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Skroch Thiele

Ellendale pact is unusual in region

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Although Ellendale isn't the only Steele County city to contract with the Sheriff's Office for daily coverage — Medford has a similar pact — its arrangement is nonetheless uncommon in the region.

Ellendale's agreement dates to 1970, just before Mark Skroch began his first stint as mayor. At one time, the coverage extended from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. daily, Sheriff Lon Thiele said. He added that the current version of the agreement, which calls for 2.7 hours a day at fluctuating times, began in 2009.

As for why Ellendale sought coverage from the Sheriff's Office in the first place, "I can only speculate it was too expensive for law enforcement to have its own agency" in the city, he said. Many small towns have eliminated their police departments in an effort to save money and have opted instead for coverage from a countywide agency, Thiele said.

"We used to hire a local (police officer), and maybe it cost about the same," Skroch said. "I

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ABOUT THE ISSUE

Mayor Mark Skroch has proposed canceling Ellendale's \$41,000-a-year pact to receive 2.7 hours of dedicated Sheriff's Office coverage each day, saying the money could be better used on other things such as city infrastructure. His proposal drew a crowd at a recent public forum about the issue, and Sheriff Lon Thiele spoke in favor of maintaining the contract.

What's next: Skroch expects the City Council will vote April 9 or April 26 on whether to cancel the contract. He initially expected the council would vote March 26 or April 9, but he expects a council member will be absent March 26 and wants the entire council present for the vote.

Tobacco use banned on most county property

Fairgrounds exempt; decision due in April

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Tobacco use is no longer allowed on the majority of Steele County property. The exception is designated smoking areas in county parks and on the Steele County Free Fairgrounds.

The Steele County Board of Commissioners adopted the policy during its regular meeting March 17.

A draft was presented to the board during the Committee of the Whole meeting

early in the afternoon. The tobacco-free policy presented prohibits the sale and use of tobacco products and electronic-delivery devices, such as e-cigarettes, on all county property.

The county is providing a policy that is a best practice in the public health world, Steele County Public Health Educator Jane Nyquist said.

"We are hoping you would want to adopt a comprehensive best practical policy," she told the board.

The policy states that tobacco use is a major cause of preventable disease and death. Smoking, other tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke have been found to cause heart disease, cancer, asthma, bronchitis and other respi-

ratory problems, policy proponents said.

Nyquist mentioned several surveys during the report. One included a 2006 Surgeon General's study that says there are no safe levels of secondhand smoke. Another study that same year found that 54 percent of smokers who were trying to quit said that seeing someone with a cigarette triggered a relapse, Nyquist said.

It is estimated that at least 18 counties in Minnesota have some sort of comprehensive plan. Nyquist said she has not heard anything negative about the plans in place in other counties.

Commissioner James "Corky" Ebeling said he was only in favor of the policy if the county parks and fairgrounds are excluded.

"Let them create their own policy, then I would be in favor of it," Ebeling said.

Earlier in March, the Steele County Free Fair Board made a recommendation to the county to allow smoking (including the use of electronic cigarettes) only in designated areas during the Steele County Free Fair.

If the county board accepts or approves the recommendation, the fair board will identify two or three areas where smoking would be allowed, Free Fair Secretary/Manager Jim Gleason said.

"It is just a policy," he said. "We hope it will be self-policing. We felt that was the best way to go."

The fair board is expected to revisit the issue during its April board meeting.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Quite a handful

Jaxon Paulson, 2, got at least some of his free vanilla ice cream cone into his mouth Monday, March 16, on Free Cone Day at Dairy Queen in Blooming Prairie. Dairy Queens nationwide offered free vanilla cones in celebration of the fast-food restaurant's 25th anniversary.

Farmers receive buffer answers

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Why 50 feet?

That was a key question on the lips of multiple property owners who packed the Blooming Prairie Community Center on Saturday morning to learn more about how DFL Gov. Mark Dayton's proposed buffer plan affects them.

The plan would institute a 50-foot buffer around all of the state's bodies of water, regardless of their classifications. Rep. Peggy Bennett, R-Albert Lea, scheduled Saturday's "listening session," which was attended by more than 80 farmers and others.

Bennett opened the session by saying she'd heard frequently from farmers and farming organizations in her agriculture-heavy district, adding, "I know that we all want clean water, and our farmers want that as much as anything else. We need to make sure we have common-sense solutions when we're doing this."

She then introduced state Board of Water and Soil Resources Executive Director John Jaschke, who spoke and fielded questions during the majority of the 95-minute session.

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Staff photo by Brian Sandford
State Board of Water and Soil Resources Executive Director John Jaschke speaks during Saturday's listening session in Blooming Prairie.

Heavy snow delays school, but no one is hurt

By KAREN JORGENSEN
Staff Writer

An early-spring snowstorm made its way through South Central and Southeastern Minnesota on Sunday afternoon and evening, leaving widely varying levels in its wake.

Some areas reported in excess of 6 inches, while others received an inch or 2.

In Steele County, Blooming Prairie, Medford and Owatonna schools all had a two-hour late start Monday. In Dodge County, Triton, West Concord Public Charter School and Hayfield schools were closed, and Kasson-Mantorville had a two-hour late start.

Kenyon-Wanamingo, Pine Island, Byron, Rochester and most schools in the southeastern corner of the state also were closed.

Minnesota state troopers were busy but reported no serious crashes.

Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Rochester State Patrol District said that between noon Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday, there were 72 property-damage crashes and nine injuries, adding that none of the injuries



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
A crew member removes snow in Blooming Prairie on Monday morning.

was life-threatening.

There were 154 vehicles off the road and 16 stalled vehicles during that time, he said.

Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose reported no incidents Sunday or Monday

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March 28 at the BP Education Foundation Auction
Live auction begins at 6:00 at the Cue Company
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Opinion

Our view

Local government shows disconnect

It seems like all the time you can read a newspaper or listen to the news on television or radio to hear about how people are fed up with the way government conducts its business. Laws that are being passed don't make sense to the people. And many believe that their voices are being heard less and less. Could that be happening locally?

Take a couple of items in the news. One involves the Public Works building that the Steele County Board of Commissioners has been dealing with. It all started after a major flood in 2010 that made the building uninhabitable for county equipment.

Since, the county board has been working with Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to come up with some kind of funding resolution so it can begin building a new one. In discussion after discussion, Homeland Security and FEMA seem not to hear what the county has been asking.

Now take it to the local level, where the commissioners have been looking at three options for getting the building process going. Costs include \$6.9 million or \$9.6 million. Several commissioners believe the county needs to proceed with the \$9.6 million option.

But in a recent online poll, 66 percent believe the commissioners should proceed with neither plan until they figure out financing.

Is there a disconnect between the board and constituents? Voters obviously are discontented, as they ousted two veterans in fall's election. The Public Works building was part of that reason.

Speaking of polls, a recent one in the Steele County Times asked, "Should the City of Blooming Prairie publish its council minutes in the newspaper?" A whopping 88 percent said yes. The City Council has adopted a resolution stating that if someone wants minutes from a meeting, the city will mail them at city cost. It is important to remember that the city is following state statute with this resolution.

However, again, is there a disconnect? Are council members hearing what the voters are saying? According to this poll, the voters believe the right thing to do is put minutes in the newspaper.

We all have to remember that public officials cannot do the job they are tasked with unless voters continue to discuss issues with them. It also is important for officials to remember that they work for the voters. We don't want to get the reputation of the national level that our officials aren't hearing what voters have to say.



Letters to the editor: A sign of a healthy paper

I want to share about what I consider an amazing accomplishment for our local newspaper that adds value for readers.

This week marks the 20th consecutive week in which we have published letters to the editor on the opinion page under the heading of "Mailbag." Many of those weeks going back to early November have featured three or more letters in a single issue. Such a streak had never happened in the five-plus years I have owned this newspaper.

In the newspaper world, it's widely known that a sign of a healthy newspaper is the number of letters generated from readers. If that's the gauge, it appears we are exceeding the threshold of being a solid and vibrant paper.

We encourage our readers to write letters. First and foremost, the letters to the editor section offers an outlet to let people know what you think or feel strongly about an issue. It's an effective way to get the word out to others on just exactly how you feel.

You can also send a "good news" letter to bring recognition to people who



PURSUIT

Rick Bussler

deserve it or acknowledge the success of an effort. It's no secret that there are a lot of those people and efforts around Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and the rest of the area deserving of such special recognition.

Letters can take a position for or against an issue or simply inform, or both. They can convince readers by using emotions, or facts, or emotions and facts combined.

Being a part of our opinion page is a great way to keep an issue going by preventing it from disappearing from the public eye.

Submitting a letter can be done anytime you want to shape public opinion; tell others how you feel about

people, programs or ideas; or just inform the public on a certain issue. Letters are a great way to increase awareness of the issues that you or your organization are working for, as well as to advocate for your cause.

Of course, we won't just print anything. We have to watch for libelous statements about other people. We reserve the right to edit the letters, though we most often print them in their entirety. The other big requirement for having a letter printed is that it is signed and we have a way to verify the author. There would only be a rare circumstance in which we would print an unsigned letter.

The editorial section is widely read by the public and is monitored by elected officials. The underlining goal with allowing this healthy exchange of opinions, whether it's a letter, staff columns, guest column or editorial written by the newspaper staff, is to create a better community.

I hope we can keep our streak alive and have at least one letter in every edition. Perhaps it's time for you to go in hot pursuit of sending us a letter to the editor.

Mailbag

Support FEMA option at county board meeting

Oh such games our leaders play when they want their own way. The tales our school has been telling make for good entertainment. All the whining is enough to make a person nauseated.

FEMA won't grant relocation funds for a new shop and with good reason. They will give us \$1.5 million to bring the highway shop into flood-plain compliance. It's a no brainer to take the options from FEMA which will not cost Steele County tax payers one red cent. The old shop could have been cleaned up years ago. Everyone on Hoffman Drive cleaned and went right back to business. Of course not our county. Instead they have wasted a million dollars on rent. In 2010 it was a 500 year flood so what do any of us have to worry about.

Our county administrator and the old commissioners wanted to build a \$13.6 million shop. Now the old commissioners that are still on would like a \$10 million version.

The voters have already spoken on how they feel and that is one of the reasons two commissioners got voted Out. We have all felt that there was no reason to build new when what we have will do just fine.

If the three old commissioners over rode the votes of Mr. Brady and Mr. Glynn then we need to find people who can take them out in 2016.

Come to the county board meeting on April 14th and express your support for the FEMA option. It is the only reasonable thing to do. If you can't attend at least call or write to voice your opinion.

Marlene Nelson
Owatonna

Food Shelf's goal is \$100,000, donations

The Steele County Food Shelf will respectfully provide healthy resources to those dealing with food insecurity.

Steele County Food Shelf, NEED's YOUR HELP! During the summer months, the 49 percent of students eligible for free and reduced lunches are no longer receiving meals. In 2014, June through August 5,236 10-day food packages were received by area families. Summer vacation means for some area parents added stress to provide well balanced family meals.

There are 300 plus food shelves in the state that participate in the month long food drive. Donations reported to Minnesota Food Share benefit our local shelf with additional dollars.

Thank you to all the people who donated so far this month. To date we have received \$ 39,689.59 and 630 pounds of food; this includes the money raised at the Home Town Sampler concert kick-off. Our goal is to raise enough donations to cover expenses during our busiest time of the year. Please help us restock the community food shelf for our neighbors in need.

Stormy Trom
Steele County Food Shelf director

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morning, suggesting that maybe because the bulk of the snow fell Sunday, "most people stayed home."

He added that by mid-morning Monday, conditions on county roads were improving.

There were no immediate reports of major crashes in Steele County.

Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad said the department did not receive any calls relating to the weather.

"We are very fortunate looking at all the other cities; our city crews should get a lot of credit because they do a good job of getting the streets cleaned up," he said.

The National Weather Service in Chanhassen reported Owatonna received 7.5 inches by Monday morning.

The Weather Service's LaCrosse office reported that Rochester had received 10 inches of snow and Austin reported 6 inches.

To the north, Lakeville was reporting nearly 10 inches of snow, while to the west of Steele County, Mankato was only report-



Staff photo by Kristin Smith
It was tough to pinpoint the horizon on a snow- and cloud-filled Monday morning.

ing 2½ inches.

Warm weather was expected to make the snow short-lived. Monday's highs were forecast in the mid-30s, while a Tuesday

high near 40 was predicted with a mixture of rain and snow showers. By next weekend, temperatures were forecast to be near 50 degrees.

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Opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Steele County Times and the editor reserves the right to edit letters when necessary. Please limit opinions to no longer than 350 words.

The Steele County Times encourages readers to write letters to the editor as a means of communicating ideas and opinions with others, with a goal being to make the community better for all people.

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News/Commentary

Fiebiger re-elected; feedlot controversy continues

By KAREN JORGENSEN
Staff Writer

Paul Fiebiger was elected to his fourth term on the Westfield Township Board by a healthy margin recently, but controversy over local zoning and feedlots continues.

At the election, which was conducted after the township’s annual meeting, Fiebiger defeated challenger Lowell Trom 117-34. Larry Schmeling, who was running unopposed for treasurer, was re-elected.

Westfield Township has been at the center of a controversy over Dodge County feedlots since last year, when Dodge County commissioners approved a 2,400-head feedlot in the township. Since, a group led by Trom’s daughter, Sonja Trom Eayrs, has been encouraging residents of Westfield and other townships to establish township zoning ordinances that could restrict the growth of feedlots. Dodge County has more than 225 feedlots of varying sizes.

The Troms also have sued in District Court in Dodge County to overturn the commissioners’ approval of the most recent feedlot.

The March 10 election saw one of the largest turnouts ever for Westfield Township, Fiebiger said, adding that the average turnout for the township election and annual meeting preceding it is 11 to 25 voters.

“There are a handful of people who would like the township to do planning and zoning rather than letting the county do it,” he said. “There is a possibility to change the way we do planning and

IF YOU GO

What: Special meeting about the battle to change zoning procedures in Westfield Township.

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Where: Westfield Town Hall east of Blooming Prairie.

About the issue: Dodge County Concerned Citizens is pushing for Westfield Township to have planning and zoning ordinances at the township level to curb the growing number of feedlots. It says doing so would establish the size of the feedlot operation and limit the number of animal units and establish minimum acreage requirements.

Five of 12 townships in Dodge County have adopted their own ordinances” Ashland, Canisteo, Concord, Ellington and Ripley.

zoning, but it is up to the board if they decided to do that.”

Trom, who served on the Westfield board for 24 years and on the County Commissioner board for eight years, said after the election that the zoning ordinance prompted him to run this time.

He said it is hard to find people will-

ing to run for a spot on the town board, and if he won, he planned to “stay long enough to get zoning through.”

The zoning issue took center stage at the township’s annual meeting March 10, when Trom Eayrs presented a petition with more than 60 signatures for a township meeting to discuss local zoning.

Trom Eayrs, an attorney in the Twin Cities, said Minnesota law provides that if 20 percent of the electors in the most recent general election petition for such a meeting, it must be held. The last general election, she said, saw 156 people in the township voting, leading to a 20 percent figure of 32 signatures.

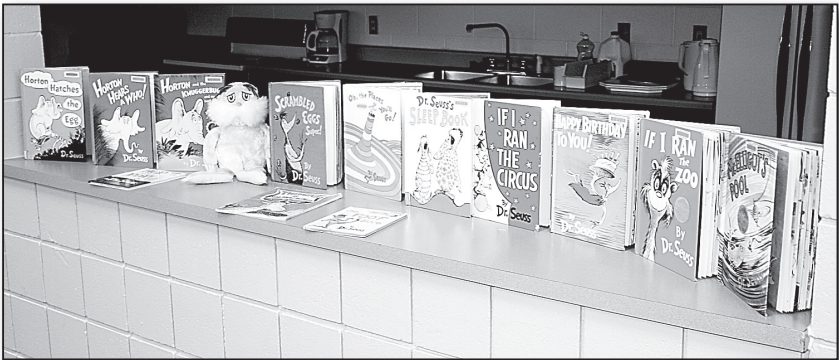
The petition presented by Trom Eayrs called for the meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the town hall. The meeting instead will be held March 31.



Staff photos by Brian Sandford

Oh, the places you’ll go!

Above and right: Blooming Prairie Branch Library Manager Nancy Vaillancourt reads Dr. Seuss books to about 20 children as part of Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 19, at the library.



Dr. Seuss books line the room at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library during Family Fun Night.



News editor joins Times

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

The Steele County Times is excited to add yet another new person to its team, Brian Sandford as news editor.

Sandford will write stories from the Ellendale and Blooming Prairie areas, take photos and design the newspaper, along with the News Enterprise.

Sandford is from New Jersey but grew up in Ohio. He graduated from Black River High School in Sullivan, Ohio, and attended the University of South Florida in Tampa.

He knew he wanted to work for a newspaper in high school because he enjoyed writing and did well in English class.

“When I was 18 and going into college, I wrote a letter to my local paper asking for a job and they hired me as a proofreader,” he said.

Sandford has worked for papers in Ohio, Florida, Iowa, Washington and Oregon and most recently worked as the editor for the Nevada Appeal in Carson City for a year and a half before moving to Minnesota to do freelance writing and be closer to his girlfriend.

The small-town atmosphere attracted him to Blooming Prairie.

“A lot of this area reminds me of where I grew up. I remember when I lived in a town of about 700, I would look in the paper every day hoping to see news about that town, and I got a chance to live in one (a small town) again, so I took it,” he said.

Sandford enjoys writing stories that showcase people.

“I have interviewed a lot of people who say, ‘There is nothing interesting about me,’ and then they will go on to talk about these amazing things that are normal to them but fascinating to anybody else,” he said.

Sandford said he is excited to get to know more about his new home through reporting.

“As I am telling the stories that I encounter here, I am also learning about the place, and that is a really cool way to learn about a new home,” he said.

Sandford is living in Geneva. He enjoys writing, playing basketball, fantasy sports, traveling and adding to his coin collection.



Sandford

Reflections. . .

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Howard Lestrud

Sid Hartman inspires via long career

We all have our close, personal friends. He doesn’t know it, but I would call Minnesota sports personality Sid Hartman one of my close, personal friends.

Hartman this month celebrated his 95th birthday. Hartman, the longtime Minneapolis Star Tribune sports columnist, is still working and continues to carry the banner of being a person many Minnesotans love and many love to hate.

Hartman minces no words in calling people “stiffs” who don’t agree with his many sports opinions. Hartman’s demeanor has changed drastically as he has aged, but he still is one of Minnesota’s biggest sports boosters, or a “homer,” in other words.

I met the ever-popular Hart-

man when I was a young, fledgling sports writer and sports editor for The Evening Tribune in Albert Lea. Hartman asked me to be part of his Prep Parade committee at WCCO Radio.

Prep Parade was a weekly radio program that saluted some of the top high school athletes in Minnesota. Hartman contacted many sportswriters and editors across the state asking them to nominate athletes who performed at a high level during the week.

I admired Hartman from the start because he never rejected any of my nominees. The real winners in this selection process were the athletes themselves and their families. All athletes received mention on the radio program and were mailed a Prep Parade certificate. The athletes honored each week were also recognized at a gala sports reception at the end of the sports year.

I also was a devotee of Hartman’s daily WCCO program titled “Sports Heroes.”

Hartman was not a bashful person, and there was no athlete that he would not try to approach as his sports hero. His sports heroes included Kirby Puckett of the Minnesota Twins, boxer Muhammad Ali, quarterback Joe Namath of the New York Jets, pitcher Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles, Coach Bobby Knight of Indiana University, Coach Bud Grant of the Minnesota Vikings, Coach Jerry Kill of the University of Minnesota, owner Glen Taylor of

the Minnesota Timberwolves and Torii Hunter of the Minnesota Twins, and the list goes on. One of his greatest interviews came at the old Metropolitan Stadium, when Hartman, clad in a suit, got right into the shower with “Broadway Joe” Namath.

Puckett, Kill, Taylor and Hunter were not actually a part of the Sports Heroes program

Bumping into Hartman at sports events, I introduced myself as a past member of his Prep Parade panel and tried to persuade Hartman to come and speak to our Forest Lake Chamber of Commerce.

After I hounded him, Hartman finally relented to come as a special guest. His appearance at our chamber meeting drew the largest attendance of any Forest Lake chamber event.

