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Ag Commissioner in Blooming Prairie for Land Use Expo

By ALAN VAN ORMER
Managing Editor

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, along with other elected officials, are slated to be at the Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo on July 20. The Expo will be held at the Rod-

ney Krell farm site, two miles north of Blooming Prairie on U.S. Highway 218. Grain and livestock issues will be covered during the daylong activities. The Southeast Minnesota Ag Association is sponsoring the event. "What makes this unique is that we will have a legislative listening session," said Dan Vermilyea, Steele

County Feedlot Officer, who is helping coordinate the event. Vermilyea said a realistic number that will be attending would be 200. However, he believes there could be more because of the legislative speakers. There are concerns about getting the public to attend the Expo. "If they are interested in the legislative session,

they will come," Vermilyea said. "The goal is to get people here." The Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo is slated to start at 10 a.m., with welcome and introductions. The opening session will include presentations by sponsors, elected officials and feedlot staff. At 11 a.m., there will be field demon-

strations. These demonstrations include liquid and solid manure application equipment and conservation equipment. A lunch will be served at noon. Then at 1 p.m., there will be a legislative listening session dealing with agriculture and water. It will include a recap on the 2015 legislative session and a question and answer period.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE CELEBRATES FOURTH OF JULY



Staff photos by Rick Bussler

Old time tractors rolled through the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July parade. In addition, many dressed themselves and their animals in the patriotic theme. Others like Riley Otte, 10, from Sauke Centre, assisted with Otte's Construction making snow cones. Jayna Martin, 9, from Owatonna, showed her USA sign proudly on her face, while four ladies also showed their patriotic spirit. Pictured left to right, are Brittney Jenkins, Karena Jenkins (Ellendale) and Gabi Deml and Kristin Deml (Owatonna.)

OHS grad helping build relationships in Africa

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Three years ago, when Jenna Seaser was preparing for her freshman year as a mechanical engineering major at Michigan Tech University, she received a pamphlet in the mail informing students about Michigan Tech's Pavlis Leadership Team program in Africa. Jenna was instantly intrigued. Three years later, she finds herself packing for a six week

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Bussler takes over DCI newspaper, shopper

After more than a half century of family ownership, the Dodge County Independent based in Kasson has a new owner. Beginning July 1, Rick Bussler took over operations of the DCI newspaper and shopper from Randy and Lisa Carlsen. Bussler is the owner and publisher of the Steele County Times and the News Enterprise serving Claremont, West Concord and Dodge Center. "I am elated to take over such a strong operation as the DCI," said Bussler, who has owned newspapers since 2009. "But I certainly have my work cut out for me in maintaining what the Carlsens have built over the years," he added. Bussler quickly acknowledged that taking over the DCI will be no easy task. "The Carlsen family has a strong and rich tradition of providing quality community journalism for 50 years," he said. "It is impressive what they have accomplished for so long in providing Dodge County with a weekly paper and a weekly shopper." The DCI has a weekly circulation of about 1,500 and the shopper hits nearly 12,000 homes. It has been in the Carlsen family since Folmer Carlsen purchased it in 1963. Folmer's son, Randy, took over the operation in 1996. Bussler has owned the Times since 2009 and the News Enterprise since 2012.



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Opinion

Our view

Is this the end of the Fourth of July celebration?

People from all over the country (literally) travelled to Blooming Prairie for the two-day 41st annual Fourth of July celebration over the past weekend. There were crowds of adults and children packing the streets to enjoy the annual parade that included 68 different floats from not only Blooming Prairie, but other counties as well. While the number of floats was down from 2014 (more than 80), you could still see the excitement on the children’s faces as they scrambled onto the streets to gather as much candy as their hands could hold.

And then there were the variety of activities in Blooming Prairie City Park and other venues throughout the community. The fun included a magic show, tractor pull, Just for Kix performance. You name it; there was something around the community for everyone.

It saddens us that the 41st annual Fourth of July celebration could be the last. It has been alluded to over the past two years that the end of the annual event could be in sight.

In fact, in the recent Blooming Prairie Chamber newsletter, Board President Luke Swenson asks the question “Is this event worth the effort and expense?” And the issue behind stopping this great event is one word ‘volunteers.’

In his newsletter piece, Swenson said “If we want to continue this great tradition then we need to build back up our base of enthusiastic coordinators and workers so we can continue.”

And that is where it all begins. Right now, there are a great group of volunteers, but that number is starting to dwindle because of age concerns or just plain busy schedules. Maybe the answer lies both inside and outside of the community of Blooming Prairie.

It is great to have the dedicated volunteers inside Blooming Prairie, but looking at the parade and activities in City Park, there are many that come from outside the community. So maybe it is time to take a look at getting volunteers from other communities around Steele, Dodge, Mower and Freeborn counties to help put this fabulous event on each year. Or maybe the solution lies in finding corporate donors to pay for the whole two-day experience.

Just a couple of suggestions. There are probably many more and maybe the organizers have thought of this. If something isn’t done, the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July celebration will fade into the past. And that will be sad; because traditions are what many of these small communities pride themselves upon.

Weigh in with our online poll at www.steeledodgenews.com

This week’s question:

What should be done to keep the annual Blooming Prairie Fourth of July celebration going?

- *Find corporate donors to pay for all the activities.
- *Solicit volunteers from outside of Blooming Prairie.
- *Do nothing and let the Fourth of July celebration fade into the past.

Last week’s question:

Does the thought of sex offenders in the community scare you?

- * Yes. 50%
- * No. 50%
- * I’m not sure. 0%

Readers are encouraged to vote at steeledodgenews.com. This poll is not a pure scientific sampling of readers’ views, but rather, is intended to create community discussion of issues.



No volunteers... no Fourth of July

HOT

As I enjoyed the Fourth of July in Blooming Prairie, I couldn’t help but notice all the fun and excitement the different events brought to the faces of young and old alike. Even before the fireworks filled the night sky, people definitely were getting a bang out of the festivities.

From people marching in the parade to folks enjoying the entertainment and kids smashing a rubber frog into the water, the Fourth celebration had a little of everything for just about any age.

For the past 41 years, Blooming Prairie has entertained folks over the Fourth in a big way. The community has prided itself on hosting a wonderful two-day event. Thousands flock to town every Fourth to take in the festivities.

While it’s fun for many people to enjoy a big party like this, it comes at the expense of finding volunteers to run everything.

A concern has been circling for the past few years about the lack of volunteers for the Fourth. It seems very few people want to step forward to help out. The threat of losing the Fourth celebration is real.



PURSUIT
Rick Bussler

We need to find of way of making sure that doesn’t happen.

Just after finishing another year of marching with the American Legion, Kenny Trom of Blooming Prairie shared his thoughts about finding volunteers to step up to the plate. Trom has served in many capacities over the years, including Chamber president back when the Fourth festivities as we know it today began in the mid-1970s.

Trom said finding volunteers has always been a perpetual problem, especially in recent years as everyone gets more consumed with life in general. It also doesn’t help matters when the Fourth falls on the weekend because many folks



head out of town.

One of Trom’s solutions for attracting more volunteers would be to throw a bash just for those who volunteer. “Give them a beer and a hamburger and it goes a long way,” said Trom, who is a retired banker. “You need to recognize them somehow. You can’t just take and take and take from people. You need to show your appreciation and you’ll get back in 25 times the labor,” he added.

Trom shutters at the thought of losing the big BP Fourth of July celebration because of a lack of volunteers.

“It really polishes our image and gives people a good attitude about the Blooming Prairie

community,” Trom said.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of life in small communities. Without them, we would not be able to enjoy all the benefits of small town life. We need people to step forward to help out so that the BP Fourth doesn’t become a thing of the past.

I certainly hope we can find more volunteers to carry on the traditions that have been woven into the fabric of life in Blooming Prairie and the surrounding area for several decades. Going in hot pursuit of finding volunteers will spark a way to keep the Fourth alive and well for future generations.

Mailbag

Living up to its name

The Steele County Times really lives up to its name as it succeeds in covering events that occur throughout the length and breadth of Steele County. I am referring to the first four pages of the D Section of the June 16 issue – “Celebrating 100 Years Medford High School: A proud legacy since 1915.”

Calling attention to the fact that Medford’s first known school dated back to 1855 – it was fully 60 years before schooling covered all 12 grades – so the first graduating 12 class of four students didn’t take place until 1915. This sparked the idea to celebrate as we did

in conjunction with the annual community event of Straight River Days this past weekend, June 19-21.

It will long be remembered as the weekend of renewing old acquaintances, both fellow students and teachers as well.

The presentations that John Cross conducted on schedule in the school auditorium were well attended with many “Do you remember?” stories from the audience as well as those shared by John.

All the displays gave evidence of many hours of “behind the scenes” efforts of the hard-working committee.

As students returned from all over our United States and beyond it added up to one happy

weekend.

Thanks to the Times for helping make it happen

Luella Heim
Medford

Udolpho Township article informative

Howard,

Thank you so much for mailing me a copy of the newspaper article. I think the article was informative and respectful. I also enjoyed the local news.

Rebecca Adams
Orlando, Fla.

Congratulating Stix of Fury

Letter to the editor

Once again Blooming Prairie provided the area with an entertaining old-fashioned Fourth of July. I thought the parade was better than ever this year, and I give special congratulations to our own Stix of Fury. I can’t believe how much the group has improved over the past year. To Jake Peterson, the flag girls, and the drummers, you made this community proud of your representation and your performance. Well done!

LeMar Nelson
Blooming Prairie

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A tribute to a brother

As a tribute to his brother, Dylan Jorgenson took Alex' place in the Stix of Fury's performance during the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July parade. Alex passed away in April.

A family tradition: Blooming Prairie's Fourth of July celebration

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Each year, the Blooming Prairie community welcomes guests from near and far to enjoy the Fourth of July Celebration, and this year was no exception.

This year's festivities began on the afternoon of Friday, July 3, with events for the whole family, including contests, races and shows of all kinds. Saturday, July 4, also offered a full schedule of things to see and do and many of these activities took place in Central Park. The Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce organized these festivities, including the parade, which began around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For many, the annual parade was the highlight of the afternoon. Elaine and Ralph Rogness, of Owatonna, attended Saturday's parade and say they try to attend the event each year. "It's just fun to be here," Elaine said.



"We always try to come out," says Elaine. "I love the band music and the parade has a lot of nice things." This year, she especially enjoyed the floats featuring gymnasts and seeing horses in the parade.

Elaine also enjoys seeing some of the new, large farm equipment featured in the parade. "It's nice to see some of the beautiful new machinery that I was not aware of," she said. "It's nice to learn something new."

For many area residents, like Rachel Grunklee and her daughter, Mackenzie, of Blooming

Prairie, the Fourth of July Celebration has become a family tradition. This year, Rachel and Mackenzie especially enjoyed watching the parade together.

"We love it," said Rachel, of the annual celebration. "We love to celebrate America's birthday in Blooming Prairie, and we love staying here in Blooming Prairie. All our family comes for the day and we have a lot of fun together."

For 12-year-old Mackenzie, the annual celebration and pa-



Staff photos by Laura Berndt
Ralph and Elaine Rogness, of Owatonna, share a moment together during Blooming Prairie's Fourth of July parade. Mackenzie and Rachel Grunklee, wearing some festive red, white and blue hats, enjoy Blooming Prairie's Fourth of July parade.

rade have created some lasting memories. Mackenzie says that one of her favorite things about the Celebration is getting nachos from the concession stand.

Around 10 p.m. on Saturday, the annual fireworks display began, illuminating Victory Field with its brilliant colors.

The heart behind the Fourth pedal pull

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

If you were anywhere near Blooming Prairie City Park on July 3 around 5 p.m., chances are you heard crowds cheering on kids, age 3-12, as they pedaled tractors with weighted skids. You may have noticed the announcer of the event, a tall man in a green muscle shirt (with a pedal pulling logo) and bright orange shoes.

That man is Rick Scholbrock of Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull, and wow, he is enthusiastic about pedal pulling and what he calls each kids' "15 seconds of fame."

As owner of Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull, Scholbrock is on the road a lot, but his stop in Blooming Prairie for the Fourth of July celebration is one of his favorite stops. This year was his second year in Blooming Prairie.

More than 160 kids signed up for the pedal pull. While the energy was high among the crowd and children competing, Scholbrock brought the heart of the competition as he cheered on the kids and warmly invited them and thanked them for participating.

"The kids have a blast, but to be honest, I am having more fun than they are," said Scholbrock. "All the adrenaline. I feed off of it. I get so excited! It makes me feel like a big kid."

Each child that signed up prior to the competition was able to try their hand (or feet) at pedaling the tractor with the weighted skid. "No matter how far they go, every kid gets



Staff photo by Anna Segner
Three-year-old Weston Johnson of Geneva pedaled the tractor the furthest of his category, at a distance (double most of his competitors) of 25.2 feet.

a Dr. Pepper at the end of their turn," said Scholbrock.

Scholbrock and his company are based out of Hanlontown, Iowa, though they travel all over Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin for special festivals and county fairs. Lucky for him, his wife and two daughters are a part of the operation, and they often get to travel together. They own four trucks, and they usually have three on the road at a time.

The event is free for participants, thanks to local sponsors. All kids under the age of 13 are welcome to participate. Each age group has a different make or manufacturer. The little pedal tractors are painted to look like John Deere, Caterpillar, Allis-Chalmers, Ford or McCormick tractors. Each age class has a different tractor.

The pedal pull works almost exactly like a tractor pull only the tractors are pedal driven and scaled down to be small enough for a 3-year-old.

Scholbrock aligns the pedal tractors, weight skids and weights for each age group. Trophies for the top three in all age groups. There are 24 trophies total. There is also opportunity for those that place to take their pedal-tractor-pulling skills a little further by National Pedal Tractor Pull head in Mitchell, South Dakota, at the end of September. For those that did not pedal as far, the event is sponsored by Dr. Pepper, so each competitor received a free can of soda.

Although putting on pedal tractor pull competitions is not Scholbrock's full time job, it is his passion. To learn more about Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull, visit <http://kidpowerpedalpulls.com/>.

Scholbrock will be back in Steele County for the Steele County Free Fair, so kids, put on your game faces!



Staff photo by James Knoop

Magician Mike Prestby makes a young girl seemingly float on a magic carpet during his magic show at the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July weekend celebration on Friday, July 3. The crowd cheered when Prestby ran a hula hoop over her to show there were no wires holding the carpet up.

Magician entertains young and old

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

Doves were cut in half, a rabbit disappeared and pieces of cloth were turned into an American flag.

Such were the illusions of magician Mike Prestby during the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July weekend festivities.

Prestby took the stage at City Park, July 3, as one of the final events of a family-filled Friday of festivities. Kids sat close to the stage on the road, while many parents sat on the sidewalk in lawn chairs and bleachers.

Prestby's hour-length show was full of card tricks, illusions and comedy, providing entertainment for kids and adults alike. The audience especially came alive any time kids were asked to join Prestby on stage for a trick.

"The ultimate goal is to (have) audiences be happy and have fun," said Prestby after the show, adding that while the venue and cause may change, he keeps his show fairly similar. "If I do a fundraiser show, it is very similar, but it's 90 minutes and a lot bigger stage production," said Prestby, whose Blooming Prairie show was tamed down slightly based on length and audience.

Despite the shorter length, however, Prestby did not disappoint to drop a few jaws with his tricks and nab plenty of laughs from adults and children. After all, Prestby is no novice in the illusion business, as he has been performing tricks since he was a child.

"I saw a magician when I was eight years old at a Cub Scout banquet," said Prestby. "I said, 'I want to do that.' So, I asked for a magic kit for Christmas, and I got it. I started reading a lot of books, started buying more and more and the rest is history."

Prestby gave up the illusion business for a time after starting a family, selling all of the equipment he had acquired over the years.

"Biggest mistake of my life," he said, stating that after deciding to reenter the magician business, he would have to purchase all of the equipment once again.

After layoffs at the juvenile court business Prestby worked with, he decided to take his show on the road full-time.

"After my position was eliminated, I said, 'Now is the time for me to do this if I'm going to do it,' so I said we were going for it."

Five years later, Prestby is still going strong, traveling across the Midwest from his home base in Mason City, Iowa. Prestby said he would travel anywhere, by he primarily visits Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and western Wisconsin.

He is requested at a variety of events including town festivities, summer reading program events and school assemblies.

Prestby is also an ordained minister and said he does a lot of gospel magic in churches.

"It keeps me hopping," said Prestby.

Henefield enjoyed serving as parade's Grand Marshal

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Attorney Frank Henefield has lived in the Blooming Prairie area for around 44 years, and has been involved with various organizations during that time.

On Saturday, Henefield was able to add one more experience to his list, after serving as the Grand Marshal of Blooming Prairie's Fourth of July Parade.

"I think it was a nice honor; we enjoyed ourselves in the parade," Frank says. Frank's wife, Norma, and other family members also attended the celebra-

tion.

He says he stuck around to watch the rest of the parade with his family, and also participated in a few of the other Fourth of July festivities. He savored his pancakes during the Lions Club Breakfast, and also grabbed a bite to eat later at the concession stands. Of course, he also watched the fireworks on Saturday night.

Frank has served as the city's

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Youth race for ribbons

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Among the many activities available over the Fourth of July celebration, a number of youngsters enjoyed competition at the annual kids' races, sponsored by the BP Boys & Girls Club.

Approximately 40 children from ages 3 to 12 entered the events. This was the sixth year in a row that the B & G Club sponsored the competition.

Four different contests took place, including a foot race, a three-legged race, cotton ball on a spoon race, and a kick the shoe event. Ribbons were awarded for first and second places, and the contests ranged from three-year-olds to kids of 12.

All contestants earned competitor ribbons, and entrants received icy treats after the conclusion of the competition. As one young mother remarked, "This is a great treat for these younger kids, and they all enjoy the contests. I hope this takes place every year."

Representatives from the local club and Branch Director Mary Ahrens organized and directed the activities.



4th of July photos by Steele County Times staff





Submitted Photos
(ABOVE) An American flag drawn in chalk in the drive way of Cody & Jenny Hendrickson.
(BELOW) Max Hendrickson & Abigail Valentine ready to salute the Honor guard as it passes by.



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attorney for around 40 years, is a member of the Lions Club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

His family also attends First Lutheran Church. In the past, Frank has also been involved with other organizations, such as the Jaycees, and has been involved with local economic development efforts. Frank and Norma also have three grown daughters and four grandchildren.

Frank says he has always enjoyed living in Blooming Prairie. "We enjoyed raising our kids here," Frank said. "We have good friends here, and our kids have good friends here, too. There is a good, active business community and a nice residential community. It's a good town, with a good school system. We've always liked it."

