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85TH BIRTHDAY

The family of Barbara Burnham would like to have a card shower in honor of her 85th birthday. She will be 85 years old on March 25th. Cards can reach her at: 222 W. 2nd St. S. Truman, MN 56088.



90TH BIRTHDAY

Phyllis Bremer Hintz observed her 90th birthday on March 22nd. Čards will reach her at: The Meadows, 1310 Adams Ave., Apt. 104, Fairmont, MN 56031.



80TH BIRTHDAY Kay Ziemer of Ceylon will celebrate her 80th birthday on March 25th. **Birthday greetings** will reach her at PO Box 343, Ceylon, MN 56121.



90TH BIRTHDAY Arlys Malo will turn 90 on March 27. She was born March 27 1932. Cards can reach her at: 850 Goldfinch Apt. #209. Fairmont, MN 56031.

31st Annual Silent & Live Auction

Saturday, April 2 • 6:00 p.m. • Auction at 8:30 p.m. St. John Vianney School Gym

Free Admission – Food & Beverages Available - Everyone Welcome

A donation from the proceeds will go to ARC/ Special Olympics, local Kinship and Martin County Mentoring program. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1575



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Friday, March 25th, 2022

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Two students receive \$1,000 Federated scholarships

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, congratulates the two local students receiving the 15th annual \$1,000 Federated/Basin Scholarships. This is the 13th year that two students were selected.

Tanner Sinn, Trimont, receives a \$1,000 Basin/Federated scholarship. Sinn is a senior at Martin County West High School. Sinn intends to go to South Dakota State University or the University of Sioux Falls. He is the son of Jeffrey and Bethany.

Meta Tewes, Jackson, receives the \$1,000 Federated/L&O/Basin Scholarship. Tewes is a senior at Jackson County Central High School; she is majoring in agriculture education and minoring in animal science. Tewes is the daughter of Jeffrey and Jennifer. She plans to attend South Dakota State University.

"These scholarships come from two of our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota; and L&O Power Cooperative in Rock Rapids, Iowa," stated Scott Reimer, Federated's general manager. "We are members of both cooperatives since 2008. Basin awards 136 of these scholarships to local electric cooperatives. Federated is excited to award these \$1,000 scholarships to Tanner and Meta."

The Basin scholarships are available to Federated members with high school seniors and college students who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited twoyear or four-year college, university or vocational/ technical school working on an undergraduate or master's degree. Federated received seven applications. Each applicant completed a two-page application, wrote an essay, submitted grades, a reference checklist, work history and involvement.

These scholarship applications were judged by retired school personnel: David Traetow, former principal from Martin County West; and Jeff Voss, former teacher from Jackson County Central.



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Children 12 and under: \$13 Advanced tickets can be purchased from Boys HS hockey families, Olson Rental, Chad Lut-terman (236-4350), and available at the door.







The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors committee completed three ribbon cuttings last Wednesday. The first stop was at the new Hy-Vee. Market Grille Express. The committee then traveled to Welcome for ribbon cuttings for the new owners of Welcome Meats and the Old 16 Bar (formerly Kortes Bar and Grill).

MLHS Spring Rummage and Bake Sale

and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, March 31st, 4-8 p.m.; Friday, April 1st, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 2nd, 8 a.m. to noon. Donations of spring and summer clothing, household goods, toys etc. in good condition will be ac-

The Spring Rummage cepted from Saturday, March 26th until Tuesday, March 29th.

Volunteer helpers are most welcome before and during the sale. Please go to www. martinlutherhs.com to use the Sign Up Genius. Thank you to the entire community for your support of the MLHS Ministry.

SOfit Program at CER

Developed by Special Olympics Minnesota, SOfit offers individuals with intellectual disabilities a journey toward improved health through comprehensive wellness education and regular physical activity. Participants leave each session with the knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle choices. This sixweek wellness program will provide an opportunity to learn, discuss and practice physical activity, nutrion, social and emotional wellness. Participant can bring

one staff/person to assist them fee of charge. Fee: \$30. Registration closes March 28. Classes will be helf at various locations on Tuesdays, April 5 - May 10, 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration with payment is required at Fairmont Community Education and Recreation, located at Southern MN Educational Campus (SMEC), 115 South Park Street, Suite 131, Fairmont, MN 56031. For more information, contact 507-235-3141 or www.fairmont. k12.mn.us/o/cer

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Drew Schellpeper of Fairmont recently qualified for the firm's Managing Partner's Conference, which celebrates the contribu-

tions and achievements of the top 400 of the firm's nearly 19,000 financial advisors. The conference will be held in Scottsdale, Ariz. on April 26-27.

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 Monday Night Bingo 7pm Kitchen open at 5pm Think Spring! New Member Special 2022 Spring Special Single: Family: 1st Year 1st Year \$578.00 + tax= \$617.70 \$683.00 + tax=\$729.96 Additional \$125.00 for A stock Additional \$125.00 for A stock Call Rose Lake 507-235-5274 or Bonnie 507-399-2128 for more details

CLUB AKTION THEATRE, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, March 24th from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. For any questions, about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580. The public's invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

HOPE CAFÉ - We are serving our free March meal in person on Sunday, March 27th at 5 p.m. All are invited to join us for a delicious dinner at St. John Vianney Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave. If you are unable to join us in person due to lack of transportation please let us know so we can see about delivering meals to those who can't join us in March. Call Bridget at 235-2451 with your name and address.



The Fairmont Dairy Queen gave out free cones of the first day of spring. "We gave out 400 cones in the first four hours and were still going," said owner Scott Vaubel.



Congrega-First tional Church of Sherburn will host a three meat buffet on Sunday, March 27th, from 11:30 • a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes Swedish meat-: balls, turkey and ham,: for a suggested donation of \$10. The buffet is • sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. The church is handicapped: accessible.



Trimont to host student robotics competition

from across Martin County will be teaming up for an energetic robotics competition at the MCW Elementary School gym in Trimont the morning of Saturday, April 2nd -- and spectators of all ages are welcome to witness this fun application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in our community.

This Martin County KnowHow! VEX IQ Robotics Competition will see dozens of 3rd and 4th graders from the Truman, Fairmont, Martin County West, Granada-Huntley-East Chain school districts working together to face a friendly collaborative challenge. These students will have spent several weeks building and learning how to operate their VEX IQ robots, and are ready to put their hard work to the test at this exciting STEM event.

Concessions will be available for sale at the free event, as a fundraiser for future Martin County KnowHow! activities.

FAST FACTS:

WHAT: Martin County KnowHow! VEX IQ Robot-

Elementary studewnts ics Competition for 3rd and 4th graders

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

WHERE: MCW Elementary School gym, 77 Beech St. W, Trimont, MN 56176

WHO: Family, friends, and general public invited to attend as spectators (free)

STAY IN TOUCH:

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About Martin County KnowHow! -- Martin County KnowHow! exists to encourage the exploration and application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by students of all ages across Martin County, Minnesota. The group is a subcommittee of Project 1590, a local organization dedicated to creating a unique, healthy, and vibrant community. Visit www.McKnow.How more information.



WEEK OF MARCH 26, 1997

The first-ever husband and wife physician team at Fairmont Clinic were Drs. Mario Potvin, general surgeon and Kathy Bonapace, obstetrician/gynecologist.

Dr. Dale Meyer, internationally known speaker on The Lutheran Hour was to be guest minister for a Lutheran Hour rally to be held in Fairmont.

