SWCD adding new precision agriculture position

As part of the Cedar River Watershed Partnership's continuing growth, a new position is being added in Austin, mainly to provide area landowners technical support for sustainable agriculture.

The Mower Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking applicants for a part-time precision agriculture associate to work in the Cedar and Root River watersheds of Mower County and neighboring counties.

Launched in early 2018, the Cedar River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) is expanding its focus area now into the Root River watershed, which starts in eastern Mower County.

In addition to supporting farmers and agriculture landowners, the associate will work with public and private-sector partners to boost development and implementation of sustainable agriculture, which aims to improve farming operations through practices that benefit the environment, such as cover crops, reduced tillage and less fertilizer usage.

A precision ag associate will support Mower SWCD's current projects but also work closely with private businesses involved with CRWP, including Land O' Lakes SUSTAIN, Hormel Foods Corp. and Central Farm Service (CFS), said Justin Hanson, district manager for Mower SWCD. Other CRWP members include the Minneapolis nonprofit Environmental Initiative, Mower SWCD and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

"With this position, we want to find new, innovative ways of getting conservation on the ground," Hanson said. "It's a continuation of evolving Mower SWCD's service model to work alongside private ag partners hopefully leading to better communication with landowners about the latest ag and sustainability data."

Some of the position's technical assistance will involve supporting demonstration farm field plots; promoting conservation programs and initiatives; facilitating educational workshops; and instigating new program opportunities that add value to the collaborative CRWP partnership.

This position – applications due by Aug. 16 – is



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)
Members of the Cedar River Watershed Partnership gather at the public-private group's first field event in August 2018 near Blooming Prairie. From (left to right) are: Kevin Kruize, Land O'Lakes; Justin Hanson, Mower Soil & Water Conservation District; Matt Kruger, Land O'Lakes; Erin Niehoff, Environmental Initiative; Brian Perry, Land O'Lakes; Ashley Schmeling, Central Farm Service; Greg Bohrer, Environmental Initiative; Becky Kenow, Land O'Lakes; Brad Redlin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and Marguerite Tan, Hormel Foods Corp.

funded by a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), a federal nonprofit supporting projects that restore, sustain and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. NFWF supports the initiative, Hanson said, because it believes it will lead to more conservation practices and better land management.

The precision ag associate will serve as a point of contact to support to CRWP's public-private interests as well as work to continue to grow the partnership and help it reach goals.

CRWP is Minnesota's first public-private-nonprofit partnership that provides farmers with tools and resources to help them adopt new farm management strategies to improve the soil, water, and economic health of their farms. It also addresses water-quality challenges in the Cedar River watershed and now the Root River watershed.

Partners in CRWP have worked with dozens of farmers in the Cedar River Watershed to identify practices and resources for improving farm health and water quality throughout the region. They work with farmers to identify the most impactful, practical farming strategies and provide them with tools and resources to help implement changes.

Overall, CRWP's goal is to get farmers to reach certification through the Minnesota Agricultural

Water Quality Certification Program run by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This effort minimizes red-tape for farmers by coordinating guidance, services and resources amongst partners.

Applicants must have, among various requirements, a background in agriculture; ag business; soils with an interest in natural resources and conservation; and precision agriculture. The applicant also must be able to manage on-farm trials using precision ag and have at least a two-year degree or experience in agronomy and soils, biology, environmental science or an equivalent experience with ag and natural resources.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 16 and available online at www.mowerswcd.org. They can be dropped off or mailed to Mower SWCD at 1408 21st Ave. N.W., Austin, MN, 55912. Applications also can be emailed: justin.hanson@mowerswcd.org.

In fall 2018, Mower SWCD added another employee by hiring Paul Hunter for a new watershed conservationist position to do field walkovers with farmers and ag landowners in the Cedar and Root watersheds to create an in-depth evaluation of their land. This is a new focus for Mower SWCD as it traditionally had to rely on farmers coming in with land issues.

FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

Located: From Albert Lea, MN –take Interstate 35 south to exit #2, take a right on County #5, go 1 block to 755th Ave. (Cty.#18), turn left and proceed 1 ½ miles to 110th St.(Cty.#83)turn right and proceed 2 ½ miles to 72820 110th St, Emmons, MN 56029 (follow auction signs)

Date: Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019—Time: 9:00 am

Note: For anyone interested in purchasing an excellent line of farm equipment that has been shedded and well maintained be sure and attend this sale. Many of these items were purchased new.

