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a monthly newsletter from Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

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Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric preparing for 87th annual meeting

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric will be conducting their annual meeting Tuesday, June 6, at their headquarters in Owatonna.

The co-op's 87th annual meeting will be starting at 10:30 a.m., at 2411 West Bridge Street, Owatonna. The meeting is open to Steele-Waseca member-owners, and their guests. The doors will open at 9 a.m., with display and informational booths open until 10:15 a.m.



Member-owners are invited to attend the co-op's 87th annual meeting Tuesday, June 6, starting at 10:30 a.m., at its headquarters in Owatonna. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend any part of the annual meeting, and we'll look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in 2024.

Parking will be available on the property surrounding Steele-Waseca's headquarters. Miner's Outdoor & Rec, located at Highway 218 South, Blooming Prairie, will be supplying several golf cars to shuttle members and their guests from their vehicle to and from the meeting.

Registration cards for the annual meeting will be mailed to members during the last week of May. There won't be any preregistration requirements. **Please bring the registration card with you if you are planning to attend.** To be eligible to receive giveaways from Steele-Waseca at the annual meeting, the name on the registration card must match the person submitting it. You can't have someone else present your registration card. If you are unable to attend due to illness (if you are not feeling well, please stay home) or other priorities, you are not eligible to receive the giveaways as this is a thank you for those able to attend.


Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric will be collecting non-perishable items for an area food shelf this year. Members with a donation to that food shelf,

whether monetary or a non-perishable item, will receive an LED lightbulb.

There will be two early bird drawings for prizes taking place prior to the start of the annual meeting. The business portion of the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m., with the Presentation of Colors.

To be eligible to vote for directors, members must be registered by 10:30 a.m. sharp. Director candidate profiles are featured on Page 3 in this edition of *Sparks*. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting with nominations officially closing at that time. 1004088

After the election results are announced, there will be a drawing for grand prizes, and the meeting will be adjourned.

Following adjournment, lunch will be served by Hy-Vee of Owatonna featuring smoked pork chops, vegetables, potatoes, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, milk, water, with Dairy Queen Dilly® Bars for dessert. 

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8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

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8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

For Customer Service, Billing Questions and Power Outages Phone:

507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514

Before calling to report an outage

1. Check fuses and circuit breakers in your home and on meter pole.
2. Check with your neighbors to see if they have power.
3. Look for possible causes such as a tree branch on wires, a broken pole, twisted wires, etc.

To leave a non-emergency message whenever SWCE's Office is closed:

Phone 507-451-7340 or 800-526-3514 and listen to the prompts. Please have your account number, phone number, and name on the account available.

Call *Before* You Dig
Gopher State One Call
811 or 800-252-1166

48-hour notice required for ALL underground cable locations

manager connection



By Syd Briggs,
General Manager

I am looking forward to Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's 87th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, at the co-op's headquarters in Owatonna.

It's a great opportunity for myself, the co-op's board of directors, and employees to talk with our member-owners and hear what's on their minds.

We hope you'll join us for the annual meeting, as we'll open the doors at 9 that morning at 2411 W. Bridge St., with designated parking on the grounds, and golf car shuttles to and from the meeting, which will start promptly at 10:30.

Prior to the meeting, co-op employees will be registering members with the post-cards being mailed at least one week prior to the annual meeting. While members may bring a guest, only members will be eligible for prizes and giveaways. If you are a member who can't attend, you may not have someone else submit your post-card for prizes given to those members able to attend. In addition, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and we'll look forward to seeing you again at next year's annual meeting.

The co-op will continue our practice of collecting non-perishable items for an area food shelf. Donors will receive an LED lightbulb in appreciation for their generosity. 23595

During the meeting, members in attendance will be voting for three board directors, who each will serve a three-year term. You may learn more about the candidates on Page 3 of this month's *Sparks* newsletter, or you may nominate a candidate from the floor during that portion of the meeting.