The American Dairy

Association of Martin County was seeking candidates for the dairy princess program.

Dance Borchardt Studio's competition class attended a Dance America Dance competition in Minneapolis. Participants were Jennifer Schaaf, Ingrid Rodgers,

Alisha Hamelalu, Keisha Berhow, Crystal Lowry, Kelly Isenberg and Jayme Wolf. The students won first place trophies for their tap presentation and jazz presentation. The studio received the "Over-all Trophy for Best Precision."

YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 26, 1972

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, after a membership drive, saw 40 prospects sign as new

increasing members, the coffers by \$2,000.

Sixth grader Randy Rost of Fairmont was the Martin County spelling champion, which included all county grade schools. He relinquished his chance to enter the Minneapolis Tribune state spelling bee, in favor of runnerup eighth grader Steven Oberle because his parents felt Randy was too young to enter state competition.

Fairmont's St. Paul's Lutheran School won the 1972 Lutheran grade school tournament, defeating St. Paul's of

Truman, 68-20. It was Fairmont's second championship in a row.

Fairmont's 12-man gymnastics squad placed ninth in a field of 49 in the Minnesota state meet, held at the University of Minnesota.

Obituary Notices



Jeanne M. Celander, 92

Memorial services for Jeanne M. Celander, 92, of Belle Plaine, MN, formerly of Fairmont, MN, will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 25th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be following the

service in Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the time of service from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 25th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Jeanne passed away Wednesday, December 15th, 2021, at the Kingsway Retirement Living Home in Belle Plaine, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jeanne Celander was born July 29th, 1929, in Ceylon, MN, the daughter of Elsie (Palmer) and Carl Sundberg. Jeanne attended country school #114 through 8th grade and graduated from Fairmont High School class of 1947. She married Vincent Celander September 4th, 1949, in the Fairmont Methodist Church. They farmed in East Chain and Silver Lake townships. Jeanne enjoyed working in the fields along side her husband.

They retired farming in 1995, and moved to Belle Plaine, MN, in 2009. She was past president of Martin County Historical Society, co-chaired the publication of the Martin County History Book, helped establish the Martin County Preservation Association while helping to save the Chubb House. Jeanne enjoyed many hobbies doing puzzles, word games, collecting dress buttons. She enjoyed doing genealogy and made several books of her family histories. She especially loved entertaining at their home on the farm whether it was friends, relative or family when they could spend a weekend. After they moved to Belle Plaine, they added great-grand-

children and until the pandemic they looked forward to get-togethers. Jeanne enjoyed attending as well as setting up flea markets, swap meets, rummage sales, and auctions with her husband, Vincent.

She is survived by her children, Marcia (Jeff) Hiltz, Larry Celander, former spouse, Vicki Celander; grandchildren, Kristi, Brian, Laura, Ri-cardo, and Leah; great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Caden, Stevie, Eric, Mariana, and Benjamin; sister, Janice Walker and Ron Bianchetto of Cambria, CA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jeanne is preced in death by her husband, Vincent; parents, Carl and Elsie Sundberg; father-inlaw and mother-in-law; sister, Margret Sagissor; brother, Richard Sundberg; and a grandson, Eric Celander.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net

notices

March 12 - Kenneth H. Sickler, 81, Estherville (formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Family Funeral

March 14 - Philip E. Wood, 87, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service March 15 - Gary D. Isenberg, 75, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service March 17 - Bonnie K. Schuder, 71, Fairmont

(formerly of Odin). Kramer Family Funeral Home

March 18 - Neal Breitbarth, 66, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service March 20 - Dennis C. Meyer, 79, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service In Memoriam - One Year Ago

March 17 - Gregory A. Moore, 67, Welcome.

March 17 - Ruth E. Lemke, 89, Fairmont. March 21 - Rosella A. Sogge 95, Fairmont. March 21 - Monica K. Chukuske, 55, Sherburn

Financial Focus

Provided by:



Drew Schellpeper, Wyman Fischer, Dan Hamlet, Mandi Kosbab Financial Advisors, Edward Jones, www.edwardjones.com, Member SIPC

Start thinking about your retirement income plan

If you're getting close to retirement, you're probably thinking about the ways your life will soon be changing. And one key transition involves your income - instead of being able to count on a regular paycheck, as you've done for decades, you'll now need to put together an income stream on your own. How can you get

It's helpful that you begin thinking about retirement income well before you actually retire. Many people don't - in fact, 61% of retirees wish they had done better at planning for the financial aspects of their retirement, according to an Edward Jones/ Age Wave study titled Retirement in the Time of Coronavirus: What a Difference a Year Makes.

Fortunately, much you can do to create and manage your retirement income. Here are a few suggestions:

Consider ways boost income

As you approach retirement, you'll want to explore ways of potentially boosting your income. Can you afford to delay taking Social Security so your monthly checks will be bigger? Can you increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, including taking advantage of catchup contributions if you're age 50 or older? Should you consider adding products that can provide you with an income stream that can potentially last your lifetime?

Calculate your ex-

penses How much money will you need each year during your retirement? The answer depends somewhat on your goals. For example, if you plan to travel extensively, you may need more income than someone who stays close to home. And no matter how you plan to spend your days in retirement, you'll need to budget for health care expenses. Many people underestimate what they'll need, but these costs can easily add up to

several thousand dollars a year, even with Medicare. Review your invest-

ment mix

It's always a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to ensure it's still appropriate for your needs. But it's especially important to analyze your investments in the years immediately preceding your retirement. At this point, you may need to adjust the mix to lower the risk level. However, you probably won't want to sell all your growth-oriented investments and replace them with more conservative ones - even during retirement, you'll likely need some growth potential in

your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Create a sustainable withdrawal rate Once you're retired, you will likely need to start taking money from your IRA and 401(k) or similar plan. But it's important not to take too much out in your early years as a retiree, since you don't want to risk outliving your income. A financial professional can help you create a sustainable withdrawal rate based on your age, level of assets, family situation and other factors.

By planning ahead, and making the right moves, you can boost your confidence in your ability to maintain enough income to last throughout your retirement. And with a sense of financial security, you'll be freer to enjoy an active lifestyle during your years as a retiree.

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"THE IMPERFECT GARDENER" **Guest Columnist**

Val Manning, University of Minnesota **Extension Master Gardener, Martin County**



THE IMPERFECT **GARDENER**

by Val Manning, University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener, **Martin County**

Now that the calendar says it is spring, it is time to begin looking for the signs in the garden. Often wildflowers are the first to show their foliage. The lacy, spotted leaves of the waterleaf are among those to appear.

This also is a prime time to begin sowing wildflower seeds in select spots. Remember not to cover them with any soil and be prepared for a long wait until germination.

One of the earlier wildflowers to appear besides waterleaf is the common red columbine (Aquilegia Canadensis). The dangling red flowers arch above the foliage and provide interest in the spring garden.

This flower is in the buttercup family and is one of the native wildflowers in this area. It occurs in woodlands in Canada and most states east of the Rockies, including both Minnesota and Wisconsin.

It is hardy in zones 2-9, an old-fashioned flower that has been hybridized into a garden staple with larger flowers and other colors. Depending on soil, moisture, light and other conditions, it will grow anywhere from six inches to four feet

The light green leaves grow both from the bottom and along the stems. These are compound leaves with three lobes. The semi-bell shaped flowers are attractive to ruby-throated hummingbirds. Bumble bees and hawk moths also are attracted to the nectar.