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TRACTORS: 2010 JD 8320R tractor, MFD, Michelin duals, rock box, weights, IVT trans, 5 hyd., quick hitch, 1538 hours; 2006 Cat MT 865B, 3096 hrs., power shift, 30" tracks, 5 hyd., Trimble 500EZ integrated auto steer; 2004 C/H STX 450 quad track, 30" belts, 3227 hrs., power shift, 4 hyd., Trimble CFX 750 monitor & controls; 1978 JD 4440, power shift, 2 hyd., 3 pt, w/quick tach, 5499 hrs.; 1975 JD #2030, d, 1 hyd.,; **EQUIPMENT:** 1991 C/H #496 disc, rock flex, 32", rear hitch, 9" spacing; 2008 JD #2410 chisel plow, 33", 16" spacing, w/NH38 Raven kit & N-serve inj. system, rear hitch, Raven monitor; 2013 CIH 870 disc ripper, 11 shank, leveler w/5 bar spike tooth harrow; 2009 Wil Rich QX2 55' field cult., flotation tires, 4 bar coil tine; 1998 Wil Rich Quad 5-50' field cult, updated w/4 bar harrow; Nitro-Master #8000 NH3 bar, 50", heavy duty spring package, 21 shanks, rear hitch, Raven controller; JD 40' tool bar w/Yetter rolling coulters, injection nozzle, liquid applicator Red Ball monitor; JD #40040' rotary hoe, hyd. wings; Rite-Way flipper rock picker; Nabor 3 pt. rock picker; Hiniker #1700 20' pull-type stalk chopper; **PLANTERS-DRILLS:** 2010 JD DB 60 planter, 24 row, 30", Martin row cleaners, w/Klean sweeps, pneumatic 20/20 air down force, hyd. seed drive w/swath controls, E set corn meters, red ball fert. Monitor, seed firmers, Dosatron flow meter & tank; JD #7300 vacuum mtd. Planter, 12 row 30", markers, lift assist wheels, corn & bean meters, Yetter row cleaners; 2010 JD #1990 CCS air drill, 42', 10" spacing, hyd. drive, Haukos markers; 2008 Unverferth #2750 seed tender, tarp, scale, tandem axle; (2) seed augers; **TERRA-GATOR--SPRAYER-TANKS-**2011 Miller Nitro #4275 sprayer, 903 hrs, 90' boom, 15" center triple nozzle bodies, Raven injection system, 1400 gal. tank, Raven viper monitor, Norac boom control, foamer w/rinse tank; 1994 AG Chem terra-gator #1603 flotation sprayer, 30" spacing, 20" spacing nozzles, Raven 440 monitor, foamer, auto trans., 1800 gal. w/rinse tank, 2977 hours; row crop tires for #1603 terra-gator; various size larger tanks, hoses, fittings & pumps. **FORKLIFT-BACKHOE ATT.:** 1976 Clark forklift, C500 Y 40, 526 hours on motor overhaul, solid tires, forks; **DRAINAGE PLOW:** Farm drainage plow, 5', 3 pt, w/6" boot; Winthrop welding tandem axle tile stringer; **TRUCKS-TRAILERS-PICKUPS:** 2001 Kenworth T-600 semi, Cat C-12 350 motor, Eaton auto trans, air ride; 1991 Kenworth T-800 semi, L-10 cummins, 9 speed trans., air ride; 2007 Mack Pinnacle semi, MP7-395C I0.8 liter motor, 10 speed, 365,931 miles; 1987 Kenmore T-600 day cab, 855 cummins, 400 hp, 13 spd. Trans; 2011 Timppte 38' hopper trl, 72" sides, spring ride, elec. tarp & openers, Ag hoppers; 2003 Timppte 38' hopper trailer, 72" sides, spring ride, elec. tarp & openers; Ag hoppers, new rubber; 1999 Timppte hopper bottom trailer, 40' w/66" sides, spring ride, elec. tarp & openers, Ag hoppers; Ash Down 40' step deck trl w/ramps, (2) 2000 gal. poly tanks & 1,000 gal. poly tank, pump & hoses; 1982 Ford 8000 grain truck, tandem, twin screw, 3208 Cat turbo motor, Eaton auto, w/Scott 20' box & hoist, tarp; 1974 Chev. C-65 grain tk, 366 gas, 5w2, 16' box & hst; 1981 GMC #3500 Sierra Classic tk, w/9 ½' flatbed, 4x4, 454 gas motor, auto trans; 2 & 4 place snowmobile trl's; Jet ski lift; **COMBINE-HEADS-GRAIN CART:** 2012 JD #5680 combine, folding hopper, 650/85/R38 tires & duals, Precision monitoring system, chopper, 1289 engine, 920 separator hrs; 2013 JD 612C chopping corn head, 12r 30", row sense, header height control, (6) stalk stoppers; 2012 JD #640 FD draper head, Cray wind system, hyd. fore & aft, JD 2" cut; 32' & 42' head trailers; 2006 Kinze 1050 grain cart on tracks, soft tracks, 20" auger, hyd. adj. chute; **AUGERS:** 2005 Westfield MK 130-72 auger, swing hopper; 2002 Top Air belt conveyor, elec. drive; **GPS EQUIP:** JD Greenstar mobile processor; JD Starfire 3000 globe w/RTK antenna; JD Starfire 3000 globe; JD 2630 monitor, auto trac, SF2, row sense, section control; JD 2630 monitor, auto track, SF2; **MISC. EQUIP:** 2005 Rem #2500 grain vac, w/6 sections of hose & att; HR Mfg. 3 pt. hyd. guidance system w/controls; JD 3 pt. wood splitter; various size fuel barrels, oil racks & pumps. **RACK & PALLET ITEMS: (these items will not be offered for on line bidding--live bidding on site only)** 4 racks of misc. items & parts plus many pallet items.

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TOP SENIORS: picked for Steele County FROM B1

- Walking in parades to hand out flags to children along the parade route
- Radio announcing for the Steele County Free Fair 4-H livestock sale.
- Member and past chairman of the Steele County Exchange Club whose national mission is the prevention of child abuse.
- Vern served as Chairman of the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity.
- Vern's other talents are singing and auctioneering and he uses those talents for fund raising events such the cancer auction held annually at the Eagles Club in Owatonna.

Vern is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Meriden. Vern has served as Sunday school teacher, board member, choir member and soloist for events held at the church. Vern is also a member of the Pork Producers, serves on the Board of Directors of the United Prairie Bank of Owatonna, is a charter member of the Steele County Corn and Soybean Association, is a member of the Cannon River Watershed, past director and current member of SE MN Farm Management and is a member of the singing group Just Friends.

