



Fair goes on despite year of obstacles

By **RICK BUSSLER**
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Putting together the state's largest county fair is no easy task in a normal year. But then add in what has transpired over the past year for officials at the Steele County Free Fair, it nearly becomes overwhelming. Despite a year filled with obstacles and hurdles, the Steele County Fair kicks into action today (Tuesday) and runs through Sunday in Owatonna. And chances are the regular fairgoer won't notice a thing.

"We all work together. It's not rocket science. We just **pitch in and get it done.**"

Dan Deml
Steele Fair President

However, behind the scenes it has been anything but normal for the past 12 months. The fair has lost nearly 90 years of experience with the departures and deaths of several key players. Just after last year's fair, Terry Wiese, one of the fair's long-time superintendents, died after a short battle with cancer. Within a month of Wiese's death, veteran publicity director Todd Hale announced his retirement after more than 25 years with the fair. Hale has been replaced by Wayne Steele. In October, fair manager Jim Gleason came down with brain cancer and was forced to step down in January. His replacement, Scott Kozelka,

didn't come on board until April. To add even more difficulty to the fair's operations, long-time office helper Sharon Stark died in May. She logged in 56 years of service to the fair by taking care of much of the computer data work of fair exhibits and entries. Her duties are being split by two people in the office. "It's hard. Difficult," said Dan Deml, fair president when asked about the losses the fair has experienced this year. He said this year by far proved to be the most loss the fair has felt in one year. "We've

had some important people to replace," he noted. The fair has been fortunate in having Deml's wife, Vicki, who has been with the fair for more than 20 years in the office, to work behind the scenes to keep things operating. Her sidekick, Sharon Klein, who has 12 years with the fair, has also played a key role in keeping things going. But the hardships encountered by the fair have allowed others to step up and help out. "We all work together," Deml said. "It's not rocket science. We just pitch in and get it done." As Deml closely monitored things behind the scenes throughout the year, he felt like the fair was running



behind and playing catch up for most of the year. That feeling has finally subsided for Deml. "About a week ago I felt everything is coming together," he said. "I felt we were on top of things. I feel we're ready." Through the turmoil of the past year, the fair has managed to assemble several new things for fairgoers to enjoy this year. Some of them include Autocross event in the grandstand Thursday, a new butterfly exhibit, renovations to the Children's FFA Barnyard, new entertainment

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TOP: Josh Wells of Owatonna puts the last minute touches to his Brat Dog stand located near the Children's FFA Barnyard on the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon. Wells will be featuring brats from Steve's Meat Market in Ellendale. "This is our first year. We have high hopes," he said. The Steele County Fair opens today (Tuesday) in Owatonna and continues through Sunday. **RIGHT:** The grandstand features a barn quilt in commemoration of the fair's 100th anniversary this year.

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Start the engines - SMMPA christens new natural gas generators in Owatonna

By **CHRIS BALDWIN**
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Four large cutting-edge natural gas generator sets promise to bring more efficient and reliable energy to the region. The Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency has dedicated a 38.8-megawatt station in Owatonna. Agency officials showed off the

generators during an open house Aug. 8. Claudio Martino, the regional sales director for Caterpillar Energy Solutions, the company behind the machines' construction, explained that this new addition to Owatonna's energy arsenal is "Caterpillar's largest natural gas generator set on the market." He further described the generator set as

"the most efficient," of its type. "Its very, very low cost for this quality of installation," Martino revealed. "It's certainly a low investment for a very highly efficient electricity generator." The Owatonna station is the second application of this modern technology in the United States. The Caterpillar G20CM34 generator set uses pressurized

natural gas to power a "720 RPM, 20-cylinder, natural gas-fired, spark ignited, V-shape, turbocharged and aftercooled engine that allows multiple fast starts per day and achieves high efficiency with low emissions, even in partial loads," Martino said in a statement. "These features make the G20CM34 generator set an ideal solution to

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Iconic sign relit at Lansing Corners

By **HOWARD LESTRUUD**
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, new Lansing Corners owners Tammy and Ward Jenos said, "We want to bring Lansing Corners back to its golden days, but with a modern touch. And, that's exactly what they've done. Beginning this spring, the Jenos worked on getting the sign completely redone with all new neon tubing and lighting. To be located near family, Tammy and Ward, residing in California at the time, decided to return to Minnesota and purchase Lansing Corners, located just west of Lansing. Ward is originally from Medford. "We want the historic character and reputation of years past brought back to the business," Ward said. The neon sign had seen its better days and was no longer functional. "We've fixed it," says Ward, the trend now being toward LED lighting. He emphasizes that he and Tammy want the original look of the sign, the way everyone in the area remembered neon. The project turned out to be more costly than expected, said Tammy. "People in the area deserve to have the sign the way it was originally designed." Lansing Corners Supper Club serves as a restaurant with prime rib, and brought back by

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Lansing Corners has relit the iconic sign that has been a trademark of the popular restaurant for many years.

Memories keep William J. Seykora alive

Friends, relatives have not forgotten

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final part of a three-part series on remembering William J. Seykora, Litomysl soldier killed in Vietnam on April 27, 1968 serving in the U.S. Army. Family and friends of Seykora paid tribute to their fallen family member and friend at a special 50-year anniversary remembrance on July 29 at the Leo Seykora farm in Litomysl.)

By **HOWARD LESTRUUD**
STAFF WRITER

It has been 50 years since a 20-year-old Litomysl soldier was killed in Vietnam while serving in the United States Army. Time has gone by but fond memories of William J. Seykora still are prevalent with family and friends. That remembrance of a family member and friend

was rekindled by a special 50th anniversary get-together near Litomysl on July 28-29. Those memories are kept alive by re-locating clippings and letters about Seykora's impact on family and friends. Songs and poems have been dedicated to Seykora's memory and were shared on July 29 at the Century farm of Leo Seykora, just south of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Litomysl. Seven siblings of Bill Seykora arranged for the sharing of memories about their brother. Sister Ramona Ptacek said the remembrance was held to introduce relatives to William J. Seykora, someone they might never have known. Cousin Paul Rysavy wrote a song, "He Gave His Life for Me" and performed it with the accompaniment of nephew Gabe Rysavy.

Joe Wacek, a best friend of Bill Seykora, was present at the day of remembrance. He shared his love for Seykora and said the two of them enlisted in the Army together.

"He Gave His Life for Me."
Paul Rysavy's Song

Wacek's sister, Donna Wigham, read two poems she wrote to relate the loss her brother felt with the death of Bill Seykora. In the collection of letters, the Seykora family shared a letter from a fellow soldier named Phil. The letter, dated one month after Bill was killed on April 27, 1968, was addressed to Seykora's brother Leo and the Seykora family. The letter writer said he was

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Cooper Seykora, relative of William J. Seykora, pays tribute to William Seykora during a special ceremony at the Leo Seykora farm near Litomysl. Two days of remembrance were held on July 27-28.



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OUR VIEW

Century scene unfolds in Steele County this week

Something special will be floating through the air this week in Steele County.

It's not only the new butterfly exhibit at the Steele County Fair, but also a century old scene at the fairgrounds in Owatonna. That's right the fair marks its 100th anniversary of bringing magic to the residents of the area. The history of the fair actually goes back much longer, but this year the fair celebrates a large milestone at its current grounds. The fair will mark 150 years of existence in a few years.

Residents of Steele County have the luxury of enjoying the largest and best county fair in Minnesota. Many fairs can attempt to make that claim, but it's reality for Steele County.

The accomplishment of being the biggest and best comes as no easy task. For decades, a strong core of volunteers has made it possible for the local fair to succeed in achieving the bragging rights of being the top fair.

Steele Countians have shown incredible ownership and pride in their fair. So many people are willing to drop everything to make sure the fair goes on without a hitch. It's mind over matter in which people have developed the attitude of "not what the fair can do for me, but what can I do for the fair."

An appreciation dinner showcased how important volunteers are to the Steele County Fair Sunday night. More than 200 volunteers were honored for their involvement in the fair. As fair president Dan Deml points out, "They pay you back 100 fold with their labor and expertise."

Behind the scenes the fair endured some major obstacles over the past year in losing several key people that brought many years of experience. However, the fair doesn't seem like it has missed a beat as there have been many more volunteers in the background waiting to jump in and take the place of those who are no longer around.

We hope you can get out to make at least one trip to the fair this week to see all the hard work that has gone into the fair. There is so much to do as the century scene unfolds right before our eyes.



Yes, fairs; but also back to school season



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

With the fairs upon us, it means only one thing. School is just around the corner once again.

Getting back to school is extra special for my 11-year-old daughter this year as she heads into middle school. It's scary for me to think the elementary days are now in the rearview mirror for all my kids.

For the past several weeks my daughter has been bugging me to go school supply shopping. She just couldn't wait to get those school supplies in her hands.

With a busy work schedule lately, it has been tough for me to juggle something more into my schedule. But finally last week we got the job done.

I always hear about how important it is to take a proactive approach and prepare ahead of time instead of putting off the shopping

until the last couple days.

It just amazes me how many supplies she needed. I always thought elementary was the worst years for school supplies, but it just keeps piling on the older you get.

Multiple colored notebooks. Mechanical pencils. Regular pencils. Highlighters. Scissor. Markers. Erasers. Three-ring binders. Folders. Calculator. Wipes. Tissues. Glue. Post Its. Glue sticks. Colored pencils. It seemed like the list wouldn't end.

It doesn't seem to take long for the store shelves to be completely ransacked. For the first time in many years we actually found every item in the same store. In the past we've always had to hit a couple stores in order to complete our list.

Shopping for back-to-school supplies sent me into sticker shock. I didn't realize I would need to take out a loan to go school supply shopping. Well, okay, maybe it wasn't quite that bad, but it sure adds up in a hurry.

The back-to-school season seems to be the harvest season of the retailer. While students are fueling up for the new academic

year, parents are warming up to shell out some big bucks. Some reports suggest that Americans are predicted to spend \$82.8 billion on school supplies and college gear this year.

I didn't realize I would need to take out a loan to go school supply shopping. Well, okay, maybe it wasn't quite that bad, but it sure adds up in a hurry.

As I shopped with my daughter, it brought back memories of my school days. It was fun to put myself in her shoes once again and recall the excitement I always had in wanting to get back to school, though I think she probably beats me out on the excitement-o-meter.

My daughter is stocked up on all the essentials so that she can now meet that first day with relative ease.

Meanwhile, dad will be going in hot pursuit of restocking his pocketbook.

GUEST COLUMN

Making farm and trade policies work for Minnesota

By TINA SMITH

When I came to the Senate in January, I fought for and won a seat on the Agriculture Committee because I know how important agriculture is to creating and supporting Minnesota jobs and our state's economy.

I also know that Minnesota producers have been struggling for several years with a steep drop in commodity prices that has hurt their bottom lines and had a ripple effect on the well-being of businesses and communities across our state.

Americans also are learning what our farmers have long known: trade is important to our nation's prosperity. Unfortunately, for farmers in Minnesota and across the country the current trade wars are only adding to their economic uncertainty by costing them access to important markets, further weakening crop prices, and eroding farm income.

Many have told me that they're nervous that the tariffs the U.S. is imposing on long-time trading partners — combined with our

country's withdrawal from negotiations on future trade agreements — may be doing permanent damage to some of our most important trade relationships. As one worried Minnesota farm leader told Congress recently, "Once you lose a market, it is really tough to get it back."

THE 2018 FARM BILL

I know that the best farm policy is one that ensures Minnesota producers get a good price for their farm products. But years of low prices, worsened by recent trade uncertainties, have made it important for the 2018 Farm Bill to give producers the certainty they need. In short, we have to get the five-year Farm Bill over the finish line and signed into law.

I was very pleased that as a member of the Agriculture Committee, I helped bring a bipartisan bill to the Senate floor, where it passed with an overwhelming 85 votes and included several of my Minnesota priorities. It will spur job creation, trade, and economic and rural development. Importantly, it strengthens key elements of the farm safe-

ty net like crop insurance and other tools to safeguard farmers from unexpected losses. It also adds \$100 million to an improved dairy safety net and focuses that assistance on small- and medium-size farms.

To prepare for this year's Farm Bill debate, I needed to hear from Minnesotans. In March, I brought together my 30-member "Farm Bill Working Group" made up of not only farmers, but also key Minnesota experts on energy, nutrition, conservation, rural development, and forestry, who all have a stake in making sure the Farm Bill works for our state. With their help, my staff and I have since held nearly 40 Minnesota Farm Bill meetings to gather input on Minnesota priorities.

As the Farm Bill negotiations with the House begin, I'm hopeful the final bill will continue to reflect what Minnesotans told me they want to see in it. I'll push negotiators to maintain several provisions I offered or championed, including my work to increase use of renewable energy, and my provision that

expands access to broadband services in rural communities and tribal areas.

The Senate bill also funds my efforts to help younger and non-traditional farmers — including returning veterans — get started in farming, and it responds to my call to preserve the Sugar Program and the thousands of jobs it supports across the Red River Valley.

I also know that Minnesota producers aren't simply concerned about agriculture policy. I often hear how ever-rising health care costs are hurting them and their families. That's why I've taken seriously my leadership post on the bipartisan Senate Rural Health Caucus. And, its why — during Farm Bill negotiations — I worked with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to create a "Rural Health Liaison" at USDA, who will work with other federal health officials to address rural America's unique health care needs. Bringing down health care costs is one of my top Senate priorities.

And there is growing con-

cern in farm country that the U.S.-imposed tariffs are not part of a long-term, coherent national trade strategy. One Minnesota soybean farmer reports that his crop has lost close to \$250,000 in value since our trading partners have retaliated. And he added that the Administration's \$12 billion in taxpayer-funded relief is just "scratching the surface" of the amount of economic damage this trade war has caused. I'm pushing top Trump Administration trade officials to quickly provide a clear plan to minimize the impact the President's tariffs are having on farmers.

Make no mistake, we have a lot of work to do to get our farm economy growing again. I'm committed to pushing policies that raise farm prices, open new markets for U.S. producers, and bring down health care costs for Minnesota families.

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Troms honored as conservationist of year for Mower County

Couple boosts wildlife habitat along Cedar River

About a dozen wild turkeys made their way through former cropland this summer along the Cedar River while Ken Trom walked a portion of his newly seeded conservation land.

After renting land to area farmers for more than 50 years, Trom was seeing the green of oats and more than two dozen other plant species starting to sprout from the earth. Last year, Trom and his wife, Gloria, enrolled the last 96 acres of their cropland in Udolpho Township into the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to convert it back into prairie earlier this summer, providing a large area of new habitat for

numerous types of animals, birds and insects.

“I always had a vision for this land,” said Trom, who bought it in 1961 as part of 120 acres overall and saw the benefits of prairie a few decades ago when about 60 acres was enrolled for a time in a state conservation program.

For their history of conservation efforts, the Troms are being honored as the 2018 Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist for Mower County as given annually by Mower Soil & Water Conservation District’s Board of Supervisors. The award was given Aug. 7 at the Mower County Fair’s opening event.

Located northeast of the village of Lansing, the Troms’ property consists of 152 acres overall, including former crop and pasture land; their home property; and about 45 acres of woods along the Cedar River that attracts lots of wildlife.

“We see deer every day,”

Trom said, with a laugh.

Ken Trom grew up on a farm in Dodge County in the upper end of the Cedar River Watershed before going into agricultural banking in which he worked for 42 years.

In the early 1960s, Trom was keeping office hours each week in Blooming Prairie, Austin and Grand Meadow. That made him seek a more centralized location for a home, which led him to where he and Gloria live today.

Upon purchasing the initial 120 acres, Trom planted five rows of trees on about 3 acres of uphill farmland once a conservation contract for that land ran out. That area now boasts a thick strip of mature trees and bushes, including white pines towering more than 100 feet tall.

While he intended to farm his land, Trom said he always rented it to farmers. He was busy with agri-banking and, in 1967, the Troms also started a landscaping

and tree nursery business at their home that ran until 2001. That business, he said, established many windbreaks in rural areas in Mower, Freeborn, Dodge, Steele and Mitchell (Iowa) counties.

In the mid-1990s, the Troms planted prairie grasses on a former pasture outside their home. That section now attracts numerous monarch butterflies and other species. They also have about a dozen bluebird houses scattered on their property; the Troms counted about 35 baby bluebirds last year.

Trom worked several years ago with the Cedar River Watershed District to construct two stormwater-water retention ponds built along the Cedar River to stabilize deep ravines and treat runoff water. A long-time member of the Austin chapter of the Izaak Walton League, Trom also has advocated at the state Legislature for agricultural conservation.



Ken and Gloria Trom of rural Austin have been named the 2018 Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist for Mower County. They were presented with the honor at the opening night of the Mower County Fair in Austin.

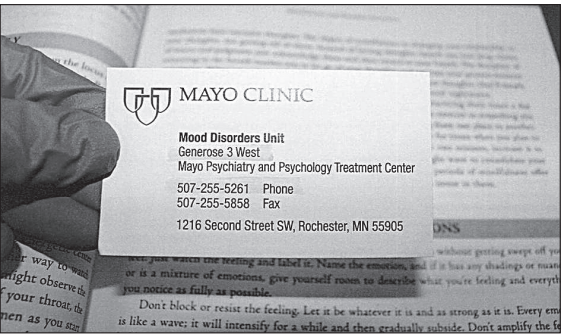
DAVID RIESS MURDER INVESTIGATION

Florida releases more documents in Riess murder case

By RICK BUSSLER
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This is an image of a handgun found in the motel room of Lois Riess in Texas. It's unclear if this was the weapon used to allegedly kill Pamela Hutchinson in Fort Myers Beach. Riess is also suspected of killing her husband David, though no charges have been filed in the Dodge County case.



