

Emerald ash discovered in Steele

BY RICK BUSSLER
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Steele County has been placed under quarantine after a highly destructive tree killing disease was discovered last week.

On Sept. 4, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture confirmed that the Emerald

ash borer has been found within the City of Medford. It's the first time the disease has been discovered in Steele County.

A tree care professional contacted the MDA last week after they noticed several dying ash trees at a site Medford. Staff from MDA was able to find live EAB and collect a sample for federal identifica-

tion. That confirmation came last Wednesday from USDA.

The deadly disease was found in at least one tree by the Medford Township building located at the intersection of Central Avenue W and Third Street NE, according to Mayor Lois Nelson. She said



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Kruckeberg pleads guilty in Harberts crash

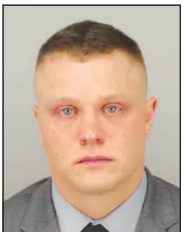
Plea deal avoids prison time for distracted driver

BY ALEX MALM
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Two days before the first anniversary of the Highway 14 crash that left a beloved school teacher and her daughter dead, Tanner Kruckeberg, 25, of Dodge Center pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide.

Kruckeberg admitted in a Dodge County courtroom in Mantorville last Thursday to being distracted long enough to rear end a vehicle which killed Rachel Harberts and her 8-year-old daughter, Emerson Harberts. Rachel was an elementary teacher in Blooming Prairie. Harberts son, Jaxon, 12, suffered major life-threatening injuries as part of the crash and spent several weeks at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

As part of the plea deal, it is recommended that Kruckeberg be given a stay of imposi-



Tanner Kruckeberg

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Judge gets frustrated with Riess murder case

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

As the Lois Riess murder case drags on into 18 months after the alleged murders, even the judge is beginning to get fed up and has begun lashing out.

A Florida judge expressed his frustration with the timing of the Riess case as she made a court appearance in a Florida courtroom Sept. 5. There have been multiple management hearings over the past year.

"I can't believe this is the fourth or fifth case management hearing on a case that's over a year old," Judge Robert Branning said in court last week. The case has gone over the planned time frame.

Riess' defense attorney Jay Brizel said he understood the judge's frustration, but defended their slow movement on the fact that they have to do their "due diligence"



Lois Riess

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"Isn't it amazing!" Paint Town Pink sets new records

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"This was such great fun and isn't it just amazing," said Blooming Prairie Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci when reflecting on the 2019 cancer auctions.

Unofficial money figures indicate that another auctions record was set in raising money for the BP Cancer Group. Nearly \$47,000 was raised during the two nights of auctions, Friday night, Sept. 6 and Saturday night, Sept. 7.

The \$47,000 total eclipsed last year's record of \$45,000. With all other BP Cancer Group activities, monies raised totaled nearly \$70,000.

Monies excel every year because of the many outstanding items that are donated by local residents, business people and friends of BP Cancer Group members.

An Adam Thielen jersey donated by Howard and Judy Lestrud drew an unbelievable \$1,600 with Maynard Ackerman outbidding his closest bidder, Jake Peterson. "I needed a jersey for tomorrow's Vikings game," Ackerman joked after winning the bid.

Peterson did succeed in winning some other autographed sports items. He won an autographed Michael Pineda Minnesota Twins baseball, a Harmon Killebrew autographed baseball, a Joe Mauer autographed print and a Twins hat autographed by Jack Morris, Paul Molitor.

An autographed Ford racing helmet brought in \$1,100 and was won by Jeff Ingvalson.

Jennifer Milton, a BP Cancer Group volunteer, was the winning bidder at \$700 on an Amish quilt.



Margaret Swenson of The Cutting Edge gives Marvin Camerer a trim at the Cuts for a Cure promotion for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's auction weekend.

Two unique items were reserve seating for groups attending the upcoming purse bingo next spring. On Friday night, the purse bingo package went for \$900 and on Saturday, it went for \$775.

Hope butter is always a popular auction item. One package of four pounds garnered \$110. The butter was donated by Victor and Kelli Mrotz.

Caramel rolls donated by Cheri Krejci and Lindsey French went for \$190.

Jennifer Milton donated beer for a year, a case a month. It went for \$500.

Friday night's total of \$23,315 was the best Friday night ever for the benefit auc-



Harrison Sundine, 2, of Blooming Prairie, gets his face painted like The Incredible Hulk. The artist at Cuts for a Cure at Central Park last weekend, was Jenna Tumlin.

SEE ISN'T IT AMAZING, A7

Well-known doc battles Alzheimer's

BY RICK BUSSLER
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Not a day goes by that Anna Durst doesn't grieve because of something that has taken over her husband's body.

For nearly four years, Dr. Ed Durst, 77, has been battling Alzheimer's disease. Since this past March, Anna has been able to no longer take care of him, and he has been confined to a memory care unit in Owatonna under 24-hour supervision.

"It's a terrible disease," Anna says. "It steals your person. You still see your person as who they are on the outside, but they are just dwindling away on the inside."

Anna describes her husband's disease as being "pretty advanced." She said for a long time he recognized that his memory and ability to function daily were slipping away. It made him sad, angry and frustrated, she said. Now, she added, he is beyond

that and doesn't really remember what he's lost.

Dr. Durst served the Owatonna community for 28 years as a general practice surgeon before retiring in 2002. He and Anna have been married for 23 years.



Anna and Dr. Ed Durst

Anna recalls that Ed began showing a few little signs of problems, but they dismissed it as normal signs of aging. After Ed suffered a heart attack in March 2015, he recovered by being on a ventilator for a couple days. How-

ever, his symptoms with memory loss increased a lot after that and he was soon diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

She said Ed experienced trouble with anything sequential involving finances, bills, payments and numbers. He began forgetting everything and had major gaps in short-term memory. She also noticed he would tell the same stories over and over.

Ever since Ed has moved into the memory care unit, Anna tries to spend at least a couple hours with him every day. She said he still recognizes her, but no longer knows any other family members. The couple has six children and several grandchildren, who have all handled the situation in different ways. Not surprisingly, it has left family members devastated.

"We try to remember it's the disease, not him," Anna said. "We try to remember the person he was. They look the same, but they are totally different."



Anna works full time as a nurse at Owatonna High School where she has been for the past 15 years. Prior to the school, she worked for almost 20 years at Owatonna Clinic where she was able to work together with Ed.

In addition to working, Anna is left to do everything at home by herself. "It's horrible, it's really horrible," she said. "I try to make all decisions based on what he would want. I try to remember who he was even when they days are hard," she added.

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OUR VIEW

Emerald ash bores into county, puts us all on notice

An insect that sneaks up and attacks to kill ash trees has made its way into Steele County over the past week. The emerald ash borer was found inside an ash tree within the city limits of Medford.

EAB is spread through short distance natural flight and infested firewood transported long distance. The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub or worm-like and live underneath the bark of ash trees, which are killed by the tunneling of the larvae under the tree's bark.

With last week's discovery in Steele County, it's now important for residents to pay closer attention to how they handle trees and wood. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture reminds people to not import materials to Minnesota that could harbor EAB such as ash firewood. It's also recommended to not move firewood unless it's MDA certified. And perhaps most importantly, it is illegal to move all hardwood firewood outside of EAB quarantine areas, which Steele County is now apart of.

We recommend residents to become as knowledgeable as possible about recognizing EAB and remain vigilant to the condition of your ash trees. It's important to stay informed on EAB. The state is hosting an informational workshop on EAB coming up on Oct. 1 at the Steele County Administration Building in Owatonna.

Through its education, the MDA also wants to dispel myths about EAB. It's a myth that we can't do anything about EAB and might as well let it spread. Our choices now for ash trees near an outbreak are either treat or remove. If nothing is done to slow the spread, EAB can kill all area ash trees in a very short time.

Another popular myth is that EAB has no impact on human health and that it just kills trees. EAB killed trees dry out quickly and become hazard trees in less time than after a normal tree death. Hazard trees are trees that can be dangerous because of the possibility of them falling over or large branches breaking off, with a potential to cause personal injury to people. In addition, studies have shown that the decrease in tree numbers due to EAB in some areas has caused an increase in human mortality related to cardiovascular and respiratory systems.

We urge people to learn as much as they can about this deadly disease. Emerald ash is a serious invasion tree pest where we all need to become educated to lessen the impact that could be felt on all of our lives.

What happens when parenting is lacking

Any time you get a large group of people together there are bound to be a few security issues. The Steele County Free Fair is no exception.

But what impresses me most about the fair is how there are really never any big issues. That's no small feat for a celebration that reportedly attracts nearly 330,000 people in just six days.

Sheriff Lon Thiele released his security report last week summarizing his department's involvement with the fair last month. There were the usual medicals, first aid assists, lost persons and other police calls. But one of the most troubling statistics found in his report was a 100% increase in trespassing notices. Thiele said the worst problem his deputies faced was with juvenile problems. Nineteen of the 22 trespassed from the fair were juveniles ranging in ages 10-17. Wait a minute, a 10-year-old trespassed from the fair? You read it right, a 10-year-old.



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

Thiele said much of the problems they faced with the juveniles stem from parents. There are some parents out there that are, well to be frank, not parenting their children. That in of itself is disturbing enough. Those parents need a swift kick in the you know what to lead by example and not teach their kids bad habits that result in them getting kicked out of the fair. I still have trouble understanding how a 10-year-old can get kicked out of a family-friendly event that is tailored to kids.

One of the children trespassed for the entire fair even came back another day with the parent who had been told not to bring the kid back. It seems some real parenting is severely lacking.

Overall, Thiele said, it was a really calm fair. "The presence of the uniform made an impact on any problems that could arise," the sheriff said. He brought in extra officers this year to provide public safety. There were officers from five outside agencies working throughout the fair.

"It was a good team work effort," Thiele said. "We made sure public safety is a priority. We have a zero tolerance at the fair, and the fair board appreciates that." Steele Countians should feel proud of their fair, not only for the accomplishments and achievements of many 4-H, FFA and open class exhibitors, but for how safe of an event it is for all to enjoy.

Parents going in hot pursuit of a little extra parenting might make it an even better event.

He was a good cop and good friend

Dallas Police Department Detective James R. Leavelle was a good cop and a good friend.

Who was James R. Leavelle anyway?

Leavelle was the Texas police detective, dressed in a light tan suit and Stetson hat, most recognizable for his stunned look when alleged presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby on Nov. 24, 1963.

Detective Leavelle was manacled to Oswald as he was being transferred from a police department basement. Jack Ruby then stepped out of the crowd and fired a fatal bullet into Oswald.

Leavelle died at age 99 on Aug. 29. He was visiting a daughter in Denver, Colo. He had fallen, broke a hip and underwent surgery at a Denver hospital. He came through the surgery quite well but then suffered a fatal heart attack.

I had just spoken with him on a phone call on Aug. 6. We had a lengthy conversation and he told me he still receives a dozen or more letters weekly asking for autographs, or asking for him to recount his feelings on the assassination of President Kennedy.

I had sent him a birthday card on his 99th birthday, Aug. 23.

The shooting, with Oswald's painted grimace and Leavelle's stricken glower, was caught on black and white film by Dallas Times Herald photographer Bob Jackson. He later won a Pulitzer Prize for this iconic photo.

I've always been a follower of President John F. Kennedy and collected many Kennedy items. As a journalist, I met Leavelle over the telephone in the early 1990s. I met him in person and had lunch with him in Dallas on the 30th anniversary of the assassination.

I met up with Leavelle on the 50th anniversary, visiting him and his wife Tymie at their Garland, Texas home. My granddaughter Kaley accompanied me on this trip.



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

the shooting of policeman J.D. Tippit.

Leavelle, who said he has been recognized both with his hat on and off because of his world acclaim, is in the minority of those who believe that Oswald was the lone gunman who shot President Kennedy and former Texas Gov. John Connally.

Leavelle was a man who never refused to field a reporter's question about that

fateful weekend. He regarded Oswald as a nondescript 24-year-old who wanted to be someone important and thus decided to do something spectacular.

"Oswald didn't kill John F. Kennedy, he killed the President of the United States," Leavelle said in explaining that he went after the office. "He didn't live long enough to enjoy it," Leavelle said.

Jack Ruby, Oswald's assassin, was the same type of individual, Leavelle believes. "When we wrestled him to the ground after he shot Oswald, Ruby said he did it to be a hero. He also said, 'I guess I messed it up.'"

Ruby was previously known by many Dallas police officers, including Leavelle. Leavelle recalls meeting Ruby 13 years earlier at a dance hall Ruby ran in South Irving, Texas. Ruby told Leavelle then that he was always ready to protect police officers who came to his establishment and said that some day he might save the life of an officer.

Leavelle told me that he personally did not believe Oswald and Ruby knew one another and didn't think Oswald believed he might be shot when he was being transferred from the Dallas PD to a county jail down the street.

"Some people have said that they could tell by the expression on Oswald's face that he knew Ruby when Ruby lunched forward at him with a gun," Leavelle said Oswald didn't recognize Ruby, he recognized the sight of a gun and showed fear of it."

Ruby was transferred to the same county jail a few days later and he was fearful he would be shot. "He wanted to wear my hat and suit during the transfer," Leavelle



Dallas Detective James R. Leavelle reacts to a moment in history when the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby. (Photo by Bob Jackson)

In the years after the assassination, Leavelle spoke to many groups, often to young school students.

He always emphasized in his message that he did not believe President Kennedy was a victim of a conspiracy.

Asked if his recollections of those four days in November of 1963 were just as clear today as they were then, Leavelle remarked: "Time moves on but nobody has let me forget what happened; it stays with me."

Leavelle's wife Tymie, a native of Aitkin, Minn., told me in 2003 that she still fielded many of his calls from reporters. "I just wish this would go away. Some day I'm going to say that Jim ran away and I don't know where he went," she laughed.

The Leavelles actually met soon after another unforgettable world happening, the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Leavelle had been stationed there since 1940 and when injured in the bombing, was sent to a Naval hospital in California. There, he met his wife, a nurse.

Leavelle logged 26 years with the Dallas Police Department and was on duty on Nov. 22. He was dispatched to the police station where he interrogated Oswald for

said. "I told him he wasn't worth killing," Leavelle added.

Leavelle's famous hat, suit, tie and handcuffs are currently on loan to the Sixth Floor Museum located in the former Texas School Book Depository building, believed to have been Oswald's shooting perch.

"Had we gone to trial, based on the evidence, we would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Oswald was the single gunman," Leavelle remarked.

Leavelle always told me that he dismissed the conspiracy theories, marveling at how sharp memories become as time goes by. Many of the authors of these conspiracy books were not even born at the time of the assassination, Leavelle pointed out.

Of all the books written on the assassination, Leavelle's would have been one of the most interesting. He has written one chapter and that chapter is the one he graciously tells to media types, to school children and to other civic groups who wish to touch American history.

Jim Leavelle will always be remembered as that man in the Oswald photo, the Dallas police detective wearing the light suit.

I am proud to say he was a friend of mine.

YOUR VIEW

Conservative Coalition to sponsor event

To-the-Editor:

On Thursday, Sept. 26, the Conservative Coalition of Owatonna is sponsoring an event entitled, "What is So Wrong about the Right-to-Choose Theory?"

Stephen Nelson and his wife Peggy have been active members of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life for over 30 years and will be sharing the reasons

why they have dedicated considerable time and effort to this cause.

The event will be held in the Gainey Room at the Owatonna Public Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

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Grads display distinctive service Blossoms to be honored at Forever Night

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
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It will be a night to remember. Alumni of Blooming Prairie High School will gather together on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the BP Servicemen's Club to pay tribute to graduates of the past.

More than 50 alumni have been recognized over the years for their contributions to their community and beyond. The Blossoms Forever night is planned for the BP Servicemen's Club with social hour at 5 p.m., the meal at 6 p.m. and a program follows at 7 p.m.

Three categories will be explored. Earning Distinctive Service awards are Capt. Theodore (Ted) Schreier, Class of 1933; Tom Burke, Class of 1961 and Shannon Kruckeberg, Class of 1989. Athletic awards will be given to Alan Morton, Class of 1948; John Dale Worke, Class of 1984 and

Lisa Meshke, Class of 2000. Receiving the Honored Educator award will be Diane Anderson, Class of 1972. Let's take a look this week at the three Distinctive Service award winners. Next week, we will look at the athletic Hall of Fame alumni and with the Honored Educator.

Mystery still surrounds Schreier

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Air Force Capt. Theodore (Ted) Schreier, a 1933 Blooming Prairie High School graduate, will be honored posthumously at the 12th Annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 28. He will be honored for distinctive service. He was nominated by James Pirkle. The Blooming Prairie Education Foundation is observing its 20th anniversary this year. A mystery still surrounds Schreier who was declared missing after his B-36 bomber airplane, presumably carrying a nuclear warhead, disappeared over the west coast of Canada. It is said that the nuclear bomb may have been jettisoned over the Pacific Ocean as the crew reported. The world's largest bomber was piloted on Feb. 13, 1950 by Schreier and was on a top secret mission from Alaska to Fort Worth, Texas. Schreier was part of a crew of 17. The Air Force called it a routine training mission, but in fact it was a simulated nuclear "attack" on San Francisco, something that was done with some regularity during the Cold War. A Mark 4 atomic bomb was said to have been on board the B-36 aircraft. Capt. Schreier was the Weaponeer on that flight. The plane reportedly developed engine trouble over British Columbia and crashed. Twelve crewmen were rescued, five, including Capt. Schreier, were not among those rescued.

