



Steele-Freeborn sex sting nets 20 arrests

Most are set to face solicitation charges

By RICK BUSSLER Publisher

An undercover sex sting in Freeborn and Steele counties has resulted in the arrests of 20 people ranging in ages of 26 to 73.

The South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) made the arrests over the past three months in response to human trafficking and related sex crimes. The stings took place Feb. 19 and April 7 in Albert Lea and March 20 in Owatonna. Those arrested in the Albert Lea stings include: Donald Harm Huisen-gay, 62, Coulter, Iowa; Leon James Holst, 60, Dexter; Allen Scott Ras-

mussen, 50, Rochester; Mark Randel Ward, 56, Albertville; Jay Howard Graves, 52, Decorah, Iowa; Kenneth John Bradley, 49, Minneapolis; James Ernest Nylund, 73, Owatonna; Thomas Dale Wicks, 40, Austin; Christopher Edward Wiener, 43, Waseca and Brian Eric Pillard, 53, Lincoln, Nebraska. Authorities made 10 additional arrests during the Owatonna sting, including Steven Ronald Fisher, 58,

Swea City, Iowa; Jesse Allen Woytke, 46, Glencoe; Mark Charles Hinsch, 59, Waltham; Gary John Percival, 28, Roseville; Lee Allen Albertson, 44, Scarville; Robert Philip Parker, 59, Rochester; Franklin Daniel Voeltz, 36, Austin; Rebecca Faye Voeltz, 36, Austin; Lance Dean Madson, 26, Ellendale

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Attorneys to judge: Deny changes

By KAREN JORGENSEN News Editor

Attorneys for Dodge County and Westfield Township farmer Nick Masching told District Court Judge Joseph Chase last week that Lowell and Evelyn Trom's request to amend their original complaint against the defendants should be denied.

Earlier this year the Troms filed an appeal in Dodge County District Court of Dodge County's approval of a conditional use permit for Masching to construct a hog feedlot on property in Westfield Township that is adjacent to the Trom farm.

In early April they filed an amendment to the original complaint seeking to add a challenge to Dodge County's January 2015 revision of the ordinance that regulates conditional use permits in relation to feedlots. It also brought up issues of manure management programs and the Department of Natural Resources recent study of groundwater conditions in Dodge County.

Both sides were in district court in Rochester last Friday as Chase heard arguments for and against letting the amended complaint be accepted. Although it is a Dodge County case, the issue is being tried in Olmsted County before Chase because the county requested that Dodge County District Court Judge Jodi Williamson remove herself from the case. Last November, Williamson ruled that Dodge County had violated sections of its feedlot ordinance in granting Masching's original conditional use permit. She also said that Masching could reapply for the permit if he provided all the documentation required.

He did reapply and a second conditional use permit was granted.

The current court action is an appeal of that second conditional use permit.

Paul Reuvers, representing Dodge County, and Jack Perry, representing Masching, both urged Chase to deny the amended complaint.

In requesting that the judge deny the amended complaint, Reuvers told Chase the court lacked jurisdiction over the matter because the county had not been properly served in a timely manner.

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Teacher evals please districts

By KAREN JORGENSEN News Editor

Almost a full school year into a mandated teacher evaluation process, area school superintendents say they are pleased with the results.

In 2011 Minnesota passed House File No. 26 that revised the teacher evaluation system in the state. The law gave districts the opportunity to develop their own evaluation systems to meet their specific needs or implement a model system developed by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Selected schools participated in a pilot program during the 2013-2014 school year based on the state plan. All districts were to implement their plans in the 2014-2015 school year.

Both Rich Dahman, superintendent in Medford, and Triton Superintendent Brett Joyce said their districts had developed their own plans.

"We decided to work with administrators and teachers to develop our own plan," Dahman said. He said they looked at the state model and incorporated into the local plan what they thought would work.

"I'm very happy with the work the group did," Dahman said.

He said he is most pleased with the part of the plan that involves peer coaching for teachers. The state law requires, he said, that each district have some sort of peer coaching strategy.

The Medford district, he said, decided it would be more valuable if one person was placed into that position and the district moved a teacher into a coaching role.

What the coach does, he said, is to help teachers with setting goals and what their specific needs are determined to be.

"The model is built around continuous improvement," he said. Most of the goals are centered around things that impact student achievement and some are for improving teaching technique, he said.

The evaluation process, he said, is on a three year cycle for tenured teachers who have a formal evaluation once every three

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Planting could beat target goal



Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer

A tractor plants seeds north of Blooming Prairie recently.

Spring seen as better than in previous years

By ALAN VAN ORMER Managing Editor

The target date is April 25 for many farmers and producers in southern Minnesota to start planting this year's crops. The goal is to be done by May 1. And so far the weather is playing its part.

"We're seeing some guys are getting started," said Adam Czech, spokesperson for the Minnesota Corn Growers Association. "I talked to one in Mapleton, west of Blooming Prairie, and he's planting. There have been a lot of activities in fields including prep work and tillage."

Czech said this spring is much better than the last couple of years. "It has been so wet, that they have been waiting until

mid-May, early June to plant," he said. "Preparation and getting into the field is much better than last year."

Minnesota Farm Bureau President Kevin Paap said many are putting on fertilizer that may not have been done last fall. And others are tilling or running a field cultivator ahead of the planter to loosen up the soil. "They don't want rain in between," he said.

And for many, the seed has already been purchased making it available for the planting season. "Most actually purchase at the end of the year or the beginning of the year depending on tax purposes," Paap said.

Right now many farmers and producers are waiting around for the right weather. "The hard part is we don't know what the right weather is," Paap said. "It is just a little early. It is hard for farmers unless they have a lot of acres and need many days to plant."

Technology and farming equipment can plant 200 acres to 300 acres in a day.

Czech added that if the crops can get in

a little earlier there will be better yields. "Hopefully, the moisture comes once they planted at the right time," he said. "The last couple of years it was so wet in the spring, they planted late. Once planted, you cross your fingers to get some rain."

While corns and soybeans will be the top two crops planted, Czech said we are anticipating a drop off in corn. "Projections are showing about the same as it was last year," he said. "Prices are down and it is a tough market, but farmers keep plugging away and hoping to get cooperative weather and returns are better than another year. Those who have been farming for a while and have gone through a tough year, know it is cyclical and can't (over) react to a couple of tough years."

Paap said that farmers see the same every spring. "That's optimism in planting that seed and with the help of good weather, hopefully a bountiful crop," he said. "We're always optimistic to get out here and put the crop in. We certainly are not late."

Sheriff wants more deputies for courthouse



By RICK BUSSLER Publisher

In response to growing concerns across the country regarding courthouse security, the Steele County Sheriff is requesting more manpower.

Sheriff Lon Thiele is making a pitch to add two deputies to his department beginning as early as this summer. The proposal has made its way through two key county committees and now awaits final approval from commissioners at their meeting April 28.

Adding two more licensed deputies would cost the county about \$80,000 in 2015 and \$160,000 in years following, according to county commissioner Corky Ebeling, who heard the sheriff's request in a committee meeting last week. The county is currently operating under the 2015 budget, which does not include any additional staffing for the sheriff's office.

Despite the request coming midway into a budget year, Ebeling called the sheriff's idea "reasonable and much

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Opinion

Our view

Farmers are out in the fields

On Saturday, the weather was nice enough that a few tractors and planters were out in the fields starting spring planting, spreading fertilizer and chiseling up the ground in preparation for the spring planting season.

Many are ahead of the game compared to the last two years. In the last two years the grounds were wet and spring rains didn't help matters much either. While this year the grounds are not as wet as the past two years, farmers and producers are concerned about corn prices. This means that there might be more soybeans planted rather than corn.

At this point, many believe they will be able to get into the fields and get their crops planted by a May 1 deadline. If so, that puts them ahead of last year's planting season and for sure the previous year's planting season.

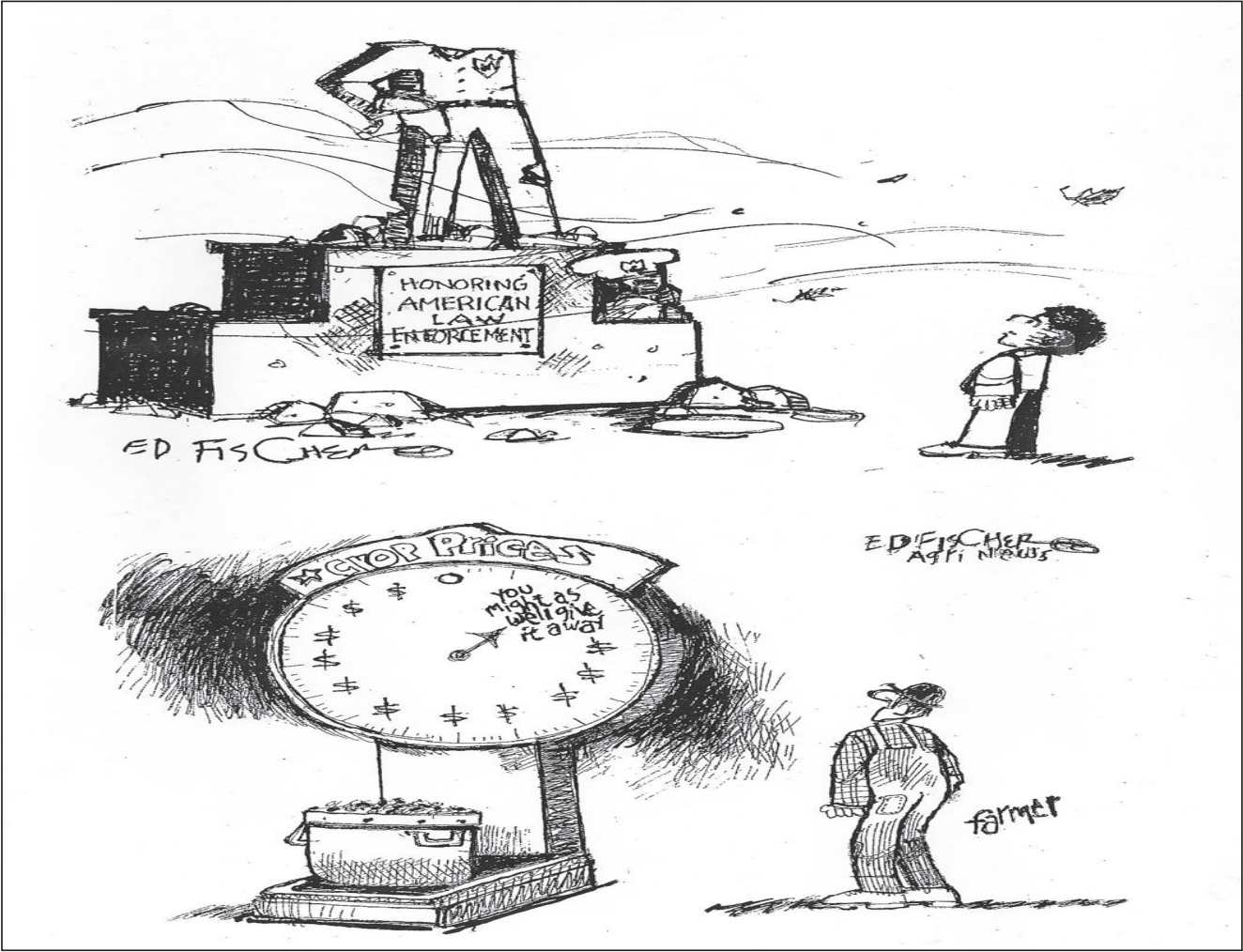
Minnesota Corn Growers Association spokesperson Adam Czech said this spring is much better than the last couple of years. "It has been so wet that they have been waiting until mid-May, early June to plant," he said. "Preparation and getting into the field is much better than last year."

But for many who work in the agricultural community, they say it is just too early to tell about what is going to happen this planting season. Weather always plays a big part in the crops and weather has a big say in what the planting season is going to be like when it gets to harvest season.

Heading into spring, Minnesota Farm Bureau President Kevin Paap said that farmers and producers are optimistic about the planting and harvesting season. They are able to roll with the punches because they have had ups and downs over their years of working the land.

This year will be no different. The planting season might start out just fine, but if there isn't enough rain at certain points of the growing season the crops will stall. And then there are always the prices that determine what kind of overall season that the farmers and producers will see.

But for all farmers and producers there is excitement being generated because it is a new season and many look forward to seeing how it turns out in the end.



Locked up in nation's bloodiest prison

I have a confession. I recently was locked up behind prison bars in a facility that once was deemed the bloodiest 47 acres in America. In fact, it was a family affair as three other members of my family joined me in prison.

It was short lived, however. After three hours of confinement, my family was allowed to leave on good behavior.

I got a taste of a lifestyle that I would never want to ever experience.

My lock up in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in Jefferson City, Missouri, was at my own choosing. You can rest a little easier now knowing that I'm not some ax murderer running around or a crazed robber or kidnapper.

The prison is no longer in operation, at least for locking up criminals. Instead the facility now hosts tours, including ghost tours at night, for those interested in getting a small taste of prison life. At one time, MSP was one of the oldest continuous run lock-up facilities in the country. It opened in 1836 and continued housing prisoners until 2004.



PURSUIT
Rick Bussler

The first prisoner was locked up on the same day the 1836 Battle of the Alamo was fought. At its peak before closing in 2004, the prison housed over 5,200 inmates and once the largest in the country.

The tour includes going through the oldest building built in 1868, dungeon cells, death row and the infamous gas chamber. Missouri began utilizing lethal gas in 1937 for those given death sentences. No less than 40 inmates were put to death in the chamber up until 1989. The mug shots of all those put to death are hanging outside the chamber. It just gives you the chills looking at some of those faces

and knowing that they took another person's life.

We also learned about some of the infamous inmates at the penitentiary over the years. A former Union general, the first train robber, 1930s gangsters, world champion athletes and the assassin that killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. all came through the gates of MSP. Some eventually left the prison for successful careers in the arts, sports and even government while others chose a life of more crime.

Assassin James Earl Ray was serving time in the prison for the 1959 robbery of a St. Louis grocery store. During his eight years in lock up, Ray failed to escape many times before finally succeeding by hiding in a bread box and leaving in a delivery truck. He was on the run for about a year when he shot Dr. King in 1968.

There is rich history scattered throughout the prison yard. The prison saw many deaths, riots, escapes, suicides and terrible fires during its nearly 180 functioning years. The worst riot took place in 1954 when four inmates had been

killed, 50 injured and more than \$5 million in damage had been done to the prison.

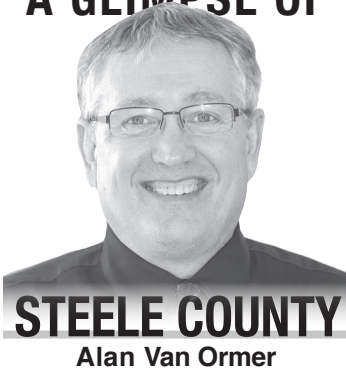
There have been several television shows shot inside the prison in the past decade, including numerous ghost hunting programs. They claim to have witnessed paranormal activity and that the prison is haunted.

I didn't experience anything haunted, but I can assure you I'm not about to stick around for any length of time to find out.

I walked out of the facility just thankful that my parents raised me with strong morals, values and a life of remaining law abiding. The night I spent in jail back home may have helped as well. When I was a teenager, I was locked up for an entire night in the McLeod County Jail when it was newly constructed for a news story. I decided at that time I would never make a good prisoner.

And now decades later, you can still count on me not going in hot pursuit of being a criminal any time soon. Life behind bars does not appeal to me, especially after seeing the bloodiest prison ever.

A GLIMPSE OF



STEELE COUNTY
Alan Van Ormer

Where have the first four months gone?

It's hard to imagine that May 1 will be here in the next two weeks. That means the first four months of 2015 will be history. Where has it gone?

On Saturday, I already saw farmers out in the fields north of Blooming Prairie and west of Waseca. This means farmers and producers are anxious to get the planting completed. The Steele County Times has already received its first 'Fair Talk' from Todd Hale. This means that the Steele County Free Fair will be upon us before you know it.