If you can't stay for the annual meeting, members may register that morning, prior to 10:30, and cast their vote, and receive the giveaways for members. However, we will not be serving lunch until the meeting concludes; aka we won't have a pork chop on a stick for you if you leave early.

The meeting will also share a few brief business updates, hear from last year's Youth Tour delegates, Alex Kindseth and Nate Seykora, and recognize our delegate for 2023, Fred Klokonos.

Spending time with you and hearing

your take on our energy future is important to us. In fact, it's essential because everything we do is shaped by the members of our service area. As I have referenced in previous columns, the energy industry is in the midst of significant change. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools, and businesses.

As we navigate through changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to inform our planning as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all member-owners.

You have a say

Your opinion matters! Gaining guidance and perspective from our members and board helps set priorities for the co-op and guide future decisions.

Our board of directors are comprised of nine members who live and work right here in our service area, so they are in the best position to know where community investments are most needed. Our board members come from all areas of our territory and care about our communities.

Your electric bill is an investment in the communities of our service area

This local input means those closest to their community knows its needs and priorities, and help direct where co-op dollars are spent. Every year, Steele-Waseca invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience.

Think of it this way: every time you pay your electric bill, you're actually investing in your community because all the money we take in stays in our service area. By making those investments in our local distribution system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life. We're a co-op and our business model is meant to serve the members and the communities in which it operates.

Our core purpose and mission are to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for this year's annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

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swce 2023 board of director nominees

June 6



The 2023 Nominating Committee has selected the following nominees for the Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric board of directors. Committee members include: Ryan/Jenny Angelow, Faribault; Daniel/Stacy Maas, Faribault; Dale/Lynn Groskreutz, New Richland; Glenn/Linda Wiesjhan, Owatonna; Rene/Pam Koester, Nerstrand; and Denise Bartness, Owatonna; Joseph Haberman, Blooming Prairie; Charlie Peters, Lonsdale; and John/Lydia Iverson, Medford. The election of directors will take place during Steele-Waseca's 87th annual meeting, scheduled Tuesday, June 6, starting at 10:30 a.m., at the co-op's headquarters located at 2411 West Bridge Street in Owatonna. 1057650 #swceTRUST

District 7



John R. Beal, incumbent, and SWCE board of directors vice president, along with his wife, Colleen, live on a farm in Walcott Township, north of Medford. They have two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. John retired in January 2002 after 40 years in manufacturing, sales, and marketing, which included sales management positions. He is a lifetime member of the Bluebird Recovery Program (BBRP). John enjoys flying and is also a lifetime member of the Faribault Area Pilots Association. He has earned his Gold, Board Leadership, and Certified Credentialed Director status by attending all schooling offered for directors. "I want all of our members at Steele-Waseca Co-op to know I always try to keep in mind what is best for our cooperative and the members when representing you both away, and at the board table," stated John. "I consider it both an honor and a privilege to represent you the members." In addition, "I am committed to continue my best effort to do the very best I can to be your representative," wrote John. "Thank You, for your past and future support."



Mark W. Estrem, is a lifelong resident of rural Nerstrand. He and his wife, Jeanne, have been married for over 51 years. They have two married daughters, and three granddaughters. Mark is a former dairy farmer and custom heifer grower. He still drives part-time for Northfield Lines. Mark is a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, serving 15 years on Parish boards; and 20 years with the Rice County American Dairy Association. Mark stated his interest in the co-op started with the first trip Steele-Waseca took to the Coal Creek Station in North Dakota. "I drove the motor coach for that trip many times and also for the GRE Directors," wrote Mark. "I wish to be a part of the board of directors of SWCE as it works together to provide for the necessary service and power needs of all the co-op members." As for qualities he could bring to the board, "After serving on several committees and my farming career – we have had to adapt to changing times," stated Mark. "We are always trying new ideas in our farming operation to get better yields and conserve our soil. I think I can be open to new ideas for the future needs of our co-op."