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.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

- AUG. 8**
2 p.m. – Bakken Museum
– The Science of Me, BP Library
4 p.m. – Police Commission Meeting

AUG. 11
6:30 p.m. – Leslie Blasing Concert, Servicemen's Club

AUG. 12
1 p.m. – Movie Mondays, BP Library
6:30 p.m. – City Council Study Session
7 p.m. – City Council Meeting
- AUG. 13**
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library
2:30 p.m. – BPPU Commission Meeting
4:30 p.m. – Fire Commission Meeting

AUG. 14
4:30 p.m. – EDA Meeting

AUG. 20
5 p.m. – Ambulance Commission Meeting

AUG. 21
Chamber Meeting

ELLENDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

- AUG. 8**
7:30 p.m. – Ellendale City Council Meeting, Community Building

AUG. 9
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
- AUG. 12**
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building
7 p.m. – Berlin Township Meeting, Community Building

AUG. 14
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

- AUG. 8**
Midwest 3-3 Fest (Heli & Fixed Wing), Owatonna RC Modelers
10 a.m. – Bakken Museum – Science of Me, Owatonna Library
2 p.m. – Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
5 p.m. – Airport Commission Meeting, Airport Lounge
5:30 p.m. – Ladies 9-Hole Guest Day, Owatonna Country Club
6 p.m. – Meat-a-palooza, Farmamerican, Waseca
7 p.m. – 11 at 7 Concert Series, Central Park

AUG. 9
Midwest 3-3 Fest (Heli & Fixed Wing), Owatonna RC Modelers

AUG. 10
Midwest 3-3 Fest (Heli & Fixed Wing), Owatonna RC Modelers
7 a.m. – Farmers Market, Central Park

AUG. 11
Midwest 3-3 Fest (Heli & Fixed Wing), Owatonna RC Modelers

AUG. 12
4 p.m. – Owatonna Park & Rec Board Meeting, City Admin Building
- 6 p.m. – Galactic Game Nights, Owatonna Library

AUG. 13
Steele County Free Fair 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Summer Storytime, Owatonna Library
1 p.m. – So Many Books...So Little Time, Owatonna Library
3 p.m. – Steele County Board Meeting, County Admin Building
4 p.m. – The North Market, Grace Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna Human Rights Commission Meeting, City Admin Building
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna Planning Commission Meeting, City Admin Building

AUG. 14
Steele County Free Fair 9:30 a.m. – Garden Time, Owatonna Library
10 a.m. – Job Fair, Masterson Staffing Solutions
1:30 p.m. – Ypro Passholder Event, Fairgrounds Park
5 p.m. – Medford EDA Meeting, City Admin Building

Rock-on with local rock expert Thursday

Are you a rock and gem collector? If so, point your vehicle to Blooming Prairie on Thursday, Aug. 8.

Blooming Prairie rock collector and enthusiast Marian Mast has a shop at his residence at 214 2nd Ave. NW. It's called The Rock-on Shop. The shop will be open for viewing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mast plans a special opening day featuring reduced prices on cut and polished semi precious stones.

Free rocks will be given and gift certificates are available for the ice cream truck: \$1 certificate for \$2 in purchases, two \$1 certificates for \$5 in purchases and three \$1 certificates for a \$10 purchase.

The certificates are good toward Sunny's Ice Cream truck items and must be redeemed the same day from 2-3 p.m. when the truck is in the neighborhood.

Contact Mast at 507-456-7619 for more information.

It's not just fresh fruits & veggies



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Every Saturday through early October is reserved for the Owatonna Farmers Market in downtown Owatonna. Local growers and artisans put their wares out for public consumption. But it's not all just fresh fruits and vegetables. People also bring out jars of canned goods and even Twins signs.

Auditions set for LTO's Native Gardens

Little Theatre of Owatonna (LTO) has announced auditions for its season opening production of "Native Gardens."

The auditions will take place from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25 and Monday, Aug. 26 at LTO, 560 Dunnell Dr., in the West Hills Complex in Owatonna.

'Native Gardens' is by Karen Zacarias. The director is Linda Karnauskas and the technical director is Brenda Hager.

Gardens and cultures clash, turning friendly neighbors into feuding enemies in this hilarious comedy of good intentions and bad manners. Pablo, a high-powered lawyer, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, are realizing the American dream when they purchase a house next door to community stalwarts Virginia and Frank. But a disagreement over a long-standing

fence line soon spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. The hilarious results guarantee no one comes out smelling like a rose.

The cast is comprised of two couples, one in their 20-40s and one in their 50-70s, with two to four extras to play silent roles. LTO encourages diversity in casting. Actors of all races and ethnicities are encouraged to audition.

Audition packets will be available at the Owatonna Public Library, and online at <http://littletheatreofowatonna.org/upcoming-auditions/>.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 18-19 and 25-26 with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 27.

'Native Gardens' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company.

Display focuses on women farmers

A new display, "Rooted in the Land Painting of Women Farmers," is now available to view at the Owatonna Arts Center.

Julie Johnston wants to honor and make us aware of the work that women farmers do, both in oil and pastel.

The women are of various ages farming in southeastern Minnesota. Johnston shadowed the women as they planted, weeded, harvested, canned, tended livestock, ordered supplies and did bookwork. They also were responsible for marketing their goods. They are passionate for the land, the produce and animals wanting to share the best to nourish us and share the process of working with nature.

The display will be offered until Aug. 25.

Rep. Hagedorn sets mobile hours in BP

We want to let you know that district representatives from the Office of U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn will host Mobile Office Hours on Friday, Aug. 9 in Blooming Prairie. This is an opportunity for constituents to seek help resolving an issue with a federal agency by meeting with staff of Rep. Hagedorn.

Hagedorn will be at Blooming Prairie City Hall at 138 Highway Ave. S. on Friday from 2:30-4 p.m.

Mobile office hours are designed to bring constituent services to the doorstep of the residents in need of assistance. Office staff for

members of Congress frequently handle casework that helps people solve problems with veteran's benefits, immigration cases, passport issues, Social Security payments, issues with Medicare and Medicaid, agriculture programs and more.