A business card for the Mayo Clinic's Mood Disorder Unit was found to be used as a bookmark in a workbook of Lois Riess.

Graphic photographs from a murder victim’s hotel room and testimony from several witnesses who encountered an accused killer while she was on run have been released by Florida authorities in the Lois Riess murder case.

Riess, 56, is the Dodge County woman accused of killing Pamela Hutchinson in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Riess is also suspected of murdering her husband in their rural Blooming Prairie home, though she has not been formally charged in that murder.

The Florida State Attorney’s Office released the graphic photos taken inside the Fort Myers Beach condo where Riess allegedly shot and killed a look-alike she met in April

while fleeing from the Blooming Prairie area. Hutchinson’s body was found on April 9 at Marina Village at Snug Harbor. In all about 1,200 images were released in what is the third batch of evidence released since Riess has been locked up in Florida.

The most troubling image revealed a white blouse drenched in blood and Hutchinson’s body facedown with two bullet holes. Authorities also released an image of a gun found, though it’s not clear if it is the actual murder weapon. Previously it has been reported that Riess had two handguns in her possession during her murder spree.

Other vivid images show a bullet hole in the wall of the bathroom where Hutchinson was found, a couple large pools of blood on the bathroom floor and shower and a bloodstained pink baseball cap similar to the

one that Hutchinson had been wearing just days before she was found murdered.

Last week’s release also detailed items collected in Riess’ Texas hotel room. They included a self-help workbook entitled, “Mind and Emotions: A Universal Treatment for Emotional Disorders.”

A page with the headings, “Breathing Mindfully” and “Mindfulness of Emotions” was bookmarked in the workbook. The bookmark was a business card for the Mayo Clinic’s Mood Disorder Unit with the location and phone number highlighted.

A different book had Bible quotes and pages bookmarked with a handwritten note and picture of a woman. One of the pages bookmarked had the quote, “Thou shalt not kill,” on the page, referencing the Bible verses Exodus 20:13 and Mat-

thew 20:18.

Documents detailed an interview with Tess Koster of Blooming Prairie. Koster was in Florida when Riess sought her out. Koster told police she knew Riess for 20 years. After a short 30 second conversation, Riess left and Koster wanted to follow her and call 911, but Koster’s husband reminded her that Riess was likely armed.

Koster tried to call police, but ended up getting sent back to Minnesota and eventually redirected again to police in Florida. Koster estimated it took about 30 minutes before they got someone in Florida to share what they knew about Riess.

In a previous interview with this newspaper, Koster said she is convinced that Riess was scoping out their Florida property in an effort to possibly kill her.

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and a revamped area for children.

Impact Motorsports Promotions, the company that has been presenting the ever-popular Demolition Derby, suggested they bring another one of their thrilling acts to the fair—autocross. It is a competition in which drivers navigate through a defined course.

A circus will be offered on the midway this year. The high thrilling

activities will be featured at 1 p.m. Tuesday, 3 and 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sunday and 2, 5, and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Though the fair is actually much older, it is marking a century on the current fairgrounds. Deml pointed to a barn quilt that will adorn the grandstand as a way to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

“We do the best we can to keep up

the facilities,” Deml said.

Deml expects the impersonators of Danny Devito and Jack Nicholson to be a hit this year. They will be cruising around the grounds for six hours every day throughout the fair.

Asked what continues to make the fair such a success year after year, Deml said it boils down to one thing—the psychology of being a free fair. “There is something about free

that brings people back day after day,” he says.

Deml also credits the wide range of entertainment and activities as being a big draw for people to attend the fair. “We try to have a variety of something for everybody,” he said. “It’s the combination of everything, especially a strong 4-H program and livestock,” he added.

While Deml admits “it’s hard to

keep your arms around everything,” he insists the fair is not trying to do too much. “We have a lot of good people with a lot of experience,” he said.

As the fair kicks into action once again, Deml said he mostly likes watching people enjoy themselves. “It’s just the satisfaction of seeing a popular event coming together and people enjoy coming to it,” he said.

SMPMA: engines FROM A1

provide key ancillary services to the local grid, such as spinning reserve and regulation,” he continued.

With the potential to provide reserve energy should modern renewable sources prove less reliable, the new G20CM34 will be a potent addition to the region’s energy supply. “It can go from zero to full in under eight minutes,” project manager Todd Manchin explained of the technological marvel.

Manchin describes himself as “formerly a Blooming Prairie guy,” and works for SMPMA, through which he was placed in charge of this recent energy project. He sees much potential in the new generator sets ability to supply quick, reliable energy.

“You can’t make the wind blow or the sun shine,” he said of the environmentally sound and renewable resources which this generator set will compliment. “That’s where this can offer a more reliable source.”

According to Manchin, although actual build time was around 12 months, construction of the \$40 million plant began in October of 2015 and was completed in early 2018 when accounting for permit time. It will require a small staff of just four employees.

“All those little towns that are in SMPMA will benefit,” Manchin explained. SMPMA has its headquarters in Rochester and counts 18 member utilities as part of its network. These include towns like Owatonna, Blooming Prairie, and Waseca, among others.

The Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency was created by its members as a not-for-profit joint-action agency in 1977 and utilizes a diverse energy mix of renewable energy, coal, and natural gas-fired generation.

The agency also features an array of innovative products and services to provide reliable and affordable electricity in an

environmentally sustainable manner to its 18 member utilities as well as the nearly 118,000 customers they serve.

“It’s very versatile,” Manchin offered of this new generator set. “It works well in the market, which is the key.” The possibility for supplying neighboring communities with power will be cemented with such a state-of-the-art machine in Owatonna’s wheelhouse.

This new power plant effectively replaces the older energy facility which was damaged by the Straight River flooding of 2010. Now that it’s completed, the new plant will provide power to an estimated 25,000 Minnesota households.

To celebrate its dedication, SMPMA held an open house last Wednesday, where residents could come and see the engines in action. The open house was held from 1:30 until 3 p.m. and culminated in the first ignition of natural gas within the generator sets.

Machines such as this have become part of a trend within energy markets in recent years, with Owatonna’s station now something of a bellwether. Manchin explained that, “more and more people are building these facilities all the time,” including one in Rochester.

“It has all the bells and whistles,” Caterpillar region sales director Martino said of the new generator. “It’s a very flexible generator and can be used in many different conditions.”

The natural gas is pressurized and then transferred to the generator where it is ignited and used to power sets of large pistons, creating energy which can be used or stored. Natural gas generators carry less of an environmental impact than other energy sources, and are noted as a relatively clean-burning fossil fuel system.

In 2013 a set of four G16CM34 generator sets were installed in Fairmont, and based on the success of that installation Caterpillar again



From Blooming Prairie to booming engines, project manager Todd Manchin stands next to one of the huge G20CM34 generator sets. These will be able to provide quicker, more reliable, and more efficient energy to the region.

partnered with SMPMA on the new Owatonna station, which is larger and more advanced than the Fairmont facility.

Each of the four generators will produce 9.7 megawatts of electric generation capacity per generator set, totaling to around 38.8 megawatts. It will be able to work in concert with renewable resources, and as project manager Manchin explained, “this is built to follow wind.”

With the new generator sets installed and ready for operation, residents within SMPMA’s jurisdiction will receive more efficient and reliable energy that carries very limited environmental impact. The new facility is located at 2884 West Bridge St. in Owatonna.

LANSING: sign FROM A1

popular demand, an old favorite, haddock.

Tammy continued, “We want our diners with every day tastes, burgers, fries, etc. but we also provide fancy meals families at home don’t typically eat on a daily basis.”

“Since our opening, we’ve poured everything we have into it and our customers have been just great,” Ward says.

“We are here to stay and this sign is proof this place is loved, by not only us, but by our wonderful customers,” said Ward.

On Aug. 2, Tammy and Ward had a re-lighting ceremony (at 8:30 p.m.). Over the years the sign has been viewed by many drivers going by and regarded as a trademark of a popular restaurant.

Special prices for dinners and for drinks were offered to customers on this special night.

“This place is historic, and the locals love it,” said Ward and Tammy. “Now, everyone can again enjoy this beautiful sign,” they added.

Only four sign companies in the state still do neon signs. LED lighting is reportedly less expensive but Ward and Tammy said their customers deserve the lighting to be as it was originally meant.

Customers have shown much love and support, the Lansing Corners owners report.

“We have been most appreciative of this support and this is our way of giving back,” the Jenos said.

Lansing Corners is located 10 miles south of Blooming Prairie on Highway 218.

To obtain more information, call 507-433-7811, or send an e-mail to lansingcorners@hotmail.com. Go to the Lansing Corners website at lansingcornerssuperclub.com.

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: Police assisted with a missing person in the 1300 block of Cherry St. NE at 2:13 p.m. on Aug. 5

Commissioner's trial set for Monday

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

More than two years after an investigation began into county road work contracts, the trial for a Steele County commissioner is finally set to get underway Monday. A jury trial will get underway Monday in Waseca County for James Brady, 55. Judge Carol Hanks will preside over the trial, which is expected to take two days. Jury selection will likely take most of the first day. There have been a number of attempts to settle the case without going to trial over the past year, but



BRADY

no deal was able to be reached. The trial was set to begin in March, but a last minute motion by Brady's attorney postponed the trial. His attorney sought to have the charges dismissed, but Judge Hanks denied the request. Brady was charged in May 2017 with holding an illegal interest in county contracts while he served as a county commissioner. He was first elected to the board in 2014. He is seeking re-election this fall. The investigation began in 2016 when investigators found that Brady voted for several county road work contracts that at the time employed Brady as a subcontractor or pur-

chased construction materials from a gravel put co-owned by Brady. Olmsted County has been handling both the investigation and prosecution to avoid a conflict of interest with Steele County. Brady said this week he is ready for this to be over with and put to rest once and for all. He previously has said the voters will ultimately make the decision this fall whether he did anything wrong or not. If convicted of the gross misdemeanor charge, Brady could face one year in jail and a fine up to \$3,000.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 30 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Adam J. Balzer, 39, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of a pistol and marijuana and misdemeanor theft. He was sentenced to \$220.99, 180 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation. Jon D. Brown, 45, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony predatory offender registration violation. Brown was sentenced to \$131 and 30 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Cedric A. English, 45, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,073.30, 45 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain and maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 30 – Aug. 3:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Donald J. Logas, 56, Hayfield, DWI, \$406, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Tyler A. Mador, 19, Owatonna, brakes violation, \$141; Michael A. Pittman, 45, Austin, cancelled license, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER
Hassan A. Ali, 27, Faribault, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Paul S. Berg-Drenth, 50, Brandon, FL, speeding, \$121; Frederick P. De Ruiters, 23, Rochester, speeding, \$381; Ismael R. Diaz-Ramirez, 22, Waseca, no license, \$181; Lori L. Foland-Honsey, 45, Roseville, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Dennis J. Hedberg, 43, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Kristen R. Hernandez, 30, Buckeye, AZ, speeding, \$131; Aaron R. Koch, 37, Farmington, speeding, \$121; Arnold L. Ladd, 65, Bloomer, WI, seat belt, \$106; Patrick T. Lyons, 22, Woodbury, speeding, \$121; Mariah B. Lyver, 21, St. Louis Park, no insurance, \$181; Sabra S. Mullenmaster, 29, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Brandon R. Nelson, 29, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Jonathon H. Partridge, 35, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106;

Katlyn A. Ruble, 27, Austin, speeding, \$381; Joel D. Stewart, 28, St. Louis Park, possession of marijuana, \$131; Riley J. Stoltz, 16, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; Cristian A. Vasquez, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Aaron M. Zimmer, 37, Dennison, seat belt, \$106.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Charles A. Brooks, 35, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Raquel T. Castanon, 23, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Joseph M. Davis, 33, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Benjamin J. Ehrich, 25, Owatonna, vehicle noise violation, \$131; Linda L. Gerardy, 69, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131; Jacob T. Harlicker, 19, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Fernando E. Hi, 24, Montgomery, careless driving, no insurance and speeding, \$441; Katie S. Horton, 36, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Jilliana M. Jackson, 25, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$183.24, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, psychological diagnostic assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Nicole M. Jensen, 35, Owatonna, theft, stay of adjudication, diversion program and 1 year of supervised probation; Madison R. Masso, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Jared R. More, 32, theft, \$540 and 25 days in county jail; Lamar C. Sears, 28, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Jessica A. Tilden, 41, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Brandi J. Vieths, 45, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Cheyenne M. Wocelka, 18, Owatonna, theft, stay of adjudication, \$831 and 1 year of supervised probation; Diane M. Wolfe-Plantz, 54, Rochester, speeding, \$381.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Jesse S. Bentley, 27, Blooming Prairie, DWI, \$381, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, substance abuse subtle screening inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Rose A. Gehrke, 20, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Brett M. Keefe, 51, Kasson, speeding, \$121; Caleb S. Kromminga, 18, Elgin, speeding, \$281; Krystina M. Madison, 28, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Jason G. Miller, 47, Waseca, rear lights violation, \$121; Chad M. Nangle, 48, Austin, speeding, \$121; Zeljko Nuhanovic, 46, Medford, revoked license, \$281; Jose L. Reyes, 22, Owatonna, improper change of course, no insurance and revoked license, \$531; Guadalupe P. Rosas, 32, Albert Lea, revoked license, \$281;



Paras H. Shah, 33, Floral Park, NY, speeding, \$121; Paige M. Stewart, 22, Waseca, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE Aug. 3
DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:56 a.m.
Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 3:16 a.m. They issued a citation.
Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:15 p.m.
Theft: At 3:12 p.m., officer took a theft report in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW.
Probation: Officers arrested a subject for violating probation in the 200 block of 18th St. SW at 4:32 p.m.

Aug. 4
Theft: Police received a theft report from the 800 block of 22nd St. NE at 12:59 a.m.
Trespassing: At 5:01 a.m., police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW.
Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 300 block of Wicklow Place NE at 7:59 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Aug. 5
Arrest: Police arrested a juvenile during a traffic stop at Walnut Ave. S. and Mill St. W. at 12:28 a.m.
DWI: Officer made a DWI arrest at Plainview St. SW and Oak Ave. S. at 2:28 a.m.
Warrant: At 6:39 a.m., police made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of School St. W.
Theft: Police arrested a subject for theft in the 500 block of Ashley Lane SE at 6:49 a.m.
Hit and Run: At 1:58 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.
Missing Person: Police assisted with a missing person in the 1300 block of Cherry St. NE at 2:13 p.m.
Fight: Officers responded to a fight in the 400 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 5:50 p.m.

Aug. 6
Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 2400 block of Timberwood Lane NE at 5:30 a.m.
Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of North St. W. at 10:59 a.m.
Fraud: Police took a report of a fraud incident in the 200 block of 16th St. NE at 12:28 p.m.
Warrant: At 8:42 p.m., police made a warrant arrest in the 400 block of Pine Ave. NE.
Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:57 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Aug. 7

Shoplifting: Police made a shoplifting arrest in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 1:56 a.m.
Burglary: Officers responded to a burglary in the 900 block of Grove Ave. S. at 9:32 a.m.
Arrest: Police assisted other agencies with arresting subjects in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW. at 10:49 a.m., the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3:58 p.m. and the 200 block of Woodland Dr. SE at 4:27 p.m.
Arrest: Officer arrested a motorist during a traffic stop on Interstate 35 in Somerset Township at 8:31 p.m.

Aug. 8
Burglaries: Police responded to burglaries in the 1500 block of Prairie Lane NE at 9:20 a.m., the 500 block of 15th St. NE at 1:24 p.m. and the 300 block of Jenny Lane SW at 4:31 p.m.
Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 1:53 p.m.
Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 1900 block of Rosewood Dr. NW at 2:06 p.m.
Arrest: Police arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 400 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 11:46 p.m.

Aug. 9
Burglary: Officers responded to a burglary in the 1000 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 9:17 a.m.
Fraud: At 1:18 p.m., police took a report of a fraud incident in the 3600 block of County Road 45 N.
Theft: A theft occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:34 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF Aug. 4
Theft: At 1:07 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 41000 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township.
Domestic: Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 95000 block of County Road 3 in Somerset Township at 4:13 p.m.

Aug. 5
Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 70000 block of Highway 14 E. in Havana Township at 1:31 a.m.
Domestic: At 11:34 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 31000 block of 168th St. SE in

Summit Township.
Aug. 6
Criminal Sexual Conduct: Deputies began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct on 66th St. NW in Medford Township at 2:15 a.m.
Warrants: Deputies made warrant arrests in the 90000 block of 13th St. SW in Meriden Township at 2:46 p.m. and at the detention center at 6:50 p.m.

Aug. 8
Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 14000 block of 48th St. SW in Somerset Township at 2:01 p.m.
Theft: Deputies received a report of a theft in the 32000 block of 18th St. SE in Owatonna Township at 7:12 p.m.
Warrant: At 9:52 p.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in the 36000 block of 50th St. NW in Clinton Falls Township.

Aug. 9
Probation: Deputies responded to a probation violation in the 19000 block of 168th St. SW in Summit Township at 10:26 p.m.