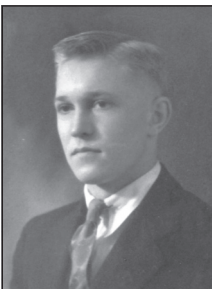


Margaret Noble of Blooming Prairie is a niece to Capt. Ted Schreier who will be posthumously honored by the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation on Sept. 28. She is shown with some of his medals and other artifacts.

Four years after the crash, the U.S. military dispatched a special operations team to northern British Columbia after the missing bomber was found intact high on a mountain glacier. It is speculated that the aircraft could have been exploded at that time. Scientists on a Discovery team visited the site and filed a program called Lost Nuke, America's First Broken Arrow. Discovery called series of events "one of the Cold War's most enigmatic mysteries."

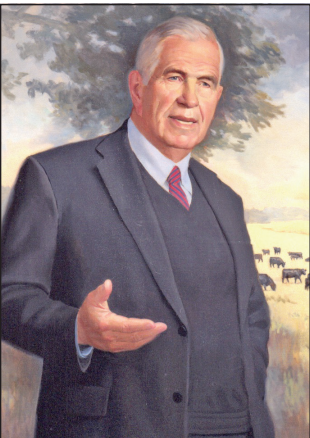
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Captain Ted Schreier will be honored posthumously as a Blooming Prairie Education Foundation 20th Annual Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the BP Servicemen's Club.



TOM BURKE

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy embarked on his administration as being the New Frontier. That same year, Tom Burke graduated from Blooming Prairie High School as a Blossom and embarked on a journey in his new frontier that led him to a successful career in the livestock industry. Burke is one of seven Blooming Prairie alumni who will be honored at the 13th Annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Blooming Prairie

Tom Burke proud to be a Blossom

Servicemen's Club. He will be honored for distinctive service. He was nominated by the Class of 1961. Burke was born on a family farm near Blooming Prairie. "Being a Blossom from Blooming Prairie contributed greatly to growing up in a strong family environment and attending school in Blooming Prairie School District 756 gave up the kind of education and preparation for life that made us successful in our world journey," remarked Burke. Burke currently resides on a 200-acre farm in Platte County, Mo., where he raises registered Angus cattle and Suffolk sheep maintaining a flock of brood ewes, combined with a diversified farming operation. His diversified farming operation includes overseeing his family's 400-acre farm in Dodge County, Minnesota. Today, Burke's sales management firm, the American Angus Fall of Fame, manages purebred Angus battle auctions.

In the 140-year history of the Angus breed, the American Angus Hall of Fame has managed more "million-dollar plus" Angus sales than all competitors combined. The American Angus Hall of Fame has continued to grow and expand in total dedication to the welfare of the Angus breed worldwide and is celebrating its 79th year. Burke has one daughter and three grandchildren. He says he is looking forward to attending this special event. "I want to say thanks to everyone who made it possible. Success in life can be evaluated in many different ways and I am deeply honored by this presentation." Burke continued to reflect on his hometown, saying "There is nothing more rewarding than being recognized by your peers where you grew up. I couldn't be more delighted or honored being the recipient of this honor." Burke became a member of the American Angus Association in 1955. A charter member of the

Minnesota Junior Angus Association, he was elected the first president of that organization in 1960. He served three consecutive terms as president. In 1961, Tom and his twin brother Tony, were selected by the Minnesota Future Farmers of America as the State Star Farmers of Minnesota. The following year, in 1962, Tom was elected vice president of the Minnesota Future Farmers of America. He was elected president of the 63,000-member Minnesota 4-H Federation in 1963. Upon completion of his military obligation, Tom Burke joined the staff of the Drovers Journal, the nation's largest livestock publication. He served as a field man for two years in 12 southern states. Burke joined the staff of J.B. McCorkle, a national Angus sales management firm, in 1968. Upon the death of McCorkle, Burke continued the sales management business. He was elected chairman of the All-American Angus

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Kruckeberg loves healthy smiles

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Shannon (Pfeifer) Kruckeberg believes people are happier when able to flash a healthy smile. Kruckeberg, a registered dental hygienist, graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1989. She is married to Randy and the couple has two children, Jessica and Alex. Randy is also a Blooming Prairie graduate. Kruckeberg is one of seven Blooming Prairie alumni who will be honored at the 13th Annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, Sept.

28 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club. She will be honored for distinctive service. She was nominated by Janet Pfeifer. Kruckeberg attended Austin Community College following graduation from high school. She received an Associate's Degree in Austin. Kruckeberg then went on to attend Mankato State University where she graduated as a registered dental hygienist. She started her career in private practice and did that for 10 years. While she enjoyed what she did, she always believed she could do more. In 2008, she started a 501 C3 non-profit business

called Healthy Smiles, Inc. Healthy Smiles partners with public health offices to offer dental cleanings, screenings, oral health education and sealants to individuals on Medical Assistance, or without dental insurance. Healthy Smiles also works with local dentists to find patients somewhere to go for restorative work if needed. Healthy Smiles now partners with five counties including Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Nicollet and LeSueur.



SHANNON KRUCKEBERG

She is a board member and dental director for the Free Clinic of Steele County. The BP grad is not only a successful business owner and philanthropist but also dedicated to her family. Being a Blossom means "many things" to Kruckeberg. "Pride is the main thing that comes to mind," she says. "Even after 30 years, that is a feeling that doesn't go away," she affirms. "I am definitely humbled and very honored to be receiving this award," Kruckeberg remarked.

Off and running



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

United Way of Steele County President Kim Schaufenbuel delivers remarks during last Thursday's annual kickoff for the coming United Way campaign. United Way of Steele County serves individuals from across the county in education, income, and health.

United Way kicks off another year of serving the county

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

United Way of Steele County served 14,252 individuals in 2018. Of those, 11,131 came from Owatonna, 1,089 were from Medford, 942 were from Ellendale, and 864 came from Blooming Prairie. The organization serves individuals in three areas: income, education, and health. "We fight for the financial stability, health, and education of every person in Steele County," United Way of Steele County President Kim Schaufenbuel said. "It's not just a certain geography, it's not just a certain type of person, it's not a certain type of need. We really are helping people across the community and across the entire county," she said. "If you think about it, we're really helping your neighbors." Schaufenbuel's remarks came at the outset of United Way of Steele County's kickoff held last Thursday morning at the Owatonna Country Club. During the event, members from United Way as well as various businesses and organizations were on hand with suggestions and ideas for the coming year. "Our mission statement is to change lives by mobilizing and optimizing the caring power of our community," Schaufenbuel explained. "It is specifically about our community." According to Schaufenbuel, 99% of funds stay in Steele County. There are 27 different programs that United Way will be funding in 2020. "They really are

doing fantastic work for us," Schaufenbuel said. "Additionally, we have partners who are with our opportunity program." Some of these programs include Boots to Work, Preschool Transportation, Afterschool Care, and the Steele County Clothesline. "We have community partners who provide those services for us," Schaufenbuel said. "Even behind the scenes there is activity going on that is really improving our community for everybody," she added. "It's important to know that that's not just in Owatonna. We are a county-wide program." The 2019 Corporate Campaign Leader is Amesbury Truth and in 2019 United Way of Steele County will support 27 local agency programs and four Opportunity Partner Programs. "They were so excited to serve in this capacity for the community," Schaufenbuel said of Amesbury Truth. "Our goal this year is \$800,000 and this is coming on the backs of our achievement last year of \$770,000," she explained. "Our internal goal is to get to \$1 million in sustainable fundraising by 2025. If we follow our trends like good business people that is an absolutely doable figure." The money raised by United Way stays in Steele County and goes to help people from all walks of life. "Every single one of the programs we fund have measurable outcomes," Schaufenbuel concluded. "It's really important that those programs are providing a lifechanging experience."

New scholarship fund established with 761 Foundation



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Members of the 1968 Class reunion committee presented \$1,000 to Bruce Paulson, chair of the 761 Foundation Board of Trustees this week. The donation is the initial contribution to a new scholarship fund. Left to right are Pat Ahrens Arnesen, Mark Arnesen, LaDonna Borwege, committee treasurer, and Bruce Paul of the Foundation.

The Class of 1968 (Owatonna High School and Marian High School) has established a scholarship fund with the Owatonna Public Schools 761 Foundation.

The initial gift establishing the fund was presented Aug. 27 at the regular meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

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the city will be formulating a plan in the coming weeks to deal with this discovery.

“Steele County is highly susceptible to ash borer damage because we have lots of ash trees around,” said Claire LaCanne, agricultural extension educator with the University of Minnesota.

The EAB is a beetle whose larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients throughout the trunk, LaCanne said. “You may have heard of this pest and its ability to kill an ash tree quickly, leaving behind S-shaped galleries under the bark as well as D-shaped exit holes,” she said.

MDA is seeking the help of everyone in controlling EAB. “We rely on partners in our tree care, logging, and landscaping industries to help us monitor for emerald ash borer and other invasive pests,” said Mark Abrahamson, Director of MDA’s Plant Protection Division. “However, we also need every Minnesotan to be vigilant. Know and look for signs of invasive pests; don’t move firewood and other materials around that may transport these insects; and, report anything unusual to us at the MDA.”

Because this is the first time EAB has been identified in Steele County, MDA will be enacting an emergency quarantine to limit the movement of firewood and ash material out of the county. This will reduce the risk of further spreading the tree-killing insect. Steele County joins 20 other counties that are now under a full or partial

Emerald Ash Open House

Tuesday, Oct. 1
6–8 p.m.
Steele County Administration Building
Owatonna



Emerald ash borer has been discovered in this tree located by the Medford Township building in Medford. It is the first discovery of the deadly tree disease in Steele County. The S-shape left behind inside of the bark is typical of EAB.

quarantine to prevent the spread of this highly destructive tree pest.

Residents of Steele County are invited to an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 1, regarding the discovery of emerald ash borer in the county. Those attending the open house will have an opportunity to learn more about EAB and local options to deal with the insect and hear how residents can limit the spread of the bug. Experts will be available to answer questions.

The open house will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 1 in the board room at the Steele County Administration Building in Owatonna.

The public will also have an opportunity to provide input on the proposal to add Steele County to the state formal quarantine. The MDA will take comments on the proposed formal quarantine through Oct. 25, and proposes to adopt the quarantine on Nov. 1. The quarantine limits the move-



ment of ash trees and limbs, and hardwood firewood out of the county. The proposed quarantine language can be found at www.mda.state.mn.us/eab.

Anyone with additional questions may reach out to Kimberly Thielen Cremers at MDA in St. Paul at kimberly.tcremers@state.mn.us.

Emerald ash borer larvae kill ash trees by

tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. The invasive insect was first discovered in the St. Paul area in 2009 and is now found in 35 states.

Minnesota is highly susceptible to the destruction caused by EAB. The state has approximately one billion ash trees, the most of any state in the nation.

WELL-KNOWN: *doc battles Alzheimer's* FROM A1

Alzheimer’s, Anna says, leaves families and communities feeling helpless. That is one reason why Anna has become involved in the Owatonna Walk to End Alzheimer’s, which will take place Sunday at the Steele County Fairgrounds. Dr. Durst’s family has been named as the honorary family for the walk.

“The walk makes us feel like we are doing something to find a cure,” Anna said, noting this will be the fourth year her family has taken part in the walk. She said it’s unlikely that Ed will be able to attend the walk because of his condition. “A lot of chaos is hard for him. I don’t think he would enjoy it,” she said.

Anna said Doc’s Crew, which is the name they have appropriately dubbed themselves, will include family, friends and co-workers. She expects at least 50 people to be a part of their crew. “Anybody that has touched our lives,” Anna said.

Registration will take place at 9 a.m. and the opening ceremony is set for 10 a.m. The walk will kick off at 10:20 a.m. with a closing awards ceremony at 11:45 a.m.

Anna has found Alzheimer’s to be more prevalent than most people realize. “That’s the main reason we decided to be a part of the walk,” Anna said.

Many families of loved ones with Alzheimer’s are embarrassed, Anna said. “People shouldn’t be embarrassed to have this disease,” she said. “When people have cancer, they run toward you, but when people are diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, they run away.”

Anna said she has never been embarrassed about her husband’s condition. She admits it has been a “complete change” of everything in their lives. “It affects every aspect of

your life,” she said. “There hasn’t been a single day that I haven’t thought about Alzheimer’s,” she added.

While she may not be embarrassed, Anna has struggled with guilt over the disease. “Once he got advanced, there was a lot of guilt involved,” she says. “I feel guilty that I’m not there for him,” she said, adding moving him to memory care was the hardest decision of her life.

“I’m a nurse. I thought I should be able to take care of him until the end, but I cannot do it alone,” she said. Anna said in the months leading up to moving him into memory care she wasn’t getting any sleep because he was up several times every night. “During the day, he required 24 hour supervision. It became difficult to do anything.”

If there is one silver lining, Dr. Durst has not experienced any violent tendencies, according to Anna. Some Alzheimer’s patients get violent and argumentative.

Anna gets through life these days attending an Alzheimer’s support group. She also tries to read and learn as much as she can about the disease.

Today, 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, which is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. In Minnesota alone, there are more than 94,000 people living with the disease and 254,000 caregivers.

“It’s fatal,” Anna said of Alzheimer’s. “Your brain shrinks to the point of where it can no longer support your vital organs,” she said.

Despite the struggles the Dursts have experienced, Ed has been able to keep a sense of humor through it all. “We see the real him—sometimes,” Anna said. “He is generally pretty happy, and thankfully he doesn’t remember all that he has lost.”

BLOSSOM GRADS DISPLAY: *distinctive service* FROM A3

called Lost Nuke, America’s First Broken Arrow. Discovery called series of events “one of the Cold War’s most enigmatic mysteries.”

Jim PirkI, a Schrier nephew, nominated Schreier for the Distinctive Blossom award. Margaret Noble, a Schreier niece, also provides background in-

formation that is helpful in illustrating Schreier’s life.

Noble also has an extensive collection of items from Schreier. She has some of his military service medals, a scrapbook created by Schreier and lots of personal photos taken by him.

“I love history and am proud to have them in my

possession to show others,” she said. Noble plans to bring some of those items to the annual BP Education banquet and put them on display.

Schreier’s life in Blooming Prairie apparently began in 1924 when his father purchased a Main Street dry goods store.

Schreier’s family also

included six other children: Marie, Hugo, Ernie, Margaret, Angie and Kathryn. Not all graduated from BPHS as the family moved to Wisconsin a few years after moving here.

Jim PirkI is the son of Angie and Walter PirkI, Margaret Noble is the daughter of Marie and Harold Morrison.

Noble says she was only 11 when Schreier died. She remembers him as being “really handsome” and looking like well-known actor of the times, Alan Ladd.

Noble says her mother said Schreier told her he was flying supplies from Alaska to Texas.

Schreier was never

officially pronounced dead. A Wisconsin newspaper reporter wrote that he believed Schreier should be remembered as a hero.

A memorial stone has been placed in Middleton, Wis., by some of the family.

“I think it’s wonderful that Captain Schreier is receiving this recognition,” remarked Noble.

TOM BURKE: *proud to be a Blossom* FROM A3

Breeders’ Futurity in 1972. He is currently serving his 47th term as Futurity chairman. The All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity has established itself as the most prestigious livestock show in the world.

Burke’s progression led him to many more leadership positions in the livestock industry. Burke joined the National Suffolk Sheep Association in 1980. He was elected in 1988 to the National Board of that organization and re-elected

in 1990 and 1993.

He was elected president of the National Suffolk Sheep Association and served from 1994-96.

Burke continued to be active in Suffolk sheep circles. He was once again elected to the United Suffolk Sheep Association in 2017.

The syndicated newspaper, USA Today, recognized Tom Burke as one of the 25 most traveled people in America.

Burke received the American Angus Association’s

Historic Angus Herd Award in 2006, honoring Angus breeders who have consistently been in the business for 50 years or more.

In 2007, Burke was away from home 341 nights, boarded 412 planes and had 412 airline safe landings.

Burke was enshrined in the Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame at the Steele County Fair in 2018.

Burke has written numerous books and has been honored with many publishing awards.

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10 Years Ago Sept. 15, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Rural Blooming Prairie's Morning Glory Stable is holding its grand opening on Sept. 20. For all of the horse lovers in the area, Morning Glory is a great option. The owners are Dan and Leona Suchanek, and their family will be showcasing their wonderful stable just outside of BP. They offer lessons for families, kids and adults.

The Blooming Prairie FFA Chapter kicked off the school year by hosting Test Plot Day on Sept. 11. The FFA officers hosted the event. The test plot was planted last spring by the Toquam family with help from Shawn Halla and Marc Pittman.

The 2009-10 school year is upon us and with it comes a few new faces. One of those is Natalie Schneider, the new pre-kindergarten and preschool teacher. She is originally from Austin.