Frank's firm, Henefeld Law Office, is located on Main Street in Blooming Prairie, and Frank says his career here has been rewarding.

In April, Jason Iacovino joined Frank's team as an associate attorney, and Frank says he will eventually take over the business.

"In time, I will retire," said Frank. "But, I don't see fully retiring for a while. I plan to work, at least to some extent, for a while." Frank says he enjoys being active and hopes to stay involved with his community.

Being in the parade and spending time with his family on the Fourth of July, says Frank, is a memory he can enjoy for years to come.

Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Grand Marshall Frank Henefeld waves to the crowd during the 41st annual Fourth of July parade in Blooming Prairie.

AFRICA

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the Pavlis Leadership Team. Her and her small group will fly into Ghana for three weeks, and then they will fly to Tanzania for the last three weeks.

"I'm really excited! It's always a combo of nervous and excited, but after all this preparation, I'm ready to get to work," remarked Jenna with a strong sense of positivity.

She left on July 4, and she has been spending the past seven weeks hunched over books and articles to learn more about African culture and the various languages she may encounter. "They've been preparing us culturally so that we learn how to better build relationships and communicate with the people," explained Jenna.

"We need to know some of the language to show that we have a strong interest and meet more permanent contacts," said Jenna. "But we also need to know

about the American culture and how we come across."

When Jenna was young, she visited South Africa with her family as they visited family friends. This trip sparked an interest in her that was evident to her family. Jenna's father Jim is actually a Michigan Tech alumni, and he is proud of Jenna for taking the initiative to go on this trip. "I am mostly excited. I think it will give her an opportunity to see the needs of another culture," said Jim.

While some parents might be biting their fingernails as their child hops the plane to the other side of the world, Jim and Jenna's mom, Pam are excited for their daughter. "Jenna is a very smart girl. She makes good decisions. She has sound values, and she has a proven track record of maturity," said Jim. "It brings me peace knowing the programs credibility."



Seaser

Besides culture studies, Jenna has spent the past year researching and preparing for the projects she plans to implement in various places within Ghana and Tanzania. These projects range on topic and are based on need.

Jenna is tackling three major projects; school education and communication is one of those topics, particularly the lack of science experiments in the village classrooms in Tanzania and Ghana. Jenna will be leading simple experiments in primary and secondary schools, using supplies that are accessible and inexpensive. Supplies might include soap in milk, fruit battery and straw and rubber band

bridge building. These are simple experiments that are both exciting to children and have a science lesson that can be incorporated.

Communication games such as telephone and team building games will also be introduced to classrooms. Jenna and her project partner Courtney also filmed students from Houghton, Michigan, describing life in the Midwest so that they might be able to set up a video exchange with African classrooms.

Jenna's second project is the research into alternative fuel sources for the Lister Engine that was supplied to a clinic in Ghana. The diesel fuel that they use now is too expensive. Upon arrival, Jenna and her project partner Michaela will assess the possibility of palm oil of Jathropa oil.

As if two projects was not enough, Jenna will also be pro-

posing a way to double the capacity of water storage for a boarding school in a valley. She and her project partners have been researching

A boarding school in a valley is trying to expand and thus needs to double capacity for water storage. Currently the school receives supply from a nearby village at the top of the valley so Sam, Michaela and Jenna will research the best way to distribute the water from there to the school.

"Every year a group goes, so we are able to talk with past students in order to move forward. We are the first group to go to Tanzania though. It's a new country for the program," explained Jenna.

While this trip is more work than play, there are a few days for tourism. While in Ghana, the group will hit the coast. In Tanzania, they will be near Mount

Kilimanjaro, so Jenna hopes to get some hiking and snap some photos.

"I am most excited to use my engineering degree to become a part of a culture and help them develop," said Jenna. At the end of her trip, she will have earned a leadership certificate.

If one wanted to learn more or support the efforts of Jenna and her partners, visit <http://www.superiorideas.org/projects/team-africa>. "The money will go toward purchasing used computers for Tanzanian schools, medical equipment for Ghana hospitals and potentially books and science experiment supplies for schools in both countries," explained Jenna.

To follow Jenna's journey through Ghana and Tanzania, visit <https://pavlisafrika15.wordpress.com/>.

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News briefs

Co-op awards scholarships

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- Kayla Johnson, Hayfield, the daughter of Tom and Karen Johnson, Hayfield.
- Autumn Story, Kenyon-Wanamingo, the daughter of Tom and Nancy Story, Kenyon.
- Ashley Schauer, Medford, the daughter of Christopher and Gail Schauer, Faribault.
- Dakota Thiele, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva, the son of Joel and Michelle Thiele, Owatonna.
- Jacob Hellevik, Owatonna,

the son of Brian and Amy Hellevik, Medford.

- Brittany Ellis, Triton, her guardians are Tami and Caleb Korpi, Claremont.

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Bussler named to Dean's Honor Roll

Kyrie Bussler has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the

2015 spring semester at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Bussler will be a junior majoring in journalism and political science. She is the daughter of Rick Bussler, publisher of the Steele County Times.

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Grand fourth

Indications are that the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration in Blooming Prairie entertained and pleased the thousands who flocked into the community for the weekend. The day, which culminated in another crowd-pleasing parade and a very entertaining fireworks display, certainly did have something for everyone.

From the activities on Friday, the kids' races Saturday morning, the tractor pull and the classic car show and the entertainment and food concessions at the park, it truly provided fun for all. I sincerely hope that the event can get enough community support that this celebration can continue for years to come.

Summer flies by

It hardly seems possible, but after the Fourth of July celebration, a single month remains until the coaches for fall sports at BPHS begin preparations for the new season. That means that we sports writers will have to sharpen our pencils once again to preview all the sports in the area schools that the Steele County Times covers on a regular basis.

With Labor Day happening the very latest that it possibly can, all three fall sports will have contests before the school year actually goes into session. I think most of us still are anticipating summer activities, but the calendar notifies us that is not the case, and we will just have to adjust to a new regimen. Summer will zip by in rapid time to the dismay of many, but it does also open up the exciting potential for a new round of sports experiences. Sad as it may be, let's embrace that new possibility coming soon.

Growing old

Without any sports to occupy this column space, I have the opportunity to note some other articles of interest in the intervening weeks. One subject that interests me lately is the increasing longevity of old people around the globe. Although we hear reports of persons in remote areas of the world living into the one hundred and teens, we have an increasing number of centenarians right here in the United States.

Many people are now reaching 100, but few live much beyond that — so the average life expectancy, even in our advanced country, still remains in double digits. But the numbers living into their hundreds continues to grow. On April 1, 2010, there were 53,364 people 100 or older. By 2060 that number is projected to be 601,000. If we can hang in there, we may join that group (except for old duffers like me). That is an interesting statistic.

Here and there

I ran out of room last week, but another favorite entertainer passed away when Dick Van Patten died in California June 23 at age 86 from complications from diabetes. Van Patten earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for a long list of Broadway, TV and movie roles over the years.

He is best remembered for his role as Tom Bradford on the popular "Eight Is Enough" TV show that ran for five years to 1951 and always ranked in the top 25 TV shows. He appeared in 12 Broadway shows while young, had many guest appearances on other TV series, and

OWATONNA GOLF

Coach reflects on season accomplishments

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

Owatonna's golf team went into the season with a goal of winning the section tournament. While that didn't happen, there were plenty of positives for the team.

"Everything we do is in preparation for a strong (outing) at sections," said Golf Coach

Keith Bangs. "That is the ultimate thing we are trying to work for."

Bangs said that at the start of the season, the thought was that with enough hard work, the section title was within grasp. Owatonna took third at the section tournament, with Lakeville South taking first and Lakeville North claiming second. Bangs was quick to note that Lakeville South ended up winning third at

the state tournament.

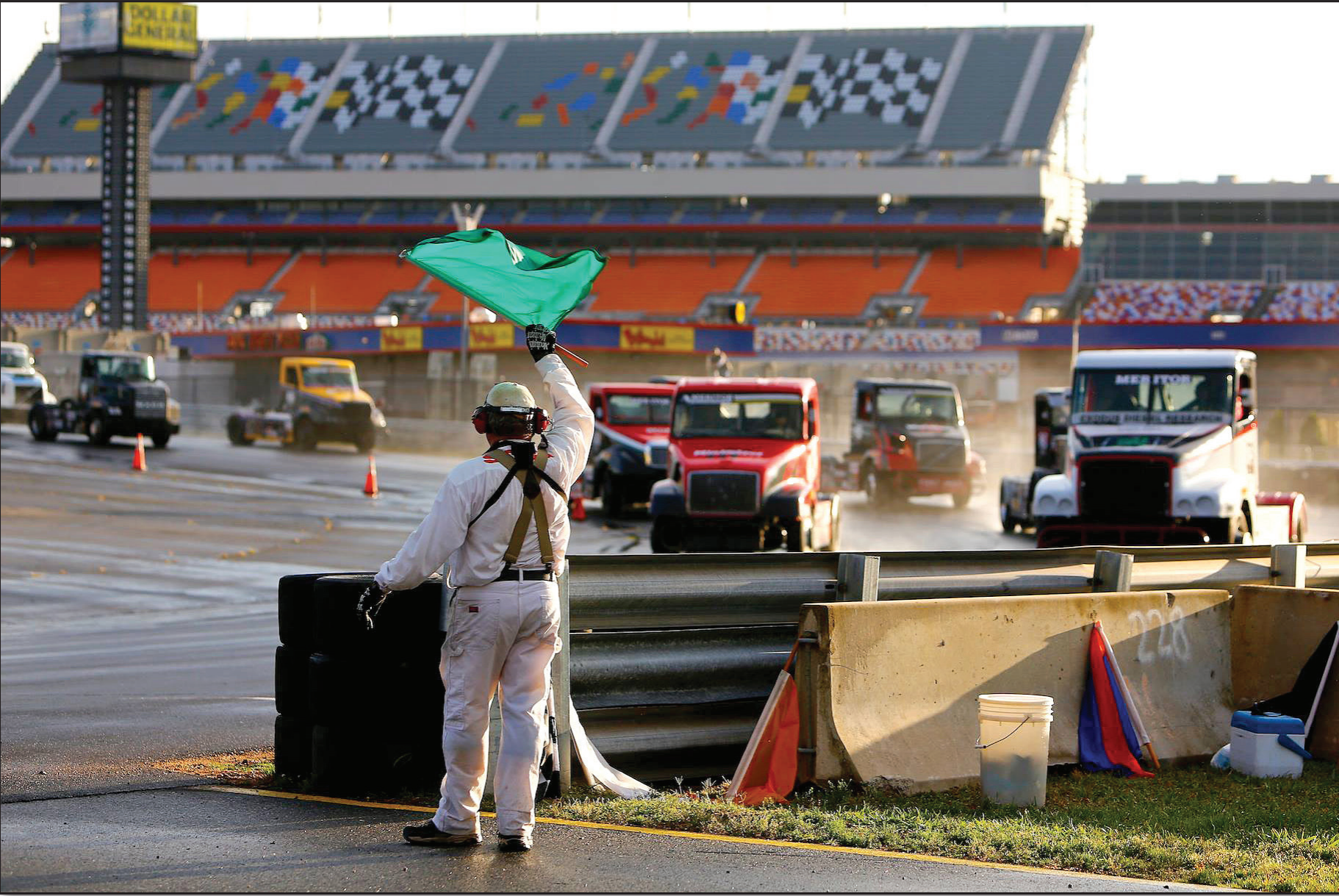
"We always try to work toward that tournament," said Bangs. "We had our low team score the final day of the section tournament. We made a strong show. It just wasn't enough, but we left with a good taste in our mouths."

The biggest highlight for Owatonna's golf team was watching senior Peter Jones advance to state and take second

with a 144, falling just shy of the 143 golfed by Moorhead's Dane Sethre-Hofstad.

Three boys received individual honors, with Jones and sophomore Andrew Wahl receiving All-Conference and junior Gabe Shusher receiving honorable mention All-Conference. Both Wahl and Shusher will return next year, along with junior Nick Brown, who also golfed on the tournament team.

"We're hoping that those three will put in a lot of time this summer," said Bangs. "I'm hoping they will improve and be leaders and that the sophomores, freshman and juniors will do the same. This is the time of year where those kids need to make improvements and adjustments."



Submitted photo

Minimizer racer takes 2nd in Charlotte

Champ Truck drivers speed down Charlotte Motro Speedway during the Fourth of July weekend. Brad Klemmensen took first in the podium race, but was knocked down to second place based on a passing infraction late in the race. Second place finisher, Ricky Rude, was awarded first by default.

NRHEG BASEBALL

Panthers finish strong after roller coaster season

By JAMES KNOOP
County Sports Editor

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva baseball season was a true roller-coaster ride.

Bursting out of the gates and winning five of their first six games, the Panthers seemed poised to take the Gopher Conference by storm, but a deadly month of May would hurt NRHEG, as the boys managed only a single win in their final 11 regular season games.

"May was a rough month for our team," said Head Coach Drew Paukert. "But I thought the way we were able to bounce back and play some of our best baseball of the season really showed a lot about the type of men we had on our team. They refused to give up and kept coming to practice each and every day, ready to work and wanting to get better."

That hard work and dedication paid off, as NRHEG won once of its most season-defining games in the first round of sub-section play. The 6-11 Panthers visited the 13-4 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown, a team who had defeated NRHEG 9-0 in their last meeting, though NRHEG had won the first game of the season 13-12. Looking more like their early-season selves, the Panthers stomped WEM 10-4 in Waterville.

For first-year coach, Paukert, the season was one of positives and met goals.

"Overall, I felt that our team performed well this season," said Paukert. "Going into the season...our goals were to improve on our record from the previous year, compete for a conference title and win a playoff game. Overall, I felt we were able to accomplish all of our goals. We finished with three more wins than the previous year, we competed for a conference title for the first half of the season, and we were able to win a playoff game and play our best baseball of the year in the playoffs."

The Panthers have a long road ahead of them, however, as six seniors, five of which were starters, will not be returning to the lineup in 2016.

"We have four starters returning from our opening day lineup last year," said Paukert. "We will need to replace the top part of our lineup with four of our first five hitters gone. We will also need to develop some guys this summer in Legion on the mound."

The Panthers will return only one pitcher from last season who threw significant innings.

"If we are able to find guys that can get on base and can give us quality innings on the



Staff photo by James Knoop
Coach Drew Paukert has a word with senior Grant Kylo after NRHEG got three outs in an 8-2 loss at Waseca on May 27.

Sports



Submitted photo

Whale of a tale

Cade Christianson caught and released this 54" with a 26" girth Muskie on lake Mille lac July 1.

Peterson makes it 8 For 8 in Chateau Street Stocks

By **TODD NARVESON**
Guest Writer

Race fans kicked off the Fourth of July weekend in style with the racing at at Chateau Raceway on Friday. An excellent field of cars turned out to perform on Lewison Spray Foam Insulation night at the speedway. There was a new winner in the Hornet class and the Street Stocks continued their amazing streak of different winners.

In the Y-Waste Removal Hornet feature, Terry Blowers made his return to Chateau pay off when he scored the win in the 12-lap race. Blowers ended Blake Dorweiler’s three race win streak. Dorweiler did finish second with Bobby Blowers third followed by Adam Gransee and Nick Sillman.

Stacy Krohnberg took the initial lead in the Misgen Auto Parts Pure Stock main event. Jesse Stahl and Ross Spitzer were all over the leader and Matt Brooks added to the excitement when he caught the top three. Anna Brouwers erupted in smoke on lap four to bring out the caution flag.

Krohnberg and Spitzer raced side-by-side for the lead on laps seven and eight while Stahl and Brooks remained close. Stahl then drove to the inside of Krohnberg and stole the lead on

lap 12. Stahl held on for his first win of the season while Brooks got to second. Krohnberg wound up third with Spitzer fourth and Ryan Jacobsen fifth.

The KIK Graphix & Printing USRA B-Mod feature was a caution filled event from the start. Seventeen cars took the green flag but yellow flag fever ensued. Josh Mattick led the race while Kylie Kath drove from 10th to second in two laps. With four laps completed the fifth caution flag flew and that cut five laps off the length of the race.

Kath took the lead on lap five and cruised to his third win of the season and second in a row. Mattick would finish second with Kadden Kath in third. Anthony Condit finished in the fourth spot and Jayden Larson would round out the top five.

The Power 96 WISSOTA Street Stocks have had seven different winners in seven nights of racing to start the season. Zach Elward took the lead but spun to trigger a four car melee on lap one. Another quick yellow slowed the pack on the restart. Durand Peterson made the long haul from Glenwood, MN and took the lead at the drop of the green flag.

Bernie Adams got by Fred Prudoehl for third and then zipped past Elward for second

on lap three. Mike Blowers stormed from eighth to fourth and then got by Prudoehl for third. Meanwhile Peterson continued to lead but smoke was emanating from his machine. Brent Holland stalled on lap nine to bring out the yellow and group the field back up.

On the start, Adams, Prudoehl and Blowers raced three wide for second and Blowers took over. Adams would spin to bring out the yellow. Then while in second Blowers would spin to bring out another yellow. Despite the smoke and an engine that popped Peterson held on to become the eighth winner in eight nights as the incredible streak goes on. Blowers came back to finish second with Brandon Vogt, Noah Grinstead and Danny Hanson in the top five.

The Farm Boy BBQ WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature started with a bang when Jimmy Patzner tagged the turn three wall very hard and folded up the right front corner of his car. Josh Ihlenfeld led at the start but pushed up the track to allow Garitt Wytaske and Jeremy Misgen to flash by. Robbie Franklin was up to fourth when a caution came out.

On the restart, Wytaske led followed by Misgen and Jason Born. Franklin slipped past Born for third and Misgen stole the lead from Wytaske. Franklin drove past Wytaske for second and the yellow came back out for a spun Luke Hainka. Franklin would take off on the start and took the lead on lap five. Ryan Goergen was on the move and he was fourth on lap seven.

A couple of more cautions would come out but Franklin went on for his second win in a row followed by Goergen in second. Born had another good run for third while Misgen finished fourth and Jesse Baer finished out the top five.

Darwyn Karau took off from the pole to lead the French’s Repair & Fabrication USRA Modi-

fied feature. Keith Tourville gave chase on the top side of the track and stayed close to Karau. Steve Wetzstein, Jacob Dahle and Dwaine Hanson raced the wide for third with Hanson getting the position. Wetzstein challenged Hanson on lap seven and got to third.

Up front Karau ran right on the bottom and Tourville rocketed around the top side. Karau drove away and opened up the lead to a half straight-away as Wetzstein now battled Tourville for second. They were even on lap 12, then Wetzstein got the spot on lap 15, but Tourville returned the favor. One lap later Tourville got too strong into turn one and spun to bring out the yellow.

