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Blooming Prairie

Worke named as principal at 'Awesome Blossom' high school

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

It has always been about educating students for John Worke.

On July 1, Worke, the Blooming Prairie activities director and facilities manager, will become the high school principal. Whether he will continue coaching the girls basketball team and performing other current duties has yet to be determined. "I'm looking forward to working

closely with our teachers on student improvement, whether it is academic or behavior or whatever it may be," said Worke, 49. "It is about working together to create the best opportunities for our kids that leave this system."

Worke cares about all the youths and the Blooming Prairie community, School Superintendent Barry Olson said.

"John is dependable, dedicated, organized and trustworthy," Olson

stated via email. "He works very hard at making things better and believes in the continuous-improvement model, and he has shown this in all the organizations he has been involved with for the last 25 years."

Worke is well-respected throughout southern Minnesota, and this will allow him to be engaged and an active participant in education reform, Olson added.

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Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
John Worke, who will become the Blooming Prairie High School principal July 1, discusses an educational issue with Suzy Kramer recently.

SHEA CALLS IT QUIT



Tom Shea ends Steele County public service

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

A man who groomed himself for government and public affairs at a young age is stepping down believing he has left Steele County's government in a good place.

"We have a clear path in the strategic plan, clear goals and objectives and have a mechanism in place to refine that and adjust that as needed," said Tom Shea, who since 2011 has been handling the Steele County Administrator position. "We have really strong people in leadership positions both elected and non-elected. Virtually all the leadership in the county is on board with this concept of looking beyond their particular duty."

Shea's official last day as county administrator was Friday. A two-hour going away celebration was held for him. Former Waseca County Administrator Laura Elvebak replaces Shea.

Current Steele County Commissioner James 'Corky' Ebeling said Shea will make it easy for Elvebak to step in. "I haven't seen the list, but he has a list put together of what's loose, what's hanging out there, what the hot topics are and what needs to be done," Ebeling said.

Ebeling has known Shea most of his life. He really got to know Shea when he became a county commissioner. "As a new commissioner, he helped me along, mentored me as a new commissioner and helped me along to give his opinions on anything that I had," Ebeling said. "He was really helpful on helping me learn some of the things you are never aware of until you get in here."

Charlie Herrmann said he has known Shea's family throughout the years and the fine job they have done in public service. "His father was kingdom of conscious in Owatonna for all the years of his life and



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
Top photo: Deb Tappe, who works in the Steele County Assessor's Office, says good-bye to former Steele County Administrator Tom Shea. Another member of the assessor's office, Tyler Dierson, is waiting to talk to Shea. Bottom photo: Charlie Herrmann (right) and former Steele County Administrator Tom Shea are enjoying their conversation.

orities that he might have."

Always a love for government

Since he can remember, Shea has been involved in government and public affairs. "I remember in 1956 when I was six years old an election night party with dad and friends," Shea says. "When I got to be 10 I was really aware of President Kennedy."

After high school, Shea attended the University of Minnesota and became involved in politics. What he says resonated with him was that all politics is local politics. "That is so true," he explains.

Shea went to the University of Minnesota to become a social studies teacher. He didn't finish at the University of Minnesota, but headed to Mankato State University to finish his course work. He did substitute teaching and all of his student teaching. However, he never finished school and went to work with his father in 1974 in the beer business.

He got his first taste of politics in 1974

Shea said. "I stayed active, served on the Owatonna Charter Commission and helped the city on a couple of things with the legislature."

Then came the opportunity for county government. "If you sincerely believe in the positive impact government can have, county commission is the best job you can have because county government delivers state and federal programs," Shea said. "You are close to the people. You can do something at this level of government. You can really have an impact on local delivery."

Shea became a county commissioner in 1991 and served until 2011. During that time he ran a newspaper for about five years, was a banker and also served as a small business management instructor at Riverland Community College. In February 2012, he became the Steele County Administrator.

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Foundation raises \$73K for education

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Though it didn't top last year's record, the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation had an impressive year once again in raising funds for education in the community.

At Saturday night's annual fundraiser, the non-profit group raised \$73,000, coming up short of the record of \$80,000 the previous year, but good enough for the second all-time highest, according to Sue Zweiner of the BP Education Foundation. "Last year was a fluke," she said.

The highest item of the evening was a Blossom buddy, which raised a whopping \$4,000. Someone donated \$2,000 for local school board member Rodney Krell to donate four hours of labor around town. Krell's wife, Michelle, who is an educator in a neighboring community,

matched the donation.

Another hot item at this year's auction was the donation of a school bus by the Blooming Prairie Bus Company. The winning bid went to John Kraling of Blooming Prairie for \$2,500.

Zweiner said there were nearly 200 bidders for the auction, which took place at the Pizza Cellar and Cue Company in Blooming Prairie. She estimated the crowd for the entire night at about 400 people. She said the group is appreciative of everyone who supported the fundraiser even if they didn't bid on anything.

Since the fundraiser began 12 years ago, the foundation has raised more than \$650,000, Zweiner noted. "Blooming Prairie is an extraordinary town,"

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2 charged in ATM heist in Owatonna

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A man and a woman from Iowa are facing felony charges after being suspected of breaking into an Owatonna store and heisting a large amount of money from a cash machine.

The Steele County Attorney's Office has charged Maurice Dontez Daye, 26, and Cristal Villanueva, 26, both of West Des Moines, Iowa, with one count each of aid and abet second-degree burglary. They are currently in custody in Iowa awaiting extradition to Minnesota.

Both Daye and Villanueva are suspected of breaking into the Target store in Owatonna during the early morning hours of March 23 and forcing their way into the ATM machine inside the store. They were caught in Clear Lake, Iowa, later that day.

According to court documents, police learned from Target security that a person dressed in all black entered the store by forcing entry into the main entrance around 2:26 a.m. and exited through another door. While at the scene, officers found fresh tire tracks as well as footprints in the snow.

Officers went inside the store and found that the ATM machine had been broken into. A side panel of the ATM was pried, which allowed the front door to

swing open. Police later learned that about \$7,300 was in the ATM at the time of the break-in.

The police investigation showed that a vehicle matching the description of the one in store security video had been in the area of the near-by Microtel Inn and Suites. Police found out that two people from Iowa connected to the vehicle had rented a room.

Based on information gathered at the motel, police came up with a license plate of a possible suspect vehicle and put out an alert to surrounding agencies, including Iowa, to find the car.

Police in Clear Lake, Iowa, notified local authorities that they had located the vehicle with two occupants at a store in their city. Officers made contact with both of the suspects, who were identified as Daye and Villanueva.

The complaint stated that a Clear Lake officer could see Villanueva's purse was "loaded with cash." Upon further search, officers noted she had \$4,651 in her purse. In addition, the officers searched Daye and found \$1,120 in his left sock, \$1,720 in his right sock and \$1,380 in a pocket. All of the cash was in \$20 bills, the complaint alleges.

Both face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.



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Our view

The end of an era

Tom Shea’s last day as Steele County Administrator was March 27.

Although only on board as the County Administrator for the past three years, Tom has helped launch Steele County government into a new era.

This new era consists of continually working with other groups – be it inside or outside Steele County – to help with the county’s delivery system. This new era also includes developing a new model that should address a variety of needs in the future.

As Steele County Board of Commissioner James ‘Corky’ Ebeling stated at his celebration on Friday, his knowledge and history of Steele County will be sorely missed. “We have lost a lot of history over the years,” he said. And Ebeling includes Tom as one of those with a lot of history about Steele County.

One thing he wasn’t able to help accomplish during his tenure was finding a solution for the public works building. The public works building continues to run into snags and will be completed after Tom has left the scene.

Those who know Tom know public service is in his blood. It started all the way back when he was 6 years old and sat around the house on election night with his family. This seemed to become a family tradition and no doubt continues today.

Those who truly know Tom also know that his heart bleeds Steele County. He served as a county commissioner on the Steele County Board of Commissioners before being selected as the county’s first administrator.

Charlie Herrmann, who has known the Shea family for many years, said one thing that makes Tom special is that he has persisted in situations “where others might have cut and run or said I don’t want to do this anymore.” He also referenced Tom’s independent approach to each situation and making decisions based on the interest of constituents, not any personal priorities he may have.

Has he had his detractors? Yes. Anyone who serves in the public service field will tell you that.

The truth is this man has helped put Steele County into a better place both as a county commissioner and as a county administrator.

He has helped make it easier for his replacement, Laura Elvebak, to step in and not miss a beat.

Good luck to you, Tom, on the golf course or wherever your journey takes you. You will be missed.



Pig odors create a big stink

Controversy has been swirling around Westfield Township in Dodge County for several months as residents are dealing with feedlots, namely large hog operations in the area.

Lawsuits, door-to-door petitions, township meetings, extensive media coverage, environmental crackdowns and lots of tempers are just some of the things contributing to the feedlot fight in a county where hogs outnumber people by more than two to one.

I grew up on a large hog farm in central Minnesota so I have taken a personal interest in watching this feedlot controversy play out. But it was nothing to the magnitude of some of the farms we’re talking about around here. I’ll be the first to admit hogs are beautiful, but the smells, the sights of manure and other associated after effects are often less than desirable.

In Minnesota, there are about 18,000 feedlots in operation. It has been estimated that the amount of manure generated by livestock in the state would be equivalent to that of a human population of about 50 million.

As special hearings take place to determine if the township board should get into the business of regulating feedlots, I certainly understand that there are opinions on both sides of the issue. But recently I have been left to question some of the tactics being used by those closely involved.



PURSUIT
Rick Bussler

Residents who have spoken against feedlots have shared with me nasty messages they have received from feedlot operators. Others are afraid to publicly identify themselves for fear of retribution. There are also some who claim operators who are fumed about what is going on are intimidating them.

More fuel has been added to the feedlot fire in recent weeks when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources began a crackdown into feedlot operators who may be illegally using water.

One who is not afraid to speak out is Sonja Trom Eayers, a Twin Cities attorney whose father lives in the middle of feedlot country just east of Blooming Prairie. She says supporters of stricter feedlot regulations have faced “threats and intimidation” for their position.

All people need to be allowed to say what they want without the fear of being

threatened and intimidated. One man who I recently interviewed, but did not want to be identified, about this controversy said, “It’s like throwing gas on fire.” He went on to say, “It’s not pleasant out here anymore. I don’t like to live this way.”

There is definitely a problem when someone such as this particular life-long resident feels the way he does. To those who are intimidating others, I just have a few words of caution: “Back off.” It’s sad to see how people are treating other people for raising quality of life issues. I hope greed isn’t getting in the way of operators feeling the need to become bigger with their hog or cattle operations.

This has become such a hot issue for us to cover that we have jokingly dubbed our West Concord news editor Karen Jorgenson as the “feedlot queen.” Joking aside, we are making every attempt to provide the best possible unbiased coverage of the issue.

Dodge County feedlots are definitely under the microscope right now. This issue isn’t going away any time soon. As this battle continues to unfold, let’s hope cooler and calmer heads will prevail no matter which side they are on.

Feedlots or no feedlots, all those involved need to go in hot pursuit of treating others like they would want to be treated themselves.

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A firsthand look at growth

Sitting around our table on Friday in Blooming Prairie, it was amazing to see the number of people at our weekly staff meeting. It dawned on me that I was seeing firsthand the growth of a company from the inside.

I have worked in large companies and small companies, but in both situations the change wasn’t that apparent from day-to-day, month-to-month or even year-to-year. Here at the Steele County Times and News Enterprise, I can see firsthand what is happening.

There were 14 people sitting around that table discussing what we always discuss – how to move our newspaper forward. We do this by looking at our mistakes from the past week and figuring out how we can improve on them. One important part of the meeting is providing positive feedback to employees. We also talk about upcoming advertising and editorial projects for the next weeks or even months.

Fast forward to around 3:30 p.m. on Friday when former Steele County Administrator Tom Shea was taking in all the compliments from those who have followed him over the years as a public servant for Steele County. One thing that sticks out to me was him taking the time that day to tell me that we’re doing a good job and to keep it up.

After that comment, it made sense that Steele County didn’t get where it is today without hours of discussions at board meetings to iron out ideas. And Shea was part of those discussions.

That is what is happening in our small office on Blooming Prairie’s Main Street. And I’m part of our discussions. Is it easy? No growth is ever easy. But hard work and discussions are what is needed to improve our two publications. And those are two of the ingredients that are needed in any business for it to succeed.

GOP transportation plan funds long-term road and bridge needs

By PEGGY BENNETT

Transportation has been one of the biggest issues at the Capitol since session started in January. Legislators on both sides of the aisle recognize the need for a long-term solution that adequately funds our roads and bridges. I’m grateful for the hard work put in by my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as the Governor and Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle, on proposals that address our transportation needs.

This week, Republicans released our long-term transportation plan, meaning we now have two very different plans to choose from. The two plans take very different approaches.

The GOP plan that was released this past week invests more than \$7 billion over the next ten years without increasing taxes. The plan is funded using a small portion of the budget surplus, bonding, as well as existing sales tax proceeds from things like car rent-

als, auto parts, and vehicle leases. In other words, when you buy something car-related, your sales taxes would go directly to the maintenance of our roads and bridges.

There are two key components in the GOP plan: it provides for immediate funding to address our most pressing transportation needs and long-term dedicated funding to ensure quality infrastructure for years to come. In total, this plan would repair or replace more than 15,500 lane miles and 330 bridges statewide.

The plan put forward by Governor Dayton and the Senate DFL includes more funding, but would mean a minimum of 16 cents per gallon more at the pump. The plan is funded by a 6.5% gas tax at the wholesale level, which the plan’s supporters agree would ultimately be passed down to people at the pump. That amounts to 16 cents per gallon if prices stay at \$2.50 or below, and would rise if gas prices increase beyond \$2.50 back to \$3.00 or \$3.50 per gallon.

Many families I talk to are looking for

us to solve the problem without a gas tax increase. They’re enjoying the lower gas prices we’ve seen lately, and have expressed relief that money that used to go toward filling up at the pump can now be used for other household priorities or even a fun night out with their family.

Our plan listens to those concerns and presents an alternative solution that accomplishes our shared goal of our transportation needs without adding to the tax burden of families.

With two contrasting visions now at the table, legislators will have the opportunity to debate and discuss our respective plans, and work to find a solution to this long-term problem. I’m committed to continuing to work on finding a solution that can earn support from the House, the Senate, and the Governor.

Rep. Peggy Bennett represents District 27A. This includes Blooming Prairie and parts of Dodge County.

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This week’s question:

Do you believe the economy is growing in Steele County?

Yes, we are seeing tremendous growth.
No, the economy is weak.
Don’t know for sure.

Last week’s question:

Do you feel that local government officials are hearing what you have to say?

* Yes, they are easy to discuss issues with. 81%
* No, it is difficult to talk with them about issues. 19%
* I’ve never thought about it. 0%

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Tammi Jo symbolized courage and hope

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Tammi Jo was 22 when she left this Earth, and she was an amazing symbol of courage and hope to all who knew her. As we approach the wonderful Christian holiday of Easter, looking at this time as a season of hope comforts us. That season is given to us year-round through our faith. In life and after life, Tammi, daughter of Howard and Judy, has been a glowing source of hope.

Tammi was diagnosed with a chronic liver disease at 14. She was treated for the next eight years at the University of Minnesota and told that she may need a liver transplant as soon as in two years or as long as 20 years down the road. As her condition deteriorated, she was labeled a strong candidate for a liver transplant at 22.

Tammi displayed hope that one would be available. Hope in the Bible means “a strong and confident expectation” of a reward. That reward came April 15, 1995, when Tammi received an extension on life due to the loving kindness displayed by a Twin Cities family that lost its 32-year-old loved one to heart disease.

Tammi’s transplant came the day after Good Friday. Her surgeon notified her the night of Good Friday that a liver was available. Hope in Tammi strengthened all of us as we prepared for a 12-hour surgery the next day.

Word about Tammi’s transplant spread quickly, and prayers went out for a smooth recovery.

Tammi received a miracle on that Easter weekend. On Easter, we all celebrate the miracle of God’s gift to us in eternal salvation. Opening the Bible to Psalms 39:7, one will find this verse about hope: “But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.”

Forgoing many of the details of Tammi’s recovery and struggles from the transplant, it must be said that Tammi and her family and friends clutched the hand of our faith to cope with these tough times.

Tammi was known for her beaming smile and it was never limited, even though her health deteriorated once again, this time as a time of rejection to her transplanted organ.

Tammi lived life to the fullest her entire 22 years, and when health challenges became many, she still had time to walk down the halls of the University of Minnesota Hospital and visit with a 10-year-old boy from Michigan named Dan. He was nearing death’s door and was in dire need of a liver transplant.

Smiling widely through puffy cheeks caused by a high dosage of prednisone, an anti-inflammatory drug, Tammi reassured

Dan that he would get a new liver and would soon be looking toward leading a normal life.

Dan did get a new liver, and 20 years later, he meets us in the Twin Cities almost yearly to continue our bond of friendship cultivated by our daughter Tammi. He resides in San Francisco and is doing exceptionally well, health-wise.

This bond with Dan proves that Tammi still lives through the impact she had on all our lives. Dan says he still clings to Tammi’s words of encouragement to always be hopeful.

Tammi never gave up and gave family and friends the promise that she would live in our hearts forever. Tammi had to undergo another transplant and died in surgery.

Nobody wants to even consider the possibility of having a child die. We, as parents, are supposed to die before our children and grandchildren.

When asked by strangers how many children we have, Judy and I, almost in unison, say we have two children, which is true. Even though Tammi is not with us in the physical sense, she is still our child and is waiting for us in Heaven.

One never gets over the loss of a child, but one’s coping skills do improve, and that’s because of that powerful word “hope.”

Grieving is a healing process, and many years after Tammi’s death, Judy and I self-published a book on our daughter titled “Never Forgotten.” The book includes reflections on the life of Tammi Jo Lestrud (1972-95).

As we celebrate Easter, our family clings to a poem Tammi wrote for a high school English assignment.

“Death”

The end.
Is death really the end?
It is a condition that
spells finality.
Dreaming, wondering,
will it ever come?
We have lost loved
ones, friends,
but yet still in our
hearts they live.
When is death really the end?
It is the culmination
of life on Earth,
for those who believe
in the hereafter,
there is no death.
Instead, we have eternity.
Even though a
physical life ends,
it lives in the hearts
and minds of us all.
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Legislators promote Republican transportation plan

By KAREN JORGENSEN
Staff Writer

A Republican 10-year transportation plan released last week will invest \$7 billion in improving roads and bridges in the state without raising the state gas tax, say Rep. John Petersburg, R-Waseca, and Senate Republican Leader David Hann, R-Eden Prairie.

The Republican plan, both men agreed, is in contrast to Governor Dayton’s plan which proposes \$11 billion but would include raising the gas tax, vehicle registration fees and the metro area sales tax.

The plan outlined by the Republicans prioritizes road and bridge infrastructure improvements by immediate repair of roads in Minnesota communities, highway improvements for commuters and commerce and reliable long-term funding without raising taxes, Hann said.

Minnesotans have said that

they want to see a commitment to funding of roads and bridges but at the same time have indicated they do not want an increase in gas taxes, Hann said.

Using a gas tax to fund improvements is not sustainable, Petersburg said, as revenues raised through the tax have been going down. Fuel consumption and usage drive the money raised through the gas tax and that has been decreasing, he said, as federal mandates are requiring better fuel efficiency and gas prices have dropped.

The Republican plan would, Petersburg said, raise some of the funds by dedicating money received from taxes on auto parts, rental vehicles and vehicle



Petersburg

leases to a new Transportation Stability Fund.

Those dollars currently go into the state’s General Fund where they can be used for a variety of state programs.

Also new in the Republican plan, he said, is providing \$282 million to small cities under 5,000. Currently money for roads is given to counties, townships and cities with more than 5,000.

“The plan will spend in small cities which have been left out, Petersburg said. Cities with populations under 5,000 people do not get any state aid.

Transportation is important to Minnesotans, Petersburg said, because it affects everyone.

“Transportation is the only program that impacts every person in the state 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” he said.

The breakdown for the proposal includes \$4.03 billion for state roads, \$583 million for municipal roads, \$60 million

for township roads and bridges, \$1.44 billion for county roads and \$139 million for Greater Minnesota bus services.

The plan, Republicans said, will repair or replace 15,500 lane miles for all roads and 330 bridges statewide, will require MnDOT to find 15 percent in savings in their budget and requires the Met Council and CTIB to fund Metro Transit operations themselves.

“Republicans have developed a thoughtful solution to adequately maintain and expand our road and bridge infrastructure without raising gas taxes because Minnesotans can’t afford to pay more at the pump,” Hann said. “Our proposal will benefit small cities rural areas, suburban communities and elderly and disabled Minnesotans while also making significant commitments to state roads.”

WORKE

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Worke has been in the school district in various roles during his career.

“When I first started thinking about education, I was dealing with kids in the summer youth programs,” he recalled. “I really enjoyed that. I have always liked athletics, so the first love was to be a physical education teacher.”

Worke said he knew the marketability wasn’t there, so he thought he could become an elementary education teacher and get his coaching certification to satisfy his desire to be involved with coaching youths.

“I would get the best of both worlds,” he said. “I could work with kids and I can also maybe fit in some athletics.”

After seven years in doing that, Worke was laid off because of school budget cuts. He went back and got his middle school certification. The next year he was rehired at Blooming Prairie as a junior high science teacher. He has also taught social studies, math, English, careers and health.

He became the activities director in 1999, then became the school district’s facilities manager in 2009. Worke has been the assistant principal since 2011.

“Everything kind of evolved,” Worke said. “I was continually getting more responsibilities.”

As he makes the transition into his new role, his goal is to

make sure everyone works together.

“I want us to be striving for the one common goal of producing the best student possible when they leave here,” he said.

As the state continues to put more emphasis on test scores, Worke said he believes the school district’s programs have been a great plus.

“I want to take a closer look at our vocational classes to see what kind of improvements can be made,” Worke said. “I want to involve the community more with that. I’m always looking to create a curriculum that fits all students.”

Communication also is key for Worke.

“I think I have to always make sure I’m communicating with the appropriate people,” he said. “As we continue to look for new programs, I have to find ways to motivate and sell them to our teachers to get them on board. That will always be something I will look to improve at.”

As a Blooming Prairie grad, the school system and community are the only thing he has known.

“I’m proud to be a part of it,” he said. “To come back and be part of other students that leave this system is just a good feeling for me.”

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she said. “We are so grateful for all the donations.”

All of the proceeds are donated for projects and programs not covered by the regular school budget. Some of the projects include program kits, sponsorship of spelling bees and other contests, mileage for field trips,

meal money for athletic teams and power hour at the Boys and Girls Club.

The fundraiser has proven to be a strong indicator that the community values education and is willing to support such an important cause when asked to do so.



Recent BP Ed Foundation Fundraisers

2011-	\$60,000
2012-	\$69,000
2013-	\$62,000
2014-	\$80,000
2015-	\$73,000



Staff photo by Brian Stanford
Those who attended the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation silent auctions helped garner more than \$70,000 that will be used for children in the Blooming Prairie school district.

SHEA

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As he steps down, Shea said one thing he is proud that he assisted with is the transition from a coordinator to county administrator. Another achievement is establishing a strategic plan that has a service delivery organizational structure that Shea believes better aligns the variety of services that county’s deliver.

“Now we have 19 departments and we’re pretty specialized,” he said. “It has gotten very sophisticated.”

He added that for the county to continue to deliver the quality services that citizens have been accustomed to and do it in an efficient cost effective manner, the structure and delivery systems had to be brought up to current standards. He said it is important to use business principals in the operations of government.

Experience has helped The number one thing that made Shea a good county administrator was his experience with Steele County, Ebeling said. “That is his biggest strength,” he said. “He knew Steele County inside and out. Him being a commissioner as long as he was provided him a lot of history on what has been done in the past and how things have worked.