Sgt. Mark Lang of Blooming Prairie Police was assaulted while trying to break up a fight at the Johnny Holm concert outside the Servicemen's Club in BP on Aug. 30. After a couple attempts to settle the situation down, a man swung and hit Lang in the face. The man was charged with fourth-degree assault against a peace officer.

20 Years Ago Sept. 14, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

A new overhead electrical transmission line is coming through Blooming Prairie with work slated to be complete by the end of September. The \$750,000 project will be a backup transmission system for the Blooming Prairie area in case of foul weather from either north or south. The line is owned by Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric.

Local police remain busy investigating a vehicle theft and four break-ins to downtown businesses in recent days. Blooming Prairie Liquors and J&H Liquor were burglarized. A small amount of cash, lottery tickets and merchandise were taken from the stores. A juvenile is being investigated for the vehicle theft and several hit-and-runs on other vehicles. The juvenile was treated for injuries from one of the crashes.

Jay Klemmensen of Blooming Prairie recently earned a purple ribbon for his breeding gilt at the Minnesota State Fair. Other Steele County 4-Hers that received purple ribbons included: Jennifer Janke with corn, Ben Spurgeon with shooting sports, Melissa Zeise with dairy goat showmanship and Brent Seykora with a barrow.

50 Years Ago Sept. 10, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

A two-car intersection accident, one-half mile north of Beaver Lake by Ellendale, claimed the lives of the entire Richard A. Johnson family—mother, father and three small children—shortly after 7 p.m. Monday. The driver of the other auto, Glenn Willis Miller of Waseca, was listed in very critical condition at the Owatonna City Hospital. Killed in the crash were: Richard A. Johnson, 35; Barbara Ann Johnson, 29; Julie Johnson, 10; Loren Johnson, 8 and Coreen Johnson, 6. All of the victims were thrown from the vehicle except for Mr. Johnson. The Johnson family lived in rural Blooming Prairie. The five deaths boosted the Steele County toll from 10 to 15 thus far for 1969.

Mrs. Gladys Grandprey was elected president of the Ladies Golf Association at the Blooming Prairie Country Club at the annual meeting on Sept. 2. Other 1970 officers are Dee Ebeling, vice president; Joanne Sorenson, secretary-treasurer; Marge Ilk, social chairman; Marylis Cram, card chairman, Jackie Balstad, golf chairman and Phyllis Dandeleit and Marilyn Srsen, golf committee.

Blooming Prairie School District 756 ended the 1968-69 fiscal year with a true balance of \$174,034. Payments on bonds during the 12-month period amounted to \$65,000 with interest on bonds totaling \$38,952.

75 Years Ago Sept. 14, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Martin Nelson, Merville Bray, Ed M. Betlach, Blooming Prairie and E. B. Nelson, Ellendale, boarded an air liner at Rochester Saturday night and flew to Chicago egg dealers convention. The men are members of the Blooming Prairie egg pool and acted as its representatives.

Col. Ole Olsen reports one of the best cow auction sales he has so far conducted this season Tuesday at the Orville Christianson farm sale near Hayfield. Twenty cows hit an average of \$150 per head. The top cow sold for \$175.

H.L. Plotts received premium check last Friday from the Minnesota State Fair for having an excellent exhibit of Vicland oats. Out of 68 entries, Plotts' oats was given second place by the judges. The award is based on quality and weight.

The American Legion Auxiliary met last Thursday night, Sept. 8 and ordered 1,500 poppies to be sold in May 1945.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND: established with 761 Foundation

FROM A3

Class of 1968 reunion committee decided to establish the fund after its 50th reunion. The committee had surplus funds that it wanted to see used for students seeking vocational education. The class will be raising funds to supplement the initial gift so that a scholarship may become self-sustaining.

The Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization that provides a way for individuals, community groups and businesses to make contributions. It is a separate legal entity from the Owatonna Public Schools. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Those wishing to donate to the 1968 Scholarship fund may send their checks to Box 974, Owatonna, MN 55070.

The 761 Foundation will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Sept. 12 and 13 with an event from 4:30

to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Owatonna Country Club, and at the football game on Friday, Sept. 13.

More information about the Foundation, its history and its work may be found at 761Foundation.com.

Home Sharing Programs Can Help Seniors Find Renters



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Dear Senior,
Renting out a spare room in your house is a great way to generate some extra income and even get some help with chores around the house. To find a good fit, older homeowners often turn to "home sharing programs" that will match an empty nester with someone needing affordable housing.

But be aware that home sharing isn't for everyone. You need to carefully consider the pros and cons of renting out a spare room in your house and make a list of what you want and don't want in a housemate/renter.

To help you figure this out visit *SharingHousing.com*, a website dedicated to understanding home sharing and which offers a guide and workbook (\$25) to help you find and choose a good housemate.

FINDING A MATCH

If you decide to proceed in finding a housemate/renter, your first step is to seek out a home sharing program in your area.

Home sharing programs, usually non-profits, screen both homeowners and renters. They check references, handle background checks and consider lifestyle criteria when making matches. They can also help you with the leasing agreement that the renter would sign that covers detailed issues like smoking, pets, chores, overnight guests, use of common rooms, quiet hours, etc.

Most home sharing programs are free to use or request a small donation. Others, however, may charge the homeowner and potential renter a fee for this service. To look for a home sharing program in your area visit the National Shared Housing Resource Center website at *NationalSharedHousing.org*.

OTHER OPTIONS

If you don't find a program that serves your area, you can also search for housemates through an online home sharing service like *Silvernest.com* or *SeniorHomeshares.com*.

These sites work more like online dating sites that require homeowners and home seekers to fill out a profile. Once a match is made, you'll be responsible for contacting and interviewing prospective renters and making the final agreement.

If you don't have any luck with any of these home sharing sites, put a call in to your Area Agency on Aging (call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for contact information) who may be able to offer assistance or refer you to local agencies or nonprofit organizations that offer shared housing help.

You can also check with your local senior or community center, or local church you attend to see if you can post an ad on their bulletin board or in their newsletter. Or, you can advertise in your local newspaper or online at *Craigslist.org*, *SpareRoom.com* or *RoomMates.com*.

If you find someone on your own that you're interested in renting to, ask the prospective renter to fill out a rental application (see *RentalLeaseAgreement.org* to download and print one for free) and run a tenant screening and background check, and then call their references. Tenant screening/background checks can be done for free at *Naborly.com*.

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.

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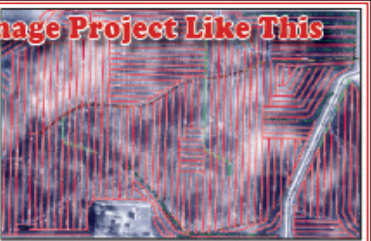
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STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

Still sewing after all these years

Cindy's Tailoring, Alterations & Dry Cleaning celebrates 40 years of service

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Cindy LaBathe has been sewing nearly all her life. For 40 of those years, she's run Cindy's Tailoring, Alterations & Dry Cleaning located at 130 E Vine St. in Owatonna.

"Both my grandmothers sewed and my mom sewed," LaBathe recalled. "It was just natural, everybody sewed back then." LaBathe honed her early skills sewing clothes for dolls when she was younger. "Then when I got older, I started sewing things just for myself."

After she graduated high school, she knew that sewing was something she was interested in. "We found schools and went around and checked them out," she said. LaBathe holds a degree in commercial tai-

loring. "I don't even think they teach it in school that much anymore," she said of the declining prevalence of sewing as a discipline.

Besides alterations, repairs, and tailoring, Cindy's also offers organic dry cleaning. "There's no chemicals, so you don't get the smell," LaBathe explained. "It's better for your body, better for your clothes, better for pregnant women, for all of that it's way better."

"I like to work on men's suits," she said. "When I went to school, I went for tailoring so we had to measure the men, make the patterns, cut out the fabric, sew them, fit them, and so that's how I learned. Plus, suits are all pretty much the same, but when you get into dresses and weddings gowns, they're all different so you never know what you're going to get into."



Threading the needle. Cindy LaBathe works on alterations for a suit at her local shop. LaBathe has owned and operated Cindy's Tailoring, Alterations & Dry Cleaning in Owatonna for 40 years.

It is this variance in style and form of the more complex clothing such as dresses that comes as one

really busy in prom season, and homecoming and wedding season."

While she is usually so focused on her customers' orders, LaBathe does find time to occasionally make something for herself. "I made my grandson's baptism outfit, that was probably the last thing I made for myself," she said.

LaBathe says in 40 years not much has changed. "It's all pretty much the same, the styles change, but that's about it," she said. "Lapels get wider and narrower and pant legs get wider and narrower."

Due to passion and commitment to excellent service, LaBathe's business has won Best of Southern Minnesota in commercial tailoring twice, once in 2013 and again in 2015. She was also nominated again this year.

"It's important to sew a straight stitch or match your thread to the garment," LaBathe explained of certain techniques that might separate her from amateur sewers. "Do it right he first time, measure twice cut once, because once it's cut, it's cut."

Having served the community for so many years, LaBathe has many loyal customers who continue to rely on her for their tailoring needs. "I've got a few customers that have been with me forever, which is nice, and you become friends with everybody too," she said.

Even after all these years sewing remains a passion for her. "It's like a puzzle, you have to take it apart and put it back together," she said. "It relaxing for me, I love it, and I haven't gotten sick of sewing."

Mayo Clinic Store to open in Owatonna

From mobility aids to wound care supplies, a new retail store featuring high-quality medical products is coming soon to Owatonna. The Mayo Clinic Store is set to open on Monday, Sept. 16, at 1100 West Frontage Road, Suite 160.

The expansion of the Mayo Clinic Store in Owatonna will provide a convenient location for patients and consumers who wish to purchase products that help aid in recovery and in daily life. Mail order service also is available for customers who prefer to have medical supplies delivered directly to their home.

"We regularly consult with doctors and providers to ensure that we have the equipment and supplies

they are recommending and prescribing to their patients," says Aaron Johnson, Mayo Clinic Store manager. "We take the guesswork out of insurance and work closely with our customers to inform them about their options and coverage, and file the insurance for their eligible items."

The new retail space will offer a wide variety of solutions for healthier living, including CPAP, BIPAP and supplies, compression garments, ostomy supplies, urology supplies, wound care, mobility aids, daily living aids, nebulizers and more.

In addition to these products, the Mayo Clinic Store in Owatonna will provide comfortable, private rooms

to accommodate fittings for CPAP machines, compression garments, and other durable medical equipment. All CPAP services previously located at Mayo Clinic Health System in Owatonna will transition to the new store. A full-time respiratory therapist is on staff and available to consult patients regarding their CPAP and BIPAP needs.

A public open house is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a formal ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. The community is invited to visit the new space, meet Mayo Clinic Store staff and explore the new services and products. Light refreshments will be served.

Minimizer adds new territory managers



Chris Johnson



Bill Burdette



Rick Burleson

Minimizer's long-term growth plan has recently led to the promotion of two territory managers to business development roles.

As a result, the company welcomes three new territory managers to its team: Chris Johnson, mid-south TM; Bill Burdette, west TM and Rick Burleson, northwest TM.

Johnson is based in Tennessee and spent the last six years covering eight states as the Balkamp District sales manager.

"Balkamp is affiliated with NAPA Auto Parts, and its heavy duty division," said Minimizer Senior Director of Sales Greg Renberg. "This experience makes Chris a great fit for building our business in the Mid-South," he continued.

Johnson's territory includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Burdette is based in California and brings a host of valuable experience to his role with Minimizer.

"Bill served as both a branch manager and regional operations manager for Fleet Pride, one of our biggest customers," Renberg said. "He has the sales and customer knowledge required to make an immediate impact out west," Renberg added.

Burdette's territory includes California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii.

Burleson lives in Idaho and comes from MGM Brakes. Before that, he served as Powerstroke Diesel Engine's part sales manager and technical training manager for their west region.

"Training is an integral part of what we do for our dealers and distributors, so given Rick's background, he knows what it takes to be successful," Renberg said. "He also called upon a lot of the same heavy duty customers that are part of our Minimizer customer base so he can hit the ground running."

To contact any of Minimizer's new territory managers, visit www.minimizer.com.

Minimizer is based in Blooming Prairie, but just last month announced plans to move to Owatonna in 2021.

Childcare Center opens in Hayfield

Childcare needs are critical across southeastern Minnesota, and its availability is truly affecting where people are choosing to live. By adding this amenity in the city of Hayfield, local entrepreneur, Kelly Jax is not just providing a business, but fulfilling a vital need of the community.

Jax worked with the Hayfield Economic Development Authority (EDA) to formally submit an application for funds from the EDA's Revolving Loan Fund. The loan was closed in December. The awarded funds went towards the purchase of the building, as well as renovation and supplies. "We are extremely excited to be able to provide quality child care for our community and surrounding areas. We are

providing a fun, safe learning environment where children can just be kids and learn while playing!" said Jax.

Jumping Jax Kids observed its grand opening on Sept. 7.

The Center will be open year round from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Center, located at 118 2nd Ave. NW in Hayfield, is able to host children from six weeks to 5 years old.

The city of Hayfield is excited about expanding the amenities that they are able to offer to its citizens. These developments are only possible because of the motivated and creative members of the community.

KRUCKEBERG: pleads guilty

FROM A1

tion, spend 30 days in jail for five years annually around the time of the anniversary of the crash, and be on probation for 10 years in exchange for a prison sentence of almost five years in prison, which is the sentencing guidelines for the criminal charge.

Kruckeberg will also be required to talk to youth classes about his story.

However, the judge will have the final say as to Kruckeberg's sentence, which will be handed down later this fall. The judge can accept the plea

deal or could come up with another sentence.

Special Assistant Dodge County Attorney Geoffrey A. Hjerleid explained that when people do things like driving distracted there are consequences for many people.

"It's a reminder of how this type of criminal behavior impacts our communities every day," Hjerleid said. "I think all of us are very, very much aware."

Hjerleid also pointed to the new hands-free driving law as a way to send a message that using your phone while driving isn't acceptable.

"The Legislature has now made us very much aware that you simply cannot operate a motor vehicle when you are using your cell phone. Just don't do it. And unfortunately, it was a little too late in this case."

Authorities allege Kruckeberg was using an online banking app at the time of the crash. He told investigators he was on his cell phone speaking to a buddy and when the call was complete, he looked down to manually hang up the call.

As part of the plea hearing, Kruckeberg was required to answer questions relating to the facts of the case and why he was pleading guilty.

The Harberts Tragedy
Sept. 7, 2018: Two vehicles collided on U.S. Highway 14 outside Claremont, instantly killing Emerson Harberts, 8, and critically injuring Rachel and Jaxon Harberts.
Sept. 15, 2018: Rachel Harberts died at St. Mary's Hospital
Early 2019: State Patrol reconstruction found Tanner Kruckeberg was doing online banking at time of crash
Jan. 16: Dodge County Attorney charges Tanner Kruckeberg with criminal vehicular homicide
Sept. 5: Kruckeberg pleads guilty
Later this fall: Sentencing will take place

One of the questions posed was to the effect of did you break hard before crashing into the Harberts vehicle.

A teary-eyed Kruckeberg answered, "No," which is consistent with the Minnesota State Patrol reconstruction of the scene.

According to the Hjerleid, family members of the victims and first responders who were involved with the crash were consulted before the plea deal was reached.

Kruckeberg's sentencing hearing will be scheduled at a later date.



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STEELE-DODGE **BUSINESS**



STAFF PHOTO BY RENEE BERG
Shanna McCann, owner of Simple Soaps for Simple Folks, recently relocated her production from Dover to Byron.

BY RENEE BERG
STAFF WRITER

As a girl, Shanna McCann dreamt of becoming a farm wife or farm hand when she got older. Now 41, McCann is owner of Simple Soaps for Simple Folks, a goat milk soap business she operates from her 20-acre “farmette,” as she calls it, in Byron.

Simple soaps, simple folks
Goat milk soap maker finds her niche in Byron

It’s a little different from the future she’d envisioned for herself as a child, McCann says, but is still on par with her ideal of being involved with farming. McCann got her start in Dover, where she was living at the time, in 2008 after a friend taught her how to make soap. McCann had extra goat milk on hand and decided to experiment with recipes for making goat’s milk soap. She initially distributed her soap to friends and family. The response was so positive McCann decided to sell the soap at the Rochester Farmers Market. She brought a wealth of produce and “a few baskets of soap,” she says. Again, however, the response was overwhelm-

ingly positive. McCann realized the soap was her most popular seller, so she expanded her Farmers Market operation from selling primarily produce to selling primarily soap. At home, the business was taking over. Her house was filled with soap, soap molds and brochures. Deciding she needed to expand, McCann rented a storefront in downtown Dover. Before long, she outgrew that space too and rented the basement below for her soap production. Calling it her “she cave,” McCann made soap from the basement until recently, when she moved her soap production from Dover to her Byron farm. McCann is up to producing 100 varieties of soap in



about 50 scents. Customer response has driven many of her business decisions, such as the choice to produce an unscented soap for clientele with sensitive skin. Those folks, in addition to others, really appreciate her focus on the simplicity of her soap making. “There’s no synthetic junk,” McCann says. “No funky junk. No additives, no preservatives or petro-

leum-based ingredients. I revert to simple ingredients. My ingredients are commonly known and not synthesized in a lab.” McCann’s soap-making process takes four to six weeks, from batching to curing and then trimming, packaging and pricing for sale. She sells her soaps at retail outlets such as the Rochester People’s Food Co-Op as well as at farmers markets and festivals. Online sales through her website round out her business platform. All in all, McCann is feeling right at home in Byron. She hasn’t done much to publicize her arrival two years ago and her recent moving of her Simple Soaps for Simple Folks production



from Dover, but she’s eager to get the word out. “What I love most is the creative process of making the soap,” McCann says. “I love producing a quality product for my customers. A little bit of me goes out into the world with each bar of soap I sell.” Check McCann’s website at igoatsoap.com for more information about her soap, soap-making classes and other product lines.