The green flag came out and it was an epic battle for the lead. Karau continued to run the bottom and now it was Wetzstein’s turn to blast around on the top shelf. They were side-by-side on lap 17 and Wetzstein took the lead on lap 19. Karau drove past Wetzstein to lead lap 20 and edge back out front. Wetzstein reeled Karau back in on lap 23 to take the lead.

Karau gathered things back up and led Wetzstein when the white flag came out. The crowd loved this one when the leaders charged into turn one. Karau pushed ever so slightly and that was all Wetzstein needed to again assume the lead. Karau gave it one last effort but Wetzstein came across the line first for his second win of the season. Karau’s quest for his first ever win ended in second with Joe Horgdal third, Hanson was fourth and Jacob Dahle was fifth.

Racing will continue this Friday, July 10 with the ever popular fireworks night along with racing in all six divisions. Hot laps are at 6:30 p.m with racing to follow.

NRHEG BASEBALL

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mound, we should be able to field a competitive team next season,” said Paukert.

With six leaders graduating, Paukert said junior John Hubly will need to step up as a leader on the field.

“John Hubly was by far our most consistent player at the plate and in the field,” said

Paukert. “He hit well over .400 for a majority of the season and finished with an average above .380. In the field at short and third, he committed only four errors all season. John will be a big part of our team next year as a senior.”

OUTSIDE THE LINES

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had roles in movies like “Space Balls,” “Robin Hood- Men in Tights,” and “Soylent Green.” Just another of our favorites of the 50’s who is no longer with us.

Also lost last week was one of the history-making TV comedians, Jack Carter. Carter died in California at age 93, after a lifetime of standup and TV comedy. He began his career with a role in “Mr. Wonderful” on Broadway, but is best known for his TV appearances.

The Ed Sullivan Show, Joey Bishop Show and Mary Tyler Moore were just some of the TV comedies in which he appeared in the 50s and early 60s. Carter kept performing his standup routine until the last few years and leaves behind a wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Family reunions

Almost six years ago, some members of my extended family decided that we should organize and hold a family reunion for uncles and aunts, cousins, and children of children. Our first reunion was held at a cousin’s in Oregon, and everyone had enough of a good time that we planned another in three years.

That one took pace at another cousin’s in South Dakota.

This August we will be a lot closer to home when our third family get-together takes place near the Cities in Minnesota. We expect 30 to 40 relatives to gather once again to reminisce and enjoy each other’s company. I don’t know what is planned, but it will be fun, I am sure.

I don’t particularly like to think about it, but seeing as how I am now the patriarch of the family, I am especially looking forward to the occasion. I know that I may not have too many three-year reunions left, and I don’t mean to let any opportunity to see family slip away, which means a particular heartwarming event for me. I will report once the reunion is history.

There is still plenty of summer left to reach our favorite fishing spots, so let’s close this week with a couple of short poems for fishermen.

Sitting still and wishing made no person great. The good lord sends the fishing, but you must dig the bait. And finally, An answer to this question is what I greatly wish. Does fishing make men liars? Or do only liars fish? You decide, and we’ll talk again.

New gym floor at Medford School

By **JAMES KNOOP**
County Sports Editor

Students and athletes at Medford Public School are enjoying a new gymnasium floor that was completed in June.

Basketball and volleyball players should be used to the new floor as they are already using it for summer practices.

According to Medford Athletic Director Kevin Werk, the gym floor was the highest priority for athletic updates.

“Last year we went through an evaluation of everything, and the gym floor was number one,” said Werk. “It’s used for gym class and basketball and volleyball, so we agreed to start there.”

The previous gym floor had been in place since the construction of the new Medford school

building in 2003, and Werk noted that it was simply time to be replaced.

“It was one of those things that was the highest priority to get done now,” said Werk.

The work included fixing bad boards and giving the floor a new look, and cost the school about \$24,000. Werk said that most of the funds came from the school capital account, but that aid was received from school boosters and locals as well.

Werk said that while this was the most important repair, other athletic facilities will hopefully follow suit soon. He named the football field and track as projects he hoped to be tackled within the next four years.

“We want to keep updating to make sure and keep (the school) looking nice,” said Werk.

These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 3.

Hornets Feature —Terry Blowers, Blake Dorweiler, Bobby Blowers, Adam Gransee, Nick Sillman, Marissa Wolff, Patrick Wells, Josh Schroeder, Dan Lewison, Cody Hyatt, Ralph Hanks First Heat —T. Blowers, Wolff, B. Blowers, Schroeder, Lewison, Hyatt Second Heat —Dorweiler, Wells, Gransee, Sillman, Hanks	Blowers, Brandon Vogt, Noah Grinstead, Danny Hanson, Kory Adams, Bernie Adams, Fred Prudoehl, Nick Roemhildt, Derek Ludington, Zach Elward, Brent Holland, Jim Connors, Keith Weber First Heat —B. Adams, Blowers, Peterson, Elward, Weber, Roemhildt, Connors Second Heat —Hanson, K. Adams, Ludington, Prudoehl, Vogt, Grinstead, Holland
USRA Modified Feature —Steve Wetzstein, Darwyn Karau, Joe Horgdal, Dwaine Hanson, Jacob Dahle, Damon Haslip, Mick Glenn, Billy Steinberg, Doug Hillson, Keith Tourville, Greg Jensen, Josh Mattick First Heat —Haslip, Wetzstein, Karau, Hillson, Tourville, Jensen Second Heat —Horgdal, Hanson, Dahle, Mattick, Glenn, Steinberg	USRA B-Mod Feature —Kylie Kath, Josh Mattick, Kadden Kath, Anthony Condit, Jayden Larson, Beau Lammers, Mike Chisholm, Morgan Schrage, Tammy Soma Clark, Raey Hastings IV, Chris Bruns, Mark Wytaske, Taylor Ovrebo, Terry Kohnert, Channing Warner, David Henderson, Josh Ihlenfeld First Heat —Mattick, Wytaske, Kadden Kath, Lammers, Henderson, Kohnert Second Heat —Kylie Kath, Ihlenfeld, Larson, Soma-Clark, Schrage, Hastings IV
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Public Safety

Alleged drunk driver accused of fleeing police

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

A Hayfield man faces a felony charge after allegedly leading police on an early morning chase through the downtown and residential neighborhoods of Blooming Prairie.

Carlos Robert Abitua, 29, has been charged with fleeing in a motor vehicle and third degree DWI refusal after the incident July 1.

According to the criminal complaint, Sgt. Mark Lang saw a vehicle traveling on First Avenue Southwest without its headlights

on around 1 a.m. The vehicle turned into an alley between Main Street and First Street Northwest and accelerated “very rapidly in what appeared to be an attempt to flee,” the complaint said.

Sgt. Lang visually estimated speeds at 50 plus in a 30 mph zone. Police continued behind the vehicle with emergency lights and siren activated, but Abitua allegedly failed to pull over. The vehicle finally stopped in the 200 block of First Street Northwest.

Police waited for additional back-up units before taking Abitua into custody. Once the driver exited the vehicle, Sgt. Lang noticed

he appeared to stagger and have some coordination issues. When the officer went up to Abitua, a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected, the complaint alleges. Police also noticed the driver’s eyes were bloodshot and watery. Abitua admitted he had a couple of drinks during the evening.

While at the detention center, Abitua refused to take a blood or urine test to measure his alcohol level, the complaint said.

Abitua faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine on the most serious fleeing charge.

Former CEO convicted of bilking health alliance

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

The CEO of a company that had been accused of bilking a health alliance in Steele County has been convicted of theft.

A Steele County jury returned a guilty verdict last week against Michael Patrick Mielke, 65, of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the CEO of Instar Solutions, which had been hired to conduct a compliance audit in 2012 for South Country Health

Alliance in Owatonna.

Mielke took a payment of \$69,750 from South Country for the audit, but never fulfilled any services, according to court records.

County attorney Dan McIntosh said the case was unique in that the majority of it relied on financial documents. It was more complex than other cases because it focused on many documents, invoices, contracts and emails, McIntosh said.

Another challenge, he said, with the case was that people involved were spread out all over the country.

The investigation by Owatonna Police uncovered an employee of Mielke’s who said he “took everyone for a lot of money.” It is unclear what Mielke did with the money.

South Country is a county-based health plan serving 12 counties in Minnesota, including Steele, Dodge and Freeborn. It was formed in 2001 as a way to improve health care for members. There are 33,000 members in the alliance.

Mielke will be sentenced in Steele County Sept. 28. He faces 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie
July 1
Vehicle Pursuit. At 12:55 a.m., officers were involved with a vehicle pursuit. It resulted in a subject being taken into custody.

Owatonna Police
June 26
Drunken Driving. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Oak Ave. S. and School St. W. at 12:08 a.m.

Arrest. At 6:13 a.m., an officer took a motorist into custody following a traffic stop in the 100 block of North St. E.

Restraining Orders. Officers responded to two violations of restraining orders throughout the day - in the 200 block of Beech Ave. NE at 4:54 p.m. and in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 9:19 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 6:27 p.m., an officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Theft. Police took a theft report in the 1200 block of Brady Blvd. NW at 8:52 p.m.

June 27
DWI. Police made a DWI arrest at 12:11 a.m. at School St. W. and Walnut Ave. S.

Warrants. Officers made two warrant arrests at Bridge St. W. and Lemond Rd. SW at 12:45 a.m. and at 14th St. NE and St. Paul Rd. NE at 3:03 a.m.

Probation. At 4:44 a.m., an officer took a subject into custody for violating his or her probation in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 300 block of School St. W. at 11:21 a.m. and at 9:38 p.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of Lewis Dr. NW at 4:33 p.m.

Assault. At 8:16 p.m., police responded to an assault in the 400 block of Mound St. SW. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Child Protection. Police took a child protection report in the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 8:24 p.m.

June 28
Animal. At 1:18 p.m., police responded to an animal call in the 1800 block of Cedar Valley Dr. NW.

Obscenity. Police received a report of obscenity in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 12:38 p.m.

Assaults. Two assaults occurred throughout the day - at 2:10 p.m. in the 1600 block of Mosher Ave. SW and at 5:34 p.m. in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW.

Hit and Run. Hit and run crashes resulting in property damage occurred in the 300 block of 22nd St. SE at 3:28 p.m. and in the 2300 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 6:57 p.m.

Theft. A theft was reported in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:39 p.m.

June 29
Burglary. Police began an investigation of a burglary in the 400 block of Hillsdale St. NW at 6:54 a.m.

Child Protection. Officers took two child protection reports during the day. They were in the 400 block of Larch Ave. NE at 11:40 a.m. and in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 1:09 p.m.

Warrant. At 4:55 p.m., officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Hoffman Dr. NW.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle acci-

dent resulting in property damage in the 500 block of Cindy Lane SW at 5:38 p.m.

Domestic. At 9:15 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of 18th St. SW.

June 30
Domestic. A subject was taken into custody following a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 12:33 a.m.

Traffic. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 1:46 a.m.

Burglaries. Several burglaries were reported throughout the day – in the 500 block of 20th St. NE at 5:55 a.m., in the 200 block of Oak Ave. N. at 7:12 a.m., in the 1900 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 6:47 a.m., in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 7:08 a.m. Police arrested a juvenile for a burglary in the 200 block of Bridge St. W. at 5:57 a.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 100 block of Oak Ave. N. at 7:29 a.m.

Assault. An assault occurred in the 400 block of Mound St. SW at 9:42 a.m.

Drug Court. At 12:54 p.m., police arrested a subject for drug court in the 200 block of Main St. E.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 2:03 p.m.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a citation for shoplifting in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:53 p.m.

July 1
Trespassing. At 1:49 a.m., police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 100 block of Grove Ave. N.

Drunken Driving. Officer made a DWI arrest in the 200 block of Main St. W. at 3:34 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Grove Ave. N. at 9:03 a.m.

Assault. At 9:54 a.m., officers responded to an assault in the 100 block of Front St. W.

Child Protection. Officer took a child protection report in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 3:33 p.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Larch Ave. NE at 3:48 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
June 26
Arrest. Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 14000 block of 42nd Ave. SW at 10:36 p.m.

June 28
Thefts. Deputies took theft reports throughout the day – in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 4:45 p.m. and at the detention center at 10:24 p.m.

June 29
Domestic. At 9:44 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 5100 block of Lemond Rd.

June 30
Burglary. Deputies began an investigation of a burglary in the 8700 block of 48th St. SE at 2:05 p.m.

July 1
Warrant. At 10:56 a.m., deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Main St. E.

Drunken Driving. Deputies made a DWI arrest in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW at 7:38 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the

week of June 22 – 26:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Antonio Patino Jr., 22, Blooming Prairie, no insurance, \$281.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Daniel F. Battenfeld, 52, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Pete G. Bauer, 47, Nerstrand, seat belt, \$106; Brian J. Bogen, 47, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Tahvisak J. Dejvongsa, 17, Savage, speeding, \$121; Ross L. Johnson, 45, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Abdullah A. Mohamed, 21, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Gregory S. Scharf, 47, Cedar Rapids, IA, speeding, \$121; Cody A. Schwering, 20, Claremont, driving motorcycle without endorsement, \$131; Stacy L. Sloan, 44, Lake In the Hills, IL, speeding, \$141; Derrick J. Torrez, 33, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106.

Owatonna Police Department
Clifford J. Bayless, 47, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Derald W. Berg, 67, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$105; German E. Bermudez Dominguez, 29, Faribault, no MN license, \$181; Cody H. Borwege, 20, Medford, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Victor M. Cruz Puentes, 28, Owatonna, failure to stop for accident to property, invalid license and no insurance, \$531 and 20 days in county jail; Todd T. Dowson, 54, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation, and 2 years of supervised probation; Jennifer M. Dutton, 37, Ellendale, stop sign, \$131; Laura L. Edgington, 29, Mantorville, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Jamie M. Gonzalez, 40, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Haylee E. Kremmin, 21, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Jonathan S. Lantry, 28, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Leah M. Lehmberg, 25, Albert Lea, no insurance, \$281; Tyler O. Prestegard, 30, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Nicholas R. Richards, 26, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Joshua M. Sindelir, 25, Rochester, invalid license, \$181; Lennie A. St. Martin, 35, Faribault, trespassing and theft, \$311.48, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Linda M. Williams, 44, Owatonna, no insurance, backing on roadway and no MN license, \$431; Nicholas L. Zvorak, 37, Owatonna, DWI, \$606, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 192 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Scott J. Bjorge, 24, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Rylee L. Burns, 20, Owatonna, DWI, \$881, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 208 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Ana M. Enriquez Hernandez, 40, Waseca, no MN license, and driving through barricade, \$221; Michael D. Farrand, 50, Austin, speeding, \$131; Cecilia Garza, 53, Claremont, speeding, \$121; George W. Gonzalez, 21, speeding, \$221; Ryan P. Gunther, 35, Claremont, seat belt, \$106;

Craig J. Hoffman, 46, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Casey L. Jensen, 34, Owatonna, speeding and no insurance, \$321; Timothy E. Johnson, 48, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181; Mark J. Mundt, 50, Waseca, driving through barricade, \$121; Ryan C. Nappin, 30, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Kyle T. Paskewitz, 17, Vesta, speeding, \$141; Jay J. Paulson, 23, Medford, stop sign, \$131; Gilman E. Peterson, 63, New Richland, speeding, \$141; Ann M. Pickett, 35, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Lee A. Shaw, 43, West St. Paul, speeding, \$141; Jesse J. Siekinen, 20, Cambridge, possession of Paraphernalia and Marijuana, \$181; Steven M. Tittl, 62, Stewartville, speeding, \$131; Ray A. Villarreal, 50, Riverside, CA, speeding, \$141; Kevin R. Willette, 55, Blooming Prairie, keeping to the right on roadway, \$131; Erik M. Young, 42, LeRoy, no insurance, \$281.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 265 complaints for the week of June 24 – 30. Some of them include:

June 24
Fraud. A West Concord citizen reported being the victim of fraud in the 14900 block of 540th St. at 11:13 a.m.

Environment. At 4:28 p.m., a man called deputies when he believed that a chemical had been dumped in a field in the 57900 block of 100th Ave. in Claremont.

June 25
Suspicious Activity. At 12:58 a.m., subjects were knocking on windows and walking in lawns in the 1200 block of 5th St. NW in Dodge Center.

Welfare. Deputies responded to the 100 block of Main St. E. in Dodge Center to do a welfare check on a female sleeping on the concrete at 6:44 a.m. She was gone upon arrival.

Domestic. At 8:06 a.m., deputies received a report of a past action domestic that occurred in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield the previous night.

Assault. Deputies responded to an out-of-control juvenile in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 8:31 a.m.

Narcotics. Suspicious items involved with narcotics were found in the 300 block of 4th Ave. NE in Hayfield at 12:10 p.m.

Assist. Deputies assisted another agency when a motorist hit a construction trailer with a car and then left the scene at 7th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE in Kasson at 10:16 p.m.

June 26
Disturbance. A Hayfield woman called deputies at 1:30 a.m. when there was a female guest visiting her husband at their home in the 26500 block of 720th St. The woman asked the guest to leave multiple times however she refused to do so.

June 27
Fire. Deputies responded to a large fire in the 71900 block of State Hwy. 56 in Hayfield at 1:19 a.m.

Larceny. A Hayfield citizen called deputies at 10:01 a.m. when an alien statue had been stolen out of his yard in the 300 block of 1st Ave. SE.

Harassment. A Hayfield woman reported that she was receiving harassing phone calls in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. at 12:47 p.m.

Fire. At 7 p.m., deputies responded to a baler on fire in the 58200 block of 330th St. in Hayfield.

June 28
Domestic. At 1:21 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic assault when a female was hit by her father in the 300 block of 1st St. NW in Dodge Center.

Assault. Deputies received a report that a Hayfield woman’s daughter had been assaulted in the 800 block of Center Ave. S.

Weapons. At 11:06 a.m., deputies responded to a report that someone was shooting in the 100 block of Clover St. in Mantorville. Bullets or bb pellets were entering a woman’s house and had almost hit her.

Crash. Deputies, Kasson Police, Dodge Center Ambulance, Dodge Center Fire, West Concord Ambulance, West Concord Fire and Mayo One responded to a two vehicle accident with injuries at County Rd. 7 and County Rd. 16 in Dodge Center at 2:18 p.m.

Narcotics. A Hayfield woman reported that her husband was taking their daughter’s medications in the 400 block of Main St. E. at 3:14 p.m. She wanted to have him removed from the home.

June 29
Juvenile. At 11:40 a.m., deputies received a report that during the night two teenage girls threw clumps of mud at a Dodge Center home in the 200 block of 2nd St. NE.

