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FESTIVAL HONORS MUSIC LOVER

The Wenger Band Festival honored



Carol Hodapp of Owatonna for her lifetime commitment to teaching music and sharing that passion with all ages. Hodapp is the retired band director from the Owatonna Middle School.

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FROM ONE FAMILY TO ANOTHER

Blooming Prairie's Dairy Queen has new owners. Jay and Jami Klemmensen took over the popular restaurant from Nick and Amanda Schiefert last week. The Schiefert's owned the DQ for 23 years.

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NEW ROYALTY IN MEDFORD

Samantha Meyer, a recent high school graduate, has been crowned Miss Medford. She received the honor at the kick off of Straight River Days last week.

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BEARCAT COMING TO AREA

The South Central Drug Investigation Unit, which serves multiple counties including Steele, is purchasing a \$315,000 BearCat to respond to critical incidents.

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PAYLOADERS TO THE RESCUE



Several area residents brought their payloaders to the scene of a grain bin accident in Hope last week. For Joel and Dakota Thiele, they were glad to help out, but sad with the outcome. A worker with Crystal Valley Cooperative was buried alive and died in the accident.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP



JIRELE MAKES MARK ON STATE

Owatonna eighth grader Carmen Jirele placed 58th at the state golf tournament last week in the Twin Cities. This was her first year of playing golf competitively.

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AIMING FOR CLAY TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP

Three Steele County teams competed in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League championships last week in Alexandria.

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MUSIC FILLS THE AIR

Ten marching bands, including Owatonna's, filled the air with music at the Wenger Band Festival in Owatonna.



TRENDING



MEET THE DAIRY PRINCESSES

This week we introduce you to the five young ladies who are representing Steele County as dairy princesses. They are Courtney Kath, Afton Nelson, Katelyn Rysavy, Lilly Zollner and Hailey Rysavy



NCHA DAYS BIG SKY CIRCUIT WEEKEND

Fun for the entire family this Friday through Sunday at the Steele County Fairgrounds for a western-style equestrian competition featuring horse cutting.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ellendale Days Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
 5PM Food vendors start & are here throughout the weekend!
 8PM Street Dance behind the bar featuring a country band

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
 8AM City-wide Rummage Sales • Vendors on the street
 • Car Show & Lions Club Food Wagon at the United Methodist Church
 Bounce houses at the lot south of the Post Office
 10AM-1PM Hymn sing with Vibrant Life Youth on the bar stage
 NOON • History of the Stations in town at the park - Sponsored by the Heritage Society
 12:30PM • Cheerleaders face painting at the Community Building
 4PM **PARADE** • Linup starts at 3PM at the Bus Garage lot
 Bounce houses at the lot south of the Post Office
 5-8PM Kiddie tractor pull in front of the Community Building - Sponsored by the Ellendale Fire Department
 8PM • Beer dance at the Community Building
 • Street Dance behind the bar • Featuring **3 LANE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
 8AM-1PM Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the United Methodist Church
 10AM Registration for tractor pull at the Bus Garage lot
 11AM Tractor Pull at the Bus Garage lot
 • Lions Club Food Wagon at the Tractor Pull
 • Purses and Power: Tools Bingo at R.J.'s on 5th • Tickets are \$30 • Sponsored by The Ellendale Community Action Group • R.J.'s on 5th Bloody Mary Bar & Minnows at 11AM & during Bingo

THANK YOU to all the sponsors who helped to make Ellendale Days an event to keep coming back to!

ELLENDALE DAYS

Medford will be celebrating Straight River Days June 16-18. The annual parade is Friday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m.



CUTTING HORSE COMPETITION

Don't miss the Big Sky Circuit Weekend!



NEW OFFICE OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, June 23
 3-6 p.m.

Join the Steele County Times and Mineral Springs Marketing as they celebrate their new location at 109 W. Rose St. in Owatonna.

- ROOT BEER FLOATS - June is Dairy Month... floats served by the Steele County Dairy Princesses
- MEET OUR STAFF - Times staff and Karen Nolle, owner of Mineral Springs Marketing
- KENNY CHESNEY CONCERT TICKETS - Enjoy the concert at U.S. Bank Stadium Aug. 6. See details below.

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