ISN’T IT AMAZING:
Paint Town Pink sets new records **FROM A1**

tions, Krejci said. An estimated 250 people attended each night, Krejci added. Krejci said the auctions went “very smoothly” both nights under the BIG TENT outside of the Cue Company and Pizza Cellar. Weather also cooperated and coolish temperatures did not deter crowds both nights. “We got a different crowd of people each night,” said Krejci. The Blooming Prairie Blossoms football team played Friday night at home, shellacking Wabasha-Kellogg, 49-0, and many of these fans stopped by the auction tent after the game. BP Cancer Group members were heartened by the number of families attending the festivities on the two days to Paint Blooming Prairie Pink. “They see how many people are touched by cancer and want to find a cure,” Krejci said. Gail Dennison, director of development and public relations for the Hormel Institute, attended Friday’s auction and thanked everyone for helping raise funds for cancer research. The Hormel Institute has annually been a recipient of BP Cancer Group

monies, directed for cancer research. “It was fun to see the kids and young adults participating,” Krejci said. She tossed “thank yous” to the girls volleyball team for raising money at a recent game and to the Blossoms football team for helping put up the pink flags on Highway 218 near its intersection with Main Street. Krejci also said that several young girls helped Stephanie Miller sell 50/50 tickets. She said they raised nearly \$3,000 on that venture. The tent was full of people both nights. Krejci said the Cancer Group is grateful to the sponsors of the tent. Auctioneers cleverly made appeals both nights to help the BP Cancer Group Community Fund. On Friday night, 42 bidders flashed their bidding numbers to donate \$50 each for a total of \$2,100 total and 49 bidders bought parking passes totaling \$1,960 for those taking treatments for cancer. A team of auctioneers and emcees made the auctions a giant success. Auctioneers included Galen Peterson, Mark Ditlevson, Steve Seykora and

Justin Krell. Emcees were: Kelly LaMotte, Mike Trom and Matt Braaten. Ringmen were: Darrick LaMotte, Craig Wencil, Brad Klemmensen, Jeff McCabe and Ryan McCabe. A Cancer Group raffle gave away \$1,500. Caleb Bartel of Dodge Center won first prize, \$1,000 in cash. His winning ticket was sold to him by Ryan French. Ironically, French’s unborn child won last year’s grand prize. Second place was \$300 won by Bill Noble. Third place was \$200 and was won by Rod Koster. Earlier in the day, a 5K walk/run was sponsored by the BP Cancer Group. Organizers Mandy Doocy and Ashley Valek said 75 runners/walkers participated. Participants started and finished at Central Park. “It was a fun event,” said Doocy. Placing first was Abby Smith, a ninth grader, in 23:40. Second was earned by Grace Krejci, also a ninth grader, in 24:37. Finishing third was Sierra Larson in 24:39, a ninth grader. Cuts for a cure were also sponsored by Barb Kraling of The Cutting Edge at Central Park.

Hayfield city mural
nears completion



SUBMITTED PHOTO
An astounding aquatic mural has been painted at the Hayfield City Pool through the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation’s Paint the Town grant.

Students of Hayfield High School have been volunteering this summer to paint an astounding aquatic mural at the city’s public pool. The mural is being sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation’s (SMIF) Paint the Town Grant. SMIF is a foundation committed to fostering

economic and community vitality in 20 counties of Southern Minnesota. The Hayfield Economic Development Authority applied for and was awarded the grant in 2018, but was unable to complete the project due to the continuous rainfall last summer. In 2018, Liz Fjerstad, Hayfield Elementary School

music teacher, volunteered to be the project’s organizer and has been overseeing the project’s progression. The city is excited to share the hard work of the school’s volunteers with the community. There are additional plans to expand the mural in the coming summers.

Hy-Vee Pharmacies stocked with Flu Vaccine

Hy-Vee, Inc. has announced that the flu vaccine is available at its more than 270 Hy-Vee Pharmacy locations throughout its eight-state region without an appointment or prescription. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends people 6 months and older get a flu vaccine each year to prevent getting and spreading the flu virus. In addition, Hy-Vee Healthy You mobiles can be reserved for flu vaccine

clinics as a convenient health and wellness benefit for a company’s employees. Clinics are typically held September through November, and can be scheduled by emailing vaccineclinic@hy-vee.com. Hy-Vee pharmacists conduct a screening process to ensure that they are administering the vaccine type most beneficial for each individual. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, those with chronic health conditions,

and individuals ages 65 and older. Medicare and most insurance plans cover the flu vaccine and other immunizations at no charge. Flu vaccines are available in Hy-Vee pharmacies on a walk-in basis without a prescription as allowed per state law during regular pharmacy hours. Hy-Vee pharmacists can administer the flu vaccine to individuals outside of the age-specific guidelines listed below with a prescription. Each person who receives a flu vaccine at

a Hy-Vee Pharmacy will also receive a 20 cents per gallon Fuel Saver discount, which can be redeemed at any Hy-Vee Gas or Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh location. In addition to the flu vaccine, Hy-Vee pharmacists are trained and certified in administering pneumonia, shingles measles and many other vaccines with no prescription required. If a person is not sure which vaccines he/she may need, Hy-Vee pharmacists can provide complimentary immunization screenings.

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OBITUARIES

Norma J. Long, 85,
Blooming Prairie

Norma J. Long, age 85, of Blooming Prairie, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, St. Mary's Campus.

Norma Jean Vrieze was born May 1, 1934 in Spring Valley, the daughter of Roy and Grace (Lingbeck) Vrieze. She attended school in Spring Valley and graduated from Austin High School in 1952. On Nov. 29, 1953, Norma married Robert Long in Austin. The couple lived on their farm until 1998 when they moved to Blooming Prairie.



Norma J. Long

Norma worked at Holmes Greenhouse and the Blooming Prairie Bakery. She also owned Norma's Crafts for almost 40 years. She traveled to craft fairs in southern Minnesota and Arizona with her crafts that were all handmade and sewn. Norma had sewn over 1,000 denim shirts and sweatshirts, and over 500 stuffed rabbits, cows, and cabbage patch type dolls. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, reading, camping and traveling, especially trips to Alaska, Nova Scotia, Maine, and New England.

Norma loved wintering in Arizona for 15 years, and going to family gatherings. She was a past member of Geneva Community Lutheran Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Debbie (Bob) Farr of Blooming Prairie, Cindy (Bob) Tyson, of Brainerd, Rick (Mary) Long of Rochester, Lisa (Rick) Hocking of Blooming Prairie; eight grandchildren: Nicole, Brian, Michael, Amy, Brantley, David, Rachel, Jeremy; three step-grandchildren: Melissa, Emily, Amanda; 17 great grandchildren; one step great grandchild; one great-great grandchild; sister, Audrey Slowinski of Austin; nieces, nephews, cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Grace Vrieze, her husband, Robert in 2011; one grandson, Arron Stoen, and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. Interment will be at the Geneva Cemetery. Services are prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.worlein.com.

Orline Peterson, 95,
Blooming Prairie

Orline Martha Magdalena Peterson, age 95 of Blooming Prairie, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 at Field Crest Care Center in Hayfield.

She was born Aug. 9, 1924 in Waltham Township, Mower County, to Henry and Magdalena (Prochnow) Ruhter. Orline attended country school. On Oct. 29, 1950, Orline was united in marriage to Eldred Peterson at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham. The couple raised five children.

Orline was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. Eldred passed away Dec. 28, 2014. After his death, Orline moved to Field Crest Care Center. She was a life-long member of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, where she was a part of the church circle, taught Sunday School, and directed the children's choir. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Orline loved to cook, bake, and quilt. She enjoyed gardening and vegetable gardening, raising chickens from chicks, and taking coffee breaks. Her greatest joy was spending time with family. She especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by many.

Orline is survived by her children, Gilman (Patricia) Peterson of Dodge Center/Hayfield, Delmar Peterson of Blooming Prairie, JoAnne (Randall) Smith of Hokkaido, Japan, Merlin (Denice) Peterson of Toppenish, Wash., and Rodney (Teresa) Peterson of Owatonna; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Chasper (Charlotte) Ruhter of Rochester; sister-in-law, Adell Ruhter; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Magdalena Ruhter; husband, Eldred; daughter-in-law, Barbara Peterson; three brothers, Lester Ruhter, Gerhard (Delores) Ruhter, Joseph Ruhter, and Milton (Lois) Ruhter; and granddaughter, Joy Peterson.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church with Pastor Richard Hegal officiating. Interment will follow at Red Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials can be directed to recipient of donor's choice. Services are prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.



Orline Peterson

Patrick C. 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.

Friends may greet the family from 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Brick Meger Funeral Home in Owatonna with a memorial service to follow at 4 p.m., officiated by James Cooper, a family member.

Patrick's wish was to donate his body for research and tissue donation and that has been fulfilled.

Pat is loved and will be missed by his wife, Linda; daughter, Janell, both of Ardmore, Okla., daughter, Sarah (fiancé Aaron Humphrey) Gorman of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Maisie Pearl, Zayden and Saiya. Truly missed by his siblings, Terry (Greg) Jensen, Jan Williams, and Dan Gorman all of Owatonna, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. "To live in the hearts of those you love is not to die."

Pat was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Beverly Gorman.

Condolences, memories and memorials can be passed on to his family at the service on the 15th or by sending to: Linda Gorman, 1405 4th Ave. N.W. #333, Ardmore, Okla. 73401.

"Do not be afraid. I am with you always." For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com.



Patrick C. Gorman

COLLEGE NEWS

Nesseth graduates
from NDSU

An Owatonna woman has graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Shannon Marie Nesseth received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She was one of 321 students to receive a degree from NDSU during the summer semester.

JUDGE: gets frustrated
with Riess murder case

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on the case that spans five states from Minnesota to Florida and a few in between.

Brizel compared the case to a "duck on a pond," though there appears to be no movement on the surface, they are thrashing away underneath.

A pretrial hearing has now been set for 9 a.m. on Dec. 17.

Riess faces second-degree murder for shooting Pamela Hutchinson, a woman Riess befriended in Florida while on the run from Minnesota. Riess allegedly stole Hutchinson's car and ID and withdrawing more than \$6,000 from her bank account.

Florida officials are seeking the death penalty against Riess.

Riess also faces first-degree murder charges in Dodge County for allegedly killing her husband, David Riess, 54, in their rural Blooming Prairie home in March 2018. A nationwide manhunt for Lois Riess ensued after David's body was found in the home with multiple gunshot wounds.

The manhunt, which stretched out for about a month, ended in the South Texas resort area where she drank cocktails at a marina-side restaurant.

Riess, 56, remains in the Lee County Florida Jail without bond.



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MIKE DOOCY

SEPT. 13
JERRY OXLEY

SEPT. 14
MARILYN SEVERTSON
HEIDI HEIMGARTNER
ALEX JOHNSON, JENNA KRELL
PARKER BLOME

SEPT. 15
JENNIE ESPLAN, JACK SHAW
CAROL HEIMERMAN

SEPT. 16
BRADY HOLMBERG
LARRY KNUXTON

SEPT. 17
EMMA ESPLAN
BRIELLA MUSEL, VICKI WACEK
JEFF ZWIENER, ALEC WANGEN
FRANK WILLIAMSON
WENDY SCHEWE

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPT. 10
DEBI AND CHAD WATKINS
TIMOTHY AND MARY WACEK
DEREK AND KATIE INGVALSON

SEPT. 13
PATRICK AND ADRIENNE ZAK
AJ AND LEIGH NIELSON
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JANIS AND GARY LUETH
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RAY AND HELEN
STAWARZ (50th)

SEPT. 14
JUSTIN AND KRISTEN KRELL
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9	8	4	1	7	6	5	3	2
3	7	6	5	2	4	9	1	8

Recipe Corner

Spicy Cheese Balls

Makes 35 to 40 bite-size balls

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts

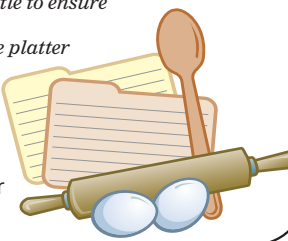
1. Put the cream cheese, cheddar, garlic, parsley, cayenne, black pepper, and salt in a food processor. Process for 5 to 10 seconds, until well blended. Scrape the mixture into a bowl, cover, and refrigerate for 1 hour.

2. Spread the chopped walnuts on a plate. Shape the cheese mixture into 35 to 40 small cheese balls, each about the size of a large marble. Roll each cheese ball in the walnuts, coating the outside (you may to press a little to ensure sticking).

3. Serve the cheese balls on a large platter and enjoy!

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Isaiah 5:20 ESV Woe to those who call evil good and good evil... Can you think of anything God calls good that people call evil or that which God calls evil that people call good? It's the attitude of the mind or their thinking process that makes them do that.

Rom 13:13 says Let us (believers in Christ) behave properly... V14.. put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts. The world will act according to their sinful nature we can't

personally change that. But, If you, believers, are wanting to change the way you act then you have to get rid of the negative or evil way of thinking in your mind and put on Christ (think like Him). Here's what the Bible says about this.

Ephesians 4:23, it says, (NIV) *“Be made new in the attitude of your minds..”*

In other words, if you want to be a positive life changing person, it doesn't start with your behavior. If you want freedom, hope, joy and purpose in your life, it begins with

the way you think.

Romans chapter 12:2a, (NIV) *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... (with the Word of God).*

It does not matter what your neighbor thinks or what the news says.. it matters what you think. If you want to know the will of God, you have to think in line with God's Word (the Bible). When you stop conforming to the pattern of the world, then God will begin to transform you into the pattern of

His will. Then you will experience true life change.

The first step for anyone in changing the attitude of your mind is to pray and believe that Christ Jesus died for your sins, turn from sin (change your thinking concerning sin), put your trust in Him and follow Him. And He will help you live that kind of life I just mentioned.

When you change how you think, you will change your behavior and then you will experience true change. You will be the salt and light Jesus talked about.

AREA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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106 Third St. SE., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
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Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

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503 Radel Ct., Ellendale
Pastor Richard Sliper
507-684-2451
Saturday: 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship;
10:15 a.m. Sunday School/
Confirmation
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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

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

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A fresh start



STAFF PHOTOS
BY HOWARD LESTRUD

It was a fresh start for many, including administrators, at Blooming Prairie Schools Sept. 3 as classes began for the new school year. Top: New superintendent Chris Staloch welcomes new juniors on the first day. He is pictured with Joseph Pirkel, Alex Miller, Cole Graves, Jacob Naatz, Brian Jimenez and Thomas Donnelly. Bottom: Sixth grade teacher Matt Kittelson goes over an assignment with Natalee Sauter, Ella Salinas, Carsten Ingvalson and Claire Schwarz.

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Hometown Living

A light of hope

Rachel's Light opens in Steele County

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

A new safe haven for women and children has made its way into Steele County offering a light of hope.

On Monday, Sept. 9, Rachel's Light opened its doors and its service to the public. The new shelter located at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Meriden will provide a safe place for women and children from

across Steele County.

It has been a work in progress for two years, one that executive director Amanda Starks is proud to be a part of. "It's been a long journey," Starks said. "There is a very dedicated and passionate board behind this, and it's fun to be a part of it and see it become a reality."

Some of the people involved in getting Rachel's Light off the ground were pivotal in managing the

Lily Sparrow House and will take their expertise along with them to this new establishment. "They came together and addressed their needs and took what they learned from the Lily Sparrow House," Starks said.

"We will serve women and children who are trying to get back to taking care of themselves and be independent," Starks explained. "Right now, there is a lack of affordable

housing out there so there's a huge need for it."

The shelter has 12 beds and is capable of taking in young children and babies in addition to women and older children. "I don't think the community is aware of how bad it is," Starks said of the lack of housing. "It's hard to see that lack of support."

"It's going to be a blessing for us as well as them and it's teaching them to put one foot in front before

"We will serve women and children who are trying to get back to taking care of themselves and be independent."

Amanda Starks
Rachel's Light Director

the other," Starks said. Rachel's Light will provide education and other services aimed at improving its constituents' lives. "We're going to help them find permanent housing," said Starks. "We want them

to create a different story for themselves."

Starks said that it is rewarding work, despite some of the hardships these women and children

SEE A LIGHT OF HOPE, B3

Jacob's Run for suicide awareness

BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN
COUNTY WRITER

The VFW parking lot in Owatonna was full of motorcycles Saturday morning as bikers prepared to take part in the eighth annual Jacob's Run.

The event grew out of a tragic event, the suicide of 15-year-old Triton student Jacob Sikel.