Disturbance. A male party called deputies at 1:39 p.m. when a female party who was stealing electricity was yelling at him in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont.

Fire. A large fire occurred in the 900 block of 3rd Ave. SE in Hayfield at 3:05 p.m.

Welfare Check. A woman asked deputies to do a welfare check when her husband was doing meth and drinking after leaving Teen Challenge. There was possibly an 8-year-old male in the home with him in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center.

June 30
Vandalism. A Hayfield man reported at 10:04 a.m. that someone had driven around in his corn field in the 26300 block of 740th St.

Larceny. A lawn mower was reported stolen from the 200 block of East St. N. in Claremont at 11:29 a.m.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 22 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Avory J. Arndt, 24, Kasson, previously appeared and was convicted of felony check forgery. Arndt was sentenced to \$2,189.55, 29 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 100 hours of community

service and 10 years of supervised probation.

Matthew D. Hoffman, 31, Steele County Detention Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to \$205, and 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Samuel A. Bartholomew, 21, Kasson, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,075, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of pornography, do not enter places where sexual materials are available, submit to polygraph examination as directed, no contact with minors, maintain employment, obtain permission to leave the state, no contact with victim or family, no access to Internet without approval and 15 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 22 – 29:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Randee K. Alikandiel, 48, Mantorville, DWI, \$505, chemical assessment, and 1 year of supervised probation; Ashley Brandeland-Gathje, 27, Mantorville, parking violation, \$32; Rachael A. Breidall, 24, West Concord, DWI, \$505, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Thomas L. Charette, 42, Mankato, speeding, \$380; Shawn E. Clement, 30, Dodge Center, non-conforming vehicles, 30 days in county jail; Kish M. Donaldson, 34, Hayfield, seat belt, \$105; Julio M. Espinosa, 38, Chaska, DWI, \$1,085, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Laura S. Hendel, 49, Nicollet, speeding, \$120; Paige M. Lair, 29, Kenyon, false claim of vehicle insurance, 6 months of probation; Amber M. Mills, 29, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Dillon J. Noble, 24, West Concord, speeding, \$140; Andrew K. Pike, 16, Brownsdale, speeding, \$100 and 6 months of probation; Lacey M. Stadler, 37, Hayfield, speeding, \$120; David C. Starch, 51, Nerstrand, violation of restraining order, \$300, no contact with victim and 1 year of probation; Crystal D. Thome, 35, Mantorville, speeding, \$140.

Kasson Police Department
Kimberly J. Damon, 45, West Concord, seat belt, \$105; Brandie M. Jacobson, 21, Austin, seat belt, \$105; Terry A. Kolve, 38, Hayfield,

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The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.
The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

Allen Telschow – DWI – no bail
Ramiro Terrones – DWI - \$500 bail
Norma Thibodeau – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail
Alfonzo Thomas – worthless check - \$300 bail
James Thomas – theft – no bail
Carla Thompkins – stalking - \$35,000 bail
Larry Thompson – obstruction - \$3,000 bail
Nathaniel Thompson – order for protection violation -

\$500 bail
Mario Ticas – assault - \$1,000 bail
Timothy Tillman – assault - \$20,000 bail
Juan Tomas – revoked license - \$500 bail
Richard Tople – DWI – no bail
Enrique Torres – theft - \$300 bail
Julio Touchet Campos – criminal sexual conduct - \$250,000 bail

Jaime Tovar – DWI – no bail
Gustavo Trevino – leave scene - \$750 bail
Santos Trevino – suspended license, no insurance - \$1,000 bail
Dragan Trkulja – traffic - \$1,000 bail
Segio Trujilla – no license, no insurance - \$500 bail
Nyatiem Tut – false name - \$500 bail

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

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

NEWS

Railroad maintenance continues in Blooming Prairie area



Canadian Pacific Railroad was busy lifting railroad ties and replacing them with new wooden ties in the Blooming Prairie area last week. Here, Railwork of Minooka, Illinois replaces old rail ties removed by R.J. Corman Company of Nicholasville, Kentucky. A railroad tie is a rectangular support for the rails in railroad tracks. The ties are generally laid perpendicular to the rails, ties transfer loads to the track ballast and subgrade, hold the rails upright and keep them spaced to the correct gauge.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
R. J. Corman Railroad Group, of Nicholasville, Kentucky, removes old rail ties last week in the Blooming Prairie area.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler
Workers continue their efforts in the Blooming Prairie area last week. The R. J. Corman Railroad Group (working above) serves all seven North American major railroads.

Mower County 4-H’ers take “Route 4-H”

On June 10-13, more than 300 youth from across Minnesota gathered at the 4-H Building on the Minnesota State Fair grounds to participate in the annual 4-H Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud! (YELLO!) youth leadership conference. Among those 4-H’ers were Mower County’s Rachel Meany, Hannah Mueller, Tyler Amick (state 4-H ambassador), Amy Boullion (state 4-H ambassador) and Jacob Mueller (state 4-H ambassador.)

The event was filled with exciting activities that help youth learn and practice valuable leadership skills that they will use throughout their lives.

Using a youth-teaching-youth model, the 4-H YELLO! leadership conference is developed and led by 4-H State Ambassadors, Minnesota youth who have been selected to serve as spokespeople for 4-H, and to educate youth and adults about the importance of youth development, leadership, citizenship, service, and teamwork. This year’s theme was “Route 4-H,” and ambassadors led participants on a trip through the 4-H pledge, each day focusing on a different part of the pledge - head, heart, hands, health - and how they could apply that in home, family, club, community, country, and world.



Submitted photo
Five Mower County 4-H’ers are pictured above at the 2015 4-H Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out loud conference.

Youth also participated in service learning activities for Feed My Starving Children (went to three locations) and Habitat for Humanity (built Adirondack chairs, toy storage boxes and participated in poverty simulations), and went on fun fieldtrips to Big Thrill Factory, Grand Slam and the Minnesota Science Museum.

“Opportunities like 4-H YELLO! challenge youth to think about how they can have a positive impact on their communities by focusing on

things they are passionate about,” said Jacquie Lonning, Extension 4-H Citizenship & leadership state program director. “Through these experiences, youth have the space to think creatively, collaborate with their peers, and learn skills they will take back home and apply in their lives and communities.”

To learn more about 4-H in Mower County, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Kristin Krell, at 507-437-9552 and visit the website, www.4-H.umn.edu.

United Way of Steele County receives grant

United Way of Steele County has received a Healthy Communities: Health Equity in Action Grant of \$50,000 in Year One and \$75,000 in Year 2 from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation.

The funds will be used beginning in the Fall of 2015 in support of workforce and education counseling for low-income high school students and developing connections to local employment opportunities. The grant funds a collaboration between the United Way, Workforce Development Inc in Owatonna and the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce as well as Owatonna High School. “Our collaborative initiative will begin to address the root causes of inter-generational poverty” said Tanya Paley, United Way Director of Strategic operations, “by assuring graduating low income students career counseling, job preparedness coaching, and access to living wage job opportunities in our community.”

Dan McIntosh the President of United Way of Steele County said “We are very grateful to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota for its investment in our community’s future. We proudly accept this grant as another step forward on our interrelated strategic paths of Health,

Income, and Education. Through this grant and with our community partners, we will empower young people to enter the workforce with greater job skills, which will translate into enhanced long-term financial and health outcomes and benefit the community as a whole.”

The grant will fund staff embedded in Workforce Development that will be able to serve as a link between students and employers in our community, enabling businesses to meet their workforce needs and young people to create a network of contacts in the local business and higher education community that will increase their life-long earning capacity and sense of connectedness with our community. When asked about their role in this project, Brian Coleman of Workforce Development, Inc. said “We are excited to partner in this collaborative initiative with United Way, Owatonna High School, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and area businesses to assist students in being informed about career opportunities within the community as well as the types of training needed to obtain those careers.”

“Owatonna has a rich and well-recognized history of technology and vibrant industry.” Said Jennifer Libby CEO and President of

Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and Tourism “We are thrilled to enhance our partnership with business and education through this grant and showcase the challenging, exciting and nationally and internationally-reaching careers available within our very own community.”

The United Way of Steele County is one of only 24 Healthy Communities: Health Equity in Action grantees awarded across the state. “We are pleased to support the good work of United Way of Steele County - a community asset that is truly making a difference in helping people have better options for good health” said Foundation Executive Director Carolyn Link. “The United Way of Steele County demonstrates a commitment to broadening the way we look at health.” For more information on Blue Cross’ grant making programs visit bcbsfoundation.org or call 1-866-812-1593.

The mission of the United Way of Steele County is to change lives by mobilizing and optimizing the caring power of our community. For additional information about hosting a paid internship or apprenticeship as part of this program or participating in a Quarterly Workforce Preparedness Working Group, call the United Way of Steele County at 507-455-1180.

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Dodge County

seat belt, \$105; Robert J. Krych, 46, Hayfield, seat belt, \$105; Maximo L. Morales, 20, Claremont, invalid license, \$180; Kevin L. Njoes, 46, Racine, seat belt, \$105; Gwyn B. Quiram, 45, Waterville, text messaging while driving, \$130; Jessica L. Radniecki, 34, Kasson, animal at large, \$100; Bethany R. Rapp, 24, Kasson, violation of order for protection, \$150; David D. Scheidt, 48, Minneapolis, seat belt, \$105; Bryce G. Seljan, 19, Kasson, DWI, \$380, chemical assessment and 1 year of

probation; Michael M. Serwa, 50, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Joshua N. Tamez, 27, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Kenneth A. Troke, 32, Kasson, DWI, \$1,010, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 90 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Kasee M. Walker, 25, Dodge Center, no insurance, \$150 and 6 months of probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Brandon D. Burt, 34, Byron, seat belt, \$105; Katiria M. Matos, 23, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Kari A. Samlaska, 26, Dodge Center, seat

belt, \$105; Nicholas E. Slevin, 30, West Yellowstone, MT, speeding, \$130; Walker L. Stanley, 17, Claremont, seat belt, \$105; Kayla D. Unger, 22, Kasson, seat belt, \$105.

Steele arrests

Blooming Prairie

Carlos Robert Abitua, 29, arrested at 1:07 a.m. July 1, felony fleeing and DWI-refusal, held for court.

Owatonna Police

Christopher Stephen Prince, 29, arrested at 12:12 a.m. June 27, DWI-test refusal, held for court. Tyjuan Lavelle Williams, 27, ar-

rested at 12:48 a.m. June 27, felony fleeing other than motor vehicle and two warrants arrest, body only/hold for court.

Ryan Joseph Wilson, 25, arrested at 5:19 a.m. June 27, felony probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Antonio Luna Perez, 58, arrested at 11 p.m. June 27, felony assault, held for court.

Brian Joseph Maestre-Reavis, 28, arrested at 2:50 p.m. June 29, warrant arrest, held for court.

Aubrey May Hager, 22, arrested at 1:15 a.m. June 30, domestic assault, held for court.

Derrick Lamont Bushrod, 33, arrested at 2:04 a.m. June 30, extradi-

tion hearing, body only.

John Frederick Olson, 62, arrested at 1:15 p.m. June 30, drug court violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Lamario Juquan Sanders, 29, arrested at 2 a.m. July 1, felony burglary, domestic assault and interference with 911 call, held for court.

Jonelle Suezette Hill, 34, arrested at 2:17 a.m. July 1, restraining order violation, held for court.

Andrew John Paulsen, 33, arrested at 4:32 a.m. July 1, DWI and leaving scene of property damage crash, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Edward Chavis Williams, 30, ar-

rested at 2:46 p.m. June 26, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.

Tyler Scott George, 19, arrested at 11:10 p.m. June 26, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Mark Anthony Scheidler, 45, arrested at 12 p.m. June 27, warrant arrest, body only.

MN State Patrol

Juan Martin Villalva Ortega, 27, arrested at 7:44 p.m. June 29, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Fabiola Villalba Ortega, 34, arrested at 9 p.m. June 29, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.



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Nutrition is important for people of all ages, but it's especially important for men and women over age 50, who can dramatically improve their quality of life by eating a well-balanced diet filled with vitamins and nutrients. Though that may seem like common sense, research has shown that men and women in this age group, who are often referred to as Baby Boomers, are not necessarily as healthy as they may seem.

While the baby boomer generation, which is generally regarded as those people born between 1946 and 1964, boasts longer life expectancies than any generation that came before them, some of that can likely be chalked up to advancements in medical care, including a booming pharmaceutical industry that seemingly has an antidote to every ailment. A 2013 study from researchers at the West Virginia University School of Medicine found that baby boomers are less healthy than the generation that immediately preceded them, tending to be more likely to have higher levels of hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol. Still, it's never too late for men and women over 50 to start eating healthier diets, which can reduce their risk of a wide range of ailments, including heart disease, stroke and osteoporosis.

The following are a few ways men and women over 50 can alter their diets so their bodies are getting what they need to live long and healthy lives well into their golden years. As is always the case, men and women should discuss any potential changes to their diets with their physicians to ensure the changes will be both effective and healthy.

- Balance your diet. Kids hear of the benefits of a balanced diet seemingly from the moment they enter a classroom for the first time, but many adults fail to heed that basic advice as they get further and further away from kindergarten. Be sure to include plenty of protein and carbohydrates. Protein maintains and rebuilds muscles, which is especially important for aging men and women who might find themselves unable to keep up with the physical demands of everyday life as well as they used to.



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Senior Focus

NUTRITION

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Including ample low-fat protein, which can be found in fish, eggs and low-fat dairy among other foods, will aid in muscle recovery, benefitting aging athletes as well as those men and women over 50 who recently started exercising as a means to regaining their physical fitness. A diet lacking in sufficient protein can contribute to muscle deterioration, arthritis and even organ failure, so it's important for men and women to prioritize including protein in their diets.

Carbohydrates are also an important part of a balanced diet, as they are a great source of energy that can help men and women stay active well past the age of 50. Carbohydrates found in fruits, grains and vegetables are the most beneficial, as these contain valuable vitamins, minerals and nutrients.

• **Don't denounce dairy.** Dairy is a great source of calcium, which promotes strong bones and teeth.

Men and women over the age of 50 want their bones to be as strong as possible because aging is one of the strongest risk factors for osteoporosis. Vitamin D, necessary to effectively absorb calcium, can be found in pasture-raised eggs and grass-fed cow's milk.

Vitamin D can also be generated when men and women get enough sunlight. Other healthy sources of vitamin D include salmon, light tuna packed in oil, sardines and sun-grown mushrooms.

• **Cut back on sodium intake.** Cutting back on sodium intake can be very beneficial, especially for men and women over age 50, who are at greater risk of diabetes, hypertension and chronic kidney disease. This takes more than just throwing the salt shaker away. Processed foods, soups, canned goods, salad dressings, condiments such as mustard and ketchup and breakfast cereals are just

a few of the many products that may contain alarming amounts of sodium. Excess sodium increases blood pressure by holding excess fluid in the body. That excess fluid puts an added burden on the heart, potentially increasing a person's risk of stroke, heart failure, osteoporosis, cancer and kidney disease. The problem with cutting back on sodium is that salt is so often relied on to make foods taste better and many people find salt-free foods bland. The rewards of reducing sodium intake are so significant that it's worth making the adjustment.

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- July 8:**
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
11 a.m. BPBL Adventure Club
4:30 p.m. EDA Mtg
- July 9:**
1 p.m. BPBL Mu Daiku Drummers
4:30 p.m. BP Police Comm Mtg
6:30 p.m. BPBL Family Movie Night
7 p.m. BP AAUW, HS GYM
- July 13:**
9 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Ag Power, Owa
2 p.m. BPBL Movie Day
5 p.m. BP Education Foundation, HS Library
7 p.m. BP City Council Mtg
- July 14:**
BP Card Club & Luncheon
4:30 p.m. BP Fire Comm Mtg
7 p.m. BP VFW
7 p.m. BP VFW Auxiliary
7:30 p.m. BP Prairie Lodge Masons
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
11 a.m. BPBL Adventure Club
12 p.m. BP Chamber of Commerce

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- July 9:**
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
- July 11:**
Ellendale Saturday Night Entertainment: Hans Horman
- July 13:**
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
- July 14:**
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

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- July 7:**
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time 9:30 & 10:30
5 p.m. Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
7 p.m. City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
- July 8:**
9:30 a.m. OPL Garden Time
3 p.m. OPL Adventure Club
- July 9:**
10 a.m. OPL Mu Daiku Drummers
2 p.m. OPL Indie & World Films 2 & 7 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
7 p.m. Owatonna 11 @ 7 Concert Series
- July 11:**
5:30 p.m. Chuckwagon Supper, Village of Yesterday
- July 12:**
29th Annual Extravaganza, Village of Yesterday
Habitat 500 Bike Ride, Owa
- July 13:**
Habitat 500 Bike Ride, Owa
12 p.m. Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Country Club
- July 14:**
4:30 p.m. Owatonna Park & Rec Brd, Council Chambers, Brooktree Golf Course or City Park
- July 14:**
Habitat 500 Bike Ride, Owa
Steele Co Commission
9:30 a.m. OPL Tale Time! 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. OPL Summer Story Time 9:30 & 10:30
1 p.m. Steele Co SDA Mtg
7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR

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- July 8:**
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg
- July 9:**
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
- July 13:**
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- July 14:**
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July 15:
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The event will take place on Wednesday, July 15, from noon until 3 p.m. at Brown Park located at 400 SW 16th Street in Owatonna.