Ebeling will admit that change does scare him at times.

However, he said Shea was never afraid of change. “He was always looking at how we can do it more efficiently, more effectively,” he said. “He was always a leader in organizing or starting a group to think about how we can do things different.”

This led to such ideas as the 911 Center and Minnesota Prairie County Alliance.

There were also several projects that were not completed or even started. One of those was the Minnesota Prairie County Alliance. “The whole thing is not finished,” Shea said. “MinnPrairie is up and operational, but there are still some speed bumps that it is dealing with.

“We don’t have the public works building. We don’t have a clear public works building solution,” he continued. “We have a few internal operating systems that it would be nice to finish those ups. That will happen

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As he ends his career in public service, Shea said he will miss the people he has interacted with during his time. He also will miss seeing people being successful or initiatives that were successful. “That is what you feel good about,” Shea said.

Although retired, Shea will still be around helping the new county administrator and the county commission on whatever projects they might need as a special projects assistant. Otherwise, he will be taking care of projects around the house, playing more golf and reading the newspaper in the morning instead of before he goes to bed.

For those getting into the public service profession, Shea’s piece of advice is “do it. Get into it with your eyes wide open. Make sure that your core values are aligned with being in public service.”

Public Safety

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

March 20 Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the city at 2:04 p.m.

March 24 Traffic. At 2:52 p.m., officer issued a citation to a motorist following a traffic stop in the city.

Owatonna Police

March 21 Drunken Driving. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 26th St. NE and 7th Ave. NE at 1:10 a.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1900 block of Pheasant Run Dr. NE at 1:50 a.m. A citation was issued at the scene.

Theft. A citizen reported that his or her identity had been stolen from the 3000 block of Northridge Lane NE at 9:03 a.m.

March 22 Domestic. At 5:12 a.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1900 block of Hartle Ave. SE. They made an arrest at the scene.

Theft. Officer took theft report in the 600 block of 23rd St. NE at 6:17 p.m.

March 23 Burglary. At 2:37 a.m., police responded to a burglary in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW.

Child Protection. Officer took child protection report in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:57 a.m.

Arrest. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at 26th St. NW and Frontage Rd. W. at 8:41 a.m.

Vandalism. At 10:38 a.m., officer received a property damage report from the 600 block of 12th St. SE.

Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 12:12 p.m.

Fight. Police responded to a fight in the 100 block of 25th Ave. NW at 7:01 p.m.

March 24 Crashes. Two motor vehicle accidents resulting in property damage were reported throughout the day – at 7:45 a.m. at Cherry St. NE and Pine Ave. NE and at 12:49 p.m. at 21st Ave. NW and Hoffman Dr. NW.

Hit and Run. Police received information regarding a hit and run crash in the 200 block of Broadway St. E. at 9:58 a.m.

Fight. Officers responded to a fight in the 100 block of Vine St. E. at 10:47 a.m.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 600 block of Oak Ave. S. at 2:59 p.m.

Shoplifting. Police issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 4:28 p.m.

March 25 Burglary. At 1:59 p.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 400 block of Mound St. SW.

Fraud. Two incidents of fraud were reported during the day – in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 4 p.m. and in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 4:06 p.m.

Arrest. A motorist was taken into custody following a traffic stop at Broadway St. E. and Elm Ave. N. at 11:13 p.m.

March 26 Drunken Driving. Officer made a DWI arrest at Cedar Ave. N. and Pearl St. E. at 1:03 a.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a personal injury crash at 24th Place NW and Cedar Ave. N. at 9:35 a.m.

Stolen Property. At 9:40 a.m., police recovered a stolen vehicle in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 3:47 p.m.

Restraining Order. A subject was taken into custody following a violation of a restraining order in the 200 block of Grove Ave. N. at 7:06 p.m.

Theft. Officer took theft report in the 800 block of Elm Ave. S. at 9:52 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff

March 20 Theft. Deputy took theft report in the 700 block of School St. at 12:25 p.m.

Burglary. Deputies began an investigation of a burglary in the 6900 block of 58th St. SE at 4:22 p.m.

March 21 Assault. At 12:48 a.m., deputies responded to an assault in the 200 block of Main St. N.

March 22 Theft. At 10:24 a.m., a theft occurred in the 500 block of 7th Ave. W.

Crashes. Two personal injury crashes occurred throughout the day – at 1:55 p.m. on Interstate 35 northbound at mile marker 38 and at 3:13 p.m. at 52nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd.

March 23 Crash. Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 8400 block of Crane Creek Rd. at 11:31 a.m.

Theft. A citizen reported that his or her identity had been stolen in the 3500 block of 32nd Ave. NW at 4:37

p.m.

March 24 Suspicion. At 7:35 p.m., deputies responded to a suspicious activity report at 36th St. NW and Cedar Ave. A citation was issued at the scene.

March 25 Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 6000 block of 138th St. SE at 10:53 a.m.

March 26 Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 500 block of 2nd St. SW at 6:43 a.m.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

March 11 Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 300 block of 4th Ave. NE in Hayfield at 12:34 p.m.

Burglary. At 5:05 p.m., a West Concord resident reported a past action burglary in the 19200 block of 520th St. Some of the items were located at pawn shops.

March 12 Larceny. At 9:57 a.m., deputies received a report that fuel was suspected to be stolen from bulk barrels in the 500 block of Front St. W. in Claremont. A hypodermic needle was found laying on the ground.

March 13 Assault. At 11:48 a.m., deputies responded to an assault in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center.

Child Endangerment. A child endangerment report was taken in Kasson at 7:42 p.m.

March 14 Burglary. Deputies responded to a burglary in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 8:54 a.m.

March 15 Environment. At 1:15 p.m., deputies received a report of illegal garbage dumping in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield.

Criminal Damage. A Claremont woman reported that her ex-boyfriend killed her fish and broke some of her belongings in the 100 block of Front St. E. at 2:11 p.m.

March 16 Harassment. At 7:12 p.m. a harassment restraining order was violated in the 700 block of 5th Ave. NW in Dodge Center.

March 17 Burglary. A Hayfield resident reported a burglary in the 400 block of Main St. W. at 4 p.m. Someone had been in the basement the previous night.

Fire. At 5:36 p.m. fire fighters and deputies responded to a garage fire in the 600 block of 3rd St. SE in Dodge Center.

March 18 Domestic Assault. Deputies responded to a domestic assault in the 400 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 2:26 p.m.

March 19 Suspicion. At 9:55 p.m., a male subject was seen urinating on the road at State Hwy. 56 and State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield.

March 20 Domestic. Deputies responded to a physical domestic assault between a male and female in the 600 block of 4th St. NW at 1:52 p.m. One male was transported to the Steele County Jail.

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COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 16 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Joshua D. Wiedeman, 25, Austin, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. He was sentenced to \$181, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, cognitive skill training, no alcohol or controlled substance use, obtain employment, no possession of firearms, 40 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Thomas R. Gibson, 32, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of drugs and felony controlled substance. Gibson was sentenced to \$131, and 72 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Kimberly K. Kuiper, 34, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of drugs. She was sentenced to \$181, 9 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, and 3 years of supervised probation.

Kevin P. Kurz, 42, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony financial transaction card fraud. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,760.11, and 21 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Jose A. Sanchez, 42, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DWI-refusal to submit to chemical test. Sanchez was sentenced to \$381, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms, attend drug court and 5 years of supervised probation.

Orlando D. Trevino, 24, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aiding an offender. He was sentenced to \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alco-

hol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, maintain employment, cognitive skill training, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim, and 3 years of supervised probation.

Ryan M. Warner, 37, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. Warner was sentenced to \$500, submit to polygraph examination as directed, attend sex offender program, no access to Internet without approval, no possession of pornography, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no unsupervised contact with minors and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 16 – 20:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Kameron J. Holmes, 18, Blooming Prairie, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Ahmed H. Alamari, 26, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$221; Shannon M. Blas, 31, Austin, suspended license, \$281; Robert A. Braaten, 68, Byron, speeding, \$141; Jose F. Carmona-Regino, 30, Rochester, invalid license and no insurance, \$381; Paul D. Dorman, 59, Albert Lea, speeding, \$131; Oluwashola George, 20, Mount Prospect, IL, speeding, \$121; Antonio Goodwill, 32, Riverdale, IL, speeding, \$121;

Jarrod E. Hill, 43, Rapid City, SD, speeding, \$141; Terry L. Jamison, 54, Lisbon, IA, failure to drive in single lane, \$131; Elias C. Juarez, 40, Minneapolis, speeding, \$221; Brandon J. Louks, 29, Ellendale, possession of Paraphernalia, \$131; Franklin G. Luogon, 34, West Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$121; Paige E. Mainor, 32, Tabermash, CO, speeding, \$131; Jonathan M. McCartney, 19, Fairmont, seat belt, \$106; Gerald A. Monson, 69, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$106;

Ahmed M. Osman, 23, Mankato, speeding, \$131; Diana Rodriguez, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Marty J. Sackett, 49, Dodge Center, cancelled license, \$131 and 1 day in county jail; Melissa C. Schillo-Armstrong, 31, Stillwater, passing parked emergency vehicle, \$131; Robert L. Thomason Jr., 32, Carusbad, NM, speeding, \$141;

Daniel D. Tousignant, 53, Faribault, open bottle, \$81, and 6 months of unsupervised probation; George D. Townsend, 48, Henderson, NV, possession of Marijuana, \$131; Peter C. Wollan, 67, Rochester, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department

Scott W. Behne, 41, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 232 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Austin A. Bell, 18, Waseca, expired tabs, \$111;

Kyle E. Bos, 30, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency treatment, attend MADD impact panel, and 3 years of supervised probation; Steven E. Britt, 45, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Christopher S. Casey, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$171;

William L. Conley, 28, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Harry J. Curran, 54, Owatonna, no license in possession and lights violation, \$151; Joshua R. Dausey, 25, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Gregory R. Finley, 26, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Colton K. Froehlich, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Jeffrey N. Gamble, 29, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$1,228.99, 28 days in county jail and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Cody J. Halvorson, 21, Owatonna, revoked license, \$131 and 8 days in county jail; Lynn P. Hanson, 58, Owatonna, headlights violation and no license in possession, \$141;

Ryan M. Horak, 25, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Trevor C. Horden, 24, Chester, IA, disorderly conduct, \$181 and 1 day in county jail; Jeffrey P. Johnsrud, 54, Albert Lea, revoked license and expired tabs, \$311; Ashton A. Kane, 19, Owatonna, careless driving and wrong way on one way street, \$281;

Allen D. Krogstad, 50, Owatonna, stalking – repeatedly making telephone calls, \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, community service for indeterminate and 2 years of supervised probation; Matthew G. Letrouneau, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; David E. Meadows, 34, Austin, domestic assault, \$381, 4 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, anger management, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation; Ahmed N. Munye, 20, Owatonna, possession of Paraphernalia, \$131; Heather S. Olson, 30, Blooming Prairie, no insurance, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Corey H. Osmon, 23, Winona, suspended license, \$281;

Isiah Y. Perez, 39, Owatonna, trespassing, \$131; Jerry P. Phillips, 48,

Blotter Spotlight:
Vandalism. On March 17, a male subject was refused sale on cigarettes at the Dodge Center Kwip Trip because his ID was expired. He, then, slammed the door and broke out the glass at 8:25 a.m.

Crime brief

Police find loaded firearm during stop

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Steele County Sheriff's Office

Jered R. Anderson, 32, Owatonna, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Molley Bility, 26, Austin, speeding, \$141; Anthony J. Bohlen, 25, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, and 3 years of supervised probation; Rachid Bouaroua, 41, Elko, speeding, \$121; Kimberly R. Gieseke, 26, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$131;

Kevin T. Green, 33, Morristown, speeding, \$131; Dan A. Gunderson, 59, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Jacqueline A. Krueger, 17, Austin, speeding, \$221; Kyle L. Rostrom, 18, Morristown, careless driving, \$181; Jacob M. Spinler, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Vilomar Villar, 34, Austin, speeding, \$131; Ronald C. Wesely, 66, Owatonna, improper signal to turn, \$131.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of March 16 with Judge Jodi L. Williams presiding:

Ceann M. Gillie, 31, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony receiving stolen property. She was sentenced to \$1,155, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain GED, educational assessment, maintain employment, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Travis W. Loeffler, 30, Albert Lea, previously appeared and was convicted of felony non-support of a child. Loeffler was sentenced to \$205, 294 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain and maintain employment, write letter of apology, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Brandon M. Schuck, 32, Brownsdale, suspended license, \$280; Evan Small, 33, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Christopher A. Smith, 27, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Gale G. Spatenka, 46, Claremont, parking violation, \$32; Christopher D. Tucker, 42, Claremont, possession of Marijuana, \$130; Dylan W. Wutschke, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$220.

Michael A. McKay, 25, Steele County Jail, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,075, 78 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, maintain employment, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of March 16 – 23:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Joseph E. Awdng, 22, Kasson, registration violation, \$180; Revan

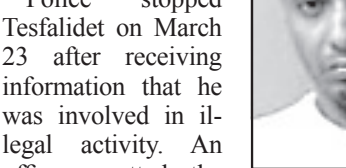
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A. Botros, 17, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Neal B. Erickson, 55, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Gabriel R. Fate, 26, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Darryl J. Ferguson, 49, Rochester, cancelled license, \$1,055, 10 days in county jail, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Desiree M. Franken, 37, Rochester, possession of Marijuana, \$130; Kimberly K. Gillespie, 42, Hayfield, speeding, \$220; Sierra D. McKee, 19, Dodge Center, disorderly conduct, \$255, 10 hours of community service and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Joseph E. Nordstrom, 57, Lincolnshire, IL, speeding, \$220; Alfredo Perales, 33, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$130;

Tanner M. Porisch, 27, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Steven C. Rasmusson, 50, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Darrin J. Rice, 20, Kasson, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, \$5,305, 232 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain GED, cognitive skill training, obtain and maintain employment, write letter of apology, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Brandon M. Schuck, 32, Brownsdale, suspended license, \$280; Evan Small, 33, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Christopher A. Smith, 27, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Gale G. Spatenka, 46, Claremont, parking violation, \$32; Christopher D. Tucker, 42, Claremont, possession of Marijuana, \$130; Dylan W. Wutschke, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$220.

Kasson Police Department

Mary A. Bucher, 78, Kasson, cancelled license, \$280; Jeffrey J. Glessing, 42, Byron, parking violation, \$32; Ashley N. Heald, 23, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Shelley B. Kamp, 61,

the Frontage Road.

Once the vehicle was stopped, the officer noted the driver making surreptitious movement toward the middle and front seat passenger areas of the car. Police brought in their drug detecting canine, Kash, who alerted to the presence of controlled substances within the vehicle.

A search of the car uncovered some drug paraphernalia and a loaded .380 pistol that was hidden under the driver's side dash, according to police.

Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Darrin J. Rice, 20, Kasson, check forgery, 90 days in county jail and \$250; Kenneth D. Smith, 60, Rochester, parking violation, \$32.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Scott A. Engebretson, 50, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Nicklas N. Hall, 26, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Kenzie E. Kreidermacher, 22, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Jesse L. Phelps, 30, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140; Scott A. Strong, 47, Rochester, speeding, \$140; Amanda S. Majerus, 35, West Concord, parking violation and plates violation, \$130.

Owatonna Fire

March 20 Medical. At 8:45 p.m., fire personnel assisted with a medical emergency in the 1400 block of Smith Ave. SE.

March 21 Assist. Fire fighters responded to the 200 block of Walnut Ave. S. for a person in distress at 3:57 p.m.

March 22 Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries on Interstate 35 at 1:57 p.m.

Extrication. At 2:12 p.m., fire fighters extricated a victim from a vehicle on 218th St. SE.

Medical. Fire fighters responded to a EMS call on Crane Creek Rd. at 3:16 p.m.

March 24 Fire. At 5:16 p.m., fire fighters responded to a fire in the 700 block of Truman St. SE.

Outside Fire. A special outside fire occurred on 24th Ave. NW at 10:01 p.m.



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO OUR OLD FRONTIER

DARRELL HANSEN!!

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Jimmy Lee Wermter- Driving after cancellation- No bond.	Rudolph Benett Williams- No valid license- \$500 bail.	Jose Luis Zamarripa- Driving after revocation- No bond.
Charles Harry West- Theft- \$20,000 bail.	Theodore Samuel Wilson- Violation release of conditions- No bond.	Isaias Zamorano-Mina- No Insurance- \$500 bail.
Derek James West- False name- \$1,000 bail.	Darryl Leslie Winters- DWI- \$750 bail.	Donny Y. Zankou- Driving after revocation- \$500 bail.
Daniel Gerard White- Motor vehicle registration- \$500 bail.	William George Winford- Violation release of conditions- No bond.	Brenda Sanchez Zapata- False info to probation- \$1,000 bail.
Dana Lee Wichmann- Theft, shoplifting- \$1,000 bail.	Joshua John Witte- Theft- \$500 bail.	Octavio Zapata- DWI/Speeding- \$1,000 bail.
Nyakuma Witour- No Minnesota license- \$500 bail.	Troy Elton Wohlers- No proof insurance- \$500 bail.	Terry Lee Zoller- DWI/Open Bottle- \$3,000 bail.
Danny Lee Wiles- DWI- \$12,000 bail.	Terry Lee Yanzer- DWI- No bond.	Joseph Allen Zulker- Dishonored check- \$6,000 bail.
Bernice May Williams- Driving without license- \$1,000 bail.	Dionte M. Young- False name- \$6,000 bail.	
Deaneglo Dante Williams- Driving after suspension- \$500 bail.		
Kelly Leigh Williams- Theft- \$500 bail.		

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS



THE SAVVY SENIOR

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Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any easier alternatives to a colonoscopy to check for colon cancer? I'm in my sixties and would like to be tested, but hate the idea of drinking all that laxative solution, and being sedated for the procedure.

Squeamish Jim

Dear Jim,
It's a great question. While a colonoscopy is considered the gold standard screening

test for detecting colon cancer and is widely recommended once adults reach age 50, only about half of Americans who've passed that milestone ever get tested.

Why? Because most people, like yourself, dread the all-day laxative prep and sedation, not to mention the procedure itself. Fortunately, there are some easier alternatives, but be aware that if these tests uncover any suspicious results, you'll still need to

undergo a colonoscopy.

Take-home Tests
There are two different types of tests on the market today that you can take in the privacy of your own home that requires no laxative-taking/bowel-cleansing preparation.

The best option is the new FDA approved Cologuard test (see cologuardtest.com), which has a 92 sensitivity rate for detecting colon cancers. With this test you simply take a sample of a bowel movement, and mail it in to the lab for analysis. The lab looks for both blood and cancer-related DNA cells in your stool.

The Cologuard test, which is recommended every three years, requires a prescription from your doctor, and costs \$599 but is covered by Medicare and many private insurers.

If, however, you find that the Cologuard test is not covered by your insurer, and you can't

afford or don't want to pay the \$599 fee, the other option is the fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or the fecal immunochemical test (FIT), which detects 74 percent colon cancers.

These tests, which are also provided by your doctor, check for traces of blood in the stool that could indicate cancer or large polyps that can develop into cancer, but they don't look at the DNA. You simply send a stool sample to the lab.

Recommended annually, both of these fecal tests cost only around \$25 and are covered by Medicare and most insurers.

Less invasive tests
Two other tests to consider that are less invasive than a colonoscopy but more entailed than the take-home tests are the virtual colonoscopy and the sigmoidoscopy (both tests are recommended every five years).

A virtual colonoscopy uses a

CT scan to view your colon instead of a scope in the rectum, so it's a less invasive procedure than a traditional colonoscopy and doesn't require sedation. But, it still requires the same bowel-cleansing prep. It's also more expensive, typically costing between \$400 and \$800 and is not covered by Medicare or most insurers.

A sigmoidoscopy exam, which is covered by Medicare and most insurers, uses a short, flexible scope inserted in the rectum like a colonoscopy to look at the lower colon only. This is a much faster and less involved procedure than a colonoscopy and one that doesn't require sedation. You follow a clear liquid diet the day before the exam and take a laxative or enema the morning of.

Colon cancer numbers
Colon cancer, which develops slowly over several years with-

out causing symptoms especially in the early stages of the disease, is the second largest cancer killer in the U.S., killing around 50,000 Americans a year.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies – recommends colon cancer screening to all adults, ages 50 to 75. Earlier screenings are recommended to people who have an increased risk due to family history or other factors.

Experts believe that as many as 20,000 lives could be saved each year, if the screening rate went up to 90 or 95 percent.

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 29, 2005

Geraldine Berg of Bloomington Prairie has been notified by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association that she won the first prize in their 2004-2005 Photo Contest in the hunting/fishing category. The winning photos will be in the Spring 2005 Whitetails magazine.

Two airmen from World War II have been reunited after more than 60 years, Lonnie B. Foster formerly from Roby, Texas and Ralph Berg of Bloomington Prairie, Minnesota. The last time they saw each other was Dec. 24, 1944. They were in a medium bomber flying from a base in Dijon, France to a target in Germany.

Their squadron was attacked by German fighter planes.

The Bloomington Recreation Association will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at the BP Servicemen's Club. Advanced tickets are \$4 and \$5 at the door.

20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
March 28, 1995

A traveling art exhibit featuring the work of students from area schools has been open for viewing at the Bloomington Prairie Medical Building. BPHS exhibitors included Sara Prihoda, Brad Nelson, Rebecca Emde, Becky Spinler and Stacy Olson. Elementary school students are Justin Val-

entin, Michael Schneider, Andrea Edstrom, Amanda Herdina, Kjersten Mathsen and Derrick Thompson.

Judy Esplan has been appointed Chairman for the Leukemia Society's Residential Campaign in Bloomington Prairie. The Campaign is scheduled for the month of March and April, concentrating on the week of April 1-8.

James and Joanne Prokopec announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill M. Prokopec to Wade S. Walker, son of Ray and Rose Walker, son of Ray and Rose Walker of Grassy Butte, N.D. The bride-to-be works for the TCF Bank. Her fiancé works at Rainbow Foods as a meat cutter. Both work in Rochester.

50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon, and Vryle Krejci, Editors
April 1, 1965

The preliminary hearing for Lloyd Odoms, 62, Wayzata, Minn., was continued last week on motion of his attorney, John Walbran, until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. Odoms, who returned from California and was present in court, is charged with influencing a public official. The charge was made following the final audit of the Bloomington Prairie Municipal Utilities.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore, program consultant for the Girl Scouts, is instructing six members in the art of knitting. The girls meet each Thursday at the home of Mrs. Gilmore for an hour of instruction and

will continue to do so for six weeks.

The Times has been requested to announce that anyone interested in securing a dog ordinance in Bloomington Prairie during the garden season should report at the Community building next Monday night, April 5, to meet with the council.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
March 28, 1940

A small blaze, supposedly caused by a burning cigarette butt tossed away by a careless smoker, destroyed the awning on the front of the John Shaw drug store late Wednesday night.

With Friday, March 29

salted as Burtess-Egge Motor Company's Allis-Chalmers day, employees in the large and modern establishment are working overtime to put everything in order for the event.

Mr. O. E. Gundrum, of Mankato, was driving through Owatonna to Bloomington Prairie when he saw a hitch-hiker standing by the side of the pavement. He picked the man up and gave him a ride as far as this village and parked his car in front of the West Hotel. When Mr. Gundrum returned to his car, he found that the keys were missing. After a short search, Night Marshall Ed Zwiener picked up the hitch-hiker, a transient, who gave his name and address as Jacob Girtton of Racine, Wisconsin, and found the keys in one of his pockets.