Bryan L. Finley, and his wife, Becky, live in rural Northfield. They have three sons and a daughter, five grandchildren, 100 chickens, a horse and two dogs. Bryan grew up in Hayfield where he graduated from high school. He attended Rochester State Junior College 1970-72, earning an AA degree in mechanical technology. Bryan worked in prosthetics in 1973 and continued until 2012. He was a business owner from 1991-2012, and is currently a companion caregiver. Bryan owned Advanced Prosthetic Technology, and made prosthesis for amputees. He served patients in 30 counties in southern Minnesota. Bryan has been with Steele-Waseca since 1997. "I have read the monthly newsletters and have attended several annual meetings and would like to know more about how the co-op functions," stated Bryan. "If I can learn more about the position I could use my background as a business owner and professional to deal with issues the board faces. I am a servant. I enjoy problem solving." As for the qualities he would bring to the board, "I have worked for 39 years in health care and assisted 1000's of patients by listening to their prosthetic needs and finding ways to help them," wrote Bryan.



Ronald D. Sommers, incumbent, and SWCE board of directors acting secretary/treasurer, along with his wife, Ruth, live on the farm where he grew up in Northfield Township. They have a daughter and a son, both married, and each with two children. Ronald attended the University of Minnesota and earned bachelors and masters degrees in agriculture. He was an agricultural educator for over 20 years in southern Minnesota. After that, he worked nearly 20 years with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., where he served as sales accounting manager for their central division and later sales coordinator for Minnesota. Ronald has been honored as Rice County 4-H Alumnus of the Year, Rice County Conservationist of the Year, and received Honorary Minnesota and Honorary American FFA degrees. "I believe in the cooperative business model and am familiar with the vital role played by cooperatives in bringing modern electric power to rural parts of our state and region," wrote Ronald. "Today, our industry faces different challenges as we address new technology, concerns about our environment and increasing costs. I believe SWCE has been well-directed and well-managed and would like to contribute to moving our cooperative into the future during these exciting and changing times." Adding, "I would like to apply my skills and talents to our electric cooperative by continuing to serve on its board of directors."

District 9



Scott J. Carlson, and his wife, Lisa, live in rural Faribault. They have two grown children, Grant and Grace. Scott has a bachelor's degree in meteorology. He is a weather observer and sends his data to the Minnesota Climate Office. Scott recently retired from a 31-year career as an air traffic controller. He has lived in District 9 for the past 23 years. "I love to learn new things and want to give back to the community," stated Scott. "I'm looking forward to working with the other board members to maintain a strong co-op." As for qualities he would bring to the board, "I have an accounting background," wrote Scott. "I did bookkeeping for a credit union during my college years. I'm very detail oriented, highly responsible and follow through on my endeavors."

cookin' connection

Rhubarb Custard Bars

LaVerne Duban

Lonsdale

Crust

2 c. flour
1/4 c. sugar
1 c. cold butter or margarine

Topping

1/2 c. sugar
1 or 2 pkgs of 8 oz. cream cheese (I use 1 pkg.)
1/2 t. vanilla; 1 c. whipping cream, whipped

Filling

2 c. sugar
7 T. flour
1 c. whipping cream
3 eggs, beaten
5 c. chopped rhubarb

Combine flour & sugar for crust, and cut butter in. Press into 9x13 pan, bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Mix filling ingredients & pour over baked crust; bake at 350° for 40-45 min. Mix topping of cream cheese, sugar, & vanilla; cream together, then fold the whipping cream in. Spread on cooled bars. Cover, chill, and store in refrigerator. Makes 3 dozen bars.

Please use a 3 x 5 card when submitting your recipe. The member whose recipe is published will receive a \$7 energy credit.



Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric's solar subscribers will see a 44 kWh credit per panel on this month's statement for energy generated during March 2023. Learn more about community solar and The Sunna Project by visiting Steele-Waseca's website, swce.coop. #swceINNOVATION

Was your account number in Sparks?