Red columbine has few pests or diseases to contend with. Sometimes leaf miners will appear on the leaves but are usually only an unattractive looking nuisance.

Flowering time depends on conditions but usually lasts about a month in May and early June. The foliage will last until fall when it begins to yel-low and die back.

Seeds for the hybrid columbine are available in most garden catalogs or plants can often be purchased from a greenhouse. The native red columbine is available from wildflower seed sources such as Prairie Moon in Winona.

Seeds typically bloom in the second year, thus the requirement of patience when scattering them in the wildflower or rock garden

Most wildflowers are notoriously slow to germinate and I have often forgotten where I sowed seeds. By the time they have germinated, it is a pleasant surprise when a stray flower appears. That happened last year with the penstenmon and liatris I scattered a few years ago. All of a sudden they popped up amongst the heirloom black-eved susans and Queen Anne's Lace on the east side bed.

The original Queen Anne's Lace came from seeds sent to me by a friend in Pennsylvania where the plants grow wild. Lately I have noticed many of the plants growing in ditches in the county.

One dried head of the flower will produce many seeds. Just remember when gathering seeds of wild plants that you cannot do it in a state park or on private lands, only harvesting about ten percent. And such plants as lady slippers of many types are illegal to harvest at all.



POLAR PLUNGE - Over 105 registered plungers - FHS students and staffers, who raised at least \$50, took a dip in cold water last week for a special cause. FHS teacher Mark Hernes organized the Polar Plunge event, which was a fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota. Hernes, a long-time supporter of Special Olympics, said the Polar Plunge event raised \$14,313 for Special Olympics Minnesota. Submitted photo.

SJV school raises \$16,550.00

2022 brought another successful Catholic Schools Raffle at St. John Vianney Catholic School. Teachers, staff and the surrounding and their families to

total of \$16,550 for the school.

Since January 14, students of St. John Vianney Catholic School community of Fairmont have been selling \$5 united with students raffle tickets as part of the Catholic Schools

raise an outstanding Raffle, a fundraising program provided free of charge by sponsor Catholic United Financial since 2009. St. John Vianney Catholic School is one of 86 schools in Minnesota and South-Dakota that were involved in 2022.

On March 10th the Raffle officially concluded with a prize drawing ceremony broadcasted live on the Catholic United Financial website. The prizes, valued at over \$45,000, included a new 2022 Ford Escape SUV, a dream vaca-

grill set, smart TVs and more. Catholic United also rewarded

the hard work of the top selling student at St. John Vianney Catholic School with a Baby Yoda LEGO set prize and the chance at \$500. St. John Vianney Catholic School contributed to a grand costs and providing new

Catholic Education.

Funds raised by participating schools, like St. John Vianney Catholic School are used to enhance school programs and facilities, including funding field trips, building playgrounds, supplementing tuition tion, Traeger Grill and total of \$1,419,287 for education technology.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL AND ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL **ENDOWMENT FUND** also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$5,325 in contributions and memorials given during the month of February 2022 through the A+ Campaign For Excellence from the following:

CONTRIBUTIONS: Marc and Katie Hanson, Leon and Rose Marie Lammers, Bart Stadtherr

IN MEMORY OF MAYNARD BOL-STER: By Thomas Bolster

Please Note: It has been brought to our attention that the bank where we have the Endowment Account (and in time, most likely all banks) will no longer accept third party checks. So, in the future if you get a memorial check(s) made out to you, would you please cash them and either give us the cash or a check from yourself payable to the SJVS Endowment Fund, along with the name and address of the person who gave the memorial.

Also, all name and addresses for any cash memorials would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call Ann Harris @ 507-238-1177 or Irene Kleven @ 507-236-7309.

St. John Vianney Catholic School raises an amazing \$16,550 in just six weeks!

Easter 2022 Services

Would you like your Church to be included in the April 6th and April 13th issue of the Fairmont Photo Press?

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Photo of Church

Name and Address of Church

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Palm Sunday Service

Time for **Easter Service**

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Ask A Trooper:

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

Question: Sometimes while I am traveling I've noticed a set of reflective triangles out behind a semi? Can I use those on my personal passenger car if it were to break down? Any advice is appreciated.

thing to do is make sure your vehicle is off the traveled portion of the highway and onto the shoulder. Then turn on your emergency flashers (hazard lights) so your

vehicle is more visible to other motorists.

If you can safely display some type of emergency equipment, remember your personal safety. Other motorists might not be able to see you, so pay attention. Answer: The best High visibility reflective gear would be beneficial. If the roads are slippery and visibility is limited, it's a very dangerous situation to be outside your vehicle.

If you drive a com-

mercial vehicle, you're required to carry three emergency triangles and place them in three locations during a stop. Emergency triangles must be placed within 10 minutes of stopping and should be kept in the passenger side box so they can be safely accessed and keep the driver away from traffic. Triangle placement locations may vary based on where the driver stopped. They

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FAIRMONT JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL - FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Early Risers Kiwanis, Hy-Vee and Fairmont Jr Sr High School recognize the following Fairmont Jr Sr High School students as FEBRUARY 2022 Students of the Month. Student and families recently gathered

in the Performing Arts Center to participate in this recognition and to receive a certificate and gift card. The 7th through 12th grade student includes. Landon Traetow, Meghan Madsen, Merritt Pomerenke, better place.

Sylvia Oberbeck, Nolan Schultze, Kylie Hanson, Benjamin Moeller, Abigail Peyman, Aiden Nelson, Jaelynn Pierce, Jaxon Johnson, and Alexis **Hinz.** Congratulations on making the school a

My Mother's Rural School

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

The last farm in MY MOTHER'S RURAL SCHOOL district started just across the road from our farm. It was during those times that every student had to attend the assigned school of their district. This was long before even the thought of "open enrollment." My mother taught in several rural schools. Her career ended in the Martin County Minnesota District 28, which had 28 students during her last year of teaching. She taught all the students from the first through the eighth grade without help. She only got help from the students. School consolidation forced all of the rural schools in our area to close. Gone were the rural school Christmas plays, end of the year ball games in a neighboring pasture, the outdoor games of play, the sound of the school bell ringing throughout the community, and getting to know the neighbor kids in a special way, even through they were children of a different age. The consolidated school had one teacher for the students of the same age.

could have attended MY MOTHER'S RURAL SCHOOL. I knew that she was an excellent teacher from comments heard from the people of her district. It was a school of neighbor kids that were growing up together. The younger students would finish their assigned school work and then listened to the work going on in the next grade. Sometimes listening to the work of the other grades helped them. They knew that they had to pull their own weight as the teacher could only do so much. My mother would assign two boys to go down the hill to the True Farm. They had a flowing well that produced fresh water year around. The two boys would carry the large pail of water up the hill and place it on a shelf at the back of the school. There was one dipper that all the students used. The two outhouses at the back of the lawn were in common to those at home.