Hartman offered an opinion on almost any sports subject and even took on women’s sports as being inferior to men’s sports.

Hartman wrote his first column for the Minneapolis Daily Times on Sept. 11, 1945. His writing career continues with almost-daily columns and this September, he will observe his 70th year as a Star Tribune columnist.

Hartman’s columns nearly always focus on Minnesota sports, most often saluting

the sports programs at the University of Minnesota.

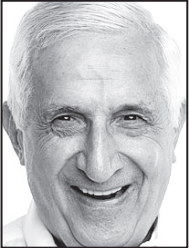
Hartman’s newspaper career actually started when, as a lad, he delivered the newspaper door to door. He dropped out of high school as a junior, then notched his first reporting job writing a story on the Gophers.

The Minneapolis Lakers were a love of Hartman’s, and he was instrumental in touting the Lakers as a dynasty team from 1947-1957. At age 27, Hartman became acting general manager of the Minneapolis Lakers.

Over the years, Sid was most visible at Minnesota sporting events as the man carrying a tape recorder. With a nose for news, Sir Sidney would turn on the tape recorder when he sensed a good interview. He would even break into interviews being done by other media types.

One of my best Sid stories came in 2010 at the inaugural Minnesota Twins game at Target Field. I was doing a newspaper interview with Dave St. Peter, president of the Twins. Sid came by and started to ask St. Peter some questions. “Sid, can’t you see I’m doing an interview? You are really rude and you would not want him to do this to you.”

Even though Sid barged into my interview, I still have respect for him constantly



Hartman

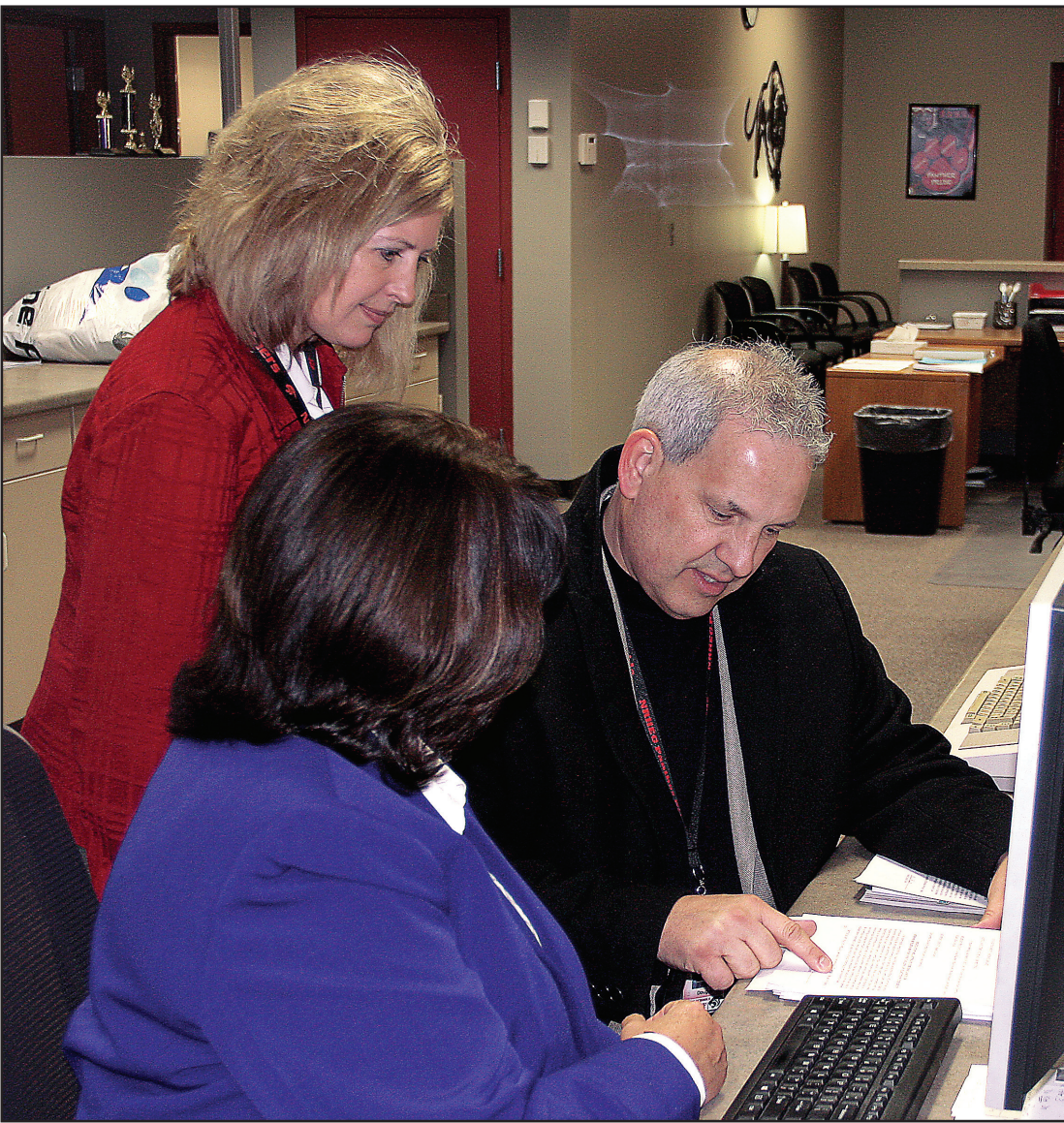
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Numbers don't rile NRHEG's business manager



NRHEG Business Manager Karla Christopherson goes over projections for the new Bridges program with Ellendale Elementary Principal Doug Anderson and Administrative Assistant Teri Kormann. Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**
Managing Editor

Handling a multi-million dollar budget may be frightening for many business managers. But New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Genova School District Business Manager Karla Christopherson just doesn't get hung up on the numbers of zeros.

"You focus on the ups, downs, changes and make the adjustments," she said. "The goal is to always finish in the black. We have to stay on top of things."

She loves working with numbers, staying organized, figuring out better ways to do things, serving on committees and constantly trying to learn as changes occur.

"Rather than looking at the total sum, I spend time looking at past history, trends, upcoming projections," she said. "Many discussions with Administration take place over the course of months to establish the budget."

Many who work with Christopherson see her as detailed and protective of the school district. She works hard to make sure she understands

the financial aspects of education funding. She also has 13 years of knowledge working in the NRHEG School District.

Christopherson will play a major role in an upcoming \$14.2 million referendum within the school district to upgrade the Ellendale and New Richland facilities. The vote is slated for June 9.

She didn't start in education after graduating from Mankato State University with a business administration degree. She worked as a loan officer and was thinking about going on to get her business education degree when the business manager position opened at NRHEG in January 2002. She has been there ever since.

"I feel blessed to grow up in a generation where women are recognized for their strengths and what they can offer the business world," she said.

Christopherson credits her parents for getting her where she is today. "They ran a successful trucking business and farm operation," Christopherson said. "They taught me to work hard and spend smart."

The major difference between the banking industry and the education industry is that banking is regulated. "In education I have found I had a hard time adjusting to the Legislature making a decision in the 11th hour and all of a sudden pass something. It takes a while for everything to trickle down to us," she stated. "When I first started I thought we had to do things right now. Then I found out I have to wait to figure out how they are going to do it and then eventually it gets to us."

For Christopherson, the big challenge is protecting the fund balance but yet offering programs to graduate quality students. "It is not all about the bottom line," she said. "Now I recognize there has to be a balance. Things are good now in education and it is allowing us the opportunity to add programs back in that had to be cut over the last 12 plus years."



Dr. Amy Swain—Owner and Doctor of Audiology at Amy Swain Hearing Centers of Austin, Owatonna and Waseca. In business since 2006 but has worked as an audiologist since 1989. Lives in Waseca with her husband Will, and has two daughters. Hobbies include reading, gardening and cooking. Dr. Swain earned her Bachelor of Science degree and her Master's degree in audiology from the University of Minnesota. Her doctorate degree in audiology was from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. She has been working with many different brands of hearing aids since 1989. Before she owned her own business she worked as a dispensing audiologist at Mayo Medical Ventures in Rochester for five years and later for Doug Freeman Audiology and Better Hearing Care. In 2006, she ventured into her own business and owns three offices in Austin, Owatonna and Waseca. Dr. Amy Swain wants everyone to hear better!

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Tammy Johnson, president of Johnson and Doerhoefer P.A., has been in the business for 20 years. Johnson has been married to Doug for 32 years; they have three children: Grant, St. Cloud; Alex, Mankato; and Erin, Moorhead.

Johnson enjoys cooking, gardening, making jewelry, and antiques. She also has a great passion for education in Blooming Prairie, the high school musical and serving as president of the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

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She is the mother of four children and has four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Betsy is currently a member of the Executive Committee for the Owatonna Foundation, Steele County Food Shelf Board of Directors/Treasurer, Owatonna Rotary Board/Rotary Foundation Chair and has served on many other boards as well as leadership positions during her 30 years in business.

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I have been the owner of the dance studio for three year. This is my first year in Ellendale. I married Jason Manges in June of 2014 and he is from the area, which is why I relocated.

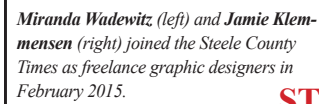
Hobbies/Interests: Love spending time helping my husband around our farm, we have cattle, pigs, dogs, and cats. When I am not helping out I enjoy reading, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

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Lynn Borchers, Office Manager, enjoys doing yoga and being an active member of the Blooming Prairie Women of Today (WT).



Miranda Wudevitz (left) and Jamie Klemmensen (right) joined the Steele County Times as freelance graphic designers in February 2015.



Julie Snyder, Sales Manager, Karla Brown, Advertising Specialist, Shannon Kinley County Times as freelance graphic designers in February 2015.

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JULIE SNYDER has worked for the Times for three years and most recently was promoted to sales manager. She and her husband live in Austin.

KARLA BROWN is the newest addition to the sales team. She primarily handles telemarketing sales. She lives in Owatonna with her son.

SHANNON KINLEY has been with the Times for nearly a year as county staff writer. She plans to get married this June and lives in West Concord.

KAREN JORGENSEN has been in the newspaper business for many years and currently serves as news editor for the News Enterprise in West Concord, a sister publication of the Times.

ANNIE ANDERSON is committed to producing a quality newspaper. Though her primary role is advertising director, she is able to step in and help out wherever needed.

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a salute to WOMEN in business

Handling a different problem every workday

By **BRIAN SANDFROD**
News Editor

From her seat near the walk-up counter at Blooming Prairie City Hall, Deputy City Clerk Terri Zwiener is a conduit for businesspeople and other residents seeking help solving their problems.

Zwiener knows her face and voice are familiar to help-seekers in southeastern Steele County, and it's a role she relishes. In particular, she appreciates that every workday is different, and every call or walk-in visit might bring something new.

A case in point came during an interview in late March, in which she fielded a call about trash having fallen on Highway 218 in Blooming Prairie.

"Everything is different," she said, adding that questions she fields include, "Where can I put my fence? The neighbor's dog is barking. ... Where are my property lines at?"

"Terri is a great gal. I have known her since she moved to Blooming Prairie," said Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce Director Becky Noble. "She does a great job at the city administrator's office. She is very thorough at her work, and she's always pleasant to people."

"She knows what she's doing over there, so it's nice to be able to go in and ask questions," Noble added. "Besides that, she absolutely has to help



Deputy City Clerk Terri Zwiener began her career as a part-time secretary and was promoted seven years later. Zwiener handles the accounting for the city and does the licenses for liquor, cigarettes and dogs. She also prepares minutes.

me with my computer sometimes. She's good on that."

Zwiener grew up in Austin and moved north in 2003, two years after marrying. She was attracted to Blooming Prairie partly because of the quality of the schools and partly because her husband — whom she met at a state pool tournament in Rochester — is from here.

"I had a 6-year-old daughter at the time," she said, adding that she'd learned through word-of-mouth that the school district here was far superior to Austin's.

Zwiener began her City Hall career as a part-time secretary, then was promoted to her current

position about seven years ago. She said the financial duties were the biggest adjustment she faced in her new role but added that she took to them pretty easily.

What does she do now, exactly?

"My title is deputy city clerk," she said. "I keep the accounting for the city. I do all the licensing — liquor licensing, cigarette licensing, dog licensing, prepare minutes, answer telephones."

Zwiener said the varied tasks keep the job interesting, as do various conferences she attends.



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Jennifer Fisher: Certified Personal Trainer, Certified Kettlebell, Certified Bokwa Fitness, Licensed Zumba and Zumba Toning, also educated, trained and experienced in Strength Training, Small Group Personal Training, ReBoot Camp, Core Strength and Fitness, Stretching.

She is the Owner of Just About You! Get In Shape Studio and Personal Training Center, fulfilling her dream of one day offering to others what she endlessly sought out for herself, to get fit and health...and never to be labeled "morbidly obese" again.

Hobbies: I love to fish and have been since three years old. Sight seeing, antiques, crafting and gardening.



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Cheri Krecji is the office manager/owner of family-owned business Krecji Ford. Krecji is married to Rick and has three children, Lindsey, Scott and Aaron.

During her free time, Krecji enjoys camping, quilting, reading, cooking and baking, playing cards and pogs and jokers.

Krecji spends her time keeping busy with the BP Cancer Group, church activities and spending time with family.

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Navigating her way to and through other communities has always been comfortable for her. Fisher's sphere and referrals have been based in very a wide territory. However, her focus continues to be assisting buyers and sellers around the Steele County area.



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Sue Zwiener is a full service financial professional with 31 years of experience with New York Life. She has been married to her husband Jeff for 42 years, has four children all of whom are married and living in the BP area. Her eleven grandchildren all attend school in Blooming Prairie, and her main interest is spending time with her family and attending her children's sporting events. She also enjoys golfing and spending time at the lake.

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Hobbies and interests include camping, reading, traveling, baking, spending time with family and friends. Also church activities and volunteer for past 14 years with Blooming Prairie Ambulance.

Family includes husband Randy, her sons Brad and Ryan, fiancée Taylor and daughter Rachael.

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Obituaries

Menus

Loretta M. Moe, 78, Owatonna

Loretta M. Moe, 78, of Owatonna, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at Homestead Hospice House.

Loretta was born December 23, 1936, in Cresco, Iowa, the daughter of John and Gertrude (Heidi) Rassman. The family moved to Claremont in 1951. Loretta then moved to Owatonna where she graduated from Owatonna High School in 1956. She was united in marriage to Donald Moe on November 19, 1955, at St. John Lutheran Church. The couple made their home near Owatonna. She worked at Jerry's Supper Club and then began working



for Northwestern Bell in 1976. The telephone company later became US West (Century Link) and from there she retired in 1998. She also worked as a caregiver at the Unity House #5 in Owatonna. Donald died in 1980.

Loretta enjoyed reading, crocheting and needlework. She was a lifetime member of the VFW, and also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Telephone Pioneers.

She is survived by a daughter, Julie Maxwell of Billings, Montana; a son, Randy (and Julie) Moe of Owatonna; 10 grandchildren Sarah (and Simon) Escamilla, Heidi Wencil, Holly (and Jason) Neubauer, Erin Wencil, Andrew Wencil, Derek (and Abby) Moe, Evan Moe, Anna Moe, Jerilyn Maxwell and Nicole (and Cortney) Foss; five great grandchildren Nico Moe, Olivia Blumers, Mikenna

Blumers, Emily Blumers and Quentin Escamilla. Loretta is also survived by her brothers Eugene (and Frances) Rassman of Owatonna, Robert Rassman of New York, and Gordon (and Gladys) Rassman of Owatonna; a sister Betty (and Allen) Buss of Owatonna; best friend, Tina Knudson; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Moe; an infant son Scott in 1958; her parents; a sister Mary Anderson; and two brothers Allan Rassman and Wayne Rassman.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 20, 2015, with The Reverend Jonathan Davis officiating. Interment will be in the Aurora Lutheran Cemetery in Havana Township. Memorials are preferred to Homestead Hospice House. Arrangements by Michaelson Funeral Home.

Melissa Kay Eastberg, 39, Owatonna

Melissa Kay Eastberg, 39, of Owatonna, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at Seasons Hospice in Rochester after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Melissa was born Sep. 14, 1975, in Golden Valley, Minnesota, the daughter of Richard Soderstrom and Barbara (Wersal) Nielson. The family moved to Blooming Prairie in 1980. Melissa graduated Blooming Prairie High School in 1994 and attended Rochester Community College.

Melissa married Kurt East-



berg on Nov. 13, 1999. They resided in the Brainerd area until 2007 when they moved to the Owatonna area. Along with raising her son, Michael, Melissa worked at various businesses.

Melissa's greatest joy was her son, Michael, and she loved spending time at her grandparents on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, Minnesota. She enjoyed photography, drawing and crocheting. Melissa had a beautiful smile and loving heart.

She is survived by her son, Michael Eastberg of Owatonna; husband, Kurt Eastberg of Owatonna; mother, Barb (Dave) Nielson of Owatonna; father, Rick (Mary) Soderstrom of Winter Haven, Florida; sister, Amy (Jim) Holewa of Maple Grove; brother, Kyle

(Jenny) Soderstrom of Owatonna; step-sisters and brother, Melissa Chiado of Monticello, KamiAnn (Mitch) Dosh of St. Michael, Romaine (Phil) Pugin of Cannon City, Colorado, Noelle (Tom) Westrum of Duluth, Mark Nielson of Minneapolis, and Shawna Nielson of Faribault; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Adrian and Therese Wersal; paternal grandparents, Wally and Nina Eilers; and Harold Soderstrom.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with The Reverend John Sauer officiating. Memorials are preferred to the family or Blooming Prairie Cancer Group P.O. Box 817, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917.

Marty Toquam, 56, Claremont

Marty Dale Toquam, 56, of Claremont, went home to heaven on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Northfield Hospital-Long Term Care Center with his family by his side.

Marty was born May 5, 1958, in Owatonna, the son of Carroll and Sharon (Louks) Toquam. He grew up in rural Claremont and attended school in Claremont and West Concord. He then moved into REM group homes and worked with Opportunity Services who would help find various jobs for Marty. He retired due to health complications in 2013 and moved to Northfield.

He always had a smile and



could tell you everything you wanted to know about the Minnesota Twins and the Vikings. He loved to spend time with his family, but also enjoyed peace and quiet. He participated in the Special Olympics and loved to bowl, watch sports, play cards, dance, ride four wheeler and listen to music.

He is survived by his parents, Carroll and Sharon Toquam of Claremont; two sisters, Lori (and Dan) Hodgman of Mantorville and Lisa (and Brian) Poe of Owatonna; and his nephews, Taylor and Tanner Hodgman, Nick, Travis and Trevor Poe; and nieces, Victoria Poe and Danika Hodgman.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be at Michaelson Funeral Home on Friday, March 27, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service in the church. The

celebration of Marty's life will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Brian Wright and the Rev. Roy Morris officiating. Interment will be in the Hillside Cemetery in Claremont. Memorials are preferred to Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church or Northfield Hospital-Long Term Care Center.

Seniors Menu

March 24: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, California Medley, Fruit Delight

March 25: Sweet Pepper Steak Over Rice, Cauliflower, Tossed Salad, Pumpkin Crisp

March 26: Fruity Chicken Salad On Lettuce, Tomato Wedges, Bun, Gingerbread w/Sauce

March 27: Baked Fish, ALT: Beef Pattie, Oven Browned Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Orange Dess.