Each month five account numbers are printed in *Sparks* and a total of \$35 in energy credits is divided among however many of those numbers are found. For example, if all numbers are found, a credit of \$7 will be applied to the members' following month's electric bills; or, if only one number is found, that member receives the full \$35 credit. Members finding their numbers who have a load management receiver on their dual fuel, electric water heater, air conditioner, or genset will receive an additional \$7 credit. When you find your number, phone our office no later than the 7th of the month following receipt of the *Sparks*, or the amount will be forfeited.

April issue of Sparks



Numbers found:

Gary Ceplecha
Jason/Crystal Wencil

Numbers not found:

Robert/Arlene Gerlach
Matthew Reiland
Shelly Lenore



Sparks in brief . . .

• **Want easy energy payments?** Sign up for **EnergyPay Plus**, our automatic payment plan, or **Energy Prepay**, our discounted advance payment plan. Contact our office for details. You may also pay your bill online at www.swce.coop. By entering your Steele-Waseca username and password you can also view a 13-month history of your account.

• **If you have changed or added phone numbers**, please contact SWCE to update your contact information. 34014

• **Need a new water heater?** For information about our Westinghouse Electric Water Heater Program, phone Cindy Butterfield at our office between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 446-4204 / 800-526-3514.

• **March temps** – The average high temperature for March was 35° F, while the average low was 21° F. This resulted in 1,148 Heating Degree Days (HDDs), and 0 Cooling Degree Days (CDDs). They compare to last year's average high of 40° F and average low of 25° F. This resulted in 1,013 HDDs and 0 CDDs.

• **ENERGY STAR® Rebates** – In 2023, all ENERGY STAR refrigerators/freezers (with recycling), electric clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, central air conditioners, air and ground source heat pumps, light emitting diode (LED) bulbs purchased (limit 5) are eligible to receive rebates (may not be combined with special promotions). Rebate request forms must be submitted within 90 days of purchase. Rebate forms are available at www.swce.coop. For more information or to receive a rebate request form, phone Cindy Butterfield at 446-4204 or 800-526-3514.

• **Steele-Waseca's tree service contractor** – Carr's Tree Service, Inc., is contracted to do SWCE's tree trimming. To report a tree concern, phone: **507-451-7340 / 800-526-3514**

STEELE COUNTY TIP LINE

866-878-7964

TO BE USED TO REPORT ANY CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ANONYMOUSLY

COVERS ALL OF STEELE COUNTY INCLUDING THE CITIES OF:

OWATONNA ELLENDALE BLOOMING PRAIRIE MEDFORD

A Safe, Happy House

Four Easy Ways to Boost Electrical Safety at Home

DON'T

place flammable items, like potholders, napkins or dish towels near the stove while cooking.



DO

keep electrical devices away from water to prevent electric shock.



DO

ensure you're using the correct wattage in all light fixtures.



DON'T

overload electrical outlets with more devices than the circuit can handle.



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May is National Electrical Safety Month.

Gopher State One Call

Whether it's simple like planting a tree, or installing a mailbox, contacting Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before starting your project may allow you to avoid costly damages to underground facilities. GSOC is not responsible for contacting locators to paint or flag your private facilities. Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric also doesn't locate private underground facilities that are the homeowner's responsibility. Private underground facilities usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools, and natural gas grills. Other private facilities include natural gas farm taps, private water systems, data communication lines, and invisible fences. The contact information for a number of locating companies who will locate privately owned underground facilities on your property can be found in the industry directory at www.gopherstateonecall.org/homeowners, then click on "Private Facility Locators." This list is by no means an exhaustive list or a list of locators recommended by GSOC. For additional locators, consult a search engine, like Google, or refer to the Yellow Pages under "Utilities Underground - Locating." Remember, private locators will charge a fee for their services. No one should ever remove flags before work is completed for the safety of all digging in the area. If you come in contact with an underground utility, evacuate the area, call 911, then notify your utility provider. 1095561



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.



ad connection

give away

OUTDOOR FARM CATS, tabby color, bring a cage. 645-8659.

WOODEN SPOOLS at SWCE. 451-7340/Todd.