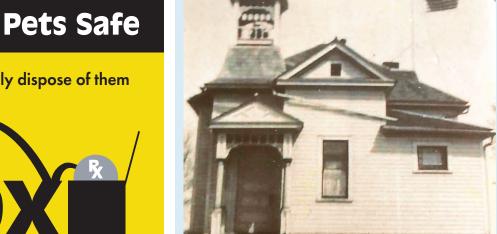
Each school had a number but most were known by the farm on which they were located. MY MOTH-ER'S RURAL SCHOOL was the True School. My grandmother was a True so the school seemed "family." Even though the school was called the True School it sat on Parker land. The Parker family was made up of four single brothers and sisters. The school was precious to them. They would furnish everything for the end of the year school picnic. They furnished a large cylinder of vanilla ice cream that was kept in a quilted green insulated container. The students could have as many ice cream cones as they wanted. The picnic was the time of the annual softball game. It was played by students and adults. Competition was keen, played by both girls and boys. There were no trophies, only the satisfac-

MY MOTHER'S RURAL SCHOOL had a certain smell. The wide boards of the floor were mopped daily by some student. The student doing the sweeping had to spread a green sweeping compound in front of the mop. It was to catch the dust. Was that what produced the familiar smell? The school had a routine. Each morning the flag was raised, the bell was to ring at a certain time, and the students were to be in their assigned desk. The teacher was expected to teach the eight grades in a systematic manner. Each student would bring their own lunch. Discipline was simple - first coming from the teacher, next from the parents, for the brothers and sisters brought the message home. Usually that was all it took.

tion of winning.

Each night my mother would correct papers. I would watch as she sat at the kitchen table, red pencil in hand, grading each paper in a slow and methodical manner. She would sometimes mention how well some student was doing. One such student was the eldest child of a family of thirteen. That student went on to be a lawyer. She once mentioned that one of her eighth grade students had the top test score of any eighth grader in the county. He went on to college which was somewhat rare during those times.

MY MOTHER'S RURAL SCHOOL is gone but its legacy lives on. People remember excellence! Also we have the school bell at our farm and I have the Regulator Clock in my office. Both were bought as antiques.



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Did you know?

It is commonplace for female guests of honor and those attending special events to wear floral corsages. Corsages are a popular feature at proms, graduations, weddings, and big birthday bashes and generally coordinate with gentlemen's boutonnieres. The corsage has French origins and actually means "bodice." "Corsage" was the common term for the top part of a woman's

dress or jacket. Eventually the word "corsage" was used as part of the term bouquet de corsage and represented flowers women the would wear to special events. Although corsages are now typically placed about the wrist or pinned to the lapel or shoulder of a dress, corsages originally were worn on the hip or at the decolletage. They gradually shifted to other locations, but today re-

quests can be made for wrist, ankle, waist, and even hair corsages. The corsage is generally designed to not only match the attire, but also the personality of the wearer. Favorite flowers are often chosen. In certain circumstances, groups of people will all wear the same type of flower or corsage to symbolize awareness of convictions to a cause, patriotism or another group effort. TF184881

Creative promposals for party season



Each year, millions of high school juniors and seniors attend their proms. Prom couples run the gamut from the traditional, romantically involved pairing to two friends going together. One commonality typically shared among all prom couples is that one person asked and the other person accepted

In the not-so-distant past, if a high schooler wanted to take someone to prom, he or she would just walk up and ask. Today's teens recognize that they're more likely to get an enthusiastic "yes" when planning a creative proposal. This has given rise to the elaborate "promposal." It's like a clever wedding proposal, but without an ensuing trip down the aisle. Many students feel it is worth the extra effort to impress their prospective dates, and these ideas can get the creative juices flowing.

Become an internet *sensation.* Create a short video on YouTube or Tik-

significant other to go to prom. For privacy protection, use the person's initials, a nickname or set the video to "private," then send a link to your desired date. Include a favorite song in the vid-

Act out a movie scene. Who can forget the pivotal scene between Andrew Lincoln and Kiera Knightley in "Love Actually" when he's sharing his feelings via held-up signs outside her door? Recreate this moment or pick another memeworthy movie moment to reenact for your proposal.

Utilize a stuffed animal. Place a stuffed animal with a note tied to it inside a potential date's locker. For an even more effective message, include a pun that coordinates with your ask, such as gifting a cow stuffie with the message: "Forget the moo-vies, let's go to prom. I hope this message won't go in one ear and out the udder."

Get some help from Fido. Who can resist an adorable puppy? Enlist the help of your dog when asking a date to prom. A message such as, "Paw-lease be my prom partner" should do the trick.

Tap into TV. Use your potential prom date's favorite TV show as inspiration to ask him or her to prom. You can dress up as a favorite character or quote a well-known Tok asking your friend or line. "Stranger Things"

fans may appreciate a quote like, "Friends don't lie. you'd be a great prom date."

Create a mock parking ticket. Place a fake parking ticket on your dream date's car in the school parking lot or elsewhere, with a sentiment that says, "You'll be in violation of prom fun if you don't attend with me." Sign it Your Name, Prom Date Police.

Make a meal out of it. It's often said that the way to the heart is through the stomach. Stop by a favorite Tex-Mex joint for some tacos, and then say to your date "Let's taco 'bout prom." Similar ideas include sushi and "Let's roll together to prom," or a pizza place with the sentiment, "We'll have a pizza prom fun if we go together."

Get foreign: If you share a foreign language class in school, ask the person to go to prom in that language.

Clever strategies can make asking a date to the prom memorable and fun. TF225944





Prom night prep tips for parents helping teens

Prom is a teenage rite of passage. Prom night provides one more exciting adventure in a school experience that likely started with preschool jitters and will soon culminate with graduates receiving their high school diplomas.

Prom night planning reaches a fever pitch a few weeks before the big event. A significant amount of time and money are involved in making prom a night to remember. While teens may be focused on fashion and fun, parents may be wondering what they can do to steer their sons and daughters in the right direction. Here are some pointers to consider as families prepare for prom.

Set a budget

The pandemic has affected supply chains and has contributed to increased prices on all types of consumer goods, so you may find that prom attire and accessories will cost more this year. Figure out what you can afford to contribute to the prom, and ask your teenager to pitch in. If your child is footing some of the bill, there may be a greater willingness to corral spending. One way to save money is to rent a gown/tuxedo rather than purchasing one outright.

Be a parent first, friend second

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says the months of April through June are some of the most dangerous times of year for teens, particularly regarding alcohol-related traffic accidents. Many teens are looking at prom night as an opportunity to let loose, and that may include alcohol consumption or drug use. Parents must not condone underage drinking when hosting teens at home or when hosting an afterparty at a hotel or restaurant where alcohol will be served. Not only is it irresponsible, it is illegal to give alcohol to anyone who is under 21.

Set an example by keeping calm

Prom planning can be stressful. Various details have to come together on the big day. Even though they may appear to be young adults, teens still may have meltdowns or impulse control issues when things don't go their way. Set an example by reacting to obstacles calmly and finding workarounds.

Stay involved

An involved parent may help keep a teen out of trouble. A Statistics Brain survey of nearly 13,000 high school students found that 14 percent of girls reported having sex on prom night, and 5 percent of girls and 3 percent of boys lost their virginity on prom night. There's also the potential for sexual assault at prom, particularly when alcohol is present. Informed parents who are keeping tabs on who their children will be hanging out with and setting partying limits can make prom night as safe as possible.

Prom night can be an enjoyable life experience. Parents can do their parts to make prom safer and less stressful. TF225924



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The history of square dancing, Part 1

1 of a 3 part series about square dancing submitted by Cheryl Bebernes, Lake Promenaders President

Square dancing is one pastime that is truly American. It originated in America, and even as it has spread worldwide, dancing is square still always in English. Usually, when people think "square dancing," they think of old white people in funny-looking clothes doing arm swings; or, you might think of the dancing you were taught in gym class. That is NOT Modern American Square Dancing, by any means. Square dancing has evolved a lot over the years, to become the wonderfully fun activity it is today.