In the next couple of weeks, students from Steele County and Dodge County schools will be attending their prom and after prom parties. And then a few weeks after that, this year's senior class will be saying goodbye to their communities and heading onto life after high school.

For those who work at the Steele County Times and News Enterprise, the next few months will be the busiest part of our year. In May, we will be putting together a public safety special edition and a graduation special edition. In June, there will be the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July special edition and then in July and August come the county fair special editions that include Mower, Dodge and Steele. Oh and guess what, September will be here once more and we can start thinking about back to school.

Personally, I enjoy this time of the year mostly because of the sunshine and warm days. The warmth feels good on these old bones. It does get hectic on the job, but the group that we have working on these projects makes it fun and enjoyable. And the special editions that we put out are fun to do because we get to meet different types of people from around the communities.

Enjoy the spring and summer months because before you know it we'll be back in school again.

DFL activist Puterbaugh a favorite interviewee

American history has always appealed to me and I can stake a claim to the fact that I have touched history.

My interest in history has been cultivated by my career as a journalist. If it had not been for my newspaper career, I would not have had the chance to have covered public appearances of presidents Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

During the past two years I became a friend of one of my interview subjects, Jack Puterbaugh, a DFL activist of many years. Puterbaugh, a native of Isanti County north of the Twin Cities, loved to tell stories from his personal political history memories.

Puterbaugh, a tall, slender man, died of pneumonia on March 16 at age 89.

I met him during the summer of 2013, when doing a

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and How



Howard Lestrud

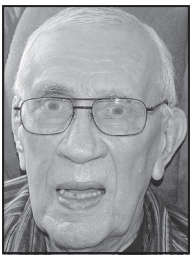
story for a series I was doing for ECM Publishers on the 50th observance of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I had been tipped off that Puterbaugh had been an advance man, traveling to Dallas to select a site for the president's planned speech in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Puterbaugh vividly recalls being in Dallas on that fateful day and riding in a car only six vehicles ahead of the presidential

limousine in President Kennedy's motorcade.

I wrote in my JFK story: "Puterbaugh was about five blocks away in a police vehicle on the Stemmons Freeway when one of the most shocking events in the nation's history occurred. Kennedy and Gov. John Connally were both shot by an assassin who allegedly was perched in a tall building, the Texas School Book Depository Building, on Elm Street. Kennedy was fatally wounded, but Connally survived."

Puterbaugh had been an advance man, because of his DFL Party activism, for two Kennedy visits to Minnesota, one in 1960 and another in 1963. He was selected on the JFK advance detail upon the recommendation of a staff member of former Minnesota Gov.



Puterbaugh

Orville Freeman, serving at the time as Kennedy's secretary of agriculture.

I continue to write in my story on Puterbaugh: "Puterbaugh stayed in Dallas through Nov. 22, the day of Kennedy's visit. He started his day at Love

Field in Dallas. Kennedy and his wife Jackie arrived at about 11:30 a.m. Puterbaugh remembers JFK and Jackie shaking a lot of hands before they departed in a motorcade.

"Puterbaugh said he was amazed by the large crowds of people watching the motorcade as he rode in a police-driven pilot car about five blocks ahead of the presidential limousine. As Puterbaugh's vehicle

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This week's question:

Have you started planting crops?

Yes, and I'm almost done.

No; I have a long way to go.

I'm just getting started.

Last week's question:

Have you or someone you know been affected adversely by drugs or alcohol?

* Yes, I've had struggles now or in the past. 50%

* Yes, I know someone who's had issues. 13%

* No, I haven't seen the effects up close. 38%

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News/Commentary

Extra counselors available following high-schooler’s death

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Extra counseling is available to Bloomington Prairie High School students after a sophomore’s unexpected death last Monday.

The school put its crisis-management plan into effect after the boy’s passing, said Principal Barry Olson.

“When events like this happen, they gather or are called together,” he said of team members. “Then we go through what we are going to do for the kids and

all those involved. We work very closely with the families and the churches that are involved.”

Both counselors and pastors are available to students, he said. Neighboring districts are willing to provide their counselors in case of emergency, he added.

“Anytime there’s a death in our system, whether it’s a student or student’s family member or staff member or staff family member, we have what we call our code yellow,” Olson said. “We bring our crisis team to deal with it. We have plans for all different types of crises, like tornadoes,

fires, code blues, lockdowns.”

Olson said administrators are grieving along with students.

“It’s not easy; trying to understand why these things happen is hard,” he said. “But that’s why we’re here and why we provide the support we do.”

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and Stanley Dennis Trca, 51, Garner, Iowa.

Most of those arrested will be charged with misdemeanor charges related to solicitation of prostitution. However, at least one person will face a felony for solicitation of a juvenile, according to Jason Petterson, commander of the SCDIU. The solicitation of a juvenile statute pertains to anyone under the age of 18, he noted.

In addition, one person faces drug-related charges, Petterson said.

The commander said this was the first significant series of sex stings resulting in so many arrests for SCDIU.

“We’re seeing an uptick in human trafficking,” Petterson said in response to the undercover operation. He indicated that he was not surprised with the number of arrests made during the stings. “There is no lack of activity,” he said.

Petterson said the sting involved the suspects initiating a response to an on-line advertisement posted by undercover agents.

The agents then determined a location to meet the person who responded to the ad and decided on a specific amount of money for the acts.

Human trafficking has been around for years, though it has been made easier in recent years because of the internet, Petterson said.

The April sting in Albert Lea was conducted in partnership with the Rochester Police Department’s Street Crimes Unit. The operation served as a training session designed to instruct law enforcement officers on investigative techniques to combat human trafficking. The training also focused on topics related to current trends, victimization and legal updates.

Petterson said the group will continue operating similar stings in the future. “We can do this at any given time depending on what else is going on,” he said, noting SCDIU gives a high priority to illegal drug activity.

The SCDIU is a regional task force encompassing Steele, Freeborn, Waseca and Faribault counties. The sheriff’s departments in each of those counties and several police departments, including Blooming Prairie and Owatonna, are involved with SCDIU.

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*~ Jason Petterson
SCDIU commander*

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continued past the Texas School Book Depository and toward the freeway, history was forever changed when the police radio conveyed a message to send all available police officers to the Triple Underpass.

“Another message came across alerting medical people to be prepared at Parkland Hospital. Puterbaugh said his vehicle pulled over to the side of the road on the freeway as Kennedy’s limousine sped by. Puterbaugh’s pilot car, carrying six people, then followed the Kennedy limousine and other backup cars to Parkland Hospital. “I saw them take President Kennedy out of the car,” Puterbaugh said. “We knew it was very bad.”

Later, Puterbaugh was driven back to the Triple Underpass area. “It was chaos,” he said. From there,

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The defendants also maintain that any review of the decision to grant the conditional use permit is limited to the administrative record of the action and that additional factual allegations in the amended complaint are false, misleading and/or irrelevant.

Reuvers said that the county has established a 30-day period in which any appeal needs to be made. The plaintiffs, he said, were required to serve notice of the appeal to the defendant Dodge County within that 30 days and that was not done. For that reason, Reuvers said, he was asking the court to dismiss the case entirely.

The county granted the conditional use permit on Dec. 11, 2014, Reuvers

said. On Jan. 7, 2015, he said, the Dodge County Sheriff was requested to serve County Board Chair Rodney Peterson with the notice of appeal. The sheriff did that on Jan. 13, Reuvers said, but at that time Peterson was not the board chair as the County Board had elected John Allen as chair on Jan. 6.

As it is required that personal service for a county must be on either the chair of the county board or the county auditor, in this case the county was not properly served within the 30 day time frame, Reuvers and Perry said.

Because of this, they said, the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction.

Peters countered that the time frame

for service is 60 days as the proceeding would be under a writ of certiorari not the 30 days set by the county.

Within that 60 day period, Peters said, the defendants served “due notice” by mail and by delivery to the sheriff on Jan. 7. Delivery of the appeal to the sheriff constituted “service,” he said. Peters added that the defendants had not received notice of the change in the board chair and if they had notice would have been served on Allen. Allen was served with the notice on April 15, Peters said.

After discussion with both parties, Chase did allow Peters to bring the motion to amend the first complaint before the court even though he did not rule on

the question of jurisdiction.

Peters said that the amended complaint would add these issues: water permits, manure management plans and arguments of bias in what the Planning and Zoning staff told the board.

Chase questioned the attorneys about possible appeals and whether the issues involved the ordinance as it was on Dec. 11 or the revised ordinance. He also asked about the feedlot at issue and whether it was operational, which it is, and how any decision would affect both Masching and future feedlots.

In the end, Chase said he would take the questions under advisement and issue a decision as soon as possible.

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years. Non-tenured teachers have a formal evaluation each year.

“So far” he said, “it has worked very well.”

The response was much the same in the Triton district.

“It’s going well,” Joyce said.

He also praised the peer coaching aspect of the program although Triton took a different approach than Medford.

Rather than having a designated peer coaching position, he said, the district decided that teachers would act as coaches and mentors for each other.

They paired up and are going into each other’s classes” Joyce said. The teachers see each other teach, he said, and that is when the power of coaching is best.

The district is using the same tool of goal setting as before he said, and also looks at a teacher’s personal growth and development. State law requires, he said, that 35 percent of the evaluation be based on student growth.

The evaluation program is working in Triton, he said, because both administration and the teachers union were involved in its development.

The district continues to monitor the program, he said, and will “tweak” it as necessary.

In addition to the requirements on peer coaching and that 35 percent of the teacher effectiveness rating is based on measures of student growth/879i it is also required that the evaluation system include a three-year professional review cycle during which at least one summative evaluation must be performed by a trained evaluator such as a school administrator.

Teachers also have the option of submitting a portfolio as part of the summative evaluation demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth and a self-assessment of performance based on student work samples and examples of their other work.



Staff photo by Karen Jorgensen

On a roll

Little Sister Mariah gives it her all to help Big Sister, Denise Lage, and her defeat Matt Jessop and his Little Brother, Nathaniel. The guys outscored Mariah and Lage 198 to 187, but because the point spread was less than 20, Lage declared it a win-win game.

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needed.” He said the county would have to make adjustments in the budget to accommodate the sheriff’s request for the remainder of 2015.

Ebeling said he doesn’t have a problem adding more deputies because the sheriff has a record of being under budget in the past. “We’ll have to hold the cost down where we can this year and then budget for it in future years,” he said.

“I believe it’s much needed for the safety of staff and the public,” Ebeling told the Times. “We want to make sure everyone is safe.”

During his presentation to committees, Sheriff Thiele highlighted seven

letters he has received from various departments about providing better security at the courthouse. Public defenders, probation, county attorney and even judges have all chimed in on how they are concerned about the security at the courthouse.

“They are all worried about what could happen,” Thiele said. “The big spark of this were shootings in Cook County (Minnesota) and New Hope,” he added.

The Cook County attorney was seriously injured during a courthouse shoot-



Thiele

ing in 2011.

Earlier this year, a man opened fire at a city council meeting in the Twin Cities suburb of New Hope.

Sheriff Thiele said he is charged by statute to provide courthouse security. Currently the sheriff utilizes less trained special deputies for security at the courthouse.

Under the sheriff’s proposal, one deputy would be stationed by the metal detector at the courthouse entrance and the other deputy would be posted outside the courtrooms. The sher-

iff would still utilize special deputies to assist the licensed officers.

“Unfortunately, times have changed to where we need to address courthouse needs to another level,” Thiele said. “It’s never easy when you put more money into the budget, but you have to provide public safety,” he added.

If the new hires are approved, the operating strength of the sheriff’s office would increase to 23 licensed officers, including the sheriff.

Said commissioner Ebeling: “It’s common sense and a fairly inexpensive cost compared to the circumstances that could happen.”

Letter to the editor

70 students take Youth Service Leadership class

Recently there was an article and picture in your newspaper that explained a class called Youth Service Leadership or YSL.

Every semester at Owatonna High School 70 students take this class. It is to give back to the community. They read to children, play games with the elderly or stock shelves at the food shelf. They receive one credit for this class. It’s to build student leadership skills and to serve their community. The teacher said, “Hopefully we make them servants to our community now and in the future.”

They are in school Mondays and Tuesdays. They study team building, interpersonal skills, learning styles, leadership, mentoring, goal setting and expanding friendship networks.

Wednesday through Friday the students are outside the classroom. They do this for a whole semester. On top of this, they are to spend another 20 hours of volunteer work. The kids say they enjoy getting out of school and can hang out with other kids. One said I have fun playing and it’s really cool.

One senior exchange student from France took the class because it’s something she wouldn’t be able to experience in her country. France doesn’t do anything like this.

Nelson Mandela said, “Education is he most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Truer words have never been spoken. It’s also a terrible thing to waste a mind. With this kind of learning, they will become servants—what else could they qualify to do?

Donna Jenkins
Owatonna

Public Safety

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

April 10 Disturbance. Police responded to a noise complaint in the city at 11:30 a.m.

April 15 Domestic. At 5:47 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance.

April 16 Theft. Officer took theft report in the city at 8:21 a.m.

Owatonna Police

April 10 Thefts. Police took two theft reports – at 1:32 a.m. in the 100 block of Oak Ave. N. and at 8:38 p.m. in the 800 block of Elm Ave. S.

Child Protection. At 11:39 a.m., officer received a child protection report from the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Shoplifting. Officer arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:44 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 3:41 p.m.

April 11, 2015 Juvenile. Police responded to a juvenile complaint in the 100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 4:43 p.m. They arrested a juvenile at the scene.

Drunken Driving. At 6:55 p.m., police made two DWI arrests – in the 300 block of Bridge St. W. at 6:55 p.m. and at Elm Ave. N. and Fremont St. E. at 9:49 p.m.

Property Damage. Officer took a vandalism report in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 9:51 p.m.

April 12 Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W. at 12:50 a.m.

DWI. At 1:03 a.m., police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of Bridge St. W.

Assaults. Police responded to several assaults throughout the day – in the 400 block of North St. W. at 5:27 a.m., in the 400 block of Sylvan St. NW at 4:48 p.m., in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:40 p.m. and in the 100 block of Wilson Dr. NW at 8:13 p.m.

Thefts. Two thefts were reported throughout the day – at 9:10 a.m. in the 100 block of University St. E. and at 12:51 p.m. in the 1200 block of Frontage Rd. W.

April 13 Child Protection. Officer took child protection report in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 11:18 a.m.

Kidnapping. Police responded to a kidnapping incident in the 100 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 2:58 p.m.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 3000 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 4:33 p.m.

Arrest. At 6:26 p.m., police arrested a subject following a traffic stop at Bridge St. W. and Interstate 35 northbound.

Arrest. A subject was taken into custody in the 700 block of Bridge St. W. at 6:15 p.m.

Burglary. Officers began an investigation of a burglary in the 100 block of Cedar Cove Lane NW at 7:51 p.m.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 300 block of School St. W. at 8:51 p.m. A juvenile was arrested at the scene.

Restraining Order. At 11:57 p.m. a restraining order was violated in the 200 block of Vine St. E.

April 14 Suspicion. At 2:06 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW for a suspicious activity report. A citation was issued at the scene.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 4:02 p.m.

Vandalism. At 2:47 p.m., officer took property damage report in the 400 block of State Ave. NW.

Restraining Order. Police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 4:16 p.m.

April 15 Juvenile. Officers received a juvenile complaint from the 300 block of

School St. E. at 10 a.m.

Child Protection. Police took child protection reports in the 500 block of Cedardale Dr. SE at 10:17 a.m. and in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE at 10:18 a.m.

Vandalism. At 1:55 p.m., officer took property damage report in the 300 block of Selby Ave. SW.

Assault. Officers responded to an assault in the 100 block of Front St. W. at 3:02 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 8:53 p.m., police issued a citation for shoplifting in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW.

April 16 Burglary. Police responded to a burglary in the 200 block of Chestnut Ave. NE at 8:16 a.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 11:13 a.m.

Animal. At 11:40 a.m., police responded to an animal call in the 100 block of 18th St. NE.

