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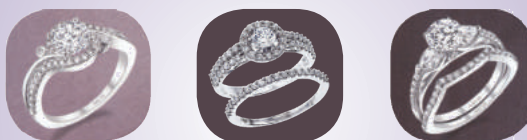
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DETERT 90TH - Katherine Detert of Ceylon will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 22nd from 2-4 p.m. at her home, 411 West Grant Street in Ceylon. She was born April 30th, 1927. Cards can reach her at P.O. Box 275, Ceylon, MN 56121.

Fairmont First Congregational UCC is serving their **monthly free meal**, Wednesday, April 26th at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Featuring assorted soups, sandwiches and homemade desserts. All are welcome.

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will meet on Thursday April 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Acres in Fairmont. The public is welcome.

The National Honor Society is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Monday, May 1st from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To make your appointment, please call the school office at 507-436-5249.

Early childhood dental training in Fairmont

Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network Training will take place Monday, April 24th, 2017 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Fairmont Area Elementary School, Budd Room 1017. Please enter Door 1. (Training includes Light Meal 5:15 pm. All are welcome to join Martin County ECDN meeting 5:30 p.m.) Please RSVP to 507-235-3141.

Presenters will be Mary Vanderwert, Minnesota Oral Health Zone Program and Dr. Chris Olsen, DDS, Truman.

Did you know that pediatric dental disease is the #1 chronic infectious disease for America's children and it is a leading reason for missing school and for visits to emergency rooms?

And what's more, it is 100% preventable.

The Oral Health Zone in Minnesota has as its goal to end this painful and dangerous epidemic.

It is through work with partners of all ages to raise

awareness, provide education and increase access that we will be successful.

Learn about the issues, our solutions and how you can help to save the smiles and health of children in Martin County. This training will provide you with



strategies, information and knowledge to help each child achieve good dental health.

This training is open to anyone who works with young children and their families including child care providers, public health, Early Childhood professionals, Home Visitors, social services and Head Start.

Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network is funded through a grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

The **Fairmont High School class of 1962**, spouses and friends will meet for lunch on Friday, April 21st at 11:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch.

A **free hot meal** will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, the fourth Sunday of the month. Join us Sunday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome.

Red Rock Center hosts area Student Art Show

Forty-seven area high school students gathered at the Red Rock Tuesday, April 11th to celebrate the art work that is being created in our area schools after their two week long exhibition. Each student created their very own

wood block print during a workshop led by Hanna Newman from MSU-Mankato and Lacey Scneekloth, arts graduate (MSU-Mankato).

An awards ceremony was held following lunch giving the students a



PEOPLE'S CHOICE - Kianna Breiner, North Union. "Warrior Stiff Arm"

Benefit to be held for Steve Shane Saturday



A benefit fundraiser will be held for Steve Shane on Saturday, April 22nd. The benefit will be at the Fairmont Trap Club, 915 280th Avenue, Granada. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Steve is fighting ALS.

Included during the benefit will be shooting games including "Annie Oakley", "Protection", "50 for 50" and more.

Food will be available for purchase including pork chop on a stick, hamburgers and hot dogs. A silent auction will be held also. Camping is available

on the grounds. Call Scott at 507-238-1734.

The benefit is being held to raise funds for Steve's battle and for awareness of ALS. Admission is free.

Donations may be dropped off at Bank Midwest in care of the Fairmont Trap Club for the Steve Shane benefit. Visit the web site: <http://webmn.alsa.org/goto/fairmonttrapclub>. All proceeds will be split between the Shane family for medical expenses and the ALS Association.

chance to intermingle and appreciate a wide variety of artistic talent. This show was made possible with the support of Martin County Youth Foundation and Kahler Automation. Thank you for support. It makes a world of difference in our community.

STUDENT ART SHOW WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW - David Trevino, Fairmont. "Untitled."

CERAMICS

1st - Hannah Nielsen, Blue Earth. "Ruby Sapphire & Emerald Dragons"

2nd - Nate Joyce, North Union. "Reclining Woman"

3rd - Alexis Jette, Fairmont. "Little Village"

DIGITAL/MIXED MEDIA

1st - Jaden Culbertson,

North Union. "Sea of Chaos"

2nd - Bethany Linse, Fairmont. "Still Life"

3rd - Claudia Kinander, North Union. "Grampa"

4th - Kimberly Tellez, Blue Earth. "Puzzle of Intellect"

PAINTING

1st - Lily Nordquist, Fairmont. "King"

2nd - Cecilia Trembley, Fairmont. "The Unofficial, Official James Franco"

3rd - Samuel Ozuna, Blue Earth. "The Rooster"

4th - Chris Brandt, North Union. "Parental Advisory"

PENCIL/INK/CHARCOAL/PASTEL

1st - Kianna Breiner, North Union. "Warrior Stiff Arm"

2nd - Shaylee Hanning, North Union. "Stars,"



BEST OF SHOW - David Trevino, Fairmont. "Untitled"

The **Underground Gallery** at the Red Rock Center for the Arts is hosting an all school art exhibit by students at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fairmont, now through the end of April. The gallery is open to the public free of charge Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., evenings and weekends by appointment.

Fri, April 28 & Sat. April 29: ALL DAY: TAG - MOVING SALE

Furniture: Sofa, chairs, end tables, coffee tables, sectional sofa, roll top desk, tall bar table and bar stools

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An American Adventure – Flying Home

Guest Columnist

Claire Pritchard, Blogger and Writer

Well, that vacation went far too quickly! We had a great time visiting all our family and friends back in the UK, and even though I miss them all terribly, it is nice to be back! Being in the UK has made me realize just how well we have started to settle into life over here.

So, what did we get up to on the other side of the pond? I loved being back within a stone's throw of so much history, heritage and things to do. We enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day visiting the world-famous Ironbridge, which is just 10 miles from my home town and where I had my fix of delicious fish and chips! We also visited a local airplane museum, a farm and soft play areas. Elijah's highlight was a day on the steam railway, and Matt even squeezed in watching England play a soccer match at Wembley stadium. My highlight was a toddler free shopping day! Although I LOVE Mall of America, I stand firm with my love of British fashion! I made sure to fill my suitcase with all the latest spring essentials

(which would explain why our cases were so heavy, oops!).

Whenever we get asked about the weather in the UK our usual reply is "damp and 50 degrees" however, we were lucky over our visit to have days of glorious spring sunshine! What I enjoyed the most was being able to step out of my door and not worry about what the weather. I'm sure once we've had a full round of seasons I will be used to the dramatic weather changes here, but for now the weather channel has made a new best friend!

What I have realized is just how quickly we have become accustomed to the quiet, traffic-free

streets out here. Throughout our vacation, I found myself marvelling at how busy our home-town is, from fighting for a parking space at the local supermarket, to stand still traffic on the motorway. I much prefer driving around here, even if I'm never quite sure which side of the road I'm meant to be on!

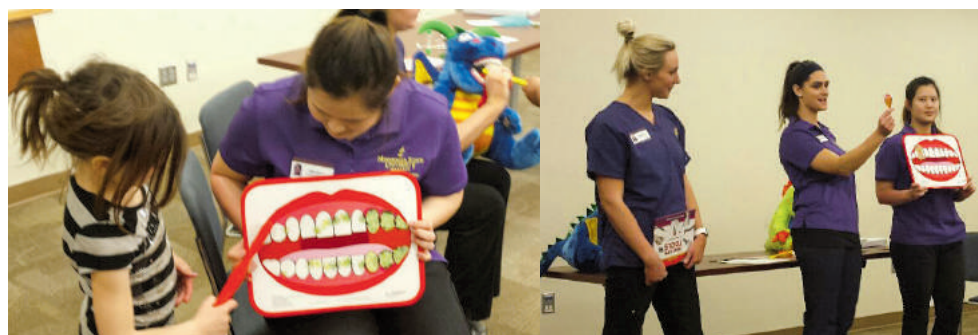
I loved my 3-storey townhouse in Oxfordshire, and thought that it was perfect for our little family, however, since being here we have been spoiled on space! Our UK house now feels tiny! I love that this US house is detached (cue the loud nursery rhyme toddler dance raves at 7pm on a Friday night) and that the yard is so big, there's just so much space over here! UK housing now seems cramped in comparison, I mean where did we fit in alongside the mountain of Elijah's toys?!

Of course, everything back home is familiar, which is always lovely, however, we are over here for an adventure, so I am so glad to be back (with a cupboard stocked with the best chocolate!) ready to leap in to spring and whatever it holds for us!

'Til next time!



St. John Lutheran Church in Sherburn confirmed nine young people during the second church service on Palm Sunday, April 9th, 2017. Pictured are: Front row (L to R): Katelyn Hummel, Mckenzie Koehnen, Mersades Ringnell, Katerina Lange. Middle row: Cayden Gregory, Nicolas Rathman, Olivia Anderson. Back row: DYE Daryl Hoewisch, Arianna Brantner, Easton Gregory, Rev. Steve Wilson. (Submitted photo)



Nursing students from Presentation College talked with kindergarteners at Fairmont Elementary School recently about the importance of good oral hygiene to keep teeth strong and healthy. (Submitted photos)

The Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group will meet Saturday, April 22nd at Mayo Clinic Health Systems Fairmont Hospital at "The Classroom" from 10 a.m. to Noon. All patients, caregivers, family and friends are invited. A continental breakfast will be provided. Update on recent shortfall of funding for copays will be discussed. For more information call Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

There will be a double Bridal Shower for Aleythia Johnson & Lydia Frank on Saturday, April 29th at 2 p.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church. They are registered at Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Shopko, and Pampered Chef online.