A few terms to keep in mind as you read this series of articles: Square - a group of eight people, in pairs, standing in a square formation, facing each other; Caller - the person telling the dancers what steps to do; Steps - like any other form of dancing, the literal movements the people make; Calls the square dance version of "steps"; a Call - one song, usually part of a tip; Tip – two songs, typically one singing call and one patter call, danced in

Following is Part a row; Singing Call - a Celebrations song when the caller sings in between the calls that take many beats of music; Patter Call – a song when the caller simply calls different combinations of steps, without extra singing; Club - an organized group of square dancers who are always welcome).

The roots of square dancing go deep; back to the pioneer days and barn raisings of the 1700's and 1800's. Keep in mind, back in those days, boys and girls weren't usually allowed to spend time together alone. They always had a chaperone. Even just holding hands wasn't typically allowed! Therefore, dancing was always a great excuse to get just a little closer to the one you liked.

Dancing was also a wonderful way to forget the hard lives the pioneers lived. It was dangerous in the West: Americans Native who didn't want them there, finicky weather that often kept them on the brink of starvation, and loneliness and isolation from other people. It wasn't like you could skip an entire day of farming, sewing, cooking, or chores around the homestead just to run over to your neighbor's house for a chat.

that much sweeter when they could get together for a reason - like a barn raising or a church picnic - and dancing was a great way to express those feelings.

Most of the time, that dancing was what we would consider meet regularly (guests line dancing, circle dancing, or reels. These dances involve large groups of people, often paired up, all doing the same step at the same time. For instance, in a reel, there is a line of men facing a line of women. Both lines then do steps that mirror each other, coming together and apart a number of times before the couple on one end dance together down the middle, stop on the other end, and the dance starts all over again with the next couple. These types of dances were popular in many European countries, where a lot of these immigrants

were from. This dancing then evolved, as everything does; particularly in the southern states. Unfortunately, early versions of the square dancing we do today often relied upon slaves to play the music and call the steps. However, a silver lining is that this can also be considered as the

were slaves finally getting veeter a chance to tell the white owners what to do! Tiny silver lining, admittedly, but it's something, at least. Because most of these early callers were African, and they often created the new calls, square dancing has elements of African dancing woven in to it, besides the obvious European influences. There are many elements relating to Native American tribal dances that snuck in, as well. Dancing together was a fun way to keep the peace between peoples, and blending the two (or more) styles together ensured that no one had more power in the relationship than

> square Although dancing has its' history in America, once world-wide travel became easier, it started to spread; particularly during wartime, when soldiers would teach square dancing to civilians around their bases. Because of this, square dancing is always called in English, no matter where you are in the world. Accents may affect clarity for some, and the singing parts are often done in the native language of the caller, but the calls themselves are always in English. This means

another.

that you could go on vacation to Japan, and even without knowing Japanese, you could square dance while there. Or, you could go to Germany, France, China, or anywhere else, and you would still be able to square dance. Finding a club to dance with may be an issue if you don't speak the language, but once you got there, you could dance!

Square dancing is considered a folk dance, and as such, often goes hand-inhand with country music. However, just because using country is traditional and the habit of most callers these days, doesn't mean that's all that's danced to. Personally, I have danced to everything from ABBA to Luke Bryant to ZZ Top, and everything in between. There are a number of music styles that don't work well for square dancing, and even if the general style "fits" well, it doesn't mean that an individual song will. But, the point is (without getting too technical), square dancing is not just for country music anymore.

In my next articles, I will get more into what Modern American Square Dancing has evolved into today; our local club, the way we dress, the activities we organize, the health benefits, our community, and why it isn't actually what you were forced to do in gym. But knowing the history of square dancing is also important for dancers to know, in order to appreciate how wonderful this activity really is. It's also easy to forget how square dancing goes perfectly with the USA's nickname of "The Great Melting Pot," since modern square dancing comes from such a blend of styles and cultures. Square Dancing really is a truly American pastime.

The Lake Promenaders have two dances left until our summer break: Sunday, April 10; and Sunday, May 8. We begin dancing at 6:00 p.m., at the Shaw home in Welcome (804 1st Street). The club wants to set up lessons for you. If you have any questions, you can call me (Cheryl Bebernes) at 507-236-0255; check our Facebook page at /LakePromenaders; email me at cherylbebernes.yahoo.com; or check out the Minnesota Square Dance Federation at squaredanceminnesota.com.



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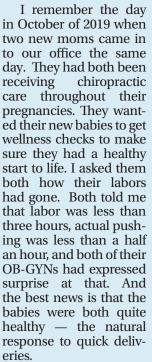
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Chiropractic Care for Moms & Babies – A 30 Year Tradition

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center



I have been working with moms and babies for as long as I have been in practice — over 30 years. At first it was a whole new ball game working on infants, but after working on a few hundred babies, it is now like second nature. They respond so well to so many issues including colic, ear infections, fussiness, spitting up, latching, and nursing issues, just to name a few. Babies are perhaps my favorite patients as they respond so well and they are such little miracles to begin with.

Some people hesitate to bring babies to a chiropractor as they are concerned about the adjusting process, namely the snapping and popping that typically occurs with adjustments. Fortunately, adjusting techniques used with infants are very gentle; a good analogy is to compare it to the pressure you would use to apply eye makeup. Many babies actually sleep through the adjusting procedure and quite often moms will hold the baby while we adjust to optimize comfort and ease for both mom and baby. There is noth-

ing better than seeing a mom return at a followup appointment looking happier and well-slept thanks to their baby's colic improving after being adjusted!

Numerous scientific studies have confirmed the benefit of chiropractic care for colic. Interestingly, there is no other treatment that has been proven to work. If your medical healthcare provider has not recomchiropractic mended care to address colic and other pediatric issues, ask them why. We do receive quite a few referrals from medical providers, but many parents tell me they were never even told to try chiropractic.

Working with pregnant mothers has been a great joy as well. Research on chiropractic going back as early as 1985 has consistently shown the benefits of chiropractic for pregnancy. The results of the studies typically note that labor time is cut in half, there are half as many complications, and half the need for medications everything you would want out of a safe and mostly natural delivery.

I will say this about chiropractic care, though: mastering the care of infants and pregnant moms takes time and practice, but with a chiropractor experienced in working with these groups of people, the rewards are great. A more balanced nervous system means less cortisol in your system, and that means less in baby's as well. Babies born to mothers who have low levels of cortisol throughout pregnancy have healthier brains and are happier as a consequence.

There are a number of nutritional and functional medicine approaches to pediatric and pregnancy care to consider that

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mesh well with chiropractic care. Infant probiotics and various liquid supplements can be incorporated into your baby's health regimen. And along with your basic prenatal vitamins, things like vitamin D in proper amounts are important as well. Babies born to mothers with adequate vitamin D levels have actually been shown to have higher IQs!

The most important thing I will tell you about prenatal nutrition, though, is that the way you feed yourself while pregnant can affect the next three generations of children. You are not just eating and supplementing for you and baby, you are doing that for your grandchildren and greatgrandchildren as well.

Always find an experienced practitioner who can incorporate all these approaches. Make sure they have experience working with babies and pregnancy and that they are well-versed in the latest research in nutrition and proper supplementation. And make sure they love working with babies — as I do!