OTHER COUNTIES

- Mower**
July 7:
Annual Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Wake Up and Wiggle, Austin Public Library
12 p.m. Special Weaving Workshop, Austin ArtWorks Center
1 p.m. Mower Co Brd of Commissioners Mtg
2 p.m. Designing Decorative Tiles, Austin ArtWorks Center
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: Free Family Yoga, APL
6:30 p.m. Water Aerobics - Session 1, Austin Municipal Pool
7:30 p.m. The 39 Steps, Riverland Community College
- July 8:**
Annual Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, GMPL
Lyle City Council Meeting
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson
11 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: R.A.D. Zoo, APL
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
1 p.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: R.A.D. Zoo, APL
5 p.m. Grand Meadow Farmers Market
5 p.m. Summer Clay, Austin ArtWorks Center
7 p.m. Austin Community Band Concert, Bandshell Community Park
7 p.m. Clean Water Festival: Chad Pregracke, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
7:30 p.m. The 39 Steps, Riverland Community College
- July 9:**
Annual Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library
9 a.m. MNSNAP Spay/Neutering Clinic, Mower County Humane Society
9:30 a.m. Clean Water Festival/Senior Special: Peter Mayer, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery Show: Nick Sinclair and Mike Erickson
10:30 a.m. 2015 Summer Reading Club: All Ages Storytime, Austin Public Library
1 p.m. Clean Water Festival (Family/Children's Program): Peter Mayer, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
3:30 p.m. Fun with Watercolor, Austin ArtWorks Center
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market
4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market
5 p.m. Introduction to Drawing for Teens and Adults, Austin ArtWorks Center
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
6 p.m. Teen Movie Night, Austin Public Library
6 p.m. Uncork & Create, Austin ArtWorks Center
6:30 p.m. Water Aerobics - Session 1, Austin Municipal Pool
7 p.m. Clean Water Festival/Evening Concert: Peter Mayer, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
7:30 p.m. The 39 Steps, Riverland Community College
- July 10:**
Annual Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Drop-In Summer Reading Program, Grand Meadow Public Library
Clean Water Festival: Clean Water Service Day, Various locations, Austin area
Rose Creek Fun Days
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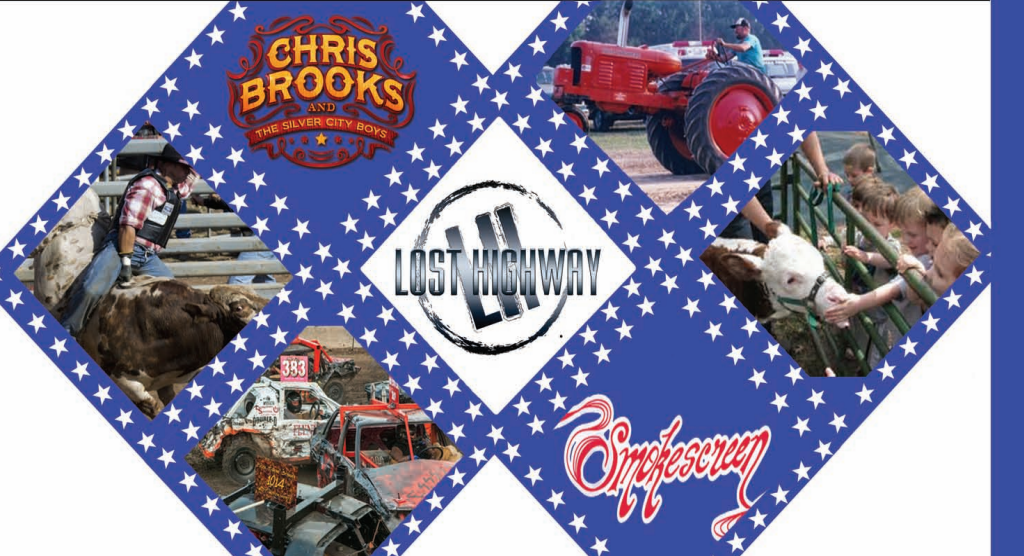


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6:00 p.m.
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Judging Arena
Saturday, July 18
8:00 a.m.
Open Horse Show
Horse Arena
9:00 a.m.
Open Rabbit Show
Judging Arena
12:30 p.m.
Open Junior Dairy Cattle Show
Judging Arena
Sunday, July 19
8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Open Goat Show

Grounds
Cock - A - Doodle Zoo
Butterfly Trailer
Bungee Jumping & Ride
Caricature Drawing
Carnival: Mad Jack - Midwest Rides
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
Saturday, July 18 @ 4:00 p.m.
Jazze-Balloon Artist, Thursday
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Thursday, July 16
6:30 p.m. - Car Races
Friday, July 17
7:00 p.m. - Tri-State Tractor Pull
Saturday, July 18
10:00 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull
and Gopher State Lawn Mower Pull
7:00 p.m. - Demo Derby
Sunday, July 19
2:00 p.m. - Motorcycle Enduro

Carnival
Wednesday, July 15
Opening Night Special -
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Thursday, July 16
Daycare and Kids Day
Arm Band - \$30.00 - 6-10 p.m.
Friday, July 17
Carnival opens at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 18
Carnival opens at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 19
Carnival opens at 1:00 p.m.
Arm Band-1-5p.m.

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Wednesday, July 15
3:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Magic
5:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Magic
6:30 p.m. - Joys & Tears in the Apron Strings
Thursday, July 16 - Day Care Day
10:00 - a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Magic
1:00 p.m. - Kids World of Aprons
2:00 p.m. - The Charm of the Full Bib Apron
3:30 p.m. - Good Vibrations
5:00 p.m. - Fun Creating with Vintage Linens
7:00 p.m. - Good Vibrations
Friday, July 17 - Senior Citizens Day
1:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Magic
4:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Magic
6:00 p.m. - Good Vibrations
Saturday, July 18
Family Day
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monroe Crossing
7:00 p.m. - Good Vibrations
Sunday, July 19
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JULY '15

SeniorPlace Trip MN Lynx Game – July 12th
River Springs Water Park Mystery Special – July 12th
SESSION 6 PRIVATE SWIM BEGINS – JULY 13TH
Little Tykes Multi Sport Session 3 – July 13th
Movies in the Park "Back to the Future" – July 17th
OWATONNA'S 5TH ANNUAL WEEKEND OUT JULY 17TH, 18TH, 19TH
River Springs Water Park Weekend Out Special – July 19th
Session 3 Swim Begins – July 20th
Little Tykes Sports Session 9 – July 20th
Little Tykes Sports Session 10 – July 20th
Adult Co-Rec Kickball Team Deadline – July 23rd
ADULT FALL SOFTBALL TEAM DEADLINE – JULY 23RD
Husky Girls Basketball Tournament at Brooktree Golf Course – July 25th
River Springs Water Park Veteran's Day Special – July 26th
SESSION 8 PRIVATE SWIM BEGINS – JULY 27TH
Little Adventurers-Tadpoles Session 6 – July 27th
Fall Brochure comes out – July 28th
FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS – JULY 29TH

AUGUST '15

River Springs Water Park Mother's Special – August 2nd
VFW STATE TOURNAMENT AT BROOKTREE GOLF COURSE – AUGUST 7TH-9TH
Little Adventurers-Tadpoles Session 5 – August 3rd
Little Adventurers-Tadpoles Session 7 – August 3rd
SESSION 9 PRIVATE SWIM BEGINS – AUGUST 3RD
Youth Volleyball/Football Registration Deadline – August 5th
River Springs Water Park Mystery Special – August 9th
River Springs Water Park Family Night – August 9th
PARK & REC YOUTH PROGRAMS SPECIAL AT RIVER SPRINGS – AUGUST 10TH-23RD
Youth Football Coaches Meeting – August 11th
Pre-Steele County Free Fair Special at River Springs – August 16th
SOUTHERN MN RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AT BROOKTREE GOLF COURSE – AUGUST 18TH
\$2 DAY AT RIVER SPRINGS – AUGUST 23RD
Movies in the Park "Big Hero Six" – August 28th
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Youth Volleyball Coaches Meeting – September 2nd

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Owatonna group opens Senior Day festivities

The Golden Tones from Senior Place in Owatonna will open Senior Day festivities at the 2015 Steele County Free Fair. Directed by Mary Carlson accompanied by Mae Blood, the songsters will perform songs from Broadway. The group will perform in Fair Square Park at 10:15 a.m. as the kick off performance for Senior Day. The Golden Tones will also perform on the same day at the Village of Yesteryear Stage at 2 p.m.

*A second Sunday worship service on the fairgrounds is being planned. "Worship in the Village" will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning of the fair. The service will be held in the traditional style with old-fashioned hymns and a message by the Rev. Brent Carlson of Christ Community Church.

The second Sunday worship service will take place at 11 a.m. in Fair Square Park. This is a contemporary service. The Rev. Todd Buechner of Trinity Lutheran Church will deliver the message and Trinity musicians will provide the music.

*Rock bands from the area are invited to sign up for the SCFF Battle of the Rock Bands to be held in the fair grandstand on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Six bands will be competing. Sign up at the fair office on a first-come first served basis. Bands are not limited to Steele County residents. The winning band will receive \$500 cash and opportunities for additional bookings. The Battle of the Rock Bands will be followed by a concert by Lost Highway at 8 p.m.

*Mega-Ride tickets for all rides every day at the fair will go on sale July 15. Cost is \$49

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Tearing up Main Street



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Main Street of Blooming Prairie was being rolled up on Monday, July 6, the day after the conclusion of the gala community 4th of July celebration. Reconstruction of Main Street west of Highway 218 includes the removal of blacktop by Elcor Construction of Rochester. The \$2.7 million street project is a joint one between the City of Blooming Prairie and Steele County.

Youth enjoy patriotic pony tales at the Blooming Prairie Public Library

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Just prior to the Independence Day holiday, children at the Blooming Prairie Public Library had a chance to meet a horse of a different color.

On July 2, Stephanie and Brad Bruggeman, of Blooming Prairie, brought Chance the pony to the library for story time and a unique art project. Since Chance is a white horse, the children dipped their hands in red and blue paint, then touched his coat, to make him red, white and blue.

That afternoon, the Bruggeman's own children, along with other youth, served as helpers during the activity. Before painting the pony, the young visitors to the library also listened to stories inside the building.

"It's a fun community event before the holiday," Brad said. Brad says that the couple (and their horses) has visited the library in the past and that they always enjoy the experience.

Stephanie Bruggeman has her own business, SKM Riding & Training. Stephanie says that she enjoys participating in events like this and that Chance does, too. Chance, says Stephanie, has a sweet temperament and loves making new friends.

Chance, an 11-year-old Shetland pony, was rescued from a meat buyer's auction last year through Refuge Ranch Ministries, a non-profit organization that has become Stephanie's passion.

"We rescue horses from kill pens and pair them with youth," said Stephanie. Through Refuge Ranch Ministries, youth ages four to 17 enjoy one-on-one mentoring sessions as they learn to care for the horses and also learn about safe equine practices.

To learn more about SKM Riding & Training, or Refuge Ranch Ministries, visit www.skmriding.com or call Stephanie at 507-319-0063.



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Local youth spend time with Chance the pony on Friday, July 2, outside the Blooming Prairie Public Library. Brad Bruggeman (left) and his wife Stephanie (not pictured) brought Chance to the library for the "Pony Tales" event.

They came from everywhere to visit Beaver Lake beach



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Edwinn and Norrine Jensen still spend some time at the Old Thompson Boathouse located just across the road from their residence on Beaver Lake. The boathouse was owned and operated by Norrine's father, Noel Thompson.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third and final part in a three-part series on Beaver Lake, a 99-acre fresh water lake located northwest of Ellendale.)

Over the years, Beaver Lake near Ellendale has been one of the most popular swimming beaches in southern Minnesota. The Beaver Lake beach is still

busy but not as busy as it was in the 1960s and 1970s, says Norrine Jensen in an eight-page manuscript she authored in 2012 on Beaver Lake.

Norrine writes in an eight-page report on Beaver Lake: "Farmers with their machinery were unable to pass through on the road because of the cars on both sides of the road. Kids from Owatonna, Albert Lea, Ellendale and Austin (it seemed like they came from everywhere) came to the busy beach on hot days to swim and dive off the high diving board."

Norrine said sometimes the diving board was so crowded with people on it, that it toppled over with kids and all.

Norrine's father sold 3.65 acres of land including the gravel pit to Steele County to build a park and large parking lot in 1960.

Ash trees were planted on the beach and the park area and two picnic pavilions, a volleyball court, a horseshoe court, a bath house and a concession stand were built. A tunnel was built under the road for people to go from the parking area safely to the beach.

Norrine said she recalls five or six drownings over the years, the last one being a 10-year-old girl from Hope.

The beach is still open for public swimming but no life guards are on duty. "We wish the life



guards would be brought back," the Jensen said. No swimming lessons are offered currently.

The lake is 30 feet at its deepest part and it is "very clean" because it is spring fed, Norrinne said.

Norrinne is a record keeper of the ice-on and ice-off dates going back to the winter of 1989-90. The studies are coordinated by the State University of New York. Since that time the earliest ice-on was recorded on Nov. 4, 1992. The latest ice-off date was listed as April 18, 1993.

Norrine's great uncle, Ole Thompson, in 1902, bought the Jensens' present day farm located on the east shore of Beaver Lake from William Ellis. The Jensen farm has been in the Thompson family for 110 years. It is now co-owned by Norrine,

Ed and Norrine's brother Stan. Since 1902 there have been six generations of Thompsons living on the Thompson farms by Beaver Lake. The north farm is a century farm (1902) and the south farm (1911) is a century farm.

"I have lived on the east shores of Beaver Lake since I was one year old and I'm still here," Norrinne said.

Beaver Lake is still a place to congregate, family and friends coming to many of the lake homes for parties and celebrations. The Ellendale Area Historical Society will meet the first Saturday in August at the old Thompson boat house.

EVERYWHERE

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STEELE TALKIN'



Melissa Koch

Poultry ban affects 4-H achievements

The poultry industry in Minnesota is facing issues with the Avian Flu, which has resulted in the Minnesota Board of Animal Health determination to ban all poultry activities involving live birds in 2015.

The ban includes traditional county fair and state fair poultry shows. This decision has affected the way 4-H will showcase the achievements of poultry project members at this summer's fairs.

Steele County 4-H is offering poultry members opportunities during the Steele County Fair to bring other types of poultry exhibits to the county fair, to participate in poultry showmanship and to complete an interview illustrating their knowledge and their poultry project work.

Poultry exhibits that 4-H'ers could be displaying during the fair might revolve around the birds they have at home and/or other areas of the poultry industry. Topics could include bio security, nutrition, breeding, by-products, animal health, reproduction, careers, marketing, production or a host of other topics.

Steele County 4-H poultry exhibits will be judged on Tuesday, Aug. 18, starting at noon in the poultry barn. Come and see the 4-H'ers' displays as they visit with the judge about their exhibits.

4-H County Fair registration forms are due to the Extension Office by July 15; members indicate on this form what projects they are bringing to the fair. Poultry members will do the same by signing up for classes related to the type of bird being highlighted in their exhibit – i.e. an exhibit on breeds of chickens would be entered in the 'Chicken' class. At the show, 4-H'ers will participate in a group conference judging with others in the same class.

Exhibits will be on display in the poultry barn for the duration of county fair. There will be scholarship incentives for those selected to attend the Minnesota State Fair and State Fair exhibitors will be able to participate in a variety of poultry science activities.

State Fair also offers 4-H'ers other poultry related experiences such as a Chicken Bar-B-Q contest, a Judging contest (eggs and carcasses), Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture, Posters, and Quiz Bowl. A Poultry Prince and Princess Contest will also be held as in the past. Check www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html for more information.

4-H also has members who participate in general and livestock demonstrations each year. This year, 4-H'ers who present an Avian Flu demonstration will receive cash incentives at both county fair and state fair.

Steele County's demonstration judging happens before fair on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Owatonna Arts Center. Demonstrations will be repeated at the 4-H exhibit building during County Fair.

Come check out our Steele County 4-H Poultry exhibits this year at the Steele County Fair from Aug. 18 -23. Or better yet, come to the poultry barn on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and learn first-hand about the poultry

STEELE TALKIN'

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MedfordLiving

Water aerobics more than just exercise at the Medford Pool

By SHANNON KINLEY
County Staff Writer

Water aerobic classes are often thought of as being a super intense workout with a very high difficulty level. However, the water aerobics class at the Medford Pool is far from that.

“It is more of a relaxed water aerobics class. I’ve heard a lot of people talk about other classes where you can’t talk, but you can make this what you want of it,” said pool manager Olivia Full. “You can make it really difficult or easy going; it just depends on your personal preference.”

Full has been the pool manager for three summers now, but says the class was going on when she started working at the pool five years ago.

The first class was held Monday, June 8, and runs Monday through Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. or 8 to 9 p.m. through the end of August.

The class is set up so partici-

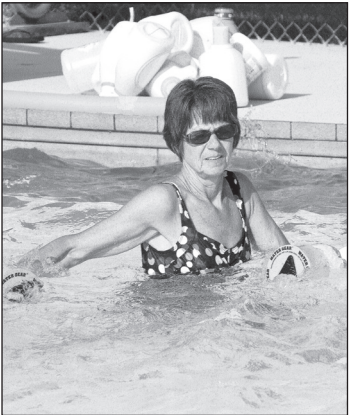
pants can come and go as they please; Participants can attend sessions that fit in with their schedule with each session costing \$2.

Full says she enjoys teaching the course not only for the exercise, but also because it is a time to hang out and socialize with the participants.

“I like hearing all the stuff they have to talk about. In the morning I learn a lot about how to garden,” she said. “I know most of the people that come and just being able to catch up with them is fun. It is fun seeing them come back each summer, and we have a whole year’s worth of stuff to catch up on.”

Typically the morning sessions are busier than the evening sessions with around 10 to 12 participants versus seven to 10 participants.

There are five instructors of the class, all of whom are the pool’s lifeguards. The class starts out with a warm up with



Staff photo by Shannon Kinley
Diane Glienke does a twisting exercise during a water aerobics class at Medford Pool on Wednesday, June 10.

exercises such as running or walking back and forth or grapevines in the pool. Then participants line up against the wall to do stretches and wall exercises.

Then the group gathers in a circle to do various exercises such as different jumps and twists and some participants choose to add jugs or noodles for resistance to

increase the exercise’s difficulty level. The class finishes off with exercises in the deep end of the pool and 10 minutes of free time to wind down.

“We really like the pool, especially for the children, because there is not a whole lot else to do in Medford. We don’t have gyms, workout clubs or organized groups so this is a really nice option for those who don’t want to drive to Owatonna or Faribault every day,” Full said.

Tuesdays and Fridays are open swim days so if participants wish to do exercises on their own, they can; otherwise a lifeguard or two is present to help lead the traditional class.

Full recommends the course because, “It is easy to come and socialize, especially if you are from town or know the people that come. It is not super expensive, and it is more of a let’s go together thing than a let’s go kill ourselves at the gym.”

This year is participant Judy

Schultz’s first time attending the course. So far she has been to every class and plans to continue attending five times a week.

“I need exercise, fresh water, fresh air and the people are nice... it is fun,” she said.

So far Schultz has enjoyed the exercise aspect as well as socializing with the other people and instructors.

Even though Schultz has not taken a water aerobics class previously, she finds this one to be pretty easy. “It is not very difficult. It is very easy if you just take your time, go slow and at your own pace,” she said.

The most challenging part of the class for her has been keeping her balance in the water while doing the exercises. Schultz hopes that by taking the course, she will be able to lose some weight.

This is participant Suzanne Thofson’s second year doing the class. She, similarly to Schultz, also tries to attend the

class five days a week but sometimes comes in the mornings and sometimes in the evenings, depending on how she is feeling.

Thofson says she enjoys the class because, “It is good exercise and it is easy on the joints. The camaraderie of the group makes it a lot of fun.”