Death. Police began a death investigation in the 600 block of 16th St. SE at 12:08 p.m.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 3:52 p.m.

Trespassing. At 8:47 p.m., officer arrested a subject for trespassing in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Steele County Sheriff

April 10 Juvenile. Deputy issued a citation to a juvenile in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE at 1:03 p.m.

April 12 Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 15300 block of County Rd. 45 S. at 8:12 a.m.

April 14 Burglary. Deputies began an investigation of a burglary in the 2900 block of 52nd Ave. SW at 3:10 p.m.

Arrest. At 8:12 p.m., deputy arrested a subject following a traffic stop at 44th Ave. SE and County Rd. 180.

April 15 Vandalism. Deputy took property damage report at 66th St. NW and Frontage Rd. W. at 1:58 p.m.

April 16 Arrest. Deputy arrested a subject in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 9:34 a.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of April 6 with Judge Fred Wellmann presiding:

Jason N. Cloud, 45, Burnsville, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary and misdemeanor theft. He was sentenced to \$131, cognitive skill training, mental health evaluation, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, 80 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Hope D. Neitzell, 24, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime and misdemeanor DWI. Neitzell was sentenced to cognitive skill training, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain GED, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend AA, no possession of firearms and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of April 6-10:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Guillermo Dominguez, 67, Blooming Prairie, disorderly conduct, \$81 and 6 months of supervised probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Dallas A. Anderson, 19, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Ivan C. Arrington, 28, St. Louis Park, suspended license, \$281; Beverly D. Egley, 48, Duluth,

speeding, \$121; Jessica J. Ehmke, 31, Spring Valley, speeding, \$281; Anita M. Elliot, 60, Austin, speeding, \$141; Stacey J. French, 40, Evansville, IN, speeding, \$141; Darren S. Gamache, 49, New Richmond, WI, speeding, \$121; John P. Glynn, 50, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106;

Vincent D. Hardy, 41, Albert Lea, possession of Marijuana, \$231; Robert L. Hartkopp, 28, Mason City, IA, Ignition Interlock violation, \$386; Jesse D. Hernandez, 29, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141; Jacob F. Howe, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Mohamud A. Jama, 42, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$131;

Barbara L. Jindra, 49, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Corey A. Johnson, 24, Morristown, speeding, \$281; Shawn L. Johnson, 34, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Matthew A. Khorroosi, 28, Denver, CO, speeding, \$141; Lisa G. Klenk, 49, Winthrop, speeding, \$121; Mark W. Kohnle, 60, Columbia, MO, speeding, \$100;

Christina L. Lara, 23, Rochester, invalid license, \$181; Esteban Lopez, 24, Winona, no insurance, \$281; Bobbi L. Love, 29, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Steven J. Maros, 63, Kilkenny, speeding, \$121; Peter F. Menzel, 66, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Mari B. Perrenoud, 47, Sioux Falls, SD, speeding, \$121; David J. Robertson, 52, Spring Hill, FL, revoked license, \$281; Ericka S. Robinson, 24, Burnsville, possession of Marijuana, \$131;

Derek A. Rothmeier, 18, Geneva, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, \$181; Antwone E. Smith, 25, St. Paul, suspended license, \$281; Rebecca K. Summy, 27, Owatonna, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department

Catherine J. Ackley, 43, Kenyon, suspended license, \$281; Derek D. Bogenschutz, 32, Claremont, suspended license, \$281; Hector Delgado, 58, Owatonna, interference with 911 call, \$481, 3 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Wendy M. Dorr, 48, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Michael A. Dotson, 28, Owatonna, DWI, \$1,006, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, and 3 years of supervised probation;

Tawn J. Eikel, 44, Norcross, tumultuous conduct, \$181; Cody J. Elmore, 24, Faribault, shoplifting, \$181; Brandon B. Hammond, 24, Faribault, give peace officer false information, 60 days in county jail; Drew R. Hanson, 31, Brownsdale, speeding, \$281; Stephen W. Hegard, 47, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131; Tommy C. Hondel-Reid II, 22, Owatonna, DWI, \$456, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Matthew R. Honsey, 27, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$281, trespassing from Fleet Farm stores, and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Tessa R. Husemann, 41, Waseca, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Travis J. Kadrlík, 24, Hope, no insurance, \$281; Mariah L. Kane, 17, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131;

Renee K. Kruchten, 50, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Jason S. Marik, 27, Faribault, shoplifting, \$181; Kevin L. Nelson, 53, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Crispin E. Padilla, 29, Owatonna, revoked license and no child passenger restraint system, \$331; Phillip A. Perrizo, 34, Mankato, expired license, \$181; Angela C. Prondzinski, 26, Medford, suspended license, \$281; Brandon L. Stevermer, 20, Owatonna, possession of Paraphernalia and Marijuana, \$181; Bobbi J. Stordahl, 23, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111;

Rebecca L. Stuber, 42, Owatonna, DWI, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, electronic monitoring, chemical dependency evaluation, attend AA, and 3 years of supervised probation; Tracy L. Wedin, 43, Owatonna, headlights violation, \$121; Forest A. Wright, 18, Geneva, possession of Paraphernalia and minor consumption, \$231.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Jeffery R. Bailey, 35, DWI, \$106, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments, and 3 years of supervised probation; Sravanendra Bala, 25, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$221; Douglas J. Bartelt, 53, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Jennifer D. Borge, 29, Hartland, no license in possession, \$101; Corrin A. Christensen, 22, Owatonna, damage to property, \$281, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend chemical awareness class, cognitive skill training, 40 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation;

Karen L. Degen, 39, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$141; Sarah S. Eaton, 27, Owatonna, revoked license; Daniel S. Fenlason, 27, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Derek M. Frey, 44, Crookston, \$581, domestic assault, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, domestic abuse evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation; Alec G. Holland, 18, Mankato, underage possession of alcohol, possession of Paraphernalia, speeding and open bottle, \$371; Joshua J. Johnson, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$141;

Aliyah B. Leier, 19, Shoreview, speeding, \$141; Amy M. Millhouse, 38, Owatonna, failure to signal for turn, \$131; David J. Moen, 33, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Abdirashed A. Mohamed, 20, Owatonna, failure to signal for turn, \$131; Bailey J. Owen, 23, Minneapolis, invalid license, \$181; John O. Paro, 60, Faribault, speeding, \$141;

Anthony J. Peterson, 31, Minneapolis, stop sign and failure to signal for turn, \$181; Ericka M. Porras, 29, Faribault, no insurance, \$281; Margaret C. Sager, 18, Owatonna, permit violation, \$100 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Im Tha, 41, Austin, speeding, \$141; Macy E. VonRuden, 18, Claremont, speeding, \$141; Patrick A. Wagner, 41, Mapleton, speeding, \$141.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 248 complaints for the week of April 8 – 14. Some of them include:

April 8 Burglary. Deputies responded to a burglary and stolen vehicle in the 10600 block of 640th St. in Claremont at 10:41 a.m.

Fraud. An incident of welfare fraud was reported in the 400 block of 5th Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 1:49 p.m.

Criminal Damage. Deputy took report of criminal damage to property in the 13900 block of 640th St. in Claremont at 6:17 p.m.

April 9 Narcotics. At 1:05 a.m., narcotics were reported at US Hwy. 14 and County Rd. 1 in Claremont.

Fraud. A Mantorville citizen reported that she had money withdrawn from her bank account at 9:49 a.m.

Juvenile. A Hayfield parent called deputies for help when his daughter was stealing jewelry in the 19000 block of Dodge/Mower Rd. at 4:44 p.m.

Animal. Deputies received a complaint that a dog was running loose around the Hayfield funeral home at 4:55 p.m.

Larceny. At 8:16 p.m., a Claremont resident reported that his girlfriend's son stole \$25 in cash in the 400 block of North St. E.

April 10 Larceny. Deputy received a report of the theft of a water softener and washing machine from a rental property by a former tenant in the 100 block of 2nd St. in Claremont at 3:23 p.m.

Drunkeness. At 10:30 p.m., an intoxicated male was yelling and creating a disturbance in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield.

April 11 Noise Complaint. Deputies received a noise complaint at 3:52 a.m. when a male party had his truck stuck and was revving the engine in the 100 block of 4th Ave. NE in

Dodge Center. Deputies responded and advised the male to stop for the night.

April 12 Weapons. A weapon offense occurred in the 100 block of 9th Ave. NE in Dodge Center at 4:09 p.m.

April 13 Gas Leak. At 2:51 p.m., a Dodge Center male called deputies when he smelled a very strong natural gas odor coming from his residence in the 500 block of Meadow Lark Lane.

April 14 Burglary. Deputies responded to a burglary in the 100 block of 6th Ave. NE in Hayfield at 5:38 p.m.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of April 6 with Judge Debra A. Jacobson presiding:

Marinee S. Weedman, 57, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. Weedman was sentenced to 32 months in Shakopee State Prison.

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of April 6 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Susan M. Rogers, 63, Kasson, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft. She was sentenced to \$1,000, 3 days in county jail, 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 April 6 – 13:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Robert I. Alikandiel, 33, Bayport, revoked license, 90 days in county jail; Rory S. Cage, 26, Hayfield, disorderly conduct and possession of Marijuana, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Craig D. Hester, 41, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Tristin A. Janes, 18, Kasson, permit violation, \$130; Nathan R. Larson, 43, Hayfield, failure to signal for turn, \$130;

Phillip J. Luns, 39, West Concord, cancelled license, \$980, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Mark B. Martincek, 20, Pine Island, speeding, \$120; David P. Midtovne, 31, Hayfield, theft, \$455, no alcohol or controlled substance use, write letter of apology, chemical dependency evaluation, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of probation; Andrew P. Narveson, 29, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32;

Angel Rodriguez, 19, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; Cody P. Snyder, 22, Grand Meadow, speeding, \$120; Justin H. Swarts, 44, Kasson, failure to yield right of way, \$130; Ryan C. Thomas, 43, Minneapolis, domestic abuse, \$200, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no uninvited contact with the victim and 1 year of probation; Steven D. Thompson, 68, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32.

Kasson Police Department

Terry L. Dahl, 35, Blooming Prairie, violation of restraining order, \$255, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of probation; Joseph K. Foss, 46, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; Louise B. Heim, 66, Rochester, parking violation, \$32;

Mercedes K. Luepke, 25, Kasson, domestic assault, \$455, domestic abuse evaluation, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Andrew A. Walton, 28, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; Corey S. Warner, 37, Waterville, DWI, \$880, and 1 year of probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Renee L. Bell, 31, Stewartville, open bottle and speeding, \$280; Jeremy J. Harlow, 24, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Robert W. Langley,

39, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130; Mercedes K. Luepke, 25, Kasson, registration violation and no insurance, \$100 and 6 months of probation; Junior R. Rohl, 29, Waltham, speeding, \$120.

Owatonna Fire

April 14 Fire. Fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 400 block of 8th St. NW at 3:17 p.m.

Vegetation Fire. At 6:27 p.m., a natural vegetation fire occurred in the 9600 block of 48th St. SW.

April 15 Sprinkler. Fire personnel responded to a sprinkler activation with no fire in the 1100 block of Industrial Rd. NW at 10:17 p.m.

Owatonna Police

Bertha Mae Jackson, 29, arrested at 3:30 p.m. April 10, theft, held for court.

Jeffrey Paul Sipprell, 42, arrested at 7:02 p.m. April 11, DWI, held for court.

Kevin Roy Peterson, 50, arrested at 1:29 a.m. April 12, DWI, held for court.

Jon Dorien Brown, 41, arrested at 7:14 p.m. April 13, cancelled license, false name, speeding and no insurance, held for court.

Sherice Monick Jackson, 27, arrested at 8:35 p.m. April 13, felony perjury and false name, held for court.

Brian Robert Johnson, 51, arrested at 11:37 a.m. April 14, violation of harassment restraining order and warrant, held for court.

Anthony Dexter Wayne Francis, 23, arrested at 10:25 p.m. April 14, order for protection violation, held for court.

Brian Joseph Maestre-Reavis, 27, arrested at 9:32 p.m. April 16, felony possession of meth, held for court.

Steele Arrests

Steele County Sheriff

Emily Ann Nelson, 30, arrested at 9:15 p.m. April 14, felony drug possession, held for court.

MN State Patrol

Gregory David Orwig, 25, arrested at 8:20 p.m. April 11, felony fleeing, held for court.

Zakry Tyler Krenz, 23, arrested at 8:20 p.m. April 11, felony fleeing, held for court.

Monica Kun, 29, arrested at 6:50 p.m. April 14, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Sok Khen Moek, 28, arrested at 6:50 p.m. April 14, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.



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Owatonna woman injured in 2-vehicle crash

An Owatonna woman sustained non-life threatening injuries in a two-vehicle accident on Highway 30 on Saturday.

Kari S. Sletten, 54, of Owatonna was transferred to Mayo Health Clinic in Owatonna. Two vehicles were eastbound on High-

way 30. Robert K. Cords, 61 of Waseca, driving a pickup pulling a farm wagon was turning left into a field drive. Sletten's vehicle attempted to pass the pickup pulling wagon and collided with the wagon, according to Minnesota State

Patrol reports.

No alcohol was detected on either drivers and both were wearing seatbelts.

The Steele County Sheriff's Department and Gold Cross Ambulance assisted in the accident.

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Abdulmajid Mohamed Khalif- Theft- No bond.	Timothy Ballard Koger- DWI- 2nd Degree- \$12,000 bail.	Michael Craig Laursen- Theft- \$10,000 bail.
Marie Tracy Kinard- DWI-2nd Degree- \$12,000 bail.	Monique Lynn Kraay- Traffic- \$500 bail.	Ulises Lazcando- Speed, no MN license- \$500 bail.
Georgia Nora Kingswan- DUI- No bond.	Anna Marie Christine M. Kramer- No proof insurance- \$500 bail.	Miguela Lauz Martinez- No valid license- \$500 bail.
Ronald Kirkbride- Civil Warrant- \$1,000 bail.	Kyle William Krause- Burglary- 2nd Degree- No bond.	Jesus Leal- Domestic assault- \$1,000 bail.
Larry Jon Kittelson- DWI- No bond.	Anthony Jeremiah Lake- Driving after revocation- \$500 bail.	Michael Lavern Lee- DWI- refuse test- \$1,000 bail.
Vern Klostriech- DWI- \$12,000 bail.	Trevor Lee Lambkins- Assault- 5th degree- \$1,000 bail.	Sylvia Mary Lee-Taxes- \$110,000 bail.
Matthew Richard Knafel- DWI- \$500 bail.	Kenneth William Lane- False name- \$1,000 bail.	Michael S. Lehnertz- Contempt of court- No bond.
William Earl Knutson- DWI- \$3,000 bail.	Christopher Douglas Larson- Driving after suspension- \$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,
Is it safe for seniors with dementia to drive, and if so, when should they stop? My dad has early Alzheimer's disease but still drives himself around town just fine.

Looking Ahead
While most doctors agree that people with moderate to severe

dementia should not take the wheel, in the early stages, the medical consensus is that driving performance should be the determining factor of when to stop driving, not the disease itself. With that said, it's also important to realize that as your dad's driving skills deteriorate over time from the disease, he might not recognize it. So it's very important that you work

closely with him and his doctor to monitor his driving. Here are some tips that can help.

org or aota.org/older-driver.

Transition tips
Through your assessments, if you believe it's still safe for your dad to drive, you may want to start recommending some simple adjustments to ensure his safety, like driving only in daylight and on familiar routes, and avoiding busy roads and bad weather. Also, see if he will sign an Alzheimer's "driving contract" (see alz.org/driving to print one) that designates someone to tell him when it's no longer safe to drive. In addition, you should also consider getting a GPS vehicle tracking system for his car (like motosafety.com or mobicopilot.com) to help you keep an eye on him. These devices will let you track exactly where he's

Warning signs
The best way to keep tabs on your dad's driving is to take frequent rides with him watching out for key warning signs. For example: Does he have trouble remembering routes to familiar places? Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does he react slowly or make poor driving decisions? Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags. If you need some assessment help, hire a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. To locate a specialist see driver-ed.

driving, and allow you to set up zones and speed limits that will notify you via email or text message when he exits an area or arrives at a designated location, and if he's driving too fast.