Dr. Burtis, MS, DC, CFMP, has been providing natural healthcare to the Fairmont area at Burtis Chiropractic Center for over 30 years. He uses a combination of chiropractic, nutrition, and functional medicine to help individuals restore and maintain health and healing through individualized care plans. The mission of Burtis Chiropractic Center is to provide transformational healthcare that takes an individual's life to the next level. We strive to be a solution for families to experience transformational healthcare and help create vibrant and resilient lifestyles that can be passed to future gen-

"Clean Glasses"

Guest Columnist



Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

Ah, March. The month comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. This year March came in like a lamb, so theoretically, the month should go out like a lion – weatherwise, but we'll have to wait and see.

There's a lot to celebrate in March; Saint Urho's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Fat Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday, followed by Lent and spring.

Fat Tuesday came early this year, catching me off guard, and we didn't do anything festive. But it did cause me to yearn for New Orleans and some good Cajun-style food. It took me two weeks, but on March fifteenth, I finally made some Louisiana Red Beans and Rice with Andouille sausage, a spicy little dish with a nice glow. (Beware the Ides of March.) We enjoyed this meal with our last bottle of Yuengling beer, which we bootlegged into Minnesota from Texas.

The month moved along, and we came to the first day of spring. Usually, I consider spring in northern Minnesota to be the second coming of snow. But this vernal equinox brought us a gorgeous sunny day with temperatures in the mid-forties.

Melissa and I put on shorts and went out to the deck to bask in the sun; I even took off my shirt to catch some rays – good ole, natural vitamin D. Our black cat Edgar Allan and dog June Bug came out to join us, contrasting my pastie white torso and legs.

Our patio furniture remained snowed in stored underneath the deck. So, we laid blankets and beach towels out on the wood top and enjoyed the day laying out in the sun just as a southerner may head for the beach on an exceptionally nice first day of spring. Sunbathing in forty-five-degree weather may sound crazy to some of you, but you'd have to understand the warmth and intensity of the Minnesota sun.

Around one-o-clock, a few clouds rolled in, bringing a breeze with them. But, just that quick, forty-five degrees was way too cold to be outside wearing just a pair of shorts. So, with goosebumps covering my arms and legs, we gathered our blankets and retreated indoors.

Melissa walked into the living room with a broom and a vacuum. It appeared she would start cleaning, so I tried to slither back into the kitchen quietly. If I could escape out the back door, I could resume goofing off elsewhere on this first day of spring. But unfortunately, it was too late – she'd already spotted me. "You could take these area rugs out on the deck to let them air out?"

I tried to reason with her, "Honey, it's way too nice out to be working inside. Let's go do something fun."

"Do you know what day this is?" Was she testing me?

"Of course, it's the first day of spring." As soon as I said it, I knew I should have answered, "March twentieth?" But, instead, I'd just set her up like one volleyball player sets up another to spike the ball and score!

She smiled as she seized the opportunity I offered. "That's right, honey, it's the first day of spring, and we're doing some spring cleaning." She handed me the rolled-up rugs, and I headed for the deck.

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LAND VALUES SHARPLY HIGHER INTO 2022

Farm land values in the Upper Midwest have reached or surpassed their highest levels in nearly a decade during the past 12 months, after several years of uncertainty from 2014 to 2020. Depending on what is used for a benchmark, average sales values for high quality farm land in many portions of the Midwest and Northern Plains States are up by 20 to 40 percent in the past year. Lower quality farm land has increased as well, but at a much lower rate. Land values in 2021 increased at the highest year-over-year percentage rate since 2013, which followed the high farm income years from 2011 through 2013.

Many areas of the Upper Midwest, except for North and South Dakota and portions of Western Minnesota, experienced average or above corn and soybean yields in 2021. These solid yields, combined the highest crop prices in several years that existed throughout most of 2021, helped boost final 2021 farm income to much higher levels compared to recent years. The enhanced farm income levels was one of the key factors leading to the sharply higher land values across the Midwest. Land values have also been enhanced by continued relatively low long-term interest rates and very strong buyer interest in 2021 and early 2022. There was also a limited supply of land being offered for sale during the first half

values in vest have urpassed levels in e during volume increased later in the year after land prices began to increase and due to concern over potential changes in tax policy by the Federal government.

Iowa State University does a comprehensive land value survey each December, which is regarded as one of the best resources on trends in Midwest farm land sales. The average value of Iowa farm land in 2021 was of \$9,751 per acre, ranking as the highest average land price ever recorded in the Iowa State survey, which has been conducted annually since 1941. The 2021 land value surpassed the previous high average land value of \$8,716 per acre in 2013. Since the recent low point of \$7,183 per acre in 2016, the Iowa Farmland Value Survey showed an increase of \$2,568 per acre or 35.8 percent in the past five years (2016-2021), including a 29 percent increase in land values in December of 2021, compared to year ear-

The average 2021 land values increased in all nine crop reporting districts in Iowa, as compared to 2020 average land values. All of the Iowa crop districts had at least a 20 percent increase in land values in 2021, with the greatest increase being 34.8 percent in the North Central district. The Northwest District reported the highest 2021 average land value in Iowa at \$12,164 per acre, with the North Central, East and West Central, and Central districts also averaging between \$10,000 and \$11,000 per acre. The complete results of the 2021 Iowa State land value survey are available at: www. extension.iastate.edu/ agdm/wdvalues.html

Trends in agriculture land values in Southern Minnesota are probably fairly close to the trends shown in the Iowa land value survey for northern crop reporting districts in Iowa. Similar to many areas of Iowa, land values were much higher in 2021 in most portions of Southern Minnesota due to the much higher commodity prices and average to above average crop yields in many areas. In recent months, there have been some isolated land sales across Southern Minnesota that have rivaled the highest land values per acre ever recorded. Even with the higher land values, there has continued to be a gap between the average land price for high quality and well drained farm land compared to low quality and poorly drained land.

One of the best sources of farm real estate values in Minnesota is the University of Minnesota's "Land Economics" web site https://landeconomics.umn.edu/. This web site is updated annually in October and accesses a data base of various land values, based on farm land valuations reported to the State Revenue Office by County Assessors Offices throughout the State each year, which are adiusted annually based on actual land sales in a given County. This web site allows for selected sorts by County, State Economic Regions, Watersheds, etc., as well as by types of land.

Data released in late 2021 by the Federal Reserve Districts across the U.S showed similar trends in average land values in the Upper Midwest, compared to a year earlier. The highest 12-month percentage increases at the end of 2021 were Iowa at 28 percent, Minnesota at 26 percent, and South Dakota at 23 percent. Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri all recorded year-over-year land value increases between 10 and 16 percent. North Dakota, which was hard-hit by the 2021 drought, recorded only a 4 percent land value increase in 2021.