She recommends the class because it is a chance to spend some time outdoors while improving your health. She also says the class is set up so that anyone can participate, no matter what level they are at.

“I think it is kind of geared for all levels. You can do the exercises to be more advanced by using resistance, or you don’t have to. It is geared at your pace, which is really nice,” Thofson said.

Thofson plans to keep attending the course regularly throughout the summer and hopes to see better muscle tone when it is over.

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Straight River Days; annual celebration began in early 1970s

For more than four decades, Straight River Days have been held in Medford each June. The annual celebration brings hundreds of people of all ages to the community. Let’s see how this all began.

The Medford Civic Club was formed in the 1960s by a

group of local business leaders interested in doing whatever they could to promote the community. They held informal meetings and social gatherings, at which they discussed the progress and future economic growth of Medford. Eventually, non-business people were also

brought into the organization and membership grew to about 100 members.

Early in 1971, Frank Woodfill appeared before the city council, and requested that some type of community celebration be held that summer to coincide with the planned dedication of the recently completed Medford waste treatment facility. The council asked the Civic Club to take on the project, which they agreed to do, and the date was set for June 3.

A “coordinating committee” was set up headed by Frank Woodfill, Joe Mueller and Chuck Ripley. Don Clemmens suggested that a “canoe derby” be held to promote the Straight River and given the responsibility for organiz-

ANOTHER TIME



John Gross

ing it. Paul Mueller felt it was necessary to have some sort of a parade, and he was appointed to work out the details for that event. A flea market, kiddie carnival, and an evening street dance were also planned for the day-long celebration.

Through his many years of active Democratic Party involvement, Frank Woodfill had come to know many famous state and national political figures. He contacted then U.S. Senator, Walter F. Mondale, who accepted the invitation to serve as main speaker at the late morning dedication. Twin Cities media as well as hundreds of people came to Medford to attend the festivities that first Saturday in June.

The event was so successful that the Civic Club decided to make it an annual community celebration. The canoe derby grew into one of the largest events of its kind in Minnesota. By 1975, more than 450 canoeists were involved in a variety of amateur, professional, and “powder puff” races. The longest, started at the Morehouse Park dam in Owatonna and ended at Straight River Park in Medford; a distance of more than eight miles.

By the mid-1980s, lack of rental canoes and increasing insurance rates forced the Civic Club to scale back the number of river events offered. Flea markets, softball, volleyball and horseshoe tournaments, water fights, dunk tanks, “rubber-duck” races, tugs-of-war, bingo games, “mud” races, sky-diving exhibitions, and tractor-pulls are some of the many different events that have been enjoyed by participants and spectators.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the celebration through the years has helped raise thousands of dollars for worthwhile community projects as well as scholarships for local students. Some of the proceeds have also gone toward helping Straight River Park with a skating rink, softball diamond, basketball and tennis courts, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, a pavilion, outdoor swimming pool and canoe landing.

In recent years a new generation of active volunteers has come forward to keep Medford’s annual community celebration alive and going. A queen-contest, huge parade, street-dance, and free-entertainment in the park highlighted some of the many events that were held again this year.

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Historical Society hosts Extravaganza and Chuckwagon Supper

Make the Steele County Historical Society's Extravaganza your destination Sunday, July 12 for a family fun day, featuring re-enacted old west shootouts and scenarios, old time hand crafts, musical entertainment, an antique tractor show, wool spinning, printing, basket weaving, wood working demonstrations, clothes washing demonstrations, leatherworking, face painting with Brandy Wilker, Steve Hansen returning as Digger to reprise his role, and more. Also returning this year; visit with Larry Richie as he teaches you how bricks were made for early construction. Children will get a chance to actually make a brick to take home.

New this year: Re-enactors will be portraying American fur-traders from the late 1700's to the early 1800's. Mountain men, Voyageurs, and Native Americans gathered once a year to trade goods at an event called a Rendezvous. A "temporary town" was set up to accommodate for the majority of deal making and trading. See re-enactors dressed in period correct clothing and displaying their wares of how they would have lived then. Come listen and learn about a way of life in early time.

Throughout the day have your fill of Sloppy Joe's, locally-made brats, pork burgers, ice cream, cake, old fashioned soda floats, kolaches, and other tasty treats. Games and crafts for kids will be offered in the school house and yard by

our local Girl Scout Troops.

Vintage Baseball returns with the game being played at 3 pm. Watch the Rochester Roosters take on the Owatonna Owls in an authentic game, circa 1860. Cheer on our local players. We are looking for more participants, so if you're interested in playing, please call Jerry Besser at 451-5196 by July 8th.

Enjoy the 12th Annual Antique Tractor Show with a parade of tractors, "slow race", and skills driving contests, and the opportunity to vote for your favorite tractor. (If you are interested in displaying your tractor please call our office at 451-1420). The Tractor Parade will be featured at 2:30.

Extravaganza features a full day of entertainment for you to enjoy. The Cannon Old West Society will be performing throughout the day with wild-west action and scenarios. Returning favorites, Dunnell Lenort and the KC Men's Choir will all be back for your listening pleasure, along with the Adam Lindquist in his portrayal of Teddy Roosevelt and the Sunday Punch Quartet. New this year is a special performance by Fox & Coyote with Ryan Evans. (Please see the schedule for performance times.)

This Extravaganza of activities takes place in Owatonna's Village of Yesteryear, 1448 Austin Road, located on the southeast corner of the Steele

2015 Extravaganza Entertainment Schedule	
11 a.m.	Flag raising ceremony KC Men's Choir
11:40 a.m.	NEW! Rendezvous Demonstration
12 p.m.	Cannon Old West Society Scenario
12:30-1 p.m.	NEW! President Roosevelt -1912 Progressive Party visit to Owatonna Dunnell Lenort Cannon Old West Society scenario
1 p.m.	NEW! Fox and Coyote- Ryan Evans
2 p.m.	Tractor Parade
2:15 p.m.	Cannon Old West Society
2:30 p.m.	Vintage Baseball Game
3 p.m.	Sunday Punch Quartet
3 p.m.	Cannon Old West Society Scenario
3:15 p.m.	
4 p.m.	

County fairgrounds. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is FREE. Exhibits include a 19-structure pioneer village. The Village includes the 1868-69 Dunnell House, Carriage House, Print Shop, Schoolhouse, General Store, Saco Church, Firehall, two cabins, a train depot, Gus' Station, caboose, blacksmith shop, the original Owatonna Town Hall, and a Museum of Professions. There will also be FREE admission to the History Center located at 1700 Austin Road. The History Center is currently featuring three exhibits; "Steele County in the Vietnam War", "Welcome to Ellendale", and the Steele County portion of "Coming of Age:1968."

Don't miss our Tenth Annual Chuckwagon Supper. This special

evening of entertainment is set for Saturday, July 11, with entertainment from 5:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. and supper served from 5:30 till 7 p.m. Cowboy fare will include shredded pork sandwiches, calico beans, Superior Catering Potato Salad and bars, 1919 Rootbeer, and all the fixings. Tickets are \$15 per person with children 6 and under free with a paying adult. This year's great entertainment is Cowboy Musician, Lonesome Ron. The supper is sponsored by Randall's License Bureau and Cashwise Liquor. Space is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets are available at SCHS, Kottke Jewelers, and Tri M Graphics.

"We are really looking forward to this year's Chuckwagon Supper and Extravaganza. We have a lot of great entertainment for our guests on both days. The Chuckwagon Supper is a

great family evening with supper now being served in the History Center. Extravaganza is full of fun and activity, with lots of entertainment, great food, and things to see and do. We're thrilled to be celebrating 29 years of this wonderful event, and we welcome everyone to enjoy our beautiful Village and the History Center on this great day!" said SCHS Director, Laura Resler.

Extravaganza is graciously sponsored by the following businesses: Premier Event Sponsor: Randall's License Bureau. Other sponsors are: TPS Insurance, Owatonna Shoe, Ag Power Implement, Central Valley Co-op, Legacy Signs, Tri M Graphics, Owatonna Park and Rec, Amesbury Truth, Brenda Bednar: American Mortgage Equity Consultants, Inc. and Larry's Liquor.

The Steele County Historical Society operates the Village of Yesteryear May 1 through September 30 with guided tours offered daily at 1:30 Tuesdays through Sundays. Adults \$5, children 7-16 \$3.00, children 6 and under accompanied by an adult, free. Group tours, and other tour times are available by appointment. The History Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-4, Thursday from 10 - 8, and Saturday from 10-3. Admission to the Center is the same as for a Village tour, with a discount of \$2 if you do both the tour and History Center. SCHS members get free admission to the Center. For more information call 507-451-1420, or check our website at www.steelehistorymuseum.org. Follow us on Facebook.

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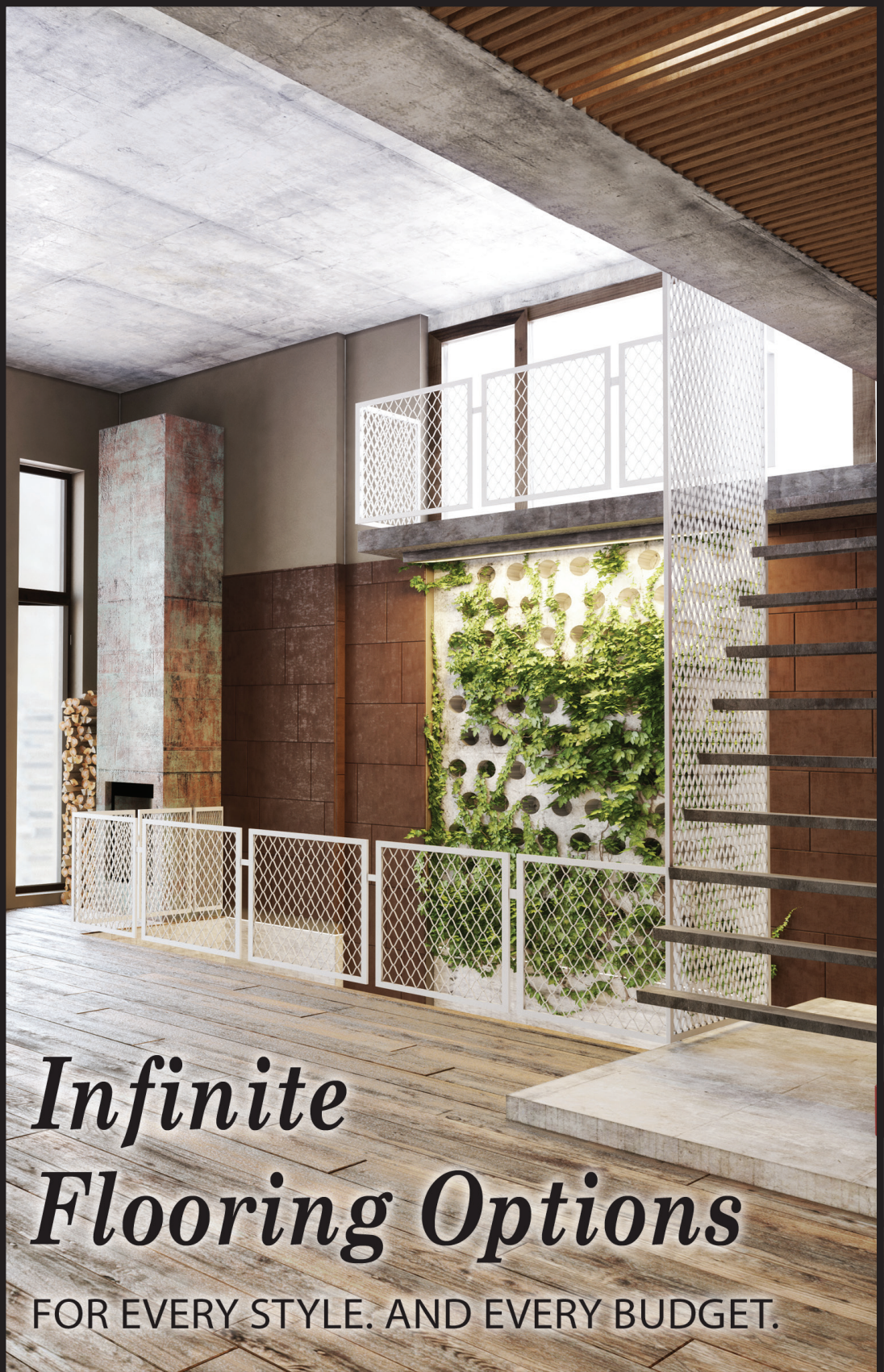
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When and how social security checks are delivered

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- Birthdate is 11th through 20th of month: Payment day is third Wednesday of each month.
- Birthdate is after the 20th of the month: Payment day is fourth Wednesday of each month.

There are, however, a few exceptions to this schedule. For example, if the day your Social Security check is supposed to be deposited happens to be a holiday, your check will be deposited the previous day. And, if you are receiving both Social Security benefits and SSI payments, your Social Security check will be deposited on the third day of the month.

You should also know that Social Security beneficiaries who started receiving benefits before 1997, their Social Security checks are paid on the third

day of the month.

To get a complete schedule of 2015 payment dates, visit ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2015.pdf.

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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elise Slinger, Editor
July 5, 2005

Eric Kaplan, 21, of Blooming Prairie, died Thursday, June 30 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, south of Owatonna.

Mass of Christian burial was held Sunday, July 3, 2005 at 2:30 pm at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Somerset Township, rural Steele County.

As of July 1, the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club is an official branch of the Rochester Boys and Girls Club Organization.

In an effort to save money and keep their churches open,

the United Methodist Church of Blooming Prairie, Lansing, Brownsdale and Sargeant, have decided to pool their resources and share two new pastors. The Rev. Debbie King Quale of Stewartville and the Rev. Jim Purdham of Sargeant will take on the role of co-pastors of these four small towns.

20 Years Ago
Elise Slinger, Editor
July 4, 1995

Anna Thompson, 82, of Blooming Prairie, died June 29, 1995 at her home, 520 Main Street East.

She was born Jan. 14, 1913, in Ellendale to Robert and Fran-

ces (Pechachek) Smith.

More than 60 Blooming Prairie youths and their caregivers witnessed the appearance of trolls in the City Center last week.

Through funding provided by SELCO and the Blooming Prairie Library, The Rochester Masque Youth Theater and School entertained area kids with several short skits based on troll stories from around the world during the library's "Sky's the Limit" special program Wednesday.

Jody Ann Krell, River Falls, Wis., became the bride of Martin James Groell of River Falls, Wis., on March 18 at First Lutheran Church, Blooming Prairie.

The Rev. Clifford Schroeder officiated at the late afternoon double-ring ceremony.

50 Years Ago
Victor Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
July 8, 1965

Announcement is made of the engagement of Jacqueline Kay Karaus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Karaus of Ellendale, to Edward E. Winzenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Winzenburg of Blooming Prairie.

The libraries in the Blooming Prairie school system will be open for public use during the summer months, it was an-

nounced this week by Supt. M. McFarlin.

Mrs. Leonard H. (Netha) Grant, well-known Corning resident, passed away Saturday, July 3, at Raymond's Nursing Home in Austin, where she had been residing for the past seven months. Mrs. Grant had endured a lingering illness, without complaint, for the past year and a half. She was 64 years of age at the time of her death.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
July 4 1940

Peter A. Hartle, 69, pioneer and life-long resident of Steele County died at his home near Pratt Sunday afternoon. He had been ill for the past three months.

John Haberman and son Richard, both of Steele Center, escaped with their lives when the team they were using in haying became frightened and ran away. The accident happened Wednesday. John Haberman though badly shaken up is able to carry on the farm work while Richard will be compelled to give up work until he recovers from the bruises he received.

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Obituaries

Glenn Naatz, 77, rural Waltham

Glenn William Naatz, 77 of rural Waltham died Sunday morning, June 28, 2015, at his farm home.

He was born July 12, 1937, on the family farm in Waltham Township, Mower County, the son of Edmund August and Magdalena Emma (Faber) Naatz. Glenn attended Trinity Lutheran Parochial School of Waltham through the eighth grade and graduated from Austin High School in 1955.

He was a member of the FFA, where he took Grand Champion Landrace pig at the Minnesota State Fair. He married Elizabeth Schleret on April 30, 1960, at Trinity Lutheran Church.



The couple made their home on the family farm in Waltham Township, where Glenn was a dairy farmer for sixty years until his death.

He was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was baptized on July 29, 1937, and confirmed on May 13, 1951. He served as a trustee, on the finance board, was a choir member and served as head usher. Glenn owned four draft horses and enjoyed watching horse shows, reading farm

related magazines, making numerous trips to Fleet Farm and also watching the Andy Griffith Show.

He will be remembered for carrying on a conversation with anyone he would meet, his love of farming and being so proud of all of his sons and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Naatz of Waltham; four sons, Donald (Pamela) Naatz of Waltham, Dale Naatz of Waltham, Dean (Jennifer) Naatz of Blooming Prairie, Douglas (Holli) Naatz of Blooming Prairie; nine grandchildren, Jeff (Brooke) Naatz, Matt (Jessica) Naatz, Kristin (Jason) Peck,

Kelli (Anders Jacobson) Naatz, Kalyn Naatz, Erin Naatz, Hailey Naatz, Christopher Naatz, Jacob Naatz; four great-grandchildren, Brenna, Jackson and Alyssa Naatz and Axel Peck; sister-in-law Rosemary Naatz of Blooming Prairie; brother-in-law Eugene Schleret of Columbus, Ohio; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Magdalena Naatz; parents-in-law Paul and Martha Schleret; brother Edward Naatz and sister-in-law Delores Schleret.

Funeral services were held on July 1, 2015, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Waltham.

Betty Fierro, 61, Las Vegas

Betty Darlene (Hansen) Fierro, age 61 of Las Vegas, Nevada, died Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Valley Regional Hospital where she had been since March 1, 2015. She had bravely fought pancreatic cancer for 6 ½ years. Betty was born in Blooming Prairie, the daughter of Carlo and Esther Ann (Ingvalson) Hansen. After graduating from Blooming Prairie High School in 1971, Betty went on to attend Rochester Vocational School. She was employed at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester as a Pharmacy Technician and worked in hospitals in Minneapolis, Phoenix, Arizona, Prescott Valley,



Arizona, Carson City, Nevada, and Las Vegas, Nevada at the Nevada Cancer Institute. Betty was united in marriage to David Fierro on Oct. 18, 1975, and welcomed the birth of their son Christopher on Nov. 7, 1976. They lived in Ellendale for six years and worked in the insurance business. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, cruises, dancing, camping and loved spending time with her cats.