Martin Luther High School 3D printing seminar

A 3D Printing Seminar will be held Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, May 7th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Martin Luther High School, Northrop.

Students will learn the basics of using TinkerCad, a 3D CAD software specifically designed for use with 3D printers and the basics of using "slicing software", which is a program used to translate 3D drawings into the language that the printer understands. This seminar will also teach the basics of the operation of a

3D printer and the types of materials available for use in printing objects.

Every student in the class will have the opportunity to design, print, and take home, a simple 3D object. Open to the community ages 13 and up. Cost is \$50.

For more info go to www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events. The class is taught Nate Watt, Adjunct Professor Concordia University, St Paul and MLHS Science/Technology Department.

There will be an open house bridal shower for Alisha Bosshart, daughter of John and Deb Bosshart of Truman, bride-to-be of Adam Prange, son of Larry and Joan Prange of Janesville. The shower will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. The bride is registered at Kohl's, Truman Flowers and Walmart.

Wheaton College student Julie Fleming of Fairmont, performed in the spring 2017 Women's Chorale Concert. Fleming sang alto 1. The Wheaton

College Conservatory of Music provides students with comprehensive instruction that cultivates creativity, proficiency, and achievement in a Christ-

centered environment. For more information, visit wheaton.edu/conservatory. Wheaton College is located in Wheaton, Illinois.



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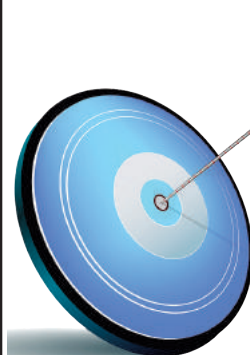
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Mon, April 24 •
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Fri, April 28 •
5-7pm: \$5 Burger Basket. FF,
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Fries or Tater Tots

Sat, April 29 •
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April 25- St. John's UCC
May 2-First Congregational UCC
May 9-Immanuel Lutheran Church
May 16- St. John's UCC
May 23-Grace Lutheran Church
May 30- Interlaken Heritage Days
serving at Grace Lutheran

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TRUMAN AREA

Menus subject to change due
to inclement weather, short-
ages or delays in shipping.

APR 20 - 26

THUR: Lasagna, garlic
breadsticks, coleslaw, carrots/
broccoli, applesauce.

FRI: Pulled pork/bun, sweet
potato french fries, spinach
salad, fresh fruit.

MON: Chicken nuggets, sea-
soned rice, green beans, fresh
veggies, fruit.

TUE: Hamburger and fix-
ings, oven french fries, steamed
broccoli, hot apple slices.

WED: Max sticks, spaghetti
sauce, spinach salad, fresh veg-
gies, fruit.

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to inclement weather, short-
ages or delays in shipping.

APR 20-26

THUR: Cheese Quesadilla,
cilantro lime rice, refried beans,
red bell peppers, fruit cocktail.

FRI: Cheeseburger, tator tots,
baby carrots, pineapple tidbits.

MON: Cheese pizza, sea-
soned broccoli, baby carrots,
pears.

TUE: WG Chicken nuggets,
mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner
roll, pea salad, fresh banana.

WED: Beef hot dog, vegetar-
ian baked beans, caesar salad,
applesauce.

St. James Lutheran School Shrimp Feed

Friday, April 21
5:00-8:00 p.m. | Northrop Legion

Menu:
Shrimp
Baked Potato
Coleslaw
Bread

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Adults
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Saturday, May 6 - **The Hillbenders** present The Who's Tommy:
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Childrens Theatre Workshop registration is online! Register by 4/28.

FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather,
shortages or delays in shipping.

Breakfast menu can be found online.
APR 20 - 26

THUR: K-6: Chicken ta-
cos, cilantro lime rice, refried
beans, baby carrots, orange
wedges, applesauce.

JR/HS: Chicken&cheese qustadilla, ci-
lanthro lime rice, refried beans,
corn&pineapple salsa, romaine
lettuce, orange, fruit cocktail.

FRI: K-6: Cheese stuffed
breadsticks, marinara sauce,
nachos, seasoned carrots, cae-
sar salad, apple, pears.

JR/HS: Italian meatball sub, steak fries,
broccoli salad, lettuce, baby
carrots, apple, pineapple tidbits.

MON: K-6: WG Chicken
nuggets, dinner roll, gravy, sun-
butter/banana roll-up, mashed
potatoes, celery, grapes, peach-

es. **JR/HS:** Chicken fajitas and
fixings, citrus chick pea salad, let-
tuce, baby carrots, apple, pears.

TUE: K-6: Spaghetti, WG
breadstick, chicken caesar wrap,
seasoned broccoli, baby carrots,
orange wedges, fruit cocktail.

JR/HS: WG Chicken nuggets,
mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner
roll, pea salad, lettuce, broccoli
florets, banana, fruit cocktail.

WED: K-6: Teriyaki glazed
chicken, steamed brown rice
ham & cheese sandwich, peas,
red pepper, apple, orange and
pineapple.

JR/HS: Alfredo
chicken pasta, breadstick, sea-
soned broccoli, caesar salad, let-
tuce, celery, grapes, applesauce.

Free Admission



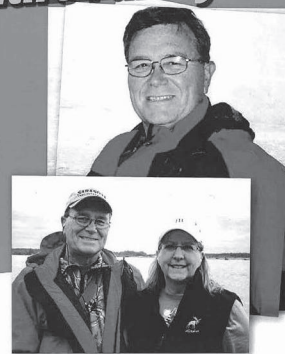
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Saturday, April 22

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved poet William Word-
sworth, best know for helping to
launch the Romantic age in English
literature, who made the following
sage observation: "The best portion
of a good man's life is his little, name-
less, unremembered acts of kindness
and of love."

• The world's largest bird, the ostrich,
may not be able to fly, but that doesn't
mean its wings are useless. As the fast-
est bird on land, the ostrich uses its
wings for balance while slowing down
and making turns as it runs at speeds of
up to 45 mph.

• In 1994, a man named Robert
Puelo started cursing and shouting
at employees in a convenience store.
When the employees (understandably)
threatened to call the police, the man
stole a hot dog and ran out. The police
were called, and upon arrival, they dis-
covered Puelo outside the store, uncon-
scious and turning purple. Paramed-
ics were called, but by the time they
arrived, it was too late; the man had
choked to death on his stolen sausage.

• Some gourmets claim that the most
delicious meat they've ever eaten is
roast monkey.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are
Monday through Saturday
for convalescents and per-
sons who cannot purchase
and prepare adequate meals.

Meals are prepared by
Lakeview Methodist
Healthcare and volunteers
deliver in Fairmont between
11 a.m. and noon each day.
This is a community project
and is non-profit and not
government funded. For
more info on Hot Meals
on Wheels, contact Linda
Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Oriental Chicken Casserole

What a beautiful Easter! After returning home from Easter dinner I went out and surveyed my flower garden. I dug up some dandelions and quack grass. My tulips, daffodils and Texas blue bells are blooming. It does my heart good. Our youngest son John is coming for the week, his family joining him on Friday, so that will be a treat for us. It will be fun to cook for them. I'm not too motivated in the cooking department for just the two of us. Today I am sharing one of my favorite chicken casserole recipes I'm not sure where it came from, but it's one we enjoy.

Oriental Chicken Casserole:

2 Tablespoons butter, melted
2 cups celery, sliced
1 small onion, chopped
1 cup fresh or frozen pea pods
1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained
8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
4 cups cooked chicken, cubed
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/3 cup chicken broth
2 Tablespoons soy sauce
1-5 1/2 can chow mein noodles
1 cup salted cashews

Saute' onion, celery and mushrooms until tender in butter. Add chicken broth, soup and soy sauce. Simmer 10 minutes. Add chicken, water chestnuts and pea pods. Place in buttered 9x13- inch baking dish. Top with chow mein noodles and cashews. Bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Have a great week!

SJV Hope Shop hours changing

St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont has announced that their Hope Shop hours will be changing on May 1st, 2017.

The new Hope Shop hours will be Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hope Shop visitors must have a valid ID as proof of identification and home address in Martin County to receive items.

If you are new to Hope Shop, here are their policies for those who visit:

1. A person is able to obtain food items once a month as long as supplies last.

2. There are no exceptions.

3. As for clothing and miscellaneous items, a person allowed items once a month and they can only be for immediate family.

4. As for clothing and miscellaneous items, a person may take one large garbage bag. This is for immediate family only.

5. We will not allow anyone to take items for other people. All persons receiving items must come to the premises and sign for what they have taken.

6. You are not allowed to bring in items of your own to be filled with clothing or miscellaneous. Bags will be provided by the Hope Shop.

Businesses clean out for Kinship Sale

All businesses (industrial, service, retail, restaurants, farmers) have the opportunity to clean out their unneeded equipment, tools, supplies, parts, etc. and deliver them to the Kinship Industrial Commercial Rummage Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27th-29th (9 a.m. - Noon) and Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd (9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at the Martin County Fairgrounds, or anytime by appointment.