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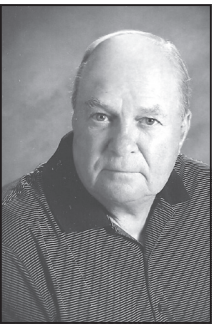
Obituaries

Clarence Wincentsen, 78. Blooming Prairie

Clarence “Windy” Wincentsen passed away unexpectedly on March 25, 2015, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul.

Windy was born Jan. 2, 1937, in Clintonville, Wisconsin. He graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1955. After graduating high school, he served in the U.S. Army and was discharged in 1957.

While in the military, he married Sally Pelinka and they shared 58 years together. He



worked in the telephone industry until his retirement in 1997. While working and helping Sally raise seven children, Windy worked very hard and attained an Associate Degree at Inver Hills Community College. He had many hobbies such as attending Vikings games, fishing, golfing, playing cards and spending winters in Arizona.

He also enjoyed coaching his sons’ VFW and American Legion baseball teams. Above all else, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Preceded in death by parents Irving and Frances; sisters, Zona and Kay; and brother, Wayne. Survived by wife of 58 years Sally; children Lisa (Ted)

Dickey, Lori (Jeff) Hanson, Jon (Colleen), Tom (Kathy), Patrick (Lisa), Mark (Karyn), Dan (Robbyn); ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sister, Donna (Milward) Simonson; sisters-in-law, Jean Ranney and Teresa (Jim) Turner; as well as many extended family and friends.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Kok Funeral Home, 7676 80th St. S., Cottage Grove, and resumes one hour prior to mass on Thursday at church. Mass of Christian burial is at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Church of St. Rita, 8694 80th St. S., Cottage Grove. Interment to follow at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Rita Schiller, 83, formerly of Blooming Prairie

Rita T. Schiller, longtime resident of Steele County, died March 22, 2015, at Homestead Hospice House.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 26, 2015, with Rev. John Sauer presiding. Interment followed at Holy Trinity Cemetery at Litomysl.

Rita was born Feb. 4, 1932, the daughter of Frank and Mary (McConnell) Snider in Blooming Prairie. Rita attended and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1950. She married Frank “Bud” Schiller on



June 7, 1951, at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie.

The couple farmed in Summit Township and raised eight children. Rita was a homemaker all of her life, raising chickens and a garden on the farm. The couple moved to Owatonna 1989.

Rita was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl, Catholic Daughters of America, St. Mary’s Guild and later joined Sacred Heart Church. Rita’s hobbies were sewing, playing pinochle, buck and playing bingo, she also volunteered to help with the funeral lunch committee.

Rita is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bud; Rita’s children, Ken (Vesta) Schiller of Hope, Kathy (Donald) Miller of Flowermound, Texas, Mike

and (Deb) Schiller of Blooming Prairie, Jerry (Linda) Schiller of Owatonna, Cindy (Bruce) Jensen of Ellendale and John (Lynn) Schiller of Owatonna; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers Lyle (Barb) Snider of Owatonna and Edwin Snider of Blooming Prairie; three sister Mercedes (Ray) Standke of Owatonna, Loretta Wurst of Blooming Prairie, and Betty Jensen of Owatonna. Two children, one granddaughter, three brothers and two sisters precede Rita in death. Memorials may be directed to Homestead hospice patient care fund or the Alzheimer’s Association. For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-megerfuneral-home.com.

Austin’s annual Women’s Health Care symposium is May 2 – register today

It’s that time of year again for women to learn about health topics that can improve your life. The 16th annual Women’s Health Care Sym-

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System providers from Austin will provide health information on osteoporosis, spine fractures, healthy aging as a woman, and how your care will enhance through care teams.

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Lori Fitton, certified nurse practitioner, orthopedics — No bones about it: your bone health depends on you.

Emily Nguyen, M.D., orthopedics — Osteoporosis and spinal fractures.

Shana Salik, certified nurse practitioner, Obstetrics and Gynecology — Healthy aging for women across the lifespan.

Greg Angstman, M.D., Family Medicine — Team care for you.

Call 507-379-2046 to register. The symposium is free and open to women of all ages. Space is limited so register early.

Read to the Rhythm during the summer

As the calendar changes to April, plans are coming together for the Blooming Prairie Branch Library 2015 Summer Reading Program. The theme for the summer will be Read to the Rhythm, which means there will be plenty of singing, drumming, and dancing at the library. Right now we are toying with the idea of a talent show at the end of the summer. Several performers are booked and ready to entertain and encourage our young readers. As preparations are being

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made, we find that there are some household items we will

need for our summer craft projects. If you have extra plastic eggs or cardboard oatmeal containers, please drop them off at the library. We will also be using old DVDs and CDs that can be scratched or damaged. A complete list of items needed is available at the library.

We are grateful for the exceptional community support the library receives. Thanks for helping and thanks for using the library!

Menus

Seniors Menu

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

April 1: Baked Ham, ALT: Beef Steak, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans/Mushrooms, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake – RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED 507-455-3195

April 2: Beef Pot Roast, w/Vegetables, Waldorf Gelatin Salad, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit

April 3: Swedish Meatballs, ALT: Baked Cod, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Cup, Sugar Cookie

April 6: Tomato Juice, Pork Chow Mein Over Rice, Tossed Salad, Pudding/Apricot Garnish

April 7: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Baked Custard

April 8: Hawaiian Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Creamed Peas/Caul, Orange Slices, Snickerdoodle Brownie

BP Elementary School Breakfast Menu

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

April 1: WG Strawberry Cereal Bar, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

April 2: WG Cinnamon Dipper w/Icing Cup, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

April 3: no school

April 6: no school

April 7: no school

April 8: WG Pop-Tart, Cheese Stick, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

BP Elementary School Lunch Menu

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

April 1: Beef Soft Tacos w/fixings, Mexican Rice, Chicken Nuggets, Mexican Brown Rice, Refried Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Shredded Romaine Lettuce, Choice of Fruit

April 2: Roast Turkey and Gravy Whole Grain Dinner Rolls, BBQ Chicken on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit

April 3: no school

April 6: no school

April 7: no school

April 8: Beefy Nachos w/Homemade Cheese Sauce, Hamburger on Whole Grain Bun, Steamed Broccoli, Baby Carrots,

Radishes, Choice of Fruit

BP Middle School Lunch Menu

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

April 1: Beef & Cheese Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Shredded Romaine, Black Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit

April 2: Roast Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, WW Bread, Green Peas, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit

April 3: no school

April 6: no school

April 7: no school

April 8: 2 Hot Dogs on a Bun, Chili Topping, French Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Green Peas, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit

BP High School Breakfast Menu

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

April 1: WG Strawberry Cereal Bar, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

April 2: Ham and Cheese Bagel, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

April 3: no school

April 6: no school

April 7: no school

April 8: Turkey Sausage Biscuit, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

BP High School Lunch Menu

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

April 1: Beef & Cheese Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Shredded Romaine, Black Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit

April 2: Roast Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, WW Bread, Green Peas, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit

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March 31 Robert Salinas, Jr., Alec Ille, Oliva Kruger, Debbie Schwake, Jerry Young, Brayton Johnson, Macaela Jensen	April 4 Robert H. Olson, Hannah Garcia
April 1 Roger Anderson, Michael Ressler, Michael Alwes, Nicole Block, Davyll Smith, DuWayne Kubista, Hulio Rivera-Escandon	April 5 Tamora Klemmensen
April 2 Luke Miller, Pat Wehner, Dale Ramsey, Brian Nelson, Larry Lindquist, Mark Thoen, Whitney Ann Farr, Reid Jensen, Naomi Erickson, Harold Ulrich	April 6 Emily Kinney, Theda Morton, Dick Klemmensen, Arlene Helleck
April 3 Tara Lindquist, Thomas Schneiderit, Albert Fisher	Anniversaries April 1 Pat and Tammy Wehner
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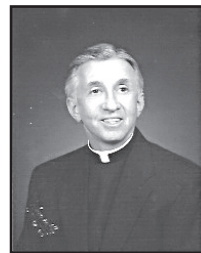
Area Church Spotlight



Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Austin

Pastor's Corner

Light of Christ spreading into the hearts and homes of faithful



It has been a long, long winter. I think many would agree. The day light is sparse; the weather was cold and there were lots of winter related illnesses, snow, and delays. But now the days are longer, signs of spring are emerging from the darkness and we have reason to hope for better days on the way. My favorite time of the year is near.

For Christians, this too is the most important time of the year. The light of Christ is spreading into all the hearts and homes of the faithful. This is Easter. Easter inspires, invites, beckons. This is the time of the year when people come back to Church because they want to conquer the past and take a serious look at their relationship with God. God's grace flows abundantly.

We are Easter people. As Easter people we know that God's love is at work in us, raising us from sin, discouragement, and the burdens of life and that His love can raise us from whatever pain, suffering, in-

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OUTSIDE



THE LINES
LeMar Nelson

Auction success again

The biggest news this week is the success of the annual Blooming Prairie Education Foundation auctions last Saturday. Preliminary reports indicate that this annual celebration netted close to last year's total. That is great news.

The two airline tickets for continental United States and the 2001 school bus brought good profits, and several other items had spirited bidding during the evening, which kept the capacity crowd in the Cue Company entertained right up to the last item for bidding.

It continues to amaze me at the tremendous support that the community gives to the Education Foundation through these annual auctions. It must be an indication at the high regard that residents of the school district have for education in our local schools. The number of projects and programs that the profits from the auctions provide is truly staggering over the years.

From simple classroom projects to sponsorships for spelling bees to field trips to meals and transportation for athletic teams, these efforts at the annual auction and work those volunteers do throughout the year give meaning to the fact that education rates high in this community. A great big tip of the hat goes to the workers, the students and the bidders for another very successful fundraiser to benefit Blooming Prairie students. Well done, everyone!

A risen Lord

All of us have favorite religious holidays, no matter what faith we belong to. And for most, I suppose Christmas is that favorite time. I will admit to that being mine as well, but I also have a special affinity to Easter. The story of the crucifixion of Christ and his subsequent rise from the dead touches at the very heart of the religious faithful philosophy.

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It runs in the family

Owatonna family brought closer through running

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

To some, running is simply the rotation of one leg passing the other while the sound of huffing and puffing exits the lungs. To Kenzie Schroeder and her family, running is so much more.

Motivation

Kenzie began running track and field for Owatonna high school in seventh grade, but it wasn't until joining cross-country her junior year that running turned from a hobby to something bigger. Swayed by the insistence of her running friends, Kenzie quit volleyball to go out for cross-country.

"My track coach also coached cross-country so I thought, okay I'll give it a whirl," said Kenzie. Kenzie immediately found her stride in the new sport, finishing top seven in her first race. But over the course of her first year, it wasn't just her times that impressed.

"I remember when Kenzie joined the team as a rookie, she immediately impressed me," said Kenzie's cross-country coach, Courtney Hugstad-Vaa Leer. "She put in more effort each day than I ever thought someone could. There were days when I saw her almost falling over from exhaustion, but she continued to push herself to the max of her abilities and encouraged her teammates to do the same."

"When I started, I really wanted to show her I was serious about (running)," said Kenzie. "She was an amazing coach."

"Kenzie would finish her mile intervals and instead of stopping and resting, she would run to find her struggling teammates and finish the workouts with them," said Hugstad-Vaa Leer.

According to Hugstad-Vaa



Submitted photo
Kenzie Schroeder (left) and her father, Larry, hold hands during a race. They have been running marathons together since 2013.

Leer, this is when she began to see the spark in Kenzie's eyes light up about running. While this may be when the love began, other events would occur to keep the fire aflame.

At the same time that Kenzie was beginning cross-country, her father, Larry Schroeder, had begun running as well.

"She really got me into (running) about the same time she got into cross-country," said Larry. "She'd been pushing me for years to quit smoking. I was

always worried that I was going to fail and not being able to quit smoking, and then she finally just wore me down. She was loving cross-country so she said, 'Well, take up running.'"

While Larry wasn't converted overnight, it was not long before running shoes replaced cigarette butts.

"It took me probably six months to convince myself I was going to do this," said Larry. "For the first six months I kind of dabbled. I didn't re-

ally understand what running was all about. It didn't make a lot of sense to me. I'd go two or three miles and think it was impossible. I was struggling, and she said, 'Well, why don't you sign up for a race?' So I signed up for a half marathon in Owatonna which was six months away, and gradually had something to train for. Just like that it snapped. I loved the competition and after that I wanted to do a full marathon."

While running had always

been a competition Kenzie loved, the transformation she saw in her dad began to really effect her. Kenzie said she had not really considered running a marathon, but Larry soon convinced her to join him.

On October 5 of 2013, Larry and Kenzie began their first marathon in the twin cities. Top tier runners would advance to

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud
Blooming Prairie junior high school volleyball coach Lisa Poe gives team member Riauna Bishop a hug when visiting the school recently. Riauna helped organize a T-shirt sale to benefit Poe who is fighting colon cancer.

Volleyball player raises funds for coach fighting cancer

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Tears of love for her coach were turned into a fundraising project for Blooming Prairie seventh grade volleyball player Riauna Bishop.

Riauna came home from school one day and couldn't hold back her tears, telling her parents, Benji and Nicole Bishop, that her junior high school volleyball coach, Lisa Poe, was having a life battle with colon cancer. She informed them that she wished to help the family.

"She had us all crying and set a goal of raising \$2,000 by selling T-shirts," said Riauna's mother, Nicole.

With the help of her family, Riauna put together a flyer advertising the sale of Team Poe T-shirts. She contacted Linda Klemmensen of Sportstitch Inc. of Blooming Prairie and placed an order for nearly 200 shirts.

Riauna came up with the final design for the shirt while her parents were on a vacation, incorporating many words of encouragement to Lisa Poe.

Shirt design says it all
The design on the front of the

shirt features an outline of the highly visible cancer awareness ribbon. The ribbon is connected by these words: strength, inspire, win, flourish, support, rally, conquer, cheer, love, courage, team Poe and diggin' for a cure. A volleyball punctuates the ribbon on the right side.

"The huge outpouring of love gives me and my family strength."

— Lisa Poe, junior high volleyball coach

The next challenge was to solicit orders for the T-shirts. Classmate Julia Worke helped Riauna with the sales. "I had lots of help," Riauna said.

Students and staff at both the high school and elementary school supported the project by placing orders. Friends and family also purchased shirts. Once the shirts arrived, the busy work became more hectic as Riauna, friends and family sorted out the shirts by sizes. The shirts were then delivered to the two Blooming Prairie schools.

Poe, a math teacher, is on leave from her teaching duties. She just recently began a second round of chemotherapy and is planning to return to teaching next school year. Poe was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer in November of 2013. The cancer had metastasized to her liver. Her initial treatment included chemotherapy and two surgeries.

Poe has coached junior high volleyball in Blooming Prairie

the past eight years. She and husband Brian reside in Owatonna. They have a daughter, Victoria, who graduated in 2013 and a son, Nicholas, who is a student at Owatonna Christian School. Twins Travis and Trevor are fourth graders at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

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Students and staff at Blooming Prairie High School wore their Lisa Poe cancer awareness shirts to school recently for a photo opportunity. The shirts were created with the support of Linda Klemmensen of Sportstitch. Riauna Bishop coordinated the T-shirt fundraiser. She is at center front row next to Mrs. Poe.

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the Boston Marathon. “Going in, my mindset was ‘Boston, Boston,’ but then I took a step back and realized that for my first marathon this could be very unrealistic,” said Kenzie. “I just had to look at it and know that it was going to be a long-term goal.”

Kennzie elaborated that although she missed her goal of qualifying, it was at that point, running her first marathon with her dad, that she realized running was going to be a major part of her life.

Training

After high school, Kenzie decided to attend the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. Deciding against joining collegiate cross-country, Kenzie continued to train.

While it may have been easy for some to slack in their dedication during freshman year, Kenzie did not falter in her running.

“For me, my stress reliever is to go out and run, so I always found the time,” said Kenzie. “I encouraged a friend of mine to start running with me, and we stuck to a strict schedule.”

However, the pace of college classes and social life didn’t always lend Kenzie what seemed

like enough time to run, and in these situations, Kenzie would call her dad.

“She is always so worried about missing one day,” Larry laughed. “That was my biggest worry when she decided to (keep running) in college,” he continued. “College is hard enough. (Training for) marathons takes so much time. It’s so easy for the school work to slip. I’m very proud that she has been able to keep up with her school work at the same time.”

With the training schedule, as well as mandatory rests given by her dad, Kenzie continued to train for one race after another.

“I run five days a week,” said Kenzie, “and one day is cross training, like biking, swimming or hiking. And then I take one day off.”

Kenzie also mixes in different paced days as well as hills.

“There’s a method to the madness,” said Larry. “The hard thing is when you are out there and you’re dead tired and no one is around. You could walk up the hill, but if you walk up the hill during training, you’re probably going to walk up the hill during the race. It’s that self-dedication to run up that hill while you’re by yourself. That’s the neat

thing.”

Neither Larry nor Kenzie seem to be lacking in the self-dedication arena.

“Finding something you can do with your daughter, to spend that time together, is really what’s been keeping me going,”

— Larry Schroeder, Kenzie’s father

Family

Amidst the training and struggles, however, remains family, something that is extremely important to Kenzie. Coincidentally, running has brought them closer than ever.

“Being able to run together makes it a lot more fun,” said Kenzie. “Coming home from college I think, ‘Yes, I get to run with my dad this weekend.’ Having a running buddy is nice.”

Larry couldn’t agree more. “Finding something you can do with your daughter, to spend that time together, is really what’s been keeping me going,” said Larry.

It hasn’t been just about bringing father and daughter closer. It wasn’t long before Kenzie’s mother, Kathy, was pulled into the new addiction, too.

“With these guys, it’s like if you can’t beat them, join them,” said Kathy. “I was never a runner either. Now I can do a 5K.”

While Kathy doesn’t do the longer running routes with her husband and daughter, she joins the two in other ways.

“We’ll do a 5 a.m. run, and she will be out on the bike with us the whole way,” said Kenzie.

Not only did Kathy begin running, but like her husband, she too gave up smoking because of the new lifestyle.

“Running has really helped us as a family,” said Larry. “It’s a big family thing we didn’t realize when we started.”

“It’s been a bonding thing,” Kenzie agreed.

But Kenzie didn’t stop at running. Her healthy lifestyle began to infiltrate the home as well.

“She’s really gotten us to really pay attention to what we’re eating,” said Larry. “She always

has the refridgerator full of healthy stuff.”

While Kenzie’s brother, Zachary, dabbled in the new family hobby, he’s decided it’s not for him right now.

“Our son dabbled for two to three races, but he’s too smart,” said Larry. “We always do a Thanksgiving race, and we make him do that with us. He doesn’t train, but he does it.”

Highlights

Running as a family has provided the Schroeders with plenty of family memories over the years. Both Larry and Kenzie’s favorite race took place in the Twin Cities this past October, when Kenzie qualified for the Boston Marathon. It had been the goal for both to qualify, but an untimely injury kept Larry from reaching that goal.

“I made the decision that I still wanted to run with her,” said Larry. “I knew I couldn’t be next to her, but I was still going to do it. I kept getting updates from Owatonna people about how well she was doing, and I just couldn’t get to the finish line quick enough to find out how she did.”

Kenzie, meanwhile, was running one of her best races.

“I’m all about finding the pacer,” said Kenzie. “I started ahead of him, and I kept looking back, but I felt great. So, I just took off. I felt awesome the whole way through.”

Kathy admitted that it was one of the worst races to attend, since she was forced to move around a lot more to cheer on both family members.

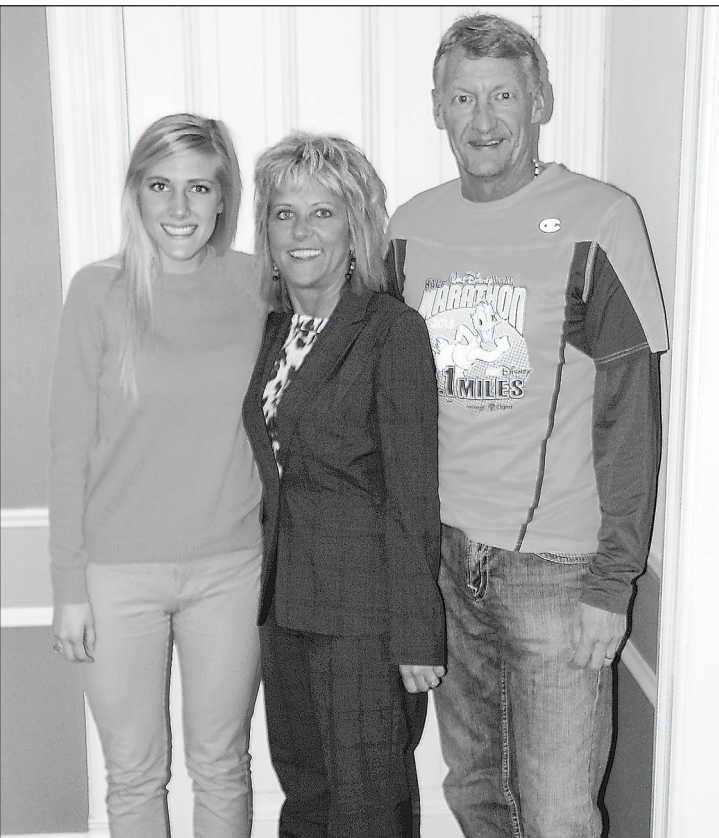
Kenzie said she plans to run a full marathon in Chicago this October, and then began training for Boston in January. Both Kenzie and Larry admitted that this may be her most difficult training, as nearly all of it will take place in harsh winter conditions.

This past January the family headed to Orlando, Florida, to run the Disney Half Marathon at Disney World.

“I had been hitting (my dad) with it for three years,” said Kenzie, who had had Disney World on her bucket list since she was young.

Larry said that the early morning race proved to be one of his favorite running memories.

“When we came up one hill,



Staff photo by James Knoop
Kenzie Schroeder (left) standing with her parents, Kathy and Larry.

and all you could see was Magic Kingdom with the tower all lit up - I thought I was too old for Disney, but that made the trip for me.”

Kenzie said the race was not about placing high, but about building memories.

“I just wanted to have fun,” said Kenzie. “We stopped at every other character and took a picture. We took it all in, and finished the race together hand in hand.”

Running marathons has taken the family all over the country together, and Kathy said they could go on talking forever about the memories they’ve built.

Inspiration

Kenzie has been helping others for many years, and even though she isn’t a part of a team anymore, people are still noticing her, and it’s still inspiring.

“Kenzie is a person who cannot contain the compassion she has for others; it just flows out of her,” said Hugstad-Vaa Leer. “She cares about the people she comes into contact with and goes out of her way to make them better.”

“Everyone thinks we’re obsessed with it,” said Kenzie. “But I’ll get texts from people

saying how inspiring it is, too.”

Kenzie said that while the competition and medals are great, the support the three bring to each other and others is what it’s all about.

“When I quit smoking and told people what I was doing, they said I was crazy,” said Larry, admitting that even he didn’t know how long it would last. “I didn’t know if I’d go two years, yet here I am seven years into it now, and I’m 7,500 hundred miles into this, and I’ve probably ran 86 races. I hope I’m still doing this at 70.”

Larry stressed that although some people don’t believe one can quit smoking and turn to running and a healthy lifestyle, he is proof anyone can.

Kathy echoed Larry’s sentiments, stating that people have begun commenting on her picking up running and quitting smoking.

“It’s not just about the medals,” said Kenzie. “It’s about the support and the impact you make.”

Kenzie will graduate this May with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She will finish her student teaching in June, and begin her first job in Chicago this September.



Submitted photo
Kenze Schroeder (left) and her cross-country coach, Courtney Hugstad-Vaa Leer (right).