Betty is survived by her husband David Fierro; her son

Christopher (fiancée Sabrina Lassalle) of Buckeye, Arizona; mother Esther Ann Hansen of Blooming Prairie; sister Linda Hansen of Blooming Prairie; brothers Arthur Hansen of Queens, New York, and his son Reed of New Briton, Connecticut; Dr. Leslie Hansen of St. Paul; Brian (Peggy) Hansen of Fridley, Minnesota; aunt Lorene Ingvalson of Austin; and by many cousins; David's brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and their best friends Pat and Jim Parlin of Austin. She was preceded in death by her father Carlo Hansen in 2005 and sister-in-law Mary Hansen.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery, Blooming Prairie. The family prefers that memorials be directed to The American Cancer Society, First Lutheran Church or donor's choice. Services performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Births



Michael and Nicole Schneider of Blooming Prairie welcomed first baby Tucker Wayne Schneider on May 4, 2015. Tucker weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

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| July 8
Tim Amberg
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Beth Hilson
Marilyn Wagner
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Jeffrey Bruns
Kendyl Sunde
Zachary Koster |
| July 9
Renee Worke
Liz Heiber | Anniversaries July 9
Doris Rasmussen
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| July 10
Kelsy Johnson
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Marvin Stark
Ellis Harshbager | July 10
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| July 11
Sophia Esplan
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Charlie Romeo | July 11
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- July 9:** Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Alt: Carrots, Baked Apple
- July 10:** Tuna Pasta Salad, Melon Wedge, Dinner Roll, Cream Puff
- July 13:** Meatballs, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Rhubarb Muffin, Grapes
- July 14:** Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Cranberry Mold
- July 15:** Ham/Scalloped Potatoes, Alt: Beef Patty, Dilled Carrots, Mixed Greens Salad, Moon Cake

Area Church Spotlight



Vibrant Life, Ellendale

Pastor's corner

Experimenting with a vegetable garden



This is the second year I've experimented with a vegetable garden. I learned a lot in the first year; I'm learning a lot in the second year. This year, particularly, I'm learning about weeds. And how they grow.

All the time. Everywhere. I'm not ashamed to admit that my garden is full of weeds! They threaten to grow too close to my carrots so that when I try to pull the weed, I also tend to pull the

carrot.

They threaten to grow so thick that I can't tell where the sweet potato plant is in the midst of them. They threaten to take over to gain complete garden domination!

Those sneaky, too-abundant weeds can be a lot like sneaky weed-like things in our own lives. Things that may threaten to choke out our faith, instead of helping us grow in faith and love.

Those things that cozy-up to us and convince us that we're in control, instead of reminding us to rely on God. Those voices that tell us we're not good enough, instead of telling us that we're beloved children of God.

The world is (unfortunately) full of weeds that would love to take over our trust in God, but as a gardener has his/her own tools, so we have tools of faith to keep the weeds at bay and our

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Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Corn Views; water quality discussion shouldn't require a scoreboard



Written by Bruce Peterson
Minnesota Corn Growers
Association President

Unfortunately, many of us have a tendency to treat our political process like a sporting event. Who won? Who lost? Who will come out on top when one side of an issue faces off

against the other?

Instead of coming together to try and find practical solutions and develop meaningful policy, too much time is spent on political games and trying to figure out “winners” and “losers.”

Farmers found themselves the middle of one of these show-downs during the last legislative session when Gov. Dayton called for 50-foot buffers around all Minnesota waterways. Immediately, the political rhetoric kicked in and the media covered the buffer issue like game 7 of the World Series.

Gov. Dayton vs. Minnesota farmers: Who will prevail?

Believe me, the last thing farmers wanted was to play that game. We had fields to plant and livestock to take care of. We function much better in a corn field than we do in the field of politics.

It took a while, but the rhetoric surrounding the buffer issue eventually subsided enough where a meaningful dialogue could take place. I, along with several other farmer-led ag organizations, had several meetings with Gov. Dayton, his staff and other legislators about buffers.

We were able to reach a compromise on buffer legislation that, basically, calls for the

continued local enforcement of existing buffer laws. The compromise also put a timetable on compliance and called for the development of maps to better determine which public ditches and waterways would benefit from buffers.

We wanted to reach a compromise that didn't require a one-size-fits-all mandate and allowed farmers to continue making progress in the area of water quality by implementing conservation practices that are appropriate for their farm. I feel we achieved that.

However, immediately after the session ended, everyone was asking, who won? Instead,

I wish people would ask, what's next?

Everyone wants to protect water quality. Meaningful progress isn't going to happen by pitting one group of Minnesotans against another.

Farmers need to continue making investments in research and on-farm initiatives that help them keep soil and other valuable nutrients on their fields and out of our waterways. We also need to ramp up our efforts in telling our own story and letting non-farmers know about the many things we're already doing in the area of water quality.

Policymakers, the media, farmers and non-farmers – everyone involved in this conversation -- needs to realize that divisive rhetoric and creating an “us vs. them” atmosphere isn't the answer to water quality progress. We all lose when that happens.

I understand that policy issues, whether they involve agriculture or not, get contentious. I know we all won't get along all of the time.

But I think we can do better than what we saw during the buffer debate. Protecting water quality while maintaining a productive environment for farming isn't a game. As we move forward, let's do a better job at seeking solutions instead of seeking “victory.”

Buffer and legislative update

If you're a farmer and would like more details on the recently-passed buffer legislation and other important ag-related legislative items, you're invited

to attend one of six “What you need to Know” district meetings hosted by the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

The meetings are set for Sauk Centre (July 9), Fairmont (July 22), Redwood Falls (July 22) and Austin (July 23).

Time and location details, along with other information, is available at www.mncorn.org.

Bruce Peterson is a family farmer in Northfield and President of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association.

U of M Crop Management Tour at Rochester Tuesday, July 7

Crop producers, agribusiness personnel and others interested in crop production in southern Minnesota are invited to the annual University of Minnesota “Crop Management Tour” being held in Rochester on Tuesday, July 7.

The tour will take place at the field site located east of University Center on Co. Rd. 22 (East Circle Drive) at the intersection of Highway 14 east. Registration is free and begins at 8:30; as one group, the tour will begin at 9 a.m. discussing and viewing new technologies in weed management.

Topics discussed include: waterhemp weed management – impacts of multiple resistance on current and future weed management strategies, keeping up with sprayer technology, see what's new in weed management, and learn the new corn and soybean herbicide names.

Speakers include: Jeff Gunsohus, Extension weed specialist, University of Minnesota, St. Paul; Lisa Behnken and Ryan Miller, Extension educators and Fritz Breitenbach, IPM specialist at the Regional Office in Rochester and Dave Nicolai, Extension educator, Crops & Institute for Ag Professionals coordinator.

The July 7 Crop Management Tour will be held at the research plots located at the University Center in Rochester. The college sits just off of Highway 14 on the east side of Rochester, Exit Co. Rd. 22, and the field site is located at the intersection of Co. Rd. 22 (East Circle Drive) and Highway 14.

For more information, contact Fritz Breitenbach at 507-280-2870 or Mary Jane Stearns at 507-536-6310.



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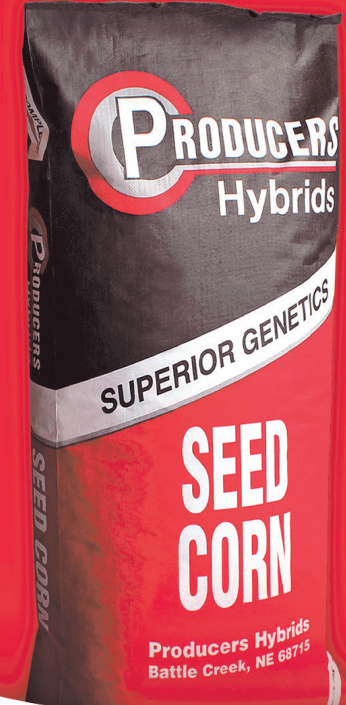
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Minnesota Crop Report

One-third of Minnesota's soybean acreage was in or beyond the blooming stage as of July 5, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week but skies were hazy due to Canadian forest fires. Field activities for the week included spraying, applying fungicides and harvesting hay.

Soil moisture levels decreased slightly with the drier than normal week. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Minnesota's corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week. Thirty-three percent of the soybean crop was blooming or beyond, 10 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the five-year average. Soybean condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. Small grain development remained well ahead of the average with 90 percent or more of the crops in or beyond the heading stage.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04
DATE: June 5, 2015

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
1. Date of Mortgage: March 18, 2013
2. Mortgagors: Larry William Lindquist and Annette K. Lindquist, husband and wife
3. Mortgagees: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie
4. Recording Information: Recorded on March 29, 2013, as Document Number T000070097 (or in Book 27 of Mortgages, Page 81), in the Office of the Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable
INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-114-0204
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: The East 30 feet of Lot 3; and Lot 4; Block 2, Hansen Heights Addition, to the Village of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota according to the recorded plat thereof. Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) x
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 193 8th Street NW, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA
9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.
INFORMATION REGARDING F O R E C L O S U R E
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was \$110,000.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$110,793.05.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on July 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on Not applicable.

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

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A. 300 First Street NW, Austin, MN 55912
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie
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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2000 MORTGAGOR: Ryan R. Staska, a single person and Katrina J. Olivo, a single person. MORTGAGEE:

Sterling State Bank, Corporation. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 13, 2000 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A283439. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated June 30, 2000 Recorded July 13, 2000, as Document No. A283440. TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Sterling State Bank, Corporation RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2093rd Street Southeast, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 14-106-0303 and 14-106-0304 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

See attached legal description COMMENCING AT A POINT 66 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, BRAINERD AND OLSON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE. THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET. THENCE EAST 50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE THIRD STREET (FORMERLY SEVENTH STREET), THENCE WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (BEING IN BLOCK 3, BRAINERD AND OLSON'S ADDITION AND IN SECTIONS 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 105 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST,) AND COMMENCING AT A POINT 66 FEET SOUTH AND 50 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, BRAINERD AND OLSON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE, STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET, THENCE EAST 25 FEET, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE THIRD STREET (FORMERLY SEVENTH STREET), THENCE WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (BEING IN BLOCK 3, BRAINERD AND OLSON'S ADDITION AND IN SECTION 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 105 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST,) COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$74,970.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$ 5 8 , 6 0 2 . 0 9

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: August 7, 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 February 8, 2016 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 "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: June 2, 2015
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 400 N. Sibley Street St. Paul, MN 55101 Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage Sterling State Bank, Corporation
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO,

P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage
4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135 - 15-004191 FC

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Foreclosure

15-100256

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,102.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Irene Rosales, a single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100053612101765390 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Primelending, a Plainscapital Company SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 15, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000387332 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: October 3, 2013 filed: October 15, 2013, recorded as document number A000394082 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Six (6) Rods of East Four (4) Rods of Lot Five (5), Block Six (6), in Phelps Addition to the City of Owatonna PROPERTY ADDRESS: 251 East University St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-101-0610 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,218.44 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: August 4, 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 February 4, 2016, or the next business day if February 4, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: June 2, 2015
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Assignee of Mortgage
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BY
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04
DATE: June 4, 2015

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
1. Date of Mortgage: July 21, 2008
2. Mortgagors: Larry W. Lindquist, Annette Lindquist, husband and wife: Lee E. Lindquist, Sandra Lindquist, husband and wife
3. Mortgagees: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie
4. Recording Information: Recorded on September 12, 2008, as Document Number A000359522, in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. *See below information on Amendments to Mortgage.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable

*Said Mortgage was amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated August 10, 2011, filed on October 10, 2011, and recorded as Document No. A000380482 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota. It was further amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated March 8, 2013, filed on July 1, 2013, and recorded as Document No. A000392225 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-025-1008
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 402 Industrial Drive, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917
OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA
9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.
INFORMATION REGARDING F O R E C L O S U R E
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was \$270,000.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$273,766.41.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on July 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on Not applicable.

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A. 300 First Street NW, Austin, MN 55912
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie
EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
LARRY W. LINDQUIST AND LEE E. LINDQUIST

Starting at the East Quarter Corner of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; thence West 1260.75 feet at an angle of 89°41' turned from North to West from the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; thence North 624.0 feet at a deflection angle of 89°41' right, to a point which is hereinafter called the point of beginning; thence North 118.53 feet on a Northerly extension of the last described line; thence Southwesterly 46.63 feet at a deflection angle of 139°48.8' left; thence Southwesterly 421.68 feet at a deflection angle of 04°46.3' right; to the Easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific R.R.; thence Southeasterly 69.18 feet at a deflection angle of 69°38' left; on said right-of-way line; thence East 299.17 feet at a deflection angle of 65°00.5' left; thence North 280.0 feet at a deflection angle of 90°19' left, to the point of beginning; being part of the South Half of Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 105 North, Range 19 West; and containing 1.70 acres; subject to an easement for ingress and egress over the south 20' thereof.

Dated: April 29, 2015
6/9, 6/16, 6/23 6/30, 7/7, 7/14

Postponement

15-099899

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 1, 2005 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jacinta Hernandez, a/k/a Jacinta R. Hernandez, a single woman 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 April 6, 2005, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000330944
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3, Block 12, Original Townsite, Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie PROPERTY ADDRESS: 225 Main St E, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-100-1203 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$75,214.51 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 30, 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,

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 756 shall begin on July 28, 2015, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2015.
The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. At that election, three Members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four years each.
Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the School District Clerk, 202 4th Avenue NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917. The filing fee for this office is \$2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which candidate seeks election for thirty days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.
The Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2015.

Dated: June 15, 2015
By Order of the School District
Pam Hameister, School District Clerk

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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 December 30, 2015, or the next business day if December 30, 2015 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: April 29, 2015
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
BY

Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for June 30, 2015, at 10:00AM, has been postponed to July 30, 2015, at 10:00 AM , and will be held at Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by January 30, 2016. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: June 29, 2015.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 8, 2003 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$175,750.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Timothy A. Rogers and Karen J. Rogers, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 9, 2003, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A 309242 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South 240 feet of the East 1263.67 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, containing 6.96 acres PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5300 SW 8Th St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-011-2201 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$140,738.10 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: July 31, 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 January 31, 2016, or the next business day if January 31, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: June 2, 2015

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04
DATE: June 5, 2015**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
1. Date of Mortgage: March 31, 2011
2. Mortgagors: E. L.

Lindquist & Sons, Inc.
3. Mortgagees: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie
4. Recording Information: Recorded on April 4, 2011, as Document Number A000377468, in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
*See below information on Amendment to Mortgage.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to Not applicable

*Said Mortgage was amended by that Amendment to Mortgage (Extension Agreement) dated March 8, 2013, filed on March 28, 2013, and recorded as Document No. A000390430 in the Office of the County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
6. Tax Parcel Identification number of the mortgaged premises: 14-101-0101
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lot 1, Block 1, Feeney's Addition to the Village of Blooming Prairie, Steele County, Minnesota
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 141 4th Street NE, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA
9. The person holding the Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie.

INFORMATION REGARDING F O R E C L O S U R E
11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was \$35,000.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$31,266.19.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on July 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on Not applicable.

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A.
300 First Street NW, Austin, MN 55912
Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Blooming Prairie

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Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE ASSUMED NAME | CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.
1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: Grenier's Antiques & Thrift.
2. Principal Place of Business: 443 East Main Street, Owatonna MN 55060.
3. List the name and complete address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: Grenier, LLC, 443 East Main Street, Owatonna MN 55060.
4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has

authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.
Signature: John P. Grenier Date: 6/24/15
Print Name and Title: John P. Grenier, CEO/Manager/Member
Email Address for Official Notices: ajgren@hotmail.com
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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form: Benjamin M. Cass, Attorney at Law (507) 451-6540

Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

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BP School

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917

**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

**6:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 16, 2015 Regular School Board Work Session-High School Board Room**

**7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20, 2015 Open Public Forum-High School Media Center**

**7:15 p.m.
Monday, July 20, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting-High School Media Center**

Any person may raise a question to the School Board. The Board will not act on any item presented to them, which is not on the agenda, until the following Board meeting. Also, the Board would like persons to limit themselves to five minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes per topic. These limitations are needed for us to run a timely and orderly Board meeting. Persons are requested to identify themselves prior to speaking.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. ROLL CALL – CLERK

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

V. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUIRED

A. Consent Agenda
Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignation
Employment
B. School Board Meeting Dates
C. School Board Per Diem
D. Work Sessions
E. Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy Payable 2016
F. Resolution Establishing Combined Precincts, Designated Polling Places and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Place will Remain Open for Voting
G. Student Meal Prices

VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act
B. Committee Reports
C. Enrollment Data
D. Dates to Note

VII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No 74-PR-15-1234

AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Dayna Joyce Halbert-Wiese, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 18, 2015, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Roger B. Wiese, whose address is 574 Lee Street NE, Owatonna MN 55060, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the court administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 2015.06.25

BY THE COURT

**Joseph A. Bueltel
Judge of District Court**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No 74-PR-15-1222

AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Francis Galan Weller, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 18, 2015, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Joshua Francis Weller and Nicole Georgina Weller, whose addresses are 218 Barney Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 and 15871 Flute Way, Apple Valley, MN 55124, 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: 2015.06.25

BY THE COURT

**Joseph A. Bueltel
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Dairy Margin Protection enrollment underway

Dairy farmers can enroll in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Margin Protection Program for coverage in 2016.

The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy operations when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

The Margin Protection Program gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their operation. Enrollment begins July 1 and ends on Sept. 30, for coverage in 2016.

For more information, visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy for more information, or stop by a local FSA office to learn more about the Margin Protection Program. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Steele County Board of Equalization Synopsis for 6/16/2015 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. County Assessor William Effertz then gave an overview of changes made for the 2015 assessment.
2. The meeting was then open to property owners to ask questions. There were 3 people in attendance and 1 person who had a question about the value of his property.
3. Schultz/Ebeling to approve the following changes for reduction in value to properties in Somerset Township. Ayes all.
4. Glynn/Brady to approve the following changes as recommended by the County Assessor. Ayes all.
5. Ebeling/Glynn to recess the Board of Appeal and Equalization until June 23, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. Ayes all.

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

The Joint Powers Board for the Dodge/Steele Judicial Ditch # 11 (RipleyDitch) will meet on Wednesday, July 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the **Ashland Township Hall, 18944 660th St, Dodge Center 55927**. The items for discussion will be replacement of bridge L-6467 on 690th St in Ripley Township.