All goods will benefit Kinship youth mentoring and qualify for a tax deduction. No household items accepted.

The sale is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4th-6th in the Bank Midwest Building at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Fairmont.

Contact: Char Kahler 236-4606, chark@kaco.net; Anna Garbers 236-4514, fairmontkinship@gmail.com; Katy Gonzalez 848-0955.

K.C.'s to host DFS fundraiser

The Fairmont Knights of Columbus will host a fund-raising breakfast for the Fairmont chapter of Dollars for Scholars on Sunday, April 23rd. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 920 East 10th Street in Fairmont.

Pancakes, sausages, milk, juice and coffee will be served from 9 a.m. until noon for a free-will donation. Nearly all of the proceeds will go to Dollars for Scholars. "We appreciate

the Knights including us in the non-profit organizations they serve through these fund-raising breakfasts," said Loren Dunham, president of the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars. "To receive 90 percent of the proceeds, that's a fund-raising event that can't be beat! We invite our supporters to come and encourage the good work that the knights do and help us raise additional funds for scholarships."

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Join the Martin County Library in Fairmont on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:30 a.m. to noon for a community "How-to" Festival!

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Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

9th Annual Youth Activities Expo

The 9th Annual Youth Activities Expo will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 5 to 7 p.m., at Fairmont Elementary School Five Lakes Gym, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. This free event for families with school-age youth offers opportunities to register for summer activities and learn about the numerous educational, social services, arts, outdoor and recreational organizations which provide youth positive growth in our community.

Join us for "At The Carnival-Step Right Up to Learn About A New Activity" and register for Soccer, T-ball, Girls Softball, Flag Football, Summer Camps, Kiwanis Baseball, Gymnastics, Minecraft Camp, Camp Invention, Arts & Crafts, Summer Playground, Makerspace Mondays, Tennis-Track-Basketball-Junior Sports Camps, Summer Reading, Fairmont Summer Run, Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts and much more.

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April 10 - Marilyn M. Duderstadt, 82, Truman.

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April 11 - Jonathan L. Hovick, 51, Plymouth, MN

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April 14 - Curtis T. Anderson, 93, Ceylon.

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April 14 - Sally M. Keough, 74, Fairmont

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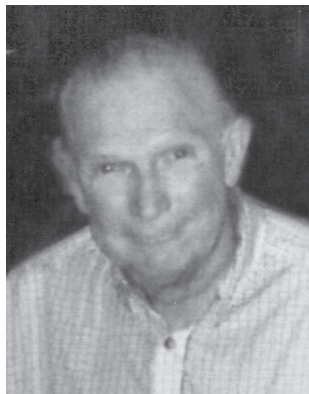
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OBITUARY notices

Leo C. McDonald, 80



Funeral service for Leo C. McDonald, 80, of Fair-

mont, were held Monday, April 17th, at United Methodist Church in Fairmont with military honors following the service by the Schwieger-Kahler American Legion Post 522, Martin County V.F.W. Post 1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36. Burial will be at a later date. Leo passed away Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements for the family.

Leo Charles McDonald was born November 7th, 1936 in Heron Lake, MN,

the son of Francis and Ruth (Lind) McDonald. He attended school in Sherburn before his family moved to the Granada area. He graduated from Granada High School in 1955. After high school he worked as a painter until being drafted in the U.S. Army December 2nd, 1959. He served in Europe for a couple of years before being honorably discharged in March of 1962. After he served his time in the Army, Leo returned to Martin County where he worked as a painter. He took a break from painting for a few years and worked on the construction of Interstate 90 and

helped build some of the local bridges. Leo was united in marriage to Lea Ann Lidke Hayes March 23rd, 1976. Leo returned to painting and over the years worked for Adam Mayberry, Dan Harris and Ron Whitmore. He retired in 1998 due to his declining health.

Leo was a member of Schwieger-Kahler American Legion Post 522 in Northrop where he was a past commander. He was also a member of the Eagle's Club and the Martin County Conservation Club. In his spare time, Leo enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with his family, especially

his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Lea Ann McDonald of Fairmont; daughter, Michelle Carter and her husband, Jason, of Jackson; three grandchildren, Joshua Scholl, Samantha Werner (Scott Roy), Stormi Werner (Dustin Halverson); five great grandchildren, Xayden, Zander, Emma, Mason and Taylor; three sisters, Amanda Berhow (Ron Snyder) of Fairmont, Kathy Fladeland of Wyoming, Janet Malo (Bruce) of Hancock, MN; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Evelyn McDonald of Welcome, Rose Marie McDonald of Colorado,

Arlene and Ellis Saxton of Fairmont, Rev. Norman and Elaine Lidke of Apple Valley, MN; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Leo was preceded in death by four brothers, Richard (Pat), Larry (Monica), Gerald and Eugene McDonald; and two sisters, Helen Spears-Josephson and Patricia (Floyd) Wilk-Thieman; and other relatives.

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Curtis T. Anderson, 93



Services for Curtis T. Anderson, 93, of Ceylon, were held Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon. Burial was in Palestine Lutheran Cem-

etery, rural Dolliver, IA. Curtis passed away Friday morning, April 14th, 2017, at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Curtis Theodore Anderson was born November 9th, 1923, on a farm in Lake Belt Township near Dunnell, the son of Albert and Clara (Carlson) Anderson. He received his education attending country school District #17 in Tenhassen Township and was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Palestine Lutheran Church in Dolliver, IA.

On June 13th, 1959, Curt was united in mar-

riage to Wilma Anna Matilda Graplar at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop. Together the couple would make their home on a farm in Lake Belt Township where they farmed until their retirement in 1982. To this union, one daughter, Nancy was born. Following their retirement, Curt and Wilma moved to Ceylon where Curt's love of the land and growing things helped him in keeping up his garden.

In his spare time, Curt enjoyed cheering on the MN Twins and Timberwolves and enjoyed making homemade ice cream and lefsa at Christmas time. When not busy tending to his garden, Curt

looked forward to warm days spent out on the lake fishing and also playing dart ball. He treasured spending time with his family and friends and especially enjoyed visits from his grandson and great-grandchildren. Following his move to assisted living, Curt loved playing cards and 500 with his assisted living friends. Curt was a member of the Lake Belt Township Board and the Lake Belt Township Cemetery. He was an active member at St. Peter Lutheran Church where he taught and also served as Sunday school superintendent as well as various church boards. Curt was also a member of the National Farmers' As-

sociation, Martin County Conservation Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, as well as serving as past president of the Senior Citizen's Group in Ceylon.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Nancy Gellert and her husband, Greg of Fairmont; grandson, Ryan Gellert and his wife, Krista of Sioux Falls, SD; great grandson's, Lincoln and Asher Gellert; sister, Luella Fischer and her husband, Ted of Fairmont; brother, Lyle Anderson and his wife, Marion of Ceylon; brother-in-law, Harold Qually of Jackson; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents, Al-

bert and Clara Anderson; wife, Wilma Anderson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herman and Ida Graplar; sister, Myrtle Qually; brother, Leonard Anderson; sisters-in-law, Darlene Anderson and Zelda Detert; and brothers-in-law, Dick Detert, Harold Graplar, LeRoy Soucek and Jack Johanson.

The family requests memorials be given in Curt's name to Goldfinch Estates, St. Peter Lutheran Church of Ceylon and St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund of Fairmont.

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Nina M. Deinhart, 93



Memorial Service for

Nina M. Deinhart, 93, of Fairmont will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00a.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Nina passed away Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with

arrangements.

Nina Margretha Andersen was born December 20th, 1923 in Springville, Iowa. She was the fourth child of seven born to Elsie Brooker Andersen and Lars C. Andersen.

Nina met Ernest Deinhart at Fairmont High School. They were married February 7th, 1942 in Yuma, Arizona. After Ernest came home from WWII, they farmed in Pleasant Prairie Township.

In 1965, Ernest and

Nina moved off the Deinhart family farm to Fairmont. Nina worked for the Fairmont Sentinel as a layout artist. In 1974, she graduated from Mankato State College, cum laude. She worked as the Children's Librarian at the Martin County Library.

Nina was active in the East Chain Methodist Church and the Fairmont Methodist Church, as well as Pleasant Prairie community events and East Chain School and 4-H ac-

tivities.

Nina is survived by two daughters: Diane Deinhart Baedke and her husband, Paul of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Patricia Deinhart Bauknight and her husband, Paul of Minneapolis; four grandchildren: Susan (Julio) Baedke Bermudez, Andrew (Kari) Baedke, Jonathon Baedke, and Lisa Schmidtke; five great-grandchildren: Malena Schmidtke, Rachael Bermudez, Matthew Bermudez, Aidan Baedke

and Cade Baedke; other extended relatives and friends.

Nina was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest; parents; five brothers: Tom, Charles, Laurance, Arthur and Ernest; and sister, Marie Andersen Trainor.