At the time no one thought that a simple motorcycle ride would reach the people it has since the founding of Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Program.

Robert Sikel, Jacob's father, said that after his son's death he hoped that no other family would "have to go through this."

Friends of Sikel organized the first ride soon after Jacob's death and soon after the ride Jacob's parents and other family members went to Westminster, Colo., and completed the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention training program.

In the years since, Sikel said, the local Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Program has sponsored the ride each year. The money raised funds scholarships for students in Triton, Blooming Prairie, Owatonna, Medford, NRHEG, Grand Meadow and LeRoy-Ostrander. This past spring, Sikel said, the organization awarded 14 \$500 and one \$1,000 scholarships. Open Arms also gives presentations to school and other organizations interested in learning about suicide prevention.



STAFF PHOTOS BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN

Gary Stewart of Waseca arrived at the VFW early Saturday, giving himself enough time to work on making his Harley look its very best.

of Open Arms and for the ride was going to start out before the others in the group of "blockers" who would help the main body of bikers as they were going through intersections in the small towns along the route.

The ride had a personal meaning for Chris and Tami Beman and their family.

The Beman's 17-old-son, Brandon, she explained, had died from suicide in 2017. Then this past April, the Labrador dog that had been his "best friend" died, his mother said.

It was then that 13-year-old Justin got the idea that resulted in a Golden Labrador puppy named Max being featured at the raffle.

Sealed bids would be taken for Max from Our Farm Labradors in Hayfield.

There was an undisclosed minimum bid for the animal and any winning bidder would have to pass a background check and meet several other requirements before being allowed to purchase Max.

Max put in an appearance at the VFW before the ride began and immediately became the star attraction at the event.

At the conclusion of the ride the bikers returned to the VFW to enjoy a meal and learn who were the winners of the raffle items.'



STAFF PHOTOS BY KAREN M. JORGENSEN

Robert Sikel poses with Max, the Golden Labrador, who was the star of the raffle at Saturday's Jacob's Run.

Park Place, Cedarview purchase finalized by board

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

During a special session held on Sept. 3, the Steele County Board of Commissioners officially moved to enter into a purchase agreement with Bradford Holdings for both Park Place and Cedarview.

The purchase agreement was greeted with a mixed response when the commissioners first began moving forward on it. Residents and family members were strongly opposed to the proposed relocation period, during which the Park Place building is to be renovated and the currently vacant Cedarview complex next door is set to be demolished and replaced. Cedarview will be replaced with a 27-unit



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

Park Place and the neighboring Cedarview building in Owatonna have been the focus of a purchase agreement over the past few weeks between the county and Bradford Holdings. During a special session held Sept. 3, the county officially approved the purchase agreement.

senior living center to compliment the neighboring Park Place building. Park Place has been

SEE PARK PLACE, B3

Recapping a busy 4-H year



Steele Talkin'
KALI BROWN

The leaves are changing and summer has come to an end which means that the Steele County 4-H year is just about over. The summer is the busiest time for our 4-H families and it always ends with the Steele County Free Fair.

I am the Steele County 4-H summer coordinator. I have worked at the Extension Office for the last five summers. I, myself, was a Steele County 4-H'er for 14 years. I showed beef, swine, and sheep. I also took sewing

projects, lawns and landscaping, and needle arts to the fair. My favorite project was swine. As a kid, my dad and I raised my show pigs for the fair, farrowing them in the winter/spring was my favorite part about the project.

This past summer, Steele County 4-Hers had many opportunities to participate in throughout the community. Youth in grades 3-8 had the opportunity to go to 4-H camp in June. In July, we have many different opportunities for day camp. A few of the camps that were offered this year was a cloverbud camp, garden spin club at the Hy-Vee garden, photography club, pet club, Rube Goldberg, and an arts and crafts camp. I also took a group of youth to Valleyfair for a fun

SEE RECAPPING, B2

BP does it again for Toys for Tots

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Yes, Blooming Prairie did it again for the Steele County Toys for Tots campaign.

Harvey and Nancy Farr of J & H Liquors represented the annual BOB (Bikers of Blooming) ride held on Aug. 17 by turning over

\$17,500 to the Steele County Toys for Tots program.

The Blooming Prairie contribution for many years has ranked as the largest dollar total of any group donating to the Toys for Tots in Steele County.

"We keep on trying," said a proud Harvey Farr in turning

the amount over to the Steele County Toys for Tots officials.

Accepting the BOB funds on a Saturday morning were coordinator Jerry Shore of the Marine Reserves, Don Overlie, assistant coordinator and Nancy Levisay, treasurer. "Oh, my God," Overlie reacted when told of the Blooming Prairie donation.

Levisay said her records show that Blooming Prairie's BOB ride has contributed \$124,785 since 2004. This year's contribution is a new record, Levisay emphasized.

Shore said the program got its start when the late Bonnie Thompson said people "were falling through the cracks" and there was no money for toys for kids. "She inspired the toys drive,



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The Blooming Prairie BOB (Bikers of Blooming) broke a Steele County record for organizations raising money for Toys for Tots. This year's BOB Ride raised \$17,500. Accepting the donation at J & H Liquors from organizer Harvey Farr (second from left) were, left to right, Jerry Shore, Don Overlie and Nancy Levisay.

SEE BP DOES IT AGAIN, B3

2018 Toys for Tots Campaign Steele County

- Served 511 families
- Touched 1,226 children (50 kids first year of program)
- Set up 102 toy collection boxes
- Set up 18 angel site trees
- 2022 toys were collected in collection boxes
- 488 books were collected
- 80 new bicycles with helmets were distributed

Things can change very quickly

BP students hear message with lasting impact

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was a message that will have a Lasting Impact.

A story of grief suffered by a family “just down the road” was shared with Blooming Prairie High School students on the fourth day of school, just one year since a Blooming Prairie teacher and her daughter were killed in a two-vehicle crash.

The message was actually one to emphasize to young teenage drivers that it is important to be safe when driving.

Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol and Matt Maas, emergency management director for Dodge County, came to school on Friday, Sept. 6 not to preach but to share a real story that ended in the death of an 18-year-old Triton High School senior on Dec. 18, 2015.

The senior was Logan Matthew Maas, son of Matt and Julie Maas of Dodge Center.

Christianson and Maas teamed up for their 25th presentation which tells about the need “not to put your family through what we have experienced,” said Maas.

Maas shared his story in a video titled Lasting Impact and with a brief talk directed at young drivers.

“We all think it will not happen to us but this happened right down the road from you,” said Maas. The crash, which killed young Maas, happened near Pine Island.

The video included interviews with the Maas family, Matt, wife Julie and their children.

The video also included interviews with the young female driver who was one of Logan’s best friends. She lost control of her car at a high rate of speed, rolled it and caused Maas to be ejected from the car. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time.

The presentation was “shocking that things can change so fast,” remarked senior Gabe Hagen following the student assembly. “It’s really sad and hopefully, people will drive safer,” he added.

Fellow senior Viridiana (Virdi) Vallarreal said the video and talk by Maas puts everything into reality. “It was so close to home,” she said. “I always buckle up and even drive slowly to be extra safe,” Vallarreal continued.

The gymnasium was quiet with all students intent on listening to the message. Maas said he noticed “a lot of tears” and a somber attitude.

“That was the worst day of my life,” stated Maas in the video. Logan’s brother Dylan said “all the joy and happiness left my body” when he was told of his brother’s death.



MATT MAAS

Maas referred to the crash, saying the kids “were screwing around” and not driving safely. “Please don’t put your family through this,” Maas pleaded.

Sgt. Christianson said the video featuring Maas’ story is the fourth the State Patrol has sanctioned. This

video focuses on unsafe speed and seat belt use, Christianson explained.

Minnesota, Christianson said, has a high rate of compliance to the state’s seat belt law. He said 15 states including Minnesota have enacted distracted driving laws. Because of the hands-free legislation, fatal crashes have been reduced by 15%, Christianson said.

The first offense to the distracted driving law results in a \$140 fine and the second offense leads to a \$320 fine. He said over 800 tickets were issued the first day the law was implemented.

Maas said it was a sad irony that his son Logan was to be one of the organizers for a Triton school mock car crash.

Maas emotionally told about having to tell his son Dylan about Logan’s death. Dylan was competing in a sporting event that night. “I just watched my son melt,” he said.

“It will never be the same because we lost someone we loved,” Maas told his listening audience. “It’s heartbreaking and the sad feeling doesn’t go away,” Maas said.

Christmas has never



(STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD)

Students at Blooming Prairie High School were spellbound as they listened to an impactful presentation by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol and by Matt Maas, father of a young man killed in a car crash in 2015.

“That was the worst day of my life.”

Matt Maas
Son Killed In Crash

been the same, Maas said. He said he feels guilt when smiling and laughing at times. “As a family, our lives were completely changed as were lives of many others,” Maas said.

Maas said losing a child is a “kicked in the gut feeling.” It lasts for a long time, he said.

Sgt. Christianson said the Maas presentation forced kids to relate to reality.

Blooming Prairie High School Principal John Worke told the students at the conclusion of the presentation that he hoped it will have a lasting impact on them.

Get your taste buds ready

Taste of Steele County set to give residents a flavorful fundraiser

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

For 10 years Steele County residents have packed into the Eagles Club to get a taste of the various restaurants and food businesses around.

The event is hosted each year by the American Association of University Women’s Owatonna branch. All proceeds from the fundraiser go to benefit local women and girls who are pursuing education.

“Education equality is a big part of what we’re about,” explained AAUW member Kay Oberle, who serves as co-chair for this year’s event. She feels the AAUW’s mission is important. AAUW hands out scholarships to local women and girls, funds camping trips and helps drug court graduates pursue their GED.

This year was the first year that AAUW Owatonna gave money to help drug court grads complete their GED. “We’re pretty excited

about that,” Oberle said. “There’s a lot of people that need a little extra help.”

With residents’ help this coming Thursday, Oberle and the Owatonna AAUW will continue to help local women throughout Steele County. Taste of Steele County will be held at the Owatonna Eagles Club on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The event will feature food from 11 businesses throughout the county. This year’s lineup consists of: Costa’s, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, Fareway Foods, Mizuki Fusion, Nick’s Pizza, Old Town Bagels & Caf?, Owatonna Eagle’s, Owatonna Elk’s, Spare Time Entertainment, The Bakery, and Torey’s Restaurant & Bar.

Taste of Steele County

Thursday, Sept. 19
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Proceeds benefit
AAUW of Owatonna

Oberle and her fellow AAUW members are particularly thankful for the time, effort, and food that the vendors donate each year. “They donate all of the food and we are so appreciative,” she said.

“It’s fun to go around and taste all of the different food and each place comes up with a different thing they want to show off,” said Oberle. “I think that’s the neat part for them. Some people haven’t been to all of these restaurants and now they get to try them.”

Besides all of the good food, attendees will also get the chance to bid on several auction items. Gift cards for the various establishments will also be available. For the price of \$15 people will get a chance to wager on either a \$10 or a \$20 gift card. “That’s new this year, and I think it will be a lot of fun,” Oberle said.

For those looking to get a taste of the delicious food Steele County has to offer, there’s no better chance than Taste of Steele County.

RECAPING: a busy 4-H year FROM B1

summer outing. After the camps wrap up in July, the preparation for fair begins. Youth and adults help to make our Steele County Fair successful and it takes a lot of hard work and preparation. One of the groups of youth that works hard to get the fair ready is the Junior Fair Board.

The first 4-H event to start off the fair events is Fashion Review and Performing Arts for youth. This is done two weeks before the fair starts at the Owatonna Arts Center. The fashion review, clothes you make and clothes you buy, judging is done during the day and then the public is invited to come that evening and enjoy the performing arts presentations and see the fashion review as the winners are announced.

The 4-H Dog show takes place the first Saturday and following Tuesday in August. The 4-Hers have been attending weekly trainings since early April and are finally able to show off the hard work that they have put into their project.

The week before the fair starts, the 4-Hers set aside some time to come for livestock interviews consisting of a face to face interview with a judge about the livestock that youth may be bringing to fair. They can do as any many species interviews as they would like. Once the interviews are over, the judges pick their top 10 from the junior and senior divisions and the following Monday the ones who made the call backs will take a written test to determine the Champion interview winner.

Following the interviews on Monday, we start by setting up our home away from home office at the fairgrounds. The beautiful 4-H building is transformed from the Owatonna Gymnastics building in a matter of a week. On Monday of fair week, projects are judged in the 4-H building. Hundreds of projects are brought in to fill the building for the public to see. The judging ends on Monday evening and the doors are shut until Tuesday at 5 p.m. On Tuesday during the day, the office staff work hard to put the purple ribbons and champion awards on the projects that the judges chose on Monday. Working at the 4-H office on Tuesday is the best as when the doors open at 5 p.m. for the reveal of champions is so fun to see many youth come in to see what they got on their projects. The excitement that they have when they walk through those doors is so cool to see.

There are many other things that happen during the fair besides all the animal shows and general project judging. The market sale happens on Saturday morning of the fair and youth are able to bring one market animal that they showed during the fair through this market sale. This sale is not the sale of the animal as it is only the sale of the ribbon premium. The community brings in many different businesses to make this happen.

Another event that goes on is the Minnesota Meats contest. On Saturday afternoon of the fair, youth in teams of four are able to sign up to participate in this grilling contest. They are given a pork loin, potatoes and then every year there is a secret ingredient that they must include in their meal that they prepare and grill in a set amount of time. They are also able to bring any of their own ingredients to use in their meal. The secret ingredient this year was bacon. There are two judges that judge each groups’ meal and then at the end they award the first, second, and third place teams with Hy-Vee gift cards. This is the third year that the Minnesota Meats contest has taken place.

To wrap up the Steele County Fair, there is an award ceremony for the 4-H youth that were awarded champion ribbons. It is called Parade of Champions. That is the last event of the Steele County Fair for the 4-Hers. The week following the fair is livestock weekend at the Minnesota State Fair. All the youth that were awarded state fair trips will head to the state fair on Wednesday and come home on Sunday. The static or general projects are judged after the 4-H livestock is done. Then that’s a wrap! After the state fair, the new year begins on Oct. 1. I’m sure you can already find some 4-Hers starting to think about their projects for next year already!

Kali Brown has served as the summer coordinator for Steele County 4-H for the past five years. Steele Talkin’ is a regular column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.

Funds for Family Unity



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Exchange Club of Steele County presented a commemorative check Friday, Aug. 30, during the club’s regular meeting at Valleyview Assisted Living in Owatonna to the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity, for funds raised by Steele County club members, friends, and family who volunteered by staffing the parking garage during this year’s Steele County Free Fair. The total check presented to the Center was \$4,266, which included not only earnings from Steele County club volunteer hours, but earnings of parking gate volunteer hours from the Exchange Club of Owatonna, Center for Family Unity, and Jostens in Owatonna. The presentation included (left to right): Steele County Club Treasurer Mary Wencil, Club President Bruce Kubicek, and Center for Family Unity Executive Director Annette Duncan.

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SEPT. 12
6 a.m. – School Board Work Session, BPHS Board Room
4 p.m. – Police Commission Meeting
7 p.m. – BP Cancer Group Gun Bingo, Servicemen’s Club

SEPT. 16
6:30 p.m. – Friends of the Library Meeting, BP Library
7 p.m. – School Board Meeting, BPHS Media Center

SEPT. 17
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library
5 p.m. – Ambulance Commission Meeting

SEPT. 18
10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

SEPT. 19
Legion SAL-VFW Membership Night, Servicemen’s Club

SEPT. 22
Quarterback Club Pancake Breakfast, Servicemen’s Club

SEPT. 28
BP Education Foundation Annual Banquet, Servicemen’s Club

SEPT. 29
Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet & Silent Auction, Servicemen’s Club

ELLENDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

SEPT. 12
7:30 p.m. – Ellendale City Council Meeting, Community Building

SEPT. 13
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

SEPT. 16
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

6:30 p.m. – NRHEG School Board Meeting, Ellendale Media Center

SEPT. 17
6:30 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do, Ellendale Elementary Gym

SEPT. 18
10 a.m. – SEMCAC, Community Building

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

SEPT. 12
2 p.m. – Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
5 p.m. – Airport Commission Meeting, Airport Lounge
6 p.m. – Scouts Merit Badge-Fishing, Cabela’s
6:30 p.m. – Wine & Beer Tasting for Homestead Hospice House Patient Care Fund, Holiday Inn

SEPT. 14
7 a.m. – Farmers Market, Central Park
8 a.m. – For a Day 5K, Morehouse Park
9 a.m. – Fall Craft Show, Four Seasons Centre
1 p.m. – Owatonna Golf Booster Club Tournament, Country Club
1 p.m. – Fall Celebration, Owatonna Orphanage Museum
2 p.m. – Maxine Ronglien Memorial Garden Dedication Ceremony, West Hills Complex

SEPT. 15
8 a.m. – Sunday Morning Breakfast featuring new menu, Country Club

SEPT. 16
6:30 p.m. – Haunted Minnesota Presentation, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. – Medford Zoning Board Meeting, City Admin Building

SEPT. 17
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime, Owatonna Library
4 p.m. – North Market, Grace Baptist
4:30 p.m. – Owatonna Library Board Meeting, Owatonna Library
6 p.m. – Scouts Merit Badge-Fishing & Wildlife Management, Cabela’s
6:30 p.m. – Author Susan Foote Discussion, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

SEPT. 18
10 a.m. – Job Fair, Masterson Staff Solutions
4 p.m. – Owatonna EDA Meeting, City Admin Building
6 p.m. – Scouts Merit Badge-Fishing, Cabela’s

Historical Society seeks donations to the Vintage Sale

Back by popular demand, the Steele County Historical Society (SCHS) will be hosting a Vintage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 28. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farm Machinery Building in the Village of Yesteryear, 1448 Austin Road, Owatonna. The sale will be held in conjunction with the new History Flip fundraising event, which will run that evening.