Time to quit
When your dad's driving gets to the point that he can no longer drive safely, you'll need to talk to him. It's actually best to start having these conversations in the early stages of the disease, before he needs to quit driving, so he can prepare himself. You also need to have a plan for alternative transportation that will help your dad get around after he stops driving. For tips on how to talk to your dad, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers resources at safe-

Refuses to quit
If your dad refuses to quit you have several options. First, suggest a visit to his doctor who can give them a medical evaluation, and "prescribe" that he stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family. If he still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to see if they can help. Some states require doctors to report new dementia cases to the DMV, who can revoke the person's license.

Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
April 19, 2005

Zeiner's Ballroom in Bixby recently was felled by construction crews. The facility briefly opened in 1995, closed soon after, but was open for over four decades before that, serving as a meeting place for dancers and get-togethers. The sign is the only remaining part of Zeiner's. Gladys J. Basness, age 86 of Blooming Prairie, died Thursday, April 14, 2005 at Prairie Manor in Blooming Prairie. She was born Dec. 31, 1918 to John and Gertrude Shaw in Adams, Minnesota where she grew up. After attending St. Olaf Teacher's College, she taught at rural schools for four years. On Feb. 23, 1946 she married Maurice B. Basness in Adams. Two BPHS speech students advanced to the state speech festival with their performances at the section 1A speech contest at Byron on Saturday, April 9. Melissa Trom earned her second straight trip to state with second place, and Leah Vaith placed third to also advance.

20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Editor
April 18, 1995

A team of five Blooming Prairie students competed for the "Sharp as a Tack" Award on April 8 when the State finals of U.S. Academic Triathlon were played at Sartell. This hard-working group of students took 6th place at this year's USAT Minnesota State Tournament. Hannah Behnken has a brother! Jacob Tyler, 9 lbs. 10 oz., was born on March 27 at 12:37 a.m. Blooming Prairie grandparents include Kenny and Betty Behnken and great-grandmother Eleanor Kittleson. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Sharon Seedorf of Albert Lea. Diana Kay Hansen and Scott Robert Brandt were united in marriage Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Presbyterian Church in Burt, Iowa. Performing the ceremony was the Rev. Roland.

50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
April 22, 1965

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department was summoned to Oswald's Grocery shortly after 9 a.m. Monday due to an oil furnace explosion. The Blooming Prairie Dump Grounds will be open today and each regular dump-

ing day hereafter, it was announced Tuesday by street Commissioner Glen Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kunz of Blooming Prairie will observe their silver wedding anniversary at "open house" Sunday, April 25, at St. Columbanus Catholic Church basement. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. No cards have been sent.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
April 18, 1940

"Don't hit a porcelain faucet when it's stuck!" That's Mr. L. Coufal's advice to those who might want to stop the water from dripping from leaky faucets. While working in the Cozy Inn cafe Wednesday morning, Mr. Coufal noticed water dripping from one of the faucets. He hit the handle with his hand, and broke the porcelain. Part of the splinters cut a deep gash in his hand, severing one of the arteries. Due to the painfulness of his injury, Louie will be unable to work for some time. Mr. Robert Borwege, of Owatonna was in town today trying to negotiate a deal for one of Blooming Prairie's leading garages. The business transaction had not been closed as The Times went to press.

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Scoliosis

It is thought that scoliosis is the result of a hereditary problem or a result of some type of trauma, such as the birth process, or an injury, such as falling off a bicycle. It usually starts with problems in the lower back. And because spinal bones continue to grow well into the early 20's, if left uncorrected, scoliosis often worsens.

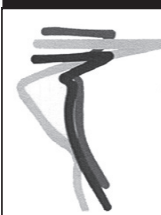
Unfortunately, the most common treatment approach has been to wait and see how bad it gets, resorting to unsightly braces, or eventually surgery, if it progressed too far.

The chiropractic approach is to use specific spinal adjustments, often combined with corrective exercises. If detected early enough, chiropractic care has had excellent success with scoliosis cases.

To learn more about scoliosis and chiropractic, log on to our website at www.drchad.org. Feel free to e-mail Dr. Chad through the website with any questions. Prairie Family and Sports Chiropractic is here to serve you and your family with gentle and effective chiropractic care. We are located at 344 East Main Street, Downtown Blooming Prairie. Call us at 583-2271 or toll free at 1 (866) 5DR-CHAD to schedule an appointment.

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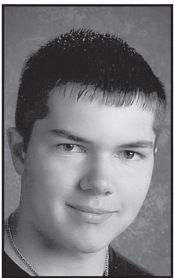
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Obituaries

Alex Jorgenson, 15, Blooming Prairie

Alex Frederick Jorgenson, 15, of Blooming Prairie, died Monday, April 13, 2015, at his home.

He was born April 14, 1999, in Owatonna the son of Jamie and Kristi (Bromley) Jorgenson. Alex was a sophomore at Bloom-



ing Prairie High School. He participated in the one act play this school year, played in the school band and the Pep Band. He loved playing the snare drum with Stix of Fury drumline. Alex was a part of the drum line since its inception. He loved the outdoors, camping with his family, dogs, fishing, music and wolves. Wolves held a special place with Alex. Alex also loved working on cars with his dad. Alex had a great sense of humor and loved

to bring happiness to others.

He is survived by his parents, Jamie and Kristi Jorgenson of Blooming Prairie; brother, Dylan Jorgenson of Blooming Prairie; sister, Shyane Jorgenson of Blooming Prairie; maternal grandparents, Richard (and Bonnie) Bromley of Owatonna, Sandy (and Bob) Molumby of West St. Paul; paternal grandparents, Fred and Marian Jorgenson of Owatonna; great grandmothers, Betty Thon, Ignatia Seys, Clara

Risberg; aunts and uncles, Amy (and Bruce) Johnson, Jenny (and Nick) McShane, Michelle Bromley, Teresa Bromley, Willie Bromley, Keri (and Justin) Feifarek; cousins, Bailey, Skyler and Jayger Eaton, Jarod, Breanna, Nevaeh Feifarek, Jacob, Collin and Zack McShane, Michael and Eithan Johnson.

Memorials are preferred to “Stix of Fury Drumline In Memory of Alex” or to the donor’s choice.

Elmer Mees, 92, Owatonna

Elmer E. Mees of Owatonna died April 10, 2015, at Traditions II in Owatonna.

Elmer was born April 27, 1922, in Lake Crystal, Minnesota, the son of Edward and Wilhelmina (Urban) Mees. Elmer graduated from Rapidan High School near Mankato.



Elmer serviced during WW II in the Army Air Corp as a waste gunner and flew 33 missions. He married Evelyn Soufal June 17, 1947, at Sacred Heart Church in Owatonna. The couple made their home in Aurora Township farming throughout his career.

Elmer also drove bus for many years for the Owatonna Bus Company. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, VFW, American Legion, Eagles club, Sacred Heart Church, as

well as the National Farm Organization. Elmer enjoyed bowling, old time music, dancing and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Elmer is survived by his children, twin sons Edward (Geneva) Mees of Randtoul, Illinois, Charles Mees of Owatonna, daughters Teresa (Mike) Smith of Blooming Prairie, and Connie Lau of Owatonna. Granddaughters Sarah (Brian) Chelmo of Claremont and Krista (Jeff) Bolster

of Owatonna. Great-grandsons Kevin and Owen Chelmo, along with many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Elmer is preceded in death by his wife Evelyn in 2012, as well as 10 brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Disable American Veterans or the Allina Hospice Program Patient Care Fund. To leave a message or to leave a condolence, go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com.

Menus

- Seniors Menu**
- April 21:** Baked Chicken, Baked Dumpling/Gravy, Asparagus, Coleslaw, Vanilla Ice Cream
- April 22:** Wild Rice Soup, BBQ on Bun, 3 Bean Salad, Refrigerator Dessert
- April 23:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Homemade Wheat Roll, Polynesian Cake
- April 24:** Hamburger on Bun, Potato Salad, Calico Beans, Melon Wedge
- April 27:** Salisbury Steak, ALT: Liver & Onions, Baked Potato, Seasoned Peas/Celery, 5-Cup Fruit Dessert
- April 28:** Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Broccoli, Mixed Greens Salad, Rhubarb Torte
- April 29:** Italian Chicken Breast, Hashbrowns Au Gratin, Buttered Beets, Cucumber Salad, Pear Halves
- BP Elementary School Breakfast Menu**
- April 21:** Bacon Breakfast Pizza, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 22:** WG Pop-Tart, Cheese Stick, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 23:** Ultimate Breakfast Round, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 24:** Iced Cinnamon Roll, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 27:** WG Apple Bosco Stick, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 28:** Fruit Yogurt with Graham Crackers, Vegetable Se-
- lection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 29:** WG Strawberry Cereal Bar, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- BP Elementary School Lunch Menu**
- April 21:** Hamburger on WG Bun, Breakfast Bake, Biscuit, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli Florets, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit
- April 22:** Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Meatballs & Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 23:** Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, WW Bread, Turkey ala King over Rice, Whole Wheat Bread, Broccoli, Celery Sticks, Sweet Potatoes, Choice of Fruit
- April 24:** Homemade Cheesebread, Marinara, Pasta Salad, Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 27:** WG Waffle Sticks with Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Cheeseburger on WG Bun, Breakfast Potatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 28:** Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce, NEW Chicken Taco “Boat” Toppings and Salsa, Spicy Pinto Beans, Shredded Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit
- April 29:** Chicken & Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Hot Turkey Sandwich on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Green Pepper Strips, Choice of Fruit
- BP Middle School Lunch Menu**
- April 21:** Breakfast Bake, Glazed Carrots, Cinnamon Roll, Steamed Broccoli, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit
- April 22:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Green Peas, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 23:** Turkey ala King over Brown Rice, Corn, Whole Wheat Bread, Broccoli Florets, Green Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit
- April 24:** Homemade Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce, Pasta Salad, Black Beans, Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 27:** WG Waffle Sticks, Syrup, Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Green Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 28:** Pulled Pork Nachos, Pico de Gallo, Refried Beans, Pinto Beans, Broccoli Florets, Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit
- April 29:** Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Rolls, Spring Corn Salad, Celery Sticks, Green Pepper Strips, Choice of Fruit
- BP High School Breakfast Menu**
- April 21:** Turkey Sausage Biscuit, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 22:** WG Pop-Tart, Cheese Stick, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 23:** Breakfast Fruit Crisp, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk

- April 24:** Iced Cinnamon Roll, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 27:** Bacon Breakfast Pizza, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 28:** Fruit Yogurt with Graham Crackers, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- April 29:** WG Strawberry Cereal Bar, Vegetable Selection, Choice of Fruit / Juice, Milk
- BP High School Lunch Menu**
- April 21:** Breakfast Bake, Glazed Carrots, Cinnamon Roll, Steamed Broccoli, Cherry Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Choice of Fruit
- April 22:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Green Peas, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
- April 23:** Turkey ala King over Brown Rice, Corn, Whole Wheat Bread, Broccoli Florets, Green Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit
- April 24:** Homemade Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce, Pasta Salad, Black Beans, Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit
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Milestones

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- April 21**
Ken Esplan, Ron Janning, Peter Vogt, Mary J. Demmer, Kyle Spinler
- April 22**
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- April 23**
Jan Miner, Diane Jensen, Karl Steckelberg, Luke Heimgartner, Miles Miller
- April 24**
Kelly Braaten, Jane Gardner, Gladys Burr, Ada Mae Konecne, Skylar Lynch
- April 25**
Leo Rendahl, Brad Clark, Coleen Hanson, Laura Iversen, Clay
- April 26**
Missy Korman, Angela Noble, David Kramer, Matthew Worke, Marge Ilk, Mellisa Johnson
- April 27**
Thomas Kramer, Margaret Noble
- Anniversaries**
- April 22**
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- April 24**
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- April 25**
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Final Family Fun Night is April 23 at library

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We are calling all peeps to make plans to join us at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April

23 in the City Council Chambers, across the hall from the library. We will have some feathery friends joining us for stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts.

A big thank you goes out to the Early Childhood Family Education teachers in the Blooming Prairie school district. They publicize the events and arrange crafts for the children to make and take home with them. In addition to their teaching responsibilities in the district preschool and the Family Fun Nights, they offer workshops and classes for parents and children. They are a great resource in Blooming Prairie and we are happy to work together with them to encourage families to read and learn together. See you at the library!

Trinity Lutheran to show ‘A Story of Faith’ April 23

Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna will be holding a presentation titled “A Story of Faith at Work in the City of Jerusalem & Bethlehem” at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

The Rev. Steven Khoury is the pastor of Calvary B. Church & VP Holy Land Missions. He has an absolutely powerful story to tell.

Steven Khoury has been a featured speaker at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, CBN, Fox News, Voice of the

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His book, “In the Backyard of Jesus”, tells of his life of faith and persecution growing up as a Christian and later as an Arab pastor during the Intifadas.

Steve, his father, Pastor Naim Khoury, and their church building have been attacked on many occasions by terrorists.

Members of their congregation have been martyred, including his own uncle and several young girls whose “crime” was

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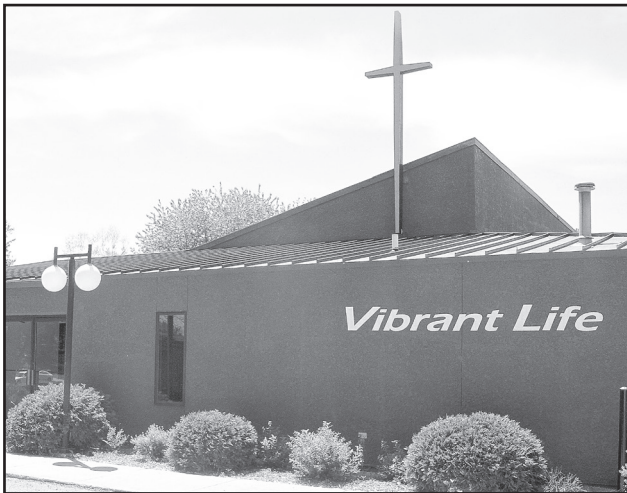
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Perhaps the most remembered Bible verse of our time is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." I have to wonder if we so commonly remember this verse because it speaks of God's huge love for us or because of God's statement about preventing us from perishing.

In Mark's story (Mark 4:35-41) of Jesus calming the stormy sea and saving his disciples, the disciples awaken Jesus and ask, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Mark and John use the same word in Greek for perishing. A deeper meaning exists for perishing that extends beyond the mortal death that each of our lives face. The Greek word apollumi (apollumi) refers to eternal destruction. When God claims that believers shall not perish, God is saying that we will exist forever with him. Getting back to the story in Mark, yes, Jesus awak-

ens and stills the storm so they arrive safely (in this life) on the other side of the lake. But Jesus was perhaps responding to the bigger question about perishing when he says, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

For me, because of God's promise that I shall not perish, I am freed to live my life with courage that death will not have the last word. Perhaps this can also be said for all who carry the words of John 3:16 on the tips of their tongues. Thanks be to such a generous God who gave the most amazing gift to us!

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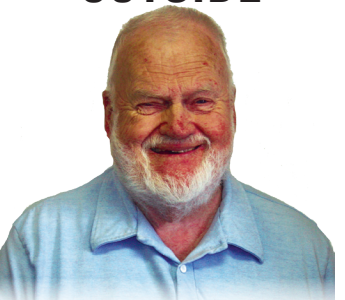


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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Teams have hectic week

After the last week of hardly any activity because of inclement weather, the Blooming Prairie High School sports teams made up for it this week with a myriad of contests. The baseball team had four games, for example, and I turned in a dozen articles even before the weekend.

The softball team won a pair of games, and the win over Southland proved particularly satisfying, as it was well played and without any mistakes on the part of the Blossoms. They played with enthusiasm and confidence, and we will see now if they can carry that confidence forward into another active week of games.