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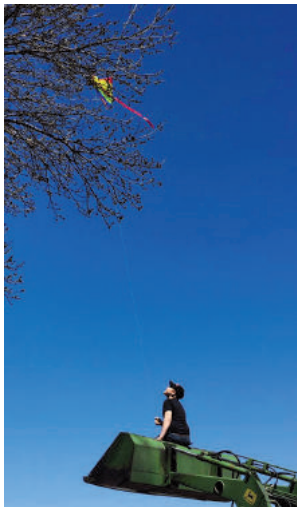
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Jeff's Jottings

I guess my farm now has a "Charlie Brown Tree". Karis and I hosted my family at the farm for Easter and since it was a perfect day outside, after we finished eating our noon meal, the whole group of Hagen family went outside to enjoy it. The kids had fun finding Easter eggs that had been hidden and Mom had purchased some kites for the kids to fly. The wind was just right for kite flying and a few of the kites were high in the air after a few tries. It was fun to see the adults even getting into the kite flying. But as fate would have it, one of the kite strings got caught in a tall ash tree on



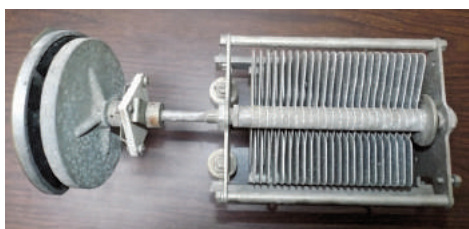
the edge of the farm and after attempts to pull it out failed, it was decided to try and remove it using other methods. Attempts at shooting it out with a rifle and shotgun were unsuccessful, so Dad got the tractor and loader, but the height of the kite in the tree was too far for the loader to reach. Needless to say, the tree has one of the kites held captive and the count is on as to how long my "Charlie Brown Tree" will hold on to it! For the younger generation of readers, if you don't know what I am talking about, Google "Charlie Brown Kite flying".

"What is it?" answered!

Last week I had a new "What is it?" that Neal Becker from Northrop brought in. It was a set of chains that had no markings on them. Neal had found them in his barn and wasn't sure what it was, so I asked our readers, and we had some answers by last weekend. Jim Sherman had emailed



saying he thought it was a cattle oiler/scratcher. The cows would rub up against the chains and the "sock" wrapped around it was filled with oil so it would fill two purposes, relieve the itch and oil the cow hide to help keep flies off. A gentleman from Dunnell added that assess-



ment over the weekend for me, so it looks like we have a winner! This week we have a new entry in our "What is it?" Jay Hillmer of Fairmont stopped in recently with an item he found in his basement. It measures 14 inches long by about 6 inches wide and is made out of metal. The fins turn to adjustable positions and the one end has a dial with two locking knobs to adjust the fins with. The only visible marking is "Cardwell" and "Made in the U.S.A." on it. So does anyone have any guesses on this one?

Jeff 3, culprits 0!

As most of you know, I do not like going outside and seeing mounds of dirt in my lawn. These mounds are caused by gophers and moles, which for some reason this year are trying to wage war on my lawn! Whenever I see these mounds of dirt, I see it



as a challenge to catch the critter causing the blemish in my lawn. I don't know which is worse, the pile of black dirt (which Karis likes to use in her flower pots!) or the trails in my lawn. Well, with the help of my traps, so far I have nabbed 2 striped gophers and one large mole. The hunt continues though because I have a feeling that there are more where they came from.

Food, fundraiser and youth activities expo

Before I go this week, I just wanted to point out some events coming up in the week ahead. The Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their Wednesday evening suppers from 5 to 6 p.m. This week they serve A&W Swiss burgers and next Wednesday it will be fish fillets and mashed potatoes. A \$2 donation is suggested. On Thursday, April 20th, the 9th Annual Youth Activities Expo is taking place at Fairmont Area Elementary from 5 to 7 p.m. Lots of great ac-

tivities to take part in! This is a free event for families with school-age youth. On Friday, April 21st, St. James Lutheran School in Northrop is having their shrimp feed from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Northrop American Legion. They are serving shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw and bread for a charge (see their ad on our Billboard page). Donations and proceeds will go toward SJL school curriculum. On Sunday, April 23rd, the Fairmont Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fairmont KC Hall. Nearly all of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Fairmont Dollars For Scholars chapter. On Sunday night, April 23rd, there were a free hot meal served at Hope Cafe at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont at 6 p.m.

Have a great week!

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- Jeff

Portrait of a Veteran: Hurley Morris

Guest Columnist



Joseph Kreiss, Portrait of a Veteran Project

Jeff's note: The Photo Press is happy to announce that Joseph Kreiss - photographer, chef, radio personality and also the creator of "Portrait of a Veteran" project will be putting the spotlight every month on local veterans that he has interviewed for his project. This first veteran recently passed away, but his memory lives on in this portrait.



Hurly Morris, Korean War Veteran. Born in Ceylon, MN in 1932.

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"We called it the Boise Mountain Resort," Morris remembered. "The ground was frozen and it was cold."

Morris said they had to

be up high so they could shoot the radio signal down to the troops on the ground. "Luckily, I had the radio shack to work in so I stayed a little bit warmer than the other guys who were called the 'Frozen Chosen,'" he said. Morris recalls the Korean War being one of the bloodiest wars, other than the Civil War, stating the U.S. had about two-million troops who served in Korea.

After his discharge as an Army corporal, Morris chose not to re-enlist. "Now that I look back, I

should have. They wanted me to train in radar," he said. "Radar was a new thing, but re-enlisting would have meant another six years in the service."

Morris served as the local commander for the Korean War veterans and also was able to return to Korea in 2008. "You wouldn't know the place it had changed so from when I was first there," Morris said.

You can read more about local area veterans by going to the Portrait of a Veteran Photo Project

blog: <http://sommvetphotoproject.blogspot.com/>.

If you or someone you know is a veteran and would like to be included and featured in the Portrait of a Veteran Photo Project, contact Joseph Kreiss - josephkreissphotography@gmail.com

Many of the Portrait of a Veteran Photo Project's images and stories have been printed as a traveling photo gallery exhibit had have been displayed for public viewing. After a certain number of portraits have been amassed, and adequate funding becomes available to cover costs, the ultimate goal

is to put the images and stories into a beautiful coffee-table-style book. A copy of the book will be given to each veteran and their family. Other copies of the book will be sold to help cover costs and expenses.

Donations of any amount can be made in the name of the veteran. An Honor Roll of Memorial Donors will be published and updated regularly on social media and in the photo book and displayed at the gallery exhibits.

top ten

'POWERHOUSE' FOODS

1. Watercress
2. Chinese cabbage
3. Chard
4. Beet green
5. Spinach
6. Chicory
7. Leaf lettuce
8. Parsley
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts would like to thank all the parents, individuals, businesses, and organizations who supported the girls in their recent cookie sale. A big thank you goes out to Judy Botzet, as Service Unit Cookie Manager, and to all the Troop Cookie Managers for organizing, collecting and keeping track of the cookies.

Thank you to Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Shopko, Shoe Sensation, and Fareway Foods for allowing our troops to hold booth sales on their premises. Thank you also to those churches, businesses, and organizations that worked with individual troops on their booth sales.

Thank you for the continuing support of the community: Five Lakes Center for use of their facility on cookie pickup day, Grace Lutheran Church for use of their facility for our Cookie Rally, Gemini Studios for promoting on the local access TV, First Farmers and Merchants for use of their electronic billboard, CER for assisting with the use of the City of Fairmont Community Events Calendar, KSUM/KFMC Radio Station for promoting on the local radio station, and the local newspapers: the Sentinel, the Photo Press, Martin County Star, and Truman Tribune for all their publicity during the cookie program.

Finally, big thank you to all of our customers!! The girls sold 25,764 boxes of cookies this year. Selling cookies plays a vital role in supporting our local

troops, camps and facilities, along with scholarships from council to the girls.

We appreciate your continuing support and hope to see you next year!!

Sincerely,
Karen Munsch
Service Unit Cookie
Publicity
AND
Jennifer Nielsen,
Judy Botzet,
and Nicki Kueker
Service Unit
Co-Managers

* * *

I was just wondering if I'm the only person in Fairmont who is upset about losing one of our Constitutional freedoms.

Our United States of America has survived because our Constitution has allowed us so very many freedoms. One of the most important is "Freedom of Speech." This means we can say what we want, when we want, without censorship. I am advocating open discussion and free speech for all.

The City Council has always allowed (Open Discussion) as an agenda item in the past, as a way for the citizens to express their concerns and thoughts without adverse consequences. In fact, sometimes we truly benefited from their wisdom. Unfortunately, the Mayor and three Council members, with the assistance of Staff, voted to remove our ability to speak to the City Council, unless we sign a form declaring our intent and the expected outcome

of the subject. The Administrator then determines if they can speak at Open Discussion. They do not realize the opportunity of the citizens to speak directly to the City Council. This is not only for the purpose to address the members of the Council, but to address the other citizens of the Community. There is no other forum for this purpose.

Mayor Foster compared the City Council to the County Commissioners and also the School Board. She stated that neither body allowed Open Discussion. In checking with the County, I did find that the County does allow Open Discussion as the first item on the agenda. If anyone wants to address the County Commissioners for an item on the Agenda they can sign up by just giving their name and phone number. They do not have to state the subject matter or have it approved by the Administrator. The School Board is not authorized to make laws that govern, so the comparison between the City of Fairmont and County Commissioners is not relevant.

Other Veterans and I fought for our freedoms, including our Freedom of Speech, and we still believe in our constitutional rights. Do you? If so, please let the Mayor and the Council know your thoughts.