News brief

The Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MSHSCTL) will host more than 8,600 registered student athletes representing 243 trap shooting and 25 skeet shooting high school teams for the 2015 spring season. This number is up dramatically from last year’s

6,100 student athlete enrollment.

Led by the support of their schools and more than 2,400 volunteer coaches, thousands of student athletes will participate in shooting sports weekly April through June at more than 150 shooting ranges throughout

Minnesota.

The clay target league claims to be the safest sport in high school. Since 2001, the MSHSCTL has reported no injuries or gun-free zone violations at school.

Upon completion of the spring league, all trap shooting teams are invited to participate in individual and team competitions at the 2015 MSHSCTL Trap Shooting Championship at

the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria, Minnesota, scheduled for June 11-16.

The spring league culminates with the State Tournament that includes the Minnesota State High School League as a presenting partner. This State Tournament provides the opportunity for the highest qualifying individual and team achievers from the clay target league to compete for the ultimate recogni-

tion as state champions from the Minnesota State High School League. In 2014, the Minnesota State High School League became the first state high school interscholastic athletic association in America to provide support and recognition for trap shooting as a high school sport.

The USA High School Clay Target League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and operates the Minnesota State High

School Clay Target League as the independent provider of shooting sports as an extra curricular co-ed and adapted activity for high schools and students in grades six through 12 who have earned their firearms safety certification. The organization’s priorities are safety, fun and marksmanship – in that order.

For more information visit <http://mnclaytarget.com>.

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Easter gives us all a chance to renew our faith and reestablish contact with our personal beliefs, and it becomes a very important occasion because of that

opportunity. I hope that everyone can celebrate this momentous moment in religious history in whatever way they feel comfortable, or obligated.

Aside from the religious aspect of Easter, this is the first real occasion after Christmas to gather as a family and spend special time together. My family is going to mark the occasion a little differently this year by attending “Mary Poppins” at the Chanhassen dinner theater. I know that my twin great granddaughters have been looking forward to this since we decided to make this a family outing.

The play has received good

reviews from the critics, and I think all of us, in addition to the little ones, will enjoy the performance. I didn’t realize my immediate family was quite so large until we had to order 16 tickets to accommodate everyone. It should be a great time together.

Here and there

The spring sports tab for the paper will be published next Tuesday, and it will cover squad

pictures, season schedules, and preview articles from the four area schools we cover regularly in our weekly issues- NRHEG, Triton, Medford and Blooming Prairie. A good deal of effort has gone into this publication, and we urge readers, especially our sports fans, to take time to browse through the tab.

We think it is a good publication, and readers are certainly welcome to let us know if you think the same. All of the BP teams will be in action this week, weather permitting, and the season will then get hectic in a hurry.

Although the men in the community have scattered to different locations for their winter bowling season, the local women have continued to call the local bowling alleys their home base. Some teams and many individuals made the trip to Duluth earlier this year to bowl in the women’s state bowling tournament, with some early good results. The tournament runs through Memorial Day, with hundreds of bowlers competing.

At the moment the F&M Bank team holds down second place in the team event. Jaclyn Schlichter and Mary Kittelson own 16th place in doubles and Bonnie Coughlin is currently 15th in singles. Although those

places will not likely hold all the way to the end, even placing n the top 100 would be a feather in the caps of the BP ladies. A tip of the hat to those local keglers.

An update on our former softball stars find both Tricia DeBoer and Shelbi Swenson getting regular playing time for their respective teams at St. Cloud State University and Bethel College. DeBoer, a junior after transferring from North Dakota, is currently batting .254, with 16 hits, four doubles, five RBI’s and four stolen bases. The Huskies are 17-11 for the season.

Swenson is hitting .222 right now in frequent innings played, but she has a double, four RBI’s and a home run to her credit so far. Personally, I think she will hit much better the more innings she gets a chance to play. A tip of the hat goes to both of these fine former Awesome Blossoms.

The Minnesota boys’ All-Star games took place last weekend, but it was not much publicized, and I had been unable to get any report when this column met deadline. Hopefully, I can get some results for next week and mention the girls’ version coming up Saturday, April 11.

I will forgo any attempt at humor this week and just wish everyone a Blessed Easter. We’ll talk again.

Ladies Bowling League

TEAM STANDINGS (as of March 25)		
	Wins	Losses
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2. F & M Bank	24	16
3. J&H Liquors/DQ	15	25
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Unbelievable support

“The support I have received from the Blooming Prairie area has been unbelievable,” Poe said. She said she has friends in the Owatonna area who are undergoing cancer treatment and are astounded by the rallying of support shown to Poe in the Blooming Prairie community.

“The huge outpouring of love gives me and my family strength,” Poe said.

Poe finished her first round of cancer treatment last July and was able to coach into the fall without any serious treatment challenges. “The season worked fine and I felt absolutely great,” she said. She added that it was “a shock” to her to learn after the volleyball season that her cancer had returned.

Lisa Poe returned to Blooming Prairie recently to be part of a photo opportunity for the Steele County Times at both the high school and elementary. Students and staff who bought shirts were part of the group photos.

Riauna was part of both photos and made two special presentations to Poe just outside of the principal’s office.

She presented her coach with a container of homemade chocolate chip cookies. A sign accompanied the cookies paying tribute to Poe: “You are one tough cookie.” Most importantly, a check for nearly \$2,000 from shirt sales was given to Poe.

“This will certainly help,” Poe

said, choking back her emotions.

Poe gave Riauna a series of big hugs thanking her for her efforts. Riauna’s mother Nicole said the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group was very helpful in providing some administrative help to Riauna’s cause.

Poe also paid tribute to the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, saying it provides “an astronomical amount of financial support” for research and it also provides rides for those who

may be struggling with cancer. “Lots of people give their time” to the cancer group,” Poe said.

Like a chain reaction

Smiling widely at Riauna, Poe said, “When others see what you

have done, it is like a chain reaction as to what others can do for those with cancer.”

During her journey of fighting cancer, Poe has picked up a fun hobby. “I never had a hobby before, it was always school work, coaching and family,” she said.

“I tried to convince myself that cleaning was a hobby but it was not. Now, I make mittens,” she said. She gets material sweaters obtained from the local Salvation Army and has made over 100 pair this winter.

Don’t be surprised if you see

Riauna, Poe and friends making mittens in the near future. Riauna will also continue to be active in school, playing volleyball, basketball and softball.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud
Special cancer awareness T-shirts were designed by Blooming Prairie seventh-grader Riauna Bishop and offered for sale to benefit the needs of her junior high volleyball coach Lisa Poe who is fighting colon cancer. The shirt design emphasizes words of strength, shaped in the form of a cancer awareness ribbon.



Students of Blooming Prairie Elementary School posed for a group photo while wearing their Lisa Poe T-shirts. Riauna Bishop, shown at center of back row next to coach Poe, organized the fundraising effort for the Poe family.

All-Star roster finalized for Minnesota girls weekend games

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

The Minnesota girls Basketball Coaches Association re-

leased the roster for the 2015 All-Star games last week. Forty of the state’s best senior basketball players were selected, among them two Blooming Prairie girls-Taylor Hagen and Madison Worke. The games will be played at Carleton College in

Northfield Saturday, April 11, with games at 1 and 3 p.m.

Of the 10 girls selected from Class A, Hagen and Worke were the only two players from this area. Three of the 10 girls competed in the recent state tournament. Area players from the

class 2A roster included Brandi Blattner and Brittney Flom of Kenyon-Wanamingo. Kasson-Mantorville had Cori Kennedy picked on the Class 3A roster, but no class 4A players from this area landed on the roster

The accomplishments of Ha-

gen and Worke over their career as an Awesome Blossom have been documented previously, but both have surpassed the 1,000 point mark, with Hagen over 1,500, and Worke over 1,200 points. Several other records belong to the two Blos-

soms as well. Ticket prices for the All-Star afternoon are \$10, with students under 18 free.



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4/9/2015	Maple River	Maple River
4/13/2015	Medford	Bloomington
4/14/2015	Southland	Southland
4/18/2015	USC	Austin
4/20/2015	WEM	WEM
4/21/2015	Lyle/Austin Paces	Bloomington
4/22/2015	Triton	Bloomington
4/23/2015	NRHEG	Bloomington
4/24/2015	Goodhue	Bloomington
4/27/2015	Bethlehem Academy	Bloomington
4/28/2015	Randolph	Bloomington
4/30/2015	Maple River	Bloomington
5/4/2015	Medford	Medford
5/5/2015	Hayfield	Hayfield
5/7/2015	USC	USC
5/8/2015	Mankato Loyola	Mankato Loyola
5/12/2015	WEM	WEM
5/14/2015	NRHEG	New Richmond
5/15/2015	Allen-Conger	Allen-Conger

SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site
4/2/2015	Bethlehem Academy	Bloomington
4/9/2015	NRHEG	NRHEG
4/10/2015	Byron	Byron
4/13/2015	Medford	Bloomington
4/16/2015	Southland	Southland
4/20/2015	WEM	WEM
4/24/2015	Austin Elks Tournament	Austin
4/25/2015	Austin Elks Tournament	Austin
4/30/2015	Maple River	Maple River
5/4/2015	Triton	Maple River
5/5/2015	Pine Island	Pine Island
5/7/2015	USC	Bloomington
5/8/2015	Mankato Loyola	Bloomington
5/9/2015	Wasca	Bloomington
5/12/2015	Kenyon-Wauwano	Bloomington
5/14/2015	NRHEG	Bloomington

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Date	Opponent	Site
4/2/2015	Mankato-Loyola/Cleveland	Mankato Loyola
4/7/2015	Hayfield	Hayfield
4/18/2015	Canon Falls	Canon Falls
4/21/2015	Grand Meadow/Leroy-Os/Southland	Bloomington
4/28/2015	Mankato-Loyola/Cleveland	Bloomington
4/28/2015	WEM	Bloomington
5/5/2015	Triton	Triton
5/7/2015	Grand Meadow/Leroy-Os/Southland	Grand Meadow

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Date	Opponent	Site
4/2/2015	Mankato-Loyola/Cleveland	Mankato Loyola
4/7/2015	Hayfield	Hayfield
4/18/2015	Canon Falls	Canon Falls
4/21/2015	Grand Meadow/Leroy-Os/Southland	Bloomington
4/28/2015	Mankato-Loyola/Cleveland	Bloomington
4/28/2015	WEM	Bloomington
5/5/2015	Triton	Bloomington
5/6/2015	Grand Meadow/Leroy-Os/Southland	Grand Meadow
5/28/2015	Triton	Triton

GIRLS GOLF

Date	Opponent	Site
4/16/2015	USC	USC
4/21/2015	Triton	Triton
4/28/2015	Triton	Triton
5/4/2015	Bethlehem Academy	Bethlehem Academy
5/7/2015	Bethlehem Academy	Bethlehem Academy
5/8/2015	NRHEG	Bloomington

BOYS GOLF

Date	Opponent	Site
4/18/2015	Allen-Conger	Bloomington
4/21/2015	Canon Falls	Bloomington
4/22/2015	Kasson-Mantorville	Triton
4/23/2015	USC	USC
4/27/2015	Bethlehem Academy	Bloomington
4/28/2015	NRHEG	Bloomington
5/7/2015	Triton	Triton
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Maundy Thursday
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1:00 & 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart
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EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4
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CHOLESTEROL and its relation to heart disease



World Health Day is Tuesday, April 7

Cholesterol levels may not have the same relationship to heart disease as once believed.

High cholesterol levels have long been directly linked to heart disease. But as more research into cholesterol and its relation to heart disease is conducted, some doctors are shifting their views on the relationship between the two.

Statistics from the American Heart Association indicate that 75 million Americans currently suffer from heart disease. And even though one-quarter of the population takes cholesterol-lowering medication and have reduced the fat content of their diets, the AHA estimates that more Americans will die of heart disease than ever before.

More revelations are coming to the forefront regarding cholesterol and heart disease. New research has shown that statin drugs are ineffective at reducing mortality rates in most populations. Furthermore, according to the Framingham Heart Study, which is the longest-running and most comprehensive study on heart disease to date, it was demonstrated that cholesterol intake in the diet had no correlation with heart disease. The study found that men and women with above average cholesterol levels had nearly identical rates of heart disease compared to those with below average cholesterol rates.

Another potential eye opener is that, in addition to cholesterol not affecting heart disease risk, eating high-cholesterol foods does not elevate blood-cholesterol levels as doctors once thought. Ancel Keys, who is considered the “father” of the theory that cholesterol contributes to heart disease, now says that there’s no connection between cholesterol in food and cholesterol in the blood.

If not cholesterol levels and the foods one eats, what, then is responsible for heart disease? Many medical professionals and researchers now believe the primary causes of heart disease are inflammation and oxidative stress.

According to Dr. Dwight Lundell, a heart surgeon and author of the book, “The Great Cholesterol Lie,” foods like refined sugars and vegetable oils used to preserve processed foods may lead to the inflammation that ultimately causes heart disease. Inflammation is the body’s immune response to a foreign invader. Foods high in sugar and saturated fat can exacerbate inflammation. Bacteria and other unwanted substances in the body also contribute to inflammation.

To combat inflammation, people can adopt a healthy eating style. Fatty fish, whole grains,

leafy greens, fiber, and nuts can help reduce inflammation.

Exercise also can reduce inflammation. Research from Mark Hamer, PhD, an epidemiologist at University College London, found that, regardless of BMI or weight, study partici-

pants who completed 2.5 hours of moderate exercise each week - about 20 minutes a day - lowered their markers of inflammation by at least 12 percent.

When a person exercises, muscle tissue releases a protein molecule called cytokine, which

likely prompts an inflammation drop. Just about any type of workout that raises heart rate is effective in helping with inflammation.

The public may have been misinformed about just how vital it is to reduce cholesterol lev-

els. Contrary to popular belief, high cholesterol may not have the same connection to heart disease as doctors once thought. In fact, inflammation may be the bigger component in heart disease risk.



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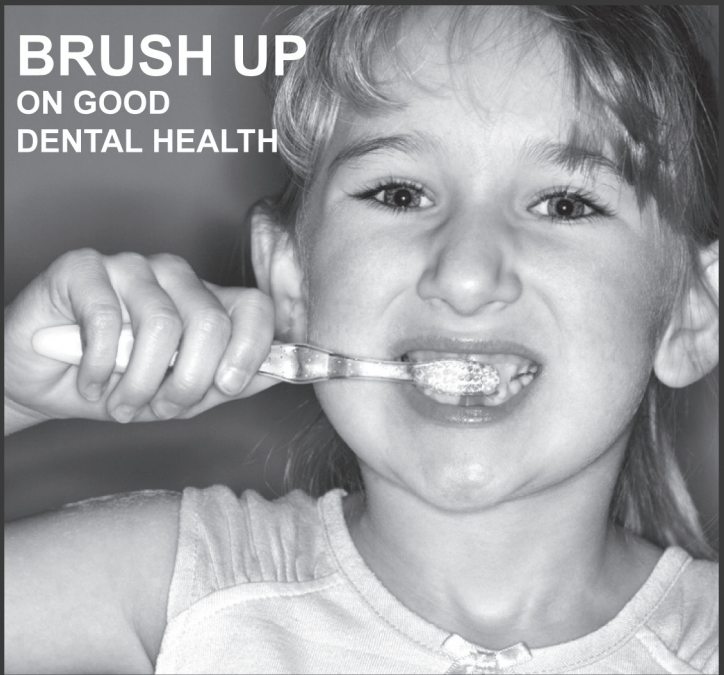
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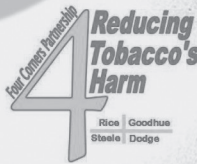
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Women’s Leadership Council hears about women in philanthropy

Twenty-seven members and guests of United Way of Steele County’s Women’s Leadership Council gathered at the Owatonna Country Club on March 20th for the organization’s quarterly luncheon to hear keynote speaker Charlotte Johnson, a Trustee of the Otto Bremer Foundation, speak about women in philanthropy.

The Women’s Leadership Council of United Way of Steele County brings together local women philanthropists to share their concerns and visions for the future of our community and to offer women opportunities to become engaged in the work of United Way and its partner agencies. The women attending Friday’s luncheon represented a wide cross section of commu-

nity activism including representatives of nonprofit agencies, local businesses, churches, media, and the medical and legal communities.

A current and ongoing project of the group is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which was launched by the Women’s Leadership Council last August and provides over 800 Steele County children under the age of five a no-charge book, every month, mailed to their home. The group will hold its major fundraising event, the Power of the Purse, on June 16th, at the Owatonna Country Club. All proceeds will benefit Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Tickets will be available at the United Way office, Kristi’s, and Kottke’s.

Charlotte Johnson is one

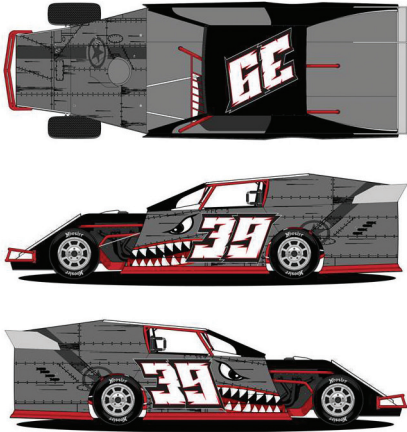
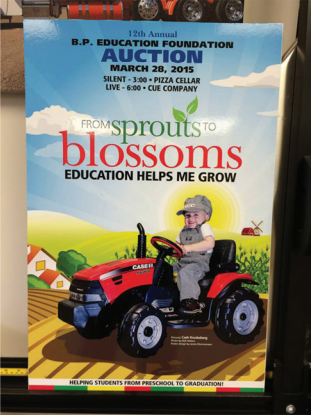
of three full time Trustees for the Foundation which has the mission of assisting people in achieving full economic, civic and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. Ms. Johnson spoke of her own history as a philanthropist and the criteria by which she decides how to invest her own money into organizations – a systematic, result-oriented focus on what is expected from a program, how the results can be achieved, and what evidence is needed to illustrate those results. She stated that the Otto Bremer Foundation Trustees like to get to know the communities they serve and appreciated the opportunity to be better acquainted with Owatonna.



Submitted photo
Pictured left to right are Julie Rethemeier, Kim Schaufenbuel, Charlotte Johnson, Evelina Giobbe, Tanya Paley

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Pictured left to right: Laura Resler, SCHS executive director; Evelyn Hersberger, post commander; and Bob Wilke, post adjutant.

AMVETS donate flag to history center

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MOO-tiful Princesses



Staff photos by Shannon Kinley (ABOVE) Five new Steele County Dairy Princesses were given their crowns and sashes at the Dairy Banquet on Saturday, March 28. From left to right: Leah Rieck, Kateyn Rypka, Deanna Kanne, Kendra Shroeder and Makaila Klejeski. This year the county opened it up to allow princesses who do not necessarily live or work on a farm, but have a general interest in the industry. (RIGHT) The Dukes & Duchesses received their crowns, baseball caps and sashes at the Steele County Dairy Banquet on Saturday, March 28. From left to right: Abbigail Rieck, Addison Rieck, Addeline Schroht, Alexis Ahlborn, Macy Klejeski, Katelyn Skov and Marcus Rysavy. This is the Duke & Duchesses program's third year and is for boys and girls in kindergarten through third grade. The only requirement is that the child has a love for the dairy industry.

Steele dairy group recognizes 5 women

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Steele County has decided to change things up. This year instead of picking one dairy princess to represent the county, there will be five. That is not the only change, however; the county expanded the eligibility requirements to include any princesses or ambassadors as long as they have a general interest in the industry and meet the other requirements including age 18 to 24 and are single with no children. American Dairy Association board member Mary Shroeder says both changes were made to encourage more young women and men to participate in the program. Even though the county has changed the requirements, the requirements at the state level remain the same. Princess or one of their parents has to receive a milk check, be within the age range of 18 to 24 and be single with no children.

Out of the five candidates this year, only one plans to run for Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Kendra Shroeder, 20, is the daughter of Wade and Mary Shroeder of Owatonna. "I've been a princess for the past two years and it has been nothing but rewarding. I grew up in the dairy industry and I always thought when I was little, I want to be like them... I wanted to be able to wear the crown and sash," Shroeder said. "Once I finally got up here I realized what an opportunity this is to really give back to the dairy industry because it's helped shape me so much." Shroeder is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire where she is pursuing a degree in dairy science. At UWRF she is involved in the Dairy Club, Newman Club as a public relations officer, Campus Crusade and she is still involved in Steele County 4-H. "You are allowed to run the first or second year you are a county princess, but I really

wanted some experience. I really wanted to give myself a chance to learn, fail a few times so that I could grow and really learn how to best represent the dairy industry," Shroeder said. "It has always been a really big dream of mine. It is kind of one of those things that has always been on my list of things I want to do." Shroeder added being able to represent the industry at a state level would be a huge honor. She hopes to one day become a large animal veterinarian or a breeding and genetics specialist. **Meet the other princesses** Deanna Kanne, 19, is the daughter of Brian and Carolyn Kanne. She is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural education. "They just opened it up so people who do not live on dairy farms can run and I'm not

originally from a dairy farm, but ever since I was little I've really wanted to be a dairy princess," Kanne said. "It is a really good way to advocate for the industry and that is what my major is, is advocating for agriculture, I thought it would help me get some experience." Kanne lives on a farm that raises beef cattle so she was never eligible to be a princess until this year. She became interested in the dairy industry after a trip to Switzerland last May where she got to stay at a Swiss family's farm. "(Being a princess) It means advocating for the industry and helping to solve some of the misconceptions the public has and to just be a face of dairy farmers," she said. Kanne is active in FFA, Gopher Dairy Club, Agricultural Education Club and Collegiate Agri-Women.