March 30: Onion Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Peach/Cranberry Sauce, Mock Whip & Chill

March 31: Grilled Chicken Salad, Melon Wedge, Batter Bun, Rhubarb Cake

April 1: Baked Ham, ALT: Beef Steak, Sweet Potatoes, Grn Beans/Mushrooms, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

BP Elementary School Breakfast

March 24: Yogurt Parfait w/ Homemade Granola, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

March 25: WG Pop-Tart, Cheese Stick, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

March 26: UBR Breakfast Round, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

March 27: Iced Cinnamon Roll, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

March 30: WG Apple Bosco Stick, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

March 31: Fruit Yogurt w/Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Fruit/Juice, Milk

BP Elementary School Lunch

March 24: Roast Pork and Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Chicken Tenders, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Corn, Fruit

March 25: Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Honey Mustard Ham Wrap, Green Beans, Tomato Wedges, Celery Sticks, Fruit

March 26: BBQ Rib on a WG Bun, Salsa Chicken Bowl-chicken, bean, rice, chips, Carrots with Dill Dip (HOM), Cauliflower, Romaine Lettuce, Fruit

March 27: Pizza Parlor Cheese Pizza, Fish Filet on a Bun, Garlic Herb Broccoli, Cole Slaw, Celery Sticks, Fruit

March 30: WG French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Hot Turkey on a WG Bun, Breakfast Potato, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Fruit

March 31: Cheeseburger on WG Bun, Harvest Chicken Salad, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli Florets, Cauliflower, Fruit

BP Middle School Lunch

March 24: Roast Pork & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cinnamon Roll, Corn, Broccoli Florets, Romaine Lettuce, Choice of Fruit

March 25: Cheesy Pizza Bake, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Sliced Radishes, Tomato Wedges, Celery Sticks, Fruit

March 26: Salsa Chicken Bowl-chicken, rice, beans, tortilla chips, Carrots with Dill Dip (HOM), Cauliflower, Black Beans, Fruit

March 27: Breaded Fish Filet, French Fries, WW Bread, Tartar Sauce, Broccoli Florets, Cole Slaw, Celery Sticks, Fruit

March 30: WG French Toast, Syrup, Yogurt Parfait with Granola, Green Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit

March 31: Asian Noodle Bowl-chicken, veggies, noodles, sauce, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Florets, Cauliflower, Fruit

BP High School Lunch

March 24: Roast Pork & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cinnamon Roll, Corn, Broccoli Florets, Romaine Lettuce, Choice of Fruit

March 25: Cheesy Pizza Bake, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Sliced Radishes, Tomato Wedges, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit

March 26: Salsa Chicken Bowl-chicken, rice, beans, tortilla chips, Carrots with Dill Dip (HOM), Cauliflower, Black Beans, Choice of Fruit

March 27: Breaded Fish Filet, French Fries, WW Bread, Tartar Sauce, Broccoli Florets, Cole Slaw, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit

March 30: WG French Toast, Syrup, Yogurt Parfait with Granola, Green Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit

March 31: Asian Noodle Bowl-chicken, veggies, noodles, sauce, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Florets, Cauliflower, Fruit



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March 26

Marty Shaw, David Rumpza, Cale Braaten, Tiffany Peterson

March 27

Betty Ingvaldson, Chad Klemmens, Val Garcia, Lois Friesner, MaKenna Brown, Becky Masching, Fariah Weinberger

March 28

Kevin Eischens, Lori Miller, Trig Klemmens, Elaine Vermilyea, Jennifer Walsh, John Humphrey, Jake Lembke, Ka-

March 29

Emerson Nelson, Phillip Ramsey, Rhonda McCabe, Joyce Trom

March 30

Darrell Hansen, Krysta Harshbarger, Paul Ingvaldson

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Constant change — and God's everlasting love



As the saying goes, *the only thing that is constant is change*. We know change. We happily greet the change in season, from a long winter to a welcomed spring. We may have positive changes in jobs, relationships, and living situations.

Change certainly can be good. But then there is the change for which we don't ask. The kind of change that throws us from our comfort, from our routine, from what we know. The loss of a job, the death of a dear person in our lives, a crisis.

The only thing that is constant is change. Some days, it seems all too true, all too frustratingly true. But ... it's not quite the complete truth.

We have another constant in our lives. God who is steadfast and whose love for us does not change.

Whether they are joyful changes or ones filled with sorrow, God promises to walk by our side, constantly and unfaltering and with steadfastness. Perhaps the saying should instead be: *The only things that are constant are change and God's unwavering love for each of us*.

Thanks be to God who is with us in the midst of changes, big and small, joyful and sad, planned and unplanned. Thanks be to God for being a constant in our lives of change.

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don't remember all the reasons we switched to a county system." A proposal to switch to county coverage was floated late last year in nearby New Richland, said city Police Chief Scott Eads. He said that Waseca County city, 13 miles to the west, has six officers working full-time schedules. "It did come up at a City Council meeting; a member of the public asked why the city spends money on a police department," Eads said. Waseca County Sheriff Brad Milbrath estimated it would cost \$52 an hour to have a deputy patrol the city, Eads said. He provided that number to the City Council. The New Richland department's budget for 2014 was \$199,000, Eads said. Based on the figure Milbrath provided, it

would cost about \$269,000 a year for Sheriff's Office patrols offering the same level of coverage, Eads said. Some residents at a public forum preceding the Ellendale City Council meeting March 12 expressed concern about contract cancellation bringing a hidden cost increase, in the form of countywide tax rates going up to sustain current staffing levels at the Sheriff's Office. Thiele said he hasn't researched whether that would happen. Clarks Grove, another of Ellendale's municipal neighbors, relies on the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office for on-call coverage. Sheriff Kurt Freitag said his department doesn't have any daily-coverage agreements with cities. "I've never heard of any of the communities wanting to go into a contract with the Sheriff's Office for any reason," he said, adding that his department

could do so if asked. If the Sheriff's Office has a coverage contract with a town, it already will be on the scene if an incident happens, Freitag said. If not, it will respond as needed. Thiele and Skroch insist they have no ill will toward each other and continue to maintain their positions. Each is confident the upcoming council vote will go his way. "Not having a contract just, I feel, pushes you backwards in terms of keeping the town nice and neat and orderly, without any large issues that make it a nice place to stay," Thiele said. "If you break from what we've succeeded with, we'll go backward." Skroch counters, "I think, for a small community ... we need infrastructure work all the time, and our park has been neglected. If we threw that \$41,000 into the park for a couple of years, we could have a very nice park."

ABOUT THE
LEGISLATION

Gov. Mark Dayton this month introduced legislation requiring 50-foot buffer strips around state bodies of water, with the goal of preventing pollutants from entering the water supply. The governor's stated goal is to turn 125,000 acres in the state into buffer strips, covered with permanent vegetation and rendered off-limits to farming and other uses. The governor's reasons for the legislation are listed at dnr.state.mn.us/buffers.

CONTACT

Rep. Peggy Bennett, who arranged Saturday's session, invited residents to contact her with thoughts or concerns about the proposed buffer-expansion plan. She can be reached the following ways. **Address:** 507 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 **Phone:** 651-296-8216 **Email:** rep.peggy.bennett@house.mn

BUFFERS
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Following are some of the audience's questions, as well as Jaschke's replies. **Question:** Where did the idea for a 50-foot buffer come from? **Answer:** The number was chosen for all waterways in part to keep things simple. Under current state rules, "there's not even a clear definition between ditch and stream," Jaschke said. "A ditch and a public ditch aren't the same thing." **Q:** Currently, a buffer of 16½ feet is required around many bodies of water. Does the 50-foot designation include that buffer, or is it in addition to it? In other words, would the new buffer be 50 feet total or 66½ feet? **A:** The 16½ feet is included. **Q:** What research has suggested that 50 feet is an appropriate universal buffer size? Would more research reveal different findings? **A:** "We don't need any more research on buffers," Jaschke said. "We have libraries full of buffer research" dating back decades. **Q:** Who is going to pay farmers for land they lose? **A:** "The way the bill is structured is that it directs people to the federal Conservation Reserve Program," Jaschke said. "Landowners can enroll in a contract program." **Q:** What does the term "water quality" really mean, and what is lacking now? Is a company or its products to blame?

A: "Those products will still be used," Jaschke said. "That's got to happen, or you're not going to be successful (with farming)." **Q:** If the state renders land unusable to farmers, will farmers still have to pay property taxes on that land as long as they own it? **A:** Yes; the bill doesn't address the tax issue. **Q:** Is there a bill that requires redeterminations on ditch systems? **A:** A bill in the House that recently got a hearing would require a redetermination to be done within five years. "There's no companion (bill) in the Senate," Jaschke said. "I don't know if it's going to pass in the House."

Other concerns

Among the other issues raised by attendees at Saturday's listening session: that farmers will close down their properties and not let anyone in if the proposal becomes law, creating an urban-vs.-rural battle; that enrolling in a federal program exposes farmers to flaws therein; that litigation over the proposed new requirements will delay implementation for up to a decade; that farmers are unfairly blamed for nitrate pollution; and that farmers will significant amounts of land will lose large amounts to the new requirements. One audience member said he feared losing 40 to 50 acres.

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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

BP grad honored

For those subscribers who received the Times' farm tab, this may be old news, but an article in that publication announced the election to the Minnesota livestock Hall of Fame for Dr. Les Hansen, a 1969 BPHS graduate. Many residents know and remember Les and his parents, Carlo and Esther Hansen. He is a world-renowned researcher and professor at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.

Hansen credits his school's FFA program and the years he spent in 4-H while growing up on the farm southwest of Blooming Prairie. He graduated from the U and earned his doctor's degree at Iowa State. Hansen currently teaches one class at the U, but also does a great deal of traveling to give speeches at countries all over the world.

He has visited 24 countries in his travels, explaining his research in agriculture and livestock in particular. He also supervises the dairy cattle judging team at the U, and that team has placed in the top five of 20 national contests, winning eight of them. Dr. Hansen's mother, Esther, still lives in Blooming Prairie. We extend a big tip of the hat and hearty congratulations to Hansen for his life work and his election into that prestigious Hall of Fame.

Last of winter

The basketball boys held their annual awards program last Sunday, and a successful season brought many honors to the team and individuals. The team finished the year with a 16-11 overall record and a sub-section runner-up trophy. A late surge put them into position for the strong finish. Senior John Rumpza ended his career with just about every record available, including the most career points ever, the most rebounds, and the most blocks for a career.

Other teammates also had good seasons, if not record-setting ones. Rumpza also will play in an All-Star game at the end of this week, after earning MNP honors from his teammates. Anthony Nelson was voted Most Dedicated, Jake Decker Mr. Defense and Scott Romeo Most Improved. The team now has the all-time record in field goal percentage and in assists.

Taylor Hagen received one last plaudit last week, as well, when the Owatonna paper accorded her the girls' Area Player of the Year. Hagen leaves her high school career with just about every girls' record there is. She is the leading point scorer and rebounder, and would certainly be the leader in blocked shots, if the girls kept those statistics.

Besides Hagen, BP's Madison Worke also landed on the All-Area team. Worke is second behind Hagen in career points, averaged 15.2 points and is also the career leader in assists. Other girls who made the team included senior Anna Edel and freshman Sydney Schultz from Owatonna and sophomore Maddie Wagner from NRHEG. All three of those girls averaged over 10 points per game, with Wagner topping out at 17.3. A tip of the hat to the two Awesome Blossoms and the other All-Area girls' players.

In other sports items, both Tricia DeBoer and Shelbi Swenson continue their softball careers at St. Cloud State and Bethel University. DeBoer is hitting just

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE BASKETBALL

Three Blossoms named All-Stars

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Each year for the past 33, the Minnesota Boys Basketball Coaches Association has held an all-star basketball game, including 40 of the best senior players around the state. The GBCA has also held a game for 40 of the best senior girls around the state.

It represents quite an honor for a player to be named to the roster. To have three given that honor is extraordinary, but this year three Blooming Prairie athletes will be part of the contest. Senior John Rumpza will play for the green team in games, the first on Friday, March 27, at St. Cloud State University and the second at Macalester College in St. Paul on Saturday, March 28.

Meanwhile, two Awesome Blossom girls, Taylor Hagen and Madison Worke, also were selected to play in the girls All-Star contest game, which will be held Saturday, April 11, at Carleton College in Northfield. Unlike the boys' format, the girls will play back-to-back games at 1 and 3 p.m. Because the girls' state tournament just concluded last week, the roster for the girls has not been set.

Rumpza is the all-time career-scoring leader for the Blossom boys with more



Staff photos by James Knoop
Taylor Hagen drives past Bethlehem Academy defenders during mid-season play. Hagen scored over 1,500 points during her career and is the school leader in rebounds and blocked shots.

ALL-STARS
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John Rumpza leads the Blossoms in section play against Lyle/Austin-Pacelli. Rumpza holds the all-time scoring record at Blooming Prairie with over 2,000 points. He also is the leading rebounder and shot blocker.



Madison Worke drives down the court against Bethlehem Academy. Worke reached 1,000 points in her senior year with the Blossoms, becoming the third female in school history to do so.

BP Lions Club gives donation to support athletes

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

Madison Worke, Taylor Hagen and John Rumpza will all have the honor of attending this year's Minnesota Basketball Coach Association's All Star games thanks, in part, to the Blooming Prairie Lions Club.

While the talent and character of these three students is what certainly made them eligible for the invitation, the Lions Club will foot the bill for the weekends.

Rumpza, Worke and Hagen presented to the Lions Club and were awarded \$300 each for transportation and fees. Each of the three athletes will get to partake in competition loaded with the state's elite players, seminars and they will also receive jerseys.

"They were really generous," Rumpza said of the Lions Club.

Lions Club President Erik Vigeland said the Club was more than welcome to help the three seniors.

"The three of them came to our March meeting and gave a short presentation on the All Star program," said Vigeland. "They then said that they were looking for donations. I opened it up to our membership for discussion, and after some discussion, there was a motion to pay for all three of the senior athletes. The membership voted unanimously to pay."

Vigeland added that the seniors will spend some time promoting the Lions

Club, as well as working at some events.

Grateful for the donation, the three are greatly looking forward to the event.

"It feels really special, because there are only 40 guys that get chosen," said Rumpza. "It's a big honor to be up there with some of the better players in the state."

Worke echoed Rumpza's sentiments, adding how special it was to be chosen alongside Hagen.

"Only 10 girls from each class get invited. It's pretty cool that Taylor and I were both invited."

Both Rumpza and Worke have experience playing on a team of strangers, as both played on American Athletic Union (AAU) teams in the summer. They shared that this will make them more comfortable, but that there are challenges in this as well.

"It's definitely nerve-racking at first when you don't know their style," said Rumpza. "Once you get to know them and learn how they play it's a lot of fun."

"I always think it's fun," said Worke. "You get to meet new people have a good time doing the thing you love."

Rumpza will have a better opportunity to learn his teammates, as he will play a game both Friday and Saturday on March 27 and 28.

Worke and Hagen will each play a single game on April 11.

For Rumpza, one of the things he

looks most forward to is seeing and playing friends from AAU. Worke is looking forward to the high level of play, as this will be the last basketball game of her high school career.

Vigeland was thrilled to give the three seniors this opportunity, saying that the three are "well-deserving" of the opportunity.

"Like the BP Lions Club, they represent what is good about this great community. We know that they will represent Blooming Prairie and the Lions Club well at the All Star weekend and we're happy to help them out."



Submitted photo
Bloomng Prairie Lions Club President Erik Vigeland donates \$300 to athletes nominated to All-Star weekends. Left to right: Taylor Hagen, Erik Vigeland, John Rumpza and Madison Worke.

Public Safety

Director to leave area 911 center

Boyer heading back to state patrol

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

What goes around comes around even in the world of emergency communications.

That's exactly what the director of the area's 911 center is finding out as he plans to go back to the agency he previously worked at for nearly a decade.

Tim Boyer, who has been the leader at the Rice-Steele 911 dispatch center for five years, is leaving April 1 to rejoin the Minnesota State Patrol as statewide director of communications. He will be responsible for overseeing the patrol's 911 call centers in Rochester and Roseville.

"It will be the same job as what I have now, but on a larger scale with the state," Boyer said. "It has a little more responsibility in sheer volume. I'm certain it will have its challenges, but I'm looking forward to it," he added.

Boyer is ready to meet those new challenges that lie ahead for him at the state. "I have the luxury of knowing about the organization, which will play into my favor," he said, adding he looks forward to going back to the state patrol where he will be responsible for a \$4 million budget.

Prior to coming to the Rice-Steele center

in 2010, Boyer had worked for the state patrol for 12 years. He was a district supervisor in communications for the patrol's Mankato division and worked as a dispatcher for three years.

During his tenure at the local center, Boyer oversaw the implementation of Everbridge, the county's emergency notification system. It enables the dispatch center to provide residents with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing people and evacuations.

Boyer has worked hard to forge collaboration efforts between all fire, police and EMS departments in both counties. "It's hard to get all these people going in the same direction," he said.

The greatest challenge he faced, Boyer says, was meeting operational objectives while at the same time being cost effective and efficient. He said he's learned how to make equipment purchases without spending lots of money. "We have been better stewards of the taxpayer dollar," he added.

As 911 director, Boyer was responsible for a center of 22 employees and a \$2 million yearly budget.

Boyer is appreciative of his time with Steele and Rice counties. "It has been a very

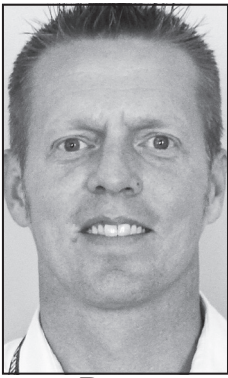
good position," he said. "It has been nothing but a learning experience for me and I'm very grateful for that."

He also is thankful for the foresight both counties had in developing a joint consolidated 911 center 15 years ago. Boyer said both counties are in a good position as they have been saving huge money all these years while other counties are now first looking at consolidation and how to save money. "They were ahead of the game," Boyer said of Rice and Steele counties.

The local counties and cities serviced by the dispatch center are in the process of re-vamping their joint powers agreement. But that's a process Boyer will not be involved in and will leave to his predecessor.

Boyer plans to recommend the center's operations manager, Jill Bondhus, to take his place at the joint powers board meeting next week. Bondhus has 15 years of experience at the center.

A native of New Richland, Boyer has a degree in psychology and social studies from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He began his public safety career by working as a dispatcher and jailer for Waseca County.



Boyer

Crime brief

Dynamic duo of suspected shoplifters foiled

Police in Owatonna have foiled a suspected dynamic duo of shoplifters from Milwaukee. Police stopped the vehicle a short time later.

Officers responded to Kohl's department store for a shoplifting-in-progress call March 12. Loss prevention reported that two women were loading multiple items into bags and not checking prices or sizes.

The women continued to take the merchandise and exited the store without paying, according to police. They got into an awaiting car and sped away quickly.



Kazee

A search of the vehicle led to the recovery of \$1,300 worth of stolen property, police said. Dynasty Kazee and Lynaetta Parker, both 24 and from Milwaukee, were taken into custody and charged with felony theft.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

March 17 Burglary. Officer took a report of a burglary in the city at 8:55 a.m.

Owatonna Police

March 13 DWI. At 1:11 a.m. police arrested a motorist for driving under the influence of alcohol at 26 St. NW and State Av NW. **Theft.** Officers handled three thefts throughout the day at the 600 block of Bridge St W, 2000 block of Sunlight Av SE, and 2000 block of Greenwood Dr NE.

Accident. Authorities handled a car accident at 8:02 a.m. at 14 St NE and Bigelow AV NE.

March 14 Assault. A Steele report was filed of an assault that occurred on the 600 block of Rice Lake St E.

Warrant. Authorities made two warrant arrests on the 600 block of Mound St SW and 300 block of Oak Av S

Shoplifting. At 3:27 officers reported a case of shoplifting on the 1400 block of 21 AV NW.

March 15 Traffic. Officer stopped a vehicle at Oak Ave. S. and University St. W. at 1:32 a.m. A citation was issued.

Trespass. At 6:03 a.m. officers arrested a man that was trespassing in the 600 block of Hilltop Ave. SW.

Vandalism. In the 1200 block of Smith Ave. SE at 10:06 a.m. vandalism was reported to authorities.

Warrant. At 8:11 a.m. an adult was arrested for a warrant in the 100 block of 25 Ave. NW.

Shoplifting. At 3:23 a.m. officers responded to a shoplifting report in the 1400 block of 21 Ave. NW.

Threat. A threat was reported to authorities at 5:49 p.m. in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE.

March 16 Child Protection. Authorities responded to a child protection case in the 400 block of 14 St. NE at 8:20 a.m.

Domestic. At 8:05 a.m. officers arrested a man in the 400 block of State Ave. NW on a domestic abuse charge.

Theft. A vehicle theft was reported to authorities in the 1700 block of Austin Road SE at 9:25 a.m.

Hit and Run. At 11:55 a.m. a hit and run on the 2200 block of 26 ST NW was reported to authorities.