Terry D. Anderson
Fairmont

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Residents who exercise walking on the bike trail in Fairmont have noticed the limited activity over the past year in the prairie dog exhibit. The freezing and thawing of our Minnesota

winters have done significant damage to the walls of our exhibit. Three different times repairs have been made. Last year, several large sections of concrete crumbled from the north wall. Repairs were made last fall and boards were used to prevent any escape by the remaining dogs. This spring, cracks have returned and the failure of the wall is imminent. The Fairmont Exchange Club has made a decision that the condition of the walls are such that it makes it impossible to restock it with new dogs and the exhibit must be closed.

The exhibit started in June of 2000 with the help of contributions from the community. Information obtained from Theodore Roosevelt National Park and brochures by the University of North Dakota assisted the club with managing the exhibit, nutrition of the animals, risks for the animals, life expectancy and the hardship of winter and weather on the animals. The prairie dogs always buried their dead in the tunnels. In the 17 years, only one dog was removed after he had been stoned by teenagers amusing themselves.

Over the years, children, tourists and adults were entertained by the prairie dogs. One season there were tourists and cars from 15 different states observed at the exhibit. An FFA chapter from northern Iowa made an annual visit to the exhibit.

Unfortunately for some unknown reason, there have not been any pups since the summer of 2008. The number of dogs have diminished each year and the two that were there last season had to have been at least 10 years old.

Over \$7,000 was raised through the corn feeders and used in part as contributions for Fairmont Youth sports, Kinship, Kids Against Hunger, Fairmont Project Trust, Fairmont Prom Committee, Fairmont Cardinal Booster Club, flag recognition programs and flag disposal programs. The Exchange Club wants to thank Unke Farms and Cargill Grain for providing us corn for the feeders over the 17 years and the many Fairmont residents who supported our exhibit.

April is the 69th anniversary of community ser-

vice provided to the Fairmont area by members of the Fairmont Exchange Club. We extend an invitation to any person interested in a community service club to join us at our

weekly meetings held at noon each Tuesday at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

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Exchange Club

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and much more," said Sarah Reiman, Volunteer Coordinator.

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MARTIN HOUSES - Pictured (from left) are Bruce Moore and Paul Grussing of the Martin County Conservation Club with city employees Troy Olson and Dan Hector. They replaced two martin houses at Gomsrud Park last Wednesday and put up a new one at Pierce Park. The houses were donated by the Conservation Club. (Submitted photo)

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- Do not tape them together.
- Broken lamps should be double bagged and handled with special care to prevent additional breakage.

Notice: Fairmont Public Utilities Customers are eligible for total reimbursement for bulb recycling costs. When dropping bulbs off for recycling ask for a rebate coupon, keep your receipt and turn both in to Fairmont Public Utilities for reimbursement of recycling costs.

This event is sponsored by Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, Prairieland Solid Waste Management, Fairmont Public Utilities and Martin County Solid Waste Funds.

Questions: Billee Rabbe, Martin & Faribault County Solid Waste Coordinator, 776-3232



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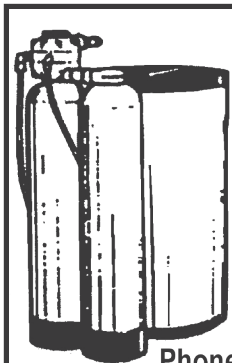
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REA coordinates spruce-up day at Kilen Woods

Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including Federated Rural Electric in Jackson, have joined together to help spruce up our State Park system.

A spring clean up day is set for Saturday, May 6th, when electric cooperative employees, customers and the general public will set aside a work day in various parks throughout the state. Volunteers will clean picnic shelters, fix existing structures, brush trails and pick up litter.

Locally, Federated Rural Electric employees, customers and the general public are invited to Kilen Woods State Park, northeast of Lakefield from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free hot dog lunch will be served by Federated.

Volunteers will:

- Paint amphitheater seats and sign posts
- Pick up litter on hiking trails and trim branches.
- Clean picnic shelter and office building
- Scoop out campfire pits
- Pick up fallen branch-

- es
- Rake tent sites and campground area
- Scrape and paint picnic tables

GreenTouch Day, and the sponsorship of Minnesota State Parks and Trails, fit well with the Touchstone Energy commitment. During the past 15 years, Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives has organized 8,543 volunteers to donate more than 30,600 hours and provided funds to help publish the Guide to Minnesota State Parks and Trails.

You do not need to be a Federated member to volunteer. Volunteers need to RSVP by noon Friday, May 5th. Call or e-mail Federated at 847-3520, 728-8366, 1-800-321-3520 or info@federatedrea.coop. This ensures that lunch is ordered for all volunteers. Ask for Andrea. GreenTouch volunteers receive free access to the park on this day.

"GreenTouch is one

way Touchstone Energy Cooperatives demonstrate their commitment to the community," stated Scott Reimer, Federated's general manager.

Federated is a rural electric cooperative serving 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF
APRIL 22, 1992**

The Kerr McGee station at 415 S. State Street, was offering 91 Octane Super Premium, a blend of 92 octane premium fuel, 10% ethanol and 87 octane unleaded with Power Max Additive. "Same low price, better product!" Available only at Kerr McGee.

Fairmont Decorating at 500 Downtown Plaza was to hold a grand opening.

Store Manager Kim Jordahl was pictured cutting the ribbon for the new 9,000 square foot Fashion Bug store located next to Hy-Vee. The local store would employ ten people and was part of a chain of 1,100 stores.

Kimberly Olson was the new 4-H Youth Development agent for Martin County. Kim grew up on a farm outside of Storden and was an active 4-H'er for ten years.

Martin County National Bank was celebrating the first anniversary in its new building.

The History of the Fairmont Lakes

By Henry W. Roehler, Geologist

The City of Fairmont is situated on glacial till (soil-covered boulders, sandstone and mudstone) deposited during the last period of continental glaciation, the Wisconsin Stage, about 85,000 years ago.

The Fairmont lakes are remnants of a mature glacial river, the "Fairmont River". The course of the Fairmont River formed during a pause in the Wisconsin glacier across southern Minnesota. The location of the Fairmont River is clearly visible by the present-day chain of lakes that formed in low spots along the abandoned river channel. These lakes trend northward from Iowa Lake on the south through the Fairmont lakes to Perch Lake on the north.

The Fairmont River formed during a pause (still stand) of the Wisconsin glacier during its northward retreat from southern Minnesota. The glacial pause is presently outlined by the overall V-shape of the Minnesota River that flows southeastward across southwestern Minnesota, but abruptly turns northeastward at Mankato. The V-shape was formed by a south-facing ice lobe of the Wisconsin glacier, the "Mankato lobe".

The primary stream draining the Mankato lobe was the West Fork of the Des Moines River (at Jackson, MN) that flows southeast across Iowa to the Mississippi River. During the glacial pause, the

water in the tributaries of the West Fork, including the East Fork of the Des Moines River, flowed south and still flow south (the East Fork locally flows through Okamanpeedan Lake).

The water in the former tributaries of the East Fork of the Des Moines River, that include the west chain, center chain and east chain drainages in Martin County, and the Blue Earth River to the east, initially flowed south. The glacial streams that occupied these drainages had a dendritic drainage pattern. They slowly coalesced southward to a single stream that joined the East Fork of the Des Moines River a few miles north of Algona, Iowa. These drainages now flow northward to the Minnesota River. The change in flow direction from south to north followed the final northward retreat of the Wisconsin glacier from Minnesota.

The shapes of the Fairmont Lakes reveal their histories. George Lake is Y-shaped indicating that a large glacial stream entered the lake area from the northwest and merged with the Fairmont River that entered the lake from the northeast. The shape of Sisseton Lake shows that the Fairmont River meandered through that lake area. The present-day forested points in the lake at Sylvania Park, Hunt's Point and Starret's Point were formed by accretionary sand bars that fanned outward from the points

toward the outer margins of large meander loops in the river. An example of one of these loops is Hunt's Point on the west shore of Sisseton Lake that projected southeastward toward a broad meander that forms the semi-circular shoreline along Ward's Park. Another meander loop in Sisseton Lake is discernable west of Hunt's Point. Budd Lake and Amber Lake do not reveal meandering and have few defining characteristics. The points at the end of the Oak Ridge Road and near the end of Knollwood Drive on Hall Lake also originated as sand bars associated with large meander loops. South Silver Lake and Iowa Lake south of Fairmont are different and comprise a complex configuration of meander loops, islands, channels and sand bars.

The Fairmont River was undoubtedly a clear, cold, freshwater glacial stream. The clear, deep freshwater lakes that formed along the abandoned river channel are now shallow, muddy and polluted. The lakes are rapidly filling in by soils derived by water runoff from farm fields bordering the lakes. Farm chemicals are also contaminating the lakes. With time, the lake infilling will accelerate and the contamination will continue until the lake beds become swamps drained by a slow flowing toxic stream. These factors affect the Fairmont water system that draws water from Budd Lake.



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According to Grass Seed USA, a coalition of American grass seed farmers and academics, investing a little repair time in early spring and a small amount of maintenance time in summer will pay off with a lush lawn ready for all your summer activities.

1. Test your soil. Good soil is one of the essentials of a healthy lawn. A soil test is simple, inexpensive and provides valuable in-

formation about current pH levels. Simple amendments like lime or sulfur can be added to neutralize overly acidic or alkaline soil and help grass thrive. Find a soil test kit at a local garden store or make your own using common household items.