ARRESTS Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE
Macey Eleanor Misgen, 39, arrested Aug. 4, trespassing, obstruction and violation of conditions of release, held for court.
Kevin Michael Raichle, 35, arrested at 6:16 p.m. Aug. 4, felony fleeing in vehicle, held for court.
Travis Thomas Stigney, 32, arrested at 9:27 a.m. Aug. 4, theft, held for court.
Christopher Stephen Prince, 32, arrested at 9:15 p.m. Aug. 3, probation violation, held for court.
Gary Don Mosley II, 27, arrested at 4 a.m. Aug. 5, DWI, revoked license and no insurance, held for court.
Jacob Dylan Goerdts, 18, arrested at 9:08 a.m. Aug. 5, felony mail theft, held for court.
Yessenia Angelita Galvan, 28, arrested at 9:54 a.m. Aug. 7, domestic assault and assault, held for court.
Cassandra Jo Shakal, 27, arrested at 9:41 p.m. Aug. 7,

CRIME BRIEF

FLEEING MOPED DRIVER NABBED BY POLICE, BUT NOT UNTIL DAYS LATER



RAICHLÉ

A man fleeing on his moped ended up in a chase with Owatonna Police. Kevin Raichle, 35, of Owatonna was arrested Aug. 4 while riding a bicycle in the 600 block of W. Bridge Street. He has been charged with felony fleeing police in a motor vehicle and driving after cancellation, which is a gross misdemeanor. According to police, a sergeant attempted to stop a moped on South Oak on July 24. When the officer activated his red lights, the moped sped off through the parking lot of Hy-Vee and through a gap in a fence. The driver ditched the moped in the street and was last seen running through the neighborhood. Officers were unable to locate him. Using registration information and a very recent breakfast receipt left behind by the driver, officers identified the operator through surveillance video and had been searching for him ever since. Police found him on Aug. 4.

felony drugs, held for court. Jesse Jeremy Bruley, 32, arrested at 7:45 p.m. Aug. 7, apprehension and detention order, held for court. Travis Michael Swartz, 30, arrested at 3:05 p.m. Aug. 8, probation violation, held for court. Rebecca Blair Maas, 35, arrested at 1:15 a.m. Aug. 9, cancelled license, held for court. Derrick Dale Waldner, 27, arrested at 11:18 a.m. Aug. 9, warrant arrest, held for court. Nicholas Ross Richards, 29, arrested at 3:15 a.m. Aug. 10, felony fleeing in motor vehicle, careless driving and speeding, held for court.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF
Mark Anthony Hage, 56, arrested at 7:27 p.m. Aug. 6, indecent exposure warrant arrest, \$100 bail. Tyndall Lee Evans, 25, arrested at 6:26 p.m. Aug. 2, warrant arrest, \$3,000 bail. Matthew Ray Honsey, 30, arrested at 4 p.m. Aug. 2, warrant arrest, \$3,000 bail. Jacob Skyler Farless, 26, arrested at 7 p.m. Aug. 6, warrant arrest, held for court. Jacob Clinton Carlson, 25, arrested at 7:01 p.m. Aug. 7, apprehension and detention order, held for court.

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

1. Brandon Haley – theft – no bail

2. Dean Hall – motor vehicle theft – no bail

3. Cody Halvorson – warrant – no bail

4. Brian Hambly – shoplifting - \$500 bail

5. Brandon Hammond – theft – no bail

6. Steven Hamson – registration violation – no bail

7. Eric Hancock – revoked license - \$1,000 bail
8. Lori Hanson – DWI - \$3,000 bail

9. Trerelas Harris – domestic assault – no bail

10. Robert Haston – DWI - \$1,000 bail

11. Kristine Hazelton – theft - \$300 bail

12. Andrew Heidemann -theft - \$300 bail

13. Nancy Heim – DWI - \$1,000 bail

14. Branden Hendrickson – motor vehicle theft – no bail
15. Misty Herrley – warrant – no bail

16. Faithful Hill – damage to property – no bail

17. Rodney Hill – traffic - \$1,000 bail

18. Thomas Hitchcock – revoked license - \$500 bail

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

20. Jeffrey Hodges – DWI – no bail

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

New payment option on the way for Ellendale utility bills

By DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Ellendale residents will soon be able to pay their utilities bills online.

The Ellendale City Council agreed to start using the govpaynet.com website that will allow resident to pay their bill from the comfort of their own home.

Residents can still stop by at the city office, or however they had in the past, but the new option was added to provide convenience to those who would rather save the trip.

“It’s just another payment option,” council member Stephanie Kibler said. “We were looking for easy payment options for people who wanted to pay by credit card and not come into the office.”

The city is charged nothing for using the service, however, residents will be charged an additional \$1.75 to \$5 for the service.

The council discussed the possibly of eventually having multiple links for different types of payments.

- Approved a permit for 12 feet wide by 24 feet long shed for Mike and Jane Joles.
- City Clerk Lee Ann Højberg informed the council, election filings close on Tuesday, Aug. 14. There is a \$2 fee.
- Højberg said Ellendale’s National Night

Out went well, despite having change the location on the day of the event because of inclement weather.

- Approved the start of painting at the city office, and the color of paint to use in the community center bathroom.
- Change the Aug. 22 codification manual word session to a budget meeting.
- The Ellendale Fire Department will hold their annual pull pork fundraiser and auction on Aug. 22.
- The council also discussed a need to relist the Ellendale Municipal Liquor Store in hopes of finding a potential buyer after the business was recently “losing some steam.” The liquor store was originally listed for \$275,000 when it was first but on the on the market. The council said they will be to drastically lower that asking price to around \$200,000.
- Council approved opening the part-time maintenance job opening to the public.
- Ellendale Maintenance Manager Josh Otto said they are currently waiting on Frontier Communications to come run a phone line down to their lift station. Otto wasn’t pleased with amount of time it has taken Frontier to get someone out to do the job and discussed the possibly of finding another company to take on the job.

Young rock collectors share the fun

By HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

“Rock on with Blooming Prairie’s Rock Band.”

As part of the Blooming Prairie Library’s Summer Reading Program, some young rock collectors gathered together on a recent Wednesday to have some fun collecting rocks.

The young rock collectors met at the Blooming Prairie Library and trekked over to Marion Mast’s residence on the north-west part of town.

Mast is one of the most active “rock hounds” in Blooming Prairie and loves to share his fun with young, aspiring rock collectors.

A few years ago, Mast set up a temporary shop in downtown Blooming Prairie to spark interest in collecting minerals and rocks.

A dozen rock hounds showed up at Mast’s home and had an opportunity to view Mast’s huge collection. He also offered some for sale and gave away some rocks, too.

Samuel Skillestad, a ninth grader at Blooming Prairie High School, was in the group and has been collecting for about three years. His interest in rock collecting was spurred by Mast.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Mason Peterson, 7, is intrigued by this large rock, which is part of a collection of Blooming Prairie rock hound Marion Mast. As part of the Blooming Prairie Library’s summer reading program, youngsters were invited to Mast’s residence recently to talk about rocks.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of July 30 – Aug. 6:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Terry L. Dahl, 38, Hayfield, revoked license, \$280; Carissa A. Drake, 28, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Sierra M. Garcia, 24, Dodge Center, DWI and speeding, \$445, alcohol assessment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; David L. Gosch, 60, Hayfield, DWI, \$1,010, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, Ignition Interlock program and 2 years of supervised probation; Benjamin G. Kinney, 18, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Colby R. Lawson, 23, Kasson, speeding, \$220; Lynn M. Nelson, 57, West Concord, speeding, \$120; Jonas A. Palma, 37, Evans, CO, revoked license, \$280; Kim M. Pingel, 50, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Makenzie L. Zelinske, 26, Hayfield, speeding, \$120.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Zackary A. Boysen, 27, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Bradley J. Kazos, 46, Rochester, revoked license and seat belt, \$305; Anthony J. Lamotte, 28, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Joshua D. Larson, 38, Millville, seat belt, \$105; Kevin D. Moyer, 37, Byron, seat belt, \$105; Shalissa K. Musolf, 22, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Zachary T. Olson, 25, Faribault, speeding, \$130; Thomas R. Schwenke, 41, Stewartville, suspended license and seat belt, \$305; Karyn L. Smith, 58, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Blaine A. Stackhouse, 31, Hayfield, speeding, \$130; Trevor R. Wilcox, 25, Rochester, suspended license, \$280.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Jesus A. Cazares-Fernandez, 21, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Anthony J. Eddington, 27, Brownsdale, revoked license, \$280; Erika L. Gamradt, 33, Dodge Center, speeding, \$120; Kenneth J. Hinkle, 55, Pacific

Junction, IA, seat belt and log book violation, \$155; Jason L. Iverson, 42, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Jon R. Kerr, 34, Kenyon, seat belt, \$105; Parker E. Knapp, 20, Deerfield, WI, speeding, \$120; Billy W. Loveday, 45, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105; Barna G. Pal, 66, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Sherry L. Saxon, 52, Romeoville, IL, speeding, \$140; Stephanie K. Schuette, 42, Waltham, seat belt, \$105; Jolene K. Schultz, 33, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Austin J. Sinning, 20, Pine Island, tires extending beyond fenders and obstructed license plate, \$160.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randy J. Beidelschies, 19, Ave Maria, FL, speeding, \$130.

OWATONNA FIRE

Aug. 3

Medical: Fire rescue assisted with a medical emergency on Cedar St. at 1:56 a.m.

Aug. 5

Carbon Monoxide: Firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide incident in the 1500 block of 44th Ave. NE at 9:17 a.m.

Lock-Out: Fire personnel assisted with a lock-out in the 300 block of Argen Dr. NW at 9:25 p.m.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

“Rock on” was the theme of an afternoon visit by Blooming Prairie Library kids to the residence of Marion Mast, an avid rock collector. Shown from left are: Back Row -- Jason White, Macy White, Lauren Brown, Nancy Vaillancourt, Laura Thomas and Alicia Peterson. Front Row -- Cooper White, Veronica Brown, Levi Skillestad, Mason Peterson, Sarah Brown, Samuel Skillestad and Marion Mast.

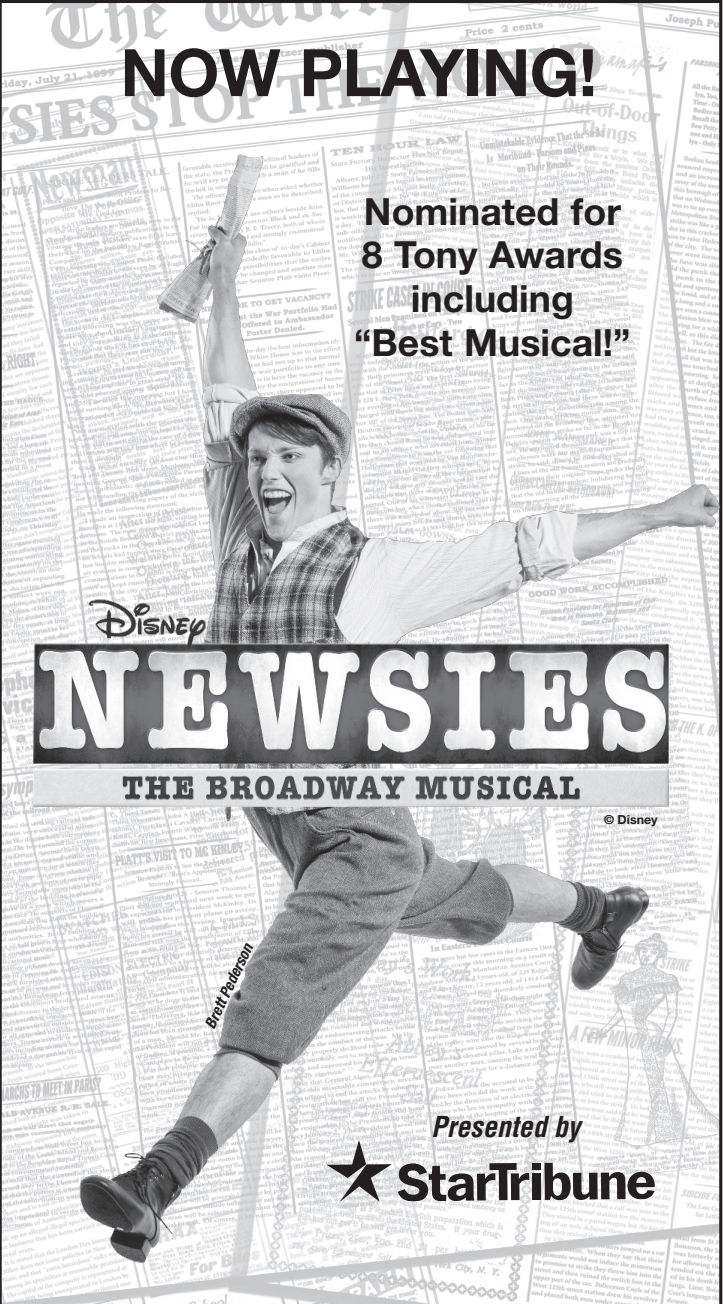


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Local farmer: D.C. lawmakers need to hear directly from producers

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Lawmakers need to hear directly from producers, says area farmer James O'Connor, partner in O'Connor Family Farms, which farms in Dodge, Freeborn, Mower and Steele counties.

O'Connor recently returned from a visit to Washington, D.C. where he and other Minnesota farmers met with members of the United States Congress.

He and others met with U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of the Senate Agriculture Committee and with Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson, House Agriculture Committee senior member. A Minnesota farm delegation also met with U.S. Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota and with other key congressional leaders.

"It was a worthwhile trip, and we were there trying to help out all farmers nationwide," said O'Connor.

O'Connor was there representing Minnesota farmers and also carried the banner of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

"More people need to make visits and to get involved" on behalf of the American farmer, believes O'Connor. "If you're not sitting at the table, you're on the menu," O'Connor quipped.

O'Connor brought home considerable optimism about passing a Farm Bill, possibly to be signed by President Donald Trump in September.

The House and Senate have both passed the Farm Bill with tremendous bipartisan support and have submitted it to a conference committee, O'Connor said.

"The bipartisan support of a

Farm Bill is a "golden nugget," said O'Connor. "Our politicians can actually work together," he added with pleasure.

The Farm Bill will provide a safety net for crop insurance by reducing premiums.

"It's about food security," O'Connor says. He reports that this country has the lowest cost per capita for food in the world with 10 percent going for food. In some countries, the rate per capita is as high as 80 percent.

"Our politicians can actually **work together**"

James O'Connor
Area Farmer

The biggest impetus of the Farm Bill reportedly is directed to food nutritional programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants and Children).

Farmers are also reacting to President Trump's \$12 billion three-part plan that would borrow money from the U.S. Treasury to pay producers of soybeans, sorghum, corn, wheat, cotton, dairy and hogs.

O'Connor is also one of those who says he prefers trade over government help. "We just want a fair market for our crops without government interference," O'Connor said.

The United States Department of Agriculture will also buy the surplus of commodities that would otherwise have been exported and distribute

them to food banks and other nutrition programs. That will cover fruits, nuts, rice, legumes, beef, pork and milk.

A third prong of the plan is to help farm groups develop new export markets.

"This is a short-term solution to allow President Trump time to work on long-term trade deals to benefit agriculture and the entire U.S. economy, stated Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

A recent signing of an European Union agreement will help get free trade flowing again, farmers believe. Many farmers prefer President Trump settling trade disputes with China, Mexico, Canada and the European Union.

"The acknowledgement by the administration that the current trade war is exerting significant financial pressure on our farmers and ranchers is reassuring," commented Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Kevin Paap.

"The Minnesota Farm Bureau strongly believes that farmers prefer to maintain and expand markets for their products first and foremost," continued Farm Bureau President Paap.

"We encourage the administration to limit trade disruptions and resolve trade disputes through negotiations, not tariffs or withdrawals from other



Local farmer James O'Connor recently visited Washington, D.C. with a Minnesota farmers delegation to push for more help for the American farmer. "It was a worthwhile visit," O'Connor said.

trade agreement discussions. Once you lose a market, it is really tough to get it back."

Kevin Skunes, president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), also offered a perspective on the Administration's farm package.

"The NCGA appreciates the Administration's recognition of the harm to producers caused by tariffs and trade uncertainty. The fine print will be important. We know the package won't make farmers whole but look forward to working with USDA on the details and

implementation of this plan."

Minnesota's Harold Wolle, a family farmer, recently was elected to the National Corn Growers board. O'Connor serves on the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council.

Fair trade is extremely important and the Farm Bill also has portions that deal with trade, said O'Connor.

O'Connor planned to participate in Farmfest this week in Redwood Falls where the dialogue on improving conditions for farmers will continue.

How to manage Japanese beetles



On The Farm
CLAIRE LACANNE

Homeowners in Steele and Rice counties have encountered Japanese beetles (Popillia japonica) feasting on their plants this year. Japanese beetle has been a pest for the last several years, but several homeowners have commented that they seem particularly bad this year.

Japanese beetles are metallic green and copper in color, and are a type of scarab beetle. They've been an issue in the Twin Cities Metro area for several years, and are now invading southern Minnesota. The adults will feed on the leaves of over 300 species of plants and the pattern they leave behind on leaves they've munched is distinctive. They eat a lacey or "skeletonized" pattern between leaf veins. Japanese beetle damage can be bad for a plant if the total defoliation is severe, or if the beetles strike year after year. Otherwise, the damage is largely cosmetic.