One day she hopes to run an agritourism business. Katelyn Rypka, 18, is the daughter of Shelly and Dixon Rypka. She is a senior at Owatonna High School and a first time dairy princess. "I wanted to represent this great industry. I've been involved in it since I was two-feet tall. It is just something you grow up in and really want to represent," Rypka said. "It means putting a face to the industry and being a spokesperson to anyone who has questions and the public." Rypka has been active in 4-H, dairy judging and helps out on the family farm by caring and preparing the animals for show. She plans to attend the University of Eau Claire to pursue a degree in Biol **DAIRY PRINCESS** Continued on Page 2C

STEELE TALKIN'



Getting over bumps in life

Getting over the bumps in life is something we all do. For some, the bumps are a little bigger and a little harder to get over. Take Caroline (not her real name). She had just picked up her lunch and was on her way to work. Caroline was waiting for her turn to go through an intersection. Suddenly, without warning, Caroline was hit from behind by another driver who was talking on a cell phone and not paying attention to traffic. There were no skid marks to indicate that the other driver had even applied the brakes. Upon impact, Caroline's head was thrust through the back window of her truck and her hip was jammed into its socket. She has undergone numerous surgeries to try to correct the injury to her hip and bulging discs in her back. She has undergone five hip surgeries, two of which were total replacement surgeries. After overcompensation due to her bad hip the good hip became aggravated, wore down to bone-on-bone, and she is in need of yet another hip replacement surgery. Caroline was a single mother supporting herself and her teen-age daughter. She went to work every day to pay her mortgage and other bills. That day changed her life forever. The other driver was underinsured. Caroline's insurance carrier only covered a portion of her medical expenses. Due to no fault of her own, she ended up losing her home, her transportation, and her quality of life at the age of 39. Caroline was forced to apply for social security benefits because she is now considered unemployable after working to support her family for 21 years. Caroline is now on many medications to help relieve her pain. Medications that make her weight fluctuate making her need for different sizes of clothing a bigger necessity. Up to this time, Caroline was unaware of the services available to her in our community. She was relieved to know the Steele County Clothesline was here to help her fulfill her basic need of clothing, bedding, towels, dishes and small household items she can no longer afford on her limited income. Bad things can happen to good people. Things we cannot control. The loss of a job, low wage jobs, medical conditions, divorce, pregnancy, disability or even jail time. Caroline's story is a bad thing happening to a good person and is just one of many. Sadly, we all probably know others who have also suffered through bad times. We are proud to be here to help those in need. The Clothesline staff and volunteers work hard to make sure our member's shopping experience is pleasant and dignified. Our purpose is not to become a way of life, but to help when life gets in the way of you living a self-sustaining livelihood. We are located at 155 Oakdale Street in Owatonna, MN. Please call us at 507-451-2550 - we are here to help you in your time of need. *Mary Fink is the executive director of the Steele County Clothesline in Owatonna.*

Finding a cost figure for the public works building

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Coming up with a cost figure is the next step involving the Steele County public works building. And it might not be that easy. "We'll come up with a couple of different scenarios — one based on the option 4 building and one on the option 2 building," said former Steele County Administrator Tom Shea, who is serving as a special projects assistant. "Then a couple of subsets of that because there is a variety of ways you can do it. You can levy for more of the money up front, you can

bond for more or you can use reserves." What also comes into the picture is the county doesn't know what the Federal Emergency Management Agency award is going to be. "The variables are many, and that is why it is hard to pin that down," Shea said. "If the board would have gone with this building project three years ago, we would have borrowed this money for less than 1 percent." This presentation is expected at the next Steele County Board of Commissioners meeting. As far as the public works building goes, Shea thinks the county is on a treadmill. As of last week, the county had not

received official notification from FEMA as to what its award is going to be. At the most recent county board meeting, the commissioners had at least an hourlong discussion on the Public Works building. At that meeting, Shea said it is wise for the board to focus on needs and building options. "Until the board makes decisions on those, it is hard to put together what the financial implication will be," he said. "It would be wise and very beneficial to the staff if today's meeting could be focused on some of the needs and options. We're not looking for a decision. A decision will come." The board looked at two options

at its most recent meeting. One is a 73,180-square-foot, \$9.6 million precast facility. This is known as option 2. The other is a 47,116-square-foot, \$6.9 million metal facility. This is known as option 4. Either would be built on county-owned land west of 28th Avenue in Owatonna. County Commissioner James Brady said he looked over the two options and felt it all boils down to money and lots of needs. Steele County Engineer Anita Benson said a task force saw some of the features

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CountyLiving

Counties combine public health leadership

By **ALAN VAN ORMER**
Managing Editor

Steele County will be providing public health leadership to Dodge County after both county commissions approved an agreement over the past month.

Under the agreement, Steele County’s Community Service Director will provide administrative support for Dodge County’s public health system. Each county will continue to have a director of nursing. In addition, Dodge County will provide 27 percent of the wages and benefits of the Steele County Community Service Director.

For Steele County, outgoing County Adminis-

trator Tom Shea said it aligns all of our community service functions.

“It will provide unique services to a similar population,” he said. “With this person heading up the division the objective is keeping all of these services aligned, working together and not duplicating things.”

Adding the piece from Dodge County better aligns the community board services piece in Dodge and Steele counties, Shea added. “We will be able to attract high caliber professionals at a lower cost because we are partnering with Dodge County.”

Dodge County Administrator Jim Elmquist said that since there has been a longstanding history of

collaboration with Steele County, this seemed to be an extension of work already being completed.

“The key for us as we move forward and continue to work together in collaboration, this just offers that opportunity to do so,” he said. “Smaller counties to provide higher levels of service have to collaborate to do these things. We are continuing to offer high level services at an affordable cost.”

Since 1976 Dodge and Steele counties have partnered in a joint Community Health Board sharing funding for a variety of health prevention and promotion programs. The counties have shared a Community Health Services Administrator and a central accounting function for the grants that come through the Community Health Board.

In 2013, Steele County’s public health director and CHB administrator retired. The health services director role was assigned to the Dodge County public health director in April 2014. In January, the Dodge County public health director retired leaving vacancies for both the Dodge County public health director position and the CHS Administrator position.

Since that point, Dodge County had indicated a desire to share a public health director with Steele County. This led to the current set up.

Currently, Stan Groff is filling in as the interim CHS director until a job description is finalized, rated and advertised for the community service director. Tentative date to fill the position is June 1.

Two bridges to be replaced

Two bridges bordering Steele and Waseca counties are being rebuilt at a cost of more than \$800,000.

At a recent joint drainage authority public hearing including commissioners from Steele and Waseca counties, three bridges were discussed. The bridges are north of Crane Creek Road, also known as Steele County Road 2. They provide access to agricultural lands. Each of the bridges needs to be replaced.

The width of each of the three bridges was 18 feet. The two new bridges will be 24 feet wide.

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in option 2 but wanted to keep the price tag of option 4.

“We can’t move forward without having a decision of what that project would be,” she said.

County Commissioner James “Corky” Ebeling, who sat on the task force for the past several years, said that in his opinion, that task force saw the need in option 2 of the \$9.6 million, but didn’t like the price tag.

He also felt that the building could be bonded for \$7 million, then come up with using reserves or finding other sources for the other \$2.6 million.

Ebeling also said the county commission could continue to wait, but there are people saying the project needs to get done.

“I’ve been told somewhere at least 1 million maybe even closer to 2 million that we’ve lost in this time already in not making the original decision,” he said. “By waiting, we are just growing that figure. We can wait, but it is not getting any cheaper to build it.”



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley
Dairy princesses Katleyn Rypka (left) and Deanna Kanne crown, sash and cap the Dukes and Duchesses at the Steele County Dairy Banquet on Saturday, March 28. Duchesses pictured from left to right: Addison Rieck, Addeline Schroht, Alexis Ahlborn and Macy Klejeski.

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ogy with the long-term goal of becoming an Oncologist.

Leah Rieck, 18, is the daughter of Curtis and Amy Rieck. She is a senior at Owatonna High School and a first-time dairy princess.

“It was a great leadership opportunity. You get to go out and talk and meet new people everyday that you wouldn’t necessarily see,” Rieck said. “You get to be the face of the dairy industry. People get to see it is not just a bunch of farmer kids, but there are so many people, variety of people involved with the dairy industry.”

Rieck’s grandparents used to own a dairy farm but got rid of their cows when she was five years old. She got back into the industry five years ago when she started showing cows for Aaron Schroht at Schrohven Dairy and last November she got a job on his farm as a farmhand.

Rieck plans to attend South Dakota State University to pursue a degree in pre-veterinary medicine and hopes to one day open her own practice in Steele County.

Makaila Klejeski, 17, is the daughter of Jon and Kim Klejeski of Claremont. She is a senior at Triton High School and a first-time dairy princess.

“I really enjoy promoting the dairy industry and just being able to talk to the littler kids especially and tell them how important this industry is to Minnesota,” Klejeski said. “It means I get to show my passion for the industry and am able to share that with the community.”

Klejeski is the president of the FFA chapter and has participated in a variety of committees such as the Dodge County Fair Petting Zoo, Steak Feed, Teach Ag, Farm Safety Day and Ag Olympics. She plans to attend South Dakota State University to pursue a degree in agricultural education or dairy nutrition.

All four of the princesses (other than Shroeder) agreed that they hope to run for Princess Kay in the future.

In this visual age, explanatory copy for the school yearbook did not find a place, except for some sports record’ thus any history for the BPHS 2007-2008 year depends solely on photographs. One can infer a few interesting details from those pictures.



Did You Know? A moment in Blossoms history

A graduating class of 60 students continued a recent trend of very small classes that would be prevalent for the next few years.

Allan Trotman and Megan DeBoer reigned over homecoming festivities in the fall of 2007, and the school hosted two foreign exchange students - Sophie Genne from Belguim and Felipe Suarez from Brazil. The big news in the fall centered around the all-school musical, “Hello, Dolly,” with Christine Nicholson portraying the main character. The play entertained large crowds at three performances and provided a great highlight n the fall. Other characters in the play included Colin Campbell, Pat Rumpza, Ashley Campbell, Megan DeBoer, Brendan McCabe, Pat Zak, Mike Romeo and Courtney and Kelcie Driessen, just to name a few.

Kyle Severtson and Emily Allison ruled snow week in spite of the fact that not much snow lay on the ground. The band, and especially the chorus, had good years, and both performed well at the large group music contest in the spring.

In sports for that school year, the volleyball team finished 11-11 for the season with Kassie Lueth and Marie Morem gaining All-Conference honors. Lynnae Nelson, Ashley Hueman, Mackenzie Ohm and Resha Koster also starred on that team. A loss to Goodhue in the section playoffs left the football team with a 10-1 record. Elliott Herdina, Austin Moe, Matt Zellmer and Dalton Henderson all helped the Blossoms to that gaudy record

A 22-4 record pushed the girls’ basketball team all the way to the section, where they lost a close game to Byron. All-Conference picks Resha Koster, Lynnae Nelson and Kassie Lueth led the team to 10 wins in a row at one point, with Sarah Mans, Ashley Hueman, Katelin Strand, and Jordan Noble lending a helping hand. The boys finished their basketball season with a 15-10 mark, and Cody Poshusta-Schmitz wrestled his way to a 4th place at the state meet.

The softball team finished the season with a 7-5 record behind Erica Manske, Kelly and Anna Peterson and Katelin Strand. Rachel Klemmensen earned MVP honors in girls’ track, as did Mark Trom for the boys. The whole golf team earned a spot in the section golf meet, and Derek Resler advanced to the state meet. Erin Johnson and Maggie Sorenson led the golf girls, and the baseball team had a winning 14-7 record. Brendan McCabe, Matt Zellmer and Josh Toquam were just three of the players on that team. Hopefully, we will find some yearbooks that used a little copy to explain the activities and the sports successes of that particular year.

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Blooming Prairie Living

Fire department losing 50 years of experience

By **BRIAN SANDFORD**
News Editor

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department is losing nearly 50 years of experience with the retirements of longtime firefighters Mark Symes and Kurt Underwood this month.

The two Blooming Prairie natives became acquainted in grade school and joined the department in March 1991, with each later serving in a leadership role. Symes was the president of the Fire Department for at least 10 years, he said; Underwood was the chief for a decade.

The men realized they were a year away from retiring with

a quarter-decade of service, Symes said. So, why retire now?

Symes described firefighting as a young man's game. He and Underwood are in their early 50s, and he acknowledged that while that's not old overall, "for that game it is."

"It's very strenuous work," he said. "There's high pressure ... you know, when you're dragging hoses, wearing air packs, climbing in and out of buildings ... it's very labor-intensive and there's some psychological stuff that comes along with the fire department. After so many years, you're ready to let the young guys handle that."

Underwood had another rea-

son for departing: his job as a pipe welder, which takes him to various locations in five states.

"I'm not around town anymore, so I thought it's time to get someone on there who's around more than me," he said.

Underwood said Blooming Prairie compares favorably with the other locales he visits for work, but he acknowledged that "it's my hometown; I'm biased (in thinking) this is a better place."

Symes, who works in sales at Krejci Ford, might be similarly biased.

"A fire department is only as good as its community, and Blooming Prairie has always

been in 100 percent full support of the fire department and surrounding townships," he said.

Symes said desires for excitement and community service prompted him to become a firefighter.

He and Underwood said camaraderie with fellow Blooming Prairie firefighters as well as those in surrounding townships was among their favorite elements of the volunteer job.

"You miss the guys a lot; there is a little bit of an adrenaline rush when you go to a fire call," Symes said. "But it's a brotherhood. When you go to that call, you're relying on him, he's relying on you."



Kurt Underwood



Mark Symes

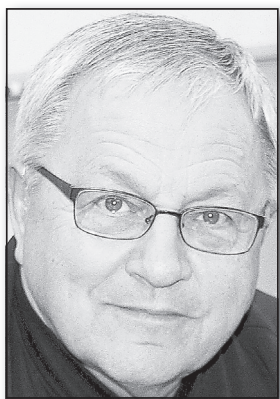
Symes and Underwood had a retirement party March 9. Their official last day is Tuesday, March 31.

Mayor waiting a year to lead state association

Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson will wait a year to become president of the Minnesota Mayors Association.

According to the musical chair rule of progression, Peterson was slated to be the new president of the association when it holds its regular meeting April 25.

Peterson told the Steele County Times he is stepping aside to allow Second Vice President Molly Parks to become president. Peterson said he will take



Mayor H. Peterson

the reins in 2016.

Minnesota has 640 mayors, and most are members of the association. More than 200 are new to the job.

The League of Minnesota Cities produces a Minnesota Mayor's Handbook every two years for the association.

The purposes of the association are furthering objectives of the League of Minnesota Cities and providing opportunities for mayors to meet as a separate group.

A 'daffodil' of a week!



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

An estimated \$530 was raised during Daffodil Days, held March 16-22 in Blooming Prairie. A Touch of Charm sold 60 bunches of 10 daffodils each. The bunches sold out Friday morning, prompting A Touch of Charm owner Leanne Hansen to think about adding more next year. "It is the most we have sold and the first time we have sold out by Friday," she said. Hansen presented Blooming Prairie Cancer Group member Cheri Krejci with money raised to go toward the cancer group's community fund.

Jennifer Fisher joining Home Sellers in BP



Jennifer Fisher

Home Sellers of Minnesota's Blooming Prairie office has a new realtor: Jennifer Fisher of Owatonna.

Fisher joined the office in December; she learned of the job via her post on the board of the Southeast Minnesota Association of Realtors.

Fisher grew up in Barron, Wisconsin, and remains a Green Bay Packers fan. She teaches fitness classes in the area as part of the Just About You! Get In Shape Studio and said it has been a good way to meet friends and clients.

"That was one of the easy

decisions working here in three years of doing fitness classes. Getting to know the community through that facet ... I've listed and sold houses in Blooming Prairie and the area," she said.

Fisher's classes include Zumba, kettlebell and total body conditioning. She is a certified personal trainer and teaches about twice a week.

Fisher can be reached at just-aboutyoustudio@yahoo.com or 507-213-6324.



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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Geneva Meats and Dean's Smoke Shop of Geneva won some special awards in Minnesota Association of Meat Processors competition recently in St. Cloud. Shown with some hefty hardware are, from left to right, Kathy Kartes, Kellie Anderson, Dean Anderson and Paul Smith. Dean's and Geneva Meats won grand champion awards for dill pickle flavored bacon and for smoked brats.

Geneva Meats recognized for meat processing excellence

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

The staff of Geneva Meats Processing Inc. and Dean's Smoke Shop brought home some more hardware recently to salute excellence in processing.

The local meat processing store fared well in competition at the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors (MAMP) show in St. Cloud, earning a grand champion award for dill pickle bacon. Geneva Meats president Paul Smith and Dean's Smoke Shop manager Dean Anderson said the dill pickle bacon "is great on burgers."

More awards included:

- Grand champion on smoked brats
- Second place for smoked Easter hams
- Third place on hickory smoked bacon.

Smith said he was very proud of Anderson and his staff. Thirty vendors were featured in each category, displaying 564 products. Geneva Meats and Dean's Smoke Shop submitted 21 entries in the competition.

Geneva Meats formed a local group of owners eight years ago. The company has 16 full-time employees and offers full processing and is USDA inspected daily.

The operation slaughters beef, hogs, sheep and goats.

Dean's Smoke Shop is a store, opened two years ago across from the 75 E. Main St. address of Geneva Meats. Dean Anderson manages it. He and his wife Kellie, daughter Samantha and Kathy Kartes run the store.

"We needed to expand and since Dean is such a fabulous sausage maker, we had to offer more ready-to-eat products," Smith said. "We offer a full service meat counter and this has been a good addition to us," Smith added.

Meat purchases can be made at both

locations. Fresh meats are offered at Dean's Smoke Shop, whereas most of the meat products are frozen at Geneva Meats.

"We raise our own hogs and cattle, thus we are local and our customers know where their meat is coming from," Smith said.

Popular products include prime rib, smoked pork chops, pulled pork, shredded beef, jerky, snack sticks, summer sausage, hot dogs, ring bologna and ground beef. "Our bacon and hams are second to none," Smith said.

With spring and graduations not far away, Smith said Geneva Meats and Dean's Smoke Shop can meet any needs. A wide variety of bratwurst is available including these flavors: wild rice, onion bell pepper, bleu cheese, Philly swiss cheese, jalapeno and Euro style. Janice's (Superior Foods) potato salad and her other tasty products are available at Dean's.

Geneva Meats also specializes in deer processing, usually three months in the fall. Popular venison products are sausage, jerky sticks and summer sausage.

Geneva Meats and Dean's Smoke Shop cater to customers in a wide radius and even send products to the Twin Cities, Mankato, south to Adams and Rose Creek and into Iowa.

Geneva Meats and Dean's are open from 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Geneva Meats and Dean's supports its communities by donating to cancer auctions and donating to local fire departments.

In addition to being a member of the Blooming Prairie Chamber, Geneva Meats is a member of the Geneva Business Club, member of the Albert Lea Chamber and members of the Mower County and Freeborn County pork producers.

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Ellendale-GenevaLiving



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Above performing to an NRHEG Ellendale play are Avery Hill, Miranda LaCanne, Lorelei Strom, Harley Johnson, Trinity Smith Vulcan, Taya Lembke.

Riley Chico, dressed as a boy with a hat and a mustache, is surrounded by sheep, including Addison Loken, Lia Joannsen, Kaylei Thompson, Anju Stafford, Elsie Schultz, Jozie Johnson, Isabel Stadheim, Grace Starman, Sieer Misgen, Rose Rolwing, Tayla Sandry, Laila Schmidt, Julia Churchill.



A version of Sleeping Beauty at Ellendale School

Sleeping Beauty was performed at the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) Ellendale campus last week. Almost 70 students were involved in the production. They included a technical crew, which was also made up of students. Auditions for the play were held on Monday, March 23. The students rehearsed throughout the week. Performances were

held on Friday afternoon and evening and then again on Saturday for the elementary school parents and the public. Prairie Fire Children's Theatre assisted the students in performing the original musical adaption of Sleeping Beauty. The show takes place on the movie set of Sleeping Beauty and everything seems to go wrong. Local cast performing were Sophie Stork

as Rose, Avery Hill as Mallory, Riley Chicos as Eugene and Branden Howiesen as Colin. Gregory Stowers and Laren Longyear of Prairie Fire Children's Theatre co-directed the production and played the roles of Bumbling Hypnotist and the Queen Diva of all Stage Mothers. The NRHEG PTO sponsored the show.

Student of the Week

Izley Boerner is in Mrs. Knudson's kindergarten class. She is the daughter of Bo and Ashley Boerner and they reside in New Richland. Izley loves her family, friends, the movie theater and play dates. Izley displays so much respect by always following classroom and school rules. She is a great role model to her peers. She has a positive attitude, as she is a very good friend to all her classmates. We're lucky to have Izley represent NRHEG!



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More than 450 learn youth leadership skills

In February and March, more than 450 youths from across Minnesota gathered to participate in the annual 4-H Building Leadership and Understanding (BLU) youth leadership conferences. According to a news release: Participating were Mower County 4-H members Hannah Mueller, Brett Miller, Rachel Meany and Morgan Beckmann, as well as three Mower County state ambassadors: Tyler Amick, Amy Boullion and Jacob Mueller. This year's conference theme was "The Diamond Within," which was selected by the 4-H ambassadors. Activities guided participants in learning about their personalities, how this insight can help youth work with others more effectively, and healthy ways to deal with the stresses they face in their daily lives. There was also time dedicated to meeting new friends and having fun, with skits, singing, dancing and games. The 4-H BLU leadership conferences are developed and led by 4-H state ambassadors, Minnesota 4-H youths who have been

selected to serve as spokespeople for 4-H. "One of 4-H's priorities is to provide citizenship and leadership experiences that guide youth in building relationships, developing communication techniques, and strengthening organizational skills," said Jacquie Lonning, Extension 4-H Citizenship & Leadership state program director. "Through these experiences, youth

have the opportunity to learn about themselves, and learn about others, to make a positive impact in their club, home, school, or community." To learn more about 4-H in Mower County, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Kristin Krell at 507-437-9552 or go to www.4-H.umn.edu.

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Medford students get chance to save lives

By **SHANNON KINLEY**
County Staff Writer

Medford students and staff members donated 61 pints of blood during last week’s American Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the National Honor Society. Those units have the potential to save up to 183 lives, as one pint can save up to three lives.

Senior Matthew Anderson knows the importance of donating all too well. Recently his brother had to undergo a blood transfusion after he suffered complications from weight-loss surgery.

Anderson has donated blood four times — three times as a double red-cell donor instead of a single whole-blood donor. Anderson continues to do blood drives because he wants to help kids who need it.

“I want to give more and have more of an impact,” he said.

Amber Swing, team collections supervisor, explained the difference between a single and double donation.

“A single unit, we get a whole concentrated unit of blood so you take the red blood cells, the plasma and the platelets. A double red cell unit, you take the red cells and give the donor back their plasma and platelets, and we do the draw twice,” she said.

Whereas a single takes five to 15 minutes, a double takes 30 to 45 minutes. Many donors do the double because they can make twice the difference. Others choose the double because it means having to donate fewer times.

For example, double red cell donors can donate every 112 days up to three times a year, versus 56 days for whole blood donors.

Swing has worked for Red Cross for nearly eight years and chose to go into the field because of the effect her profession has on people. “I enjoy meeting new people, and it is al-

ways a changing work environment,” she said. “I like listening to donors’ stories. Even though some aren’t always happy endings, there are a lot that are the happy endings or people that come in and donate even though their loved one died.”

Swing stressed that donating is extremely important because Red Cross has specific goals it has to meet.

“Every unit that we collect is already spoken for from a hospital, because we are contracted to give them ‘X’ amount of units, so having blood drives is important, having donors is important and making our goals is important,” she said.

When donors arrive to the drive, they register on the computer system and read a pamphlet listing reasons they might not be able to donate, including age, weight, having a cold, traveling outside the country and vaccinations.

Donors then are asked a series of questions and given a miniature physical in which their temperature, pulse, height and weight are recorded. After the donor is cleared, the blood is drawn, and when it is over, the donor is sent to eat snacks.

“It is not that bad. A lot of people just don’t come in because they either A.) have a fear of needles, or B.) they think it hurts really bad, and it is not that bad,” Swing said.

Sophomore Steven Luebben was one of those people. This year he decided to give blood for the first time and said, “It is not as bad as everyone says it is. It is pretty easy, and it is not painful.”

“I enjoy donating. It has always been an interest of mine, and you can save lives. Your body makes more than you need, and there are people out there who really need it.”

Luebben’s friend Asberry Thoreson also decided to give blood for the first time and agreed that it wasn’t as bad as he had expected.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley

Senior Matthew Anderson gives a double red-cell donation, meaning two pints instead of one.

“Everybody needs blood at some point in their lives. If one person can make it through life and not have a single accident, they are extremely lucky,” he said.

Junior Marnie Madsen has donated at least four times. “I don’t mind giving blood. It is a good way to help people out that are less fortunate than me,” she said.

“If there is something you can do for somebody, I don’t understand why you wouldn’t do it. One day you may be the one in need. Plus it gets you out of class, so that is a bonus.”

Madsen added: “I think a lot of people are afraid of the needles and scared it will be painful, but it is really not that bad. I thought the worst part was when they pricked my finger in the be-

ginning.”

The American Red Cross holds about 4,700 blood drives a year in Minnesota, western Wisconsin and eastern South Dakota. Someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion every two seconds, meaning Red Cross must collect an average of 14,000 pints of blood each day to meet the need.

Although Medford School has

had its two blood drives for the year, there are numerous others coming up in the Owatonna area including at Lowe’s on April 13, Family Video on April 18, Riverland Community College and Trinity Lutheran Church on April 20 and Owatonna Hospital on May 8. For more information about blood drives, go to redcross.org or download the application.