2. Aerate. Older or heavily trafficked lawns can suffer from soil compaction. A core aerator with hollow tines will pull small plugs of soil out of the ground, allowing increased movement of water, nutrients and oxygen. Aeration can also increase

the soil contact with new seeds and promote new growth. You can rent an aerator or hire a professional to do the work for you.

3. Seed. According to Grass Seed USA, the ideal lawn planting season is April through the mid-to-end of October, depending on where you live. Turf specialists at a garden store or local university extension office can help select the right seed for your area and usage, pointing you toward the seed closest to existing grass or suggesting alternatives for problem areas. After seeding, water lightly but regularly, keeping the reseeded areas damp until the new grass grows in.

4. Control weeds. Healthy lawns essentially control weeds by squeezing them out. However, if crabgrass or dandelions invade, herbicides may help. Consult a garden specialist about which herbicide is right for your lawn and how to use it.

Applying a pre-emergent herbicide in the spring before weed grass emerges can reduce problems down the line. If you've applied seed, keep in mind herbicides can kill it, so use a product that will not affect new growth. For dandelions, digging them up is often effective, but a broadleaf herbicide may be applied.

5. Water as needed. On average, a lawn needs about 1 inch of water per week, from rainfall or irrigation. Letting the lawn dry out completely between waterings will encourage the grass to grow stronger, deeper roots as it searches for water deeper in the soil. Put a rain gauge on your porch to measure rainfall; skip the watering and save your irrigation money if you receive 1 inch of rain in a week.

6. Fertilize naturally. Don't break your back trying to bag lawn clippings. If you mow frequently

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(about once a week during the growing season) and don't remove too much height (only one-third of the blade), you can leave the grass clippings on the lawn. They contain the same nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as commercial fertilizer - and they're free.

7. Mow to the right height. Wait until your grass is three inches tall before mowing and then cut it to two inches in height. By only trimming one-third of the blade length, you will avoid

stressing the grass while leaving enough leaf to protect the roots from the sun - helping you create a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant lawn.

A lawn doesn't need constant pampering. Ongoing lawn maintenance can be quick and easy, and the reward is a beautiful, environmentally-friendly setting for outdoor activities of many kinds. So, fire up the grill, hang up the hammock and get busy enjoying your personal great, grassy outdoors.

Living landscapes bring surprising health benefits

(NAPS)—There's a good—and surprising—reason you may pine for greenery. Living landscapes are an important part of the outdoor lifestyle that Americans enjoy but the benefits go beyond the barbecue and backyard baseball. Green spaces are necessary for your health.

"The advantages of grass and landscaping surpass the usual physical benefits that result from outdoor activity," explained Kris Kiser, president and CEO, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "Numerous studies have found that people who spend more time outside or who are exposed to living landscapes are happier, healthier and smarter."

Researchers have studied the effect of nature on human well-being for years, but recent studies found a more direct correlation between human health, particularly related to stress, and the importance of access to nature and managed landscapes.

Here's a look at a few:

- Getting dirty is actually good for you, according to Dr. Christopher Lowery, a neuroscientist at the University of Bristol in England. Mycobacterium vaccae in soil stimu-

lates serotonin production, which explains why people who spend time gardening and have direct contact with soil feel more relaxed and happier.

- Living near living landscapes can improve your mental health. Researchers in England found that people moving to greener areas experienced an immediate improvement in mental health that was sustained for at least three years after they moved. The study also showed that people relocating to a more developed area suffered a drop in mental health.

- Green spaces can make you healthier, too. People who live within a half mile of green space (such as parks, public gardens and greenways) were found to have a lower incidence of 15 diseases by Dutch researchers—including depression, anxiety, heart disease, diabetes, asthma and migraines. A 2015 study found that people living on streets with more trees had a boost in heart and metabolic health.

- Living landscapes can

even reduce attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms. Children gain attention and working memory benefits when they are exposed to greenery, says a study led by the Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology in Barcelona. In addition, exposure to natural settings may be widely effective in reducing ADHD symptoms in children.

- Spending time around plants also improves con-

centration and memory in adults. Research shows that being around plants helps you concentrate better at home and at work. Charlie Hall, Ellison Chair in International Floriculture at Texas A&M University, believes that spending time in gardens can improve attention span and memory performance by as much as 20 percent.

- Gardening is great for the body and the soul. People who gardened for at least 30 minutes a week had lower body mass indexes, a measure of body fat, as well as higher levels of self-esteem and better moods overall. They also reported lower levels of tension and stress.

- Nature walks (or runs)

are great for your brain and stress levels. A National Institutes of Health study found that adults demonstrate significant cognitive gains after going on a nature walk. A Stanford University study found that walking in nature, rather than in a concrete-oriented, urban environment, resulted in decreased anxiety, rumination, and negative affect, and produced cognitive benefits, such as increased working memory performance.

- Living landscapes help you heal faster. Multiple studies have discovered that plants in hospital recovery rooms or views of aesthetically pleasing gardens help patients heal up to one day faster than those who are in more austere environments.

- You might even be a nicer person when you spend time in nature, as it enhances social interactions, value for community and close relationships. A systematic research review concluded that "the balance of evidence indicates conclusively that knowing and experiencing nature makes us generally happier, healthier people."

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Prepare your air conditioner for summer

(NAPS)—Although the dog days of summer are months away, it's never too soon to begin preparing for them. This includes taking a few simple steps to make sure your air-conditioning system is ready to properly cool your home.

Begin by clearing the area around your outdoor compressor, removing leaves, twigs and other debris that may have accumulated over the winter. The space around and above the unit should be clear and uncluttered.

Next, check the system's filters, typically located along the return duct. Dirty filters can block airflow and reduce system efficiency, so it's important to clean or replace them regularly, preferably every month when the system is operating.

Holes or separated joints in the ductwork can also impact airflow and efficiency, so turn your system on and make sure air is flowing properly through the vents. If you suspect a leak in the ductwork, hire a professional to make the necessary repairs.

Use this time to caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows. This often overlooked step will help keep cool air inside your home during warm summer months and warm air outside.

It's also a good idea to add insulation around air-conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces, such as attics, crawl spaces and garages.

Finally, contact a certified technician to do a pre-season check of your system. An annual inspection should include the following:

- Clean indoor and outdoor coils
- Check your system's refrigerant charge and adjust it, if necessary, to meet manufacturer specifications
- Clean and adjust blower components to provide proper system airflow
- Lubricate all moving parts
- Inspect the condensate drain for clogs that can cause water damage, affect indoor humidity levels, and breed bacteria and mold
- Check thermostat settings and system controls to ensure proper and safe operation
- Tighten all electrical connections
- Measure voltage and current on motors

Taking these steps to prepare your air conditioner for summer will also help to extend the life of your system and save you money by detecting small issues before they become major problems.

Just as the moon influences the tides, it also has a gravitational effect on the moisture within the earth, and the moisture within plants themselves.

From the day the moon is 'new' to the day it is 'full,' plant annual flowers and vegetables that bear crops *above* ground.

From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - Brenda Weaver

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Ask A Trooper: Light bar covers

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was wondering if I needed to cover my spot light/light bar on top of my pickup before I hit the highway. Let me know what the rules are regarding a cover or no cover. The research I did before purchasing was only KC style or round lights needed a cover in the state of Minnesota. I have included a photograph.

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Tips for cleaning your kitchen

(NAPS)—While many find joy in the comfort foods of winter, spring provides a chance to embrace a fresh approach to your eating habits. The following tips will put a spring in your step and get you ready for this temperate season:

- Out with the old. There's a reason spring is the chosen season for all things related to cleaning. It's the season associated with ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation and renewal. What better way to refresh your food choices than by cleaning your pantry and fridge? Toss expired products and donate the shelf-stable goods you no longer want to a worthy cause.

- Celebrate color.

Spring ushers in fresh new produce that adds a variety of flavor and nutrition. Produce such as apricots, green beans and broccoli all provide a pop of color that helps ensure you are enjoying the best seasonal produce this spring.

- Get organized. Eliminate cluttered bags of rice or pasta by placing them in glass jars to make searching for pantry staples a breeze. Visit the grocer's bulk aisle for a variety of snack staples such as nuts and seeds—great for that afternoon craving.

- Springtime beverages. Swap the hot and rich drinks of winter for the lighter, fruit-infused tastes of spring.