Homeowners and gardeners have observed particularly

zealous Japanese beetle feeding on rose bushes, linden (basswood) trees, grape vines, and hibiscus, and this year, soybean. In addition to adult beetles devouring many different plant species, their larval stage (grubs) can impact turf grass. Keeping ahead of Japanese beetles early on is important; when the first beetles feed, the damaged leaves put out chemical signals that attract more beetles. The better you can minimize beetle feeding at the start, the longer it will take the beetles to cause damage.

Japanese beetles are most active and abundant in July and August, but some individuals will remain active into fall. Deciding whether to treat plants will be contingent on how many of the leaves are still intact. If a majority of leaves have already been chewed up, spraying does not help protect the plants at that point. It's worth treating plants if the majority of leaves are still intact. We are seeing lower populations now though, indicating that the adults are laying their eggs, dying, and ramping down for this year.

It can be difficult to manage Japanese beetles. If you find only a few beetles, handpick them off of plants and kill them by dropping them into a pail of soapy water. Physical barriers like cheesecloth or mesh can also be effective protection. If removing them

by hand or using a physical barrier is not possible, there are several insecticide choices.

Although popular, the use of Japanese beetle traps is not effective. While the traps often capture an impressive number of beetles, research has shown that when these traps are used in home gardens, damage is not reduced but in fact, likely increases. The traps are useful for monitoring Japanese beetle populations, but not decreasing damage.

As you consider your management options, keep

in mind that Japanese beetle damage doesn't usually affect plant health, mostly just their looks. Healthy and mature plants are probably not going to be killed from one year of feeding, however, young trees and recently transplanted or stressed plants should be protected from any additional damage.

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

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MN Crop Report

Hot, dry weather prevailed across most of Minnesota with only isolated precipitation during the week ending August 12, 2018, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Field activities for the week included harvesting small grains, cutting hay and spraying for aphids.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 16 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Sixty-five percent of the corn has reached the dough stage, one week ahead of average. Corn denting was at 12 percent, 6 days ahead of average. Corn crop condition rated 77 percent good to excellent. Virtually all of the soybean crop was blooming with 92 percent setting pods, 11 days ahead of average. Soybean condition fell slightly to 73 percent good to excellent.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days suitable.....	6.2	5.5	4.6	5.3
	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture	8	20	66	6
Subsoil moisture	6	16	67	11

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley	0	3	20	56	21
Corn	2	5	16	52	25
Dry edible beans	3	3	18	44	32
Oats	1	3	27	54	15
Potatoes, all	0	1	6	38	55
Soybeans	2	5	20	52	21
Spring wheat	0	1	20	54	25
Sugarbeets	3	6	18	14	59
Sunflowers, all	0	1	26	54	19
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History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago

Aug. 12, 2008

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

This past week, Arkema hosted area science teachers for a four-day science program. The teachers were paired with Arkema's finest scientists to explore the contents of their grade-specific, professionally-designed science kits provided by Arkema. Blooming Prairie teachers Matt Harvey and Marilyn Meshke will replace a whole chapter in the science program by bringing these kits back to their classrooms for the students to work with.

Bill and Margaret Noble are only the second owners of their 100-year-old home in Blooming Prairie. They purchased the home in 1969 from Margaret's great-uncle, T.C. Cashman. Construction on the house began in 1908 and was finished in 1910. The Nobles have done some remodeling; including tearing out the carpet, enclosing the back porch, and adding siding. The architecture is very exquisite, and the house looks just as good as it did a century ago.

The Blooming Prairie Awesome Blossom Football team has been preparing for the upcoming season since July 25th, when "Captains' Practice" kicked off. This year's BP varsity captains are Matt Zellmer, Josh Johnson and Jaimie Willette. These practices include stretching and running plays. The first official practice with coaches was Monday, August 11. The new season kicks off Friday, August 29th, 7 p.m. at home against NRHEG.

20 Years Ago

Aug. 11, 1998

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Joseph Skala, a retired Blooming Prairie farmer, is now involved in a second farm in a family for 100 years or more. His son, Tom, and his wife, Lisa live on the farm Joe grew up on in rural Blooming Prairie. An older son, Ron lives on Joe's wife's family farm, which received century status in 1996. This time, it is Tom's turn to receive the century award, which will be presented next week at the Steele County Free Fair.

Jaycee Park has been subject to some vandalism this summer, according to Police Chief Paul Wayne and City Administrator Mike Rietz. Central Park also continues to see damage to the pavilion. Toilets are often plugged, tissue rolls are thrown about, and graffiti calls for re-painting. At this point, city officials have decided any more vandalism at Jaycee Park will force the restrooms to be closed unless there are reservations made for an event.

50 Years Ago

Aug. 8, 1968

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

The 1968 Steele County Free Fair will open the gates for the 50th annual edition next Tuesday. All concession space has been allotted and entries at this year's fair are expected to be at an all-time high. The Fair Board is making plans to accommodate a total attendance of over 225,000. Many special features are being planned in addition to the regular attractions, and over \$14,000 will be awarded to prize-winning entries.

75 Years Ago

Aug. 12, 1943

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Approximately 40% of the 4000-acre hemp acreage planted for Blooming Prairie's mill, have been found to be too poor for processing after an inspection made last week by C.J. Otten, agronomist for War Hemp Industries, Inc. Due to heavy rains, some fields have made no progress in the past few weeks. It is decided that hemp less than three feet in height will not be milled.

Mary Winn, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winn, of Blooming Prairie, barely escaped death in an auto collision that occurred six miles south of town at the intersection of the Waltham-Red Oak Grove church on Highway 218 Tuesday morning. Winn suffered chest injuries and facial lacerations after being thrown through a window when the car rolled over in the ditch. She was rushed by ambulance to St. Olaf's hospital in Austin and is currently making satisfactory progress there.

Where Seniors Can Get Help With Home Chores and Small Jobs

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Dear Looking,

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Finding Qualified Help

One of the best ways to find qualified, reliable, trustworthy people that can help with home chores and other small jobs is through referrals from people you trust. But if your friends or family don't have any recommendations, there are a number of online companies you can turn to now like TaskRabbit.com and Takl.com.

These are on-demand service companies that can quickly and easily connect you to skilled workers to handle a wide variety of household chores and small jobs, like cleaning and housekeeping, moving and packing, lawn and yard cleanup, handyman tasks, grocery shopping, running errands, furniture assembly, picture hanging, closet organizing, and much more.

TaskRabbit currently has more than 60,000 Taskers (workers) in 47 U.S. cities, while Takl currently serves 75 U.S. cities with around 35,000 workers.

All you need to do is download their app, or go to their website, and select the service your mom wants done and set a time when she would like the worker to show up. The software then matches your request and provides you a list of qualified, feedback rated workers (including their hourly rate) from which to choose. Once the job is complete, payment is done through the company's app.

You should also know that all TaskerRabbit and Takl workers have to go through a thorough vetting process before they can join their respective company including extensive background checks.

If, however, you can't find a skilled worker through TaskRabbit or Takl, or if they don't serve your area, another option is Amazon Home Services at Amazon.com/services. Like TaskRabbit and Takl, Amazon will connect you to qualified workers that handle dozens of household chores and other small jobs.

Amazon also screens all workers through media searches, online interviews, reference checks, and background checks. And all experts need to have licenses and insurance.

Political campaign signs not permitted on state highway rights of way

Placement of campaign and other advertising signage on any highway rights of way is not allowed under state law, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. All state, county, city and township roads and highways fall under the same state law.

Highway rights of way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections. Landowner consent is needed before signs are placed on private property outside of the right of way.

MnDOT crews are required to remove unlawfully placed signs and impound them at one of its local maintenance truck stations.

Violation of the law (Minn. Stat. 160.27) is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties also may apply if the placement of signs contributes to a motor vehicle crash and injures a person or damages a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

The Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act (Minn. Stat. 173.15) also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features. When improperly placed signs are removed by MnDOT, every effort is made to temporarily store the sign and notify the owner where the signs can be retrieved.

For information about the proper placement of campaign signs or where to retrieve signs, contact the local MnDOT office at 507-286-7500 in the Rochester area and 507-446-5500 in the Owatonna area. See also mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html.

When placing signs, the best way to avoid an emergency or unintentionally striking an underground facility is to call 811 before digging, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Go to the GSOC website and request that underground utilities be marked near the area of the digging.



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Need a Tradesman

If your mom primarily needs of a tradesman like a plumber, electrician, painter, roofer or carpenter for home repairs or remodel projects, you should also check HomeAdvisor.com and AngiesList.com. Both of these sites can connect you with prescreened, customer-rated service professionals in your area for free.

Senior Specific

Another option you should know about is AskUmbrella.com, which is a fee-based membership service for seniors 60-plus that provides qualified, vetted workers to do small jobs in and around the house for only \$16 per hour. Currently available in New York, they are expanding nationally over the next year.

Lower-Income Option

If your mom is on a tight budget, you should also contact her nearby Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116), who can refer you to services in her area, if available. For example, some communities have volunteer programs that provide chore and handyman services to help seniors in need. And some local non-profit's offer residential repair services that offer seniors minor upgrades and adaptations to their homes.

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.

Recipe Corner

Grilled Chicken Skewers

Serves 6

- 6 boneless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon dry oregano
- 1 teaspoon turmeric

Toss the chicken with all the other ingredients and let marinate in the refrigerator for 4 hours (up to 24 hours is ideal). Thread chicken evenly onto 6 wooden or metal skewers. Prepare a grill on medium-high heat and grill the skewers for about 5 minutes per side, until chicken is cooked through.



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OBITUARIES

Patricia Rohne, 79, Waseca



Patricia I. ‘Patti’ Rohne, age 79 of Waseca, died Saturday morning Aug. 4, 2018 at the New Richland Care Center in New Richland.

Patricia Irene Crandell was born Nov. 15, 1938 in Hayfield, to John and Irene (Freiert) Crandell. She attended school in Hayfield, graduating from Hayfield High School in 1957. She contracted polio at a young age and was left with foot and leg problems.

On March 15, 1980, Patti was united in marriage to Richard M. Rohne at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Waltham. A very accomplished seamstress, she designed and made her own wedding dress. Patti remained a dedicated wife to Richard for nearly 40 years. Over the years, Patti held different jobs including at Dayton’s in the metro area and in the deli at Erickson’s Grocery in Waseca. She was a very quiet person by nature, and she loved all animals, especially cats and dogs. Patti was a talented singer and enjoyed singing in school, church choirs and the ‘Celebration Singers’ in Waseca. Her final years were spent as a resident of the care center in New Richland where Richard ensured she received good care and faithfully visited her nearly every day.

Patti will be missed, but never forgotten by her loving family and many friends.

Survivors include her husband Richard M. Rohne of Waseca; two step-daughters; three step-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren; brother Larry Crandell of Farmington; two nephews, Steve Crandell and Larry J. Crandell.

Patti was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018 at the Worlein–Blooming Prairie Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Johnson officiating. Interment was at First Lutheran Cemetery, Blooming Prairie. A light lunch followed the burial at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club.

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

Jimmie Ahles, 78, Austin



Jimmie A. Ahles, age 78 of Austin, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018 at his home in Austin.

Jimmie Allen was born Feb. 17, 1940 in Stearns County to Cornelius and Voila Marie (Laws) Ahles. As a child Jimmie’s family moved to Blooming Prairie, where he attended school.

On Aug. 5, 1961, he was united in marriage to Elaine D. Langerud in Beloit, Wis. Jimmie and Elaine made their home in Austin, and were blessed with two children. Over the years Jimmie worked as a bartender, and later for various companies in the Austin area including Weyerhaeuser, QPP, before retiring from Ankeny’s # 5.

He loved driving his Cadillacs, enjoyed traveling, camping, gambling, deer hunting, collecting guns, and attending the annual Well’s Gun Show. Jimmie was very interested and knowledgeable in both Civil War and Titanic history.

He is survived by his children Deborah Van Syoc of Waterloo, Iowa, and Dean (Chera-Lynn) Ahles of Austin; five grandchildren McKala, McKinze, Alyssa, Drew, and Hailey; three great-grandchildren Izaiah, Lincoln, and Kashton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; other relatives and friends, and his faithful companion Harry. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Elaine on June 19, 2010.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 at the Worlein Funeral Home Chapel in Austin with Pastor Dave Simerson officiating. Interment was at Grandview Cemetery in Austin.

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

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NANCY VAILLANCOURT

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- Create a Craft will take place on Thursday, August 16 at 2 p.m. for ages 6 & up.
- There are two more movies at 1 p.m. on Mondays, Aug. 20 & 27.

- Storytimes will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays Aug. 21 & 28.
- Our final Pony Tales of the year will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22.
- Teens who have participated in our reading program are invited to our Teen Tournament and Pizza Party at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28. We will be recognizing the teens who have read 1,000 pages or more this summer.
- The last Book Fair of the summer will be from 1-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23. As long as you have read at least 20 minutes per day for 10 days, you can choose from our Scholastic books.
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In this world, we live with change

Before the trade deadline in professional baseball on July 31, 2018, the Minnesota Twins traded Brian Dozier. Brian was a gold glove award winner, homerun hitter and leader of the clubhouse Bible Study. The general managers decided to trade him to the Los Angeles Dodgers. What a mistake! If the Twins would have hired me as the team chaplain I would have counseled them to never trade Brian Dozier.

I have been a Twins fan since 1961, when my Dad took me to the first games at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington. He would get me out of school occasionally to go to a game. My father believed baseball was as important as school. I did the same with my son and took him out of school occasionally to watch the Twins. The Dozier trade was as upsetting as when former owner of the Twins Calvin Griffith released Saint

Harmon Killebrew in 1975 to play his last year with the Kansas City Royals. I was very upset with this change and then later in the year, Harmon's last baseball card came out showing him batting in a Royal's uniform. What a tragedy!

But, change is like that as we seek long term stability in this life! As I go through life I know change is coming. I have figured out that the only thing that doesn't change is God! So, when

change overtakes my soul, I go to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer for a prayer that comforts me. Here it is from page 133:

"Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

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SEYKORA: not forgotten

FROM A1

only 10 feet from Bill when he was killed. The letter reads: “He (Bill) was killed instantly, taking a direct hit from a B-40 rocket.”

Soldier Phil said he wanted to share circumstances surrounding Bill’s death because he was told the Army does not usually tell relatives about what actually happened.

“Silent **tears flow** from his eyes.”

Donna Wigham
Sister of Seykora’s Best Friend

Phil told about battling the North Vietnamese Army over a period of six days and nights. On the third day, “our platoon set out on a patrol-like we all knew they are waiting for us; we also knew that we were going to have casualties.”

“We had gotten about 20 to 30 meters outside the perimeter we had no cover, some small trees, that’s all. The NVA opened up on us with machine guns, AK47s, B-40 rockets. Bill was the first to fall, the rocket that killed him wounded seven men, two

seriously.

“I was wounded in the leg and hand. We tried to fight them off, but we lost more men, so we started to carry the wounded back first when we got all the wounded back to the perimeter we started to get the dead. The NCA hit us hard again and we took seven more casualties. . .

“We had to leave the dead soldiers out all night about 20 meters from us. I know that must sound terrible. . the next morning four men from our platoon went out to get Bill without weapons, just a stretcher. This time we took no fire or incoming rounds.”

Phil’s platoon was pulled back and left on helicopters. Thirty-six B-52 bombers came in and demolished the area, no North Vietnamese left on the hill.

Phil continued: “I want you to know that we all loved Bill very much and that he died immediately and felt no pain. . He talked often of his family of which he was very proud. . .”

The bond between Joe Wacek and Bill Seykora is clearly illustrated by Joe’s sister Donna Wigham’s two poems, “Friends,” written soon after Seykora’s death and “Silent Tears” written on the 50th anniversary of Bill’s death.



STAFF PHOTOS BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Sgt. William J. Seykora is remembered 50 years after he was killed in Vietnam. A special remembrance was held at his brother’s farm near Litomysl on July 28-29.

SILENT TEARS

Year after year he vista a grave. Longing for the smile and laughter of his best friend. Losing someone so special and not being able to say goodbye.

The once young man has now aged. He is a husband, father and grandfather. Life has been good to him. And yet he remembers Bill.

Everyone has a best friend. Hie was killed in Vietnam. A long time ago--seems like only yesterday. But he remembers always.

Another birthday, another Memorial Day Another visit to the grave. Silent tears flow from his eyes. He places an American flag on his grave and a cluster of poppies.

Wiping tears from his sad face. He looks to the sky His expression says -- Oh God I just miss my best friend!

-- Donna Wigham

FRIENDS

In a small farming community, two little boys form a friendship. A bond no one can break.

They play and share each other’s dreams. Life is good for these two friends. Young men they will become! They attended a little school together. Their friendship it will last.

High school takes them in different directions, their friendship still intact. They go uniting together, play sports and even double-date. They graduate high school; their lives’ journey just begins.

A war is raging in a far away land -- so they enlist in the Army together. They will serve their country proudly.

In a far away land, thousands of miles from home, a young soldier dies. Bravely, he gave his life for his country. He did his very best.

Back home, a grieving family awaits his return, the other one still fighting inn the land so far away.

He receives the devastating news one of his best friend’s death. He cries uncontrollably. His sorrow will never end. Memories rush through his head. He’ll remember him always.

His tour of duty is soon over, he returns to our great land. He needs to pay his respect to the best friend he once had.