Shoplifting. Officers received two separate calls and issued citations for shoplifting at the 2100 block of Bridge St W.

Fight. An adult was arrested at 11:19 p.m. in the 100 block of Bridge St. W for his part in a fight that broke out.

March 17 Property. Officer took a report of found property in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:06 a.m.

Traffic. A vehicle was impounded after a traffic stop in the 600 block of Eisenhower Dr. NW at 4:56 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported fraud at 11:26 a.m. in the 100 block of Rice St. W.

Injury Crash. Police and paramedics responded to a personal injury crash at Grove Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 3:02 p.m.

Shoplifter. At 5:26 p.m., a shoplifting was reported in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW. Officer issued a citation.

Traffic. A citation was issued during a traffic stop at Grove Ave. N. and Rose St. E. at 11:37 p.m.

March 18

SHERIFF'S TIPLINE

866-878-7964



If you have information about any crimes in Steele County, call the sheriff's tipline. You may remain anonymous.

Assault. An adult was arrested in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. for assault at 12:06 a.m.

Traffic. At 1:01 a.m., an adult driver was arrested after a traffic stop at 26th St. NE and Cedar Ave.

Shoplifter. Police responded to a shoplifting complaint in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 6:15 p.m.

Vandalism. A citizen reported property damage in the 900 block of Elm Ave. N. at 6:54 p.m.

March 19 Warrant Arrests. Officers arrested adults for outstanding warrants in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 1:13 a.m. and the 1000 block of 22nd St. NE at 11:41 a.m.

Vulnerable. At 10:37 a.m., officer took a report of a vulnerable adult in the 2200 block of 30th St. NW.

Burglary. Officer started a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Cedar-dale Dr. SE at 2:53 p.m.

Identity Theft. A report of identity theft was taken at 3:23 p.m. in the 300 block of 13th St. SW.

Steele County Sheriff

March 13 Death. Deputies handled a death investigation in the 2600 block of 97th Ave. NW at 7:14 a.m.

March 14 Traffic. Deputy stopped a vehicle at 3rd St. and 5th Ave. W. at 9:17 p.m. A citation was issued.

March 16 Fraud. A fraud report was taken at 4:09 p.m. in the 7500 block of 40th St. NW.

March 18 Arrest. At 3:05 p.m., deputy arrested an adult for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Main St. E.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

No incident reports were available for last week from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. We will provide the information in next week's edition.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 9-13 with Judge Joseph A. Buel-tel presiding:

Briar M. Mork, 28, Good Thunder, previously plead guilty and was convicted of Felony 2nd degree possession of 6 grams or more of cocaine, heroin or meth. He was sentenced to 67 months in St. Cloud Correctional Facility and a \$131 fine. Several other driving charges were dismissed.

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 9-13 with Judge Karen R. Duncan:

Paul M. Brooks, 24, St. Paul, previously plead guilty and was convicted of Conspiracy to commit theft. He was sentenced to 325 days in jail, \$131 and

5 years supervised probation. Any forms of alcohol are not allowed at his residence.

Robert Hernandez, 24, Owatonna, previously plead guilty and was convicted of Violating a no order contact. He was sentenced to 83 days in local confinement, \$131 and 5 years supervised probation. He cannot use substances or alcohol, no alcohol is allowed at his residence, cannot enter liquor stores or bars and cannot use or possess firearms.

Dewayne C. Ketchum, 26, Owatonna, previously plead not guilty and was convicted of receiving stolen property. He appeared in court and was sentenced to 134 days in jail, \$481 and 5 years of probation. He must stay alcohol and substance free and cannot enter bars or liquor stores.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 9-13:

Minnesota State Patrol – Rochester
Joel C. Boerner, 42, Owatonna, Axle Restriction, \$581; Tyler D. Burkem, 20, Mankato, Speeding, \$181; Travis L. Christensen, 45, Albert Lea, Damage to property, \$181, 1 year unsupervised probation; Steven S. Collier, 54, Fridley, speeding, \$121; Debby P. Funes, 25, St. Paul, driving after cancellation, \$281;

Felipe J. Gonzalez, 41, Fertile, IA, driving without license, \$181; Zachary John M. Haessig, 24, Owatonna, driving after suspension, \$281; Jessica M. Jensen, 22, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Peter L. Linder, 36, North Branch, speeding, \$131; James M. Rekow, 60, Plymouth, speeding, \$121;

Jay A. Rollefson, 48, Forest City, IA, keep to right violation, \$131; Jason R. Royer, 32, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Jeffrey J. Spatenka, 50, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; Terri L. Zirbes, 56, Prior Lake, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department

Mulki O. Abdi, 47, Owatonna, Violation of instruction permit, \$131; Michelle M. Anderson, 48, Britt, marijuana possession, \$231; Cherrelle D. Bennett, 26, Owatonna, public nuisance, \$181; Shay A. Brandvold, 18, Owatonna, Theft, \$75, 1 year unsupervised probation; Hannah R. Byron, 30, Waseca, Shoplifting, 4 days jail, \$131, 1 year probation; Enrique O. Canedo, 21, Faribault, shoplifting, \$381, 1 year probation; Connor J. Chapple, 18, Owatonna, uninsured vehicle, \$281; Eleazar Contreras-Perales, 48, Owatonna, driving after revocation, \$281;

Constance E. Crosby, 24, Owatonna, expired registration, \$111; Lee D. Efta, 39, Owatonna, Public nuisance, \$181; Malisa M. Fundine, 40, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Patricia M. Guillen, 50, Faribault, driving after revocation, \$281; Macario A. Guillermo, 24, Owatonna, No license, \$181; Zachary John-Michael Haessig, 24, Owatonna, driving after suspension, \$281;

Dean A. Hess, 34, Owatonna, refusal to submit to a chemical test, 1 day jail time, \$1,006, 2 years probation; Vernon A. Johnson, 37, Owatonna, driving without valid license, \$181; Katie J. Jones, 35, Owatonna, driving after revocation,

\$281; Jordan J. Kalina, 20, Zumbrota, shoplifting, \$181; Justin W. Keller, 41, Medford, failure to notify owner of damaged property, \$181;

Abigail E. King, 20, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Junjun Liu, 23, Ames, IA, speeding, \$121; William D. Lockman, 46, Owatonna, Driving under the influence, \$406, 1 year probation, must remain law abiding; Jay H. Lyman, 43, Owatonna, driving after revocation, \$381, 1 year unsupervised probation; Rebecca B. Maas, 31, Owatonna, driving under the influence, 4 days jail, \$1,011, 3 years probation, no alcohol use or possession, submit to random searches; Anita A. Meyer, 79, Owatonna, failure to stop, \$131; Abdi M. Mohamed, 28, Owatonna, shoplifting, 60 days jail time, \$195.88; Brandon J. Neitzel, 31, Owatonna, no headlamps, \$121;

Emily A. Nelson, 29, Owatonna, driving after suspension, \$281; Venus M. Parks, 19, Blooming Prairie, shoplifting, \$75, 1 year unsupervised probation; Leonard K. Peterson, 18, Faribault, driving without license, \$181; Monty L. Pettit, failure to stop, \$131;

Ricardo Ramirez, 44, Owatonna, driving after revocation, 10 days jail time, \$131; Azeret C. Rios Flores, 22, Medford, driving after revocation, violation of instruction permit, \$331; Juan J. Sandoval, 27, Austin, Driving without license, no proof of insurance, \$581; Charity A. Schmidt, 28, Owatonna, driving after revocation, seat belt, \$306; Dylan R. Watson, 22, Owatonna, marijuana possession, \$131.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Carolyn T. Anch, 45, Kansas City, MO, speeding, \$221; Cody L. Blaha, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Shawn R. Chicos, 21, Waseca, open bottle, \$181; Kayla M. Conrad, 18, Millville, marijuana possession, \$181; Dustin D. Craft, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Jessie M. Cruz, 20, Owatonna, driving without license, littering, \$281; Gunnar O. Elstad, driving while intoxicated, 1 day jail, \$406, 1 year probation, attend MADD impact panel; Joseph L. Findley, 32, Edmond, OK, speeding, \$141;

Heather N. Ganske, 42, Medford, speeding, \$141; Dalton D. Hovland, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Dewayne C. Ketchum, 26, Albert Lea, drug possession, \$131; Cherea M. Knish, 30, Waterville, speeding, \$121; Anthony W. Maiden, 24, Elk River, speeding, \$131; Glenn E. Newman, 49, Austin, speeding, \$121; Jillayne M. Raetz, 31, New Richland, driving while intoxicated, \$406, 1 year probation, attend MADD impact panel; Billy A. Ramus, 53, Mankato, speeding, \$131; Allan G. Routh, 64, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Jessica M. Whitney, 23, Kenyon, speeding, \$141.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 9 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

John Grant Baker Sr., 52, Mantorville, was convicted of failure to appear and fifth degree possession of marijuana. Baker was sentenced to \$1,000, 28 days jail time. No substance use, cannot enter bars or liquor stores, remain law-abiding and 2½ years of supervised probation.

Karla Jo Baker, 52, Mantorville, was convicted of failure to appear and 5th degree possession of marijuana. Baker was sentenced to \$1000, 9 days jail time. No substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, cannot enter bars or liquor stores, remain law abiding and 2½ years supervised probation.

Pat D. Halverson, 34, Rochester, was

convicted of controlled substance use in the fifth degree. Halverson was sentenced to \$1,155, 5 days in county jail, no substance use, no possession of drugs or alcohol, remain law abiding and 5 years supervised probation.

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Lowell G. Bakkedahl, 79, Sergeant, parking violation, \$32; Eric S. Dettmer, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$140; Andrew L. Deziel, 19, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Austyn C. Ellis, 18, Beldenville, Vehicle registration, proof of insurance, \$310; Walter Noe V. Guite, 34, Medford, driving without license, \$180;

Donald N. Henderson, 55, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Gregory T. McGinnis, 29, Claremont, parking violation, \$32; Samantha R. Miller, 17, Kasson, speeding, \$130; Garrison G. Mindrup, 18, Hayfield, Underage consumption, \$180; Caleb K. Moyer, 24, Lake City, driving after revocation, \$280;

Michael E. Sandre, 24, Brownsdale, speeding, \$140; Jeremy J. Schandorff, 38, homeless, driving after cancellation, \$125, 1 year probation; Tara L. Schultz, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$140.

Kasson Police Department

John W. Carr, 47, Rochester, driving after suspension; Jamison L. Clement, 43, Dexter, parking violation, \$32; Drake P. Condon, 21, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Austyn C. Ellis, 18, Beldenville, no proof of insurance, \$280; Daniel R. Fosidick, 49, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Dakota K. Hanson, 21, Kasson, Parking violation, \$32; Paul H. Jordan, 44, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Adam F. Schlaeger, 42, Rochetser, parking violation, \$32.

Minnesota State Patrol – Rochester
Michael Z. Szydal, 21, Byron, speeding, \$280.

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police

Briar Michael Mork, 28, arrested at 11:49 p.m. March 9, warrant arrest, held for court.

Jay Julian Paulson, 23, arrested at 11:49 p.m. March 8, DWI and open bottle, held for court.

Rhonda Latrice Powell, 38, arrested at 7:19 p.m. March 9, domestic assault and interfering with 911, held for court.

Melissa Marie Berg, 35, arrested at 6:43 p.m. March 10, order for protection violation, held for court.

Cody Allen Fonner, 21, arrested at 6:48 p.m. March 10, felony fleeing, DWI and leaving the scene of accident, held for court.

Larry Dean Mensing, 26, arrested at 9:30 a.m. March 11, felony harassment restraining order violation, held for court.

Roland Christopher Rodriguez, 26, arrested at 2:01 p.m. March 12, probation violation warrants, held for court.

Lynaettia Chipre Parker, 24, arrested at 1:04 p.m. March 12, felony theft, held for court.

Dynasty Shanay Kazee, 24, arrested at 1:04 p.m. March 12, felony theft, held for court.

Lovely Latoya Cemis Young, 18, arrested at 10:03 p.m. March 12, theft, held for court.

Cody James Halverson, 21, arrested at 1:31 p.m., March 13, Warrant arrest, body only.

Tyjuan Lavell Williams, 27, arrested at 2:10 a.m., March 14, Felony domestic assault, held for court.

Cameron Todd Perez, 22, arrested at 6:09 a.m., March 15, Trespassing, held for court.

Collin James Lewis, 22, arrested at

8:45 a.m., March 16, Domestic assault, held for court.

Brandon Lee Stevermer, 20, arrested at 3:05 p.m. March 16, 2nd degree burglary, held for court.

Tyler Jeffrey Schacherer, 27, arrested at 12:12 a.m., March 17, Domestic assault, held for court.

Trevor Clayton Harden, 24, arrested at 12:14 a.m., March 17, Domestic assault, held for court.

Casey Amos Adams, 35, arrested March 18, Violation of order of protection.

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Curtis Daniel Schumann, 34, arrested at 7:28 p.m. March 9, complaint warrant arrest, \$30,000 bail.

Joshua Douglas Watkins, 28, arrested at 9:27 p.m. March 9, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Enrique Olivares-Canedo, 22, arrested at 1:05 p.m. March 10, warrant arrest, \$2,000 bail.

Abdi Mohamud Mohamed, 28, already in custody, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Julie Ann Flicek, 42, arrested at 1 p.m. March 11, theft warrant arrest, \$1,000 bail.

MN State Patrol

Chad Everett Tarbutton, 35, arrested at 10:47 p.m. March 10, felony DUI-test refusal and possession, held for court

Owatonna Fire

Owatonna Fire

March 6 Fire. Fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 5300 block of Thompson Dr. NW in Ellendale at 8:25 a.m.

March 11 Building. At 5:21 p.m., a building fire occurred in the 400 block of Cherry St. NE.

Gasoline. Fire personnel assisted with cleaning up a gasoline or other flammable liquid spill in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 5:37 p.m.

March 13 Fire Call. Firefighters responded to a couple smoke or odor removal calls in the 200 block of 21 St. NW and the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW.

Accident. At 8:02 a.m. firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident with injury on 14th St. NE.

March 14 Alarm. Firefighters responded to a malicious false alarm at 3:14 p.m. in the 100 block of Allen Ave. SW.

March 16 Fire Call. At 11:18 p.m. firefighters responded to a smoke or odor removal call in the 200 block of 21 St. NW.

March 17 Accident. A motor vehicle accident with no injuries occurred at 3:43 p.m. on Main St.

Hazard Material. Firefighters investigated the release of hazardous material on Main St. at 8:32 p.m.

March 18 Fire Call. A smoke or odor removal call led firefighters to 1210 Industrial Road NW at 7:13 a.m.

March 19 Building Fire. At 8:11 a.m. firefighters responded to a house fire at 230 Rose St. E.

Gas Leak. At 1:12 p.m. a call was received about a gas leak at 1625 Gray Fox Dr. NE.

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Ramon Arteaga Jr.- Driving after revocation- \$500 bail
Christopher Allen Asplund- 3rd degree DWI- \$12,000 bail
Marcus Demetrius Aye- Solicit without permit- \$500 bail
Jose Alfredo Ayon- DWI- No bond
Stewart Michael Babler- Stolen property- \$500 bail
Richard Gaylord Back- 5th degree assault- \$500 bail
William Martin Bailey- No drivers license- \$500 bail
Thomas Lamar Baker- Theft- \$10,000 bail
Lionel Richard Baldwin- Weapons- \$3,000 bail
Nick Eric Bail- Worthless check- No bond

Francisco Castaneda Barea- DWI, fleeing- \$5,000 bail
Jesus Gomez Barrera- Criminal sexual conduct- \$100,000 bail
Jorge Anastacio Barrera- Drivers license violation- \$500 bail
Monica Barro-Nicolas- No drivers license- No bail
Kristophier James Barta- False name- \$500 bail
Claudia Elena Bautista- Theft- \$10,000 bail
Rolando Randi Bautista- Drive after suspension- \$500 bail
Richard Martin Bazan- DWI- \$1,000 bail
Shawn Michael Beaulieu- Forgery- No bond
Pedro Hernandez-Becerra- Driving after revocation- \$1,000 bail

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification & apprehension of those individuals wanted on a warrant.

ACTIVE WARRANTS

BP School

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the February 17, 2015, regular school board meeting.

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRPERSON

II. ROLL CALL - CLERK
Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Kathi Peterson, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister
ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools; Elementary Principal; III. BPTA Members; School Patrons
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
IV. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
Selection of High School Principal
Mr. Olson stated that he believed the selection process worked very well and recommended
John Worke for the position of High School Principal effective July 1, 2015.
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Rodney Krell to approve Alison Mach as High School Principal. Roll Call Vote (2/5) - Aye: Sunde, Krell/ Nay: Vigeland, Thurnau, Peterson, Braaten, Hameister. Motion failed.
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Rodney Krell to approve John Worke as the High School Principal. Roll Call Vote (7/0) – Aye: Vigeland, Thurnau, Sunde, Peterson, Krell, Braaten, Hameister/ Nay: None. Motion carried.
V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/ OR DISCUSSION ONLY
Negotiation of Contract
The School Board Negotiation Committee will meet with the administration to discuss salary.
Other Administrative Needs
The possibility of an additional administrative position was discussed.
Other Items
Mr. Olson was directed to compose job descriptions.
VI. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
Jon Sunde and Pam Hameister thanked the teachers for their participation in the interview process.
VII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Rodney Krell to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

BP School

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
February 12, 2015

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Kathi Peterson, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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approve a resolution discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions if necessary. Motion Carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
E. 2015-16 School Calendar
Current legislation was discussed and its impact to Blooming Prairie Schools. Tentatively the first day of school for the 2015-16 year will be September 8th.

Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Kathi Peterson, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools; Elementary Principal; Business Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Rodney Krell and seconded by Kathi Peterson to approve the interviewing of high school principal candidates. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

IV. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED FOR THREE CANDIDATES

V. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kathi Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

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

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Westfield Township Dodge County

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Westfield Township electors will be held on March 31, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Township Hall for the following purpose:

To discuss with electors only, the question of whether the town board, consisting of 3 supervisors, shall, at some time, adopt land use and zoning regulations and restrictions in the township of Westfield. Only township electors are authorized to voice their opinion at the meeting.

Given under my hand this 18 day of March 2015.

Julie Peterson
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP

Westfield Township will accept quotes for crushed rock and gravel on April 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westfield Township Hall. Quotes will be read when full board is in attendance. Bidder must show cost of material and cost of delivery separately. Quote must include one for class 2 road rock and for class 5 road rock.

Bidder must have a Certificate of Insurance with the quote. The Westfield Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and to waive irregularities therein and reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of the township.

Julie Peterson, Clerk
Westfield Township

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Obamacare life-change costs

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Among the things that could make a tax credit difference are a birth or adoption, marriage or divorce, moving, job change, and increase or decrease in your household income. These changes also may allow you to take advantage of a special enrollment period -- 60 days from the date of the life event -- during which you can make health care plan changes.

there's the premium tax credit. This is Uncle Sam's way of helping certain taxpayers pay for required insurance they ob-

tained through a health care exchange. Some folks got advance payment of this credit when they got coverage. Others will claim the tax break when they file their 2014 tax returns. Either way, you'll have some calculations to complete on new Form 8962. That information will be reported on Form 1040 or 1040A. You can't use the short Form 1040EZ if you get this credit.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
What products can you recommend for seniors with hand arthritis? I really struggle with anything that requires gripping and turning, which makes most activities difficult.