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Ag Update: Net farm income remains low

Guest Columnist



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For the second year in a row, 2016 featured record corn and soybean yields for many producers, relatively low crop and livestock prices, and very modest average net farm income levels in Southern Minnesota. The Farm Business Management (FBM) Summary for Southern and West Central Minnesota was recently released by the Farm Business Management Instructors. This summary includes an analysis of the farm business records from farm businesses of all types and sizes in Southern and Western Minnesota. This annual farm business summary is probably one of the "best gauges" of the profitability and financial health of farm businesses in the region on an annual basis. Following are some of the key points and data that were in the 2016 FBM Summary:

BACKGROUND DATA

- A total of 1,380 farms from throughout South Central, Southwest, Southeast, and West Central Minnesota were included in the 2016 FBM Summary.
- The average farm size was 693 acres. The top 20 percent net income farms averaged 1,137 acres, while the bottom 20 percent Net Income farms were also above the average at 888 acres.
- 54 percent of the farm operations were cash crop farms, 17 percent were single entity livestock operations, with the balance being various combinations of crop, livestock, and other enterprises.
- 372 farms (27%) were under \$250,000 in gross farm sales in 2016; 330 farms (24%) were between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in gross sales; 354 farms (26%) were between \$500,000 and \$1 million in gross sales;

- and 324 farms (23%) were above \$1 million in gross sales.
- In 2016, the average farm business received \$19,150 in government farm program payments, representing approximately 41% of the average 2016 Net Farm Income, which compares to nearly 85% in 2015. The larger farm program payments are due to lower crop prices in recent years.
- The average family living expense in 2016 was \$71,026, which compared to \$58,037 in 2015, with a large portion of the increase related to medical expenses and health insurance costs. The average non-farm Income in 2016 was \$24,352, compared to \$39,527 in 2015.
- In 2016, the average farm business spent \$844,795 for farm business operating expenses, capital purchases, and family living expenses. Most of these dollars were

- spent in local communities across the region, helping support the area's overall economy.
- FARM FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**
(Note --- Please refer to the attached Table for a 5-year (2012-2016) comparison of various average farm financial data, as well as average crop and livestock data.)
- The average net farm income for 2016 was \$46,472, which was 25% above the 2015 average net farm income of 37,070; however, 2016 was the second lowest net farm income level in the past decade. Both the gross farm income and the total farm expenses declined by about 6 percent from 2015 to 2016. The 2016 average gross income is approximately 6 percent lower than the 2011 average gross income; however, 2016 cash expenses were about 3 percent higher than 2011.
- The net farm income is the return to labor and management, after crop and livestock inventory adjustments, capital adjustments, depreciation, etc. have been accounted for. This is the amount that remains for family

- living, non-farm capital purchases, income tax payments, and for principal payments on farm real estate and term loans
- As usual, there was large variation in net farm income in 2016, with top 20 percent profitability farms averaging a net farm income of +\$228,908, and the low 20 percent profitability farms averaging a negative net farm income of (\$98,728). Nearly 40 percent of the farm operations showed a negative average net farm income for 2016.
- The average farm business in 2016 had profit margins and a current ratio that were about steady with 2015 levels, primarily due to crop yields that were well above average in most areas. The average debt-to-asset ratio has been increasing in recent years, with more rapid increases in the lower profit farms which are signs of a much tighter farm economy.
- * *The farm term debt coverage ratio in 2015 and 2016 dropped below 100%, which means that the average farm operation did not generate enough net farm income to cover the principal and interest pay-*

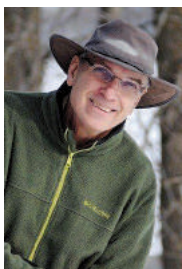
ments on existing real estate and term loans, and had to use working capital or non-farm income sources to cover the difference.

BOTTOM LINE
Overall, net returns from both crop and livestock operations were positive for a majority of farm operators in 2016, but net returns were also negative for an increasing number of producers. Fortunately, the record 2016 crop yields for many crop producers helped offset the low crop price levels in 2016, and livestock profit margins started to improve later in the year. The overall average financial health of the FBM farm businesses remained fairly strong in 2016; however, there are some "caution flags" on the horizon, with the lower working capital, increased debt-to-asset ratios, and the extremely tight term debt coverage ratios. Complete farm management results are available through the U of M Center for Farm Management FINBIN Program at: <http://www.finbin.umn.edu/>

Naturally

By Al Batt

I didn't need an early wake-up call, but I got one anyway. A flicker declared his territory by drumming on an unused TV antenna tower attached to the house.



The flicker's energetic percussive instrument, which he hammered at about 25 times per second, sent reverberations throughout the house. Northern flickers eat mainly insects, especially ants and beetles that they find on the ground.

I'm glad I got the alarm. It allowed me to hear a brown thrasher. It's one of my favorite birds. Brown thrashers are mimics with extremely varied repertoires. Brown thrashers believe that some things bear repeating. Men share that belief. The male sings a loud, long series of doubled phrases with no definite beginning or end, typically singing phrases twice. Some people describe his song as this mnemonic, "Plant a seed, plant a seed, bury it, bury it, cover it up, cover it up, let it grow, let it grow, pull it up, pull it up, eat it, eat it."

I watched a fox squirrel tightrope-walk on a utility wire. It's an amazing feat that is amazing to see. It

was a one-squirrel circus. Ruby-crowned kinglets and yellow-rumped warblers gleaned the trees for food. Purple finches delighted me with their beauty. Like the juncos, they'd be booking flights out of here soon.

Chickadees entertained with their antics. The average lifespan of a chickadee in the wild is 2.5 years. Keeping their tiny half-ounce body working requires a lot of fuel. From sunrise to sunset, the chickadee spends most of its time feeding. During the summer, it eats 70 percent insects and 30 percent seeds.

Song sparrows, house finches and white-throated sparrows sang. The birds were full of song. I was filled with listen.

Q-and-A
"I see wild turkeys in the city. Are they everywhere in Minnesota?" The wild turkey release program began in Minnesota with the release of 29 birds from Missouri into Houston County the early 1970s. The state's turkey population has grown dramatically since then. Populations are highest in the southeast, but good numbers exist in the central part of the state as well as parts of the northeast. Wild turkeys exist nearly everywhere in Minnesota and the expansion of the turkey range continues throughout the state as wild turkeys rewrite the book on wild turkey habitat requirements and find homes in places that were

formerly considered unsuitable for them. Habitat required for wild turkey survival is generally mature hardwood forests interspersed with cropland and non-agricultural openings, brushy grasslands and river bottoms. Acorns are a favored food, but they eat other nuts, crops, berries, seeds and insects.

"Do some butterflies hibernate as adults in Minnesota?" Some do spend the winter here in adult form, including some red admirals, question marks, commas, mourning cloaks and tortoiseshells that hibernate in hollow logs and trees, under loose bark or eaves, and in buildings. I've just been seeing some red admirals, some of which do migrate.

"Something sounds like an electric sewing machine in my yard. I think

it's a bird. What could it be?" A chipping sparrow would be a likely suspect.

"When do cardinals pair up?" Most cardinals form their pair bonds February to April. Males and females that have been paired in previous seasons are often the first to pair up as the new breeding season begins, sometimes as early as January.

When squirrels attack
Alderman Howard Brookins Jr., who represents Chicago's 21st Ward, was biking on a trail when a squirrel jumped in front of him, got caught in the spokes of his bicycle and sent Brookins flying over the handlebars. Brookins was hospitalized for four days after suffering a fractured skull, a broken nose and the loss of several teeth. The squirrel seemed more than coin-

cidental - coming just a month after Brookins had raged against the city's aggressive squirrels during a city council meeting, lambasting them for eating their way through Chicago's trash cans.

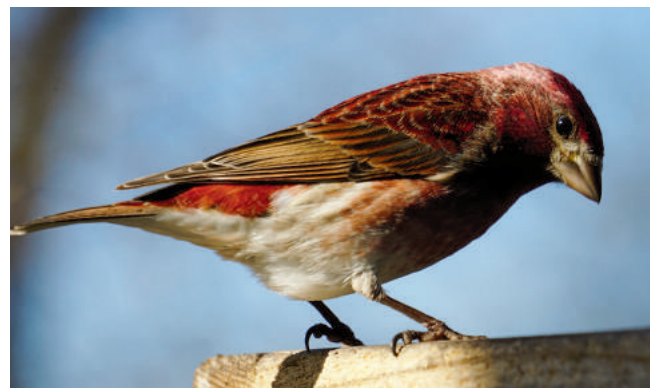
"I can think of no other reason for this squirrel's actions than that it was like a suicide bomber, getting revenge," Brookins told the Chicago Tribune.

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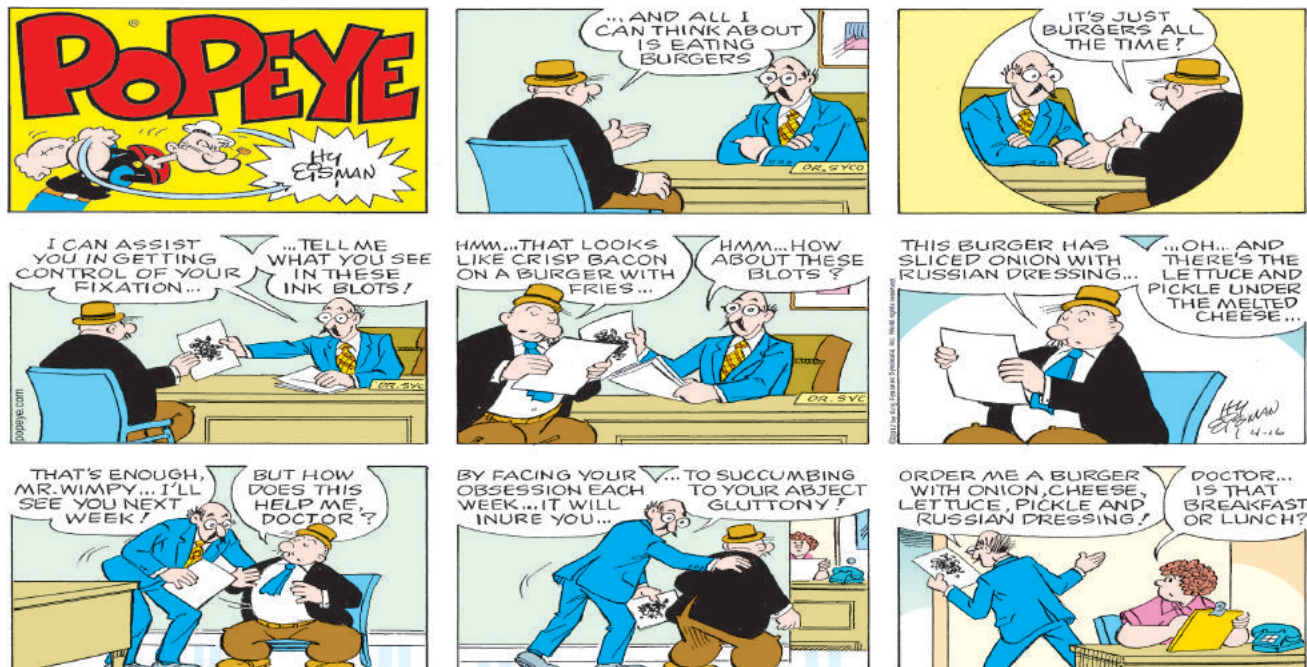
"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought,"--Albert Szent-Gyorgi