COLD FRONT for GMC Sierra 2500 diesel Duramax pickup; **APPROX. 100' OF 1.25" USED SUMP HOSE**, 7 pcs, various lengths. 456-0210.

FREE ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS, you place & remove your own ad on SWCE's website, swce.coop, these are separate from **Sparks** & will not appear in **Sparks** unless mailed, delivered, or emailed to SWCE.

wanted

1953 FORD F-100 PICKUP PARTS. 412-7933.

FLAT SHEETS & REASONABLE JEANS for making mission quilts. 456-7961.

BARN, GRANARY, &/OR OUTBUILDINGS, I remove to repurpose the lumber; **OLD TIN; BARN SIDING; LUMBER**. 330-0258/Tim.

SOMEONE W/A LOOM TO MAKE RUGS FROM RAGS SEWN IN STRIPS. 239-2417/leave message.

USED ALUMINUM DOCK. 465-8244.

GUNS; AMMO; JD MOWERS; TACKLE; ESTATES. 279-0431/Mark.

ESTIMATES ON FIXING & ADDING ON TO CABIN; SOMEONE TO FIX '80 MERC. COUGAR RIDING MOWER w/leaf pk up in bk. 479-0576.

JD 4420 COMBINE, must be nice. 390-5508.

USED/WASTE OIL, 200-gal. min., call to setup pickup. 420-7429/Quentin.

FORD DIESEL SKID STEER. 330-1849.

PINBALL MACHINE, any age or condition. 612-327-0255.

FANNING MILL; HAND-CRANK GRAIN CLEANER. 451-7091.

HOUSE CLEANING HELP, monthly; **HANDYMAN** to install storm windows & misc. 612-598-4005.

SMALLER WHEELBARROW, cheap, rusty is OK. 463-3721.

All area codes are 507 unless otherwise noted

for sale

1978 SHELBY GOOSENECK, 2-horse straight load, small insulated living qtrs, water heater, sink, cowboy shower, tack space, screen door. 456-0076.

(2) OLD TOWN DIRIGO 12' KAYAKS w/paddles, vry gd cond., \$250/each. 330-1163.

1998 SPARTAN 16' ROLLER BOAT TRAILER, \$800/obo; **WATER HEATER**, 50 gal.; **STORAGE FOR RENT**: boats, RVs. 475-2322.

(3) MICHELIN TIRES, 235/55R20, half tread, all for \$50. 456-7757.

(3) 1-MAN DEER LADDER STANDS, new, \$100/each; **410 SHELLS**, 2.5" #8 shot Fiocchi 1250 FPS, box of 25, \$25. 461-1191.

RENTAL, Izaak Walton League Bldg., 4 mi. south of Owat., seats 100, full kitchen, grill, Wi-Fi, \$150. 451-7946.

HUNTING BLINDS, weather/rodent proof, insulated & more. 330-2452.

ALFALFA HAY, small squares. 327-4493.

55-GAL. PLASTIC & STEEL BARRELS w/covers, \$5-\$15; **220-GAL. POLY TANK** w/valve in forklift frame, \$75. 421-2521.

ALL-NATURAL SOAPS, SALVES & LIP BALMS, nothing artificial, milk soaps, tallow & lard soaps, unscented & scented soaps, www.dandelionnaturals.com, Hayfield. 261-4992.

TRANSFERRABLE BUILDABLE RIGHTS in Rice County, Webster Twsp. 612-919-4130 for details.

GRASS HAY BALES, small square, by Waldorf. 327-3672.

VERSAMEC 700 RELOADING PRESS, incl. dies for 12, 16, & 20 gauge along w/misc. supplies, vry gd condition, \$100. 763-772-2748.

GRASS ROUND BALES, 5'x5', \$60/ea. 456-8639.

GRAVEL TRUCK AVAIL. for all your delivery needs: rock, gravel, dirt, etc., 15.5-ton capacity. 456-7774.

AKC BRITISH LABS, dewes, 1st shots, wormed, 26-month health guarantee, parents fully health tested, blk, red & yellow. 763-218-2948/txt.