Gripless Joan

Dear Joan,
There are literally hundreds of different arthritis aids and other products on the market today that can help

people with arthritic hands and carpal tunnel syndrome.
To find out which devices can best benefit you, a good place to start is to ask your doctor for a referral to an occupational therapist, who can test the strength and functionality of your hands and recommend appropriate aids. With that said, here's a rundown of some helpful products for different needs.
Kitchen aids: Activities like gripping cooking utensils, cutting

and chopping, opening jars and cans, and moving around heavy pots and pans can make preparing a meal much more difficult when you have hand arthritis.
Some products that can help are Oxo Good Grips, which makes dozens of soft, large-handle cooking, baking and cleaning utensils that are easier to grip. And for cutting and chopping the Dexter DuoGlide and Ergo Chef knives are excellent ergonomically designed options.
For opening jars, the wall-mounted or under-counter mounted Zim Jar Opener is a top manual opener. It has a V-shaped grip that holds the lid as you twist the jar with both hands. Some other good options are the Hamilton Beach Open Ease Automatic Jar Opener, and a nifty tool called the JarPop that pops the seal on jars so lids can be removed easier.
For opening cans, an electric can opener is the best option.

and flossing, there are wide-handled, electric toothbrushes and flossers that vibrate or spin to do the cleaning for you.
Easier dressing: Fastening buttons, pulling zippers and tying shoelaces can also present problems. To help with these chores there are buttonhooks and zipper pulls, and elastic shoelaces, which transform lace-ups into slip-ons.
Reading, writing and computing: Holding and turning the pages of a book, hand writing and using a computer mouse can also stress arthritic hands.
For readers, an eReader like a Kindle or Nook is recommended because they're lightweight and easier to hold than regular books. For writing, there's the soft rubber Pencil Grip that fits on pencils and pens, and ergonomic-shaped pens like the Pen Again that reduce hand fatigue. And for easier computing, the 3M Ergonomic Mouse

and Contour Roller Mouse can eliminate hand and wrist stress.
Hobby helpers: There are dozens of arthritis aids for hobbies too. For example, there are automatic card shufflers and cardholders for card players. If you like to paint, knit or crochet, there are ergonomic paintbrushes, and oversized knitting needles and crochet hooks that are easier to hold. And for sewing, quilting or crafting, there are tools like Fiskars self-opening Easy Action Scissors that spring open for easier cutting.
For a rundown of additional products and where you can purchase them, visit my online article at AchyHandAids.org.

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
March 22, 2005
The Blooming Prairie Education Foundation held its second annual auction Saturday, March 19 at the Cue Company, and packed in the people for both the silent auction and live auction. Over \$37,000 was raised on the night.
Racheal Kay Mueller of Ellendale and Matthew Todd Hartman of Wells announce their engagement. Rachel is the daughter of Don Mueller of Owatonna and Jean and Francis Coughlin of Ellendale. Matt is the son of Ron and Sandi Hartman of Wells.
A nice crowd of adults and children came through the doors of the 2nd Annual Blooming Prairie FFA & Alumni Toy Show held at the Blooming Prairie High School on Saturday, May

12, 2005. The FFA was able to fill the gym with 26 dealers who filled 71 tables.
20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
March 21, 1995
The place to be on Saturday, March 25 will be the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club for the Senior, Senior Prom Dance. Everyone who is too old for the high school prom is invited to attend. You don't need to rent a tux. Just wear a sport coat, suit or whatever. But make sure you buy your date a corsage. When is the last time you did that?
Barricades are set up each day on 1st St. NW at the elementary school to allow children safe access to the park, and in order that they can use the street as a playground while construction is underway for the new playground.
Please do not attempt to drive through while the barricades are up!
Debbie and Jason Williamson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kelli Jo, born Monday, Mar. 13, 1995 at St. Olaf Hospital Austin. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. Kelli has a sister at home, Katie, age 1 ½. Grandparents are Wayne and Connie Williamson of Blooming Prairie and Kenny and Louise Goergen of Adams.
50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
March 25, 1965
The new owners of Strohschein Ford in Blooming Prairie will hold a "grand opening" on Friday and Saturday of this week as a means of getting acquainted with area residents. The proprietors of the firm are Ted Strohschein and his two sons, Stanley and Arvid. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served both days and registrations received for prizes.
A native son of Blooming Prairie will be coaching one of the eight teams which will be participating in the Minnesota State High School Basketball tournament this weekend in Williams Arena, Minneapolis. Allan Wold, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Wold, is head coach of the Faribault cagers, who defeated Austin last Saturday night at Rochester to gain a berth in the state tournament, representing Region I.
Mrs. Frank A. Borchert, 71 years, 4 months and 18 days, passed away Tuesday of this week, March 23, at 5:55 a.m., in the Owatonna City Hospital. Mrs. Borchert underwent surgery Monday, March 15, from

which she never recovered.
75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
March 21, 1940
The Blooming Prairie Cleaners, who had their business set up in the West Hotel, moved to different quarters this week. They will occupy the rooms formerly occupied by the Severson Printing Co. next door to the Cozy Inn Cafe.
A man who gave his name as Everett Barrick, of Brownsdale, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of speeding. It is alleged that he was going 55 miles an hour in the 30-mile zone north of this village when apprehended. Barrick gave as his excuse that he was in a hurry to get to St. Paul, and as a result, Marshall Glenn Dennis gave him a ticket to appear in Justice Carmen's court at 2:00 p.m., Saturday.
At the Blooming Prairie township election held Tuesday, March 12, Albert Pirkil was elected town supervisor; Ray Zwiener, town clerk; A. S. Anderson, constable; and Julia Nelson, justice of the peace.



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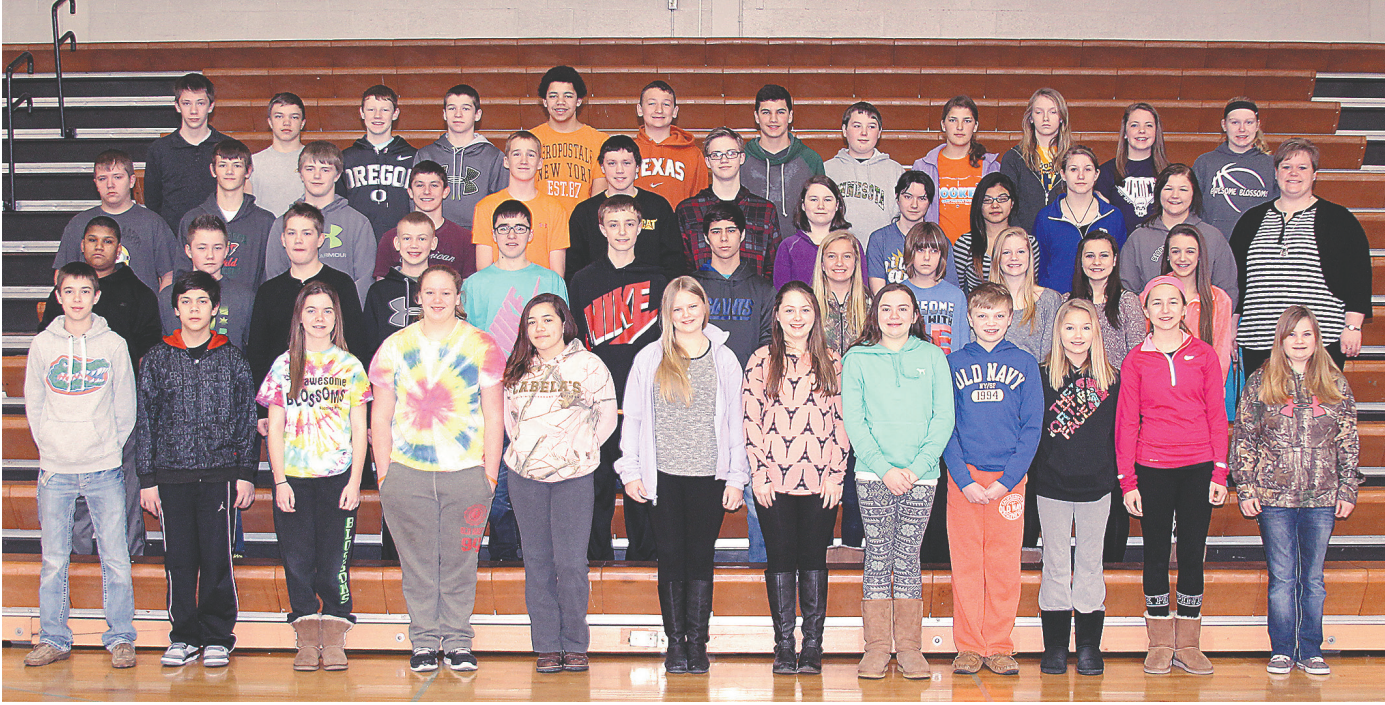
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Chamber choir student names: (Left to right) Rachael Rhoades, Timothy Frazier, Rose Johnson.



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Staff photo by Brian Sandford
Ellendale's Dana Standke shows her new prosthetic arm at Sunday's fundraiser at NRHEG Elementary School.

Girl praised for happy face in face of challenge

Hundreds turn out at fundraiser for Dana Standke

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Dana Standke's high spirits have impressed friends and family members in the months since a farming accident cost the elementary-schooler her right forearm.

Sunday morning, it was greater Ellendale's turn to display its own indomitable spirit. Hundreds of residents packed NRHEG Elementary School in Ellendale for a 4.5-hour fundraiser aimed at defraying the high costs of Dana's medical bills, standing in long lines to have breakfast or buy tickets for a silent auction and a meat raffle. Forty to 50 volunteers wearing "Team DANA" T-shirts darted to and fro to handle the crowds; the backs of the gold and purple T-shirts revealed "DANA" to be an acronym for "Daring, Adventurous, Non-stop Attitude."

Indeed, the November auger accident in rural Ellendale hasn't altered the 11-year-old's career goal of becoming a veterinarian. She donned her new prosthetic arm as she sat in the administrative area of the school, identifying new arrivals outside the windows by name. The large turnout didn't faze her, nor did the adjustment to using her new arm.

"It's what I expected," she said. "I'm able to pick up stuff."

One thing has caught her by surprise in recent weeks, however: others' kindness.

"I didn't think they were going to be that supportive," she said of her friends, singling out Sophie Stork as a particularly caring schoolmate.

Sophie said she was shocked when she learned Dana had been hurt.

"My mom told me about it at the time that she found out," Sophie said. "It was kind of a rough day for me and all of our friends. I was really in shock and didn't know what to do, really."

Dana's father, Dan Enzenauer, suffered a similar arm injury nearly 40 years ago. It turns out an acquaintance of Sophie's grandfather had gone through the same thing.

"My grandma told me that," she said. "He ... has lived a really long life and had kids."

Sophie said she visited Dana in the hospital, where Dana spent a combined three weeks, and "it was interesting for me to see what it was like. I was glad to see she was doing well. She

HOW TO HELP

Donations to help pay the cost of Dana Standke's hospital bills can be made through First National Bank in Ellendale or Hope, c/o the Dana Standke Benefit. No other fundraisers are planned.

still had her positive attitude."

In fact, Sophie said she hasn't seen Dana express anything other than optimism.

"She never looks at the negative; she always looks at the glass half-full instead of half-empty," she said.

Dana's mother, Shelly, speculated that the girl has gained her stoic strength at least partly from watching her father function well with his arm, which has limitations but wasn't amputated. She adopted Dana from Nepal when the girl was about 1.

Sunday's attendance impressed Bartness, who has helped organize other fundraisers.

"This is big," she said. "You know ... there's something to be said for small-town communities. They rally around each other. It blows me away every time, the way people are willing to help each other out."

Glenn Wiesjhan, who was the president of Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale at the time of Dana's accident, helped organize Sunday's event.



Wiesjhan

Parent Amber Holdeman tended to her sons Jonathan Holdeman and Jerzy Johnson in the gym, where various items were sold and auctioned. She said she showed up with her family because her third son, Asa Johnson, is a classmate of Dana's.

"He said that she's been super-positive, and she's always got a smile on her face," Holdeman said.

Sophie expressed gratitude for Sunday's outpouring of generosity, pointing out that Dana had four expensive surgeries and a helicopter flight after the accident.

"I'm so glad to see all the people who maybe aren't as close to Dana come, to just support them and help them out," she said of Dana's family.



Staff photos by Shannon Kinley

Colder than it looks

Above: Physical education teacher Paul Martinson is shocked by how cold the water is after it hit his skin during Washington Elementary School's polar plunge Friday, March 20. Below: Fellow physical education teacher Mark Clauson is one drenched duck after students poured ice-cold buckets of water on him.

Youths got to watch four staff members take the plunge as a celebration for the students meeting the school's goal of raising \$11,890 for the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart event in their physical education classes. This year the school raised \$12,014, all of which went to the American Heart Association. The students from each grade level who raised the most money were kindergartener Cecilia Bauer, first-graders Jayden Jirele and Nolan Ward, second-grader Madison Hinnenkamp, third-grader Kali Clauson, fourth-grader Sara Snitker and fifth-grader Cassie Emmons.



Board OKs new principal contract

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

The Blooming Prairie School Board approved a new principal contract and OK'd creating a position titled pre-K12 associate principal/activities director during its meeting Monday, March 13.

According to School Board President Barry Olson:

The school is advertising internally for the associate principal position. It also accepted the resignations of high school teacher/librarian Mary Malherek, seventh grade boys basketball coach Erik Vigeland and school nurse Kay Zellmer. The hirings of Brandi Ruroden as assistant softball coach, Corey Johnson



Olson

IF YOU GO

What: Blooming Prairie School Board's April meeting.
When: 7:15 p.m. Monday, April 20. Preceded by an open forum at 7.
Where: Blooming Prairie High School media center.

as junior high baseball coach and Lonnie Lembke as junior high softball coach also were announced.

The School Board tabled discussions about class sizes, with plans to resume the talks next month.

"We're just looking at trying to make sure we don't have too large a class size," Olson said.

Board members also heard enrollment data for the 2014-15 school year: 410 students for kindergarten through sixth grade and 295 in grades 7-12.

STEELE TALKIN'



Melissa Koch

Questions are vital in our world

Albert Einstein said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning." How did you spend the days of 2015 Questions Week, March 8-14?

After learning such a week was established, I began to read more into the importance of questions in our world and the role questions play in our childhood. Children ask hundreds of questions a day as soon as they can speak. This I know to be so true! With a 3-year-old at home, questions are the center of our daily conversations. But in grade school, questioning drops off a cliff, according to data in the 2009 Nation's Report Card.

Anne Stevenson, Extension Educator, prompted me to think about youth development and Steele County 4-H in her article, "Ask a Beautiful Question." Anne states, "The ability to ask good questions is essential to innovation and problem solving skills as young people move through school and into careers."

Here in the Steele County 4-H program you will find many questions being processed as youth in grades kindergarten through one year past high school work on their 4-H projects. Projects can be approached in a variety of ways from one time learning experiences such as building a first aid kit to a yearlong project of raising chickens to be exhibited at county fair.

Learning by doing is a base on which 4-H is nationally recognized for positive youth development. Currently in 4-H, you will see youth experiencing inquiry based learning environments where the experiences of trial and error are common, the asking of many questions is applauded, and where adult volunteers encourage the right questions so youth will be successful.

As the warmer weather begins to arrive so do the questions of many 4-H families as they start to focus on what projects they will aim to complete for the August fair session. Spring also brings abundance of activities in which youth can participate, such as camps, livestock trainings, and summer adventures at various locations in Steele County. Bring your questions and join us at upcoming events this spring: the Little Lock-in for active 4-H members is on March 27. All youth are welcome to participate in Rockin' Robots on April 1st at the Owatonna Library from 3-4 p.m. or at the 4-H Family Project Day at Cabela's on May 2. Check out these and other youth development opportunities on our website at www3.extension.umn.edu/county/steele. For more information, contact us at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685.

Steele Talkin' is a column featuring various organizations around Steele County. Melissa Koch is the 4-H Program coordinator for Steele County.

CountyLiving

Medford High to put on ‘Freckleface Strawberry’ this weekend

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Medford High School students are thinking back to when they were children in an attempt to to channel their inner kid for the upcoming spring musical “Freckleface Strawberry,” in which all play 7-year-olds.

The musical is based on a bestselling children’s book series by actress Julianne Moore. The story centers around 7-year-old Freckleface Strawberry, who is teased by her classmates for having red hair and freckles. She feels different and tries to get rid of her freckles by scrubbing them with soap, putting on makeup and even wearing a mask to school.

Director Shelley Fitzgerald started directing for the school’s fall play in 2006 and took over the spring musical three

IF YOU GO

What: Performances of “Freckleface Strawberry.”
When: 7 p.m. Friday, March 27; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28; and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29.
Where: Medford High School.
Tickets: Can be purchased before the performance at the district office from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at the door.

years ago, after the previous director decided to move on.

“When I was looking last year for this year’s show, it just caught my eye. I listened to the music, fell in love with it and thought it would fit the talent that I have here,” she said. “It is the music

that really has to grab me, and this one did. It is just fun music and it has a variety of genres in it. I knew it would appeal to my teenagers here and it did immediately; they all love it.”

Fitzgerald added that she likes the story’s message.

“The main theme that runs through this is about how to just be yourself and who you are. It talks about how everyone is different in some way, and so in our differences we are actually all the same,” she said.

This year there are 26 students involved in the production, most in grades 9-12. Fitzgerald had to get a few younger students involved as well. There are one eighth-grader, one sixth-grader and four fifth-graders.

The students started rehearsing for the production at the beginning of January and have been practicing Monday through Friday, with each



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley
The title character in the play “Freckleface Strawberry,” played by sophomore Cassie Larson, gets teased by her peers for her red hair and freckles.

rehearsal being 2-2½ hours.

This show is different because the students play young children, Fitzgerald said.

“The teenagers are all playing 7-year-old kids, and so they are having to kind of think back and remember when they were a child. Even the voices that they use when they are singing and speaking are more kid-like,” she said.

Technology meets agriculture at 2015 Farm Show

By KAREN JORGENSEN
Staff Writer

Agribusiness, farmers and just plain interested citizens turned out for the 13th Farm and Power Show last week at the Four Seasons Center in Owatonna.

People of all ages looked at the display of toy tractors and agricultural equipment for sale just inside the doors, and the kids had fun climbing into some of the giant-sized tractors on display by the implement dealers.

For companies such as Hodgman Drainage Co. of West Concord, it was an opportunity to meet with potential customers and explain what services they can provide.

Hodgman has been coming to the show for as long as it has been in Owatonna, said Dan Hodgman. The company employs 25-30 people and while it does a variety of drainage, septic system and grading and site preparation projects, agricultural drainage work continues to be its “bread and butter.”

Along with the traditional types of agricultural businesses, new technology was front and center, especially with displays

for drones and solar arrays.

Tom Spicer, an energy consultant for Blue Horizon Energy in Plymouth, was greeting people next to his display of solar panels.

Solar energy can be valuable for all, but there has been a lot of interest in the farm sector because of some impressive incentives that are available for those installing solar panels, Spicer said.

“People want to get away from coal,” Spicer said.

“Solar has no moving parts or carbon footprint.”

For a farmer, the payback time for installing a solar array can be as short as three to four years, while for a homeowner it is seven to 12 years. The price of solar arrays has come down 80 percent from the early years of the technology, Spicer said.

The panels can be put on the roof or on the ground, and dairy, hog and turkey operations are “great candidates for solar.”

Spicer added that for those who wonder if there is enough sun in Minnesota to make solar energy practical, it has been shown that Minnesota actually gets the same amount of sun over a year as north Texas.

A couple of displays down, Erik Johnson of Leading Edge Technologies in Winnebago was explaining drones, more properly



Five-and-a-half-year-old twins Hannah and Grace Garms look at toy tractors and farm equipment for sale at the North American Farm and Power Show last week at the Four Seasons Center in Owatonna. The two came to the event with their father from Jackson County.

Staff photo by Karen Jorgensen

called unmanned aerial vehicles.

A small, lightweight drone was sitting on the display table, and when a camera is attached the vehicle can accurately do a variety of mapping and measurements of fields. Controlled by software in a computer or tablet, it can map 160 acres in 60 minutes, Johnson said.

The three-day show is put on by Austin-based Tradexpos. Originally, the show

was held in the Twin Cities, but when the need for a more rural setting became apparent, the Four Seasons Center in Owatonna fit the bill.

With more than 200 exhibitors participating, the show has grown each year, with 2014 bringing in nearly 30,000 visitors.

In addition to the displays, the show featured a variety of agriculture-related seminars.

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News briefs

Vandalism to cost about \$800 to fix

Recent vandalism at Central Park in Blooming Prairie will cost about \$800 to fix, according to the city.

Someone hammered one of the slides at the park, said Street Superintendent Tony Motl. A section was damaged.

Regional manager joins tourism board

Lisa Havelka has been chosen as the new southern regional manager for the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association. She replaces Dave Vogel, who recently retired.

Havelka started March 18 in Mankato. She was the tourism director in Owatonna and Northfield previously.