"Everybody needs his memories. They keep the wolf of insignificance from the door."--Saul Bellow

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Purple finch by Al Batt



Belle Plaine Quad meet results

Team scores from the Belle Plaine Quad track and field meet, held Tuesday, April 11th:

Boys: Fairmont 121.5, Belle Plaine 89.75, Mayer Lutheran 37.75, Sibley East 27

Girls: Fairmont 122.5, Belle Plaine 115.5, Sibley East 20, Mayer Lutheran 12

Both teams now have a cumulative record of 6 wins and 1 loss.

The following are All-Time Top Ten Performances in School History from this meet:

Allison Lardy, Shot Put, 40'3", School Record

Andrea Thate, Pole Vault, 9'6", #6 All-Time

Lucas Simpson, High Jump, 6'3", # 3 All-Time



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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What's happening at Fairmont CER

Girls' Softball Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for Girls' Softball will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary School, Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional league for girls entering grades 2 and over. Practices/ Games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning June 5th-July 12th. Deadline to register is May 12th. Adult volunteer coaches are needed.

T-Ball Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for T-Ball will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary School, Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional league for girls and boys Ages 4 (as of January 1st, 2017) to entering grade 3. Practices/ Games are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. beginning June 6th-July 13th. Deadline to register is May 12th. Adult volunteer coaches are needed.

Flag Football Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for CER Flag Football will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary School, Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional league for boys and girls in grades 1- 3 this fall. Practices/games are held on Mondays and Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. beginning August 28th-September 26th. Deadline to register is August 16th. Adult volunteer coaches are needed.

Pre-registration with payment is requested at Fairmont Community Education and Recreation located at Five Lakes Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

For more information, contact 507-235-3141 or shop online at www.fairmont.k12.mn.us/cer



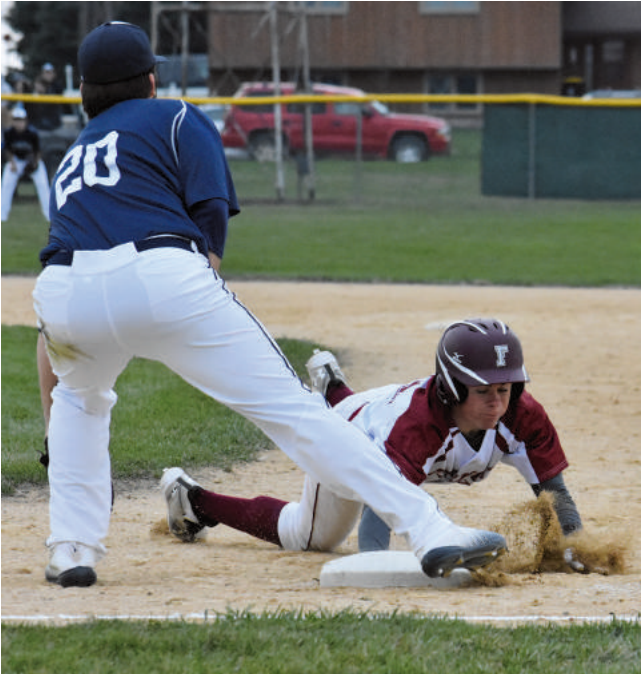
THAT'S GONNA LEAVE A MARK - Cards Jordan Wolter tries to avoid a St. Peter Saints pitch. There will be a tailgate party with brats and more before the game this Thursday when the Cardinals host Blue Earth Area. Before the game there will be a ceremony recognizing U.S. Bank for their \$50,000 grant to help improve the ballpark. Viktor Minnesota Viking's mascot will also be at the ballpark. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



THIRD OUT - Martin Luther/Granada Huntley East Chain's third baseman Lydia Steinhaus applies the tag to a Cleveland Clipper baserunner. *Courtesy gregabelphotography*



YOU'RE OUT - Jaguar's Lizzie Oothoudt applies a tag to Cleveland baserunner Katelyn McCabe. The Clippers downed Martin Luther/Granada Huntley East Chain 13-2 last two.. *Courtesy gregabelphotography*



BACK SAFELY - Cardinals Lance Becker dives back into first base. The Cards lost to St. Peter 13-2 last Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SOLID CONTACT - Cards Jordan Ehlert ripped a single to right on this pitch. Ehlert picked up three pitching victories for the Cards (6-0) with the 3-1 win over Worthington, and back to back shut out victories over St. Peter, 3-0 and 7-0 over St. James. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DIVING TAG - Shortstop Taylor Nuss tags out Worthington's Hailey Cauwels as Jordan Ehlert backs up the play. The Cards defeated Worthington 3-1 last Tuesday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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How can the "Sandwich Generation" relieve financial stress?

Don't worry too much if you haven't heard, but April is National Stress Awareness Month. Of course, stress can present emotional and physical challenges to all of us, but if you belong to the "sandwich generation" – that is, you may be caring for aging parents while still supporting your own children – you may be facing some financial stress as well. What can you do to relieve it?

For one thing, be aware that you're certainly not alone. About one in seven middle-aged adults is providing financial support to both an aging parent and a child, according to the Pew Research Center.

Still, knowing that you have plenty of company won't provide you with solutions for your own situation. So consider the

following:

- Suggest "downsizing." Are your parents still paying a costly mortgage on a house that's now too big for them? You might want to encourage them to think about downsizing. They may be emotionally attached to their home, but they might benefit substantially if they moved someplace that's less expensive.

- Talk to parents about their income sources. Are your parents maximizing their Social Security payments? Are they following a sensible withdrawal strategy for their IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts? You may want to recommend that they work with a qualified financial professional.

- Discuss all legal arrangements. Be aware of your parents' estate plans

and the status of important legal documents – will, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. When the time arises for any of these arrangements to take effect, you don't want to face any unpleasant – and possibly costly – surprises.

- Find out about health care. Try to learn about your parents' health insurance coverage. And have they done anything to protect themselves from the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? You may not be able to do a great deal for them in these areas, but at the least, you may be able to get them to take some positive action on their own behalf.

- Don't ignore your own

retirement savings. Even if you can afford to provide some financial support to your parents, don't short-change yourself when it comes to your own retirement savings. You don't get a "do-over" when it comes to putting away money for retirement, so contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

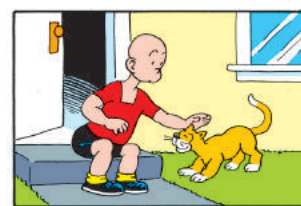
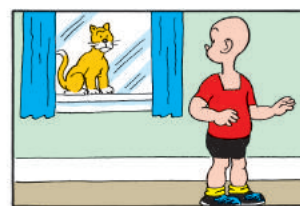
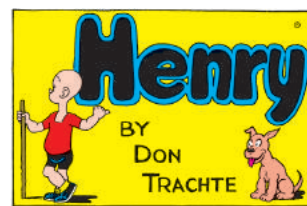
- Prioritize your investment choices. If you would like to help your children

go to college, you might want to consider a college savings vehicle. Still, you may need to prioritize your investments. After all, your children will likely have a variety of options – such as loans and scholarships – to help them pay for school, and they may also be able to reduce costs substantially by going to a community college their first two years. But you are basically "up against the clock" when it comes to saving for retirement, so you'll want

to take that into account when allocating your investment dollars.

Belonging to the sandwich generation can certainly produce feelings of anxiety. But by following the above suggestions, you may be able to reduce some of this stress. And by doing so, you can help your parents, your children – and yourself.

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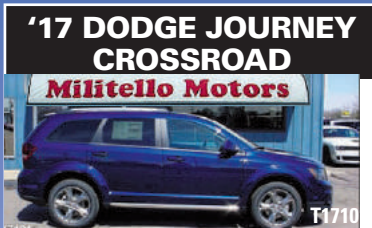
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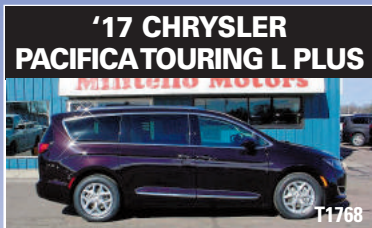
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