The baseball team on the other hand, has run into a streak of games in which one aspect of the game always trips them up. If it isn't errors, it is a lack of hitting or wildness by pitchers. The sorry part is that coach Matt Kittelson says that the boys are actually playing pretty good ball and having fun. Now, they have to keep working to keep the games a little better played for better results.

The golf boys and girls had a couple of meets this week with some good individual results, but it remains a struggle when they don't have enough golfers for either team to keep scores. Tommy Braaten and Taylor Christianson find themselves in the top echelon of golfers in each outing, but they need help from other golfers.

The track teams also had a couple of meets last week, with some good individual showings. Cole Sunde and Alec Ille both turned in firsts at one meet, as did Alanna Grant and Taylor Hagen for the girls. The teams finished in the middle of the pack for both meets in which they participated. Both teams have some athletes who are interesting to follow. Fans should take time to attend and watch a home meet at some point in the season.

Some final honors

Two Blossom athletes received final honors last week, when the Austin Daily Herald released its All-Area girls' basketball team. Taylor Hagen and Madison Worke joined three Lyle-Pacelli girls as the paper's first choices.

Hagen averaged 16.3 points per game and two blocks in her senior year, and she finished her stellar career with 1, with almost 4 assists and 1,551 points and 914 rebounds. Worke averaged 15.2 points per game, with almost four assists and 4 ½ steals a game. A last big tip of the hat

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OWATONNA BOYS LACROSSE

Defense struggles as Huskies start 0-3

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

In an onslaught of offense Friday night, the Chaska lacrosse boys scored five goals on Owatonna in the first five minutes of play.

Things hardly got better, as Chaska scored an additional four goals in the first half. Chaska would go on to win 12-1, handing the Owatonna Huskies their third straight loss to start the season.

"It is very tough to recover from that, but the boys played better as the game went on," said Owatonna Coach Scott Seykora in an email. "We only allowed three goals in the second half."

Seykora also pointed out the play of goalkeeper Dan Prissel, who had 18 saves in the game.

The next night, Owatonna fell to Hastings 12-2.

"We just could not get anything going on the offensive side," said Seykora. "Hastings was very good at pressuring our offense and forced a lot of turnovers."

Seykora added that his team's 10 shots on goal fell far short of what a team needs to compete in a game.

Julian Bednar and Ben Calen scored the two goals for Owatonna, with one assist by Josh Nelson.

The Huskies will play at Simley on Tuesday, April 21, and at home against St. Paul on Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m.



Staff photo by James Knoop
The Owatonna boys lacrosse team gave up 12 goals against Hastings on Saturday night in a 12-2 loss.

MEDFORD

Things are looking up



Staff photo by James Knoop
Medford freshman catcher Jarvis VonRuden catches a popped up bunt against Blooming Prairie. The Tigers defeated the Blossoms in the second game of their season. They have since gone on a 4-0 winning streak and stand 6-0 overall.

Tigers begin season with 6 straight wins

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

The Medford Tigers have played six games so far this season. They have won all of them.

Last year, the Tigers won three of their first six. The season before, they won two. Three years ago, they had a single at this point.

The Tigers have outscored opponents 56-17, and opponents are averaging less than three points a game to the Tigers' nine. Medford played four games last week, defeating Blooming Prairie, Glenville-Emmons, Minneota/Lincoln and Edgerton/SWMC.

There's undeniably something different about those Tigers this year, and according to players and coaches, it has very little to do with the games.

"This year's focus is that we work hard in practice. We have fun in the games," said Chappuis.

"I have to keep reminding the boys that each game is an opportunity," said Chappuis. "It's a new opportunity for the other team to come here and beat us."

That's why Chappuis is less concerned about the games themselves and more concerned about what happens in practice and off the field.

"A baseball season can change in the blink of an eye. And with a team our size, we can't have any distractions, (players) missing practice or injuries," said Chappuis.

To keep his team focused, Chappuis has developed several off-the-field required activities to promote a team spirit and work ethic.

First, Chappuis has developed weekly focus time for his team, a time to read an inspirational life-lesson article and discuss it.

"Last year I kind of eased into it, and I got a lot of yes/no (answers to questions)," said Chappuis. "This year I told them this year it's not going to be acceptable to write yes or no. There's got to be some thought in it."

MEDFORD

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE SPORTS

Blossoms' defense struggles early in season

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Errors lead to loss

"Any time we have seven errors and a handful of mental mistakes," remarked Coach Matt Kittelson, "a loss is almost assured."

That was the case at Adams Tuesday, April 14, as Southland clobbered BP 12-5. The Rebels hung a five-spot on the board in the third, many of the runs due to Blossom errors, to break open a 5-3 game.

The one bright spot on the day came from pitcher Riley Olson, who had four hits, including a double and a home run. He and Scott Romeo had big blows, as the locals scored three runs in the first, but the Rebels came back with three runs in the bottom of the first, two more in the second and then put the game away with the big 6-run third.

Olson pitched all six innings, giving up 12 runs, only three of which were earned. He walked three and struck out eight.

Besides Olson's 4-4 day at the plate, Romeo added three hits in four at bats; and John Rumpza, Connor Getchell, Sam Swenson and Camden Heimerman all had one hit in the game. The team had 11 hits. BP got two runs in the top of the seventh to finish the scoring.

Southland had 12 runs, 15 hits, one error, while BP had five runs, 11 hits and seven errors.

Tigers edge BP 6-4

Medford scored four runs in the sixth inning and held on to a 6-4 victory over the Blossom baseball team Monday, April 13.

BP led 3-2 after five innings in the home contest, but the Tigers took advantage of three walks, two passed balls, a misplay in the outfield and two timely hits to grab the lead for good.

Three straight walks loaded the bases in that sixth inning, and Jarvis Von Ruden dropped a single for one run. Nate Maixner followed with a two-run single, and a sacrifice bunt counted the fourth run, before BP could halt the rally. AJ Chappuis pitched the last inning and two-thirds to



Staff photo by James Knoop
Senior Scott Romeo pitches against Southland on Tuesday, April 14.

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Coach faces high school coach

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

At 24, Dave Paukert is one of the youngest coaches in Steele County. In his first season of coaching, he will receive a rare opportunity - facing his own high school baseball coach.

Paukert attended Zumrota-Mazeppa high school, learning under the tutelage of Coach Chuck Ohm. In his junior and senior seasons, the Cougars went 20-5 and 17-6, respectively. Years late, Paukert has nothing but praise for Ohm, stating that much of his coaching style comes from his former coach.

“He’s got a tremendous baseball mind,” said Paukert. “I probably wouldn’t be here (without him), especially at this young age — only being 24 and being able to take over a program.”

Besides learning under Ohm during the baseball season, Paukert had the opportunity to coach summer league teams under Ohm.

“I learned a tremendous amount from

Coach Ohm about the game, pitching, how to deal with players - the psychology of the game and bringing the team together,” said Paukert.

Though Paukert graduated from high school in 2009, and now commands his own team, he continues to learn under his former coach.

“We’ve been emailing back and forth,” said Paukert, adding that the two are both excited to play each other.

“I’ll ask him this or that,” said Paukert. “I’ll say I understand if you don’t want to help me out until after the 21st, but he’ll always laugh and do his best to help me out. He’s always a phone call away.”

Paukert said there will be extra intrigue during the game since many of NRHEG’s signs and verbage come from his days under Ohm’s tutelage.

“We’ll be changing some of that stuff up, and I’m sure they will be too,” said Paukert. “That will make it all the



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— **Drew Paukert, NRHEG head baseball coach**

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Paukert admitted that while it will be all business on April 21, when the two face each other at New Richland, both he and Ohm wish to see the other succeed.

The Panthers were 3-1 with a game scheduled for Monday, April 20, at Medford.

Panthers start season 3-1

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Coach Drew Paukert suffered his first loss with the Panthers on Saturday, falling 7-11 to the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldogs.

Vs. JWP

The Bulldogs had NRHEG’s number on Saturday, knocking in eight runs on four walks, three errors and four hits in the first inning.

NRHEG responded with four runs of their own in the bottom of the first, and didn’t allow any runs after the second inning, but were unable to overcome the early deficit, falling 7-11.

Senior Jet Wayne had a bases-clearing double in the sixth inning, senior Dakota Thiele went 2-4 with a double, junior Trai Wicks went 2-4, and senior Spencer Tollefson went 1-3 with two runs scored. Junior Dempsey Tucker went 4 1/3 innings in relief, and Trevor Tracy went two innings in relief.

Vs. Maple River

After winning their first two games by a one-point margin, the Panthers walked over Maple River with an 11-5 victory. Dempsey Tucker went the distance for NRHEG, pitching seven innings and recording four strikeouts.

“We came out sluggish and didn’t look ready to play the first inning,” said Paukert.

In the first inning, the Panthers committed two errors and gave up two walks. Maple River also scored four runs off Tucker in the first inning. He would only give up one more the rest of the game.

Trailing 2-4 in the fourth inning, Dakota Thiele stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded. He would not disappoint, bringing everyone home with a grand slam. NRHEG would keep the lead the rest of the game.

The 3-1 Panthers were scheduled to play at Medford on Monday, April 20. They will host Zumbrota-Mazeppa Tuesday, April 21, at 5 p.m. and will play at Blooming Prairie on Thursday at 5 p.m.

NRHEG girls track team takes third place on the road; boys finish fifth

NRHEG boys

On Tuesday, April 14, the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys track team travelled to Stewartville to compete against six other teams. The boys took sixth at the event with 36 points, standing only above Triton with 33.

“It was a good meet for the boys,” said Coach Duane Ferber. “We didn’t score a lot of points, but the boys performed well.”

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Boys Division

Team points: 1. Stewartville

176, 2. Lourdes 114 , 3. GM-LOS 78.5 4. Blooming Pr. 56.5, 5. Hayfield 43, 6. NRHEG 36 7, 7. Triton 33

Individual Results: (NRHEG results)

800-meter run – 6. Tyler Schlaak 2:11.73

3,200-meter run – 5. John Cole

4X100-meter relay – 6. Aaron Seath, Zach Mely, Noah Sletten, Nathan Krause 49.08

4X200-meter relay – 4. Aaron Seath, Zach Mely, Noah Sletten, Nathan Krause 1:42.32

4X400-meter relay – 4. John Cole, Tyler Schlaak, Nate Krause, Josh Flemming 3:48.63

4X800-meter relay – 2. 4x800 Tyler Schlaak, John Cole, Brenden McMann, Josh Flemming 8:58.24

Shot Put – 4. Kevin Kalis 43-2 ½

Discuss – 3. Keith Maxon 142-6, 4. Kevin Kalis 141-9

Triple Jump – 5. Tyler Schlaak 36-5

32 feet in the triple jump. Maddie (Wagner) had a nice win in the high jump, beating her cousin at 4’10. Our top scorer, Haily Schuller, keeps placing high in all of her events.”

USC Invite

Girls Division

Team Scores: 1. BEA 262, 2. MCW 199.5, 3. NRHEG 168.5, 4. LCWM/N 163, 5. USC/AC 138

Individual Results: (NRHEG results)

100-meter dash – Marnie Wagner 13.87, 6. Gretchen Ramaker 14.09

200-meter dash – 6. Maddie Wagner 28.9

800-meter run – 4. Kelly Harden 2:42.04

3,200-meter run – 5. Mia Williams 14:32.10, 6. Jade Mely 14:33.29

4X100-meter relay – 4. Maddie Wagner, Marnie Wagner, Grace Kofstad, Erin VanWilgen 56.37

4X200-meter relay – 2. Haily Schuller, Gretchen Ramaker, Maddie Wagner, Marnie Wagner 1:54.73

4X400-meter relay – 5. Kelly Harden, Katie Cliff, Erin VanWilgen, Annie Prigge 4:57.26

4X800-meter relay – 3. Kelly Harden, Kallie Thompson, Haily Westrum, Annie Prigge 11:45.98

100-meter high hurdles – 2. Haily Schuller 16.87

300-meter low hurdles – 3. Haily Schuller 53.04

Shot Put – 5. Emily Eder 31-2 ½, 6. Sophia Fisher 30-8 ½

Discuss – 5. Keith Maxon , 6. Kevin Kalis 141-9

Triple Jump – 1. Gretchen Ramaker 32-8

High Jump – 1. Maddie Wagner 4-10, 4. Marnie Wagner 4-4

Long Jump – 3. Haily Schuller 14-9



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April 21:

4:45 p.m. Boys N Girls Club Brd
5:30 p.m. Ambulance Comm. Mtg
6 p.m. Pillow Cleaning, First Lutheran Church

April 22:

ES Spring Pictures
HS National Honor Society, Commons
7:30 a.m. Pillow Cleaning, First Lutheran Church
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

April 27:

6:30 p.m. BP Fire Relief Association Mtg

April 28:

Card Club & Luncheon
6 p.m. BPBL Book Club
7 p.m. P&Z Brd Mtg

April 29:

10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
5:30 p.m. Remembering Vietnam 40th anniversary, BP Servicemen's Club

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April 21:

1 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Ellendale Cmty Cntr
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

April 23:

5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
7:30 p.m. Ellendale City Council Mtg (2nd & 4th Thurs), Training/Mtg Rm

April 27:

4:45 p.m. NRHEG Kindergarten Orientation & Registration
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl

April 28:

7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

April 29:

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April 21:

9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
10 a.m. OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club

4:30 p.m. OPL Brd, Gainey Rm

7 p.m. City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall

April 23:

2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
7 p.m. OHS Spring Play
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, Treasure Island

April 24:

6:30 p.m. OHS Spring Play, OJHS Teen Night
6:30 p.m. McKinley PTO Family Night
7 p.m. Movie Night, New Beginnings Church
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, Treasure Island

April 25:

6 p.m. Dancing with our Steele County Stars, Medford HS
7 p.m. OHS Spring Play
7:30 p.m. Little Theatre of Owatonna, Treasure Island

April 26:

1:30 p.m. OHS Spring Play

April 27:

12 p.m. Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

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April 27:

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IN BRIEF

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A screening clinic is slated for 9 a.m. to noon, April 25, at the Owatonna Public Library.

Children up to age 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

For an appointment, call Dick Heide at 507-456-2069.



SPOT LIGHT

Traffic-safety classes set in BP and Owatonna

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood this May in honor of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on May 8 – the birthday of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement founder, Henry Dunant.

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day recognize the local and global impact of the Red Cross mission. For more than 130 years, the American Red Cross has been helping people, including those in need of blood transfusions, in communities across the U.S. It is the only blood services organization that also provides disaster relief, services for active and veteran military personnel and their families, and health and safety training.

Those interested in giving blood can do so in Owatonna on the following days:

- May 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Owatonna Hospital, 2250 26th St. NW.
- May 13, noon to 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, 512 S. Elm Ave.
- May 14, noon to 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, 512 S. Elm Ave.
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OTHER COUNTIES

Mower

April 21:

LeRoy-Ostrander Schl Brd Mtg
8 a.m. The Water Up North: Marine Landscapes by Cheryl LeClair Sommer and Michele Wegler, Riverland Community College

9 a.m. MN Habitat for Humanity Outstanding Leaders in Excellence Conference, Austin Holiday Inn

9 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, YMCA, Austin

3:30 p.m. Adams SD Cmty Ed Rippin' Stitchers, HS FACS Rm

3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym

5 p.m. Kids' Watercolor Class, Austin ArtWorks Center

7 p.m. Earth Day Celebration: Douglas Wood & the WildSpirit Band, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center

7 p.m. GM Firearms Safety Certification, Rm A119

April 22:

8 a.m. The Water Up North: Marine Landscapes by Cheryl LeClair Sommer and Michele Wegler, Riverland Community College

9 a.m. MN Habitat for Humanity Outstanding Leaders in Excellence Conference, Austin Holiday Inn

11:15 a.m. Back Packer Book Club, APL

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle

5 p.m. Adult Watercolor Class, Austin ArtWorks Center

5:30 p.m. Medicare Basics - the ABCD's, Mower County Senior Center

6:30 p.m. GMHS Adult Volleyball, Gym

April 23:

8 a.m. Shred Fest, Davis Thoen Kramer & Associates, Austin

9 a.m. MN Habitat for Humanity Outstanding Leaders in Excellence Conference, Austin Holiday Inn

10:30 a.m. Storytime, Austin Public Library

12 p.m. Lunchbox History Series: The 1933 Hormel Strike, Mower County Historical Society

2 p.m. Open House at the Mower County Senior Center, Mower County Senior Center

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. Uncork and Create: Flower Frenzy, Austin ArtWorks Center

7 p.m. GM Firearms Safety Certification, Rm A119

7:30 p.m. Legally Blonde - The Musical, Riverland Community College

April 24:

10 a.m. Adams SD ES Mini Concert, Rose Creek ES Gym

10 a.m. StoryTime! :), Grand Meadow Public Library

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle

12:30 p.m. Defensive Driving Class, Mower County Senior Center

1 p.m. Tony Oliva Meet and Greet!, Mower County Senior Center

5 p.m. Open Studio at the Austin ArtWorks Center, Austin ArtWorks Center

6:30 p.m. Black and White Ball, Austin Holiday Inn Conference Center

7:30 p.m. Legally Blonde - The Musical, Riverland Community College

7:30 p.m. Music @ the Bank: Whalen and the Willows, Austin ArtWorks Center



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MEDFORD

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Chappuis said the articles cover topics such as teamwork, commitment, love for each other and discipline. This past week’s article involved focusing on doing the little things in life.