Kneeling at the grave, his name forever etched in stone. He weeps for a hero, who never made it home. A best friend gone but not forgotten. Memories keep him alive!

-- To my brother Joe in fond memory of Bill -- Donna Wigham.



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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

It was a nice, sunny day for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group’s 5K Run/Walk as part of Paint Blooming Prairie Pink. Team Prihoda participated in the annual event. The late Jim Prihoda is pictured at center. Prihoda passed away earlier this year.

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It’s never too soon to start practicing for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group “Running Over Cancer” event planned for Saturday, Sept. 8.

This event is an annual highlight of the BP Cancer Group’s busy weekend of Find a Cure for Cancer weekend.

Race chair Mandy Doocy is already recruiting runners for the fun event, which allows entrants to either run or walk over a 5K course.

For signups or questions, e-mail bpcancergroup@gmail.com or call Mandy at 507-530-5084. Runners/walkers can also find more details on Feacebook. Look for BP Cancer Group “Running Over Cancer” 5K

Run/Walk.

The run will take place on the corner of Main Street and Highway 218 at the Field of Flags.

Same day registration begins at 9 a.m. with the run/walk starting off at 10 a.m. The Blooming Prairie Police Department will be directing traffic at key intersections of the run/walk.

Entry fee is \$15 for run only, \$15 for t-shirt only and \$25 run with t-shirt. “Children under 10 are free. Deadline to guarantee a t-shirt is Aug. 29.

Entry fees include hydration station on the course, post-race refreshments and prizes. Medals will be awarded to the first 50 finishers.

A walk/run drew about 70 participants last year.

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Joining forces to unite communities



Ellendale: National Night Out makes city one

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Like many communities around the country Ellendale celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The event was move from Ellendale City Park to the Community Center after some rain earlier in the day. “This is where the community gets to be one,” Steele County Sheriff Lon Thiele said. “What I mean by that is public safety gets to spend time with community and the kids get to see what public safety is whether it’s a ambulance, fire truck or a squad car. Children are able to get into the vehicle, see what it’s like and see all the equipment inside. It’s a good interaction with the community all the way through.”

A unique thing about Ellendale’s NNO was the amount of children who were out playing with friends, saw there was something happening at the community center and rode the bicycle right up to the event to see what was going on.

The youngsters were elated to explore the fire truck, sheriff cruiser and ambulance that were on display. As well as enjoy some of the complimentary snacks and goodies.

Thiele said there have been many times where he’s met and formed a relationship with someone new at NNO and then later that person sees him out and they don’t hesitate to approach him with concerns or to just talk about the news.

“That’s what it’s all about,” he said. “We have great communities inside Steele County and events like this help us stay so connected with each other.”

Ellendale Fire Chief Logan Busho said it nice to have an event where the relationships and bonds can be formed with the community.

“You’re not trying to fund raise, you’re not trying promote anything,” he said. “It’s just a night of getting

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DENNIS MARSHALL AND CHRIS BALDWIN

Residents from all over Steele County came together to unite their communities Aug. 7 during two large celebrations—National Night Out and Night to Unite. Top left: Sheriff Lon Thiele talks to some residents at a community celebration in Ellendale. Top right: Nevin Schroeder and Morgan Masche helped mind the grill during last week’s celebration in Owatonna. They cooked up a bevy of brats and burgers for all the hungry neighbors. Bottom left: Ellendale firefighter Frank Altrichter gave area kids a tour of a fire truck. Bottom right: Kayedence Quillen, Kyah Quillen and Jozie Johnson had the opportunity to see the inside of a Steele County Sheriff’s patrol car during the Ellendale festival. Above photo: Kids and residents squeeze together for a group photo at a neighborhood party on East Park St. for Owatonna’s Night to Unite. Emergency personnel standing in back from left to right are: Charlie Seykora, Leila Kath and Willie Grubish, all with Owatonna Fire, and Neal Conyers, paramedic with Owatonna Gold Cross.

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

For Owatonna citizens last Tuesday’s Night to Unite was a perfect opportunity to get to know their local police and emergency workers as neighborhood parties hosted by residents were spread across the community.

As the evening wore on over 25 different neighborhoods came together to show support and share stories with local police officers and

emergency personnel. The event was a great way for citizens to voice their opinions, and get to hear from those who protect their communities.

Keeping with tradition, police and emergency responders attended the varying parties dispersed throughout Owatonna in an effort to further solidify the city’s close-knit community and familiarize residents with their local law enforcement and public safety officers.

According to Janet Bauer and DeAndra Schroeder, it was a perfect chance to meet some of their neighbors and to show the

neighborhood kids the value and importance of our public safety workers. “It’s great to have all of them come here,” said Bauer, who co-hosted a party between 216 and 222 East Park St. in Owatonna with Schroeder.

“We just called the Owatonna police and let them know what we were going to be doing and they were all for it,” Schroeder said of organizing the event. She also invited Owatonna’s Gold Cross paramedics via the mail.

Although Gold Cross made a stop there along with an officer from

SEE OWATONNA NIGHT TO UNITE, B2

Pawlenty visits Owatonna for community roundtable

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Minnesota governor and current gubernatorial candidate Tim Pawlenty visited Steele County on Aug. 6 to campaign ahead of this fall’s election.

“I’m running for office this time not because I need the title, I already have it,” Pawlenty said. “I’m running because I think I have the strength and experience to sit in there and take the hits to get stuff done.”

Pawlenty said he has no other political ambitions. “It takes a strong, effective leader,” he said. “All I want is to be governor one more time and try to get these things done for the State of Minnesota: that’s tax relief, drive down healthcare premiums and try to get our schools modernized.”

Pawlenty said the trip was obviously about campaigning, but he also just wanted to listen.

“We are thinking about Minnesota’s future in terms of the quality of life we have and preserving it and enhancing

it in our great state, and there is a lot of ingredients to that,” he said.

Pawlenty discussed a plethora of issues facing the state and the nation including healthcare, tax relief, workforce education, energy, jobs, President Donald Trump, biggest concerns for the state, position of Minnesota becoming a right-to-work state, the push for a higher minimum wage, priorities for greater Minnesota, transportation, school, his potential opponent and more.

SEE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE, B2



STAFF PHOTO BY DENNIS MARSHALL

Former Minnesota governor and current gubernatorial candidate Tim Pawlenty, right, visits the Owatonna Public Library on Monday, Aug. 6 for a community roundtable.

Fair is a wonderful time of year



Steele Talkin'
TRACY IGNASZEWSKI

Fair – need I say more? What a wonderful time of year! This is one of the BIGGEST highlights in a 4-H’ers career. So why is the county fair such a grand event to all these 4-H’ers? Well folks, it is not the cotton candy, the mini doughnuts or the latest on a stick. This is their time to show what they have accomplished, learned, created or raised for the year. That is why I just love the County Fair!

Let me take a few minutes to share some of the 4-H must see at the fair this year! New in our 4-H Exhibit Building this year, you will find the Food and Farm display where youth can explore a dairy parlor; a corn field or a machine shed. They can also test out their skill of farming with the “My American Farm” app. If you really want to see the animals up close you can participate in the 4-H scavenger Hunt.

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the 4-H Scavenger Hunt on Friday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This scavenger hunts provides youth an opportunity to learn about agriculture as they enjoy the SIGHTS and SOUNDS of the fair. Youth participating in this scavenger hunt will learn about products grown and raised on Minnesota farms. Youth can pick up passports and activity sheets at the 4-H Exhibit Building anytime between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. The passport contains agricultural questions. As youth tour the livestock exhibits, they will find specifically placed posters containing the information necessary to complete the answer. Also, in the barns they will find Jr. Fair Board Members with activities for the youth to participate in. Once the passport is completed, you can return it to the 4-H Food Stand where youth completing the activities will be rewarded for their efforts.

While you are in the 4-H Exhibit Building don’t forget to check out all the exhibits. These exhibits are all created by local 4-H’ers. Wow, the talent we have!

It’s not too late to have a County Fair experience. I am inviting each and every one of you to the Steele County Free Fair. Stroll through the 4-H Exhibit Building to see all the 4-H’ers hard work. Take in a livestock show that you have already wanted to watch. Whatever it is, enjoy and think about all the knowledge these fine youth have gained and experienced.

Tracy Ignaszewski is the 4-H program coordinator for Steele County. Steele Talkin’ is a column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.

OWATONNA NIGHT TO UNITE: *together*

FROM B1

Owatonna Police, the main attraction for the neighborhood kids was seeing a fire truck come rolling up and getting to take a look inside at all the equipment they use to tackle fires.

“They opened their truck and showed the kids inside. It was cool,” Schroeder said. Charlie Seykora, Willie Grubish, and Leila Kath of Owatonna Fire were more than happy to visit with the neighborhood residents on hand.

Seykora saw this as a perfect opportunity to show reciprocal support towards the community he serves. “We enjoy being able to give back the support,” Seykora said. “As well as be able to be in a situation that’s not an emergency.”

“It’s good to take the opportunity to give back in a positive way and do a little educating while we’re at it,” Seykora affirmed. “We have two trucks out today and we’re going to try and hit as many neighborhoods as we can.”

One of the reasons the event was important to Seykora and his fellow colleagues was the sense of community. “I grew up here and raised my family here. I love Owatonna and to be able to serve in a capacity like this is important to me.”

They also enjoyed seeing the kids get a chance to take a look inside the truck. “We’re just big kids at heart and we like interacting with the community,” Seykora said.

“I think it was very beneficial for the kids, a hundred percent,” said Bauer of the Owatonna

ELLENDALE: Night Out

FROM B1

people out of the house to do something fun.”

Busho and the rest of the EFD were on hand to show the ins and outs of the fire truck that was on displayed.

The EFD also handed out Ellendale Fire Chief helmets that were donated by a member of the community.

“The big thing is just getting the people in the community to come out and join together for night of celebration,” Busho said. “Having people come out and being able to show them the things we use and stuff we do is enjoyable.”

The Ellendale Lions Club donated its time to help at the event.

Ellendale Lions Club President Allie Larson said the organization tries to do as much as they can for the community.

Arkema reports to the community

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Michael Green, plant manager at Arkema, reported to the Arkema Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) at a recent regular meeting held at the Blooming Prairie City Center.

Green joined the Arkema management team in early June.

Utilizing a Power Point presentation, Green said Arkema recently received the Minnesota Governor’s Safety Award for the fourth consecutive year.

Arkema also earned an American Chemistry Council (ACC) Safety Award in May for its 2017 performance.

Green reported that on Sept. 4, 2018, Arkema’s Blooming Prairie plant will reach nine years without lost time due to injury.

Loan Trinh of Arkema reported on various plant drills held in recent months. Two emergency drills were held with the help of local emergency responders, Trinh said.

Three drills were held in April, one with external agencies and two regarding spills. Three local firefighters participated in that drill along with Emergency Response Team employees from Arkema.

Arkema also implemented a Contractor Safety Day in



Safety is behavior based at Arkema, Inc. in Blooming Prairie. Plant Manager Michael Green gave the Citizens Advisory Panel an update Aug. 8 on activities at the local Arkema plant.

connection with World Safety Day on April 26. Commitment to safety cards were signed by outside contractors and by Arkema, Trinh and Green said.

Safe-based behaviors are emphasized, Green pointed out. “At Arkema, we observe others and learn how to do our work in a better and safe way,” Green said.

The Blooming Prairie Arkema plant received a \$500 award for most improvement in key safety behaviors.

Arkema continues to support community endeavors, Green said. For example, Arkema contributed \$500 to the BP Cancer Group, donated \$500 to the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial and gave a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Blooming Prairie senior.

Arkema engineers

participated in a Science Teacher Program Aug. 6-8 with area science teachers.

Blooming Prairie was represented at the elementary level by second and fourth grade teachers. Southland was represented by second grade and middle school staffers. The University of Holton School at Austin as also part of this science program.

Green said kits were distributed to teachers on the following subjects: soils and minerals, biology and electricity and magnetism.

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ROUNDTABLE: Pawlenty visits

FROM B1

Pawlenty said there is a lot of frustration around the rising cost of healthcare.

“Since Obamacare passed, health insurance premiums in the individual market have went up 178 percent,” he said. “But it is particularly prominent in the small group and the individual market. These are folks who are not in the government program and not in the larger employer group plans. They tend to be entrepreneurs and small business owners. They are getting hammered and we need to bring some relief forward.”

Pawlenty said it makes perfect sense for small group to be able to pool together to purchase healthcare.

“Why would we not allow that,” he said. “We should absolutely allow that.”

Pawlenty said one of his other concerns about healthcare is that there is a near monopoly of healthcare providers and health plans in certain parts of the state.

“We need more competition in the marketplace,” he said. “One way to do that is allow people to buy insurance from other state as long as they meet the requirements of Minnesota consumer safety. “I don’t see any reason why you shouldn’t be able to pay health insurance across state lines.”

When the topic of energy was presented, Pawlenty said America’s energy story has changed rapidly in the last 10 years.

Pawlenty said when he was governor there was a fear that the United States was going to run out of oil and natural gas.

“There was a significant push to diversify the energy portfolio in the United States,” he said. “But one thing happen that changed everything was a new technology that came on board, that wasn’t really available 15 years ago, and that horizontal drilling. Horizontally drilling allowed the United States to open up a energy future that few had envisioned 15 years ago.”

Pawlenty said the U.S. is now at or near the world’s leader in producing oil and natural gas.

“We have a plentiful energy supply in the U.S. now, particularly as it relates to oil and has, that people did not see coming 15 or 20 years ago,” he said. “We have enough natural gas and oil in the United States to power it for a long time.”

Pawlenty said the tariffs are a huge concern for Minnesotans.

“We want to be tough on China, we don’t want to be tough on our Minnesota farmers and businesses,” he said. “This is one area where I am concerned over where the president is headed. I think he is right in saying that China cheats. They do cheat. They cheat badly.”

Pawlenty went on to talk about all the ways that

China cheats.

“They are big time cheaters, so I applaud the president’s efforts to try to be tougher when it comes to trying to get better trade deals,” he said. “But what I don’t applaud is pushing that so far that it ignites a trade war and to the detriment of Minnesota farmers and Minnesota businesses.

“The clock is ticking because the negative effects of these tariffs and threaten tariffs are starting to set in in ways that are real and problematic.”

Pawlenty then discussed some of the things he likes and dislikes about President Trump.

“I like many of his policies,” he said. “I like that he tried to reform the U.S. Tax Code and reduce taxes. I like that he’s a strong supporter of the U.S. Military and our veterans. I like the fact that he like market-based instead of government-based solutions for healthcare. I like the fact that he cracking down on illegal immigration. It was needed and overdue in my view. There is a lot to like.

“I am concerned about his approach to tariffs. I also don’t like a few other issues, but I also don’t like some of his language and behavior. I wasn’t brought up that way in Minnesota, but he is trying to break up politics as usual, so a lot of the policies and priorities he’s trying to highlight in that regard I like.”

The former governor acknowledged that the country is becoming more politically polarized.

Pawlenty talked about keeping good paying jobs in the state, and the things he would do as governor to help these businesses to able to grow.

Pawlenty said his biggest concern about the State of Minnesota is that the state is already one of the most highly taxed states in the nation and yet state spending increased 50 percent since he was in office.

“That math doesn’t work,” he said. “As you travel the state and hear all of the

demands for more spending, you really kind of wonder how does that end.”

Pawlenty said he believes education plays a major factor in income inequality.

“If you want to address income inequality you have skill-up more people,” he said. “People will make more money and have more opportunity if they have a higher level of education or skill. That doesn’t always mean go get the four-year college degree. In fact, I think we missed the boat by trying to tell everybody that’s is the only way for them. It is for a lot of people, but it isn’t for everybody.

“There are wonderful, important and high paying in-demand two-year technical and vocational opportunities that I think are really promising for the future. It’s important to bring those opportunities back into the high schools.”

When asked about his opinion on Minnesota becoming a right-to-work state, Pawlenty said, “I don’t think it is going to happen in the sense that the legislature is not supportive of that. My personal view is that I don’t think people should be forced to belong to organizations that they don’t agree with.”

Next, Pawlenty addressed the push for increasing the minimum wage.

“Adjusting the minimum wage, reasonably, from time to time is appropriate,” he said, “When I was governor I signed an increase and I think I vetoed one too. It can’t just be frozen in time forever, it has to be reasonably adjusted over time.”

Pawlenty also discussed priorities for greater Minnesota, transportation and his potential opponent in the upcoming election.

“You need a governor who is going to be a champion for farming, agriculture, agribusiness, food, food processing, trade and more,” he said. “If your going to do things that relate to farmers then you should include them and have them at the table, and make them feel like partners not adversaries.”

Sudoku Corner

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AUGUST 18
Steele County Free Fair
7 a.m. – Farmers Market, Central Park
8 a.m. – STRIVE 5K Run & 2-Mile Walk, Owatonna High School
3 p.m. – Women’s Hunting Workshop, Cabela’s
- AUGUST 19**
Steele County Free Fair

AUGUST 20
2 p.m. – Musical Movie Monday, Owatonna Library

AUGUST 21
10:30 a.m. – Story Time, Owatonna Library
4:30 p.m. – Library Board Meeting, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

AUGUST 22
10 a.m. – Create-a-Craft, Owatonna Library
4 p.m. – Owatonna EDA Meeting, City Admin Building

Austin ArtWorks welcomes Gaelynn Lea to the free stage

Duluth artist Gaelynn Lea was propelled to national acclaim when she won National Public Radio Music’s 2016 Tiny Desk Contest. She will headline the free outdoor stage at the Austin ArtWorks Festival on Saturday, Aug. 25, performing at 1 p.m.