"My district representatives stand ready to assist with the real-life struggles people encounter when they face a federal maze of bureaucracy," said Hagedorn. "My top goal is serving you. You can reach out to my district representatives at any time, or visit with them while they are in your community."



Jim Hagedorn

Berne Pizza announces August pizza

Berne Wood Fired-Pizza is introducing the August pizza of the month, which is, no less, the Swiss & Kraut.

This Swiss pizza consists of mozzarella/provolone, bratwurst, green olive, sauerkraut, and Canadian bacon.

Event coordinator Angela Organ commented, "This pizza was put on the menu with the intention of being a one night only attraction. It proved to be so popular that

we keep it on the menu for the entire month of August."

Berne Pizza is open every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. throughout the summer until Aug. 28. The events raise funds for the Zwingli United Church of Christ and its chosen charities.

Operating with over 400 volunteers each summer, Berne Wood-Fired Pizza has provided financial assistance to 57 non-profit organizations since 2012.

Dodge to be designated Purple Heart county

Dodge County will be proclaimed a Purple Heart Court on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

The ceremony will take place in the Government Services Building in Mantorville. Everyone is welcomed to attend to pay respect and honor to the purple heart veterans of

Dodge County.

The Rochester chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will present the county with two free welcome to our purple heart community road signs thanks to a Support Our Troops grant from Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Emergency blood shortage: \$5 Amazon Gift Card for those who help

To help address the current emergency blood shortage, all who come to give blood or platelets with the American Red Cross July 29 through Aug. 29 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. Currently, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of most blood types available and less than a two-day supply of type O blood.

Individuals can schedule an appointment to give now by activating Amazon's Alexa Red Cross Blood Skill by saying, "Alexa, find a blood drive," or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCross-Blood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

When an emergency arises, it is the blood already on the shelves that saves lives. Only through the generosity of blood

donors can the Red Cross provide hospitals with lifesaving blood to meet the ongoing and often, unpredictable needs of patients. The need for blood is constant. In the United States every two seconds blood is needed to help accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

MOWER
Austin
Aug. 15: 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1600 W. Oakland Ave.

STEELE
Owatonna
Aug. 9: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Family Video, 205 N. Oak Ave.



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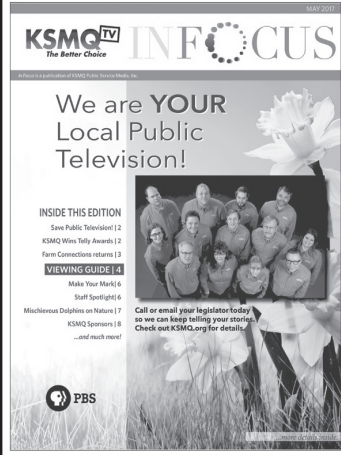
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Kadden Kath of Owatonna enjoys Victory Lane at the Chateau Speedway in Lansing Friday night. Kath earned the victory in the Action Builders USRA B Mod feature.



Racer Troy Tuma of Owatonna stands in front of his race car holding the checkered flag after winning the Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet feature Friday night at the Chateau Speedway in Lansing. He celebrated with family and friends after the race.

2 Owatonna racers win at Lansing

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

The calendar may have turned to August but the racing stayed the same Friday Night at Chateau Speedway in Lansing. A great field of cars was on hand in seven classes of action for night 12 of the 63rd anniversary season.

Plenty of exciting finishes and side-by-side action from the heats all the way through the features as three more drivers added their names to the historic list of drivers with at least one feature win at Chateau Speedway. And again they were career first feature wins as well. Several drivers this year have found their first feature success at Lansing this year, five in just the last two weeks.

The first to get their first career feature win was Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock Driver Braden Brauer of Eyota. Brauer started in row two and moved into second on the first lap behind early leader Jason Newkirk of Austin. The two ran side-by-side for several laps with Brauer getting the advantage on lap three. He eventually cleared Newkirk and opened up a nice cushion as he lead the field all the way to the checkers as the field ran a

caution free main event. Newkirk came home second ahead of Kory Adams of Stacyville Iowa, Jesse Stahl of Austin and Calvin Iverson of Eleva Wis. Not only was it a First Feature Win it was also a sweep for Braden as he also scored a win in his heat earlier in the night. Current point leader Zach Elward of Hayfield also had a heat win on the night.

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mod Driver Bobby Ruehlow of Mason City had his hands full all the way to the checkers in capturing his first career feature win. Ruehlow started outside front row and jumped right to the front.

The last feature of the night saw the third driver to pull into victory lane for the first time. Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet Driver Troy Tuma of Owatonna was running second much of the race to Daniel Knish of Kilkenny. Then suddenly with just four laps to go Knish had issues and pulled into the infield giving the lead to Tuma who celebrated in victory lane with family and friends. Bryce Lisowski of Faribault had his best finish of the season coming in second in the feature. Matt Tighe of Austin, who had a heat win earlier in the night, finished third.

It didn't result in anybody getting their first win, but the WISSOTA Midwest Modified Feature was likely the best main event of the night. Tianna Mithun of New Richland started outside front row and led the first three laps. Kylie Kath of Claremont was darting alongside her each lap and eventually got the lead from her off a restart on lap four. Kath pulled way and scored his third feature win of the year and with his heat won a sweep as well.

It was a flag to flag win in the Action Builders USRA B Mod feature for Kadden Kath of Owatonna. Kath started on the pole and never looked back as he drove to his fourth feature win of the season. Dustin Steinbrink of Austin made a late pass of current point leader Noah Grinstead of Austin for second. Matt Brooks of Austin and Caleb Korpi of Claremont rounded out the top five. Steinbrink along with Zach Davis of Caledonia took heat wins.

A pole position for Brandon Davis of Hayfield was the ticket for a flag to flag win in the caution free French's Repair USRA A Mod feature. Jason Cummins of New Richland worked from the back half of the pack up to second and closed up on Davis late

but with the two working traffic had to settle for second.