SCHS is accepting donations of vintage items for the sale. Proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the ongoing programming for the History Center and Village of Yesteryear. Most vintage items such as antiques, dinnerware, furniture, and more will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted are clothing, books, magazines or record albums.

Call SCHS at 507-451-1420 to schedule an appointment for pick up or delivery of your items.

Brewer featured at Sons of Norway

The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of Sons of Norway meets Monday, Sept. 16. Supper will be served at 6 p.m. for a cost of \$8 at the Owatonna Elks Lodge, 126 East Vine Street.

The September program features Mike McQuery, owner and head brewer at Half Pint Brewing Company in Waseca. Half Pint is a small-scale farm brewery that produces beer made from ingredients they grow or locally source.

If you would like more information on the Nortonna Lodge of Sons of Norway, contact Cindy or Paul Hokanson at 507-451-9301.

State School Museum relives history at fall celebration



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BALDWIN

A statue of State School kids rests upon the former grounds. The Orphanage Museum in Owatonna will host its seventh annual fall celebration this Saturday aimed at educating the public on the historic importance of the site.

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

From 1886 to 1945 the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children brought kids from all over the state to live and learn in Owatonna. These children weren’t necessarily orphans, but many of them were in need of an institution which could provide for them.

“Originally each county was in charge before the State School was created,” explained Museum Director Anne Peterson. “So, the state built the school to educate the kids and keep them healthy so that hopefully they would become productive citizens.”

It is a rich and detailed history, one which lives on thanks to the work of former State Schooler Harvey Ronglien and his late wife Maxine who helped establish the museum in 1993. “As Harvey said, he is half of a pair of scissors without Maxine,” Peterson said.

During Saturday’s annual fall celebration there will a dedication ceremony held at the Maxine Ronglien Memorial Garden located on the State School grounds at the West Hills in Owatonna. “Harvey was concerned that the history would be lost and she helped him preserve the stories of the children,” Peterson explained. “What they did together was just phenomenal.”

The event, which will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the West Hills on Saturday, Sept. 14, will be a great chance for people

to experience the history that Harvey and his wife Maxine helped to preserve. “We want people to see how it used to be, and how big it was,” Peterson said of the event. “Families and people can come up and get the experience and get a taste of how the State School once was.”

There will be a raffle held, as well as a myriad of activities including horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the grounds with a tour guide, a movie featuring State Schoolers from the 1930s, children’s games, and a scavenger hunt.

“It’s a special place and we want as many people to know about it as possible,” Peterson said. “This is a really great time for people to come and get to learn about and know a little more about this piece of history.” Many former State Schoolers have also been invited to attend.

Thanks to the efforts of so many, including the Ronglien’s, people from all over are able to experience the history of the State School. “It’s fantastic,” Peterson said. “I had someone come from England who was interested in making a similar museum there, and he called it a place of international historic importance.”

Those looking to learn more about the history of the State School should attend the fundraising event on Saturday as well as the dedication ceremony for the Maxine Ronglien Memorial Garden held the same day at 2 p.m. “It should be a wonderful experience,” Peterson said of the ceremony.

Breakfast buffet to benefit Vets Memorial

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Servicemen’s Club in Blooming Prairie.

The fundraiser will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will feature a breakfast menu of pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages. The buffet will be a free-will donation.

There will be a silent auction with theme baskets and food items for sale. If you are interested in donating to the silent auction or have more questions, contact Marilyn Meshke at 507-583-2439 or Sandy Jones at 507-583-2722.

All of the proceeds will go to the BP Veterans Memorial.

PARK PLACE: Cedarview purchase finalized by board FROM B1

managed by Benedictine Health System, whose staff was among those opposed to the agreement.

Due to the relocation, Bradford Holdings has agreed to provide an additional \$25,000 in order to financially assist residents’ transition during this period.

“In summary, I think everything that we were wanting – both to meet our statutory obligation with regard to the price as well as the concessions for relocation of the residents – are all in there,” explained County Attorney Dan McIntosh. “So, it’s in good shape.”

The board was unanimous in its approval of the purchase agreement. “Our lease will be terminated by the time of closing,” McIntosh informed the board. “Progress is moving very quickly with folks finding new housing.” Board Chair Greg Kreuger was named as signatory on the agreement.

Purchaser Brad Bass of Bradford Holdings has expressed his desire that all of the current residents return after the relocation period. As of last week’s meeting, all but five of the 47 residents had found a new place to live.

A letter received by McIntosh from BHS regarding the sale of both properties stated that it accepted the county’s proposal but also requested that the proration of rent be based on rent collected. The letter explained that residents vacating during the month may not be charged with a full month’s rent or may be refunded for rent that has already been paid.

“The board offered a couple of concessions,” McIntosh said of the proration of rent and rent refunding. His recommendation was to accept the contents of the letter and also that they draft a counter proposal with BHS. “The response just asked for a different method to prorate the rent based on rent collected and with the small number of people that we’re looking at now I don’t know that it will make a great deal of difference.”

The board was in agreement that keeping lines of communication between themselves and BHS open would be a good thing moving forward and motioned to approved the counter proposal.

BP DOES IT AGAIN: for Toys for Tots FROM B1

and I took the ball and ran with it,” said Shore.

Shore founded the Toys for Tots program in Steele County over 30 years ago. It operates within the national U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program, which began in 1947.

Its objective is to collect and distribute NEW and UNWRAPPED toys to Steele County needy children at Christmas. Cash and gift cards received are used to purchase toys as per directives from the national organization.

Steele County’s Toys for Tots campaign is served by 475 volunteers. Trinity Lutheran Church raised \$2,568.14 in 2018, Bikers of Blooming last year raised \$14,568 and the Owatonna American Legion Cookie auction brought in \$3,343.

High school kids do the shopping at Target and Wal-Mart for toys with a \$30 price tag being the maximum per toy.

For more information about Steele County Toys for Tots, visit the Facebook page for updates www.facebook.com/pg/SteeleCountyToys4Tots.

A LIGHT OF HOPE: Rachel’s Light opens FROM B1

face. “We’re empowering them, it is sad to see, but there’s always hope, and we can help them reach that,” she said.

Those behind the shelter were inspired by a character from the Bible: Jacob’s second wife Rachel. “She didn’t always live a good life but God chose her, you don’t have to be perfect and you can have setbacks, but God still has a purpose for your life,” Starks explained. “The good will always outweigh the bad.”

Rachel’s Light will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Associate Church in Owatonna in order to help raise money for the newly established shelter. There will also be a blessing held at the house in Meriden the last Sunday in September during which residents can donate non-perishable food and other amenities.

An event will also be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna, which will feature pottery and soup. Freewill donations will be accepted to help raise homeless awareness. “It’s always a humbling moment to bring awareness to the community,” Starks said.

Rachel’s Light is located in Meriden and will provide a safe haven for local women and children who are looking for a little help and a leg up to get back on their feet. Those interested in learning more can visit their website at: <https://www.rachelslight.com/>.



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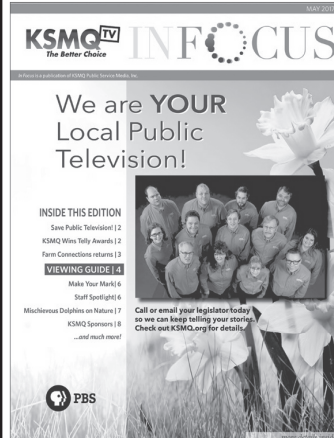
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BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

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

Man faces felony in hammer assault

An Owatonna man faces felony assault charges in connection with a hammer assault.

The Steele County Attorney's Office has charged Gregory Pitts, 20, with second-degree felony assault with a dangerous weapon and fifth-degree misdemeanor assault in connection with the incident.

Police responded to the 300 block of 14th Street NW on Aug. 29 on a report of a disturbance involving a man chasing another person with a hammer. During an interview with the victim, he reported he was at Pitts' house when Pitts showed him a video.



Gregory Pitts

Pitts asked the victim if he thought the video was funny, and the victim thought it was and was laughing, police said. Pitts allegedly grabbed a hammer and approached him as if he were going to hit him with it.

In an interview with police, Pitts admitted to viewing the video and getting very upset. Pitts told police he carries the hammer for protection, and after seeing the video was going to "bash in the victim's head" and chased him around with the hammer.

Police recovered the hammer at the scene.

Shooting victim now faces felonies

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The man seriously injured in a shooting two weeks ago in Owatonna has now been charged with several felonies.

James Williams, 39, of Owatonna faces felony charges of illegally possessing a firearm, second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon and threats of violence.

Williams initially had been injured Aug. 29 when he was found with gunshot wounds in a parked vehicle near 24th Avenue NW and Hoffman Drive. He was airlifted from



James Williams

Owatonna Hospital to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. He was treated for non-life threatening injuries, police said.

After the shooting, Owatonna police detectives developed probable cause that Williams was in possession of a handgun at the time of the shooting. The gun was recovered at the scene, according to police. Williams is ineligible to possess a firearm due to a prior criminal conviction/adjudication of a crime of violence, police said.

On Sept. 1, a female victim reported a man held a gun to her head and accused her of setting him up in the earlier shooting, police said. The woman identified the man as Williams, the victim in the 24th Avenue shooting. Police learned he had walked away from a hospital in Rochester.

Williams was taken into custody following an operation in Waseca later on Sept. 1.

Police said the investigation into Williams' shooting remains under investigation.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 26 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding: David Alvarez, 29, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony domestic assault by strangulation and gross misdemeanor child endangerment. He was sentenced to \$381, 45 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, chemical dependency evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation. The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 26 – Sept. 1:

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Sebastian N. Friedman, 34, Rochester, license plate violation, \$111; Abigail K. Hausken, 22, Mankato, speeding, \$141; John H. Hoang, 46, Farmington, speeding, \$121; Mary Moua, 37, Burnsville, allow illegal operation, \$181; Katelyn M. Norrgran, 21, Plover, WI, speeding, \$121; Oscar Palomo, 45, Champlin, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Brooklyn C. Perry, 35, West Des Moines, IA, revoked license, \$281; Tina M. Pierce, 52, Rison, AR, speeding, \$121; Annette Robinson, 33, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$381; Eugene M. Roques, 31, Brooklyn Center, speeding, \$281; Armani E. Scott, 22, Brooklyn Park, speeding and suspended license, \$581.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ibrahim H. Abdullahi, 22, Owatonna, following vehicle too closely, \$131; Yussuf A. Ahmed, 39, Owatonna, failure to yield, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Leticia L. Castillo, 32, trespassing, \$131 and 20 days in county jail; Francderck Gamez, 41, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 2 years of supervised probation; Juan L. Garza, 39, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Aleisha M. Gordon, 26, Owatonna, headlights violation, \$90; Kenneth E. Gossman, 80, Clarks Grove, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Tommy W. Henderson, 27, St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Alek A. Johnson, 28, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD

impact panel, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Ryan D. Johnson, 20, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Shane P. Johnson, 40, Owatonna, criminal damage to property, \$582.83, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Chase A. Kraft, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Juana G. Leon-Sanchez, 41, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Vanessa L. McCollum, 38, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Brett J. Nelson, 41, Cannon Falls, stop sign, \$131; Virginia R. Ochoa, 45, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Eden O. Ojulu, 18, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Tishyra E. Powell, 26, Owatonna, give peace officer false information, \$131; Anthony Quintero Gutierrez, 22, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Laura L. Robinson, 37, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Carol M. Shubert, 78, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Clarence L. Spight, 30, Faribault, no insurance and invalid license, \$381; Daron L. Taylor, 49, New Richland, violation of no contact order, \$131 and 125 days in county jail; Sobeida E. Valdespino, 18, St. Paul, invalid license, \$181; Lacey B. Wellentin, 34, Owatonna, give peace officer false information, \$131 and 30 days in county jail; Kevin M. Willis, 39, Mankato, no insurance, \$131 and 1 day in county jail.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Joshua S. Almendinger, 38, Faribault, violation of order for protection, \$381, 7 days in county jail, obtain permission to leave the state, domestic abuse evaluation, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 1 year of supervised probation; Courtney J. Benavidez, 32, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Steven P. Boehning, 27, Lakeville, speeding, \$121; Christopher S. Casey, 46, Medford, domestic assault, \$381, 4 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation; Jake W. Defenbaugh, 28, Burnsville, speeding, \$121; Henry C. Fox, 34, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license, \$421; Dustin D. Houghlum, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Scott A. Iverson, 60, Medford, disorderly conduct, \$131, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Jamie L. Kimball, 40, Medford, speeding,

\$121; Yasmin A. Mohamed, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Kristi M. O'Brien, 35, Lk Havasu City, AZ, suspended license, \$281; Victor S. Ochanda, 22, Coon Rapids, speeding, stay of adjudication, \$75 and 90 days of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Pedro C. Perez, 43, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Hilda L. Pineda, 45, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$221; Korissa L. Pratt, 25, Medford, revoked license, \$281; Ma Denneth D. Relacion, 44, speeding, \$121; Angela V. Reuvers, 36, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Gregory E. Rostvit, 46, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 30 days of electronic alcohol home monitor and 3 years of supervised probation; Heldi J. Schmitz, 42, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Kelsey L. Schueller, 27, St. Paul, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$381, 60 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, psychological evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Brandon C. Skinner, 35, Plymouth, possession of marijuana, \$131 and 293 days in county jail; Daron L. Taylor, 49, New Richland, violation of no contact order, \$131 and 90 days in county jail; Scott M. Tuomala, 24, Faribault, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$300, 28 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, psychological evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation; Brandon R. Walden, 34, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE

Sept. 5

Crash: At 6:45 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with property damage occurred in the 200 block of Main St. E.

OWATONNA POLICE

Aug. 31

Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:42 a.m.

Vandalism: At 10:48 a.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW. They took a subject into custody.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 10:17 p.m.

DWI: Police made a DWI arrest at Vine St. W. and Oak Ave. N. at 10:52 p.m.

Sept. 1

Threats: Police responded to a subject making threats in the 100 block of 22nd St. NW at 7:34 a.m.

Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 10:12 a.m.

Sept. 2

Shoplifting: At 2:28 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Bridge St. W. and Park Square W. at 4:24 p.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 8:49 p.m.

Sept. 3

Crash: Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle crash with injuries at Hoffman Dr. NW and 39th Ave. NW in Owatonna Township at 6:36 a.m.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 9:47 a.m.

Domestic: At 10:47 a.m., police arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of St. Paul Road NE.

Theft: Police received theft reports from the 400 block of Broadway St. E. at 12:18 p.m. and the 200 block of Florence Ave. NW at 2:59 p.m.

Restraining Order: At 1:39 p.m., a restraining order violation occurred in the 600 block of Cherry St. NE.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 500 block of Ridge Road NE at 5:42 p.m.

Trespassing: Officers responded to a subject trespassing in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:35 p.m.

Probation: Police arrested a subject for a probation violation in the 400 block of School St. E. at 8:17 p.m.

Mental Health: At 10:57 p.m., officers responded to a mental health incident in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. They took a subject into custody.

Sept. 4

Theft: Police arrested a subject for theft in the 100 block of Vine St. W. at 8 a.m.

Fire: Police assisted with a fire call in the 100 block of Butternut Ave. SW at 10:06 a.m.

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity at 22nd St. SE and Cedar Ave. S. at 10:07 a.m.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 400 block of School St. E. at 10:46 a.m.

Theft: At 11:15 a.m., a theft occurred in the 300 block of Broadway St. E.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance at Rose St. E. and Grove Ave. N. at 12:11 p.m. They issued a citation at the scene.

Crash: At 2:58 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred at Grove Ave. N. and Vine St. E.

Domestic: Police arrested a subject following a

domestic disturbance in the 900 block of Wilson Dr. NW at 3:26 p.m.

Sept. 5

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity at Lemond Road and 24th Ave. SW at 12:27 a.m. They issued a warning.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 700 block of Elm Ave. N. at 1:22 p.m.

Warrant: Police made a warrant arrest in the 600 block of Rice Lake St. E. at 5:53 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Sept. 2

Crash: At 11:53 p.m., a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred on Interstate 35 in Medford Township.

Sept. 3

Threats: Deputies arrested a juvenile for making threats in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Medford at 1:59 p.m.

Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 6:57 p.m.

Arrest: Deputies arrested a subject at Lyndale Ave. N. and Bradley Road in Faribault at 8:31 p.m.

Sept. 4

Crash: At 3:35 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred at McKinley St. SW and Oak Ave. S. in Owatonna.