1000-GAL. FUEL TANK, new w/pump, filter system, automatic nozzle, hose, complete, \$3550. 383-1215.

39 MN PHEASANT HABITAT PRINT COLLECTION, '83 1st of state, all framed w/stamp. 581-6402.

FORTUNE CREEK TRL LOTS, the covenant allows for a pole shed, starting at \$75,000. 838-5033/John.

GRAIN STORAGE FOR RENT, 2 mi. west of I-35 & Cty Rd 19 area, pit w/air system. 612-597-2444.

JD 16" BIKE & SEVERAL SIZES FROM TODDLER TO ADULT BIKES, reas. priced, Owat. 363-2219.

MINI STORAGE UNITS, Blmg Prairie. 456-2957.

2-, 3-, 5-, & 6-GAL. RD WNG CROCKS, gd cond.; **SM. BIKE LOCK**, new, \$3. 479-0576.

FARMALL H, gd restoration project, \$1000/cash. 456-0835.

BEACHFRONT VACATION CONDOS FOR RENT in Fort Myers Beach, South Padre Island & Mexico, visit www.sandysbeachfrontcondo.com for details & photos. 612-865-9604/Sandy.

LATHAM RASPBERRY PLANTS, you dig them, \$1.50/each. 581-2301.

(2) PIONEER P26 CHAIN SAWS; (2) PAIR SNOW-SHOES. 334-9583.

DAKON GRAVITY WAGON, 275-bu., 8-ton gear, gd 11.00x15 tires, telescoping hitch, \$750/obo. 213-0600.

USED QT & PT CANNING JARS, no lids, \$5 per dozen. 451-9533.

TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, & STUMP GRIND., professional climber & aerial lift to U of M guidelines; **2007 FRONT CHROME BUMPER** for an F-650, like new. 456-1609.

2000 GMC SIERRA 1500 PICKUP, 3 door, 107,000 mi., (1) owner, passenger side body damage, rusty rockers, clean frame, \$6800. 838-5616.

(For Sale ads continued on Page 7)

travel

BRITISH ISLES CRUISE, Sept. 4-19. Round-trip non-stop flights to & from London, 12-night cruise on the Regal Princess, Edinburgh, Stonehenge, Ireland & more! Starting at \$5,599 pp w/2 per room.

NATIONAL PARKS, Sept. 18-28. Deluxe motor coach, 14 meals, Ogallala Petrified Wood Museum, admission to Badlands & Zion National Parks, Mount Rushmore & more! \$2,399 pp w/2 per room.

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND, Oct. 5-14. Roundtrip Delta flights, 2 nights at RIU Time Sq., NY City, Broadway performance, 7-night cruise on the Emerald Princess. \$3,799 pp w/2 per room.

Call 4-Seasons at 373-4705 or 373-2473, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, to learn more about their tour information.



Sparks Free Classified Ad Form for all SWCE Members

Ads need to be received in our office by **May 5** to ensure being printed in the June **Sparks**. Please print neatly or type your ad of **20 words or less** on this form. We reserve the right to edit ad copy to allow space for more ads. Ads received after the 5th will be printed in the July issue.

For Sale Wanted Give Away

Phone # _____ Account # _____

Name _____

Clip and mail to: SWCE, P.O. Box 485, Owatonna, MN 55060-0485, deliver to the SWCE office, or email your ad to: sparks@swce.coop.

ad connection

(For Sale ads continued from Page 6)

KENNEL w/cover, 5'W x 15'L x 6'H; **STRAW BALES**, small, best offer. 412-0497.

MIRROCRAFT BOAT w/40-hp Mercury 4-stroke motor, yacht trailer, new tires, (2) fish locators, Minn Kota trolling motor, all in exc. cond. 528-2763.

CLIMATE CONTROLLED UNITS FOR RENT, 11'x9' to 16'x10'. 332-4623.

STANDARD POODLE PUP, reg., \$400; **GOLDEN DOODLE PUPS**, Fbo. 384-7653.