Austin ArtWorks Festival is a two-day celebration of the arts in the heart of downtown Austin, Minnesota, where three free live music stages will host twenty-three different acts performing 45 sets on Aug. 25 and 26.

Lea performs from her electric wheelchair. She began playing violin 20 years ago after a creative music teacher helped her to adapt a playing style that suits her frame. Lea holds her instrument like a tiny cello and uses a looping pedal to perform her original songs. Lea plans to release her fourth studio album in September 2018.

Rounding out the outdoor stage schedule are:

In its 62nd year, the Austin Symphony Orchestra is a group of area musicians lead by Stephen J. Ramsey, Music Director/Conductor.

An ensemble of some of the best musicians in the Twin Cities, Funktion Junction will have the crowd dancing to Motown, disco, classic rock and smoking blues.

Freedom Jazz is a Twin Cities-based, non-profit Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied (GLBTA) jazz band.

Hailing from Sioux Falls, Americana quartet The Tinder Box will present folk-rock with a driving banjo and kick bass underneath. Some compare the sound to Grammy-winning folk rockers Mumford and Sons.

Four Albert Lea natives take the stage as Wicked Renegades to play covers and originals that can be described as bluesy rock with a festive funk. Inspiration includes Florida Georgia Line, Johnny Cash, Nirvana and Little Richard.

Arguably Austin’s super group with members long-established in the local music scene and decades of performing experience, Ventura Highway, plays all your favorite radio hits of the 70s.

During breaks on the outdoor stage, three singer/songwriters will play mini-sets in the tent next to the stage: Moonrise Blue, Chloe Hope and Greenfingers.

In addition to the outdoor stage off 2nd Ave NE and 1st St NE, there will be an acoustic stage in the Paramount Annex (former Park and Rec) and an acoustic stage at the ArtWorks Center.

Acts include Stringendo, Annex Sound, Lawhead Duo, Reminisce, Trio Sen Nome, Cedar River Strings, Ecumenical Bells, Con Fuoco and the Sue-Em Duo.

Josh Whalen & Friends will jam in the alley behind Dusty’s on Saturday, August 25 in the afternoon. Puddles Pity Party will celebrate the life of Dick Schindler at the Paramount Theatre at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. With support from Mayo Clinic Health System Austin tickets are \$25. This reserved-seating show is 67 percent sold at press time.

A full schedule of the music is available at www.austinareaarts.org .

Sheriff offers church violence training

The Freeborn County Sheriff’s Office is hosting a class aimed at making places of worship safer.

The class, “Protecting our Places of Worship from Acts of Violence,” will take place Thursday at Crossroads Church, 3402 Hoeger Lane in Albert Lea. There will be two sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sheriff Kurt Freitag and deputy David Gilmore will be leading the class, which is geared toward defending yourself and also the place of worship during a major act of violence. The curriculum is also beneficial for work places.

There is no charge for the class.

Golf for a cure



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Forty-eight golfers participated in the annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group’s Golf for a Cure on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Blooming Prairie Country Club. Paying tribute to the late Philip Milton on Hole #3 are Lindsey Krejci, Mary Kittelson, Cheri Krejci and Jennifer Milton. The foursome had a beer on Phil. This group of golfers also showed its patriotism at the special fundraising event for the BP Cancer Group. Shown at the event are: Julie Eischens, Abby Braaten, Nicki Bishop, Colette Lea, Val Braaten, Kelly LaMonte, Jess Christianson, Miranda Klemmensen, Julie Noble, Kelly Braaten, and Rachel Hansen.

Owatonna gears up for deer hunts

The City of Owatonna is holding an archery deer hunt, two seasons, Nov. 3-24 and Nov. 25-Dec. 21. Application fee is \$12 to the City of Owatonna, non-refundable.

Registration deadline is Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. All applicants must pass a proficiency test using the same equipment with which they will be hunting. Fifty applicants are randomly drawn to test. Two sets of 15 permits are randomly awarded from the pool of those passing the proficiency test. Hunters must be at least 18 years of age. After drawing, hunters are called in the order they were drawn to choose their location with a member of the park crew.

Only antlerless deer may be harvested in/on Cashman Park, Hamman Park, Kaplan’s Woods, Kaplan’s Woods Parkway, North Straight River Park Area, Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve, Manthey Park, Maple Creek Parkway and Kriesel Park. However, once you take an antlerless deer, you are able to Earn-A-Buck.

All Minnesota DNR rules and regulations apply. More information is available on the special hunt application. Application forms are available on the City of Owatonna website, the Parks and Recreation website and at the Parks & Recreation Office, 540 West Hills Circle.

Join Scouting Fun Night on Aug. 22

“Scout Me In” is a new recruitment campaign invading all kids and families in America to be part of the life-changing experience that is Scouting.

This program will be explained at a special Join Scouting Fun Night Wednesday, Aug. 22 at Brookside Campground, located just southeast of Blooming Prairie.

The Hayfield Pack 50 and Hayfield Troop 50 will sponsor the evening of fun beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 8 p.m.

Dondi Stender of Hayfield Troop 50 urges boys and girls in the area to come out for a fun night at the campground and an opportunity to learn more about Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring in the area.

Prospective Scouts and their parents will be able to talk to scout leaders, scout parents and other scouts on this night.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be offered free of charge. Activities that night will include swimming, games, basketball, volleyball, gaga ball, kayaking, canoeing and more.

There are no fees and no commitment required, Stender says.

Cub Scouts includes those in grades K-5. Scouts-BSA covers the 11-17 age group. Venturing includes those 14-20. Exploring involves youths 10-20.

The tagline, Scout Me In celebrates the BSA’s historic decision to serve families and welcome girls and boys into Scouting so they can experience the character-building fun and adventure the program brings to life in communities across the country.

It’s more than just a tagline. Scout Me In reinforces that the mission and core values in the Scout Oath and Law are important and relevant for both young men and women.



STRIVE Wellness Run to take place Saturday

Join us and participate in the 15th annual STRIVE Wellness 5K Run and 2 mile Fitness Walk on Saturday, Aug. 18 at Owatonna High School. The event is co-sponsored by the Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Owatonna Hospital, part of Allina Health and Owatonna High School.

“The annual STRIVE event is a great way for families and our community to participate in a healthy activity and support a worthy cause,” says Mark Randall, event director.

The 5K course is certified and chip-timed. Starting and finishing at Owatonna High School track, the race will proceed through residential neighborhoods on the east side of Owatonna. Kids 400M/800M runs are at 8:15 a.m. on the stadium track. Kids runs are open to those 12 years and under, and participants will each receive a ribbon. Medals are awarded to the top two male and female finishers in each age division of the 5K Run.

Proceeds from the STRIVE—Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education—Wellness Run provide scholarships to high school students participating in Owatonna Rotary’s STRIVE Mentor Program and Owatonna Rotary Club’s We All Play playground funding effort.

The STRIVE Mentor Program matches a student who needs encouragement throughout his or her senior year with a Rotary member mentor. Throughout the school year, students and mentors attend scheduled sessions where community members speak about success after high school and the importance of an education.

Pre-register for the 5K run and 2 mile walk by Aug. 17 to take advantage of the reduced \$25 registration fee at <http://strive.owatonnarotaryclub.org>. Run packet pick-up and race-day registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$30 the day-of-race and \$1 for Kids 400M/800M (race day registration only). The awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

ARKEMA: Community report FROM B2

In other discussion, the CAP group was told by Green that total production year to date is ahead of previous years. He said 24,000 pounds of soybeans had been processed at Arkema.

CAP facilitator Roger Sorenson asked Green if the recent proposed tariffs had an effect on Arkema’s operation. “Its effects are uncertain at this time,” said Green.

The next Arkema CAP meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the BP City Center.

Meteorologist Brad Nelson, a Blooming Prairie High School graduate, will be the featured speaker. He will talk about a variety of subjects including storm watching. Local emergency responders are encouraged to attend.

Sorenson said a future Arkema CAP meeting will feature a presentation by the Arkema Science Program teachers.

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Federated named as one of Minnesota's top businesses

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Federated Insurance was recently named as one of Minnesota's top workplaces according to a list published in the Star Tribune earlier this year.

Julie Rethemeier, vice president, director of Public Affairs at Federated explained, "to make the final list, a company must have 50 or more employees in Minnesota and allow Energage to conduct five-minute, 24 question surveys with its workers. Employers were ranked based on their employee responses to the survey questions." Energage is an employee engagement platform which served as the survey company for the list.

Rethemeier noted 252 employers scored high enough to earn honors. Of those, 150 were ranked among the top workplaces based on employee feedback and size, and 102 exceeded a national benchmark but didn't score high enough to be ranked. Federated Insurance ranked number nine among large employers.

The areas surveyed for the list included alignment, leadership, effectiveness, and connection among others. Lisa Hyland, senior vice president, director of Human Resources said that her favorite part of working at Federated is the culture.

"We have 2,400 employees who understand our mission and genuinely care about our clients and each other," Hyland explained. "Our employees work hard to create value for our clients and in that process we forge enduring and genuine relationships extending from work to our lives outside of work."

Other employees attested to Hyland's assessment. "The culture is phenomenal. You feel cared for, you feel like your opinion matters, and you feel like you are a part of something bigger," Michael Padgett, medical management supervisor said.

"It's rewarding to be part of a company where everyone works together to bring out the best in each other. Employees are treated with respect and dignity," Marie Lawrence, executive assistant also offered.

Patty Jessop, fleet and office services administrator, said that, "Federated is a top 150 workplace because of the people! It is a joy to come to work every day and they are like my second family."

Federated is also known for supporting its employees' further career development. "Federated supports you and your career path like nowhere I have ever worked before," Tyler Firme, claims representative, said of the company.

Federated has a long and storied history as



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part of Owatonna's community and downtown space. The company traces its roots back to 1904 when, as Rethemeier explained, "a group of business owners in a Minnesota trade association, upset with the terms and pricing of East Coast insurance companies, came together to form a mutual insurance company that would insure the best run, most safety conscious businesses in select industries."

The Federated Insurance Companies Building was constructed in 1922, and the architecture echoes similar prairie school designs found throughout Owatonna's historic downtown. Nels Jacobson, the architect for the project, recognized the work of famed colleague Louis Sullivan as inspiration in his design principles. Jacobson and his brother David also designed the original Owatonna Power Plant.

Today, Federated continues to be an important part of Owatonna's story, with community involvement and high rates of employment helping to steer the city forward in a positive direction.

"Owatonna has provided the foundation for our success, and we intend to call the community home well into the future," Rethemeier said. "Federated and its employees have invested their time, talents, and treasures to ensure the community stays strong going forward!"

Federated Insurance employs 1,400 people in Steele County alone and has grown into a national company that continues to prosper. But it has still found the time to give back to the community that fostered its beginnings.

"Our mission statement proclaims our value is measured by the success of our clients,"

Rethemeier explained of the company's dedication to their clients, a dedication that also translates back into the community. "We apply the same principle to corporate giving, measuring our value by the success of the communities employees call home."

Rethemeier and her fellow workers are proud of the good work they've been able to return back to Owatonna. "In 2017, Federated Insurance donated close to \$2 million to charitable causes in the communities where the majority of employees live and work," she said. "Our employees also spend countless hours volunteering with nonprofit organizations in their communities."

"Federated was the Corporate Campaign leader for the United Way of Steele County in 2017, leading the charge for the community to help reach the goal of raising \$725,000 locally," Rethemeier also reported. "The campaign exceeded the goal and totaled \$745,000, and Federated and its employees contributed \$300,000 of that total."

She also added that, "employees coordinated and hosted the 14th annual Federated Challenge for Kids of Minnesota. This one of a kind event benefits Minnesota's three Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies," Rethemeier explained. "The Federated Challenge rallied notable corporate sponsors and private citizens to raise \$2,721,000, bringing the total amount raised since 2004 to more than \$30 million."

By adhering to its principles of community involvement and continued growth and prosperity, Federated Insurance has earned its spot on this year's list of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota. And at number nine, they've cemented the fact that they are indeed one of Minnesota's very best.

Business Briefs

Hy-Vee dietitians offering free weekly nutrition tours

Beginning this month, in-store dietitians at more than 190 Hy-Vee locations throughout its eight-state region will offer weekly health shopping tours that focus on the nutritional aspects of lowering blood pressure and cholesterol, as well as managing diabetes. The tours are free and will be offered every week.

Tours will be held at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the following rotation:

- Monday (Diabetes): Discover diabetes-friendly foods in every aisle, and learn how choosing your carbohydrates carefully can make a real difference.
- Wednesday (Blood pressure): Find foods that fit into a low-sodium diet,

and see how some can even naturally lower your blood pressure.

- Friday (Cholesterol): Learn which foods will lower your bad cholesterol, raise your good cholesterol and help you enjoy improved heart health.

"Hy-Vee's mission is to make people's lives easier, healthier and happier, and these free tours are a way for our customers to learn the important role food choices play in their overall health," said Kristin Williams, senior vice president and chief health officer for Hy-Vee. "Our company's approach to health and wellness makes these tours a perfect complement to the wide array of services our in-store dietitians already offer."

Attendees are not required to sign up in advance, but are welcome to call and reserve a spot if they would like. All tours will begin at

the store's customer service counter. To learn more about the tours and to find out if your Hy-Vee is participating, please contact your nearest Hy-Vee store.

Wildwood Sports Bar opens second location

For those living in the Byron area, it's almost common knowledge that the Frontage Road staple Sandbaggers Bar, Grill, and Bowling is "closed for remodeling." While yes, the restaurant and bowling alley is getting a facelift, the big surprise will be that, when the doors reopened at the beginning of August, the name on the door will no longer be Sandbaggers, but instead: Wildwood Sports Bar & Grill.

Wildwood Sports Bar & Grill has made a name for itself since opening in Roch-

ester (adjacent to the Kahler Apache Hotel) in 2013. Known for its expansive menu and beer selection, unique seasonal specials, and the best happy hour in town, Wildwood has seen tremendous growth and is excited to make the expansion into Byron.

"This was an opportunity that presented itself that we simply couldn't pass up," says Wildwood owner Jim Nicholas. "My family and I live in Byron, and we're excited to bring Wildwood home to share with our neighbors."

Nicholas joined partners Kevin Sannes and Tracy Petersohn (both previous owners of the Sandbaggers building who focus mostly on real estate) and officially took over the space July 1. Since then, Nicholas has been focusing on the renovations for the restaurant before the Grand Opening happens in August. The third partner of Sandbaggers sold their portion to Nicholas to pursue other opportunities and are pleased that the space could remain a local hangout with great food for the Byron community. Nicholas gave all Sandbaggers employees the opportunity to stay on as well.

As far as what Wildwood fans and local residents can expect of this second Wildwood location, Nicholas explains, "Everything will remain consistent - we'll offer the same menu, same specials, same hours, and same atmosphere that our customers have come to expect from Wildwood. The only differences will be an added pizza menu and the ability to bowl!"

With this addition of a second location, Wildwood is hiring at both locations for all positions. Apply in person, on Facebook, or on the website. For more information about Wildwood and its menus and services, visit WildwoodSportsBarAndGrill.com or follow us at Facebook.com/WildwoodSportsBarGrill.

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STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

Hayfield man will protect your nest egg



Submitted photo
A symbol of Eaton Miller's PlanWell financial investment business is an ostrich egg. He holds the egg that was given to him by his grandmother who got it from Eaton's father. The Hayfield man has established a couple of flourishing businesses in Blooming Prairie.

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Financial planning is Eaton Miller's niche. He promises "to help handle your nest egg efficiently."

When Eaton Miller is not meeting with clients about their future planning, he is the host of Blooming Prairie's only bed and breakfast using Airbnb which is a technology platform making it easy to find, book, travel, or host a place to say.

PlanWell Financial Guidance is the name of his business located at 421 East Main St. in Blooming Prairie. Miller purchased the building from Carol and Keith Holman who operated Hometown Insurance for many years.

Miller rents space in the building to HomeSellers and to Rachel's Hair Salon.

His office is located at the Main Street front. On the upper level, find a bed and breakfast arrangement and a separate apartment. The Holmans lived in the apartments.

Miller is a founding member of PlanWell financial Guidance. He is a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner providing fee-only personal financial planning and investment advice.

He is a successful young businessman who utilizes an unending knowledge of the investment world. He is a caring financial professional and constantly displays a wide smile and a willingness to help all individuals with personal finance needs.

A Brownsdale native, Miller attended high school in Hayfield and competed in football, basketball and track. He graduated



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Eaton Miller said he never thought he would become involved in the hospitality business. He is shown in his bed and breakfast which is located above his business office for PlanWell Financial.

in 1999.

He and his wife Kayleena are high school sweethearts. The pair actually walked together during Homecoming ceremonies which culminated with the pair being named king and queen. It was at that time Eaton asked Kayleena for a date. The relationship blossomed with the couple being married in 2004.

The Millers have four children: Ambriella, 10; Bentley, 8; Kazaiya, 6 and Malaya, 3. The family resides near Hayfield.

Family is a priority item for Miller, and he transcends that devotion to his business responsibilities.