Advocates group offers scholarship

Advocates for Developmental Disabilities of Steele County (ADD) is offering a scholarship for students who are majoring in special education or related fields at an institution of higher learning. Consideration will also be made for special education students.

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Blooming Prairie Living

Honor, celebration a surprise for day-care provider

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

Child-care centers are usually bustling with activity, but it's not every day that they turn into a party atmosphere with visitors, balloons, cake and a special honor.

That's what happened last Thursday morning at the Paula Abbe day-care center in Blooming Prairie. Abbe's normal routine was interrupted with a celebration honoring her as the child-care provider of the year through the Parent Provider Connection of Owatonna.

Staff members from the organization showed up at Abbe's home center to make the presentation to her, with little eyes soaking up all the excitement.

"I was absolutely surprised by the award," Abbe said. "I just feel special, and it makes me think about the great families and kids that I have come here."

Abbe has been providing licensed child care for 16 years. She takes in eight children during the day and four others

after school. Abbe uses the USDA food program, which is administered by the Parent Provider Connection.

She is a strong proponent of the food program, which she has used the entire time she has been providing child care. "It teaches the kids how to eat nutritiously," Abbe said.

Abbe is one of 120 child-care providers around Steele County using the Parent Connection's food program, said Amy Cockram, food project manager. The majority of the providers are in Owatonna, with about a half-dozen in Blooming Prairie.

Cockram said there are seven food program sponsors in Minnesota. Licensed child-care providers pick one food program to use.

In Steele County, 2,400 children are on the program through Parent Connection. Each year providers are reimbursed for 396,000 meals and 233,000 snacks. About \$775,000 is given to the providers for food, Cockram said.

"This is a very important program," said Sonja Harris,

executive director of Parent Connection, which has been serving the area since 1984. "It's money coming back to our community to help children."

Harris said that if an investment of healthy food is made, children will experience less fatigue and illness and their brains will develop at a normal pace.

For many families, the provider is the only place where children are getting a healthy meal, Harris said. "We are seeing an increase in the number of children that are dealing with food insecurity," she said.

Said Harris: "We are trying to combat childhood obesity, food insecurity and (are) making sure our children are healthy."

As part of the program, providers are required to serve milk, protein, fruit or vegetable and bread or grain for each meal. For snacks, providers must pick two out of four categories: meat or meat alternative, fruit or vegetable, grain and milk or juice.

Providers, Cockram said, must follow stringent rules on what can be served. They must



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
The Parent Provider Connection of Owatonna has honored Paula Abbe as the childcare provider of the year for Steele County. Here, Abbe is shown with Emmerson Nelson (left to right), Isabel Lindeman, Alexa Miner, Levi Staska and Carter Sorenson.

document in writing all food served each day. They are later reimbursed with federal money. Parent Connection conducts

three unannounced visits each year to make sure providers are in compliance. "We are checking to see

if they are serving healthy meals because they are federally reimbursed," Cockram said. "We also make sure the kids who are being claimed are observed by us."

In addition to the food regulations, Parent Connection observes the interaction between the providers and children. In the case of Abbe's center, "we know how great she is with the kids," Cockram said.

"It's not just eating the right foods, but it's also keeping the kids active," Harris said.

While the focus may be on eating healthy and staying active, there is another key component that children get at Abbe's center. Respect is a big issue for Abbe.

"I try to teach the kids to treat others the way they want to be treated," Abbe said.

Web a resource for drivers, history

Libraries of the present are not limited to the four walls of the library building. Your library card can open the door to so much more. Here are two new databases that are of specific help to those in Minnesota.

If there are soon-to-be-driving teenagers in your home, consider having them try owatonna.driving-tests.org/minnesota.

There are several online practice tests to prepare for the permit tests. There also are practice tests and the handbooks for motor-cycle and commercial driver's tests. The Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles and Owatonna Public Library have collaborated on making this website accessible

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to residents. There also are frequently asked questions that allow you to find where and when the drivers' tests are available.

A website to help search your family history or the

history of the area is available through the Minnesota Historical Society. Go to www.mnhs.org and find the link on the home page to Digital Newspaper Hub. Through state Legacy Amendment funding, one newspaper for each county in the SELCO area has been digitized. Because Owatonna is the largest city in Steele County, the committee chose an Owatonna newspaper. If you are interested in the history of Steele County from 1876 to 1921, those full-page newspapers are available at no cost.

If you have any questions on using these free resources, contact the library at 507-583-7750.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Harvey and Nancy Farr own J & H Liquor's of Blooming Prairie.

J & H Liquor's to observe milestone

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

"And, how can I help you today?" You won't find J & H Liquor's owners Nancy and Harvey Farr zipping around their on- and off-sale store on roller skates, but you will find them giving customer service with the above greeting.

J & H Liquor's, 340 E. Main St., will observe its 29th year of business Saturday, April 4, with a customer-appreciation day. Drink specials, munchies and lottery promotions are planned.

J & H Liquor's — yes, the title contains an apostrophe — was once the site of the Blooming Prairie Municipal Liquor Store. Prior to his marriage to Nancy, Harvey purchased the liquor store in 1986 from Keith Miller. His business partner was John Swenson, hence the "J" in J & H. Swenson later left, and it has since been owned and managed by Harvey and Nancy. The Farris' daughters, Taylor and Whitney, and son, Joe, all help out at the business. Joe and wife Kaylee have two daughters, Mia and Savannah.

Harvey helps manage the store and holds down a full-time job at Metal Services of Blooming Prairie. Nancy runs the daily operations of the business.

Harvey and Nancy are always available to give a customer a ride home, whether it is in Blooming Prairie or in other towns.

They said they enjoy visiting with their customers, who range in age from 21 to 80-plus. Harvey's motto is, "You give respect, you get respect." You don't want to go to Harvey's office for the dreaded talk.

J & H Liquor's has many events. One of the biggest is the July 3 Street Dance. This year's event, set to be headlined by the Blue Ringers of Waterville-Elysian, will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 3. J & H will be open July 4.

Bar bingo, pull-tabs and meat raffles are sponsored by the Claremont Chamber of Commerce at J & H. The Claremont Chamber has donated more than \$32,000 to Blooming Prairie organizations. Bar bingo is held every Monday at 6:30 p.m. (summer session is

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June-August every other week). Participants must be 21 or older. Meat raffles are held every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Meat is provided by Geneva Meats. Pool leagues are played Tuesday and Thursday nights. Bean-bag league runs May-August on Thursday evenings.

Wine and Women is every Wednesday, 6-10 p.m. The Bloomin' Grapevine Wine Club meets September through May on Tuesday evenings. A Wine Tasting "Gala" benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of B.P. will be at J & H on May 5. The Chamber's Holiday Dazzle Wine & Beer Tasting is held in November.

J & H Liquor's promotes two benefit rides. On June 27, the Cruise for Cancer ride benefits the B.P. Cancer Group. Cars and motorcycles ride together for this cause. The 16th Annual B.O.B. (Bikers of Blooming) Ride is scheduled for July 25. This ride benefits Toys for Tots of Steele County.

J & H Liquor's is a Chamber member. Harvey and Nancy are active in their community. In July, Harvey will take over as president of the B.P. Lions Club. Both grew up in the Blooming Prairie area and raised their family here.

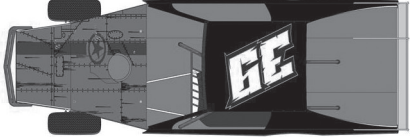
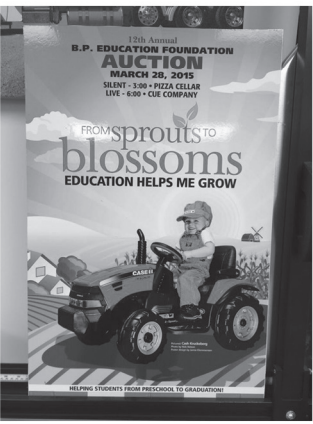
When not working, Harvey and Nancy enjoy motoring around on their Harley. They plan a 3,600-mile trip with friends to the Grand Canyon area this summer. Harvey can't get enough of Mickey Mouse while vacationing in Florida. Harvey is on the Ride Out Tour with rock singer-songwriter, guitarist and pianist Bob Seger. When they're not chasing after Bob, you can find them relaxing in the backyard with family and friends.

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NRHEG building vote is June 9

Upgrade cost is estimated at \$14.2 million

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

A \$14.2 million referendum vote is set for June 9 to determine whether to build additional classroom space in Ellendale, add a gymnasium in New Richland and make other facility upgrades.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School Board at its meeting March 16. Board member Mark Tollefson was absent.

“For myself, I feel we have had a fair amount of interaction from the community,” said NRHEG School Board President Rick Schultz. “I think there has been some comfort from the public as far as voicing concerns and support. We feel, as a board, we are getting as close as we can moving to an actual resolution tonight.”

Board members voted to go with a third option that was presented to them and others during a special board meeting March 9. It includes additional classroom space in Ellendale, renovations involving acoustics in Ellendale’s gym and a new gym that does not include a walking track. “We feel comfortable moving forward with that option,” Schultz said.

District to lease buses

The NRHEG School Board approved a four-year lease with Hoglund Bus Co. for a pair of 2016 77-passenger buses for the 2015-16 school year. The estimated cost is more than \$22,000 per year.

Board member Michele Moxon voted against the lease.

The eventual goal is to start transitioning and acquiring buses down the road, School District Superintendent Dr. Dennis Goodwin said.

“The benefit is that we are not laying out large capital outlay right now,” he said.

It is important to reiterate that the school district could end up owning the buses after the initial lease agreement, Schultz said.

“It is not our objective to turn completely to a lease transportation system,” he said. “It is part of economics.”

The school district’s funding is in a safe place, Goodwin said.

“Our buses are in dire need,” he said. “We have a few that are struggling. This puts us in a better situation.”

The plan is to lease only one bus next year, Goodwin said.

In other business, the school board:

- Was presented a draft of the 2015-16 school calendar. The planned starting date is Aug. 31. Students would go for three days that week and have a five-day weekend coinciding with Labor Day. In addition, the calendar would build in three full days for PLC time. Parent-teacher conferences will be similar to this year, and four snow makeup days are included. The last day of school for students would be June 3. Graduation is set for June 5.

- Received a tentative schedule and heard information about the prom, which is slated to start with a grand march at the high school gym at 4 p.m. May 2. There will be a dinner and dance at Wedgewood Cove from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The after-prom party runs from 1 to 4 a.m. and includes a sports moonwalk, a bungee race, a twister, a mechanical bull, arcade games, bingo, casino games, caricatures, chair massages, a photo booth, snacks and prizes.



Left: NRHEG Elementary School first-grader Ezekiel Morrison looks at a sculpture while Artist in Residence Steve DeLaitsch takes a photo of all the sculptures on the table.

Below: Students in Miss Radtke’s second-grade class looks at the sculptures set up Thursday in the NRHEG Ellendale Elementary School, showing the work that students have completed.

Staff photos by Alan Van Ormer

Art fundamentals taught in Ellendale classroom

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Sculptures, paintings and drawings were scattered around the Ellendale Elementary School walls and halls last week.

Ellendale students in grades 2-5 were provided a basic understanding of the principles of art, then experienced the knowledge and creativity that is brought into art during an Artist in Residency program.

Steve DeLaitsch, a professional artist living in Waseca, met with the students at least five times each to provide them the fundamentals and teach them the same program he learned from his days in art school in Chicago.

“More than 300 kids ended up with great projects,” DeLaitsch said. “It is a real broad experience into art. During this experience they get to be creative,

get to express themselves and do their own thing.”

Art education is an important part of a creating a well-rounded student, and this program does just that, Ellendale Elementary School Principal Doug Anderson said.

“This residency allows for all students to have a creative outlet that may not otherwise be possible,” he said. “As well as creating art, the students have the opportunity to learn about art history and its importance in our society.”

The students experienced drawing, painting and sculpture techniques. They learned about drawing line, form and shape values, and experienced painting brushwork, different papers and techniques with color work on both abstract and realistic pieces. In addition, many students developed sculpture pieces.

“The difficult part was the short time frame the kids had,” DeLaitsch

said. “They seem to pick it up amazingly well.”

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Elementary School does not have an art specialist on staff.

“Our classroom teachers do an excellent job of meeting the standards for art education, but we do not have the privilege of having our students working with an artist,” Anderson said. “Through the generosity of the PTO, our students in grades 2-6 are able to work with Steve DeLaitsch for five weeks during our Artist in Residency program.”

Anderson added that the excitement that the students exhibit for their weekly session with DeLaitsch is evident each day that they have their scheduled session.

“Through this program they develop an awareness of art in the world around them and can then identify and use their own artistic talents to create art,” he said.



Student of the Week

Jozlyn Johnson is in Mrs. Radtke’s second grade class. She is the daughter of Luke and Stephanie Johnson, and they reside in Ellendale. Jozi enjoys reading “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” books, having water balloon fights and jumping on the trampoline.



Jozi has such a positive attitude in class and is always smiling. She is very responsible and willing to lend a hand wherever needed. She works very hard in class and is a great friend to others. Jozi is a great example of what we want Panther Pride to look like in our school.

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- March 24:** Hot Dog or Brat on a Bun, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggies, Mandarin Oranges

- March 25:** BBQ or Plain Pork on a Bun, French Fries, Peas, Diced Peaches, Fresh Fruit
March 26: Sub Sandwich w/Toppings, Tortilla Chips w/Salsa, Fresh Veggies, Pineapple

- March 27:** Shrimp Poppers, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Diced Pears
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Owatonna optometrist reappointed to state oversight board

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

This month, Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Owatonna optometrist Dr. John Muellerleile to serve his second term on the Minnesota Board of Optometry.

As a state agency, the Board of Optometry’s main responsibility is to promote, preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by regulating the practice of optometry. The board also ensures that licensed optometrists meet edu-

cational and training standards and are qualified, professional, ethical and accountable. “It is an honor to do this kind of thing. I have had a great deal of admiration and respect for previous board members that I knew while I was practicing,

and I am glad to join the ranks of those who came before me,” Muellerleile said. “All of the health licensing boards were created to protect the public, so in a sense, I am able to contribute not only to my profession, but to the public as well.”

The board is made up of five licensed optometrists, two public members who are not affiliated with the optometry field, and two staff members. All members on the board are appointed by Dayton and serve four-year terms.

Muellerleile said he knew he wanted to go into the field in his sophomore year of college. He went into college thinking he wanted to pursue architecture, but he quickly realized he wouldn’t get the level of interaction with people he wanted.

“When architecture didn’t look like what I really wanted to do, I thought it would be a good idea to shadow people, so I shadowed Dr. John Schoen and I thought this is exactly what I want to do,” he said. “Dr. John Schoen and Dr. Louis Allgeyer taught me that patients care about how much you know, but they also need to know how much you care.”

Muellerleile practiced for 41 years, all in Owatonna. When he retired in October 2010, he handed over his practice to Dr. Penny Peterson Vizina.

“After I retired I still felt that I had a lot to give to optometry and I was looking for ways to do that. I got an email from the Secretary of State’s Office saying that there were openings on many of the state boards, and I saw the Board of Optometry and thought I could do that, so I applied,” he said.

As a board member, it is Muellerleile’s responsibility to attend the four meetings a year as well as any other special meetings that come up, and to serve on the board’s Continuing Education and Legislative committees.

“We are in charge of protecting the public, so you have to take off your optometrist hat and put on your public worker hat to make sure that what is going on in the profession is benefiting the public,” he said.

The Continuing Education Committee reviews professional continuing-education courses to make sure that they meet the requirements, and the Legislative Committee tries to keep state laws regarding optometry updated.

The Legislative Committee is trying to update the language of the Optometry Act, as some has not been updated in years, Muellerleile said. Minnesota’s optometric board was the nation’s first, established in 1901.

Muellerleile said his favorite part about serving on the board is “The camaraderie. We have a very wonderful group of people on the board. We all get along even though we only meet four times a year; it is always enjoyable touching base with them.”

One of the most challenging things Muellerleile has had to do is revoke an optometrist’s license while filling in for a board member who sits on the Disciplinary Committee.

“You are human, and you have some sympathy for the person who is in trouble, and yet in order to protect the public you realize that you just can’t let them practice anymore,” he said. “It’s a challenge, but it’s something you just have to do.”

The board’s executive director, Randy Snyder, commented that “John has served faithfully on the board for the last four years, and he is gaining recognition both nationally and at the state for his thoughtfulness and professionalism and always thinking about public safety and understanding the importance of the optometrist.”

Muellerleile’s term on the board expires in January 2019. Although there is no set amount for how many terms a board member can serve, typically if there are multiple candidates filing applications, two terms is the maximum.



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Washington students go green for different reason

Editor's note: Washington Elementary School has created four leadership teams to replace the traditional student council so more students get the chance to be leaders. This is the first in a series of stories featuring each of the leadership teams.

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Students and staff members at Washington Elementary School were wearing green last Tuesday not only for St. Patrick's Day, but for No Waste Day.

Members of the Green Team coordinated a day for the whole school to work together on reducing waste for the entire day.

"It was created along with three other leadership teams. We decided to do these leadership teams instead of doing your basic student council because we noticed that all of our students in our school can have a better chance to be leaders," said Green Team adviser Andrea Morse.

Students who are interested in the team sign up at the beginning of the year. This year, because so many students signed up, Morse split them into three teams of 14 students each, one for each trimester.

"Our mission is to lead and to educate our school in keeping our world clean and healthy," Morse said.

At the beginning of each trimester, Morse meets with team members to brainstorm ideas on projects they want to complete and what their goals are.

The first team, made up of second-graders, decorated recycle bins given to the school from Waste Man-



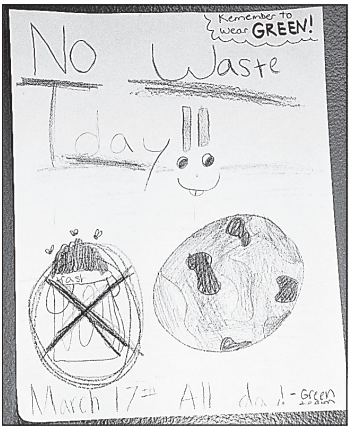
Fourth-grader Eli Dvore, fourth-grader Tatiana Farrington and third-grader Kathryn Sande stand in front of one of the many posters the Green Team made to remind students to reduce their waste for No Waste Day at Washington Elementary School. The Green Team is a leadership team that aims to educate the school in keeping the world clean and healthy.

Staff photos by Shannon Kinley

agement for each classroom. They also created board games out of household items and taught their classmates how to play them.

"They used a ton of different things to show their friends that they don't have to go out and buy toys and games, but they can make them reusing things instead of throwing them away," Morse said.

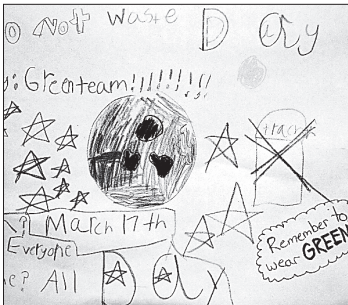
The second team, made up of third- and fourth-graders, was in charge of coordinating No Waste Day. The students came up with the idea, created and hung posters around the school and planned a week's



worth of announcements to get the school ready for the day by giving them suggestions on how to reduce their waste.

Morse feels this club is valuable to an elementary school setting because it gives the students leadership skills.

"It gives students the confidence to know that they can be a leader even at a young age. They think, 'I can make a difference at my school and in my world even if I am a student or a child,'" she said. "It also gives them the skills that they will need



Posters reminded students to reduce their waste for No Waste Day at Washington Elementary School.

later on in life to be able to take that leadership role and that step of creating ideas and thinking outside the box."

Morse said the kids continue to surprise her.

"I wasn't sure what to expect. I am a free-flowing teacher, so I am really open to having them guide it, and I will be there as needed. Sometimes I have to steer the train in the right direction, but for the most part I am pretty impressed with how they know exactly what they want to do. They have a plan in place, and

"You get to help the environment, and it is a good time to experience something new and meet people. You get to work together to plan stuff."

~ Kathryn Sande
Washington Elementary School third-grader

they are determined to get it done," she said. "I've learned a lot from them, and it has made me really excited to continue to create these leadership skills within our students."

Third-grader Kathryn Sande decided to join Green Team this year because it sounded fun and worked with her schedule.