Brady Krohnberg of Walters picked up his sixth feature win of the year in Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks.

Next up at Lansing will be "Pack the Stands" night next Friday with \$5 admission for everyone. It will also be the WISSOTA AFCA Challenge Night. Drivers in the four WISSOTA classes that race at the track will be attempting to qualify for a special race, the Race of Champions Race, at the WISSOTA 100 coming up in September. Feature Winners in the WISSOTA Hornet, Pure Stock, Street Stock. And Midwest Modified classes will be looking to get into the special event.

In two weeks, the track will be hosting the Mastell Brothers Touring Non Wing Sprint Car Series drivers. Not only will the Sprints be on hand it is also the make up night for the Fourth of July Fireworks Show that was rained out last month. After the Thunder on the Track fans can stick around for the Thunder above the Track as the night will be packed with lots of excitement.

Racing action as always starts with the first green flag at 7:15 p.m.

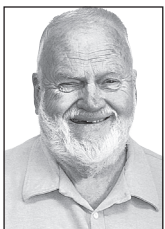
A night out

Many law enforcement forces in large communities have been under intense scrutiny and criticism of their handling of criminal and non-criminal cases involving crime. Fortunately for smaller communities like ours, the police are looked to as helpful defenders of the law. The BP department certainly deserves a place in that category.

The local police demonstrated another example of their concern for the citizenry of our community by again sponsoring a National Night out for all residents, and again it was a resounding success games for kids, a bounce house some law enforcement demonstrations were all part of the evening, and I am confident that all in attendance had an enjoyable interacting with neighbors and friends.

I believe that this was the third or fourth year that the local police have sponsored this event, and they deserve a great deal of credit for their dedication and effort in bringing the activity to our community. For years, I felt a twinge of disappointment that our community never took part in that national activity, even at a block by block level, but the local police have now erased my disappointment over that ignorance.

Although the local event does not fall exactly on National Night Out, the local celebration entertained a large number of residents, and the local law enforcement personnel deserve a



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great big thank you for their labor. The hot dogs certainly didn't hurt, either.

National Night Out first celebrated the occasion in 1984, sponsored by the National Association of The Watch. It is always set to be held on the first Tuesday in August, and this year Aug. 6 was the official date. That first night out in 1984 had 23 states and 400 communities participate, with 35 million people involved. What the occasion has grown to in its present size is nothing short of remarkable.

Again a big thank you is due to the local police for sponsoring the event, as it is truly a good community service. It is a tradition that now started should certainly become a tradition to survive a long time. At least in one man's thinking it should.

LONGEVITY REWARDED

A big hand of congratulations this week goes out to Linda Klemmensen and Sportstitch as the local

businesswoman concludes 25 years of supplying the community of every sort item it is possible to imagine. Linda has made her own designs of products all 25 years, and her creativity and imagination have been second to none.

Sports apparel of many kinds drape the shoulders of local athletes, Awesome Blossom fans, and the general population of this great community. Along with her 25 years of operation, Linda will host an after hours event today (Wednesday) at her place of business as a thank you to her many faithful customers.

LAST MUSICAL

After almost 40 years of yearly subscription to Broadway offerings at the Ordway Theater in St. Paul, my present health issues have encouraged me to give the series up for another year. The last musical for the 2018-19 season played at the theater last Saturday, and I and my daughter saw 42nd St. If there ever was a show that featured some great singing and dancing, this marked a fine example. The show displayed a great deal of talent and exuberance throughout.

I admit to being exhausted before the first tap number ended, and the energy didn't let up for the next two and a half hours. I am sorry to give up this important part of my leisure time hobby, but I also acknowledge that doing so marked a wise decision on my part.

UP AHEAD

It is still a month away, but many residents are already gearing up for the big two-night auction sponsored by the Cancer group. As usual, many items of great interest have already been earmarked for the affair, and many more are being added all the time. People would be wise to make plans to attend now.

HERE AND NOW

As I finish this column before deadline, I recall once more about my family out in Oregon celebrating our fifth annual Nelson reunion. I am assuming that they are having a great time, and I even had 10 minutes of face time with my daughter yesterday to greet several cousins, a nephew, and my brother-in-law. That was a real treat. Let's close this week with one more feeble attempt at providing some humor.

A pastor adjusted his height and knelt in front of a group of church pre-schoolers at a special service. He talked to the children about being good and getting to heaven.

At the end of his talk, the pastor asked, "Where do you want to go?" The little voices shouted out, "Heaven!" And what must you be to get to heaven? "Dead!" A loud chorus yelled.

I hope summer keeps treating you well and that the weather keeps farmers on tap for another year of good crops. We'll talk again.



Here are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of Aug. 2:

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods

A Feature 1 (12 Laps):

- 1R-Bobby Ruehlow-Mason City IA, [2];
2. 5-Logan Brown-Clear Lake IA, [8];
3. 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [7];
4. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [5];
5. 17-Tanner Prehn-Forest City IA, [4];
6. 25L-Lucas Daniels-Des Moines IA, [1];
7. 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [3];
8. 25C-Chase Daniels-Carlisle IA, [12];
9. (DNF) 7-Ryan Hensel-Forest WI, [6];
10. (DNF) 25B-Bobby Daniels-Des Moines IA, [10];
- (DNS) 71-Matt Prehn-Mason City IA, ;
- (DQ) 29-Scott Johnson-Owatonna, [11]

Heat 1 (6 Laps):

1. 14-Micheal Bryant, [3];
2. 7-Ryan Hensel, [5];
3. 25L-Lucas Daniels, [1];
4. 22-Nick Hauge, [6];
5. (DNF) 71-Matt Prehn, [4];
- (DNS) 29-Scott Johnson,