Miller attended college at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Tracking Miller's career, he started with Thrivent Financial in Austin as a financial advisor for 3 1/2 years and then as a planning analyst for 3 1/2 years with them in Rochester. He then joined Superior Financial and Peter Melsness in 2011 as a financial planner, fee only.

Miller created business clientele without owning a firm but being attached to Superior Financial as and Investment Advisor Representative of Superior.

He officed in Hayfield in 2011 and moved to Blooming Prairie in 2014. He then officed inside of Johnson, Doerhoefer and Miner PA.

A decision then had to be made, Miller explains, to either partner or separate with Superior Financial. Benefits of separating outweighed joining in a partnership, Miller said.

Miller's business future then started to gain clarity as he sought a name for his fee only

business. "It was one of the hardest decisions ever," said Miller in explaining how he decided on his firm name and on his logo to promote his business.

"I wanted the business name to represent what it is I do and provide, and I wanted it to be simple and short"

That's how PlanWell was born. Plan finances well and make wise decisions, Miller encourages.

He actually had three names he considered after surveying his clients to see which name they preferred. The other two were WiseFinancials and Financial Candor and Planning.

Then came the challenge to select a logo. The light bulb brightened as he decided to use an ostrich egg that his father Dale brought back from his missionary travels. The egg was actually in possession of Eaton's grandmother while growing up.

The ostrich egg is prominently displayed in Miller's office. "Kayleena has even taken it to her classroom at Blooming Elementary.

Pick up one of Miller's colorful business cards. They feature Miller holding the ostrich egg and emphasizing these messages:

- Unbiased advice
- Your retirement well being
- Well being is improved with planning

Miller moved into his new office in late 2016 and wore the hat of a financial planner and that of a hospitality host. Miller's airbnb

has a five-star rating.

Switching to investing, Miller said he believes the American economy is doing quite well. "There's still a lot of uncertainty with the leadership and the world," he said.

Unemployment and interest rates are low, Miller emphasizes. Risks may occur with companies, and there is always chance of unsystematic risk in markets, the uncontrollable kind, for example weather-related events and with war-related movements.

"I'm not a market timer or economist but I feel optimistic about things long-term," he says. For now "Taxes are low and that can help stimulate things," he added.

Miller often recommends investing in a low-cost diversified manner with equities (stocks, real estate, and resources) and fixed-income instruments (bonds and cash equivalents), for example. Take out this next sentence as it's already mentioned and unrelated to this paragraph... The fact that taxes are low also sends out a positive signal, Miller said.

The majority of Miller's clients come from the local communities of southern Minnesota and the Blooming Prairie, Albert Lea, Hayfield, Owatonna, Austin and Rochester areas.

"When I'm in Blooming Prairie, it always brings a smile to my face," Miller said. "I grew up in a small community and can't imagine living in a larger community."

Miller also has a satellite office in Rochester. He offices there once a week. All of Miller's client visits in BP and in Rochester are by appointment. He has a waiting list for business clients. Carrie Farr is his office administrator in BP.

"I love to work, it's instinctive," says Miller.

Miller is one of the few fee-only planners in the area. "I don't accept commissions and I put clients' interests first," Miller said.

Further explained, Miller's financial advice represents the Golden Rule. "I want to provide advice that I would want," he says. The fee-only model is effective far more efficient for Miller and his clients, he believes.

Much of his business comes from referrals, Miller said. He also utilizes networks, the XY Planning Network and soon the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. Along with the Blooming Prairie and Hayfield Chambers Miller taught a Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class at First Lutheran Church two consecutive years in 2016 and 2017.

"Starting and implementing my own firm is a bit overwhelming but it is a dream come true and I love it," Miller smiles widely.



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AUTO RACING

Brooms come out at Chateau Speedway

5 of 7 classes see drivers take both heat and feature wins on the night

BY MATTHEW GRAGE

Mother Nature has continued her run of great Friday Night weather giving the re-opened Chateau Speedway a fourth straight perfect night for high speed action. The drivers rolled off a near perfect set of heats running the 14 races in just over an hour. The feature half of the show for many of the classes was a different story as caution after caution slowed the second half of the program. There were a couple exceptions however as the Power 96 Pure Stocks and the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds ran a pair of non stop caution free races.

Jesse Stahl of Austin continued to sweep through the 2018 season as he put together a perfect night for the third week in a row as he took the classes heat and feature again. In fact in the 8

races he's competed in he has all four of the classes feature wins this year and has took 3 of the 4 heat races he's run in. A third place finish in the first heat race of the season is the only race he has not crossed in front of the checkers first. Friday night it looked like Brady Krohnberg of Walters had the answer for him as he got out to a quick lead and just past the halfway point of the race with Stahl on his back bumper he was holding his own. However on lap eight of the twelve lap event he drifted a bit high in turn four opening the door for Jesse to slide on by for the lead. Chris Hotovec of Dodge Center drove by for second with Troy Maas of Faribault nosing out Krohnberg for third. Danielle Maas of Owatonna came in fifth.

In WISSOTA Midwest Modified action Drew Williams of Rochester grabbed the early lead off the front row in the main event with Brayten Cisneros of Blooming Prairie moving up to second out of row two. Michael Wytaske of Hartland, also starting in row two moved up to third on lap four and the three of them put on quite a show with the trio taking turns running side by side for position. On

lap eight Wytaske took over second and set his sights on Williams. The pair ran several side by side laps until Michael went to the point on lap fourteen and from there lead the field home to the checkers. Unfortunately however getting to the checkers first did not get him to Victory Lane as he was DQ'd for an inoperable timing transponder. That put Cisneros in Victory Lane for the second time this season and Mitch Weiss of Scandia being credited with a second place finish ahead of Williams. Ryan Goergen of Stacyville Iowa outran Neil Eckhart of Rochester for fourth. The classes heat wins on the night went to Goergen and Weiss.

The USRA B Mods were one of the classes plagued by cautions and in the end it may have cost Brandon Hare of Elma Iowa the win. Hare lead lap after lap and he AJ Zvorak of Blooming Prairie had stretched out a pretty good only to have the yellow flags keep bunching the group back up. The restarts worked to the advantage of Kadden Kath of Owatonna who made good use of the restarts to move his way up into a three way battle for the lead which he eventually

won. Kath's feature win was his second of the year. Hare came home in second ahead of Zvorak followed by Derek Clement of Spring Valley and Taylor Ausrud of Hayfield. Hare and Clement along with Dustin Kruse of Brandon South Dakota claimed the classes heat wins.

The USRA A Mod Feature was slowed by five cautions but Josh Angst of Winona survived all the restarts as he lead flag to flag for the win in his first appearance at the track this season. A.J. Roschen of Somerset Wisconsin was forced to settle for runnerup status. Defending Track Champion Jason Cummins of New Richland came home in third ahead of Joe Horgdahl of Kasson and Doug Hillson of Blooming Prairie. Heat winners for the A Mods were Cummins and Angst.

Just missing a caution free Feature run on the night were the WISSOTA Street Stocks which had just one caution slow there race and that one caution was the leader who went around on his own. Noah Grinstead of Austin grabbed the lead on the drop of the green and was sailing away when on lap twelve the car went around

on him in the middle of turn three. Braden Brauer of Rochester inherited the lead with Kory Adams of Stacyville Iowa right behind him on the restart. Kory went right to work and two laps later took over the lead. Braden hung tough and kept running up underneath him but couldn't power by to retake the lead and ended up in second followed by Jason Newkirk of Austin. Grinstead made a nice recovery coming back for fourth. Adams also had a heat win on the night as did Elward.

Joining Angst as a first time visitor at the track this year to take home a feature win on the night was Nate Coopman of Mankato in the Y Waste Hornet Class. Coopman jumped out of row three at the drop of the green flag and jumped up to third on the first lap behind Nick Silman of Minnesota Lake and Ashley Bell of Farmington. With Silman on point Bell and Coopman were battling for second when some contact sent Nate around. On the restart Bell was put to the rear and Coopman got his spot back and off the restart wasted no time taking over the lead. Shawn Grabinger of Farmington came home

in second followed by Bell who picked her way back up through the field for a third place finish. Brian Adams of Shakopee, who has two feature wins this year, came home in fourth followed by Andy Knutson of Marion.

The final feature of the night was the KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods who tore up a few cars during the course of there 12 lap main event. Four cautions thinned the field from eleven down to seven at the finish with Logan Brown of Clear Lake Iowa claiming his first feature win of the season. Nathan Kilwine of Glenville, who took one of the classes heat came home runnerup after several laps of side by side racing for the lead. Scott Johnson of Owatonna, Matt Prehn of Mason City Iowa and Anthony Kramer of Owatonna made up the rest of the top five. Brown ended up with a sweep on the night as he also claimed a heat win.

Fans and Drivers will be looking for another picture perfect night next Friday Night as racing action continues with the first green flag of the night scheduled for 7:15.

GO CART RACING

Blooming Prairie siblings set sights on top gear

SUBMITTED BY MYRON GAGE

SMS Promotions of Brownsdale brought Go Cart Racing to the Mower County Fair in Austin for the second year in a row Wednesday night. Mike and Cindy Schubert, who run an every other week Go Cart Track, 56 Speedway, just south of Brownsdale on Highway 56 promoted the event.

The Rookie Class of 8 to 12-year-olds was lead on the night by Derek Miner of Blooming Prairie who took the feature win after getting shut out in the heats. Miner's older sister, Elizabeth, finished second in the the race.

They have added this Special to there Summer Schedule to give the drivers an extra night to run and a chance to race where dirt track racing has one of the longest histories in the region. Information from the administrator of the "Mower County Fairgrounds Racing History" Facebook Group Page found notes of Racing on the Fairgrounds going back as far as August 22 1929. Over the years almost every kind of motor racing has taken part on the grounds from events listed simply as Pro Races, to Auto Races, Jalopy Races, Big Car Races, Hot Rods, IMCA Big Cars, Stock Cars, IMCA Sprint Cars, to the Modifieds and Late Model Races that ran up until 1982 Since that time the track held a few Enduro's and Old Timers events but the full size race car days are missing. The Fair does continue to host a Demolition Derby every year. Depending on yearly interest and car counts 56 Speedway has run up to 14 different rules packages or classes over the years. This season they have run events in 11 different classes at least one week. One of those however, the Outlaw Mini Mods, were not on the schedule for the nights program. After driver check in eight classes ended up being a part of the nights show with two of those combined on the track but separated at the checkered flag. Normal classes range from the Putt Putt Class for drivers four to seven years old, which did not compete on



Derek and Elizabeth Miner pose for a photo after finishing first and second, respectively, in the Rookie Class of the go cart races at the Mower County Fair on Wednesday, August 8.

the night due to lack of entries, to classes for the eight to 12, the 12 to 16, and the 16 and up divisions.

They are also divided for types of fuel they run as well as different engine and suspension categories. Each entrant gets to run at least three races, two heats as well as there feature, making for plenty of opportunity for each driver to race. Even more for some, as some drivers choose to run more than one class.

Leading the way with a trio of victories on the night was Ashton Pankow of Elma, Iowa who took both his heats and the feature win in the Junior two gas only class for the 12 to 16. Joseph Bonnstetter and Seth Johnson garnered heat wins in the division as well. Nixon Heiderscheidt had a pair of heat wins for the class while Lucas DenHerder and Charlie Tufte split there groups heat wins. In Junior one Gas for the 8 to 12 Cole Allen took both heats but at feature time Bentley Packman took home the big trophy for the night.

In the Adult Divisions, Mason Barker survived a final lap scramble to pull out the win in the Adult Clone Lean class. Mason was battling with Katelyn Wilson of North Mankato on the last lap for the win when Wilson

went around and Mason got the win. Katelyn did get one heat win on the night as four drivers shared the heat wins. Barker took one along with Tom Rlstau of Mankato, and SunShine Wight of Winnebago. Adult Clone Buff top honors went to Paul Tufte who garnered the feature win as well as a heat win, Matt Grant of Byron took the groups other heat event. In the Adult Stock Appearing Class Derek Berndt of Austin had a pair of wins taking one of the heats and the feature. Randy Melvin of Mankato grabbed the groups other heat win. Meanwhile running with the group was Rebecca Bonnstetter who had the lone Stock Heavy Cart. She finished third in her two heats and second in the feature but took home the Trophy for the Stock Heavy Division. The Adult two saw Matt Tighe of Austin take top honors with the Feature win to go along with a heat victory as well. 3 other drivers shared the other heats with one each going to Jeremy Schubert of Stewartville, Levi Selly of St Peter, and Nate Manderfield of Mankato.

56 Speedway has four more nights on there schedule for 2018, August 17, September 8, September 22 and September 29 at there track located just South of Brownlake on Highway 56 just Northeast of Austin.

PRACTICES IN FULL SWING

This past week featured the fall sports teams working diligently on conditioning in preparation for the upcoming season. This week the teams begin full-scale practice on offensive and defensive schemes, various distances for the cross-country athletes, and a much more detailed schedule for all three fall squads.

It is a hectic time leading up to the first contests of the season in the final week of August and into September, and coaches hustle to get their athletes ready to compete and the teams ready to represent their school in a competent and spirited manner.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY

The current issue of the Steele County Times features pictures of 27 buildings up and down Main Street that illustrate 100 years of existence since the days of prohibition. It would be too lengthy to list all of the businesses that those buildings housed over the years, but it is interesting to note that some of the them were the sites of at least a half dozen different retail stores over those hundred years.

The buildings have remained largely the same as far as store fronts and facades are concerned, but the businesses contained have changed, sometimes often and sometimes only a few times over the entire period of time. At one point or another there were banks on opposite corners of Main Street, three grocery stores occupied space, and three hardware establishments graced the street. The three-page spread in the paper provides fascinating reading, for sure

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

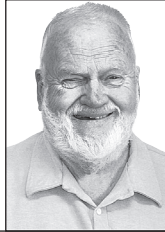
While Blooming Prairie got the jump on the nation by celebrating National Night Out on the last Saturday in July, almost all of the rest of the country honored the occasion Tuesday, August 7.

BP's local police-sponsored event drew approximately 400 people to a very successful festival, while our surrounding communities hosted block parties and city park celebrations with equal success.

The national observance draws people together from all social and economic situations, and it gives everyone a chance to become better acquainted with neighbors. It is a worthwhile event and one that I think should certainly be continued. In this day and age, anything that can draw people together is a good thing.

HONORS AWARDED

Local long-time race car driver Mark Noble received another award a week ago when Hancock County, Iowa, inducted him into its racing Hall of Fame.



Outside the Lines LEMAR NELSON

Noble, a veteran driver from this community has been on the receiving end of several honors recently, and he is awarded a big tip of the hat for his long career in the racing world.

His next venture will be August 25, when he joins the Kruckeberg family in the Big Rig Bandit Racing event at Elko Speedway. That would be a good opportunity for local racing fans to witness something quite different in racing.

The Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District last week honored Ken and Gloria Trom the Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. The couple has been a strong advocate for the environment and the need to practice good conservation policies.

Minimizer just celebrated the seventh straight year with no lost days because of accidents. The company prides itself on safety practices and procedures, and that is obviously paying off. It is a measure of pride n the community that persons and organizations get frequent accolades of one sort or another.

OUT AND ABOUT

A neat little one-day event took place last Wednesday with a Golf For Cancer Day. It sounded like a successful and entertaining occasion for the registered golfers participating and enjoying a day at the golf course. That reminds me that the annual Cancer Group two-night auction is scheduled for September 7 and 8. Many more details will be coming out in the next few weeks, but residents should mark this date on calendars now for the second biggest fund-raising extravaganza of the year in our community.

Two other events in the near future include the annual Firemen's Brat and Corn feed at the Fire Station on Saturday, August 25.

That same day Bandit Big Rig racers will compete at the Elko Speedway just off Highway 35 near Lakeville.

The firemen's Feed goes from 4 to 7 p.m., which gives fans a chance for a good meal and then a short trip to see some semis tooling around the speedway in exciting heat and feature races. It sounds like an entertaining day all the way around.

And two weeks from today, The Blossoms' volleyball team travels to Janesville to open the season at JWP. A lot of entertainment in high school sports is just around the corner, so look ahead to many exciting events, and we'll talk again.



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Securities Corp., Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-3, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006 by assignment recorded on June 27, 2012 as Document Number A000385386; as corrected of record to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-3, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3 by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage recorded on February 4, 2013 as Document No. A000389519 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 12 and 13, Block 2, Olson's Addition to the City of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 304 3RD STREET SE, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN 55917-1417

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$67,357.35 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: USA Funding Corp., a Wisconsin Corporation RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-105-0212 AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100272405092735760 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) 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 September 18, 2019.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT

THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: July 24, 2018

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TYPE 14: OTHER CIVIL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Court File Number: 74-CV-18-242

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT AND DECREE

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

Brian L. Petersen, Lynnette A. Petersen, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, John Doe and Mary Roe, Defendant(s).

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 24, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$106,729.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Brian L. Petersen & Lynnette A. Petersen, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association LENDER: Mortgages Unlimited, Inc.

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Loss Mitigation Phone Number: 866-550-5705 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorder April 24, 2012, Steele County Recorder's Office, as Document No. A000384240. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10551 89th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 04-036-2401 AMOUNT DUE UNDER JUDGMENT & DECREE: \$103,395.68 DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff, Civil Division, 204 East Pearl St., Owatonna, MN 55060

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment and Judgment entered in the above-cited action on the 11th day of June, 2018, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to said Plaintiff in the above-entitled action from said Defendants Brian L. Petersen; Lynnette A. Petersen, the Sheriff of Steele County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on September 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff, Civil Division, 204 East Pearl St., Owatonna, MN 55060, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree:

All that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 106 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4; thence S 00 degrees 14 minutes 55 seconds East, assumed bearing 532.90 feet along the West line of said Southeast 1/4 to the true point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 55 seconds East 388.00 feet along the West line of said Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds East 399.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 55 seconds West 388.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds West 399.00 feet to said true point of beginning.