Council tables plumbing reimbursement issue

By **SHANNON KINLEY**
County Staff Writer

The Medford City Council tackled multiple topics including reimbursements for residents’ plumber costs in two special meetings last week, followed by the regular meeting.

Cold weather and sewer line policy

At last month’s meeting, Public Works Director Rich Kucera suggested that the council adopt a new cold-weather water and sewer-line policy in hopes of preventing some water and sewer-line freezes.

Last winter the Public Works department responded to three water main breaks and 17 water service-line freezes that combined cost the city more than \$50,000, Kucera said. City council members couldn’t decide on the language of the policy and agreed to bring it back at the March meeting.

The policy was changed from residents being responsible for paying the plumber costs to, “If the licensed plumber or other entity determines the frozen water line is beyond the water lateral that runs from the resident’s home to the curb stop (beyond the resident’s responsibility), the City of Medford will reimburse the resident up to \$100 for the cost of the plumber.”

The council still could not reach an agreement, in particular about how much a resident should be reimbursed for plumber costs if the freeze is

on the city’s side.

Council member Marie Sexton proposed that the amount be changed from \$100 to \$150.

“A plumber is probably going to cost at least \$300 to come out to your house. At that point, the homeowner has done some of the detective work for the city, and I really think \$150 is more in line,” Sexton said. “One hundred dollars is miniscule compared to what you’ve offered the city already as far as the perspective of where the freeze actually is.”

Council member Keith Maas agreed that the amount should be \$150.

“As a city we have a responsibility to the citizens to provide water and sewer. It is part of our job is to help them out as much as we can if something happens,” Maas said.

Council member Chad Merritt said that if the city pays \$150, residents are going to want it to pick up the full cost. He added that residents need to do some detective work themselves.

After heated discussion, the council agreed to table the new policy until August.

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

During a public hearing, residents learned more about the possible acquisition of Alliant Energy’s territory from the Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative (SMEC).

There will be a three-year rate freeze for current Alliant customers, said General Manager Sydd Briggs of Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric.

Although the structure of the rate won’t change, customers could see a change due to the increase of power costs.

During years four and five, SMEC will conduct a study to determine what the rate structure will be. During this time, Briggs said, the highest rate increase will be no more than 4 percent or 5 percent.

Scenic Heights Improvement Project

The second special meeting was aimed at informing Scenic Heights development residents about a proposed improvement project.

The project would affect Third Avenue Southeast and Seventh Street Southeast as well as an alleyway. The project calls removing the aggregate base; repairing the current surface and replacing it with new bituminous roadway; and adjusting existing utilities.

“Our proposal is to go ahead with this because we know costs will keep going up, and we want to try to get this done and out for bid early this spring. We are hoping to minimize any increases in material costs that would’ve happened if we wait until next year to start the project,” Nelson said.

After the plans were discussed, Nelson opened the hearing for residents to speak. About 15 were in attendance.

Bill Heyer had a couple of specific questions about the curb and gutter not reaching the eastern property line on Third Avenue Southeast and wondered whether the alleyway is privately owned property. He also had a request.

“I would like the opportunity sometime before the assessment rule is put into the report to ask for a meeting with the city engineer, the city administrator and one elected official over the number crunch, more of the details,” he said.

Kely Lynn Heyer said the preliminary project estimate costs were high.

“We have already paid for the curb, gutter and the water, and that was, like, \$3,000. I know the prices for Faribault; they are like \$65 a square foot, (which) includes curb, gutter, water and sewer. Now, to me, this seems a little high ...” she said.

Jackie Gillis-Reuvers asked about the mobilization and adjustment costs, as well as who owns and maintains the alleyway.

“Can you describe or explain the mobilization cost of \$5,000 and the adjust structure cost of \$4,500?” she said. “If those are also in the alley that the city owns, those are not in the city costs, so we would be absorbing the entire lot?”

Joe Duncan responded, “The mobilization costs is just to make sure that everyone feels they are being treated fairly. I would consider removing the mobilization cost. What it does is, it allows the contractor essentially to put those costs into all of his other unit costs,” he said.

The council voted unanimously to call for the improvement and preparing plans for the project. The city will now advertise for bids. Construction will take place between June 22 and Aug. 1.

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Students demonstrate caring to others

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Editors 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 second in a series of stories featuring each of the leadership teams.

As you walked by the office at Washington Elementary last Thursday it was incredibly hard to get through due to bags upon bags of donations stacked up for a food drive put on by the Care Club.

Twenty students ranging from second grade to fifth grade are involved in the yearlong club that meets once a month.

“The purpose of our club is to show care to not only our students and staff, but as well as our community,” said Advisor Wendy Rasp.

At the beginning of the year students came up with the idea of care bags, or welcome bags. The students decorated the outside of the bags and filled them with pencils, water and other fun things such as bracelets to welcome any new students that come to Washington during the year. Rasp says the group made a total of 50 bags.

“I enjoy guiding kids to envision how they can make a difference in the lives of people. All I have to do is get them together, float an idea and do some guiding as to what is realistic for timing and things. It is truly their deal,” Rasp said. “My hope is that kids grow up to care for others and have some leadership skills to be able to organize



The students of the Care Club hold up some of the donations from their week-long food drive at Washington Elementary. Students in the care club have demonstrated they care by making welcome bags for new students, making random acts of kindness posters and now the food drive.

Staff photo by Shannon Kinley

their own caring or clubs.”

Students in the club not only get to make new friends from other classes and grade levels, but also get to see the effect they can have on others.

“Kids hopefully already know that their leadership can make a difference, but a club provides them with something that is tangible and something they can see,” Rasp said.

In February, the group continued to show it cared by making random acts of kindness posters to hang up

around the school. The posters made suggestions on what students could do for others.

Most recently the group showed the community that it cared by running their own food drive. For one week the club collected as many non-perishable items they could to go to students or families who are living in poverty. For every donation, either food or money, the students got points and the classrooms with the most points received prizes such as a pizza party,

30 minutes of free time and lunch in their classroom with Principal Beth Svenby.

Most items were valued at one point and \$1 at two points. In total, the school collected \$1,631 points.

After all the food was collected students from the Owatonna High School Student Council picked up the donations and delivered them to the Steele County Food Shelf, as one of many pieces of their State Service Project.

The main challenges for

the club have been budget limitations and time.

“We only meet once a month and to be able to get that much stuff accomplished in that amount of time you have to be on your toes,” she said.

The group will continue its work in April by doing something special for Staff Appreciation in May, although it is not yet decided what. The group will finish up the year with helping out with the school’s talent show.

The students will help

recruit students and help Rasp select the acts that should perform in the show.

Third grader Averie Howe decided to join the club for the first time this year because she “wanted to help the school and people on campus.”

She likes the club because it is fun and the group gets to do the activities together.

“If we didn’t have one (a Care Club) nobody would care for each other and everyone would be fighting,” she said. “It doesn’t matter if you are brown or white you can care about everyone.”

Third grader Kathryn Sande decided to join the club for the first time this year because she likes caring.

“I joined because it gives me something to do and I get to hang out with some of my friends,” she said. “I like that you get to meet new people and do some activities to help the community and people in general and be kind.”

Sande agreed with Howe except she changed the saying to Pizza.

“It doesn’t matter if you like pizza or if you don’t like pizza we are all human,” she said.

Third grader Adrian Trevino decided to join the club for the first time this year because he likes helping people. He has enjoyed being able to make things for others such as the welcome bags and posters.

“If we didn’t have the Care Club we wouldn’t have the food drive and a lot of people wouldn’t have food,” he said.

Trevino has says he has learned that it doesn’t matter what race you are “you can always be kind.”

Longtime employee of Alexander Lumber Co. retires

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

General Manager Deb Lundberg still clearly remembers the day she was hired by Alexander Lumber Co. in Owatonna nearly 39 years ago.

“I was a secretary and I was looking for a change. In August 1976, the lumberyard had their huge grand opening and they needed someone to sell in the decorating center,” Lundberg said. “I started the week of the grand opening and they immediately put me to work stocking shelves, trying to get this place ready for the grand opening.”

Lundberg decided to pursue a career in sales because it was something she had always been interested in, and she wanted to interact with the public.

In the beginning, Lundberg struggled being in an industry that was predominately male.

“Back in ’76 it was very unusual to have a woman in a lumberyard. People often thought I was probably the boss’s daughter, wife or niece,” she said.

“I had contractors who came in who wouldn’t let me wait on them; they would stand and wait for one of the guys to help them. It was frustrating a little bit, but I understood it. I didn’t know that much about



Deb Lundberg

the lumber business yet, so they had a reason to not want to talk to me.”

Over the years the contractors became much more accepting as they realized she was there to stay and willing to learn and help any way she could.

In 1991 Lundberg became the store manager and in 2003 the general manager, a job she says was easy thanks to the employees.

“In all honesty, the employees here don’t need much of a general manager; they all take care of themselves, so it was pretty easy,” she said.

Lundberg has decided to retire at the end of March but has many fond memories of her time with the company.

“I have loved every day here. When I look back at it, a person’s home is probably their most prized material possession that they have, and so to be invited into those homes to help them make it even more of

a home or something they really want is just a lot of fun,” she said.

Lundberg described her customers as incredible and said she had a lot of fun getting to know them over the years. She especially enjoyed being able to serve second-generation customers.

Her favorite part of the job was working with people. Asked what kept her at the job for so long, she responded it was the customers and her co-workers.

“The camaraderie we have down here and the dynamics we have in this place is just incredible. The employees rarely leave here. We have employees who have been here for three years, eight years, 10 years, 20 years. We watch out for each other, take care of each other and help each other,” she said.

Lundberg says she is feeling mixed emotions. Although she is excited to never have to work another Saturday, she will in a way miss the routine.

In recent years, keeping up with the constantly evolving products of the market has been a challenge.

“Customers are so smart now. They get on a computer, see something and wonder what you know about it, and I’ve never heard of it. You really have to stay educated,” she said.

Co-owner Josh Meillier says the company will miss Lundberg greatly.

“She has been my dad’s (co-owner Dennis) right-hand person for a long time,” he said. “She looks at things from a business perspective. She is kind of the softer side when it comes to employees, which is really nice for Dad and I because we both have our hard edge of looking at things, so a lot of times we will talk to Deb.”

Meillier stressed that the loyalty Lundberg has to the company made her unique.

“It is a dying breed. That loyalty doesn’t happen as much anymore. Thirty-nine years is a long time. She has bled the company’s colors since day one,” he said.

“If you think about it, there are customers that she did their flooring, cabinets or countertops three or four times throughout their different housing changes.”

Lundberg’s retirement plans will consist of gardening, quilting and some traveling to see her son in Denver. Most of all, Lundberg is just looking forward to “being at home.”

Living Well workshops begin April 9

Living Well with Chronic Conditions, a six-week workshop aimed at helping people make healthy decisions and follow medical recommendations, is set for 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays beginning April 9 at the Steele County Public Health Nursing Building, 635 Florence Ave., Owatonna.

The classes are for anyone with a chronic disease. They are aimed at helping participants with ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, anxiety and heart disease to:

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The free sessions are funded

by a grant from the Southeast Minnesota Area Agency on Aging and South Country Health Alliance. For more information or to enroll, call Sharon McLane, administrative supervisor and workshop leader, at 507-251-0806.

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Former Owatonna Tourism Director is regional manager

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Former Owatonna Tourism Director, Lisa Havelka, took over as the Southern Regional Manager for Explore Minnesota on March 18 after Dave Vogel's retired from the position.

Explore Minnesota is a state tourism association that aims to promote travel within the state. The agency is guided by a council of public officials and tourism industry representatives and has a partnership with regional partners to market their specific regions.

Southern Minnesota Tourism Association (SMTA), one of Explore Minnesota's partners, is a non-profit organization that represents 36 counties in southern Minnesota.

Below is a Q & A with Havelka to find out how she got started in the tourism industry, what positions she held before her current one, what her responsibilities entail and how the position is going so far.

1. How did you get started out in the tourism business? What made you decided to pursue a career in tourism?

Previous to getting into the tourism field, I developed the Owatonna MainStreet Program. There were many synergies between my role as the MainStreet Director in creating a destination downtown and Owatonna Tourism branding the community as a tourist destination. I enjoyed working together with Owatonna Tourism to plan and host events. I always felt tourism was integral to the health and growth of the downtown and the community. When the Owatonna Tourism Director position became vacant in 2009 I was encouraged by many of my colleagues and industry peers to apply. I felt I could apply my skill set and applications from the development of the Owatonna MainStreet Program to Owatonna Tourism. As the Owatonna Tourism Director I successfully achieved growth in lodging tax, conventions and

events and group tourism.

2. Did you pursue secondary education in the area of tourism?

I attended St. Cloud State University where I majored in Community Development and minored in Historic Preservation. There was not a specific Travel & Tourism major at the time I attended SCSU however, I did elect to take some coursework in travel and tourism and geography in my program of study. At the time I was not considering becoming a tourism director, I was pursuing my degree to work in downtown or community development. Now in my career I have had the opportunity work in both fields!

3. What are some of the former tourism positions you have held?

I was the Owatonna Tourism Director for 5 years and most recently I was the Tourism Director in Northfield, Minn. for the last nine months.

4. How long have you been involved with SMTA?

When I started in the tourism industry, I immediately got involved with SMTA. It was my connection to industry peers and marketing opportunities offered through Explore Minnesota. After less than a year of being involved with SMTA, I was nominated by my peers to the Governor's Council on Tourism. It was an incredible honor to represent Southern Minnesota Tourism Association and all of its partners on the Council.

5. What about the Explore Minnesota Tourism (EMT) Council?

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council is focused on areas critical to the development and growth of Minnesota tourism. Program development and public policy issues at both the state and federal level are also addressed.

Being on the EMT Council was one of the most enjoyable Boards I've had the opportunity to serve on. My colleagues around the table brought so many different yet similar viewpoints from around the state and industry. Whether related to lodging, trails, restaurants,



Lisa Havelka

resorts, attractions or other CVB's (Convention & Visitors Bureaus), serving on the EMT Council gave me a much better understanding of how Explore Minnesota and all the regions and partners of the state come together to collectively market Minnesota.

6. What have you enjoyed about your work with the EMT?

One of the most memorable experiences on the EMT Council for me was being involved and witnessing the biggest budgetary increase Explore Minnesota has ever received, taking EMT's annual marketing budget from \$8.4 million to \$13.5 million in FY14, a 66% increase. The increase has allowed EMT to expand its reach and be more competitive in reaching new visitors.

The roll-out of the new #OnlynMN media campaign in 2014 was a direct result of the budget increase and has been an amazing marketing platform for Explore Minnesota. The #OnlynMN campaign continues to exceed our expectations in reaching more people than ever and showing them what can only be found in Minnesota.

Being involved in the EMT Council, I also enjoyed attending the industry meetings, strategic planning sessions, public policy meetings and of course the annual EMT Conference where all of our industry peers and colleagues got together to learn about and enhance our own marketing efforts.

7. Why did you decide to pursue your current position with Explore Minnesota?

I can still recall my first meeting with Dave Vogel the former Southern Regional Manager. He came to meet with me in Owatonna as I first started in the tourism industry. Over the course of our conversation about getting involved with SMTA and the marketing opportunities Explore Minnesota could offer, I realized right then and there that one of my professional goals would be to pursue the Southern Regional Manager position

someday!

8. What are your responsibilities as the Southern Regional Manager?

Primarily the position exists to manage the outreach, travel marketing and support programs for the Southern Minnesota tourism region. More specifically, the position assists with the coordination of the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, marketing programs and marketing content and website management with Explore Minnesota. Developing and implementing advertising and promotional programs with Explore Minnesota and the Southern Minnesota Tourism region. Industry relations and education, especially working with the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association is a very important aspect of the position.

9. What do you enjoy about the position so far?

I enjoy working with all of the local communities, tourism directors and partners. Since I was in their seat for the last six years I can relate to them and what they are doing every day to brand their community, event or attraction as a tourist destination. Although each community and approach to marketing is a little bit different, they are

also very similar. That is what makes the SMTA Meetings so enjoyable; we all come together with different ideas and experiences in marketing our destinations. Now I get the opportunity to work with all of these great communities and help them with their marketing at a regional and statewide level.

10. What are you excited about for the position? Are you nervous about anything?

I am excited to have the opportunity to work for Explore Minnesota, a state department that continues to listen to what consumers want when they visit Minnesota, how to stay relevant to the needs of our visitors and provide the tools to our industry partners to make Minnesota a premier tourist destination.

Dave Vogel the previous Southern Regional Manager had over twenty years of experience with SMTA and EMT, we have a lost a lot of collective knowledge with his retirement. I have big shoes to fill! Since I have been active with SMTA and EMT for several years I know many of the partners and people involved, however it will be different working with them from this perspective in my new position with Explore Minnesota.



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Ruger Pedersen, 4, and brother Colton, 5, try to identify various 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 on Saturday, May 2 for Family Great Outdoor Day with a variety of activities centering around fishing, healthy camping meals, photography and archery.



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Collaboration overcomes barriers to successful employment

Collaboration is a word that seems to be used everywhere these days, in business, academics, government and the arts; we use it a lot in the nonprofit world as well. Several online dictionaries agree on the primary definition of collaboration: to work with someone else to achieve something; to cooperate to create something. This reference usually calls out an act of artistic or academic creation such as writing a book, making a movie or scientific discovery.

Many of you may have participated in the Community Assessment process that the United Way of Steele County conducted last year. You told us about the barriers to good health, proper education, and stable income that exist in our community and now we are collaborating to devise solutions to those barriers. This is the act of creation we are undertaking with partners from many agencies and organizations in the community.

Collaborative work is creating pathways over, around and through barriers to job preparedness, transportation to employment and vital services, financial stability, access to early childhood education and access to healthy food and exercise. This is big, important work



that is vital to the well-being of Owatonna and Steele County and we are not doing it alone. Community members meet regularly to discuss the creation and implementation of new projects. These engaged citizens represent all sectors in our community: business — large and small, county departments, city departments, nonprofits, churches, medical organizations, financial institutions, employers, civic organizations and devoted individual citizens.

Our collaborative efforts are working toward the creation of projects that will bring fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income families that have unreli-

able transportation and need to use their SNAP and WIC benefits; that will create community gardens throughout our community; that will help working people begin and maintain a savings account; that will build the skills in our workforce to match the jobs that are available in our community; and that will help those without reliable transportation to get to work. These are the barriers we've identified already. Our Strategic Planning committee and our community partners are working diligently to make these things happen.

While we have been active in this work for nearly a year, the work in many ways is just beginning. There is room and a need for many more people at the table.

Sometimes our committees get an idea for a program or a project and as we start to brainstorm on how to implement it we receive the word that someone else is already doing the same work. This is not a problem for us, but it is a problem for our community if programs that serve a vital community need are not widely known.

United Way of Steele County wants to know about it, so that we can help put the people in need with the people providing

service. The programs we devise and develop need to be new programs, in no way duplicating services that are already being done. We intend to uplift and support those existing programs.

We need to keep the channels of communication open. We want to know if your church or service organization is working in these areas so that we can support you. And we are committed to communicating our work out to the community so that others can join us in collaboration, on the projects we have already identified, and the ones that will come after.

United Way of Steele County has decided to be an agent of change in our community, as result of a thorough and deliberative planning process. We seek to move our social services system from one of charity to one of opportunity. If you are interested in any of these projects or know of other community specific barriers to good health, proper education and stable income, please join us in the collaboration. Stop by our office at 110 N. Cedar Ave. or call us at 507-455-1180.

Kim Schaufenbuel is the executive director of United Way of Steele County.

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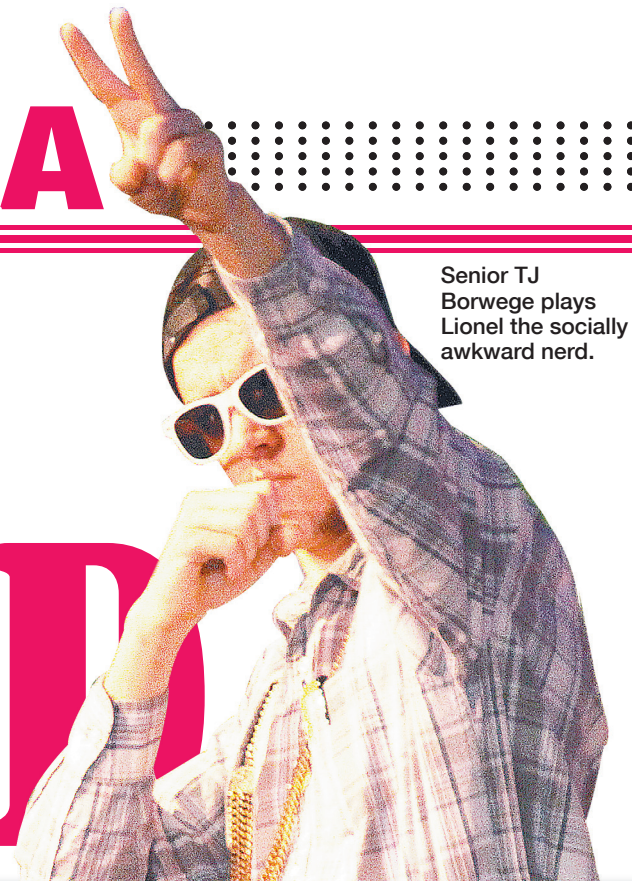
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Standing out

IN A CROWD



Senior TJ Borwege plays Lionel the socially awkward nerd.



The cast of “Freckleface Strawberry” forms around junior Mariah Chadwick as she plays Emily, the popular girl, and sings the song “I Love Danny,” in which she reminisces about her crush and her getting married.

‘Freckleface Strawberry’ aimed at showing virtues of being different

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SHANNON KINLEY COUNTY STAFF WRITER

Whether it is glasses, braces, red hair or freckles, Medford students performed the musical “Freckleface Strawberry” to show kids that they are special just the way they are.

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

Sophomore Cassie Larson had the lead role as Strawberry. She enjoys the role because she can relate to her character. Larson has been in two musicals and one play.

“I feel like so much of me is in her because I had the same problem as her growing up. I got teased and made fun of for the things I had when I was little,” Larson said. “This show is sending a message specifically to kids. Other shows we have done have been more adult-themed. It (this show) makes kids realize that life is better around the corner.”

Larson favors musicals over plays because she gets to do her two favorite things, singing and dancing.

“The playground, the classroom, my bedroom . . . it just gives me this feeling of childhood again. You only get to be a kid once, so going back and being a kid again is fun,” Larson said.

Larson’s favorite scene is when the freckle gang shows up in her bedroom.

“I am in my bedroom and there are a bunch of freckles that are coming alive and talking to me and trying to tell me that they love me and they just want to be friends with me,” she said. “It is so much fun. They throw me around and the whole time I am just like, ‘Why are there freckles in my room?’”

Larson’s two main challenges were taking on her first lead role and getting the message across to audience members.

“Getting the dialogue to mean as much as it does was a challenge. I have gone from playing little parts to playing the lead, so it has been really hard for me to learn how to show the emotion in some of the dialogue,” she said.

Director Shelley Fitzgerald said she enjoyed directing this year’s show because of the growth she saw in the students.

“You get new kids every year, and some of them have never tried this before, and to see them come out of their shells and really take ownership of their characters and be willing to put themselves out there, that is probably the most rewarding,” Fitzgerald said.

She liked the show because of the musical variety the students experienced.

“I love the fact that there is a variety of styles . . . there is gospel, there is a throwback to an ‘80s sound in one of the numbers and another one is more vaudeville-sounding. It is fun as a director to expose the kids to some of these music genres that they may not be as familiar with,” she said.

The main challenge she faced was getting everyone in the same place at the same time for rehearsal.

“Especially in a small school, a few kids do everything, so it gets really challenging to get the rehearsal time you need with all the different activities that they decide to be involved in,” she said.