"You get to help the environment, and it is a good time to experience something new and meet new people. You get to work together to plan stuff," Sande said.

Sande said the club is important because members remind people to recycle and protect the environment.

The two main challenges the club faced were scheduling around the other clubs so students wouldn't have to choose between one or the other and coming to an agreement on which T-shirt design to use.

"We figured it out, and we learned to compromise," she said.

Fourth-grader Eli Dvore has been on the team for two years now.

"I wanted to do it because I didn't have that many friends, and I thought that the club would help me get more friends, and it did," he said.

Dvore had such a good time last year that he decided to sign up again this year. He said he enjoys the club because he gets to help out and be with friends. The club is important because "we remind everyone to be green and to not throw as much stuff away," he said.

The biggest challenge for the team has been arguing over ideas, Dvore said.

Fourth-grader Tatiana Farrington decided to join the team this year after her classmate, Dvore, told her how much fun it was.

"We get to think as a group, and we get to say our ideas freely," she said.

Farrington thinks the group is important because students can teach other students what is good for the environment instead of the teachers always having to tell them.

All three of the students agreed that No Waste Day went well, and they were sad it was over.

"I think it went really well. I think the most important thing is that it started creating important conversations and also made students and staff more aware of what they waste and how much they waste," Morse said.

Weekly crossword on Page 5D

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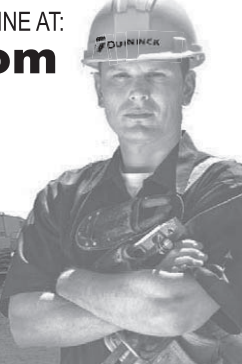
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March 25: Iced WG Cinnamon Roll OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly/Margarine, Vegetable, Fruit/Juice, Milk
March 26: Ultimate Breakfast Round OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly/Margarine, Vegetable Selection, Fruit /Juice, Milk
March 27: No school
March 30: Turkey Sausage Biscuit OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly/Margarine, Vegetable Selection, Fruit /Juice, Milk
March 31: WG Waffle Sticks w/Syrup, Tri Tator OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly/Margarine, Vegetable, Fruit /Juice, Milk

Medford School Lunch

March 24: Chicken Tenders, Gravy, Roll, Crispy Chicken Wrap, Cravin' Craisin Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Corn, Fruit
March 25: Pizza Parlor, Cheese Pizza, Turkey Sub, Chef Salad, Green Beans, Tomato Wedges, Celery Sticks, Fruit
March 26: BBQ Rib on WG Bun OR Fish Filet on a Bun, Honey Mustard Ham Wrap, Southwest Chicken Salad, Carrots with Dill Dip (HOM), Cauliflower, Romaine Lettuce, Fruit
March 27: No school
March 30: WG French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Salad Sliders, 7 Layer Salad, Breakfast Potato, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Fruit
March 31: Cheeseburger, Turkey Ranch Wrap, Harvest Chicken Salad, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli Florets, Cauliflower, Fruit

Township Board has 5 experienced members

‘It is really rural government,’ clerk says of duty

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Every member on the Medford Township Board has served for at least 10 years. For many of those year, each ran unopposed.

During the March township elections Treasurer Jan Svenby and Supervisor Ben McAdams were re-elected, and both received a vote from every person who voted.

The township was established in 1855 and is one of 13 townships in Steele County. While the other townships are 36 square miles, Clinton Falls and Medford only have 18 square miles because they split into two separate townships.

Board members guess the split happened years ago because people could not get along and ended up going their separate ways.

The township board has five members: Steve Jaster as chairman, Duane Gallea as supervisor, Ben McAdams as supervisor, Jan Svenby as treasurer and Harry Buerman as clerk. Jaster has served for 11 years, Gallea for 37, McAdams for 12, Svenby for 10 and Buerman for 14.

The chairman and supervisors have three-year terms, and the clerk and treasurer have two-year terms.

“It is really rural government. Under that general heading it means taking care of the roads, running elections whether they are national or local; we also see ourselves as a body that protects our citizens,” Buerman said. “We also see our responsibilities in case of an emergency to act as a governing body that can accomplish some things, and we have the par to make decisions in those situations.”

Among the challenges they have faced over the years include tough winters and keeping up with plowing; the city trying to acquire their land; and various other problems that come with a rural community, such as citizens trying to farm too close to the ditch, running manure spreaders across the road and dropping a mess on the road, trucks hauling something and it falls off and using the ditches as garbage bins.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley
Back row: Chairman Steve Jaster (left) and Clerk Harry Buerman. Front row: Supervisor Ben McAdams (left), Treasurer Jan Svenby and Supervisor Duane Gallea. All of the board members have served on the Medford Township Board for at least 10 years.

IF YOU GO

What: Medford Township Board meeting.
When: 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.
Where: 408 Second Ave. SE, Medford.

same roads, but we no longer have the taxes that came from the annexed land,” Buerman said.

Jaster says he decided to join the board because “I had a

grandpa that was on the town board many years ago, so it is kind of family tradition. It is interesting work.”

Jaster’s main responsibilities include plowing the roads in the winter, running meetings, maintaining the roads, picking up garbage in the ditches and attending meetings and hearings at the county and state levels.

He said he enjoys his work because of the people he gets to serve with. He says during his term he hopes “to keep it simple and maintain the status quo.”

Gallea, who has served on the board the longest, served on the Walcott and Clinton Falls Town-

ship boards before Medford’s. He also serves on the County Township Association Board.

He said he decided to join the board because “It was something to do and it kept me out of the house.”

His main responsibilities include making sure equipment is up to date and meets code, attending meetings and maintaining the township’s two acquired cemeteries, Riverside and Union.

He also enjoys his work because of the people he works with. Asked what he hopes to accomplish during this term, he joked that it’s retirement.

GRIEF RELIEF



Sometimes children don’t seem to care. It’s not uncommon for some children, especially those under age 5 to show

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- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 (8") baked pastry shell

By Donna Maixner

Cream butter and sugar. Beat in cocoa and vanilla until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beat 5 minutes after each addition. Pour into crust, chill. For a thicker pie repeat recipe and an 8-ounce container of Cool Whip. Refrigerate 4 hours before serving.

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Community garden sign-up is under way

The Steele County Community Gardening Association is helping people get started or continue to garden by offering garden space.

According to a news release: The Steele County Community Garden is near Riverland Community College on Alexander Drive. In 2015, 42 plots will be available to gardeners on a first-come, first-served basis.

Garden plots are approximately 20 feet by 20 feet.

Gardens will be available from late April to Oct. 15, depending on the weather. The gardens will be tilled this spring and will be available to gardeners after tillage is completed.

Interested gardeners may stop by or call the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7686 to sign up for a garden space. There is a small cost to participate.

A 20-foot-by-20-foot plot is \$30 for the season. Scholarships are available to gardeners to help offset the cost. Please request a scholarship when applying.

An organizational meeting will be held between 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Steele County Community Center on the fairgrounds. Gardeners will be able to sign up and pay for a plot that evening. Beginning at 7, Extension Master Gardeners will provide a presentation designed for new gardeners.

Last year 30 gardeners participated in the community garden. This year there are 42 spaces available for use. Access to water is available during the season if needed.

The goal of the community garden is to teach families how to grow fresh food and improve their family’s nutrition. The garden is a cooperative venture of residents, Steele County Extension Master Gardeners, Riverland Community College, the City of Owatonna and Steele County.

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A quilt is among the items that will be auctioned this weekend to benefit the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation. Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

Upping the ante

A wide range of items is up for bid at this weekend's Education Foundation auctions

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Donated items continue to trickle in for the 12th annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation silent and live auctions. This year's event will be Saturday, starting with the silent auction at 3 p.m. at the Pizza Cellar and continuing at the Blooming Prairie Cue Company with the live auction at 6 p.m. Each year those attending are not sure what they will be bidding on to raise money for students in the Blooming Prairie School District. Here are just four items that will be on hand.

A 71-seat school bus

Greg Lammers, the fleet manager for Blooming Prairie Bus Company, has donated a 71-passenger school bus to the cause. Each year, the bus company upgrades its fleet in Blooming Prairie, Owatonna, Medford and other locations it serves. "We thought we could give something back to the community in Blooming Prairie," he said. The bus being donated is typically one that would transport schoolchildren. As long as it passes a state school bus inspection, the bus is operational, Lammers said. "We sell buses to just about anybody," he said. "People will make campers, use them to haul race cars or snowmobiles and hog farmers will take the seats out to haul baby pigs." "It is a way for us to give

IF YOU GO

What: 12th annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation silent and live auctions
Where and when: Silent auction at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pizza Cellar, followed by a live auction at 6 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Cue Company.

back," Lammers said. "Education is our future." Lammers adds that the education foundation is wonderful. "People complain about paying taxes. I think this is another funding mechanism," he said. "We can keep taxes low and people can donate their time and things like that back to the local school. The nice thing about it is that it all stays local."

A frame of a horseshoe

Karen Kruckeberg and John Fouarge donated one of the more unique items this year. The duo found some horseshoes and put them together for hanging tiny picture frames or Christmas tree ornaments or even something different. "I saw a picture of it on Facebook," Kruckeberg said. "People can use it for pictures of their family members. The picture frames do come off, and they can hang other things if they like. It can be used for many different things." Todd Manufacturing welded the piece together and Extreme Powder Coating did the paint

job for it. It took them about a month to put it all together. "I just thought it was a cute idea," Kruckeberg said. "It is something to donate to the auction to make money for the kids." Kruckeberg said the horseshoe frame wasn't that difficult to put together. "I had to remember what it looked like from the picture," he said. "I enjoyed when it was all done and painted so nice. I enjoyed what it looked like. It would be nice for someone who enjoys a Western theme or lots of pictures." She said it is important to do something like this for the future of Blooming Prairie's students. As for the education foundation, Kruckeberg said it means giving back to the school when school funds aren't there. "This is another place to get funds to make a future for kids," she said.

An Adirondack chair

For more than 20 years, Tom Kidd has had an Adirondack chair sitting in his home and two others out at his lake's seasonal home. For 10 years, Kidd has been building one for the education foundation. He started making them from scratch, and it has snowballed to 150 or more chairs. People ask Kidd for chairs, and he gives them for wedding presents and other reasons. A major issue is finding good wood. "I want as few knots as I can get," Kidd said. When he is not building chairs, he is looking for wood. "I just like tools. I like building things. It is relaxing." For the education foundation auction, Kidd provides two seats, two foot stools and a table. Kidd lived in Blooming Prairie and Ellendale for a short period. "I just like small towns," he said. "The school is a big part of the community." The education foundation is important because the money is used for the children, Kidd said. "The school just can't take the money and do what it wants with it," he said. "The community has a say in it. I like to see they have to petition the board for the money. The people of the community have the say."

A quilt of T-shirts

For two years, Lisa Bruns has taken up the task of gathering 16 Blooming Prairie school T-shirts to use for a quilt for the auction. Bruns does the sewing, Cathy Lightly adds



A horseshoe frame will be auctioned this weekend to benefit the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation. Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

her quilting and binding touches and Sportstitch donates all the T-shirts. This year's quilt is 78 by 88 inches. Bruns tries to add a T-shirt for each sport, as well as other activities such as the play, cheerleading and FFA. Prior to Bruns, Jessie Christianson had done the quilt. Bruns wanted the tradition to continue. "I enjoy quilting and when she said she wasn't going to do it, I jumped in to help," she said. She does quilting as a hobby. The difficult part is finding the time to do her quilting. A lot of the work is accomplished while her husband, John, who is the boys basketball coach, is on the road with his team. "The education foundation is a very special cause to me," she said. "It is just a great way to help out. As a Blooming Prairie alumni, it is something I

thought was a neat project." Bruns said it is always fun to see the finished quilt come together. "I don't go from a pattern. I see one that is similar and feel this is how I could make it work with the Blooming Prairie colors," she said. "The difficulty is envisioning what it is going to look like at the end, before it is all put together." She said it is important to do this because of all the opportunities that the education foundation provides for the school district students and her students. Bruns teaches kindergarten at the elementary school. "The education foundation is huge. It is those extra opportunities when I look around my classroom with the SMART board and iPads and other things we use every day, like field trips," Bruns said. "My classroom would look a lot different if it wasn't for the education foundation."



Adirondack chairs also are among the items to be auctioned. Submitted photo

ON THE FARM



Karen Anderson

We aim to help small farm producers

The University of Minnesota Extension Small Farms team is working on refocusing its efforts to better reflect the needs of small-farm producers. With this in mind, the Extension Small Farms team is conducting a survey to get a better understanding of how to serve small farms across Minnesota.

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The survey will be available until March 31. We're asking you to describe your farm; indicate what information is important to you and how you want to get it; and provide basic demographic information. Most questions are multiple-choice, but do provide the option of adding additional comments to clarify your answers.

Lastly, please pass the survey along to others in your network whom we should hear from. Results from this survey will be shared via the Small Farms Extension Newsletter. Email Nathan Winter at wint0146@umn.edu if you have any additional questions or if you would like to be added to the newsletter-distribution list.

The University of Minnesota Extension Small Farms team is also continuing to provide timely research-based information at your fingertips. The Small Farms Extension website is available to aid in answering questions you may have about farm business, crops, livestock, safety, land management and more. The Small Farm Extension website is at www.extension.umn.edu/food/small-farms. On this site you will find links to subscribe to the UMN Small Farms YouTube channel and follow Small Farms Extension on Twitter. The YouTube channel has several short videos on raising poultry, swine and cattle as well as how to select a farm tractor. For more information on the UMN Small Farms team, feel free to contact Karen Anderson at 507-444-7685 or ande9495@umn.edu.

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Staff photos by Brian Sandford
Vendor Bill Nixon chats with visitor Dan McGowan at the Blooming Prairie FFA's Toy Show.

Not just for play: Toy tractors a serious passion at FFA show

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Tractors proved a powerful pull during the Blooming Prairie FFA's 12th annual Toy Show, drawing curious shoppers from around the region on the last Saturday of winter.

Toy tractors, that is. And while they appeared to make up the bulk of the items sold in Blooming Prairie High School's cafeteria March 14, other wares were available, including massage gift certificates and vintage magazines.

Bill Nixon of Claremont stood behind a collection of toys; he said it was his fourth year at the Blooming Prairie Toy Show. Why does he come? "Have fun, talk to the people," he said. "I just enjoy it."

Nixon said he sells at about four toy shows a year, and that a red International toy tractor probably was his most valuable item. Nixon chatted a while with



Walls of toys fill the Blooming Prairie High School gymnasium during the 12th annual Toy Show.

show visitor Dan McGowan of Byron, who said he attends such shows because of a love of toys he can trace to childhood.

"My grandpa was a farmer, and my brother farmed ... I've just always loved toys," he said.

Filling the cafeteria with toy-covered tables only took about a half-hour, said show organizer Bill "Rink" Rinkenberg. He credited the help of

students for the swift setup.

Rinkenberg was optimistic at noon — halfway through the six-hour show — that attendance numbers would be strong. There's a reason for that, he said.

"The problem we had the last couple of years was there was always a playoff basketball game, so this place would clear out about 11," he said. "We don't have that this year."

USDA: 97% of U.S. farms family-owned

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports that family-owned farms remain the backbone of the agriculture industry.

According to a news release:

The latest data come from the Census of Agriculture farm typology report and help shine light on the question, "What is a family farm?"

"What we found is that family-owned businesses, while very diverse, are at the core of the U.S. agriculture industry. In fact, 97 percent of all U.S. farms are family-owned," said NASS Statistics Division Director Hu-

bert Hamer.

The 2012 Census of Agriculture Farm Typology report is a special data series that primarily focuses on the "family farm."

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Blooming Prairie grower a winner in yield contest

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According to a news release:

Roger Toquam placed third in the state in the No-Till/Strip-Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 211.6430 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was DEKALB DKC54-38RIB.

Toquam was one of 434 winners nationwide. The 2014 contest set a participation record with 8,129 entries from 46 states. Of the state winners, 18 growers — three from each of six classes — were named national winners, representing 10 states.

The average yield among national winners was 383.56 bushels per acre — more than the 2014 U.S. average of 171 bushels per acre. Six of the national winners recorded yields of 400 bushels or more per acre.

Farmers are encouraged through the contest to use new, efficient production techniques.

Agronomic data gleaned from the contest reveal the following:

- Average planting population for the national winners was 36,417 seeds per acre,

compared with 34,075 for all entrants.

- National winners applied an average of 369.17 pounds of nitrogen, 116.72 pounds of phosphorus and 195.00 pounds of potassium per acre.

- Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 1.09 pounds for the national winners and 0.88 pound for all entrants.

- 33.33 percent of the national winners applied trace minerals, compared with 37.16 percent of all entrants.

- Use of manure as a fertilizer was consistent. A total of 5.56 percent of national winners applied manure, compared with 14.79 percent of all entrants.

The National Corn Yield Contest began in 1956 with 20 entries from three states. The highest overall yield was 218.9 bushels per acre, while the national yield average was in the mid-60s bushel-per-acre range.

The winners were recognized Feb. 27 at the 2015 Commodity Classic, a convention and trade show of the U.S. corn, soybean, sorghum and wheat industries, held this year in Phoenix.

For a complete list of winners and for more information about NCYC, visit the NCGA website at www.ncga.com.

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Ruger Pedersen, 4, and brother Colton, 5, try to identify animal tracks at a Steele County 4-H information booth at Cabela's in Owatonna on Saturday, March 21. The Steele County 4-H will be at Cabela's again Saturday, May 2, for Family Great Outdoor Day with activities centering around fishing, healthy camping meals, photography and archery.

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- March 25:**
BP ISD Large Group Music, Stewartville
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
- March 26:**
BP ISD Band/Choir Music Trip, Chicago
- March 27:**
BP ISD Band/Choir Music Trip, Chicago
12:45 p.m. BP ISD Early Dismissal
- March 28:**
BP ISD Band/Choir Music Trip, Chicago
3 p.m. BP Ed Foundation Silent Auction, Cue Company
6 p.m. BP Ed Foundation Live Auction, Cue Company
- March 29:**
BP ISD Band/Choir Music Trip, Chicago
- March 30:**
6 p.m. 55+ Driver Improvement Program, BPHS
- March 31:**
6 p.m. 55+ Driver Improvement Program, BPHS
7 p.m. BP P&Z Brd Mtg
- April 1:**
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
6:30 p.m. BP Lions Club

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- March 26:**
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
7:30 p.m. Ellendale City Council Mtg (2nd & 4th Thurs), Training/Mtg Rm
- March 30:**
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center ElIndl
- March 31:**
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North ElIndl

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- March 26:**
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
- March 27:**
10 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Famous Dave's
7 p.m. Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna
- March 28:**
6:30 p.m. Steele County Dairy Princess/ Ambassador Banquet, Owatonna VFW
- March 30:**
No School
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
- March 31:**
No School
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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IN BRIEF

- Lenten fish benefit set for March 27**
The Knights of Columbus Lenten benefit fish dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the KC Hall in Owatonna.
The all-you-care-to-eat dinner will be served in the KC Hall and Lounge and features baked and fried fish, whipped potatoes with country gravy, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, coffee and milk.
The cost is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door, with children younger than 6 eating free. Advance tickets can be purchased from Compassionate Friends or Birthright members or at the KC Hall, 820 S. Elm Ave.

- Fabulous Love Handles to perform**
The Fabulous Love Handles will perform from 7-11 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Eagles Club in Owatonna. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Kottke Jewelers and CashWise Foods. Proceeds will go to the Patient Care Fund at Homestead Hospice. This fund allows anyone in need of end-of-life care to receive it regardless of finances. Proceeds will go to the Patient Care Fund at Homestead Hospice. All donations are tax-deductible.

- Traffic Safety 101 classes planned**
Owatonna and Blooming Prairie will be hosting separate Traffic Safety 101 sessions in May.
On May 8-9, the traffic-safety course will be held at the Blooming Prairie City Hall from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. On May 15-16, Traffic Safety 101 will be held at the Morehouse Park Chalet in Owatonna from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
The course covers bicycle safety checks, fixing a flat, on-bike skills and crash-avoidance techniques and includes a student manual. Recommended for adults and children older than 14, the course is aimed at giving cyclists a full understanding of vehicular cycling. Traffic Skills 101 is a nine-hour multi-day course and is a prerequisite to becoming a Licensed Cycling Instructor.