Senior AJ Chappuis said the articles have definitely made an impact during games and practice.

“If someone is losing focus, you got to focus on what’s in front of you, like the fundamentals,” said AJ, referring to last week’s article. “It’s helped a lot.”

Another mandatory activity is a new workout program developed by Brent Yule.

“We’ve struggled to get numbers in the weight room,” said Chappuis. “You have to put in time in the weight room if you want to improve.”

Like his idea for a weekly focus, Chappuis was inspired for a mandatory workout at a coaching conference. The speaker spoke of the need to create athletes, not just baseball players. To do that, players needed to work out more than on the

baseball field. So, Chappuis introduced the mandatory workout program last season.

“I think it’s really paid dividends,” said Chappuis, stating that this season has already seen an explosion in stolen bases and extra-base hits. “We’re faster and quicker. I think mentally we’re more confident, because our athletes are stronger.”

Despite the six-straight wins, Chappuis’ coaching mentality hasn’t changed. It’s still not about winning.

“We need to do more than just

coach baseball,” said Chappuis. “I’m trying to teach (them). They hear me preach all the time. Hopefully it’s sinking in.”

If the wins weren’t enough reason for Chappuis to grin, he’s seeing his hard work pay off in his players’ lives as well as their athleticism.

Although Medford is displaying one of the most diverse teams Chappuis has ever seen, he said he has never seen a team so close. He noted that the seniors have really come along beside freshman.

“There must be some kind of chemistry going on,” Chappuis said.

According to AJ, the team has traded individual pride for team pride.

“We’re more focused on doing it together, instead of worrying about ourselves,” said AJ. “So when we’re down, we

don’t bash them. We try to lift their spirits up to make them do better. We tell them to ‘flush it.’ That’s kind of our motto.”

Senior Nick VonRuden said the team has really grown up together, and that most of them have played together in previous seasons and in summer ball.

“It keeps (pitchers) more relaxed on the mound,” said VonRuden, adding that no one is afraid of ridicule from teammates for making a mistake. “This team is like everyone’s second family. We look out for each other.”

In their two most recent games on Saturday, the Tigers defeated Glenville-Emmons 12-4 and Minneota/Lincoln 11-4, amassing 19 hits and only one error in the two games.

“It was a great experience for the players to go through,” said Chappuis. “They travelled and

played two games against quality opponents and played sound baseball. The offense has picked up, while still playing sound defense and great pitching.”

According to Chappuis, each game has shown a new hero coming up big for the team. In their two Saturday games, freshman Javis VonRuden had six RBIs.

“What is more important than the RBIs has been the maturity that (VonRuden) has shown behind the plate as a freshman,” said Chappuis. “He has an uncanny sense to call the game and put our pitchers in a position to be successful.”

Chappuis said the team treats each game as an opportunity to play baseball. The hard work happens off the field, and the wins seem to take care of themselves.

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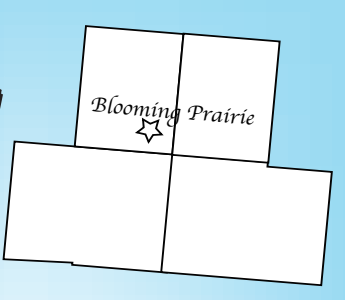


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New administrator sees herself as liaison

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Steele County's new administrator views herself as a connection between the commissioners, the staff and the public.

"I see myself really being a resource for those three in particular because all of them have a basic need for information," said Laura Elvebak, who just started her third week on the job. Elvebak replaced Tom Shea, who retired after more than 25 years as a county administrator and county com-

missioner. "It is very important that the commissioners have good information, accurate information and complete information so they can make a decision."

Just last week, in an effort to connect with the public, Elvebak started a Facebook page. "The reason was to showcase all the areas that county government is involved in," she said. "It is a great opportunity here to show all the different areas we are involved in, take one slice of it and go in-depth on it, so folks get a better understanding of county government."

Steele County Board of Commis-

sioners President Nina Huntington said she is impressed on how Elvebak has fit in the first couple of weeks on the job. "She just jumped right in doing her homework, attending lots of meetings to get to know the issues and the players and has had great input so far," Huntington said.

Huntington added that Elvebak was chosen for the job because she comes with an optimistic, enthusiastic fresh voice. "She has a brief history with county government, so she has her foot in the door on how things tend to work, but also has a great set of fresh ideas."

Elvebak became interested in civics and social studies in high school. In college, she majored in political science and minored in human resources, graduating from Minnesota State University-Mankato in 2000. After graduation she went to a career day and was connected with a local government entity and started work as an intern.

Her first job was with the city of Mankato and Blue Earth County contracting for human resource services.

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Staff photo by Alan Van Ormer
Laura Elvebak just began her third week as Steele County's administrator.



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley
Friends Callan Paffrath and Michael Wurdeman, of Owatonna, are one of the eight couples competing in the Dancing With Our Steele County Stars on Saturday, April 25, at the Medford High School Auditorium. The two will perform a Lindy Hop to the song "Getting in the Mood" by the Brian Setzer Orchestra and have two flips in their routine.

Steele residents to test dancing skills

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Eight couples from around Steele County will show off their newly found dancing skills with hopes of impressing both the judges and the audience at the fifth annual Dancing With Our Steele County Stars event this Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Medford High School Auditorium.

The event raises money for the non-profit organization Healthy Seniors of Steele County that aims to provide services to seniors who are in need of caregivers and empower them to live happy, safe and independent lives in their own homes for as long as possible.

"It is for a really good cause. We are trying to get people to know about our program, so what a fun way to do it, with an event that is kind of exercise but yet we have couples who are willing to put themselves out

there and put the time into learning a routine," said Healthy Seniors Executive Director Edna Ringhofer.

The couples first met with professional choreographers Brian and Lynette Dawley in November to learn about some different types of dances and be matched to which style best fit them.

"They are just phenomenal at matching the program to the dancer. You would never know that some of these couples have no dance experience prior to," Ringhofer said.

The couples got to work the first Sunday of February and have since met once a week for an hour with the Dawleys to learn and perfect their routines. On top of that they are asked to practice on their own during the rest of the week.

Ringhofer says the fun part for her of this whole process is seeing the reaction on the couples' faces when she asks if they would be willing to participate in the event, the progression

of their skills and seeing the audience enjoying themselves at the event.

"It is a fun thing. It is really neat to see the progression from seeing them that first day when all this choreography is thrown their way and then seeing them that night. It is a neat feeling because a lot of times we get people who are a little nervous and by the time they are done they have had so much fun," she said.

Ringhofer added that the competition this year is going to be very close.

"This year's show will not disappoint. The dancers look really good and they are very entertaining. Some years we have had couples who are way better than others or some that are not as good, but this year we don't have that, they are all equal so it will be about how they turn it up on the stage," she said.

The couples will be judged on three categories: fundraising, audience choice and judges score. In the end the points they earn from each cat-

egory will be added up for an overall score putting the highest scoring couples in first, second or third place.

Friends Callan Paffrath and Michael Wurdeman, of Owatonna, went to high school together and met through mock trail. The two were approached separately by Ringhofer to see if they would consider participating in the event.

"She asked me to do it one day and I told her I would do it if she could find me a partner and she definitely found me a partner," Paffrath said.

Paffrath has around 13 years of dance experience and was also a figure skater. Wurdeman on the other hand has "zero" dance experience, however Paffrath says he is doing very well.

Besides the weekly practice with the Dawleys the two try to practice at

DANCING
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Public Works decision deadline set

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

A 60-day extension for the submittal of an improved project application has provided the Steele County Board of Commissioners a bit more time to make a final decision on what to do with the public works building.

The revised deadline is June 24.

A recommendation was made during the Committee as a Whole meeting on April 14. The plan is for a two-phased approach that includes an improved project application for the current facility and completion of the work at a new site.

However, the county commissioners have delayed a decision on the proposal.

One reason was that Commissioner John Glynn inquired into purchasing a facility in the Owatonna Industrial Park that came open after Chart Industries recently moved out. The 115,815 square-foot facility, built in 1997, has an estimated market value of \$2.3 million.

Glynn asked to make inquiries about the availability of the facility and to find out if commissioners would be able to look at the building.

Steele County Public Works Director and County Engineer Anita Benson said she would make contact with the property owner and see what the interest is. "There was strong desire in the past to avoid purchasing a building that is set up specifically for industry," she said. "Economic development people felt it much easier to bring new industry in if there is a facility that is existing."

Board Chairperson Nina Huntington said personally, she didn't want to spend too much time on this building. "I agree from the economic development standpoint, it is a better use of that property for private industry to come in there than to use it as a government building," she said. "It is fine to do a quick tour through it, but I don't know that is going to be the best fit for what we're looking for."

Commissioner James 'Corky' Ebeling said the process needs to be done quickly because the 60-day extension is probably going to be the final extension the county is going to get.

A staff recommendation supported by the county administrator, treasurer, engineer and financial advisor would be a first phase improved project to be completed during the 2016 construction season. The

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Two new part-time police officers sworn in

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

About 25 people showed up at last Monday night's Blooming Prairie City Council meeting to soak in the pomp and circumstance as two new part-time police officers were sworn in.

As part of the pomp, family members and friends pinned badges on Craig Helgeson and Jacob Miller, who then shook all the councilmembers' hands. The circumstance: both will cover for other officers as needed, said Police Chief Greg Skillestad.

When the new officers left, so did most in the crowd, leaving the five council members to focus less on faces and more on numbers. The key one they focused on was the winning — and only — bid from a contractor to

take on the city's Main Street project, which is set to begin May 4 east of Highway 218 and continue west of the highway after July 4.

The council unanimously approved the bid for \$2,736,980 from Rochester-based Elcor Construction. The city and Steele County will share that cost, with the city paying \$1,068,254.

City Administrator Mike Jones said Blooming Prairie had paid \$4,100 for disc golf and would get a \$2,500 reimbursement from the Steele County Parks and Recreation Department.

In other business

Also Monday night, the City Council:

- Approved awarding a

- \$337,436 contract for the Sixth Street Northwest project to Fitzgerald Construction. The company was the lowest bidder.
- OK'd spending \$62,000 on an upgraded city street sweeper. Council member Mary Kittleson and Jones observed that maintenance on the current sweeper is costly; Jones said, "They run it one day; they work on it two days." The current sweeper cost \$55,000.
- Approved a personnel policy change allowing city employees to use sick leave to care for parents-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren.
- Approved changing the date of an upcoming council meeting to June 15, the third Monday of the month, from June 8.
- Approved the transfer of city property to a developer.

Jones closed the meeting with a report. Among the topics:

- The next City Council meeting will be preceded by a public hearing about the upcoming Main Street work at 6:30 p.m. May 4 in council chambers.
- The city is replacing the furnace at the library. Workers are waiting for the weather to comply, as it must be completed while neither the library's furnace nor its air conditioning is needed.
- Deputy City Clerk Terri Zwiener is set to attend a conference next month in Hartford, Connecticut, that will involve clerks from around the world.
- Mayor Harold Peterson expressed displeasure at the appearance of trees near the Canadian Pacific railway outside of the city, saying the railroad "went berserk" with a machine



Staff photo by Brian Sandford
Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad, right, swears in new part-time officers Jacob Miller, left, and Craig Helgeson.

that left them looking like a storm had blown them down. He wondered whether the railroad will finish removing the trees, and councilmember Tara Gimbel chimed in, saying she'd intentionally driven a different way home from Owatonna to avoid the trees' ugliness.

- Peterson reminded others that April 30 is Wheel of Fortune Day at Blooming Prairie Cue Co., which will host a viewing party beginning at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman Mary Kittleson and her husband, Pete, will be on the show, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Blooming Prairie Living



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Austin lawyer Dan Donnelly, a graduate of Blooming Prairie High School, addresses about 20 attendees at last Wednesday's Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce meeting at George's of Geneva.

Lawyer addresses immigration at chamber meeting in Geneva

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Twenty listeners crowded George's of Geneva last Wednesday to hear Austin lawyer Dan Donnelly discuss changes in immigration patterns.

Donnelly told members of the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce during the group's monthly meeting that he graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1994, then attended St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. He became interested in immigration issues because his uncle had an immigration practice, and the two worked together both before and after Donnelly became a lawyer himself.

Also according to Donnelly:

Most of his clients are from Mexico, but that has been changing. In 2007-08, the government changed its immigration-verification to E-Verify, resulting in fewer undocumented workers remaining in the United States. Many who moved here from Mexico have either moved on or attained legal residence.

Rochester has seen an influx of immigrants from Asia, Sudan and Liberia, some of whom come to work at plants such as Hormel's. Dairy farmers, meanwhile, are among the biggest employers of Mexican immigrants.

Donnelly opened the floor to questions at the end of his talk. He was asked about the cost of immigration.

For those entering the U.S. illegally, the first cost is about \$5,000 that's paid to a coyote who aids in transport, he said. There are three ways to get a green card allowing indefinite legal stays: through a family member; through an employer sponsor who first must advertise a job in a newspaper to prove no current citizens are interested in it; and via marriage.

If a person marries into a green card, the marriage must last at least two years, Donnelly said.

"Believe it or not, most people who enter into fake marriages, they cannot do that two-year period," he said, drawing laughter.

An audience member remarked that most people don't want law-abiding immigrants to have to leave and asked what the answer is to illegal immigration.

"If I knew the answer, I wouldn't be here," Donnelly said. He added that in his opinion, "The reality is that we need the unskilled labor force in the United States. There's a demand for it. They need to find a way to streamline unskilled labor into this country."

The chamber's next meeting is May 20 at the City Center.



Minimizer owner Craig Kruckeberg, from left, stands with Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad and Sgt. Mark Lang during a brief ceremony Wednesday, April 15.

Staff photo by Brian Sandford

Police department gets bike patrol

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Members of the Blooming Prairie Police Department won't just be patrolling the streets in SUVs this summer.

Last Wednesday, Minimzer owner Craig Kruckeberg presented Police Chief Greg Skillestad and Sgt. Mark Lang with one of two police bicycles the

department is receiving, the result of a \$5,000 donation from Kruckeberg. The bike was handed over during a brief ceremony in front of Minimzer's office.

Officers will patrol the city's streets day and night.

"We want to be approachable," Skillestad said about being able to connect more personally with residents while on a bicycle.

Both Skillestad and Lang have

experience with bike patrols; Lang was involved with them in Austin, while Skillestad did the same while in the Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Skillestad said the ability to be visible when needed — as well as invisible when needed — is among the bikes' benefits.

"We can be visible or can surprise those who are not doing the right thing," he said.