This was TJ Borwege’s first time being on stage for a full-length production. Since he was in sixth grade, Borwege has been involved with behind-the-scenes roles such as setting up or running the lights and moving props. This year he decided to try a role on stage, as he enjoyed playing the Green Lantern in a Medford one-act play.

“I had a lot of fun with the one-act, and I liked the different feeling of being on stage and being able to portray someone else and be outside of my everyday life and get away from it all,” he said. “It is like joining a dif-

ferent family because you grow and develop relationships with everyone.”

Borwege enjoyed his role because his character, Lionel, is far from who he really is.

“He is an awkward sort of person

who is a nerd and has minimal social skills. I am a very outgoing person in real life, and then I get to act really smart on stage,” he said. “In real life I am a farmer, and I hang out with a bunch of redneck kids. I drive a pickup truck. I wear jeans and plaid shirts and come to school covered in sawdust. Then I get to be the slicked-back-hair, skinny-jeaned type on stage.”

Borwege’s challenge was remembering all the choreography.

“When you are dancing with a group of 20 other people, it is not so easy because if you are off, everyone else gets off,” he said.

Sophomore Rachel Bluhm has been in two musicals and one play, but this was her first big role. Bluhm played both Strawberry’s mother and a chorus character.

“She is very playful and a little crazy. She is supposed to be a grown-up version of Strawberry,” she said. “This is the biggest part I’ve ever had in the musical; I am usually just chorus. In last year’s musical I had two lines, so this is very different.”

Bluhm enjoyed the show because of the little amounts of dialogue.

The majority of the show consists of singing and dancing, some of her favorite things to do. Bluhm also enjoys the relationships she developed with other cast members.

“I like that we are a family. The bonds that we have are bonds that will never be broken,” she said.

Changing the tone of her voice for the production was challenging for Bluhm.

“Shelley wanted me to sound less airy when I sing, so I’ve had to push myself to sing stronger. I had to go out of my comfort zone,” she said.

Twenty-six students were involved in the production. The students started rehearsing right after winter break and practiced Monday through Friday, with each rehearsal being two to 2½ hours.



Above: Sophomore Rachel Bluhm plays Strawberry’s mother, and sophomore Cassie Larson plays Strawberry. In this scene, Strawberry’s mother sings to Strawberry and tells her that she is special just the way she is.



Left: Freshman Kyra Rahn plays Francine Freckle and junior Jessi Deering plays Freakie Freckle. The two are part of the Freckle Gang and give Strawberry a hard time for trying to remove her freckles.

Making sure corn plants are in a row

Our recent warm-up has been welcomed over the past few weeks. It also brings to mind the quickly approaching spring. We are less than 30 days from the possible start of the 2015 growing season, where planters could be rolling again.

The biggest thing farmers should be considering is the readiness of their planters. The planter, in my opinion, is the most important piece of machinery a farmer owns. We get one opportunity to plant, and any issues with planting the seed correctly can cause major yield losses.

An agricultural professor I had at South Dakota State University told us about a study

done by John Deere and a large seed company a few years back. The study was to see how much yield was lost from planters that had inaccurate planter spacing. So, John Deere selected 100 farmers who felt their planter was ready for the field and sent planter mechanics to their farms. These mechanics put all-new parts on half the planter rows.

For instance, if a farmer had a 16-row planter, the mechanic replaced parts on only the first eight rows and left the other eight just as the farmer had them. The reason for this was so in the fall, the farmer could combine the corn with his eight row head and see the yield difference between the two sides

ON THE
FARM



Justin Krell

of the planter. After the farmers had planted the corn and it had emerged, agronomists went out to these fields and conducted standard deviation tests on the planted rows. This was done for both sides of the planter and was

a measure of how consistently the corn plants were spaced from one another in the row. In the fall, the corn was combined and yield results were collected and compared with the data to the standard deviation tests they came up with after the corn was emerged.

What they found was that every inch of inconsistent seed spacing caused 4 bushels per acre loss in yield. That would equate to \$15 per acre loss (4bu x \$3.75/bu). So, what does this mean? If the farmers in this study would have repaired the entire planter, they would have increased their profits by \$15 per acre. Most of the farmers in the study farmed 1,000 acres

of corn equating to \$15,000 of increased profit over their entire farms. What would the repairs of the planters cost? If the farmer would have paid \$300 per row unit to have them repaired, it would have cost \$2,400 for the entire planter. The return on investment for equates to spending \$2,400 to make \$15,000. Return on investment totals 525 percent.

This year will be challenging for everyone, as commodity prices have dropped and input costs have not, making profitability a challenge in 2015. Keep in mind that we need to continue to invest in operations on our farm that will provide us with the highest return on

investment, such as added repairs on the planter. We still can spend money even when times are tight, as long as it makes sense to our farming operation.

On behalf of everyone at Producers Hybrids, we wish farmers a safe and prosperous growing season as I anxiously wait for the first day of spring planting. If you have any questions regarding this article or anything regarding our seed this spring, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Justin Krell is a Blooming Prairie-area farmer and a district sales manager for Producers Hybrids. He can be reached at 507-456-3834.

Corn Views: Farmers losing public perception battle

Last week, Gov. Mark Dayton introduced legislation that would require 50-foot buffer strips along all Minnesota waterways, including ditches and waterways that flow only periodically during the year.

A buffer strip is an area of land maintained in permanent vegetation that helps control soil and nutrient runoff from farm fields. The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) strongly supports the use of buffer strips.

However MCGA, along with a broad coalition of other grassroots family farm organizations, opposes a portion of the bill which would include a one-size-fits-all buffer strip requirement. Agricultural research shows that a one-size-fits all buffer solution is not the most effective or efficient strategy for improving water quality.

Buffers, grass waterways and control basins are a few of the many best management practices already used by most farmers to protect water quality. I use all of these on my own farm near Northfield, Minn.,



to protect several waterways that flow near my fields. Each of these practices is designed and sized specifically for its location in a way that maximizes water quality benefits.

But how many non-farmers know that buffer strips are already widely used by Minnesota farmers? How many non-farmers know about the long list of best management practices farmers incorporate in their operations to protect water quality, soil fertility and wildlife habitat?

Judging by media coverage of last week's buffer

legislation, many non-farmers don't have any idea of the widespread conservation practices used by most Minnesota farmers. Who's to blame for this knowledge gap?

In my opinion, it's us. Farmers have not done a good job telling their own conservation story, and we're losing the public perception battle because of it.

Many in the non-farming public don't think farmers do much of anything in the area of conservation. More and more non-farmers think profits, not stewardship, drive the decisions we make. Those perceptions are incorrect, but won't change unless farmers take immediate action to change it themselves.

The first thing farmers can do is simply talk about everything we do in the area of conservation. To farmers, conservation practices like buffer strips, grass waterways and control basins are a normal part of everyday life on the farm. Farmers don't view these as a big deal since it's something they've always done.

But farmers need to think beyond their own fence line when it comes to conservation. Only about 1 percent of the population farms today, yet just about everybody has questions about farming, especially when it comes to on-farm conservation.

To non-farming residents throughout the state, things like buffer strips and other common conservation practices are a big deal. They want to know what they are, how they work, and how farmers use them to protect our resources.

Of course, the perception of farmers isn't helped when Gov. Dayton -- like he did while talking about his buffer legislation last week -- accused farmers of creating "cesspools" and used other rhetoric to pit the public against the agricultural community.

But getting drawn into a political game of name-calling isn't going to solve the public perception issues farmers currently face. Being more proactive will.

I'd like to invite farmers to talk about their conservation

efforts during everyday conversations with friends, family and business acquaintances. Be proactive: participate in community events where you can tell your own conservation story, or speak to local groups about what you're doing on your farm to become a better steward of the land.

It's up to farmers themselves to take the lead and tell

their own conservation story at the grassroots level. Right now, we're letting others tell our story for us. It's time for farmers to regain control of the public perception battle by standing up and speaking out on their conservation efforts.

Bruce Peterson farms in Northfield and is the president of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

Farm Bureau members travel to Washington, D.C.

Fourteen Farm Bureau members from across Minnesota met with their members of Congress and Senators while in Washington, D.C. during the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Farmers to Washington D.C. trip, March 23-27.

Participants met with Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken; Representatives Walz, Emmer, Peterson, and Nolan; and staff from the offices of Representatives Kline and Paulsen.

During their meetings, Farm Bureau members discussed the importance of trade to Minnesota and encouraged the members of Congress to support Trade Promotion Authority in order to ensure that trade deals currently being negotiated are able to be finalized. They also talked about the importance of a federal, voluntary food labeling standard created through the newly introduced Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.

"Research shows that the most effective way to communicate with your members of Congress is in Washington D.C.," said MFBF President Kevin Paap. "It is vital to agriculture for our Senators and members of Congress to put a face to the families involved in Minnesota agriculture. Farm Bureau's Farmers to Washington D.C. trip provides this opportunity."

Attendees were able to be audience members with fellow Farm Bureau members from Iowa, Missouri and Texas during AgriTalk where they were addressed by U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-TX), U.S.

House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson (D-MN), Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Senator Roy Blunt, and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), and the state Farm Bureau presidents from Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Texas. President Kevin Paap as chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Trade Advisory Committee focused his comments on the importance of trade.

In addition, while in D.C. AFBF staff and D.C. Central Farm Bureau members met with Kitchen.



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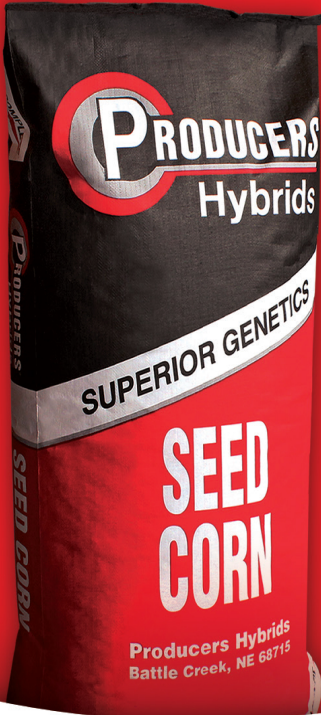
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Community Calendar



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Youth will be scattering around Blooming Prairie City Park on Saturday to find all the Easter eggs they can during the annual Blooming Prairie Women of Today's Easter Egg Hunt. Start time is 11 a.m.

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- April 1:**
10:30 a.m. BL Story time
6:30 p.m. Lions Club
April 2:
12 p.m. American Legion
April 4:
11 a.m. WT Easter Egg Hunt, BP City Park
April 6:
7 p.m. WT General Mtg, Lutheran Church
April 7:
7:30 p.m. Eastern Star
April 8:
10:30 a.m. BL Story time
4:30 p.m. EDA Mtg

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7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
April 6:
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center EllndI
April 7:
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North EllndI

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Kids 10 and under are invited to enjoy candy, fun and win lots of prizes.

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- April 2:**
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
April 3:
11 a.m. Red Cross Blood Donation, Lowe's
April 6:
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
1 p.m. Owatonna, Woman's Club bridge group, SeniorPlace
April 7:
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall

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7 p.m. Medford Park Board
April 2:
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April 6:
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April 7:
7 p.m. Medford Park Brd
April 8:
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg

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IN BRIEF

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Artists can pick up entry forms at the Owatonna Arts Center during regular business hours, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. The Owatonna Arts Center is closed on Monday.

Exhibitors must be residents of Steele County or members of the Owatonna Arts Center and be at least 18 years old.

Artists may submit up to three original pieces that have been created in the past year. Works can be in media, oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, pastel, crayon and sculpture.

SPOT LIGHT

55+ Driver Improvement

The Minnesota State Highway Safety Center is offering a 55+ Driver Improvement Course on April 20 at Blooming Prairie High School.

The 4-hour refresher course will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Driver Improvement Course is open to the public. Pre-registration is required. A Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center certified instructor teaches this class.

For more information or to register call toll free at 1-888-234-1294.

OTHER COUNTIES

- Mower**
April 1:
Austin PS No School
Spring Story and Writing Week, Austin Public Library
1st Responders Meeting, Lyle
10:30 a.m. Crafting Stories, Austin Public Library
11:15 a.m. Back Packer Book Club, Austin Public Library
11:30 a.m. Lyle SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
12:30 p.m. Stories and Crafts, Austin Public Library
April 2:
Austin PS No School
Spring Story and Writing Week, Austin Public Library
10:30 a.m. Crafting Stories, Austin Public Library
10:30 a.m. Storytime, Austin Public Library
12:30 p.m. Stories and Crafts, Austin Public Library
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market - Canceled
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
6 p.m. Ducks Unlimited Sportsmen's Night Out, Austin Holiday Inn
April 3:
Austin PS No School
10 a.m. Open Studio, Austin ArtWorks Center
10 a.m. StoryTime! :) Grand Meadow Public Library
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
5 p.m. ART for Autism Show Opening Night, Austin ArtWorks Center
5 p.m. Open Studio at the Austin ArtWorks Center, Austin ArtWorks Center
April 4:
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market
9 a.m. Masonic Pancake Feed, Austin Masonic Lodge
April 5:
10:30 a.m. Grand Easter Brunch, Austin Holiday Inn Conference Center
1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
April 6:
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market - Canceled
7 p.m. Brownsdale City Council Mtg
April 7:
1 p.m. Mower Co Brd of Commissioners Mtg
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
April 8:
Lyle City Council Meeting
11:15 a.m. Back Packer Book Club, Austin Public Library
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle

- Freeborn**
April 1:
AL HS Choir Trip
AL PS No School
7:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Mtg, AL EDA
April 2:
AL HS Choir Trip
AL PS No School
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
6 p.m. ALPL Night-Time Story time
April 3:
AL PS No School
6 p.m. AL Rock Climbing Gym
April 4:
6 p.m. AL Rock Climbing Gym
April 6:
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
3:45 p.m. ALPL Book Pals (Gr 5 & 6)
5 p.m. AL PS School Brd Mtg, Brd Rm, Brookside Education Cntr
7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers

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3rd Judicial District

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Steele County on which delinquent real property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Steele County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested persons must either pay the tax and penalty plus interest and costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by April 20, 2015, stating the reason why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and cost.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 11, 2015. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five-weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a Confession of Judgment as an alternative method of paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund which you owe delinquent property tax.

TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH INTEREST AND COSTS MUST BE ADDED TO PAY THE TAX IN FULL, CONTACT THE STEELE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, STEELE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 630 FLORENCE AVE., OWATONNA, MINNESOTA 55060. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (507) 444-7410.

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SHIRLEY E HOEVE 3511 SE 128TH ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	01-018-4401 SECT- 18 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 COM NW COR TH E 583.40' TO BEG TH E437.60' S298.65' W437.80' N298.65' TO BEG	303.00 50.30 8.33 361.63
O-RAYMOND A HOFIUS & ELIZABETH		
ANTONIO & HAILIE SINGLETON 11412 SW 42ND AVE ELLENDALE MN 56026	03-001-2101 SECT- 01 TWP- 105 RNG- 21 COM. 24 R. S OF NE COR. OF SE1/4 W 10 R-S 16 R-E 10 R-N 16 R-TO BEG. FORMERLY DIST#86	409.00 77.26 11.66 497.92
GREGORY M & MARY LINDHOLM 2803 S MAIN AVE SIOUX FALLS SD 57105-4824	04-019-3302 SECT- 19 TWP- 106 RNG- 19 COM SW COR SW1/4 TH N 11.5 RODS E 7 RODS S 11.5 RODS W 7 RODS TO BEG	10.00 21.00 0.28 31.28
RUTH AHLBORN LIFE ESTATE 5049 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD 45 OWATONNA MN 55060	05-003-4000 SECT- 03 TWP- 106 RNG- 20 NW1/4 AND 50R OF NE1/4 EX COM NW COR OF NW1/4 E1061' S306' N82°42'05"W771.40' S105.06' W295.85' N313.06' TO BEG	2,762.00 296.20 75.96 3,134.16
O-CAROL SUE AHLBORN & SEAN HUGHES		
RUTH AHLBORN 5049 S COUNTY RD 45 OWATONNA MN 55060	05-004-2203 SECT- 04 TWP- 106 RNG- 20 BEG 791' N OF SE COR SE1/4 OF SE1/4 TH W80R S20R E80R N20R TO BEG EXCEPT COM 296' N OF SE COR SE1/4 TH W336' N4' W251' N368.75' E587' S372.75' TO BEG	127.00 32.70 3.49 163.19
WILLOW RIDGE FARM LLC 2300 BOULDER RIDGE LN WOODBURY MN 55125	05-025-2100 SECT- 25 TWP- 106 RNG- 20 N 1/2 OF SE1/4 EX CON NE COR OF SE1/4 S364.73' TO POB S738.86' S75°0620"W487.47' N83°58'41"W 148.96' N38°41'44"W280.07' N238.16'N85°55'24"W122.13' N4°37'24"E89.06 N948'33"E121.04' N45°01'36"E191.63' S80°27'18"E267.84' S68°08'08"E229.03' S88°26'00"E552.21' TO POB	1,184.00 138.40 32.56 1,354.96
DON C & MENTA K MACY 9418 LEMOND ROAD ELLENDALE MN 56026	06-007-1202 SECT- 07 TWP- 106 RNG- 21 BEG SW COR E1/2 OF NE1/4 SEC 7, TH N ALG W LN 1320', E PAR TO S LN 495', S 1320' TO S LN OF E1/2 OF NE1/4, TH W 495' TO BEG.	1,621.00 182.10 44.58 1,847.68
CRAIG N & ANNE E BLOUIN 6932 SW 75TH ST ELLENDALE MN 56026	06-015-3402 SECT- 15 TWP- 106 RNG- 21 COM SW COR OF N1/2 SW1/4 E1201.64' TO POB N1°41'53"W17412' N19°39'20"E102.81' N42°03'49"E134.17' N4°47'41"W71.07' N4°47°41"W275.02' TO CT LN OF DITCH S33°56'E248.13' S61°03'E142.69' S30°10'E131.51' W570.03' TO POB	425.84 62.58 11.71 500.13
NICHOLAS J SCHLEICHER 6949 SW 102ND AVENUE ELLENDALE MN 56026	06-018-4101 SECT- 18 TWP- 106 RNG- 21 BEG AT SW COR OF N1/2 OF NW1/4, TH ELY 1257.9', N 309.3', E 147.8', N 831.7 FT, W 503.7', S 1096', W 902', S 45 FT.	1,690.00 189.00 4.648 1,925.48
STATE OF MINNESOTA DNR DIVISION OF LAND & MINERALS ATTN: TAX SPECIALIST 500 LAFAYETTE ROAD, BOX 45 ST PAUL MN 55155	08-029-1300 SECT- 29 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 W47 AC OF FOLLOWING- S1/2 OF NE1/4 AND E40R OF S10R OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 EX 10.7 AC TO HWY #35 AND EX 3 AC SWLY OF RIVER	1,646.00 250.44 46.91 1,943.35
PHILLIP D & KAY I PETERSON 4096 HWY 218 OWATONNA MN 55080	08-036-1301 SECT- 36 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM NW COR S1/2 OF NE1/4 S483' E281' N439' E1743.76' N29°51'50"W 50.75' W1999.44' TO BEG	599.96 80.00 16.50 696.46
ROBERT W & PAMELA J BLACK 3743 NE 46TH ST OWATONNA MN 55080	10-030-4101 SECT- 30 TWP- 108 RNG- 19 COM NW COR OF NW1/4 E851' TO PT OF BEG TH S426' E1023' N TO N LINE OF SECTION TH W TO BEG	26.00 22.60 0.72 49.32
TAMERA L WELLER 8549 COUNTY ROAD 45 N MEDFORD MN 55049	11-005-1101 SECT- 05 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 THAT PT LYING W OF RR: COM 17R 8 LINK W OF NE COR OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4 TH W TO E LN RR R/W SELY ALG RW TO PT 595.1' S OF N LN OF SEC E TO IRON PIPE IN CTR HWY NELY	184.80 24.08 5.08 213.96