Recent data from private sources shows that land values have continued to increase during the first three months of 2022. Some areas are showing an increase of 7-10 percent or more in land values since harvest was completed in the Fall of 2021. There have been numerous land sales at \$10,000 to \$14,000 per acre in Iowa and Southern Minnesota, as well as other portions of the Midwest, with even higher isolated land sale values in portions of Iowa and Illinois. Buyer interest in purchasing land has remained strong by both farm operators and in-

vestors. A recent survey of landowners that was conducted by a private company indicated that over 75 percent of respondents expect farm land prices to increase in 2022, with nearly 40 percent of the respondents expecting an increase of 10 percent or more in the next year. Eighty-seven percent of the respondents in the survey were active farmers. By comparison in similar surveys in 2018 and 2019, only about 10 percent of the respondents expected land values to increase during the following 12 months, while nearly 50 percent of those participating in the survey in those two years expected land values to

decline. Nearly 60 percent of the respondents in the recent survey are interested in buying more farm land in the next year if land becomes available, which compares to approximately 40 percent interested in 2018 and 2019. The value of farm land accounts for over 80 percent of the total farm assets in the U.S. agriculture industry. Most economists point to the relative stability in farm land values in the Midwest as the primary reason that we did not see more farm operations discontinuing due to financial collapse or bankruptcies from 2016-2019.

Currently, most signs point toward continued strength and even potential further modest increases in land values in the next 12 months. However, there are some lingering "caution flags" that could put potentially reverse this optimistic trend and revert to more downward pressure on land values. These potential challenges include:

- Return to lower crop prices and lower profitability in crop and livestock farming.
- The Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as for other global political unrest.
- Several increases in long-term interest rates by the Federal Reserve Bank in the next year.
- Changes in Federal policies, such as estate taxes, capital gains taxes, or 1031-exchange policies.
- Reduced interest to purchase farm land or a large increase

in the amount of land being offered for sale.

• Lack of confidence in the land market by farmers, investors and ag lenders.

The U.S. Federal Reserve recently increased the prime interest rate by .25 percent, up to a revised prime rate of 3.50 percent. This was the first increase in the prime rate in about three years. Many economists are predicting that there could be as many as five to seven more increases in the prime interest rate in the next 12 months. The longer term farm land real estate interest rates, which have already increased by nearly one percent in the past year, are usually more based off of interest rate changes in the bond market for 10-year U.S. Treasury Notes.

The future trend in crop prices, the level of 2022 crop yields, and profitability in livestock production, along with the potential increases in interest rates and possible changes in government policy, will likely determine if there is further strength in land values later this year. Many farm operators and ag lenders in the region have returned to being more regarding optimistic farm land purchases, following the very poor farm profit years from 2016 to 2019. However, some caution is still advised with land purchases at the current higher price levels.

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Sr. Vice President,

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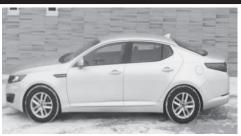
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Big South Conference Announces All-Conference Teams



Cardinal senior Zach Jorgensen and junior Sawyer Tordsen were a sixth-place trophy at the boy's basketball Big meet. Potts and Sanders dinal Rookie of the year.

South East Division. Eight Fairmont/Martin

County West Red Bull wrestlers were named to the Big South All-Conference Team. They include: Jesse Potts, senior, Maddex Faber, 7th grade, Kain Sanders, senior, Max Olson, junior, Rylan Cutler, sophomore, Alec Thompson, senior, Carver Rohman, junior, Aden Welcome, junior.

The Red Bulls earned

Class AA all-tournament the Cardinal Most Imteam

Named to the Boys Hockey Big South All- ketball All-Conference Conference team: Eli Big South East Division Anderson senior., Hon- were - Rayah Quiring orable Mention: Brock senior, Cadee Becker Lutterman, Junior. Eli senior, Maggy Totzke Anderson, who cleared senior. The trio helped the career 100-point the Fairmont Cardinals hockey mark was named the Cardinals defensive player of the year. Brock Lutterman earned and Ellie Hernes of the the Cardinals offensive Martin County Area player of the year. Mat- Magic, were named named All-Conference in the Class AA state team thew Cone was the Car- to the Big South All-

were both named to the Thomas Claeys claimed proved award.

> Named to the Girls Basbring home the Section 3AA Runner-up trophy.

Seniors Ellie Schultze Conference Gymnastics

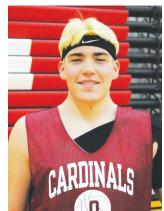
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Cardinal senior Mackenzie Householder was named to the Big South All-Conference Hockey

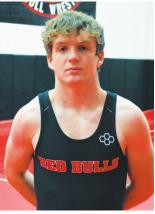


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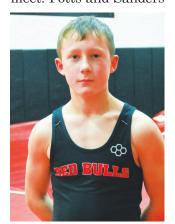
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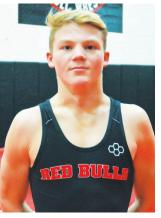
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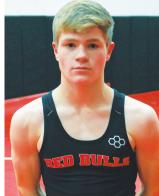
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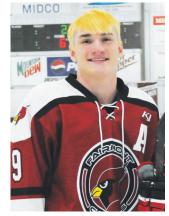
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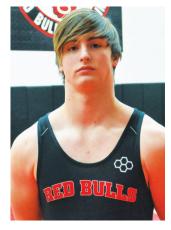
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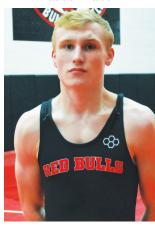
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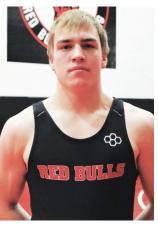
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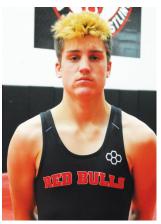
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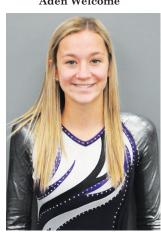


Cadee Becker



Maggy Totzke

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Ellie Schultz



Ellie Hernes



Mackenzie Householder

Fairmont Pentathlon

Fairmont Track & leap of 19'2". Field had their pentathlon last Tuesday. Over- points standings: all point total winners 1) Ellie Hernes 3,650; events.

Laura Thompson set a 6) FHS pentathlon record 2,600; 7) Claire Nemin the 800-meter run mers 2,500; 8) Corene with a time of 2:28. Trey Moeller 2,400; 9) Mer-Tumbleson established edith Nemmers 2,350; the Cardinal boys pentathlon's new record in 2,250. the long jump with a

Girls overall total

were David Maakestad 2) Mackenzie House-(3,900) for the boy's holder 3,500; 3) Laura Long jump: 1) Ellie Artz 3,450; 4) Blaze 2,700. events and Ellie Hernes Thompson 3,100; 4) (3,650) for the girl's Hadley Artz 3,000; 5) Jazlyn Geerdes 2,950; Rachel O'Connor 10) Kennedy Becker

Girl events -



David Maakestad

800 meters: 1) Laura 1) Mackenzie House-Thompson 2:28 (FHS holder 30-0.

dles: 1) Ellie Hernes points standings: Hernes 15-2. Shot put: Geiger 3,350; 5) Evan

Ellie Hernes

Meade 3,300; 6) Andrew Johnson 3,000; 7) Boys overall total Elijah Johnson 2,800; 6.2. 40-meter run: 1 tie) 1) David Maakestad tie) Carson Pomerenke Evan Meade 4.9. Long Ellie Hernes 5.6, Mack- 3,900; 2) Trey Tumble- 2,700; Taylor Austin jump: 1) Trey Tumble- enzie Householder 5.6. son 3,800; 3) Hudson 2,700; Caleb Chambers son 19-2 (FHS record).

Boy's events -



Trey Tumbleson

800 meters: 1) Andrew Johnson 2:24. 40-meter hurdles: 1) Evan Meade 8) Hank Artz 2,750; 9 5.5, 40-meter run: 1) Shot put: 1) Hank Artz 41-5.