Heat 2 (6 Laps):

1. 5-Logan Brown, [4];
2. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [6];
3. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [5];
4. 17-Tanner Prehn, [3];
- (DNS) 25B-Bobby Daniels, ;
- (DQ) 25C-Chase Daniels, [2]

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

A Feature 1 (20 Laps):

1. 83-Kylie Kath-Claremont, [4];
2. 16-Jason VandeKamp-Scandia, [7];
3. 53-Tianna Mithun-New Richland, [2];
4. 77T-Casey Trom-Austin, [3];
5. 90-Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord, [9];
6. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [6];
7. 27X-Calvin Iverson-Eleva WI, [8];
8. 37-Michael Wytaskie-Hartland, [10];
9. 91-Cory Asmussen-Waseca, [1];
10. 79-Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, [13];
11. 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr-Austin, [11];
12. 86-Noel Hoppe-New Richland, [17];
13. (DNF) 14-Cole Kroneman-Austin, [14];
14. (DNF) 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [15];
15. (DNF) 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [16];
16. (DNF) 23B-Britt Olson Jr-Waseca, [12];
17. (DNF) 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [5]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 83-Kylie Kath, [4];
2. 27X-Calvin Iverson, [7];
3. 77T-Casey Trom, [2];
4. 53-Tianna Mithun, [6];
5. 90-Ryan Wetzstein, [8];
6. 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr, [9];
7. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [1];
8. 33-Darryl Hainka, [3];
9. 86-Noel Hoppe, [5]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. G12-Ryan Goergen, [5];
2. 16-Jason VandeKamp, [7];
3. 97-Cory Asmussen, [2];
4. 98D-Christopher Deno, [8];
5. 37-Michael Wytaskie, [6];
6. 23B-Britt Olson Jr, [1];
7. 14-Cole Kroneman, [4];
8. 79H-Luke Hainka, [3]

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock

A Feature 1 (15 Laps):

1. 26-Brady Krohnberg-Walters, [7];
2. 1-Troy Maas-Faribault, [5];
3. 31-Jack Maas-Faribault, [6];
4. 11-Michael Gift-Faribault, [1];
5. 96-Kyndra Neis-Chatfield, [2];
6. 7X-Andrew Eischens-Taopi, [4];
7. 3G-Josh Sousa-Alden, [3];
8. 33-Jim Briggs-Waseca, [8];
9. (DNF) 75L-Devin Losee-LeRoy, [10];
- (DNS) 0-Brian Adams-Montgomery,

Heat 1 (6 Laps):

1. 96-Kyndra Neis, [3];
2. 33-Jim Briggs, [1];
3. 11-Michael Gift, [5];
4. 3G-Josh Sousa, [2];
5. (DNF) 0-Brian Adams, [4]

Heat 2 (6 Laps):

1. 31-Jack Maas, [1];
2. 1-Troy Maas, [4];
3. 26-Brady Krohnberg, [3];
4. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [2];
- (DQ) 75L-Devin Losee, [5]

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet

A Feature 1 (15 Laps):

1. 20T-Troy Tuma-Owatonna, [1];
2. 02-Bryce Lisowski-Faribault, [3];
3. 88-Matt Tighe-Austin, [6];
4. 14-Justin Schelitzche-Cologne, [8];
5. 20-Joe Frahm-Stewartville, [12];
6. 5-Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake, [5];
7. 16M-Matt Wieman-Owatonna, [15];
8. 17-Noah Lund-Waseca, [13];
9. 21-Brandon Downs-Austin, [10];
- 89-Timothy Gores-Garden City, [4];
11. 6-TJ Barnett-Owatonna, [9];
12. 28-Patrick Andrus-Aus-

- tin, [11];
13. 4-Talon Freerksen-Kasson, [14];
14. (DNF) 193-Daniel Knish-Kilkenny, [2];
15. (DNF) 2-Aaron Reimers-Prior Lake, [7]

Heat 1 (5 Laps):

1. 88-Matt Tighe, [1];
2. 02-Bryce Lisowski, [8];
3. 5-Nick Sillman, [4];
4. 89-Timothy Gores, [5];
6. 2-Timothy Barnett, [2];
6. 28-Patrick Andrus, [7];
7. (DNF) 4-Talon Freerksen, [3];
- (DQ) 16M-Matt Wieman, [6]

Heat 2 (5 Laps):

1. 2-Aaron Reimers, [1];
2. 14-Justin Schelitzche, [3];
3. 20T-Troy Tuma, [2];
4. 193-Daniel Knish, [4];
5. 21-Brandon Downs, [6];
6. 20-Joe Frahm, [5];
7. 17-Noah Lund, [7]

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks

A Feature 1 (18 Laps):

1. 34JR-Braden Brauer-Eyota, [4];
2. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [2];
3. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [6];
4. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [3];
5. 27X-Calvin Iverson-Eleva WI, [5];
6. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [10];
7. 43-Tony Shaner-Owatonna, [8];
8. 34JRA-Blake Adams-McIntire IA, [12];
9. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [1];
10. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [11];
11. 4-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, [9];
12. 16-Jacob Bennett-Austin, [13];
13. 46-Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, [15];
14. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [7];
15. 39J-Dan Klingfus-Austin, [14];
16. (DNF) 31-Raey Hastings IV-Austin, [16]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 34JR-Braden Brauer, [7];
2. 21-Jesse Stahl, [5];
3. 32-Jason Newkirk, [4];
4. 43-Anthony Shaner, [3];
5. 4-Chris Hotovec, [6];
6. 42-Cody Hyatt, [8];
7. 16-Jacob Bennett, [2];
8. (DNF) 31-Raey Hastings IV, [1]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. 15-Zach Elward, [2];
2. 27X-Calvin Iverson, [1];
3. 47-Brent Holland, [4];
4. 01-Kory Adams, [8];
5. 101-Ken Adams, [6];
6. 34JRA-Blake Adams, [7];
7. 39J-Dan Klingfus, [3];
8. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [5]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods

A Feature 1 (20 Laps):

1. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [1];
2. 33S-Dustin Steinbrink-Austin, [4];
3. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [2];
4. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [3];
5. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Claremont, [5];
6. 72-Alex Schubbe-North Mankato, [8];
7. 21T-Taylor Ovrebø-Wells, [6];
8. 1Z-Zach Davis-Congdala, [7];
9. (DNF) 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [9];
10. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw-Brownsdale, [10];
11. (DNF) 21-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [11]

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 33S-Dustin Steinbrink, [2];
2. 83X-Kadden Kath, [4];
3. 81K-Caleb Korpi, [1];
4. 21T-Taylor Ovrebø, [6];
5. 72-Alex Schubbe, [5];
6. (DNF) 21-Cody Hyatt, [3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. 1Z-Zach Davis, [2];
2. 44-Matthew Brooks, [3];
3. 99-Noah Grinstead, [4];
4. (DNF) 83K-Kobie Kath, [5];
5. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw, [1]

USRA Modifieds

A Feature 1 (25 Laps):

1. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [1];
2. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [7];
3. 51-Blake Arndt-Brownsdale, [2];
4. 96H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [5];
5. 90-Steven Wetzstein-West Concord, [6];
6. 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [9];
7. 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [8];
8. 40-David Schuster-Waterbury, [4];
- (DNS) 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, ;
- (DNS) 6-Dustin Kruse-Brandon SD,

Heat 1 (8 Laps):

1. 90-Steven Wetzstein, [4];
2. 51-Blake Arndt, [2];
3. 71-Jason Cummins, [5];
4. 77-Jacob Stark, [1];
5. (DNF) 6-Dustin Kruse, [3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps):

1. 50-Brandon Davis, [3];
2. 96H-Joe Horgdal, [4];
3. 23-Darwin Karau, [4];
4. 40-David Schuster, [5];
5. 96-Greg Jensen, [2]



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 20, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$103,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Larry M. Jarvis, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 25, 2008 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 15747 as Document Number T000062717 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Lot 2 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line between said Lot 2 and Lot 3 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 7 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 2 and 3 approximately 85 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 2 and 3, and thence Easterly along the line between said Lots 2 and 3, 86.19 feet to the place of beginning. Also all of Lot 3 in Block 1 in Luedtke Addition to the City of Owatonna, excepting therefrom the following: Beginning at a point in the line between said Lot 3 and Lot 4 in said Block 1 in the Westerly line of Maple Drive (formerly Larch Street); thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Maple Drive 12 feet; thence Westerly parallel to and with the line between said Lots 3 and 4 approximately 107.62 feet to a point in the center line of Maple Creek as shown by the plat on file; thence Northerly along the said center line of Maple Creek to the line between said Lots 3 and 4; and thence Easterly along the line between said Lots 3 and 4, 110.86 feet to the place of beginning. All the above described real estate is conveyed subject to and together with all riparian rights. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 510 MAPLE DRIVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1967 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$70,686.38 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-150-0103 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding

has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 3, 2020. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

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

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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 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: July 22, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

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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 Brittainy 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

NOTICE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in

the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 10, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Craig S. Olson, an unmarried person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 30, 2008 as Document Number A000358263; as reformed by Court Order recorded on July 23, 2019 as Document Number A000424632 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 4 rods of the East 16 rods of the South 1/2 of Lot 18 in the North East 1/4 of section 16 in Township 107 North, of Range 20 West, Steele County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 716 OAK AVE S, 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: \$53,865.51 TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Home Equity TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1145 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: October 1, 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 April 1, 2020.

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

Dated: July 31, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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NOTICE

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 15, 2019
*Regular School Board Work Session –High School Board Room
7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 2019
*Open Public Forum–High School Media Center
7:15 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 2019
*Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Consent Agenda
Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignations
Donations
B. Employment
C. Volunteer Coaches
D. Meal Prices
E. Policy Renewals & Additions
F. Handbooks
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Committee Reports
B. Enrollment Data
C. Dates to Note
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

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NOTICE

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL SETTING SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019
HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM
5:30 P.M.

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRPERSON
II.ROLL CALL - CLERK

Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten
III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
IV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
Goal Setting Discussion
V. ADJOURNMENT

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Greenwich Time

4. English sailor missionary

9. Type of wheat

14. Wreath

15. Hesitate

16. Hollyhocks

17. Not even

18. Former talk show host

20. Rugged mountain range

22. Greek muse

23. Ancient Greek comedy

24. Jeopardizes

28. Singer DiFranco

29. Calcium

30. Employee stock ownership plan

31. Gemstones

33. Got the job

37. Tantalum

38. Red deer

39. Not a pro

41. Coffee alternative

42. Aluminum

43. Northern Italian language

44. Smart __: Wiseacre

46. Sanskrit rulers (pl.)

49. __ hoc

50. Mousse

51. Closures

55. Russian lake

58. Small lunar crater

59. Appear with

CLUES DOWN

60. Beginning

64. Type of Chinese language

65. Jewish composer

66. Sensation of flavor

67. Payment (abbr.)

68. High-class

69. Clockage

70. Midway between east and southeast

1. Shine

2. They spread the news

3. Indicates water limits

4. Determines value

5. Capital of Okinawa

6. Chinese river

7. Sign language

8. Passover feast and ceremony

9. Yemen capital

10. A tributary of the Missouri River

11. Sounds

12. Andorra-La Seu d'Urgell Airport

13. Korean name

19. A metal-bearing mineral valuable enough to be mined

21. Outer layer

24. African nation (Fr.)

25. From Haiti

26. Polish river

27. Paul Henri __, Belgian statesman

31. Retailer

32. Supreme being

34. Tears into pieces

35. European Union

36. Coerced

40. She ran the Barker gang

41. Send wire

45. Optical device

47. __ Bond, civil rights leader

48. Cigar

52. Spiritual being

53. Possess

54. Thomas __, English poet

56. Dials

57. Sharp mountain ridge

59. Pigeon shelter

60. Month

61. Letter of the Greek alphabet

62. A citizen of Thailand

63. Suffix



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TRANSACTION AGENT: None
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PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 1, 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 April 1, 2020.