DARREN D HAGEN 5442 COUNTY ROAD 45 NORTH MEDFORD MN 55049	12-105-0004 SECT- 21 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 PARCEL 4 STEELE CO R/W PLAT #11	32.00 23.20 0.88 56.08 *****
THOMAS W PFLIBSEN PO BOX 30 OWATONNA MN 55060	13-027-3200 SECT- 27 TWP- 108 RNG- 21 SE1/4 OF SW1/4	1,842.00 204.20 50.66 2,096.86 *****
BAERBEL D OLSON 274 SW 3RD ST BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-025-3030 SECT- 25 TWP- 105 RNG- 19 COM 300' W OF NW COR LT 6, BLK 8 TO PT OF BEG; W 100', S 150', E 100', N 150' TO BEG BEING PT OF SE1/4 OF SW1/4	353.24 55.32 9.71 418.27 *****
O-STATE OF MINNESOTA SR CIT DEF		
CHRISTOPHER J JOHNSON 230 4TH AVE NE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-103-0601 BRAINERD BLK 6 BRAINERDS ADDITION COM 130' S OF NE COR BLK 6 TH S50' TH W TO E LN OF RAILWAY ST TH NWLY ALG SAID STREET TO A PT DUE W	330.37 60.05 9.42 399.84 *****
MARTHA SKOGEBO TRUSTEE OF THE JUDITH K KOLLAR FAMILY TRUST 327 NW 3RD STREET BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-104-0204 BELL & MEEHANS BLK.2 BELL & MEEHANS LOT 4	620.49 82.05 17.06 719.60 *****
LARRY W LINDQUIST 193 8TH ST NW BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-114-0204 HANSENS HEIGHTS BLK 2 LOT 4 & E30' OF LOT 3 HANSEN HEIGHTS BL PR	909.00 110.90 25.00 1,044.90 *****
JASON L & KAYLENE R JENSEN 521 MEMORIAL DRIVE SW BLOOMING PRAIRIE MN 55917	14-123-0209 S/T/R 36-105-19 LOT/BK 009-002 BLK 2 LOT 9 PRAIRIE ADDITION #2	1,862.00 206.20 51.21 2,119.41 *****
RENEE JANE WESTON PO BOX 562 ELLENDALE MN 56026	15-100-0603 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 6 LOT 3 EX E6"	968.00 116.80 26.62 1,111.42 *****
MARK A MISGEN & SARA E DEGEN-MISGEN 14356 SW 42ND AVE ELLENDALE MN 56026	15-101-1401 FIRST RR ADDITION BLK 14 LOTS 1 & 2 FIRST RAILWAY ADDN	396.00 75.44 11.29 482.73 *****
MARY L JENO % DENNIS & MARY KRAMER 417 S MAIN ST PO BOX 275 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-008-2014 SECT- 08 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 N66° OF E180° OF LOT 15	784.00 98.40 21.56 903.96 *****
DENNIS E & MARY L KRAMER 417 S MAIN ST P O BOX 275 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-008-2024 SECT- 08 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 S6° OF N72° OF E180° OF LOT 15	6.00 20.60 0.17 26.77 *****
JOHN W & DALARE M DELANEY 115 SUNRISE DR PO BOX 195 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-100-3416 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK. 34 E 58' LOT 16	861.00 106.10 23.68 990.78 *****
JOHN WAYNE BUSBY 105 W CENTRAL AVE PO BOX 7 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-0801 JOHNSON & COMPANY BLK.8 JOHNSON & CO. ADD. LOTS 1-2-3-4	24.33 22.43 0.67 47.43 *****
DEAN D & VALERIE J ELZEN 116 NW 1ST STREET MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-0805 JOHNSON & COMPANY BLK 8 JOHNSON & CO. ADD. LOTS 5-6-7-8-9-10	692.00 89.20 19.03 800.23 *****
JOHN P ROSS P O BOX 147 MEDFORD MN 55049	16-101-1304 JOHNSON & COMPANY BLK. 13 JOHNSON & CO ADD. E1/2 OF LOTS 3 & 4	473.00 67.30 13.01 553.31 *****
PAUL A BEISER & VIRGINIA SOTO-BEISER 555 OAKLAND PATH MEDFORD MN 55049	16-115-0004 SECT- 09 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 OUTLOT D OAKRIDGE BLUFFS 4TH ADDN	280.00 59.20 7.98 347.18 *****
JUAN J & JILL M DELEON 320 6TH STREET SE MEDFORD MN 55049	16-115-0103 SECT- 09 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 BLK 1 LOT 3 OAKRIDGE BLUFFS 4TH ADDN	1,637.00 183.70 45.02 1,865.72 *****
FRANCIS S PANOS 516 W CENTRAL AVE MEDFORD MN 55049	16-124-0102 SECT- 08 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 BLK 1 LOT 2 PANOS ADDITION	932.00 150.48 26.56 1,109.04 *****
STANLEY ENNIS 1735 BIGELOW RD OWATONNA MN 55060	17-003-2104 SECT- 03 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 LOT 10 OF SUBLOT 8 OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4	1,972.00 217.20 54.23 2,243.43 *****
BMG ENTERPRISES, LLC 3035 NE 3RD AVE OWATONNA MN 55060-3447	17-003-2304 SECT- 03 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BEG. 33' E. & 313.5' N. OF SW COR. OF SE1/4 E.75'-S.100'-W.75'-N.100' TO BEG.	1,185.45 185.96 33.79 1,405.20 *****
JOSEPH A SAMPSON 531 S LINCOLN OWATONNA MN 55060	17-010-2101 SECT- 10 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 NE1/4 OF SE1/4 LYING BETWEEN RR R/W S	4,580.00 661.20 130.53 5,371.73 *****
DANIEL LARSCHIED 327 N 54TH AVE #8 DULUTH MN 55807	17-010-3217 SECT- 10 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 E.4R. OF LOT 10 IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4	2,300.00 342.00 65.55 2,707.55 *****
O-RONALD G DAGIT & SHIRLEY PICHNER TRUSTEES 2025 LACASA LN SE OWATONNA MN 55060		
MICHAEL P GRAHAM 1020 REED AVE FARIBAULT MN 55021	17-010-3223 SECT- 10 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM 8 3/4 RODS W OF NE COR L5 IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4 SEC 10 TH W 3 1/4 RODS S 8 RODS E 3 1/4 RODS N 8 RODS TO PLACE OF BEG	171.22 29.80 4.88 205.90 *****
BETTE A ANDERSON P O BOX 477 NEW RICHLAND MN 56072-0477	17-016-2039 SECT- 16 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM. 18R. E & 2R. S. OF NW COR. L.4 E & W. 5R. X N & S. 18R. IN SE1/4	851.00 105.10 23.40 979.50 *****
DONALD & JANICE VAN SICKLE PO BOX 764 OWATONNA MN 55060	17-016-2049 SECT- 16 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 COM 8 RODS E & 2 RODS S OF NW COR LOT 4 IN SE1/4 TH S18 RODS E 4 RODS N18 RODS W4 RODS EX N117' AND THAT PART OF W8 RODS OF N1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 LYING E OF HWY #65	1,854.00 279.56 52.84 2,186.40 *****
SUSAN M SIMON 206 BARNEY STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-016-2119 SECT- 16 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BEG. 82' W. OF SE COR. L.3 IN SE1/4 N.132'-W.50'-S.132'-E.50' TO BEG.	1,026.00 163.64 29.24 1,218.88 *****
MB, LLC 203 ELM ST N OWATONNA MN 55060	17-100-1102 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 11 S1/2 OF LOTS 1 & 2 EX E62' OF S66' OF L 2 ORIG TN	3,086.00 452.04 87.95 3,625.99 *****
ANITA MEYER 216 GROVE AVE S OWATONNA MN 55060	17-100-1410 ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 14 N1/2 OF LOTS 10&11 ORIG TOWN	867.00 106.70 23.84 997.54 *****
DANIELLE DALEN 116 PHELPS STREET E OWATONNA MN 55060	17-101-0117 PHELPS ADDITION BLK 1 W 1/2 OF LOT 9 PHELPS	590.36 70.54 16.24 677.14 *****
O-KENNETH H SNOW JR & GAYLE L 4267 N COUNTY RD 45 OWATONNA MN 55060		
BBMM, LLP 960 BRAE BURN PLACE NE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-101-0519 PHELPS ADDITION BLK 5 N 5R OF LOTS 9 & 10 & COM NW COR L10 N8.25' E15R S8.25' W15' TO BEG EX COM 5R N & 1R W OF SE COR LR WAR N9' E4' S9' TO BEG	3,878.00 562.92 110.52 4,551.44 *****
BROOKE G BULVER 1031 CEDAR AVE S OWATONNA MN 55060	17-101-1215 PHELPS ADDITION BLK 12 W 15R OF N 1/2 OF LOT 2 EX E 52.5' PHELPS	430.00 63.00 11.83 504.83 *****

DAVID J FONNER 318 MAPLE AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-108-0314 E. ABBOTTS # 2 BLK.3 S.4R. OF LOT 14 E. ABBOTTS 2ND	589.00 102.46 16.79 708.25 *****
DANIEL LARSCHIED 327 N 54TH AVE #8 DULUTH MN 55807	17-108-0326 E. ABBOTTS # 2 BLK.3 N.50' OF L.26 EX. E.7' OF N.50' E. ABBOTTS 2ND	1,352.00 209.28 38.53 1,599.81 *****
O-RONALD G DAGIT & SHIRLEY A PICHNER TRUSTEES 2025 LACASA LANE SE OWATONNA MN 55060		
TIMOTHY MUELLER & DAWN LIPELT 216 W BRIDGE ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-109-0107 ABBOTTS BLK.1 LOT 7 ABBOTTS	1,998.00 299.72 56.94 2,354.66 *****
O-MARSHALL W WRIGHT JR & DAVID J DOMBROCK 5351 ELKTON TRAIL FARIBAULT MN 55021		
MELBA L MCKINSTRY 650 EL DORADO ST SE APT 357 OWATONNA MN 55060	17-113-0210 MERRILL ODELL BLK.2 E. 66' OF S. 135' OF LOT 5 MERRILL ODELLS	434.00 63.40 11.94 509.34 *****
GERALD W & ARLENE L ERICKSON 159 NW 22ND ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-119-0110 RIVERSIDE BLK 1 LOT 8 RIVERSIDE	1,282.00 199.48 36.54 1,518.02 *****
ELAINE E JOHNSON 333 STATE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-119-1110 RIVERSIDE BLK 11 LOT 9 RIVERSIDE	428.00 62.80 11.77 502.57 *****
LAURA & RAJ ANDY CHARLES 398 GLENDALE STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-119-1411 BLK 14 E 54' OF S 8R OF LOT 5 RIVERSIDE	677.77 110.89 19.32 807.98 *****
DANIEL LARSCHIED 327 N 54TH AVE #8 DULUTH MN 55807	17-122-0306 DARTT BLK.3 LOT 6 DARTTS	1,462.00 224.68 41.67 1,728.35 *****
O-MICHAEL J & SARA C HEISE 503 GUNNAR LANE ELLENDALE MN 56026		
JAMES A & RITA A BERNING 436 N PINE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-122-0509 DARTT BLK.5 LOT 8 & N1/2 ROD LOT 9 DARTTS	490.62 63.66 13.49 567.97 *****
KAREN LYNN CORDS ET AL 224 SOUTHVIEW OWATONNA MN 55060	17-128-0209 BURKE BLK.2 LOT 8 BURKES	1,846.00 204.60 50.77 2,101.37 *****
DAVID A HISSAM 641 EAST VINE STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-129-0110 DARTT'S # 2 BLK.1 LOT 10 DARTTS 2ND	696.00 117.44 19.84 833.28 *****
DAVID A HISSAM 641 EAST VINE STREET OWATONNA MN 55060	17-129-0307 DARTT'S # 2 BLK.3 LOT 7 DARTTS 2ND	933.37 113.34 25.67 1,072.38 *****
RICHARD J & CYNTHIA K FEDDER 440 DARTT AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-129-0506 DARTT'S # 2 BLK.5 LOT 3 DARTTS 2ND	1,480.00 227.20 42.18 1,749.38 *****
CRAIG W & MARY J SCHWARTZ 534 ACADEMY ST E OWATONNA MN 55060	17-136-0206 REPLAT OF HIGHLAND PARK - CHAMBERS BLK.2 LOT 6 RE-PLAT OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDN	1,361.00 210.54 38.79 1,610.33 *****
ANDREW C COLWELL PO BOX 54 MEDFORD MN 55049	17-147-0203 SPRINGER BLK 2 LOT 3 SPRINGERS	1,652.00 251.28 47.08 1,950.36 *****
DONOVAN HART 321 BARNEY ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-159-0102 SOUTHSIDE SUBDIVISION BLK 1 LOT 2 EX S 15' SOUTH SIDE SUB	1,292.00 149.20 35.53 1,476.73 *****
NICKLAUS LARSON 626 SE 15TH ST OWATONNA MN 55060	17-200-0111 TOWN & COUNTRY BLK 1 LOT 10 EXCEPT THE W19' LOT 11 EXCEPT THE E67' TOWN AND COUNTRY ADDN	2,198.00 239.80 60.45 2,498.25 *****
MARK A & RANAE M BREON 1223 NE 8TH AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-229-0102 SCHULTZ BLK 1 LOT 2 SCHULTZ	701.00 90.10 19.28 810.38 *****
HARRIET L COLE 1816 NE 7TH AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-242-0206 MATHEWS BLK 2 LOT 6 MATHEWS ADDN.	1,898.00 209.80 52.20 2,160.00 *****
TRISHA JANE NELSON 1860 BIGELOW AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-259-0203 RAY NELL BLK 2 LOT 3 RAYNELL	1,349.77 149.74 37.03 1536.54 *****
JULIEANN EMMA ESTELLE MATTER 404 4TH AVE NW AUSTIN MN 55912	17-292-0108 CHERRY HILL BLK 1 LOT 8 CHERRY HILL ADDN	2,218.00 330.52 63.21 2,611.73 *****
WESTWOOD APTS OF OWATONNA LLC 1108 6TH ST NE WASECA MN 56093	17-296-0102 CEDAR HILLS ESTATES BLK 1 E 176' OF LOT 2 EX BEG NW COR L2, S TO SW COR L2, E68', N37', W18', N TO N LN L2, W ALG N LN TO PT OF BEG CEDAR HILLS	1,245.94 179.75 34.90 1,460.59 *****
PAMELA MARIE KLAGES 2215 CONDOR PLACE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-309-0111 MATHEWS # 2 BLK 1 LOT 11 MATHEWS 2	876.00 107.60 24.09 1,007.69 *****
STANLEY G STANTON & DEE ANNA K 505 HILLTOP OWATONNA MN 55060	17-317-0401 RADEL'S COUNTRY CLUB BLK 4 LOT 1 RADELS COUNTRY CLUB	1,478.00 167.80 40.65 1,686.45 *****
JEFFREY A LENSER 1636 ST PAUL RD OWATONNA MN 55060	17-336-0201 HEERS # 4 ALL TH PT LOT 8 BLK 2 HEERS ADDN NO 4 LYING S OF FOLLOWING DESC LN: COM SE COR LOT 8 TH N67°53'29" W95.93' TO TPOB TH TERMINATING AND LOT 1 BLK 2 LYING S OF THE N13' OF LOT 1 & ALL TH PT LOT 9 BLK 2 DESC BY:BEG NE COR LOT 9 TH N67°53'29" W95.93' S75.97'E88.88' N40' TO BEG HEERS ADDITION NO.4	1,702.00 190.20 46.81 1,939.01 *****
RACHEL A GOODWIN 2640 NE 7TH AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-480-0503 SECT- 34 TWP- 108 RNG- 20 BLK 5 LOT 3 WILLOWBROOK ADDITION	1,047.00 114.70 28.79 1,190.49 *****
ROBERT I & DIANNE G DUFFEE 1725 WOODLAWN AVE OWATONNA MN 55060	17-506-0103 SECT- 04 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BLK 1 LOT 3 BRECK ADDN	452.00 83.28 12.86 548.16 *****
UNITED PRAIRIE BANK 10 FIRESTONE DRIVE SUITE 200 MANKATO MN 56001	17-573-0213 SECT- 12 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BLK 2 LOT NORTH COUNTRY ADDN	534.00 1394.76 15.22 643.98 *****
UNITED PRAIRIE BANK 10 FIRESTONE DRIVE SUITE 200 MANKATO MN 56001	17-573-0214 SECT- 12 TWP- 107 RNG- 20 BLK 2 LOT NORTH COUNTRY ADDN	534.00 1494.76 15.22 643.98 *****

Steele County Notice of Delinquent Taxes continued

4,748.00	HUSKY CAR & PET WASH, INC	17-574-1006 SECT- 34	TWP- 108	RNG- 20	
684.72	130 HICKORY LANE NE	BLK 10 LOT 6 & ALL TH PT OF LOT 5 LYING N			
135.32	OWATONNA MN 55060	OF FOLL: COM NW COR LOT 5 TH S02°33'37"			
5,568.04		W44.99° TO TPOB TH E146.11° TO E LN LOT 5			
		& THERE TERMINATING NORTH BLUFF ESTATES			

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RNG- 20	1,098.00	10 FIRESTONE DRIVE		BLK 1 LOT 3	
	173.72	SUITE 200		NORTH COUNTRY	
ADDN #2	31.29	MANKATO MN 56001			
	1,303.01				

12 TWP- 107	RNG- 20	1,100.00	10 FIRESTONE DRIVE	17-582-0104 SECT-	
BLK 1 LOT 4		174.00	SUITE 200		
NORTH COUNTRY ADDN #2		31.35	MANKATO MN 56001		
		1,305.35			

17-582-0202 SECT- 12	TWP- 107	RNG- 20	1,076.00	UNITED PRAIRIE BANK	
BLK 2 LOT 2			170.64	10 FIRESTONE DRIVE	
NORTH COUNTRY ADDN #2			30.67	SUITE 200	
			1,277.31	MANKATO MN 56001	

BANK	17-582-0404 SECT- 12	TWP- 107	RNG- 20	1,070.00	10
FIRESTONE DRIVE		BLK 4 LOT 4			169.80
SUITE 200		NORTH COUNTRY ADDN #2			30.50
MANKATO MN 56001					1,270.30

UNITED PRAIRIE BANK	17-582-0407 SECT- 12	TWP- 107	RNG- 20	1,070.00	
10 FIRESTONE DRIVE		BLK 4 LOT 7			169.80
SUITE 200		NORTH COUNTRY ADDN #2			30.50
MANKATO MN 56001					1,270.30

TAILWIND OWATONNA LLC	17-629-0101 SECT- 16	TWP- 107	RNG- 20	3,110.00	
530 S FRONT STREET		BLK 1 LOT 1			455.40
SUITE 100		OAK AVENUE COMMONS ADDITION			88.64
MANKATO MN 56001					3,654.04

TAILWIND OWATONNA LLC	7-629-0102 SECT- 16	TWP- 107	RNG- 20	10,408.00	
530 S FRONT STREET		BLK 1 LOT 2			1,477.12
SUITE 100		OAK AVENUE COMMONS ADDITION			296.63
MANKATO MN 56001					12,181.75

STATE OF MINNESOTA) ss
COUNTY OF STEELE)

Laura Ihrke, being the County Auditor of Steele County, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on the 2nd day of February, 2015, she mailed the notice and the pertinent portion of the list of real estate remaining delinquent in Steele County on the first Monday of January, 2014, to those parties named in the pertinent portion of the list by placing a true and correct copy of the pertinent portion of the list in an envelope addressed to them as shown in said list and depositing the same with postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mails at Owatonna, Minnesota.

Laura Ihrke
County Auditor

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 2nd day of February, 2015.

Jodelle Hartle, Notary Public

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AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No 74-PR-15-576

NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION
OR HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of
Jesse B. Pike, Jr.,
Decedent

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 adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of P. Kelley Giblein, whose address is 1720 Brant Circle, Eagan, MN, 55122 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 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:
2015.03.19

BY THE COURT

Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court

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14-098978 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.

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Dated: February 16, 2015
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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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

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: 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

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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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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.

"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: March 9, 2015
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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Foreclosure

13-093361 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: \$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 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) 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

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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Foreclosure

15-099841

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 15, 2003
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$140,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): James E. Hougas and Colleen E. Hougas, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 24, 2003, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T 52675
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 20, Block 1, Tricentennial Addition
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1065 Barney Street, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-334-0120 COT# 14595
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$115,849.24
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 19, 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 19, 2015, or the next business day if November 19, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 26, 2015
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Diaper Bank now available for Steele County families in need

A new community resource which provides an emergency supply of diapers for children (newborn through age three) is now available for residents living in Steele County. The Diaper Bank, founded in 2014 by the My Baby and Me committee of the Owatonna Hospital Foundation, was developed to help meet the needs of families with young children who are living in poverty or experiencing a crisis. Local diaper distribution sites include The Salvation Army and Steele County Food Shelf.

“According to the National Diaper Bank Network, an adequate supply of diapers can cost over \$100 per month. Publicly-funded programs such as SNAP (Supplemental, Nutritional, Assistance Program) and WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) don’t cover the cost of diapers. Using the alternative cloth diapers can become burdensome for families living in poverty, as most coin-operated laundromats do not allow customers to wash cloth diapers for health and sanitary reasons.

What makes this option even less realistic is that a vast majority of licensed day care centers don’t accept cloth diapers, and require parents and caregivers to provide a steady supply of disposable diapers.

To be eligible to access the Diaper Bank, each applicant shall meet the following criteria:

- show proof of residency in Steele County
- child is under three years of age
- parent to sign a product liability waiver
- meet WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines, including proof of income (pay stubs, WIC vouchers, or Medical Assistance card)
- receive a referral letter from an approved agency (see list of approved agencies.)

Additional information:

- If a family experiences a traumatic life event such as fire or natural disaster, they are able to access the Diaper Bank without meeting income guidelines.
- Each family may access the Diaper Bank up to two times in a 12 month period, per child depending upon availability.

“Support from the community is so important,” says Natalie Ginter, director of Community Engagement and Development for Owatonna Hospital. “We’re able to purchase diapers at a discounted rate through our local Cash Wise and Faraway Foods stores because we are buying in bulk; this helps us stretch donations and in turn allows us to help more families.”

To support the Diaper Bank:

- Tax-deductible financial donations can be sent to the Owatonna Hospital Foundation, 2250 NW 26th Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.
- A Stuff-a-Truck community diaper drive event is being planned to occur in June.

To receive a referral letter to access the Diaper Bank, please visit one of the approved Diaper Bank referral agencies. A list of referral agencies can be found in the Diaper Bank brochure on allinahealth.org/owatonna Foundation.

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Independent School District #756

Invitation For Proposals For Transportation Services Pursuant to M.S.123B.52, subd. 3

Notice Is Hereby Given that sealed proposals will be received by Independent School District #756 located at 202 4th Avenue NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 until 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2015, for the purchase of Transportation Services commencing with school year 2015-2016.

At that time authorized persons of Independent School District #756 will review proposals, make recommendations and schedule interviews, if necessary, prior to the regularly scheduled School Board meeting of May 18, 2015.

General specifications may be obtained by contacting Barry Olson, Superintendent of Schools, located at the above address or by calling 507-583-4426, ext. 227.

Questions regarding specifications will be answered through the close of business on April 15, 2015.

Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered in an envelope clearly marked “Transportation Services Quotation for Independent School District #756” to Barry Olson, Superintendent of Schools, at the above address.

Independent School District #756 reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities therein, and further reserves the right to award a contract that is in the best interest of Independent School District #756.

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When the IRS issued its first warning in March 2014, the agency called it the largest telephone tax scam ever. Things got worse as the year progressed, with scammers tweaking the calls to continue to trap victims. Tax experts also say they expect taxpayer confusion about claiming or reconciling the health care premium tax credit to spur a new round of scams. So, be on guard in 2015 for new and old illegal attempts to take your identity and tax money.

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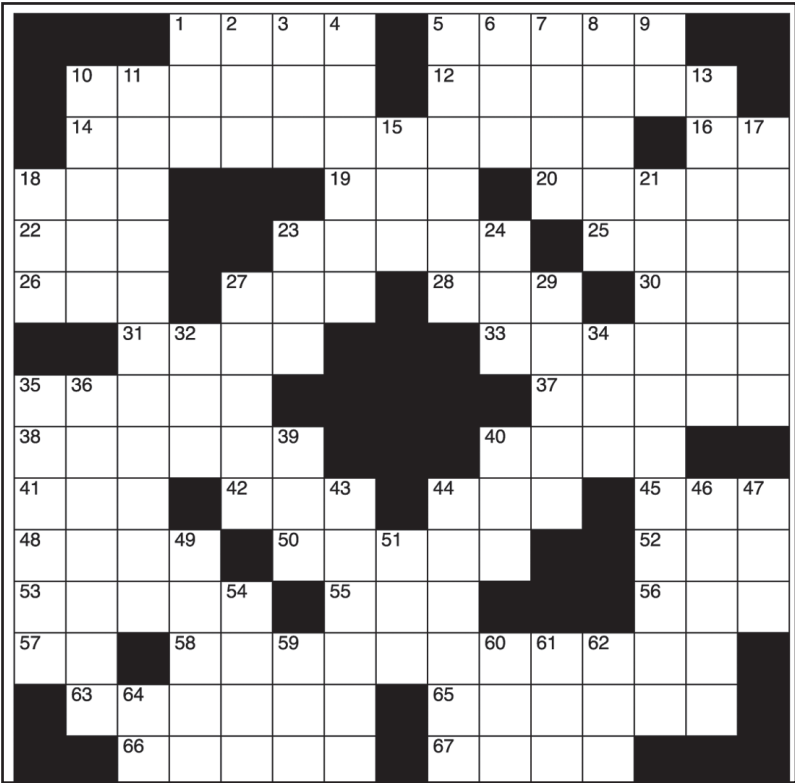
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CLUES ACROSS

- Piece attached on one side
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Oblong cream puff
- Czar nation
- Jump rope fast
- Ma's partner
- Ink writing implement
- Wet spongy ground
- "Gunga Din" screenwriter
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Strode
- Former ruler of Iran
- Provide with a top
- Chit
- Actor DeLuise
- Point midway between E and SE
- S.E. Asian nation
- Protein basis of cheese
- 1976 Music Pulitzer Ned
- Belonging to Mrs. Parks
- Tooth covering
- Satisfy fully
- Animal companion
- Fix conclusively
- 7th day (abbr.)
- Pouch
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Fastened with adhesive or masking
- Don't know when yet
- Eagle's nest
- Early modern jazz
- Auricle
- Atomic #81
- Social class of manual laborers
- Groups of regional animals
- Release draft animals
- Musical notations
- Bearing or manner

CLUES DOWN

- Grippe
- Scientific workplace
- Afflict
- Construction of parts off-site
- Cut back shrubs
- Road furrow
- The Nazarene author
- Fire residues
- 3rd tone
- Excessive fluid accumulation
- Fellow plotter
- Inability to use or understand language
- 12th calendar month
- Greek capital
- Communist China
- Philadelphia sandwich
- Neverland's Peter
- Medical man
- Domesticates
- Murdered in his bathtub
- Dreaming sleep state
- Drunkard
- Double
- Of one
- Allow
- Sorrowful
- Dining hall furniture
- Partition between 2 cavities
- Reduce in amount
- Where passengers ride
- Sacred fig tree (alt. sp.)
- Poet Edgar Allan
- Sea eagle of Europe
- An awkward stupid person
- Black tropical American cuckoo
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