Laura Thompson



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Candace Huchko, John Huchko, Crystal Mariani, Thomas Mariani to Thomas R. Tomlinson, E½NE¾, E½W½NE¾, 19-104-29
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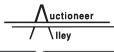
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DSP/Job Coach Fairmont Downtown Plaza

Full time direct service position at STEP Downtown Plaza services. Will include supervising and training people in community jobs and in STEP facility, helping people with daily cares; transportation, and work. Primarily weekday hours.
Will be required to pass
Department of Human Services Applicant Background check. Must have safe driving record and valid _driver's license. Previous experience working with people with disabilities preferred.

Contact STEP, Inc. at 507 238-4341, 5 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont MN for application. An Equal Opportunity Employer."

First Congregational United Church of Christ's monthly free drive-through community meal will be Wednesday, March 30th, at 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. The menu includes smoked pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, as-

sorted bars and water. Serving is from 5:30 p.m. until food is gone. The confirmand class and their parents are serving the meals. The free community meals are made possible, in part, by generous donations given in memory of Greg Ashland.

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Saturday, March 26th, 2022 9:00 A.M. Viewing Fri. March 25th 10-3

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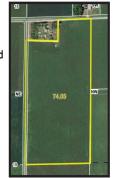
74.05 Acres +/- in St. James Twp., Watonwan Co., MN

Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 10:00 AM Auction to be held at the American Legion at 620 First Avenue South, St. James, MN.

PROPERTY LOCATION: From the West edge of St. James, MN: Go 1 mile West on County Hwy 113, then continue West on 350th St for 3 miles.

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 74.05 Deeded Acres located in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 Less 5.95 acre building site in Section 20, Township 106 North, Range 32 West, Watonwan County, Minnesota. For full flyer, informational booklet and bidding details, visit

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AG-LAND PUBLIC AUCTION 117.33 Acres M\L

Section 3 & 10 Verona Township **Faribault County, MN**

Garth Carlson - Owner FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

10:00am

Location: Live Auction will be held at Winnebago Area Museum Main Street, Winnebago, MN

Farm Location: 1 mile south of Winnebago, MN on 169, then 1/4 mile west on County Rd #10 (South side of black-top) **Farm Property Address:**

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FARMLAND AUCTION

191.93 Acres +/- in Galena Twp., Martin Co., MN Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Auction to be held at the Triumph Hall at 546 Main St, Trimont, MN PROPERTY LOCATIONS: Parcel #1-From the East edge of Trimont, MN: Go 1/2 mile East on 190th St., then North 2 miles on 90th Ave, then East 1/2 mile on 210th St.; Parcel #2-From the East edge of Trimont, MN: Go 1/2 mile East on 190th St., then

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: 160 Deeded Acres located in the SE 1/4 and 31.93 Deeded Acres located

North 2 1/2 miles on 90th Ave.



in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 all in Section 21, Township 104, Range 32, Martin County, MN For full flyer, informational booklet and bidding details, visit WWW.LANDSERVICESUNLIMITED.COM ● OWNER: HOWARD STADE ESTATE

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Kathy or Lisa at DeWar Electric: 507-235-6677 or Van:

970-218-6262



Naturally By Al Batt

I heard the soothing call of a mourning dove.

Teddy Roosevelt heard that call, too. During his presidency (1901 to 1908), he helped establish 51 preserves for birds, five national parks, 18 national monuments and 150 national forests. He took time to list the 91 bird species he saw or heard on the White House grounds. In 1908, he compiled a list of 93 species of birds he saw in Washington, D.C., during his presidency.

My family was in Kansas to watch one member play in an NCAA basketball tournament. The natural landscape of the state didn't impress most of those travelers. I, on the other hand, revel in the beauty of Kansas. My favorite spot is Cheyenne Bottoms, a natural geologic depression north of the Arkansas River in the center of the state not far from Great Bend. Approximately 45% of the North shorebird American population stops at the grow as much as 1 inch

Bottoms during spring migration. At least 320 species of birds have been recorded there. Ouivira National Wildlife Refuge is another favorite haunt of mine.

Happiness comes in flocks. I heard the redwinged blackbirds calling, "Look at me." The jubilant voices, a paean to spring, might even include, "I know you are, but what am I?" The red-winged blackbird is a polygynous species, meaning males have many female mates, with up to 15 females nesting in one territory. A successful male has a good territory, so he hurries home to claim it. Males migrate before the females in spring and after the females in

I saw an ermine last winter. Weasels are brown in the summer and turn white in the winter. The short-tailed weasel is also called an "ermine" and is known for its fur, which sometimes became the trim on coats. I'd rather see one than wear it.

Q&A

What bird is the loudest?" White bellbirds live in the high mountains of northern Brazil and southern Venezuela. Their shattering calls reach up to 125 decibels. That approximates the volume experienced by those sitting in the front row of a rock concert.

'How fast do antlers grow?" A white-tailed deer's antlers grow as much as a quarter-inch per day. Elk antlers

FAIRMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

a day and a moose can add 1 pound of new antler growth every day.

'Do ultrasonic/electronic mice repellers work?" Between 1838, when the United States Patent Office opened its doors, and 1996. over 4,400 mousetrap patents were awarded. Researchers advise against buying ultrasonic devices. Consumer Reports said there is no proof they work, but this doesn't stop companies from making claims. The FTC has investigated several sonic repellent makers for false advertising.

"Do cedar waxwings migrate?" Considered a short-distance migrant, their winter movements are irregular, responding to the availability of food. They are erratic in abundance and distribution, but I see some each winter.

"How do turtles survive winter?" Freshwater turtles retreat underwater where temperatures are stable and above freezing. Most are inactive, buried in mud at the bottom of lakes and rivers, but some remain active in slow motion. The cold minimizes the turtle's oxygen needs. While underwater, the turtle exchanges oxygen and carbon dioxide with the water through the turtle's skin or across the membrane lining its throat. It stores a sugar called glycogen in all its organs. Glycogen can serve as an energy source without using oxygen.

"How can I tell which

redpolls are males?" A common redpoll has a red forehead patch, black feathering around a yellow bill, and two white wingbars. Males have a pale red vest. A redpoll has an expandable pouch in its throat that enables the storage of seeds to eat elsewhere. The redpoll can tunnel into the snow overnight for warmth.

"Should I prune branches bearing tent caterpillars and burn them?" Eastern tent caterpillars are found on fruit trees like apple, chokecherry, crabap-

ple, plum and cherry in May and June. They make a noticeable web or tent in the fork of the branches. Fall webworms create a large webbing at the ends of the branches of walnut, birch, black cherry, elm and maple trees in late July through September. There is no need to prune. You could soak the tents with soapy water or pull out the webbing along with the caterpillars. Bury or bag to dispose of them.

"I saw a big bee at the end of winter. What kind was it?" It was likely a bumble bee (Minnesota has 24 species), which is a bee that overwinters as a fertilized queen.

Thanks for stopping

"We are not an endangered species ourselves yet, but this is not for lack of trying."— Douglas Adams.

"It is wrong always, everywhere, and for anyone, to believe anything upon insufficient evidence."—William Kingdon Clifford.

Do good.

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A female red-winged blackbird. Sexual dimorphism refers to observable differences between males and females of the same species, meaning a female of a species is easily distinguished from a male. Photo by Al Batt

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS | March 28 - 31

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Menus Subject to Change. We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur.

Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.

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