Viewing party set for BP pair's 'Wheel of Fortune' appearance

By BRIAN SANDFORD
News Editor

Blooming Prairie's Pete and Mary Kittelson will hit small screens all over the region when "Wheel of Fortune" airs at 6:30 p.m. April 30. At least one of those screens will be at Blooming Prairie Cue Co., which is hosting a viewing party beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Kittelsons will be there, and Mary acknowledged it will be strange watching herself. She said she has only seen herself on video one other time, when she took a golf class and had to videotape her swing.

"We're probably more curious than most people because we did it, but we never saw it," the city councilwoman said. "We said early on our hope was that we wouldn't go on there and make too big a fool of ourselves and end up on YouTube or something. As far as we know, it's not that bad, but we're not sure."

The Kittelsons will mark 40 years of marriage in July. That fit with the theme of the show in which they appeared, as it focused on long-married couples. They flew to Los Angeles on Jan. 14 and taped the following day, Mary said. After that, she got to tour the area for the first time during an unseasonably warm period.

Mary said she doesn't think anyone from Blooming Prairie had ever been on the show. Many elements of the experience surprised her.

"The show itself, every single thing of it was not like anything I had ever thought

about," said Mary, who has been watching "Wheel of Fortune" for decades.

The taping day began with instructions from 7 a.m. to noon. She said her makeup was checked, and participants were briefed on legal issues and playing fairly, tax responsibilities if they won money, and how to spin the show's signature wheel. That's more easily said than done, Mary said.

"The wheel weighs more than 1,000 pounds," she said.

The day was efficiently regimented, Mary said, as a week's

worth of "Wheel of Fortune" episodes are taped in one day.

Mary got to interact with longtime show hosts Pat Sajak and Vanna White. "Vanna is over by the letter board, but Pat is near you and talks and encourages you," she said, adding that he was very kind.

"It's very interesting, the people who will come up to us and are like, 'I never watched that show before, but now I watch it, and now I'm addicted to it,'" she said, adding, "People have really been great about being happy for us."

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Cedar Travel offers experience

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Cedar Travel offers experience with arranging travel plans, whether a family reunion, weekend getaway, wellness week, girlfriend gathering, honeymoon/anniversary trip, cruise or whatever your heart desires.

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Since 2008, Laurie has been the sole owner of Cedar Travel and continues to be an avid traveler when her busy schedule allows.

Laurie likes to revisit the popular, ever-changing Mexican destinations, to inspect hotels/resorts, old and new, check out their accommodations, beach facilities and restaurants. Over the years, Laurie has had the opportunity to tour several countries, including many within Europe; Iceland, Egypt, Tahiti, Australia and more. She has also sailed with many cruise lines, visiting the Caribbean Islands and ports of call, Hawaiian Islands, plus she has sailed in the Mediterranean, the Greek Isles and has enjoyed two different European River Cruises.

Other long time, valued agents 'on duty' at Cedar Travel include Colleen Hollister, colleen@cedartravel.net; Dave Clausen, dave@cedartravel.net; as well as Mary Mueske, mary@cedartravel.net. Gail Skroch of Ellendale is Cedar Travel's cruise specialist; you can



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Cedar Travel, Owatonna, offers experience-plus in travel. From left to right are, front row: Dave Clausen and Laurie Johnson, second row: Gail Skroch, Ronda Christenson, Colleen Hollister and Mary Mueske.

reach her at skrochs@hickorytech.net. Ronda Christenson has cut her hours in the office, and Sharon Schleich, who retired in 2007, still helps out when needed.

Recent travel experiences for the staff... Colleen-Costa Rica; Dave-Dominican Republic; Mary-Riviera Maya; Ronda-Italy; Gail-10 day Caribbean Cruise.

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Sauerkraut Cheese Ball

- 1 can sauerkraut, drained
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- 10 oz shredded cheese
- 1 tsp. diced onion
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/2 c. cracker crumbs
- 1/4 c. Miracle Whip

By Joyce Johns

Combine all ingredients and form into a ball. Chill for several hours and then frost with cream cheese. Serve with assorted crackers.



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Above, Charlie Bucket (second from left), played by Nicole Wallin and chorus members, visits the Candy Man (left), played by Abby Christopherson, in NRHEG's high school production of "Willy Wonka" on Saturday, April 17.
Right, Willy Wonka (third from left) and other members of the chorus perform the opening song.



Menus

NRHEG Breakfast Menu

- April 21: Banana Bread
- April 22: Pancakes, Sausage
- April 23: Bagels, Yogurt
- April 24: Long Johns
- April 27: Oatmeal Round
- April 28: Cheese Omelet
- April 29: Doughnut, Yogurt

NRHEG Lunch Menu

- April 21: Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Baby Car-

- rots, Mandarin Oranges
- April 22: Chicken Fajita or Taco w/Toppings, Golden Corn, Celery Sticks, Applesauce
- April 23: BBQ or Plain Pork on Bun, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Diced Peaches
- April 24: Shrimp Poppers, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Broccoli, Diced Pears
- April 27: BBQ Rib Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges
- April 28: Nachos Supreme w/Toppings, Golden Corn, Seasoned Rice, Applesauce

Student of the Week

Wyatt Groskreutz is in Mrs. Bunn's fourth-grade class. He is the son of Adam and Jodi Groskreutz. Wyatt is in wrestling, baseball and football. He also enjoys snowmobiling, television and video games as well as board games and card games. Wyatt shows great determination and perseverance each week; he will continue working on a task until he is successful. Wyatt is the type of student who can draw his peers in and get



them motivated about the task at hand. He is a great leader who pushes himself and others around him to strive to do their best. We are very lucky to have such a great role model at NRHEG.

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April 24: Breakfast Burrito OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly / Margarine, Vegetable Selection, Fruit / Juice, Milk

April 27: Bacon Breakfast Pizza OR Choice of WG Cereal, WW Toast, Jelly / Margarine, Vegetable Selection, Fruit / Juice, Milk

Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt Pak,
Taco Salad, Glazed Carrots,
Broccoli Florets, Celery Sticks,
Choice of Fruit
April 22: Chicken Nuggets,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Bread, Deli Sub, Chicken Caesar
Salad, Mashed Potatoes,
Baby Carrots, Cauliflower,
Choice of Fruit
April 23: Medford Oles,
Sour Cream, Salsa, Honey Mustard
Ham Wrap, Cravin Craisin

Salad, Broccoli, Celery Sticks, Cherry Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit

April 24: Homemade Cheese-bread, Marinara, Pasta Salad, Turkey Sub, Harvest Chicken Salad, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Choice of Fruit

April 27: Cheeseburger on WG Bun, Combo Sliders, Chef Salad, French Fries, Cherry Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Choice of

Fruit

April 28: NEW Chicken Taco “Boat” Toppings and Salsa, Turkey Flatbread, 7 Layer Salad, Spicy Pinto Beans, Shredded Romaine Lettuce, Tomatoes, Choice of Fruit

April 29: Chicken Legs & Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Turkey Ranch Wrap, Crispy Chicken Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Green Pepper Strips, Choice of Fruit

OwatonnaLiving

Owatonna couple share their love of traveling with others

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Keith and Jane Bangs, of Owatonna, have always had a love of people and traveling. After the two retired they decided to share their love with others by hosting bus tours through Owatonna Community Education by giving travelers the “best ‘bang’ for their buck” (punning after their last name).

The Bangs got their first experience in hosting tours back in the late 70s during the summers for the Travel Headquarters. Keith hosted Amtrak tours for 10 years and Jane hosted Amtrak tours and organized other hosts and hostesses for five years.

Keith retired from being a math teacher at Owatonna High School in 1999 and Jane retired from being a business teacher at OHS in 2003. The two came up with the idea to host tours through community education after taking a trip with some friends to Mackinac Island and Door County, Wisconsin, in 2008.

“I told Keith this would be a great place to put a tour together and bring people from Owatonna,” Jane said.

After the two returned from the trip they ran the idea by Debbie Karaus, Owatonna Community Education Coordinator, and got the green light if they were willing to do all the planning for the trip.

“We love people. We love to travel, explore and just see different areas. This fosters our love for people and now we can travel and we don’t have to grade papers,” Jane said.

Keith added, “We like to share our love of travel and we know that there are a lot of people who want to do it but they are hesitant to have to sit down and plan it.”

The two took their first tour group to Door County and Mackinac Island in 2010. Typically they go on one tour a year, however some years they have done two. The Bangs have taken tours to Door County and Mackinac Island twice, gone to Branson, Missouri four times, New England and most recently the Canadian Rockies last summer.

At the end of each trip each of the travelers is given a survey where each is able to leave suggestions for future destinations. All of the tours, with the exception of the first have come about from that feedback.

Typically the tour groups are around 50 people and they have had travelers join them from other areas in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Iowa and Arizona.

“Some people are happy sitting in front of a tube watching TV and I like to do (that). I love to be around people. Some people like to go to casinos, we like to plan trips and execute them,” Jane said.

The Bangs start planning the trip a year in advance and set up all of the meals, activi-



Keith and Jane Bangs of Owatonna have been leading bus tours through Owatonna Community Education since 2010. The two typically go on one trip a year.

ties, lodging and organize the itineraries all while keeping their travelers best interests in mind.

“We do the behind the scenes and we love doing it. Keith is the navigator. He will figure out the route, expedite time and figure out the activities. He is the driver’s right hand man,” Jane said.

Keith added, “She is the organizer. Most of the time when we do these longer trips there is a lot of time where we are both in the car and she gets on the phone and calls people up.”

“We try to go the extra mile. If we go on our vacation we do our thing, but when we are hosting a trip this is their trip. We just try to make everything go as smoothly as possible,” Jane said.

“We try to get great deals for our travelers. We have a lot of travelers that go on five or six tours with us because they know they are going to get a good trip for the best value.”

Besides keeping their

wallets in mind, the Bangs keep their time in mind.

“The only time we give them on the itinerary is day one they know when we leave and the last day they know the approximate arrival time. They are on vacation; they don’t need to worry about that,” Jane said. Keith added, “They really don’t need to know. Everything is basically taken care of and there are always things that come up.”

The Bangses also try to keep the travelers on their toes by throwing in surprises and jokes along the way.

Jane recalled a time on a tour when the group thought they were going to dinner but instead made a surprise visit to Mount Rushmore. There was another time when the Bangs brought a group to a restaurant in Branson, Missouri, that had a few tables that rise slowly while you eat. The Bangs of course knew this, but the travelers did not and

couldn’t believe what happened.

“You order your food and then after the food is brought all of a sudden the table ever so slightly rises until all of a sudden the two guys were going ‘What the heck?’” Jane said.

Out of all the places the Bangs have gone they can’t pick a favorite tour as each one had something different in store. Besides the tours the Bangs also travel to North Carolina in the fall to visit their son and to Arizona during January and February where they have a time-share.

Their next tour is a 15-day trip to the East Coast and the Southern Plantation this fall. The trip features stops at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Mount Vernon, Ocracoke Island,

Colonial Williamsburg, the Outer Banks and Washington, D.C, among many others.

There are currently 51 travelers signed up along with a waiting list.

Travelers’ comments

Keith and Barb Klein, of Owatonna, have been on various tours with the Bangs including Door County and Mackinac Island, New England, Branson, Missouri several times and most recently the Canadian Rockies.

“It is so much fun. You develop such a good camaraderie with your fellow travelers because Keith and Jane are so good at developing that sense of family. They make sure that we

get the opportunity to mix with others to develop some new friendships,” Keith said. “When you are traveling with them you feel that the trip is almost designed for you. I think they have that ability to make every person on that trip feel that they are a special person and getting extra attention, but actually they give that to everyone.”

Keith says the thing that sets the Bangses apart from other hosts and hostesses or tour groups is their organization and planning as well as their personalities.

“It is always fun and well organized, they take care of everything. You don’t have to worry about anything. Once in a while there are seldom glitches, but usually it is out of their control and they try to make the most of the situation,” Keith said.

Steve and Diane LaValle, of Owatonna, have also been on various tours with the Bangs including Door County, Wisconsin, and Mackinac Island, New England, Branson, Missouri, and most recently the Canadian Rockies.

“They do an excellent job of planning things out and making sure that everything runs on time. You couldn’t ask for a better tour guide,” Steve said. “Everything is so well organized. They are so personal, keep you up-to-date on any changes and they are great tour guides. If something comes up they address it right away.”

Steve says he would highly recommend the bangs as tour guides as “they are nothing but excellent.” He also felt that what sets them apart is their planning and personalities.

“They are personal, organized and make sure that everything is right for everybody. You couldn’t ask for a better personality; they are friendly, kind, courteous,” he said.

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The smell of spring is in the air and we all get the itch to get our livestock back out on pasture as quickly as possible. For those of us who use pasture as a main livestock feed source, we know that how well or poorly managed a pasture is directly relates to the animal's performance. Therefore, it is important to take some time to check to make sure that the pastures are truly ready for livestock.

The following is a short checklist to help you prepare:

- Soil testing. It's important to know that your pastures are receiving the nutrients that are needed. A soil test provides the necessary information to indicate if additional nutrients need to be added or if there is too much of a specific nutrient. Soil testing information and forms are available at the local Extension office.
- Assess stand. Now is a great time of year to walk your pasture to assess if there are areas that need improvement. Over time, pastures lose productivity due to a number of different reasons including varieties, age of the stand, traffic flow areas and management levels. Even weather plays a role in how the pasture grows.
- Establishment. Most new seeding should have been planted in the fall. Now is the time to check and see how the new establishment fared through the winter. New seeding will need to be managed differently than older stands. New stands will not stand up to as intense grazing pressures and traffic areas. Livestock should be kept off the pasture until the seed is well established. Mowing the area 2-3 times before releasing livestock onto pasture will aid in establishment. If needed, pastures can also be renovated by reseeding from April 1 to May 15. Plant species and seeding methods will also need to be assessed.
- Check fences. Having a good fence is not only important for good neighbor

ON THE FARM



Karen Anderson

relations but is a critical point in preparing the pasture for livestock. While out checking if the fence needs repair or if old fence needs replacement, it is also a good time to check if anything needs to be cleaned up in the pasture. Down trees and trash may need to be removed before the pasture is ready for livestock. Additionally, check that the electricity used for the fencer is working properly. The fencer or power source may be in need of additional maintenance. A fence is only as strong as its weakest point.

- Water. Checking the water system is essential to make sure that livestock have easy access to water while in the pasture. Hoses, valves, tank floats and tanks need to be assessed to make sure they are in good working order.

This is just a short list of things to consider before turning your livestock out to pasture for the first time. For more information, feel free to contact Karen Anderson at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685 or ande9495@umn.edu.

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A tractor is driven last week just north of Geneva.

Staff photo by Brian Sandford

Safety a priority as planting begins

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Now that spring planting is here, many farmers and producers will be moving big equipment from fields to fields and down roads across southern Minnesota. With spring planting underway, it is also important to keep safety as a priority.

"One thing, and it is not just farmers, is for everyone to be aware on the roads," said Minnesota Farm Bureau President Kevin Paap. "Kind of the important part is to recognize everyone was going all winter without road traffic. Now is the time when machinery is out there and moving. Slow down realizing that tractors and farm equipment

moves a lot slower than regular motorists."

Paap said it is also important to know your surroundings and understand that going down a highway this equipment is not just slower, but bigger. "Keep an eye out for turn signals," he said. "Leave plenty of space between you and the farm equipment. It all boils down to being patient."

From a safety perspective, traveling on a road would be the first thing to think about. It is also important to remember that anything can happen. Newer equipment features a wide variety of warning systems such as flashing lights, extremity markings and slow-moving vehicle signs.

"Spring is not as long a season and doesn't have to be as rushed as the fall season," Paap said. "This time of year we're not going to plant after dark. It is Basic Safety 101 – eat the right things, get plenty of rest and take breaks when you need to."

When it comes to planting or applying products like herbicides or pesticides, Paap said it is important to read and understand products that you are using. It is also important to use gloves and safety glasses, Paap said.

Field preparation is much different than 20 years ago, Paap said. "Technology has changed a lot of things," he said. "Some technology has taken the fatigue out of farming."