SPOT LIGHT

Alliance on Mental Illness group set to meet April 6

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has a support group for families who have a family member who are struggling with a mental illness. The group is led by facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness.
Information on mental illness is discussed. The meeting is the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Christ Community Convent Church, 540 18th St. SE in Owatonna.
The next meeting is April 6. For more information, call Judy at 507-451-0043.

OTHER COUNTIES

- Dodge**
March 25:
WC American Legion Auxiliary, Quilting
7 a.m. K-M FCCLA Mtg, Rm #112
7:30 a.m. Hayfield Chamber Mtg, Uncle Mony's/ Spare Time Lanes
1 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
3:15 p.m. K-M Flower Engineers, Comm Ed Multipurpose Rm
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Pizza & Bear
6 p.m. K-M Vegetable & Organic Gardening, ES Media Cntr
- March 26:**
12:30 p.m. Hayfield Early Release
1 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Hamburger, Fries, Chicken Sandwiches
6:30 p.m. Triton Zumba, Multipurpose Rm
- March 27:**
Hayfield No School
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
- March 28:**
Triton FFA, US-River Falls
8:30 a.m. K-M ECFE Easter Bunny Breakfast, Comm Ed Multipurpose Rm
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
8 a.m. Dodge County Expo, Triton School
10 a.m. Mantorville Art Guild, Create your hand in 3-D
1 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild, Book Binding Basics
- March 29:**
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
- March 30:**
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mantorville Art Guild Youth Art Month Art Show
- March 31:**
10 a.m. Library Story Time, West Concord PL
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time/Crafts
5:30 p.m. Dodge Center American Legion, Taco Tuesdays
6 p.m. Triton Adult ESL Class, ES Media Center
6:30 p.m. Triton Taekwondo for Families, Multipurpose Room

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- March 26:**
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
3:15 p.m. Medford ES Elementary Art Club, Rm 311
- March 27:**
No School
7 p.m. Medford HS Musical, Auditorium
- March 28:**
9:30 a.m. Medford PS ECFE Science Class, Rm 403
2 p.m. Medford PS Musical, Auditorium
7 p.m. Medford PS Musical, Auditorium
- March 29:**
2 p.m. Medford PS Musical, Auditorium
- March 30:**
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,430.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Antony M. Copeland and Monica M. Copeland, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 4, 2011, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000375808
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 17, Block 3, Riverside Addition to City of Owatonna
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 442 West Bridge Street, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-0317
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$120,280.70
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: April 14, 2015, 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 October 14, 2015, or the next business day if October 14, 2015 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: February 16, 2015
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 11/30/2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$ 108,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Heidi Brown and Shawn Brown, wife and husband
MORTGAGEE: -Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 12/15/2005 as Document Number A000337754 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 12/17/2014 as Document Number A000400004 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
TAX PARCEL ID. NO.: 14-107-0102

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 2, Block 1, Virtue's Addition to the Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota.
ABSTRACT PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 111 West Main Street, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1002480-0000199544-8
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE: \$130,488.42
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 04/09/2015 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele Sheriff's Office, 204 E. Pearl, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) Months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 10/09/2015, or the next business day if 10/09/2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: 02/17/2015
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee

Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 6, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$151,020.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph R. Ethen and Andrea L. Ethen, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100103210000575851
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: The Business Bank DBA Prime Mortgage SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 10, 2009, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000367678
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 13, 2012 filed: July 30, 2012, recorded as document number A000385897
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: West 31 feet of Lot 14 and the East 50 1/2 feet of Lot 15, all in Block 1 in Re-Plat of Clarke-Chambers Highland Park Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, together with that part of the vacated alley attributable thereto.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 559 East Academy St, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-136-0115
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$157,594.70
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: April 7, 2015, 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 October 7, 2015, or the next business day if October 7, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
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Dated: February 6, 2015
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

15-099372

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 27, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$97,465.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Nicholas J Jacobs, and Nicolette M Jacobs, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 2, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000382733
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3, Block 4, Riverside Addition to the City of Owatonna.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 216 Highland Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-0403
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$95,167.55
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: April 21, 2015, 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 October 21, 2015, or the next business day if October 21, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: February 17, 2015
Wells Fargo Bank, NA Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 31, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$227,778.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin P. Rosell and Patsy B. Rosell, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 8, 2003 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 15383 as Document Number T54158 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6, Block 7, Naefke Addition, City of Owatonna, AND All that part of Lot Seven (7), Block Seven (7), in Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, lying Southerly of a line parallel with and Eight and One-Half (8 1/2) feet Northerly from, measured at Ninety Degrees, the Southerly line of said Lot Seven (7); AND Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of Lot Seven (7), Block Seven (7), in Naefke Addition to the city of Owatonna, Minnesota thence running Northerly along the Easterly line of said Lot 7, 22 feet, thence running 90 degrees Westerly to a point on the Northerly line of Lot 6, Block 7, in Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, thence running Easterly along the Northerly line of said Lot 6 to the point of beginning, Steele County, Minnesota
REGISTERED PROPERTY

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 837 MINNESOTA AVENUE, 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: \$219,050.13
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells

Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.188.0706
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;
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: April 28, 2015 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. 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 October 28, 2015.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"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."

Dated: March 5, 2015
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

By: /s/
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Foreclosure

15-099350

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 22, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$60,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Michelle M. Walburn and Guy M. Walburn, wife and husband
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002839-0060802028-2
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Premier Bank
SERVICER: CitiMortgage, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 9, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000344875
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 2, Block 1, Willow Creek Addition #2
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1460 Sage Ln NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-488-0102
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$62,001.76
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: May 5, 2015, 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 November 5, 2015, or the next business day if November 5, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 6, 2015
CitiMortgage, Inc. Assignee of Mortgagee
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Public Notice

Lemond Township monthly meetings will be the 2nd Mondays of every month at 6 p.m. located at the Lemond Town Hall, Steele County.

Dale Johnson
Supervisor

Janelle Olson
Clerk

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Foreclosure

15-099161

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: April 23, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$225,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Stanley G. Ennis, An Unmarried Man
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 4, 2009, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000363759
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
All that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 3-107-20 described by: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4); thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes West, assumed bearing, 163.02 feet along the North line of said Southeast Quarter (SE1/4); thence South 0 degrees East 196.24 feet parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) to the true point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees East 99 feet parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4); thence North 90 degrees West 128.65 feet to the East line of Bigelow Avenue; thence North 0 degrees 3.5 feet West 99 feet along the East line of said Bigelow Avenue; thence North 90 degrees East 128.75 feet to said true point of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1735 Bigelow Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-003-2104
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$140,383.78
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: May 5, 2015, 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 12 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 May 5, 2016, or the next business day if May 5, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 9, 2015

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Estate

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No 74-PR-15-471

COUNTY OF STEELE

Estate of Marcile L. Johnson, Decedent

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

It is Ordered and notice is given that on May 5, 2015, at 10:45 a.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, June 15, 1976, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kristin DeLuca, whose address is 24415 W. Cedar Lake Drive, New Prague, MN, 56071, 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 Minn. Stat. 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.

Dated: 3/9/2015

BY THE COURT

Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court

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Foreclosure

13-093361

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 6, 2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$136,774.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Dustin L. Stewart and Alicia L. Stewart, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 10, 2009, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065185
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot Seven and the West 24 feet of Lot Six, all in Block Eight in Kuether's Addition to the City of Owatonna
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 721 School St E, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-143-0807 COT# 17647
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$132,631.79
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: May 12, 2015, 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)

Dated: March 9, 2015

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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 November 12, 2015, or the next business day if November 12, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 18, 2015

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 30, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$163,920.00
MORTGAGOR(S): John Devetter and Colleen Devetter, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1003215-0002140598-9
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Timberland Mortgage Services, Inc.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 1, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000326156
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, thence running East 1545.7 feet which point is the true point of beginning, thence running North 340 feet, thence running East 384.3 feet, thence running South 340 feet; thence running west to the point of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5348 48th Street SW, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-035-2204
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$148,209.09
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: March 17, 2015, 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 September 17, 2015, or the next business day if September 17, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: January 21, 2015

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Dated: March 18, 2015.

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STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, April 6th, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit applications.
Brian Cook has requested an Interim Use Permit to mine sand and gravel on property located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 21, Clinton Falls Township. The property address is 5524 County Road 45 North.
Loken Excavation and Drainage has requested an Interim Use Permit to mine sand and gravel on property located in the S ½ of the SE ¼, Section 30, Owatonna Township, on property owned by Richard Hafstad.
Loken Excavation and Drainage has request to renew CUP #299 allowing the mining of sand and gravel on property located in the in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4, and the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4, Section 29, Owatonna Township, on property owned by David Dietz.
Loken Excavation and Drainage has requested to renew IUP #2010-02 allowing the mining of sand and gravel on property located in the S ½ of the SW ¼, Section 9, Lemond Township, on property owned by Larry Schultz.
Dustin Deml has requested a Conditional Use Permit to expand his existing feedlot with the addition of a second barn located in the NW ¼, NW ¼, Section 25, Owatonna Township. Total capacity will be 4800 head (1920 animal units) of finishing pigs.
Deml Farm LLC has requested a public meeting for the purposes of establishing a 2400 head (960 animal unit) swine finishing barn located in the NE ¼ of Section 12, Somerset Township.
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

Dale Oolman
Steele County Zoning Director
630 Florence Ave. P.O. Box 890
Owatonna, MN 55060
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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 2/26/2015. Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Schultz/Brady to approve the Agenda. Ayes all.
2. Glynn/Brady to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015. Ayes all.
3. Sheriff Lon Thiele did the swearing in ceremony for Sheriff Deputy Andrew Seifert.
4. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the personnel actions. Ayes all.
5. Bill Fahey from Northland Securities then presented a Bonding 101 training for the Commissioners.
6. Ebeling/Brady to approve the purchase of video equipment from Stream-line Communications in the amount of \$2,794.82 for the Treasurer's conference room. Ayes all.
7. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the low bid for 2nd Floor and More, LLC in the amount of \$5,645 for handicap accessible door openers at Public Health. Ayes all.
8. Ebeling/Brady to approve the Agreement between the Minnesota Dept. of Revenue and Steele County for collection of a Local Transit Sales and Use Tax and to authorize the Chairman and Auditor to sign. Ayes all.
9. Schultz/Brady to approve the 6 month extension (January 1 thru June 30, 2015) of the tower lease with Roger and Florence Borwege in the amount of \$3,000 and authorize the Administrator to sign. Ayes all.
10. Brady/Schultz to approve authorization to advertise sale of the Medford Tower and to set the bid opening for March 13, 2015. Ayes all.
11. Ebeling/Schultz to approve the Retirement and Special Projects Agreement with Tom Shea. Ayes all.
12. Ebeling/Schultz to approve sending a letter to the Cedar River Watershed Board in support of the proposed amendments to the rules. Ayes all.
13. Glynn/Brady to approve the 2014 County Feedlot Annual Report. Ayes all.
14. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the purchase of 2 police interceptors and the purchase of 1 SUV police interceptor at a price of \$78,657 from Owatonna Ford. Ayes all.
15. Ebeling/Schultz to approve the Boat & Water Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,934. Ayes all.
16. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement & Certification for the County Attorney's office. Ayes all.
17. Schultz/Brady to authorize advertising for bids for Seasonal Materials and to set the bid opening date for April 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Ayes all.
18. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the Out of State travel request for a Highway sign technician to attend the ATSSA How to Training & Education Workshop course March 17-18 in Fargo, ND. Ayes all.
19. Brady/Schultz to authorize advertising for bids for the lease of approximately 45 acres of farmland located in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 in Section 5-107-20 for the 2015 season and to set the bid opening date for April 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ayes all.
20. Glynn/Brady to approve the City of Owatonna and Steele County Equipment Agreement for the Paver and Zipper. Ayes all.
21. Ebeling/Brady offered a Resolution, accepting final payment from Crane Creek Asphalt for Project No. SAP 074-635-010, SAP 074-613-006, SAP 074-641-003 and CP 074-014-002.
Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voting in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
22. Brady/Glynn offered a Resolution that Steele County has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road, and Township Road systems are high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next ten (10) years. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voting in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
23. Glynn/Schultz to authorize advertising for bids for CP 74-015-05 Seal coat project and set the bid opening for March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ayes all.
24. Schultz/Glynn offered a Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners requests the MNDOT District 6 Traffic Engineer conduct a speed study on CSAH 45 from the Rice County Line south to NW 36th Street. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voting in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
25. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the quotes from Timm's Trucking Inc. at \$87.50 and Loken Excavation & Drainage Inc. at \$88.00 per hour as needed for 2015 belly dump trucking rates. Ayes all.
26. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the purchase of a chassis for one tandem axle plow truck for the total purchase price of \$85,300.30 and the purchase of a Radial Contour Hitch Highline mower for \$46,500 using the low quote from Hammel Equipment Inc. Ayes all.
27. Schultz/Ebeling to approve the purchase of a motor grader in the amount of \$193,005 from Ziegler, Inc. Ayes all.
28. Brady/Glynn to authorize advertising for bids on SP 74-070-04 and set the bid opening for March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ayes all.
29. Commissioner Reports:
Schultz reported that there will be a Fair Board meeting on May 12th at 11:30 a.m.
Ebeling reported that he attended a JD 24 meeting and the NACO Legislative Conference.
Brady reported that he attended the Soil & Water Conservation District meeting and the South Central Human Relations meeting.
Huntington reported that she attended by NACO Legislative Conference and attended the JD 24 meeting and brought a video to share "Federal Policies Matter to County Government".
30. Ebeling/Schultz to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 2/26/2015	
30th Place, LLC	21,308.48
A/viands, LLC	15,673.16
City of Medford	4,323.83
Compass Minerals America	12,294.01
Emergency Automotive Technology, Inc.	3,905.17
Express Services, Inc.	3,024.00
Stanley A. Groff	7,362.50
Honeywell, Inc.	17,437.01
Kris Engineering, Inc.	2,823.00
Loken Excavating & Drainage	4,674.11
Mike's Repair	3,713.64
MN Sheriffs Assn.	2,254.00
MVTL Laboratories, Inc.	4,914.00
Owatonna Groundsmasters, Inc.	4,699.89
SCR Southern-Rochester	4,356.04
Stanley Security Solutions, Inc.	3,350.53
Steele County Highway Dept.	15,748.00
Steel County Revenue	2,249.34
Steele County Treasurer	35,287.58
Thomson Reuters - West	5,182.56
Turnkey Corrections	1,604.50
Us Highway 14 Partnership	2,500.00
Waseca County Auditor-Treasurer	8,215.35
Wenck Associates, Inc.	7,563.00
133 Warrants under \$2,000	48,053.12
TOTAL:	\$252,516.82

31. Brady/Schultz to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 7:40 p.m. Ayes all.

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NOTICE TO MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Steele County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, P. O. Box 890, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, until 11:00 a.m., April 2, 2015, for seasonal material requirements for the following:
Plant Mixed Bituminous Material and Aggregate Materials.
Bids are to be submitted on the prepared proposal forms which can be secured at the Office of the County Engineer, 635 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, Telephone: (507) 444-7670 or on the Steele County website at www.co.steele.mn.us
The County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technical defects and to award the contracts to other than the lowest bidder, or more than one bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the County will be best served thereby.

Laura Ihrke
Steele County Auditor

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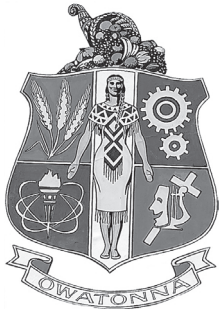
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130 State Hwy 16
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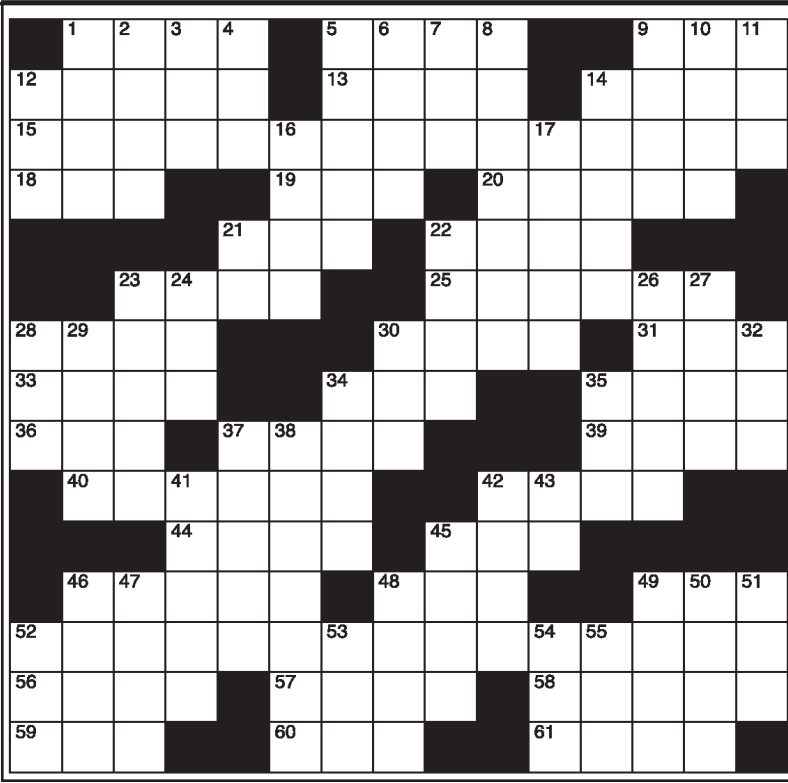
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CLUES ACROSS

- Hair on the head
- Cirques
- Thai (var.)
- S. China seaport
- Swiss river
- Unstressed-stressed
- Beginner Dr. Suess book
- Begetter
- Singer ___ Lo Green
- Shaded promenades
- Not wet
- Grow weary
- Philippine Island or it's seaport
- Teeter-totter
- Not alive
- Golf scores
- Tap gently
- Ancient ointment
- Constitution Hall org.
- Icelandic poems
- Citrus drink suffix
- Detailed design criteria
- Dignified manner
- New York island
- Clods
- Camera optic
- Add sound into a film
- Ringworm
- Tablet
- Defense Department
- 3rd "Star Wars" film
- Raincoats
- Restaurant
- Head fronts
- Burn residue
- Immature newt
- After ones

CLUES DOWN

- "Dragon Tattoo" actress
- Received an A grade
- No (Scottish)
- Very long period of time
- Crafty & shrewd
- Hourly payment for services
- Married woman
- More disreputable
- F. Lamas' 3rd wife Arlene
- 11-23-14 awards show
- Big Blue
- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- Runs out of gear
- Beige
- Nostrils
- Unit of loudness
- Czar
- Insert mark
- Doctor of Education
- ___ Adaba
- Walk with your feet in water
- Genetic information carrier
- Great St. Louis bridge builder
- Political action committee
- Cast out
- Cub Scout groups
- Voltage
- Guide
- Self-mortification
- Alder genus
- Awadh
- Blood type
- Meeting arranged
- Green, black and oolong
- It causes scratching
- Slang saying of disbelief
- Art _____, 1920's design
- Lyrics
- Show disrespect to
- Returned material authorization, abbr.
- Clod or lummo
- Computerized money movement
- Mandible & maxilla



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- Wind farms
- Installation of irrigation systems
- Hazardous waste facilities
- Junkyards
- Gun ranges
- Race tracks
- Feedlots

ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING

Westfield Township
Tuesday, March 31
7 p.m.
Westfield Town Hall

Your vote counts!

• COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Westfield Township needs to develop and implement the long-term future of the township by:

- Developing a vision for the township's future
- Promoting the long-term sustainability of the township
- Strategic planning to guide development
- Promoting conservation of the natural resources in the township
- Engaging the community to promote the education and action for community sustainability
- Supporting others in the township to carry out the goals.

• LOCAL CONTROL MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Townships With Local Planning and Zoning:

- Ashland
- Canisteo
- Concord
- Ellington
- Ripley

Townships Without Local Planning and Zoning:

- Claremont
- Hayfield
- Mantorville
- Milton
- Vernon
- Wasioja
- Westfield

Westfield Township needs local planning and zoning!

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