ARRESTS

Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Joel Espinoza, 28, arrested at 12:20 p.m. Sept. 3, felony extradition hearing for Texas warrant, held for court.

Joseph Maurice Davis, 34, arrested at 7:49 p.m. Aug. 30, felony probation violation, held for court.

Anthony Raymond Greeney, 18, arrested at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Joseph Allen Stenbakken, 33, arrested at 12:52 p.m. Sept. 3, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Tisha Nicole Whitcomb, 38, arrested at 3 p.m. Sept. 3, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

Tony Terrence Fisher, 41, arrested at 8:40 p.m. Sept. 3, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Shane Joseph Anderson, 28, arrested at 4:17 p.m. Sept. 3, probation violation, held for court.

Sean Martin Cicero, 39, arrested at 6:01 p.m. Sept. 4, probation violation, held for court.

Tonya Hale Raleigh, 41, arrested at 9:45 p.m. Sept. 4, warrant arrest, held for court.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of

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

1. David Perez – restraining order violation – no bail

2. Federico Perez – DWI - \$56,000 bail

3. Joann Perez – assault - \$500 bail

4. Martin Perez – DWI - \$500 bail

5. Juan Perez-Torrez – sale to minor - \$1,000 bail

6. Jeremiah Petersen – DWI – no bail

7. Keith Pittman – DWI - \$1,000 bail
8. Juan Placencia-Gonzalez – obstruction - \$1,000 bail

9. Darrian Porter – interfere with 911 – no bail

10. Amanda Portillo – DWI - \$500 bail

11. Emmanul Puentes – theft - \$500 bail

12. Erasmo Resendez – assault - \$2,000 bail

13. Benjamin Restrepro – theft - \$200 bail

14. Juan Reyes – criminal sexual conduct - \$50,000 bail
15. Margarito Reyes – criminal property damage - \$3,000 bail

16. Bartolo Reyna – theft - \$1,000 bail

17. Isidro Reyna – no insurance - \$500 bail

18. Kelly Reynolds – no license - \$1,000 bail

19. Juan Rivera – no license - \$1,000 bail

20. Paulina Rivera – warrant – no bail

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

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DODGE COUNTY **INDEPENDENT**

15. Detroit at Philadelphia
16. Chicago at Washington



There was no regular racing at the Chateau Raceway at Lansing last week. Here are the results from the Chateau Speedway at Lansing for the previous week of Aug. 30:

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods
A Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 7-Ryan Hensel-Forest WI, [6]; 2. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow-Mason City IA, [4]; 3. 29-Scott Johnson-Owatonna, [3]; 4. 17-Tanner Prehn-Forest City IA, [2]; 5. 71-Matt Prehn-Mason City IA, [1]; 6. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [12]; 7. 97-Davis Royle-Northfield, [9]; 8. 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [10]; 9. (DNF) 80-Andy Zimmerman-Altoona WI, [8]; 10. (DNF) 41-Devin Medes-Rochester, [11]; 11. (DNF) 10-Justin Besch-International Falls, [5]; 12. (DNF) 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [7]

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 10-Justin Besch, [1]; 2. 1R-Bobby Ruehlow, [2]; 3. 80-Andy Zimmerman, [5]; 4. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [4]; 5. 97-Davis Royle, [3]; 6. (DNF) 41-Devin Medes, [6]

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 7-Ryan Hensel, [6]; 2. 29-Scott Johnson, [4]; 3. 71-Matt Prehn, [2]; 4. 17-Tanner Prehn, [3]; 5. 22-Nick Hauge, [5]; 6. (DNF) 14-Micheal Bryant, [1]

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [8]; 2. 83K-Kylie Kath-Claremont, [7]; 3. 83-William Steinberg-Kasson, [4]; 4. 37-Michael Wytaske-Hartland, [9]; 5. 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr-Austin, [3]; 6. 12-Matt Dickey-Shakopee, [12]; 7. 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [6]; 8. 97-Cory Asmussen-Waseca, [17]; 9. 53-Tianna Mithun-New Richland, [11]; 10. 21-Mike Dickey-Bloomington, [18]; 11. 86-Noel Hoppe-Waseca, [13]; 12. 79-Jeremy Misgen-New Richland, [10]; 13. 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [15]; 14. (DNF) 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [14]; 15. (DNF) 28S-Spencer Stock-Eyota, [2]; 16. (DNF) 14-Cole Kroneman-Zumbrota, [1]; 17. (DNF) 56-Johnny Magnum-Lakeville, [5]; 18. (DNF) 15-Cole Neisius-Hastings, [16]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 28S-Spencer Stock, [2]; 2. 98D-Christopher Deno, [1]; 3. 44Z-Greg Pfeifer Jr, [7]; 4. G12-Ryan Goergen, [5]; 5. 37-Michael Wytaske, [9]; 6. 53-Tianna Mithun, [4]; 7. 86-Noel Hoppe, [8]; 8. (DNF) 97-Cory Asmussen, [6]; 9. (DNF) 21-Mike Dickey, [3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 14-Cole Kroneman, [2]; 2. 83K-Kylie Kath, [4]; 3. 56-Johnny Magnum, [1]; 4. 83-William Steinberg, [8]; 5. 79-Jeremy Misgen, [6]; 6. 12-Matt Dickey, [5]; 7. 79H-Luke Hainka, [7]; 8. 33-Darryl Hainka, [3]; 9. 15-Cole Neisius, [9]

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 117-Jack Paulson-Faribault, [6]; 2. 11-Brandon Shaner-Owatonna, [4]; 3. 7X-Andrew Eischens-Taopi, [1]; 4. 1-Troy Maas-Faribault, [8]; 5. 0-Brian Adams-Montgomery, [5]; 6. 3G-Josh Sousa-Alden, [2]; 7. 79T-TJ Pearson-Burnsville, [11]; 8. 33-Jim Briggs-Waseca, [9]; 9. 96-Kyndra Neis-Chatfield, [3]; 10. (DNF) 17-Michael Wick-Faribault, [7]; (DNS) 26-Brady Krohnberg-Walters,

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [2]; 2. 17-Michael Wick, [1]; 3. 3G-Josh Sousa, [6]; 4. 96-Kyndra Neis, [5]; 5. (DNF) 26-Brady Krohnberg, [3]; (DQ) 79T-Taylor Pearson, [4]

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 0-Brian Adams, [1]; 2. 11-Brandon Shaner, [3]; 3. 117-Jack Paulson, [5]; 4. 1-Troy Maas, [4]; 5. 33-Jim Briggs, [2]

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 82-Blake Dorweiler-LeCenter, [5]; 2. 79T-TJ Pearson-Burnsville, [1]; 3. 2-Aaron Reimers-Prior Lake, [6]; 4. 14-Justin Schellitzche-Cologne, [8]; 5. 16M-Matt Wieman-Owatonna, [7]; 6. 193-Daniel Knish-Kilkenny, [15]; 7. 20-Joe Frahm-Stewartville, [9]; 8. 89-Michael Weiss-Bloomington, [10]; 9. 34CJ-Caylie Blowers-Waseca, [2]; 10. 63-Bailey Wolff-Janesville, [11]; 11. 21-Brandon Downs-Austin, [13]; 12. 6-Timothy Barnett-Owatonna, [12]; 13. 28-Patrick Andrus-Austin, [14]; 14. (DNF) 5-Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake, [4]; (DNS) 17-Ryan Timm-Austin,

Heat 1 (5 Laps): 1. 2-Aaron Re-

imers, [2]; 2. 5-Nick Sillman, [1]; 3. 17-Ryan Timm, [4]; 4. 82-Blake Dorweiler, [8]; 5. 20-Joe Frahm, [6]; 6. 63-Bailey Wolff, [5]; 7. 21-Brandon Downs, [7]; 8. 28-Patrick Andrus, [3]

Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 14-Justin Schellitzche, [1]; 2. 79T-Taylor Pearson, [3]; 3. 34CJ-Caylie Blowers, [6]; 4. 16M-Matt Wieman, [7]; 5. 89-Michael Weiss, [4]; 6. 6-Timothy Barnett, [5]; (DNS) 193-Daniel Knish,

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks
A Feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. 57X-Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Bloomington Prairie, [2]; 2. 34JR-Braden Brauer-Eyota, [7]; 3. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [4]; 4. 46-Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, [3]; 5. 101-Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, [12]; 6. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [11]; 7. 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [1]; 8. 01-Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, [6]; 9. 4H-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, [13]; 10. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [14]; 11. 2-Fred Prudoehl, [10]; 12. 15-Zach Elward, [8]; 13. 39J-Dan Klingfus, [15]; 14. (DNF) 43-Tony Shaner, [9]; 15. (DNF) 19-Keith Tourville, [17]; 16. (DNF) 34-Mike Blowers-Waseca, [5]; 17. (DNF) 31-Raey Hastings IV-Austin, [16]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward, [2]; 2. 01-Kory Adams, [4]; 3. 57X-Anthony (AJ) Zvorak, [3]; 4. 42-Cody Hyatt, [1]; 5. 43-Tony Shaner, [6]; 6. 21-Jesse Stahl, [8]; 7. 4H-Chris Hotovec, [7]; 8. 39J-Dan Klingfus, [5]; 9. 31-Raey Hastings IV, [9]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 34-Mike Blowers, [1]; 2. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [2]; 3. 34JR-Braden Brauer, [7]; 4. 32-Jason Newkirk, [6]; 5. 2-Fred Prudoehl, [4]; 6. 101-Ken Adams, [8]; 7. 47-Brent Holland, [3]; 8. (DNF) 19-Keith Tourville, [5]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [1]; 2. 30-Scott Demmer-Ellendale, [3]; 3. 83X-Kadden Kath-Owatonna, [7]; 4. 55H-Aaron Hoff-Mantorville, [4]; 5. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [13]; 6. 54-Jett Sorensen-Rochester, [8]; 7. 36K-Jayden Larson-Mankato, [5]; 8. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [6]; 9. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Claremont, [2]; 10. (DNF) 72-Alex Schubbe-North Mankato, [10]; 11. (DNF) 20-Mark Motl-Owatonna, [12]; 12. (DNF) 55III-Gavin Shaw-Brownsdale, [11]; 13. (DNF) 55-Brody Shaw-Brownsdale, [9]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 55H-Aaron Hoff, [1]; 2. 99-Noah Grinstead, [2]; 3. 55-Brody Shaw, [4]; 4. 30-Scott Demmer, [7]; 5. 54-Jett Sorensen, [5]; 6. (DNF) 20-Mark Motl, [6]; 7. (DNF) 83K-Kobie Kath, [3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 83X-Kadden Kath, [1]; 2. 72-Alex Schubbe, [4]; 3. 36K-Jayden Larson, [5]; 4. 44-Matthew Brooks, [3]; 5. 81K-Caleb Korpi, [6]; 6. 55III-Gavin Shaw, [2]

French's Repair USRA A Modifieds
A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 98-Kevin Stoa-Albert Lea, [3]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis-Hayfield, [9]; 3. 4A-Joel Alberts-Mantorville, [7]; 4. 55H-Aaron Hoff-Mantorville, [2]; 5. 111JR-Keith Tourville-Janesville, [4]; 6. 3A-Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, [1]; 7. 9-Ben Kraus-Britt IA, [5]; 8. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [10]; 9. 29H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [8]; 10. 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [13]; 11. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [12]; 12. 00-Mark Gartner-Mapleton, [15]; 13. (DNF) 24-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [11]; 14. (DNF) 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [6]; 15. (DNF) 20-David Wytaske JR - Grand Meadow, [16]; (DNS) 36K-Jayden Larson-Mankato,

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 111JR-Keith Tourville, [2]; 2. 98-Kevin Stoa, [1]; 3. 71-Jason Cummins, [5]; 4. 29H-Joe Horgdal, [6]; 5. 4A-Joel Alberts, [7]; 6. 24-Charlie Steinberg, [3]; 7. 23-Darwin Karau, [8]; 8. 00-Mark Gartner, [4]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 55H-Aaron Hoff, [2]; 2. 50-Brandon Davis, [5]; 3. 3A-Taylor Ausrud, [4]; 4. 9-Ben Kraus, [5]; 5. 96-Greg Jensen, [7]; 6. 77-Jacob Stark, [1]; 7. 36K-Jayden Larson, [3]; 8. 20-David Wytaske, [8]



STAFF PHOTOS BY RICK BUSSLER
 Blossoms halfback Matthew Pryor (28) breaks away from a Wabasha-Kellogg opponent whose on the ground trying to pull him down, but misses. Karson Vigeland (15) steps in to help Pryor continue his running play. The Blossoms crushed W-K 49-0 in the home opener Friday night in Blooming Prairie.

BP rolls on with second shutout

BY LEMAR NELSON
 SPORTS EDITOR

After a 46-0 shutout at Rushford the opening week, the Awesome Blossom football team bettered that score by three points in a 49-0 battering over Wabasha-Kellogg in the Blossom home opener Friday, Sept. 6.

BP took a 34-0 lead into the halftime locker room and then coasted through the second half to complete the whitewash victory.

The Blossoms scored the first touchdown in its first possession with Carson Brenneke kicking the first of his points after touchdown. Brenneke kicked 5 of 6 points after. Before the quarter ended, the home team scored two more touchdowns and had already gone into cruise motion.

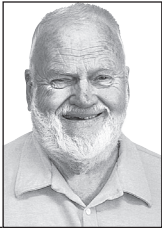
BP counted the last 15 points in the third quarter and then let reserves run out the clock in the final quarter. Again, the win



Blooming Prairie's Mitchell Fiebiger brings down a W-K ball handler during Friday's home opener. The Blossoms walked all over W-K and went on the defeat them 49-0.

SEE BP ROLLS ON, B7

Blossoms off with two early wins



Outside the Lines

LEMAR NELSON

I know it is still early in the season, but if the first two games give any indication of the Awesome Blossom football fortunes shine pretty bright. They followed a big victory over big rival Rushford-Peterson the first week with another easy victory over Wabasha-Kellogg in the home opener last Friday.

Two shutouts in consecutive weeks gives credit to a stout defense, and the ability to score points in the 40s says a lot about the offense as well.

Nobody could have written a better script for a season-opening football game than the one afforded the Awesome Blossoms. A win over such a formidable rival started all fans, but the very dominant fashion of the victory culminating in a 46-0 shutout caught most fans off guard.

It certainly must have put most area teams and individual fans on notice that Coach Gimbel's roster is more than ready to compete for a district and

section title once again. The win over Rushford-Peterson offered true team's win, as both the offense and defense more than held their own in the contest.

The volleyball team has run into some strong opposition early in the season, but I still think they will come out on the winning side of the schedule. They have some good talent on the team, and they just need to harness that talent a little more.

The cross county teams also got their first test of competition a week ago, and recorded some respectable times for a first meet, Let's hope the runners continue to lower their times and compete equally with the opposition.

WREAKS HAVOC

All reports indicate that Hurricane Dorian will probably be one of the most destructive in modern history. The Bahamas especially, bore the brunt of its strength, and the death toll continues to rise each day. One has to feel sorry for the residents of that island territory, as the long and exhausting process of cleanup will go on for months, if not years.

That storm certainly feels far removed from the mild, fall-like days we have endured the past week. Predictions indicate that we still have some hot days in our future, but we certainly have nothing that comes anywhere near what is happening down south. That is

just one more reason why we live in Minnesota.

ROUSING SUCCESS

If there is one thing that the Blooming Prairie community can be noted for, it is the ability to step up and raise funds for various causes, especially charitable ones. Last weekend offered further proof of that fact at the annual Cancer Group's annual two-night auction. Final figures were not available at this time, but profits again pleased everyone involved in the event.

The Cancer Group presents almost \$100,000 to the Rochester telethon each year, and a very significant amount will be offered again this winter. The success of that enterprise just reinforces once again that a worthy cause always gets the effort an the involvement of the community when a call for support is issued. Well done to everyone.

WHAT'S AHEAD

I guess we will play a waiting game to eventually find out what, if any plans are in store for the west end of Main Street. The town is rife with rumors of a major undertaking by businessmen Aaron Ressler and Craig Kruckeberg, but nothing tangible is yet apparent. It is a wait and see event I guess.

The annual membership night at the Servicemen's Club will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19. Both the American legion and the VFW are involved, and an

RSVP is requested by Sept. 16. Servicemen are invited and encouraged to participate in this annual event.

The BP Quarterback Club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 22, and the public is invited and welcome to attend. It should be filling and fun.

Finally, a memorial breakfast buffet and silent auction is scheduled for the Servicemen's Club, and the day will culminate with the annual Education Foundation's annual banquet and Blossoms Forever awards program.

This is one of my favorite occasions of the year, and it makes a happy time to see several BPHS graduates get honored for outstanding contributions to the school and community. It always surprises me to hear what important and interesting aspects of careers some of our graduates have established.

The other honors of great interest are the acknowledgement of former BPHS athletes. As we grow older, the high school athletics and the players on the teams sometimes fade in our memories. That is why it is important that an occasion arises where some of the past exploits can be recognized and honored. That is the main reason why this annual event is anticipated and welcomed.

Real fall is now a week closer, and fall sports continue on all fronts. Enjoy these last days of summer, root for your favorite teams, and we'll talk again.



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AJ Zvorak of Owatonna earned the championship in the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock Feature division at the Chateau Speedway in Lansing Aug. 30.