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

Dated: July 31, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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NOTICE

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting
Agenda
August 12, 2019
7:00P.M.

6:30 P.M. – Council Study Session – Steele County Public Health – T21, E-Cigarettes, Vaping

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda
1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2019 – Regular City Council Meeting
3. Approval of Liquor License for Bunkies Grill and Lanes
4. Approval of Gambling Permit – Bingo – St. Columbanus Catholic Church

Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. B.P. Economic Development Authority
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Police Commission
6. B.P. Ambulance Commission

Business
1. 2019 Street Improvement – Pay Request No. 3 & Update
2. Approval of Commercial Façade Improvement Program
3. Approval of Proposed 2020 Wage Grid
4. Employee Completion of Probationary Period – City Administrator

City Administrator's Report
1. Building Demolition Update
2. Pine Springs Pool Closed for the Season
3. Employee Health Insurance
4. 2020 LGA Amount
5. 2020 Budget
6. MMUA Annual Summer Conference – August 19-21, 2019

City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports
Adjourn

Agenda is subject to change

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

CASE TYPE: Harassment

Case No.: 74-CV-19-1183

Notice of Issuance of
Harassment Order for
Relief by Publication

Tami K. Lockman and On
Behalf of Vulnerable Adult ,

Plaintiff
vs.

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The Blooming Prairie Chamber

Hanna Jo Bongers ,
Respondent

To Respondent named above:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Harassment Order for Relief has been issued in this matter.

You may request a hearing on this matter if you file a Request for Hearing with the Court within twenty (20) days of issuance of the Harassment Order for Relief. You may obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief from the court administrator's office at the following address: Steele County Court Administration, 111 E. Main Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.

Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

August 1, 2019

Robin Hoesley
Court Administrator /
Deputy

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COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

In the Matter of Dodge County Wind, LLC's Certificate of Need, LWECs Site Permit, and HVTL Route Permit applications of for the Dodge County Wind Project and associated facilities in Steele, Dodge, and Olmsted counties in Minnesota

Docket Numbers: IP6981/CN-17-306, WS-17-307, TL-17-308

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has released the draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) for the proposed Dodge County Wind Project. The Department will hold two public information meetings to provide opportunities for public comment on the draft EIS:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Minnesota Wi-Fi Performing Arts Center

101 16th Street NE

Kasson, MN 55944

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting has been postponed due to bad weather call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities.

Meeting Information

• Public meetings start on time. Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.

• Attendees will have the opportunity to offer oral and/or written comments into the record.

• Department of Commerce staff will preside over the meeting. Department staff, as well as staff from Dodge County Wind, LLC, will be available to answer questions about the project and the process.

• Each meeting will offer the same information and opportunity to comment.

• Each meeting will last until everyone at the meeting has had an opportunity to speak.

• Comments received at the meetings and during the comment period will be used to develop the final EIS for this project.

Submit Comments

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following question(s):

• What information needs to be clarified or included in the draft EIS to ensure that the final EIS is complete and accurate?

Comment Period: Comments will be accepted through Friday, August 30, 2019. Please include the docket numbers (17-306, 17-307, or 17-308) in all communications.

U.S. Mail: Suzanne Steinhauer, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul MN 55101

Email: suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

Online: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities

Fax: 651-539-0109

Important: Comments will be made available to the public, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Draft EIS Availability

The draft EIS can be viewed on the Department's website: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities. Select "Wind Turbines" and then select "Dodge County Wind Project"

It can also be viewed through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's website: http://mn.gov/puc. Select "eDockets," enter the year ("17") and the docket number ("306," "307," or "308"), and then select "Search."

The draft EIS will be available for viewing at the following public libraries:

• Owatonna Public Library, 105 North Elm Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060

• Dodge Center Public Library, 13 First Avenue NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927

• Kasson Public Library, 607 1st Street NW, Kasson, MN 55944

• Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, MN 56098

Print copies of the draft EIS will be available for review at the public meetings. A limited number of electronic copies of the draft EIS will also be available.

Project Description

Dodge County Wind, LLC (DCW or applicant) is proposing to build a 170-megawatt wind farm in Dodge and Steele Counties in southeast Minnesota. The applicant is also proposing to build a 21-mile to 26-mile long 345-kilovolt high-voltage transmission line through Dodge and Olmsted Counties to connect the wind farm to the electric grid. DCW anticipates that construction will begin in 2020, and the project will be in-service in late 2020.

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Central Farm Service has openings for Feed Delivery Drivers. In this position, the team member will provide accurate & efficient delivery of feed. Essential duties & responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Report for work when scheduled.
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- Provide accurate and efficient delivery of bulk feed to the destination indicated on the assigned feed order.
- Perform deliveries in such a manner as to maintain good customer relations.
- Perform pre-trip and post-trip inspections. Report all maintenance items to supervisor.
- Maintain equipment in operational and clean appearances at all times.
- Accurately records time worked, personal time off, holidays and other time away from work.

Desired Minimum Qualifications:

- Graduation from high school or GED equivalent

Required Licensing Qualification:

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