Comments can be directed prior to this meeting to:

Dodge County
22 6th St East Dept 45
Mantorville MN 55955-2215
or call 507-635-6240

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Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 6/9/2015 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. Glynn/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Ebeling/Schultz to approve the Board Minutes of May 26, 2015 and June 3, 2015. Ayes all.
3. Glynn/Ebeling offered a Resolution to accept final payment for Contract No. 143509 for the Steele County Highway Department. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
4. Brady/Schultz offered a Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners do hereby name Ed Nelson as the Steele County Trail Administrator. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
5. Ebeling/Glynn to approve Conditional Use Permit #395 for Dennis & Kim Halverson in Section 5-108-20 of Medford Township and to change Condition #7 to read loading and unloading shall be allowed to occur between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., Condition #9 to allow wood grinding or processing of mulch material outside between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. and condition #11 that vegetative screening must be planted within 6 months of possession of property and to approve the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
6. The Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment was open at 7:35 p.m.
7. Dale Oolman discussed the proposed changes to Section 1508.02 for Bulk Storage (Liquid).
8. The meeting was then open to comments from those in attendance.
9. Glynn/Schultz offered the following Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners amends Section 1508.02 of the Steele County Zoning Ordinance. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
10. Ebeling/Glynn to approve the personnel actions. Ayes all.
11. Schultz/Glynn to approve a 75% reduction in tipping fees at the landfill for the City of Owatonna for demolition of a structure at Morehouse Park. Ayes all.
12. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the 2016-2017 Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ayes all.
13. Reports:
Schultz reported on his attendance at the Human Resource Center, Steele County Historical Society, Joint Dispatch, Fair Board, SEMCAC and Smart Transit meetings.
Glynn reported on his attendance at the SEMREX meeting.
Ebeling reported on his attendance at the AMC District meeting, Joint Dispatch meeting, SE MN Communications Board and SCCL Board meeting.
Brady reported on his attendance at the Cannon River Watershed meeting, AMC District meeting, Park & Rec meeting and Soil & Conservation District meeting.
14. Glynn/Ebeling to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 6/9/2015

3D Specialties	2,448.63
A'viands, LLC	5,930.70
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	7,942.75
Jessica L. Bendzick	2,000.00
Central Valley Cooperative	4,517.64
Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc.	4,062.72
Express Services, Inc.	4,320.00
Stanley A. Groff	7,525.30
Hammell Equipment, Inc.	46,500.00
JR's Advanced Recyclers, Inc.	4,641.00
Loken Excavating & Drainage	3,695.76
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	3,348.10
NEC Financial Services, LLC	4,269.61
Owatonna Public Utilities	23,446.75
Pictometry International Corp.	15,225.60
Ronco Engineering Sales	2,311.80
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	13,500.95
South Central College Bookstore	3,500.00
Steele County Treasurer	9,066.91
Turnkey Corrections	5,210.37
Wallace Bustad Crane Service, Inc.	2,470.00
Ziegler, Inc.	191,915.00
162 Warrants under \$2,000	56,840.06
Total:	424,689.65

15. Schultz/Glynn to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 8:12 p.m. Ayes all.

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News/Classifieds

Second phase to soon begin to bring reality to Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Tom Peterson, chairman of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee, holds a drawing of what the memorial will look like. The drawing was prepared by Owatonna Granite and Monument.

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Five phases of planning and construction of a Blooming Prairie veterans memorial are in the future with the second phase, fundraising, soon to begin, announced Tom Peterson, chairman of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee.

The project is spearheaded by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #52.

It is very exciting, comforting and heart warming to see communities around the country pay tribute to their local veterans by constructing a memorial for them, Peterson said.

Memorials of many designs have been created.

The idea of a Blooming Prairie veterans memorial has been promoted by many community members over the years, Peterson said.

The local Sons of the American Legion ignited the ideas by creating a committee to work on the project.

The committee has representation from the various military service posts.

Committee members include: American Legion, Tom Walters; American Legion Auxiliary, Sandy Jones; Sons of the American Legion, Fred Vokoun; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ken Vermylea; VFW Auxiliary, Marilyn Meshke; Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club, Doug Miner and chairman, Tom Peterson. The first

committee meeting was held in May of 2014.

The committee developed a Master Plan for the memorial with five phases outlined:

Phase I -- Determine who the memorial is for; determine what the memorial will be; determine where the memorial will be located and name a contractor.

Phase II -- Raise funds for the memorial.

Phase III -- Build the memorial.

Phase IV -- Maintain the memorial.

Phase V -- Prepare for expansion of the memorial.

Peterson said the purpose of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial is to honor all men and women throughout the nation who have served, are serving and will serve in the armed forces of the United States. “We are dedicated to encourage and foster patriotism and provide recognition to all veterans for their courage and willingness to give all for their country.

A concept drawing of the memorial has been designed by Owatonna Granite and Monument.

It is proposed that the memorial will be located to the east of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. Peterson said the Servicemen’s Club has offered to consider dedicating property to the memorial.

Community fundraising will begin soon with committee members soliciting contributions for individually engraved wall paver stones honoring veterans from any branch of the military. Contributions will also be sought from individuals, from area businesses and from area service organizations. Contributions from artisan contractors in the community will be welcomed.

The fundraising goal is \$250,000, Peterson said. If interested in a wall paver, contact Tom Peterson, 6731 158th St. SE, Blooming Prairie, MN

55917. Call him at 507-456-2017. Wall paver forms will soon be available at the Servicemen’s Club.

The wall pavers will measure 3 1/2 inches tall by 11 inches wide. A named person must be a veteran, living or deceased, of any branch of the U.S. military, serving during peacetime or wartime in any conflict. Cost will be \$350 for each paver.

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial was designed by the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee in collaboration with John Heerema of Owatonna Granite and Monument.

The memorial will include the following design:

- Granite archway to the memorial.
- Solid granite pedestal with adorning bald eagle. Language on the pedestal recognizes the POW/MIA veteran.
- Single flagpole adorned with the United States flag and POW/MIA flag.
- At the base of the flagpole are five solid granite tablets recognizing five branches of service.
- Surrounding the flags and granite tablets are three walls with wall pavers to recognize the veterans.

Peterson, Squadron #52 adjutant, said he is impressed with the community support for the veterans memorial project. He praised the Sons of the American

Legion efforts of Noah Peterson, past commander; Jake Peterson, vice commander; Dean Zilm, finance officer; Fred Vokoun, BP Veterans Memorial Committee member; Andy Kasperek, commander; Joe Motl; Kyle Rossow, sergeant at arms, and Gary Thorson.

A veterans memorial website is soon to go live and will have all donation and wall paver forms and information online. The website was created by teacher Chad Gimbel and students Kameron Holmes and Trevor Barber. More information on the website address will be available shortly.

“We have a good start on the project and hope to start construction when we have completed the bulk of the fundraising,” Peterson said.



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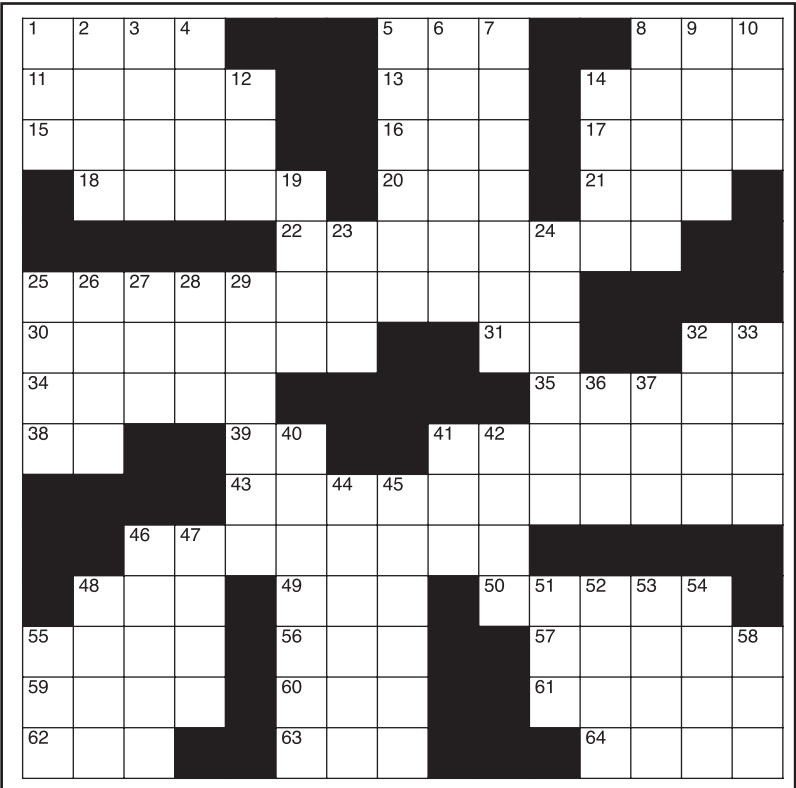
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- Bullfighting maneuver
- Shopping containers
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- Hillside
- Metrical foot
- Dog in Peter Pan
- Romaine lettuce
- Irish Sea Isle



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New officers

Blooming Prairie Lions Club membership chairman H. Peterson, right, led installation of officers for the club for the 2015-16 year. New president is Harvey Farr, left, succeeding Erik Vigeland, center.

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Water Balloon Pinata

This Water Balloon pinata is a fun way to cool off on a hot summer day. The kids love this and it gets them up and moving. Just be sure to only use a plastic bat for swinging at the pinata. Part of our Summer Fun guide of family activities.

Items needed:

- Package of Balloons
- Cotton String
- Small plastic Funnel
- Outside Hose
- Plastic Bat or Cardboard mailing Tube

Instructions:

Prior to filling balloons, select a spot where you can tie the balloons overhead so that the kids will have to reach up with the bat, but not too high. We utilized a patio structure, but a tree limb or another structure would work well.

Attach a balloon to the skinny end of the funnel and then slowly fill the balloon with water. Tie end. Note that the fuller the balloon is filled, the quicker it will burst. Fill about 7 (seven) balloons, setting each aside on a soft surface, such as patio furniture or an old blanket, to prevent puncturing the balloons ahead of time.

Cut a piece of string about 40 inches long. Tie each balloon securely to the string, keeping each balloon about 2 inches apart. Do not tie balloons to the last 12 inches at either end of the string.

Tie ends of string to tree limb or selected structure. Tie securely, as balloon string is going to be heavy.

Children should line up and take turns, swinging the bat one swing per turn. Make sure all children remain back a safe distance from the batter and definitely make sure that the bat is made of plastic. If you don't have a bat, you can fashion one from a length of cardboard, rolling it up and taping with duct tape.

This is a fun game and lots of fun when the Balloons burst open, spraying the water.

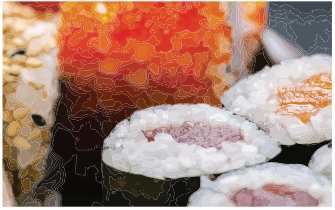
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Guess Who?

I am an actress born on August 9, 1985 in Maine. I began acting on Broadway when I was 12, and also starred in some films. I'm known for my appearances in "Up in the Air" and "Pitch Perfect."

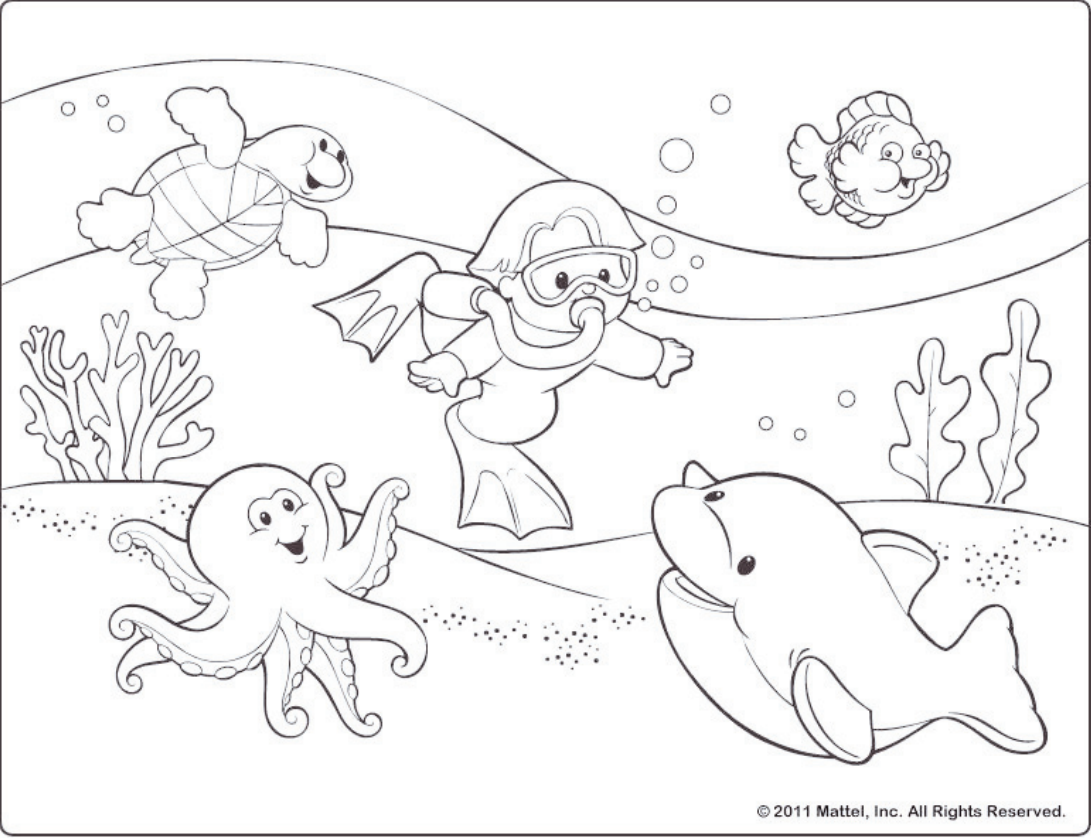
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GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SUSHI



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...A few more facts

You'll hear the term "The Dog Days of summer" very often, but the real "dog days" refers to the weeks between July 3 and August 11. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.

The higher summer temperatures make July the most popular month for ice cream. In July,

Americans celebrate National Ice Cream Month. U.S. citizens consume about 5.5 gallons per year (on average.)

Watermelon is the summer's favorite vegetable. Yes, vegetable and not a fruit. It is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family. Fruit or veggie, this juicy favorite is 92 percent water and the average American eats 15 pounds of watermelon a year.

ICE CREAM FACTS



The United States consumes more ice cream than any other country, with New Zealand and Denmark coming in second and third.

Each American consumes a yearly average of 23.2 quarts of ice cream, ice milk, sherbet, ices and other commercially produced frozen dairy products.

Vanilla seems to be the most popular flavor, with chocolate coming in second, butter pecan coming in third and strawberry coming in fourth.

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Is your job secure? 14 ways to stay indispensable

1. Be noticeable

Introduce yourself to others, say hello and ask how co-workers are doing, and never pass up the opportunity to get to know someone on a deeper level.

You're dispensable when people don't know who you are.

2. Be a team player

No matter how vulnerable you are feeling, sabotaging others to make yourself look better never pays off.

If you are not able to bring out the best in others (and ultimately in the organization) your boss may decide to replace you with someone who can.

3. Develop a unique knowledge base or skill

Excel in areas where others in your department are weak. Make note of these areas and develop additional skills and knowledge.

Filling an important gap will ensure that others see you as invaluable.

4. Be positive

When things aren't going well for you or for the company, instead of focusing on the negative, turn your energy toward something positive.

Fear of failure -- whether it's your own failure, the failure of your department or team, or of the organization as a whole -- can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Negativity is tough to be around, even more so in tough times, and your boss may decide your company is better off without you.

5. Cultivate a life outside of work

Indulge in your interests, hobbies, and passions. People with many interests -- even when those interests aren't related to work -- are typically perceived as having more to bring to the table than those who are one-dimensional.

For example, a person who has earned accolades for competing in sports may be viewed as someone who could bring that same competitive nature to the business.

6. Learn more



Take as many training and development courses as possible.

There's always more to learn. The more you keep up and work toward advancing your knowledge and skill set, the more valuable you'll be.

7. Pay attention to the decisions you make

Get in the habit of making decisions based on the bigger picture. Instead of making decisions based on what's best for you personally, make them based on what's best for the

organization. This will be noticed.

8. Take responsibility for your mistakes...

... and come up with ways to fix them. Everyone makes mistakes; it's how you handle them that really counts.

If you show that you recognize your mistakes, are learning from them, and are willing to do what it takes to clean them up, you'll be way more valuable than the person who denies their mistakes, or tries to pawn them off on someone else.

9. Rewrite your job description

Notice any responsibilities that are slipping through the cracks, and ask your boss for the challenge of taking on these additional duties that you see are being neglected.

10. Network

Join one or two online social networks, become active in professional organizations, and make a list of people you want to connect with and keep in touch with.

Networking ensures that you stay in the loop and are visible, and this will make you more memorable and valuable.

11. Share your knowledge and experience

If you are perceived as a person who contributes to the growth of others, you'll be viewed as indispensable.

Offer to hold a roundtable, seminar, or workshop in an area of expertise to help others get up to speed, and never pass up the daily opportunities to share what you know.

12. Stick it out when the going gets tough

Lots of people give up, become negative, or quit during tough times. If you aren't one of them, you'll stand out.

Remember the saying, "The last mile on the road to success is never crowded."

13. Say "yes" to opportunities that come your way

Not only will this open a wider variety of doors for you to walk through in the future, you'll be seen as someone who is always willing to take on a challenge.

14. Always do your best, no matter what the task

It's inevitable that, at some point, we face tasks that are boring, or that seem meaningless or tedious.

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That means not just nailing the interview questions you are asked, but actually asking the kinds of questions designed to make the interviewer sit up and take notice. It's no longer enough to be qualified. If you want a job in today's business environment, you have to shine, and there's no better way to show your excellence than by asking excellent questions. These questions could also help you avoid a bad boss before it's

too late.

Don't squander the opportunity to shine by asking mundane questions the interviewer has heard before. Your goal is to make a statement in the form of a question. The statement is designed to:

- Highlight your qualifications.
- Demonstrate your confidence.
- Reinforce your commitment.
- Understand the employer's challenges.
- Make yourself accountable.
- Advance your candidacy.
- Questions are the best way to demonstrate that

you understand the company's challenges, emphasize how you can help the company meet them and show your interest in the most unmistakable manner possible -- by actually asking for the position.

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1. What exactly does this company value the most, and how do you think my work for you will further these values?



- 2. What kinds of processes are in place to help me work collaboratively?
- 3. In what area could your team use a little polishing?
- 4. What's the most important thing I can accomplish in the first 60 days?

- 5. Can you give me some examples of the most and least desirable aspects of the company's culture?
- 6. Am I going to be a mentor or will I be mentored?
- 7. How will you judge my success? What will have happened six months from now that will demonstrate

- that I have met your expectations?
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