HOUSE CLEANING: bedrooms, bathrooms, living rooms, etc. 461-9422.

1968 17' ALUMACRAFT CANOE w/factory motor mount w/or w/o trailer. 465-8566.

REBORN BABY DOLLS FOR LITTLE GIRLS, look like real babies, comes w/clothes, crib, bottles, diapers, & bunk bed, \$75. 383-9149 after 3.

'68 **JD 4020**, wide front, \$18,000. 475-7022.

FORD 501 MOWER, extra sickles & guards, \$400; **FAIRBANKS MORSE 1000# ALL-STEEL SCALE** on wheels, \$100. 456-7614.

SHINGLING & LIGHT CONSTRUCTION; TREE REMOVAL, free estimates. 456-0296.

40-GAL. GAS WATER HEATER, used 10 mths; **FISH HOUSE**, 8x14, 110/12V, (6) hole, sleeps 2-3, new tires. 951-2568/leave message.

6' YARD RAKE, \$600; **(3) 8' T8 LIGHTS**, \$100; **WOOD SPLITTER**, \$700; **HOMELITE 240 CHAIN SAW** w/manual, \$100; **SUMMER STORAGE AVAIL.**, contact for pictures. 213-8842.

STEELE CTY MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL PLANT SALE, Fri., May 19, 3-7 p.m., & Sat., May 20, 8-11 a.m., Community Ctr, 1380 S. Elm Ave., Owa., perennials, annuals, vegetables, cash or check only.

WORX 40V PWR SHARE 20" SNOWBLOWER, new w/(2) 20V 4.0Ah batteries, (1) dual charger, never used, \$365. 213-0443.

HOGS READY TO BUTCHER, \$1.25 hanging weight. 475-0490.

SPEED QUEEN WRINGER WASHER, gd cond. 214-3029.

ROOFING, SIDING, residential, local, Fbo Chamber member. 952-469-5221.

MILLER PRO 500 SPRAYER, Demco tank on front w/controls, 45' boom span; **RITEWAY RR250ST ROCK PICKER**. 649-1228 after 6 p.m.

GEHL 1865 RD BALER; **GEHL 2245 HAYBINE**; **IH 4000 SWATHER**; '98 **POLARIS SNOWMOBILE & 2-PLACE ALUM. TRAILER**. 684-3136.

1996 CHEVY TAHOE, 211,000 mi, maintained & runs well, \$1500. 645-9470.

WOMEN'S TREK, 26", 21 spd w/mirror & speedometer, \$125/obo; **MEN'S TREK**, 21 spd w/bag carrier & car/bike rack, \$125. 339-3436.

SM. GALION ROAD GRADER, \$3500; **(2) NEW 14.9X28 TIRES** on WD 45 rims, \$1200; **10' MOLINE TANDEM DISC**, \$800. 330-3945.

2005 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 800 EFI w/snowplow & windshield, \$5500/obo. 676-5283.

A-C 10' FIELD CULTIVATOR, 3-pt hitch, \$500; **(2) JD 4020 FENDERS** w/lights, no dents; **(2) TIRES**, new, 13.6x28 on A-C WD rims, \$800. 952-393-1952.

CABELA'S INSULATED HUNT. BOOTS, size 14, like new, \$50; **COLEMAN GREEN CAMPSTOVE**, 2 burner, \$5; **PET CARRIER**, size L, composite, exc. cond., \$30; **RED CEDAR POST**, \$25. 455-3881.

(2) DOG KENNEL PANELS, 10'x6', Silver Series side panels, galvanized, \$25/each. 612-247-5346.

ACORN CHAIR LIFT for basement or stairs, 12 steps, exc. shape, \$1400. 475-4584.

4X5 MIXED GRASS HAY BALES. 390-0600.

(2) DOWNHILL ROSSIGNOL SKIS. 678-978-7444.

Ads need to be received in the SWCE office by Friday, May 5, to ensure being published in the June 2023 Sparks newsletter.

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