Season champions crowned at Chateau

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

Season champions were crowned in seven classes Aug. 30 at Chateau Speedway in Lansing as the regular season came to a close.

The Aug. 30 races featured Back To School Night with the Austin Jaycees giving away two dozen backpacks. The night's program, sponsored by Duffy's BP of Austin and Meadow Greens Golf Course, saw more of the side by side and three wide action that has made fans sit on the edge of their seats week after week. This time it was the French's Repair USRA A Mods that put on a Feature event for the ages. Plus two cars ended up rolling on the night. When the night was done four drivers claimed their first ever Chateau Speedway track championships, and two drivers scored their first career Chateau Speedway feature wins.

Leading off the final set of regular season features were the Power 96 Pure Stocks with Troy Maas of Faribault needing just to pull onto the track and not get DQ'd to wrap up his first Chateau Speedway Track Championship. Maas started the main event in the fourth row but made a big first lap move to get into the top five right off the start. Andrew Eischens of Taopi grabbed the first lap lead with Brandon Shaner of Owatonna running second. Shaner made a move to take over the top spot on lap four and lead all the way up to the white flag. That's when Jack Paulson of Faribault made his move to get to the front and he led the final lap to pick up his first feature win. Shaner came home in second just ahead of Eischens and Maas.

The second feature to pull onto the track was the Action Builders USRA B Mod main event. Noah Grinstead of Austin held a 32-point lead coming into the night over Kaden Kath of Owatonna. This was another case of a driver seeking his first title against a multi track champion. Kath has won the championship in the class three times including the past two years. His other title was in 2013. With 13 cars entered for the feature and the difference between first and last being 34 points, it was not a for gone conclusion and on lap two it almost turned completely around. Grinstead was in the middle of the field when some contact had him slowing in the middle of the field of cars and the caution flag came out. As Grinstead came around he limped into the pits with a flat tire.

His crew got it changed and got him back out just as the field was getting the one to go sign. Restarting in the back he got ahead of a few cars right before the first of the nights two roll overs occurred. Brothers Brody and Gavin Shaw of Brownsdale were involved in the incident with Brody ending up on his top in turn two and Gavin then sliding into him. Both drivers were OK but the cars are going to require plenty of work to get back on the track. With all the excitement going on in the back half of the field Matt Brooks of Austin was leading lap after lap in route to his second career B Mod feature win. Scott Demmer of Ellendale out dueling Kadden Kath for second. AJ Hoff of Mantorville took fourth followed by Kobie Kath of Owatonna. Hoff and Kath had the classes heat wins.

As dominate a year as Zach Elward of Hayfield has had in the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock Class with 10 feature wins on the year entering the night, he still had work to do to wrap up his first title. Entering the night he was up just 13 points on three time champion Kory Adams of Stacyville, Iowa. Adams had taken titles in three of the last four years, 2015, 2017 and 2018 and would need a little luck to pull off a fourth one. Again an early lap incident almost turned things around, but both drivers were involved and made trips to the pits. Both, however, made it back out, Elward just barely pulling onto the back straightaway as the green flag was flying. He was less than a straightaway from going down a lap but as it turned out Adams couldn't make up much ground ahead of him either. Adams came home in eighth with Elward 15th. Just enough to hold on and claim that first track championship.

In the race for the win, it was AJ Zvorak of Owatonna leading flag to flag for his first feature win of the season. It was just the second time out for Zvorak as he just got back into a car a few weeks ago.

In the WISSOTA Midwest Modified Class, Ryan Goergen of Stacyville, Iowa was looking to wrap up his fourth track championship and his second Midwest Modified title. Goergen won his first two titles in 2011 and 2012 when the track ran IMCA Stock Cars, his Midwest Mod title came in 2016 and when the night was over he would add the 2019 title to his resume. Spencer Stock of Eyota led the races early laps until just past half way when Kylie Kath of Claremont took over the top spot.

A 55-point lead is a pretty safe lead going in to

the final night of the points season and that's where Brandon Davis of Hayfield sat in the French's Repair USRA A Mod Class. Davis was after his fourth track title having won the USRA A Mod Class in 2012 and 2013 and the Midwest Mod Class in 2010. To take the title, he would have to hold off four time USRA A Mod Track Champion Jason Cummins of New Richland. Second place changed hands lap after lap but Kevin Stoa's number 98 stayed atop the leader board all the way to the checkers. Davis ran second at the end.

Michael Bryant of Mason City, Iowa moved from third to first to claim his first track title in the KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods run.

In the night's feature, Scott Johnson of Owatonna was looking for his second straight Mini Mod feature win at the track but a late restart took away the big lead he had built up and put hard charging Ryan Hensel of Forest, Wis. on his back bumper. Hensel went to the outside of Johnson in turn two with just two laps to go and sailed off to his third feature win of the year and a sweep as well as he had one of the heat wins on the night. Bobby Ruehlow of Mason City, Iowa slipped by Johnson for second.

The final championship to finalize was the Y Waste Removal WISSOTA Hornets. Just Schelitzche of Cologne could of taken the night off and still walked away with his first title. His almost 200-point lead coming into the night was more than enough to guarantee his title. Schelitzche currently sits second in the National WISSOTA Hornets Points Race and has been having a stellar season everywhere he's been.

The track hosted the Southern Minnesota Promotions and its season championship Enduro races Sept. 7. Things will settle down for a couple weeks before going out with a bang as the second annual Chateau Speedway Autumn Extravaganza will fill up the last weekend of September. On Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28, the track will feature two complete shows with all seven classes that compete regularly over the course of the season having one more exciting weekend. Both nights will be complete shows with heats and features, but the twist is they will also be competing for points each night with the top 10 in each class collecting a third payout. Last year, cars over flowed the pits for the exciting two nights and the chance at three paychecks for two nights of racing.

Offensive explosion leads to Huskies shutting out Northfield 63-0

It proved to be a massive offensive explosion and not really even a game Friday night in Northfield as the Owatonna Huskies football team crushed the Arcadia 63-0 and handing them with their first loss of the season.

In the first two games of the season, the Huskies have outscored their opponents 107-7.

Owatonna, which remains undefeated at 2-0, scored 21 in each of the first two quarters followed by 7 in the third quarter and 14 in the final quarter. Ethan

Walter and Tanner Hall each scored two touchdowns on the night. Other touchdowns came from Matt Williams, Payton Beyer, Logan Gauthier, Jerez Autridge and Isaac Gefre.

The Huskies had a big rushing night with 292 yards. Autridge led in the rushing area with 100 yards with Tanner Hall racking up 68 yards. Walter carried the ball for 40 yards while Solomon Havelka ran for 39 yards.

Owatonna also had an impressive passing game with Brayden Truelson

throwing 101 yards and Havelka another 89 yards.

The top receivers were Walter with 110 yards and Isaac Oppegard with 29 yards.

Matt Seykora led the Huskies with six tackles followed by Josh O'Daffer with five. Owatonna had a total of 38 tackles during the game.

The Huskies will host the New Prague Trojans Friday night in Owatonna. The Trojans are coming off a 36-21 loss to Rochester Mayo last week. New Prague is 1-1 on the season.

BP ROLLS ON: *with second shutout* FROM B6



A number of Blossoms defensive players bring down a Falcons player. Involved in the gang tackle were Jarrett Larson (54), Dylan Nirk (75), Karson Vigeland (15) and Mitchell Fiebiger (81).



And he's off and running. Blooming Prairie's Tyler Archer breaks away from a W-K opponent during Friday night's game in BP.

was credited to the entire team play and the attitude of all the players.

Quarterback Kaden Thomas threw only nine passes in the game, but competed seven of them for 177 yards and two touchdowns. Gabe Hagen caught a 36-yard pass for one touchdown, and Karson Vigeland nabbed another. Matthew Pryor led the ground attack with 118 yards, but five different players contributed rushing yards.

The team defense shut down Wabasha-Kellogg completely and held the visitors to just over 100 yards total offense. Colton Krell had 5 tackles for the winners, and Jarrett Larson added 4. Thirteen Blossoms had at least one tackle each.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: 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.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: July 31, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C. /s/

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NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA July 15, 2019

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

OPEN FORUM – No comments.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, Associate Principal, Elementary School Principal, Member of the Press

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the agenda as presented. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal reports given by Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Worke,

and Ms. Mach. VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Donations Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the following items. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

* minutes from the June 13, 2019 regular school board work session and June 17, 2019 regular school board meeting

* June 28, 2019 FY 19 additional bills in the amount of \$119,734.00; June 28, 2019 FY 19 supplemental payroll in the amount of \$46,130.64, July billing the amount of \$88,348.90, and June handwritten checks in the amount of \$7,176.06 with the July payroll not yet completed

* Treasurer's report as presented with no transfers between financial institutions since December 18, 2018

* budget year-to-date comparison for 2017-18 to 2018-19

* donation was accepted from LeMar Nelson for a "Story & Clark Spinet Piano" that is valued at approximately \$1,500.00.

B. Employment

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Gina Hendrickson as junior high volleyball coach for the fall of 2019 with placement on step 5 of the prevailing Extracurricular Schedule due to previous experience in the district. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Kelsey Vanderhorst as a special education paraprofessional for the 2019-20 school year with placement on step 6 of the paraprofessional grid. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of Alexandria Schmidt as a third grade teacher and head track coach with placement on step 0 of both the Master Contract and Extracurricular Schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the employment of Lauren Lau as an ESL/elementary education teacher with placement on MA, step 5 of the prevailing Master Contract due to previous experience in the district. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches No additional volunteer coaches at this time.

D. School Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the continuation of the third Monday of the month as the official meeting date with exceptions in January and February which are noted below along with the regular

meeting time to remain at 7:15 p.m. with the open forum at 7:00 p.m. with exceptions also as noted below. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

August 19, 2019
September 16, 2019
October 21, 2019
November 18, 2019
December 16, 2019 (5:15 p.m.)
January 21, 2020 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Martin Luther King Day)
February 18, 2020 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Presidents' Day)
March 16, 2020
April 20, 2020
May 18, 2020
June 15, 2020
July 20, 2020

E. Work Sessions

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve continuation of the school board work sessions on the Thursday before the regular board meeting at 6:00 a.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. School Board Per Diem

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the per diem to remain the same as the past year. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Designation of Staff for Local Depositories

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve revising the designation of staff for local depositories by removing Barry Olson and adding Christopher Staloch. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Health & Safety Policy

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the district's current Health & Safety Policy unchanged. Discussion. A motion is in order. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

I. LTFM Ten Year Plan

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the district's LTFM Ten Year Plan along with the "Statement of Assurances" as presented. Submission is required to be received by the MDE prior to July 31, 2019. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

J. Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy for Payable 2020

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve a public hearing for the district's proposed property tax levy for payable 2020 as part of a regularly scheduled meeting on December 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

K. Student Activity Accounting Policy Regarding Board Control

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve School Board control of the Student Activity Fund as required by law along with approval of MSBA Policy 713. Motion carried. (Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye-Braaten, Hameister, Meshke, Thurnau, Sunde, Ille, and Krell/0 Nay)

L. Admission Prices

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve an increase of admission prices from \$6.00 to \$7.00

for adults and from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for students with senior citizens (age 65 or older) continuing to receive free admission. This change aligns the district with the Gopher Conference/surrounding schools. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

M. Designation of Identified

Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System for Blooming Prairie School Dist. 0756-01 Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a resolution regarding designation of the district's IOWA (Supt. Staloch). Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act

ISD #756, Blooming Prairie, MN, in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act announces that directory-type information on public school students in the district will be disseminated from time to time without further authorization from parents of such students. A notice was published in the 8/21 and 8/28 issues of the Steele County Times.

B. Committee Reports

A report update was given on the following committees: Negotiations, Steele County Collaborative, and ZED

C. Enrollment Data

Tentative enrollment for the 2019-20 school year as of July 8, 2019, is 429 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 368 at the high school (grades 7-12) (357 attending BPHS and the equivalency of 11 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 4 seniors and 5 juniors with attendance being full-time plus 4 juniors with attendance being part-time.

D. Dates to Note The Board noted dates of importance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

1. Administrative transitions.
2. Cindra Kampoff will be speaking during teacher workshop.
3. New wireless access points installed in both buildings.
4. Playground is set.
5. Negotiations.
6. Title I and II grants are completed for FY 20.
7. ADSIS report for FY 2019 has been submitted.
8. ADSIS grant has been approved for FY 20 and FY 21.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively,

tively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).

A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

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

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NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA July 11, 2019

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Braaten, Jenny Thurnau

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the July 15, 2019, regular school board meeting.

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

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15. Fictional Middle-earth
16. "The Real World" (abbr.)
17. Replacement worker
18. Form after cuts
20. Frozen water
21. Irritates
22. Type of bread
25. Female peace officers
30. Where to put things
31. Hard drinks
32. Hard drinker
33. Take in
38. Copy
41. Volume of published materials
43. Used to be called "skim"
45. Organizes
47. Parts of worms
49. ___ Khan: hereditary title
50. A cravat with wide square ends
55. Central China mountain range
56. Longing
57. Elephant's name
59. British children's author
60. Something curved in shape

CLUES DOWN

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2. Ooohs and ___
3. Invests in little enterprises
4. Spanish river
5. In the preceding month
6. Malignant tumor
7. Dried off
8. Via ___: main street of Ancient Rome
9. Asian country (alt. sp.)
10. One point south of south-east
12. Confederate soldier
14. Popular Bollywood actress Thottumkal
19. Small scale embedded generation (abbr.)
23. Female sheep
24. Of unsound mind
25. Pacific Time
26. Iowa town 51044
27. Trim
28. Wrath
29. Used to serve wine
34. Make less bright
35. Skywalker mentor ___ - Wan Kenobi
36. Protestant, Ulster, Loyalist
37. Expression of disappointment
39. Tropical fruits
40. Furniture with open shelves
41. Metal can be extracted from it
42. Flat tableland with steep edges
44. Lingua ___
45. Chadic language
46. Peruse
47. Yemenese port city
48. Lean
51. Helps little firms
52. Blackjack players need this
53. Be obedient to
54. Source of the Nile River
58. Cool

61. Home to important events

62. Nagorno Karabakh Republic (abbr.)

63. A very large body of water

64. Consists of two elements



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Bernard from Tyler Texas

Dear Bernard,
It sounds like you are in for some fun times with your new toy. To keep the engine working smoothly, the proper oil type and changes will be very important. On my own vehicles of older vintage that see just a few hundred miles a year I like to change the oil in the fall and spring, just before storage and just after getting them out. I do this to keep the engines clean and to keep the moisture in the oil down. My biggest concern when changing oil is the type I use. ZDDP was an additive contained in oil until recently. If you run oil without it you can cause very premature wear and damage to the engine. Make sure you use ZDDP replacement additive or historic vehicle oil that meets the lubricity requirements that the older oils would have had, and use the factory recommended weight rating.
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Dear Motor Medics,
I hate check engine lights! Well, maybe not so much the light as what it represents... money. They should call it the check your bank account light because every time it comes on I have to check my account to see if I can afford to turn the light off. My most recent experience involves several tries at a repair myself instead of a professional with no luck. The dash on my 2005 Deville said check gas cap so I checked it and cleared the code with one of those do it yourself readers then it came back on. Then I bought a new cap and it came on again. The code says small leak when I read it with my do it yourself scanner. What should I do next? I tried to save money but I'm no mechanic.
Dan in Sterling Illinois

Dan, I am a professional mechanic and I feel your pain. This is one of the engine codes that is best left to a shop. They sometimes pull their hair out on this one. By all means start with checking the cap and replace it if it's worn. That's what we do. Next we use a special machine to smoke test the vent system for leaks and repair as needed. While smoke checking we are looking for external leaks from the tank and lines and also leaks past the vent valve and purge valves. Either one will cause the code.
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A PINK SHATTERING MOMENT

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Blooming Prairie has done it again!

This past weekend Blooming Prairie stepped up to fight cancer and did it in record ways. The cancer auctions raised \$47,000 while the entire Paint the Town Pink fundraiser will top nearly \$70,000. Enjoy these Pink shattering moments from this past weekend’s fundraiser.



Participants in the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's Run/Walk get the start signal from Mandy Doocy. Seventy-five participated in this event.



"I'm still standing." That's what was printed on a plaque given to Blooming Prairie Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci. Jennifer Milton made the presentation at Friday's cancer auction.



Aaron Brandt of the Stix of Fury keeps the beat going as he and his fellow drum corps teammates put on a concert before Saturday's Blooming Prairie Cancer Group auction.



Ninth graders Abby Smith, Grace Krejci and Sierra Larson were the first three finishers in the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's run/walk on Saturday. Abby was first in 23:40, Grace was second in 24:37 and Sierra was third in 24:39.



Maynard Ackerman of Brownsdale was the successful bidder on an Adam Thielen Vikings jersey at the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's auction weekend. The jersey drew a \$1600 successful bid.



The Prihoda family had its own team in the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 7. Back row: Daryl and Jane Prihoda, Lloyd and Jane Prihoda, William Gillette, Ryan Gillette, Shelley Prihoda. Front row; Melissa Klocke, Claire Klocke, Steven and Betsy Gillette, Sara Gillette

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