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of the confirmation of sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, will be six (6) months from the date of the sale confirmation.

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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

Steele County Sheriff

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DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT AND DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT MONEY FROM ANYONE WHO HAS DISCHARGED THE DEBT UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

[NOTICE OF SALE FOR 10551 89TH AVE SE, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN 55917]

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No: 74-PR-18-1430

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ella B. Jepson Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 17, 2018, at 3 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, May 31, 2007, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Ruth Ann Jepson, whose address is 470 Hill St. N., P.O. Box 148, Isle, MN, 56342 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT
Joseph A. Bueltel
Judge of District Court

Robin Hoesley
Court Administrator

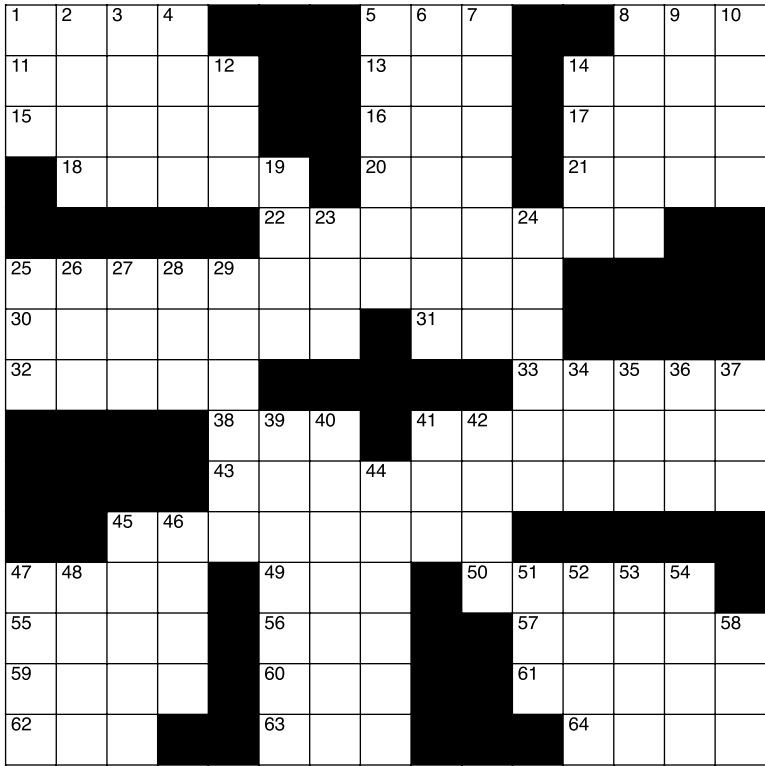
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8/14, 8/21

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Pain
5. Near the stern of a ship
8. Certified public accountant
11. External appearance
13. Neither
14. He played with Peter & Mary
15. Maximum
16. Irish republican organization
17. Swedish rock group
18. Source of chocolate
20. Counterparts to women
21. Type of levy
22. More tasteless
25. "Use Somebody" rockers
30. Burst
31. Flightless, fast bird
32. Type of salami
33. Charges to live somewhere
38. Ji dynasty's ancestral home
41. They play music
43. One who cancels
45. Resin from an African tree
47. Shellfish
49. Notre Dame coach
- Parseghian
50. Thoroughbred horse race: __ Stakes
55. Empire in pre-colonial C.



Africa

56. Small piece of caramel
57. Hillside
59. Does great
60. Israeli city __ Aviv
61. Brief appearance
62. Danish krone (abbr.)
63. Midway between east and southeast

64. Database mgmt. system

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Syrian city
4. A long narrative poem
5. Living thing

6. Envision
7. Flat surface on a vessel's stern
8. Scottish sport
9. They serve beer
10. Expression of sorrow or pity
12. When you expect to get there
14. Bullfighting maneuver
19. Double-reed instrument
23. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
24. Hardened
25. Small cask or barrel
26. Anger
27. Female religious figure
28. Central mail bureau
29. Ruled Russia
34. Geological time
35. Catches fish
36. As well
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. A moderately slow tempo
40. Female reproductive organs
41. Patti Hearst's captors
42. Twitchings
44. Suitable for crops
45. Cavalry-sword
46. Greek sophist
47. Dressed
48. Tight crowd of people
51. Basics
52. "Raymond" actor Garrett
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Old World tree
58. Distress signal



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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 25, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$128,300.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Paul J. Newhouse and Deena M. Newhouse, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Equity One, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 13, 2007 as Document Number A000350325, as modified of record on November 03, 2009 by Document No. A000367511 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on August 9, 2010 as Document Number A000372735 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by assignment recorded on May 5, 2016 as Document Number A000407421 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2017-GS1 by assignment recorded on December 26, 2017 as Document Number A000416342 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Beginning 10 Rods North of the SE corner of Lot 29 in NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 107 North, Range 20 West, thence West 120 feet; thence South and parallel with the East line of Lot 29, 55 feet; thence East 120 feet; thence North 55 feet to beginning. Subject to street easement of record.
AND
All that part of Lot 10, Block 1, Kummeth Addition, City of Owatonna, Minnesota, described by: Beginning at the NE corner of said Lot 10; thence South 0 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East, assumed bearing 20.05 feet along the East line of said Lot 10; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West 25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 2.10 feet to the Northerly line of said Lot 10; thence North 53 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds East 30.71 feet along the Northerly line of said Lot 10 to beginning. Containing 277 square feet, more or less.
AND
All that part of Lot 11, Block 1, Kummeth Addition, City of Owatonna, Minnesota described by: Beginning at the NE corner of said Lot 11; thence South 0 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East assumed bearing 34.95 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 11; thence South 53 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds West 30.71 feet along the Southerly line of said Lot 11; thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 52.90 feet to the North line said Lot 11; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds East 25 feet to the beginning; containing 1098 square feet, more or less, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 732 LINN AVE, 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: \$122,869.80
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Equity One, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1403
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100046600008782345
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises

by 11:59 p.m. on March 4, 2019.

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

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

Dated: July 11, 2018

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2017-GS1
Mortgagee

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8/7, 8/14,8/21

FORECLOSURE

12-081815

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: May 1, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,806.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Brandon L. Klemmensen and Aana E. Spurgeon, both single persons
MORTGAGEE: Advisor's Mortgage, LLC
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Advisor's Mortgage, LLC
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 2, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000356965, Thereafter modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded on October 22, 2014 as document number A000399216
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Dated: May 1, 2008 filed: May 2, 2008, recorded as document number A000356966
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 1384 feet South of the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 106 North, Range 20 West, thence West 142 feet to the East line of the Right of Way of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway; thence Southwest along said Right of Way line 130 feet, thence East approximately 162 feet to the West line of Highway, being a point 1512 feet directly South of the North line of said Northwest Quarter, thence North along the West line of Highway to the point of commencement. Subject to easements of record. Except: The North 66 feet thereof
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9184 37th Ave SW, Hope, MN 56046
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05-030-4202
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$130,318.57
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 18, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 18, 2019, or the next business day if March 18, 2019 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
"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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: July 20, 2018

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT

CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL/ MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT

Case No.: 74-CV-18-440

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CINDY K. ROGNESS, SCOTT J. ROGNESS, JOHN DOE and MARY ROE,,

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota, the Steele County Sheriff will sell the real property legally described as:

Lot Three (3), Block One (1), in Stormo Addition to City of Owatonna, Minnesota, Steele County, Minnesota.

Property Address: 1314 N CEDAR AVENUE, OWATONNA, MN 55060
Tax ID: 17-157-0103

to the highest bidder by auction pursuant to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment and Judgment entered in the above-entitled action on July 10, 2018; to satisfy the judgment entered for Plaintiff in the amount \$99,272.06 plus interest, applicable costs, disbursements, and attorneys' fees. A certified copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment and Judgment has been delivered to the Steele Sheriff.

The redemption period from the sale will be six (6) months from the date of confirmation of the sale by the Court. The real property must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the redemption period.

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.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dated: July 30, 2018

By: /s/ Jane Christenson
Special Deputy

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

Dated: July 26, 2018

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No: 74-PR-18-1378

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Frances B. Janous, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 17, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, December 28, 2001, and codicils to the will, dated March 9, 2011, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Rebecca Kelm, whose address is 1320 SW 58th Street, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT
Joseph A. Bueltel
Judge of District Court
7/25/2018

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8/7, 8/14

FORECLOSURE

18-109829

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: January 31, 2013
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,935.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joshua L. Devore, a married man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100867100522686755
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 4, 2013, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000069878, as modified of record by document recorded on July 11, 2017 as Document Number T000075064 in the of-

fice of the Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Four in Block Three in Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 749 South St, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-188-0304 COT# 18287
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$99,648.11
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Closes Monday, August 20, 2018

Steele County, Minnesota

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A Quote Form with project details is available at <https://bit.ly/2NV0Hbb> and is also available at the Office of the Steele County Highway Engineer located in the County Administrative Annex.

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Volunteers honored for dedication to local fair

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

It has been a rare find that is making history buffs elated with excitement.

Nancy Vallancourt, superintendent of the Steele County Fair's museum, has been busy sorting through boxes of old documents after the fair's maintenance workers made the discovery in June while clearing the way for a renovation in the Beer Garden. She has been peeling through the dirty and dusty boxes to see what she can use in the museum.

"They were in rough shape," Vallancourt said. She had nearly enough after what she found in the last box. There was a skeleton of a bat mixed in amongst the papers. She also found signs of mice in several of the boxes.

The items have since been cleaned off and placed into new boxes, according to Vallancourt.

For Vallancourt, the discovery of such old items is exciting. "It's like pirate's gold," she said. "It's cool to think it was from 100 years ago."

Vallancourt has sorted out the items by years. She found documents from 1918-1938. Among the items was paperwork for

"There is incredible ownership of this fair. It's not a fair. **It's my fair.**"

Dan Deml
Steele Fair President

various departments from the fair in 1918, the year the fair began at the current fairgrounds.

While she won't have time to display everything this year, Vallancourt plans to show off a few items, including a Library Election Ballot Box, a tin believed to be from an election at the turn of the century in 1898. She also plans to pull some of the oldest records of

1918. One of them is a list of local police officers who helped provide security at the fair.

"I recognized a lot of names," Vallancourt said as she dug through the old records. "There are many family names still around."

Reading through the names was like coming full circle for Vallencourt. "I really get excited looking at these thinking about the people who helped," she said. "I knew people from other areas of their life. They did a lot for the community."

Vallancourt said she especially enjoyed looking at the logos used by various businesses around the county. She added it also was interesting to note how many newspapers served the area back in the early days.

She will have a display case dedicated to the items found from 1918 in the Muckle Museum, which will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily throughout the fair.

Vallancourt hopes to display more items in the future.



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Steele County Fair manager Scott Kozelka, left, presents Gary Schwartz of the Izaak Walton League with a cutting board in appreciation of his 30 years of volunteering to the fair. Schwartz received the longest achievement award given out by the fair board at Sunday night's appreciation dinner in the Beer Garden.

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Myron Aldrich- Stage Crew
- 30 Years:**
Gary Schwartz- Izaak Walton League

Children's Barnyard grows youngsters' interest in animals

Grant allows barn to be renovated for fair

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Children's Barnyard is a constant and one of the most popular attractions at the Steele County Free Fair.

The event is hosted by the Owatonna Future Farmers of America and has become a stalwart while also being one of the longest running attractions at the fair.

Owatonna Future Farmers of America Advisor Liz Tinaglia said while she wasn't sure exactly how long the event has been taking place, it's been at least 50 years.

"It's been around for a long time," she said. "We have a great location next the 4-H [Club's] Barn, and it's a easy for families with strollers or children to access."

The Children's Barnyard is essentially a children's zoo that includes calves, ponies, piglets, poultry, ducks, kittens, puppies, lambs, rabbits, goats, llamas, geese and some other birds.

Tinaglia said all the animals are either small in nature or infants.

"The kids love it," she said. "The kids like going into the barn because they can put their faces right up against the gate where the animals are and get a good look at them up close and personal. They can even touch some of the different animals that are on display."

Members of the Owatonna FFA Chapter will be standing by to answer any questions the public may have about the animals on display.

After all, who would know better than the FFA members because all of the animals on display are their own animals.

"They are using leadership skills and they



STAFF PHOTO BY RICK BUSSLER

The Steele County Fair has renovated the Children's FFA Barnyard this year. Fair president Dan Deml said, "We've resided it and spiffed it up."

bring in their own animals to put on display," Tinaglia said. "It's really nice for them to gain other some skills while they are showing off their animals at the fair."

The Children's Barnyard runs the entire time the fair is open from Tuesday until Sunday.

Tinaglia said the barnyard is a good experience that's fun, educational and beneficial in many ways for children.

The SCFF recently received a grant, which a part of it was used on to add a new roof and sliding to the barnyard.

"They have done a little bit of remodeling to barn, and it is really good shape now," Tinaglia said.

Fairgoers can also try their hand at milking the Steele County American Dairy Association's (ADA) "Bella the Cow" located in front of the FFA Children's Barnyard.

"The kids can come on up to Bella the Cow and milk her," she said. "It's hook up to a little water pump so that when they squeeze they actually milk the cow."

Tinaglia said having a fake cow works great because a real cow could be intimidating to the youngsters.

"They can go right up to and they aren't afraid of it," she said. "They can put their hands on it and play around a little bit with the water and they are actually simulating the real life experience of milking a cow."

The Owatonna FFA members also volunteers at the ADA's Malt Stand and hosted the antique tractor pull on Saturday morning

"Everyone is welcome to come check out the barn," Tinaglia said. "Check out all the animals and see what all we have offer."

County's top seniors named

The Steele County Exchange Club, with the cooperation of the Steele County Free Fair and Senior Place, would like to announce the 2018 Outstanding Senior Citizens. They are Mary Larson of rural Claremont and Gene Kispert of Owatonna.

Larson has been involved in "Grandparents for Education" by being an Executive Board member and volunteering in the Owatonna schools. She helps with fundraising events and volunteers for special occasions at the schools. She supports mentoring and tutoring the students also.



Steely's Insights
WAYNE STEELE

Since 1992, Larson has been a board member of the Owatonna #761 School District Foundation, serving as secretary and helping with reviewing applications for grants.

Larson has helped at the Steele County Food Shelf since 2007 distributing food to those in need. From 1994 to 2015, Larson was a member of the Hiawatha Valley Resource Conservation and Development Committee. This committee tries to educate people on conservation and other projects to improve living in Southeast Minnesota. She has been a lifetime supporter of the Dairy Industry in Steele County.

Kispert has been delivering "Meals on Wheels" for more than 21 years, offering not only food to shut-ins but also fellowship. He volunteered for many hours at the "Heritage Halls Museum" providing education and hospitality.

Kispert's work in the Owatonna American Legion includes being Post Chaplain and presenting American flags to family members at military funerals. As an assistant Ambassador for Astronomy for NASA/JPL he has given many educating talks in area schools to inspire interest in Astronomy and NASA.

Every summer for 15 years during retirement Kispert was a volunteer coach teaching kids about sportsmanship, team work and how to play softball.

Larson and Kispert are both selfless senior citizens who love their community and helping others. They will be honored on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on the stage in Fair Square Park.

GRANDSTAND LINE-UP

The fair is here and the Grandstand will be providing some exciting entertainment for all ages!

Tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. will be the Great Frontier Bull Riding. Wednesday afternoon and evening at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. will be the high flying Big Air ATV show. IMP Autocross will test driver's skills as cars and trucks of all sizes navigate through

a defined course on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at the fair will be the NTPA Tractor Pull at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. will be the Antique Tractor Pull. Come out and see how many cars will survive the Enduro Race on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. see which cars survive the Demolition Derby.

A week of fun at the Fair! Fair entertainment schedules are available on the Steele County Free Fair website; scff.org or calendars are available at grocery stores and businesses throughout the Steele County

TALENT SHOW ON SUNDAY

Entry Forms are now available for the Amateur Talent Show held at the Steele County Free Fair on Sunday at 2 p.m. Entry Forms are available on the fair website—scff.org or the fair office.

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

FUN ADVENTURES

Here are a few fun adventures coming up at this week's fair:

- Step through a world of Butterflies and flowers at the fair. The Butterfly Encounter will be across from the Elmer Reseland Stage and will be free to everyone. The Butterfly Encounter is sponsored by the Hometown Credit Union and Godfather Pizza.
- Across from the Butter Fly Encounter at KRFO Town Square will be Doctor Bubbles. Amaze the young ones with a visit to Dr. Bubbles and walk through all the various size bubbles.
- The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be at the Steele County Free Fair on Saturday and Sunday of the Fair.
- The Wienermobile has been an iconic piece of American pop culture since 1936.
- Smokey the Bear will be at the D&R booth at the Four Season Thursday– Sunday. A special presentation will take place on Tuesday evening with the Canine Team. Smokey and the Canine Team are sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources.
- The Godfather from Godfather Pizza fame will be on the fairgrounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

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

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