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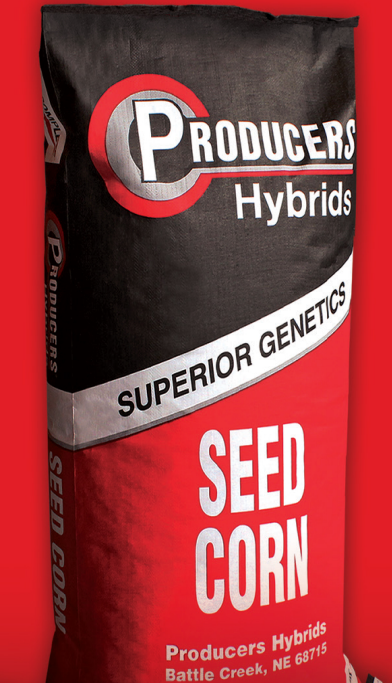
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

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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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: 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.

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Dated: March 9, 2015

Wells Fargo Bank,
N.A. Mortgagee

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13-093361

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 6, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$136,774.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Dustin L. Stewart and Alicia L. Stewart, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 10, 2009, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065185

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven and the West 24 feet of Lot Six, all in Block Eight in Kuether's Addition to the City of Owatonna

REGISTERED PROPERTY 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.

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Dated: March 18, 2015

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 13, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$139,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alvin J. Vierling and Sylvia L. Vierling, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

SERVICER: OneWest Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 27, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000340742

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; thereafter assigned to OneWest Bank N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Beginning at a point on the Northerly line of Lot 3 in Block 9 of Riverside Addition to the City of Owatonna, 8 rods Westerly from the NE corner of said Lot 3, running thence Westerly on said Northerly line 59 feet to the NW corner of said Lot 3; thence Southerly along the West line of said Lot 3 to the SW corner of said Lot 3, thence East 32 feet along the South line of said Lot 3; thence Northerly to point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 427 Glendale Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-0907

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$85,258.42

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: June 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.

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Dated: April 2, 2015

OneWest Bank N.A.
Assignee of Mortgagee

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 28, 2010

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$113,471.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Peggy Wetmore, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100199600012387425

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Advisors Mortgage, LLC

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 11, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000371642

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: June 25, 2014 filed: July 10, 2014, recorded as document number A000397770

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: No. 1-Commencing 37.1/2 feet East of the Northwest corner of Lot Six (6) in the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Sixteen (16) Township One Hundred and Seven (107) North, of Range Twenty (20) West, running thence East 123 feet, thence South 58.1/2 feet, thence West 123 feet, thence North 58.1/2 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 506 Oak Ave S, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1131

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$115,575.08

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: June 18, 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.

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Dated: April 17, 2015

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National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

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LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

SERVICER: OneWest Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 27, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000340742

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; thereafter assigned to OneWest Bank N.A.

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Dated: April 2, 2015

OneWest Bank N.A.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 28, 2010

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$139,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alvin J. Vierling and Sylvia L. Vierling, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.

SERVICER: OneWest Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 27, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000340742

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; thereafter assigned to OneWest Bank N.A.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 427 Glendale Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-0907

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$85,258.42

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: June 5, 2015, 10:00am

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Steele County Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, May 4th, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit applications.

Matt and Sarah Keller have requested a Conditional Use Permit to expand their existing feedlot with the addition of a 51 feet by 200 feet swine barn housing 1200 head of grower/finisher pigs. This barn is located in the SE ¼, Section 3, Merton Township. The property address is 7850 74th Ave. NE. Total capacity of the site will be 2700 head (1080 animal units) housed in four barns.

Aaron Fitzgerald has requested to install three 39KW wind turbines in the N ½ of the SE ¼, Section 2, Medford Township on property owned by Cary Berg.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 12, 2003
MORTGAGOR: Nathaniel D. Kilwine, a single man.
MORTGAGEE: American Residential Mortgage, LP.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded June 17, 2003 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A 311767.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. Dated June 12, 2003 Recorded June 17, 2003, as Document No. A 311768.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: American Residential Mortgage, LP
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 702 South 6th Street, Ellendale, MN 56026
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 151090109 and 151110004
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The South Half of Lot 4 and the North Half of Lot 5, Block 1, Norby Addition to the City of Ellendale, Minnesota and Outlot D, Norby Second Addition
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$135,072.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$112,533.59
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: June 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.
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 December 7, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None
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Dated: April 1, 2015

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No 74-PR-15-499

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

Estate of
Chiwako K. Resler,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 12, 2015, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated, September 13, 2012, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Lee Roy Resler and Kathleen M. Shaw, whose addresses are 700 Willow Brooke Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060 and 1998 Woodcrest Drive NE, Owatonna, MN 55060, respectively, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Co-Personal Representatives 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 Co-Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated:
2015.04.09

BY THE COURT
Joseph A Bueltel

Judge of District Court
Dated: Apr 10 2015

Sonia Kocher
Court Administrator

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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 3/31/2015
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the March 17, 2015 Board Minutes. Ayes all.
3. Glynn/Brady to approve the On Sale & Sunday On Sale Liquor License for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.
4. Brady/Ebeling to approve the Dance Permit for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.
5. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the 2015 Retainer Agreement for drainage issues with Kurt Deter. Ayes all.
6. Glynn/Brady to appoint Mike Jones to The Cedar River Watershed Board (CRWD) Board through March 2016. Ayes all.
7. Ebeling/Brady offered a Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6 through April 12, 2015, to be National Public Health Week in Steele County. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
8. Glynn/Brady to approve the Addendum to the Contract between Steele County and Wenck Associates, Inc. for a Community Assessment Report in the Community of Pratt at a cost of \$1,400 and to authorize the Planning & Zoning Director to sign . Ayes all.
9. Ebeling/Glynn to Appoint Commissioner Brady to the Weed Management Association. Ayes all.
10. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the Freeborn-Steele County Shared Employee Agreement to provide Recycling Coordinator Services effective April 1, 2015-March 31, 2016. Ayes all.
11. Ebeling/Brady to approve the appropriation request of Owatonna Partners for Economic Development (OPED) in the amount of \$1,000 for 2015. Ayes all.
12. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the Personnel Actions. Ayes all.
13. Commissioner Reports:
Ebeling reported on his attendance at the 911 meeting in Rice County, JD #24, MNPrairie and the Annual Township meeting.
Brady reported on his attendance at the CAER meeting, Annual Township meeting and Highway 14 meeting.
Huntington spoke about the collaboration with the other entities-City of Owatonna and introduced the new Steele County Administrator, Laura Elvebak.
14. Brady/Ebeling to go into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. for the Property Acquisition Consideration. Ayes all.
15. Ebeling/Brady to Re-open the Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
16. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 3/31/2015	
A'viands, LLC	5,318.70
Al-Jon Manufacturing, LLC	7,489.56
Applied Concepts, Inc.	11,140.00
Central Valley Cooperative	5,360.72
Express Services, Inc.	2,902.50
Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc.	2,100.00
Integra Telecom	2,901.29
Malo Roofing, Inc.	7,575.00
MN Dept of Transportation	12,973.37
MNPrairie County Alliance	2,486.73
Owatonna Motor Company	9,479.91
RDO Equipment Co, Inc.	4,086.33
Road Machinery & Supplies, Co.	2,388.28
Rochester Sand & Gravel	2,773.75
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	9,081.66
Steele County Highway Dept.	5,077.92
Thompson Reuters-West	2,874.48
Turnkey Corrections	9,285.26
Verizon Wireless	7,879.87
103 Warrants Under \$2,000	41,982.96
Total:	155,158.29

17. Glynn/Brady to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 7:45 p.m. Ayes all.

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STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, May 4th, 2015 beginning at 7:30 P.M. the Steele County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing., in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN to consider amending Section 1508.02 of the Steele County Zoning Ordinance to read as follows. (strikethrough is deleted, underlined is added).

1. All uses associated with the bulk storage of oil, gasoline, liquid fertilizer, chemicals and similar liquids shall comply with the requirements of the Minnesota State Fire Marshall's and Minnesota Department of Agriculture Offices and have documents from those offices stating that the use is in compliance.

2. All existing, Above ground liquid storage tanks having a capacity in excess of 10,000-12,000 gallons shall be processed as require a conditional use permit and shall file said permit and information requirements as specified in Section 504 of this Ordinance.

3. ~~All aboveground liquid bulk storage tanks shall be setback from all residential structures a minimum of one-quarter (1/4) mile.~~

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter.

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Distracted-driving laws are frequently broken

Question: There are way too many other drivers on their cell phones calling or texting. Why don't you enforce these laws? We never hear about it.

Answer: I agree that there are too many drivers that are distracted while driving. We are doing our best to enforce the laws and reduce the number of crashes on our roadways. April is distracted driving month, so law enforcement will be targeting any type of distracted driving and taking enforcement action.

Minnesota does have a law making it **illegal** for drivers to read/compose/send text messages and emails, or access the internet using a wireless device while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. I believe that distracted driving, namely texting and using the internet on our phones, is a major distraction that causes many crashes. I've based this belief not only on my years of training and experience from several traffic stops and crashes, but also on statistics. Each year in Minnesota a distracted or inattentive driving is a factor in *one in four crashes*, resulting in at least *70 deaths* and *350 serious injuries*. I believe these numbers are vastly under-reported due to law enforcement's challenge in determining distraction as a crash factor. Driving itself is a challenging activity that involves steering, checking mirrors, signaling, maintaining safe speed, reading road signs, and more. Adding non-driving tasks behind the wheel increases the risk of a crash. Attentive driving is critical as the traffic environment can change in an

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instant, such as lights changing, vehicles braking quickly, changing lanes, road conditions, and pedestrians crossing or walking along the roadways.

A recent in-depth study showed that the average person checking/ sending text messages takes their eyes off the roadway for approximately 4.6 seconds each time. At 55mph you have traveled over 370 feet in that time (the length of a football field). Ask yourself what can happen during that time and distance? Could you drift over the shoulder and hit somebody changing their flat tire? *Drivers need to know the serious dangers of distracted driving and understand that texting and driving is unacceptable.* The Minnesota State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies have been, and will continue to be actively involved in distracted driving campaigns throughout Minnesota.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th St. NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848.

Fire destroys sheds in Lansing

A large shed and attached shed were destroyed during a fire in Lansing on Friday.

Austin Fire Chief Jim McCoy stated that the owner was working on a tractor draining gasoline when he noticed there was a fire. He quickly called 911 and the Austin Fire Department arrived on the scene at 12:20 p.m.

The Brownsville Fire Department assisted in the fire.

"Both sheds were a total loss and everything inside was a total loss," McCoy said, adding no one was injured.

The state fire marshal was on hand to investigate.

Correction

Hollandale Reformed Church was misidentified in a photo

caption on Page 7A in the April 14 edition of the Times.



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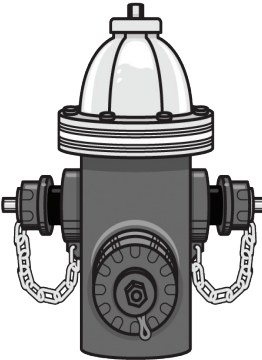
City Hydrant Flushing

APRIL 28, 29, 30 and May 1

All city fire hydrants in Blooming Prairie will be flushed on Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., April 28-30 and May 1st, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m., weather permitting. Flushing of hydrants can cause some rust to come out of pipes in areas; particularly where the water system is not looped.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

Answers on Page 7C

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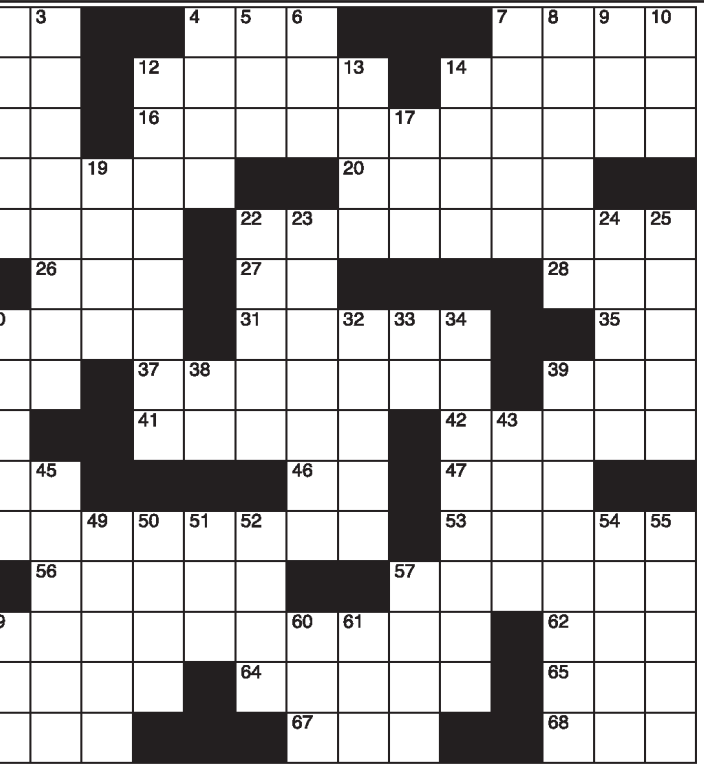
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- SE Asian sarsaparilla soft drink
- Fire remains
- 3rd tone
- Before
- It breaks down

CLUES DOWN

- Swedish statesman Olaf
- Baltic flat-bottomed boat (alt. sp.)
- Fingernail treatment
- Breezed through
- Check
- Stray
- Ancient computing devices
- Something cheerleaders wave
- The woman
- Ambulance rescue initials

- lactose
- A waterproof raincoat
- Atomic #18
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- Follows sigma
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- Point that is one point N of due E
- Excels
- Berkus and Silver
- Famous for fables
- Philippine capital
- Meg Ryan's ex-husband
- Doleful
- Arugula genus
- Nursery verse
- The 7th Greek letter
- Container for shipping
- Charge for services
- Immature onion plant

- In a drowsy manner
- A set of type of one style
- Not completely closed
- No (Scottish)
- Microelectromechanical system
- Having the wind against the forward side
- Reestablish
- Khloe K's former husband
- Verse forms
- Places to sit



- Chilean pianist Claudio
- Rounds of poker
- Spanish be
- Sing and play for somebody
- Chemical symbol for gold
- Praying insects
- Israeli politician Abba
- 7th planet from the sun
- Br. plural of a penny
- Largest continent
- Distress signal
- Senate and People of

- Rome
- Fill with high spirits
- Egyptian statesman Anwar
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Painting for a cause

Eighteen people gathered last Thursday at Blooming Prairie Cue Co. as part of a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club. At left, Melissa Wilberding attempts to replicate a painting displayed at the front of the room. Valerie Schewe of Uniquely Yours Canvas led the session.

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A photograph of two men standing side-by-side. The man on the left is older, with a white beard, wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. The man on the right is younger, wearing a dark suit, a light green shirt, and a patterned tie.

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FAIRMONT
Public Utilities

A logo featuring a stylized sun and water waves, with the words 'Grand Marais Public Utilities' below it.

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A circular logo with a blue background and a white outline. Inside the circle, there is a stylized 'L' and the words 'City of Lake City Public Utilities' below it.

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A logo with a blue background and a white outline. Inside the outline, there is a stylized lightning bolt and the words 'LITCHFIELD PUBLIC UTILITIES' below it.

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NEW PRAGUE
UTILITIES

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North Branch
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OWATONNA
PUBLIC UTILITIES

A logo with a blue background and a white outline. Inside the outline, there is a stylized 'P' and the words 'Preston PUBLIC UTILITIES' below it.

Preston
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rpu
we pledge, we deliver

A logo with a blue background and a white outline. Inside the outline, there is a stylized 'S' and the words 'City of Saint Peter Public Utilities' below it.

City of Saint Peter
Public Utilities

A logo with a blue background and a white outline. Inside the outline, there is a stylized 'S' and the words 'Spring Valley Utilities LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT' below it.

Spring Valley Utilities
LIGHT & WATER
DEPARTMENT

A logo with the word 'Waseca' in a large, serif font, and 'Utilities' in a smaller font below it.

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