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**LAKESIDE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

Lakeside Cemetery continues the celebration of its 150th Anniversary by having a Remembrance of Loved Ones from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19 at the cemetery.

You will be given a daisy with a note attached to it that you can write a message to your loved one. Then it will be tossed in George Lake.

Hot apple cider will be served. Carol Madsen, Phone 2362599

*Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday*  
Cathie Gladfelter on September 18<sup>th</sup>


*I will love you with all my heart  
forever and ever.*

*Love, Paul*



**FERN BULFER**  
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*DudLee Duane Faber*

At the passing of DudLee Duane Faber on July 30, our family would like to thank this generous community for all that you gave to us as we processed this tragic loss as a family.

Thank you to those who extended love, kind words, food, helping hands at so many levels, a card, gift of money & flowers. It all meant so much. We can't even imagine the week without you.

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I am a 1967 FHS grad, now retired from 30 years of teaching Middle school-Social Studies in Oklahoma, Indiana and Ohio.

My husband and I moved from Columbus, OH to Fairmont. Our priority was to help aging parents. Af-

ter years of the 'big city life,' we were also looking forward to living in a small town. We wanted to enjoy living on the lake and the wonderful walking trails and parks the city provides. With Covid causing cancellations this past year, we are looking forward to performances at the Opera House, Red Rock and city events that will soon be back to normal. It has been a special

privilege to reconnect with classmates, friends, and previous neighbors.

A bonus to our move was my brother and his wife retiring to Fairmont too. We were pleasantly surprised to discover we purchased houses two doors away from each other.

We consider the move an EXCELLENT decision to live in an ACTIVE and FRIENDLY city.

*The Photo Press would like to recognize all the former Fairmonters who have returned to their home town. We would like to know your name (and maiden name if applicable), year you graduated from Fairmont High School (optional), what you did after your FHS graduation, your line of work, why you returned to your home town, and what you are doing now (retired, working remotely, etc.)*

Send your name, address, phone number and email address.  
If you know someone in this category, please mention their name also,  
so we can contact as many people as possible.  
The Photo Press will publish your replies in a later edition.



**new this year! Royal Guard Encampment**

**new this year! Birds of Prey Exhibit**

**new this year! S'mores on a Stick** **new this year! Doggie Dash**

**new this year! Javelin' Throwing** **new this year! Kiddie Krawl**




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## Obituary Notices



### Daniel L. Jones, 64

Daniel "Dan" Lee Jones was born on July 12th, 1957, in Trimont, MN, to LeRoy and Sharon (Harries) Jones. He was baptized in 1957 and later confirmed in 1964. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was an active

member and served as a trustee for three years.

Dan graduated from Jackson High School in 1975. After high school, Dan farmed with his father for 25 years. He loved to work the ground and watch his crops grow. He also worked for Heron Lake Ethanol Plant and Country Pride Coop for 10 years. He finally retired in March of 2020. Dan was diagnosed with ALS, which ended his life too soon on September 10, 2021.

Dan met the love of his life, Theresa Thomas on

November 1st, 1980, the two were united in marriage. This union blessed them with two children, Kathryn and Kevin. They celebrated their 40th anniversary last year.

He was a very active member in the community of Windom. Dan was a member of the Windom Lions and was Lions District Governor for 2017 - 2018, a board member of Jackson County Soybean Growers, Board of Directors for the Windom Area Food Shelf for 11 years and

managed the Food Shelf for 2 years. In Dan's free time, he enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family and friends. Dan had a way of making every person that he came into contact with feel important to him; he greeted all with a welcoming and warm smile and comment.

Left to cherish Dan's everlasting memory is his loving wife of 40 years, Theresa, his children; Kathryn Jones of Apple Valley, MN, and Kevin (Leah) Jones of Alpha, MN; grandchildren, Mya and Jordyn; mother,

Sharon Jones; sisters, Judy (Randy) Roth of Trimont, MN, Janet Fischer of Lakefield, MN, and Monica (Steve Schrupp) Shelgren of Fairmont, MN.

Dan is preceded in death by his father, LeRoy; brother-in-law, Darrel Fischer; grandparents, Harold and Fern Harries; grandmother Ann Jones; and two uncles, Robert Jones and George Jones.

Blessed be the memory of Daniel Jones.



### Elizabeth "Betty" Krueger, 88

Betty Krueger, of Fairmont, passed away on Monday, September 6, 2021 at the Mayo Clinic Heath Systems, in Fairmont at the age of 88. Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, September 10, 2021 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont with Father Gregory Parrott officiating. Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral Home is

entrusted with the arrangements. [www.Zaharia-FamilyFuneral.com](http://www.Zaharia-FamilyFuneral.com)

Elizabeth "Betty" was born on May 20, 1933 to George and Hattie (Kotewa) Knoll in Martin County, MN. She attended school in Fairmont and Ceylon. She was united in marriage to John A. Krueger on October 12, 1957. Betty worked for the Mallon Egg Company, United Foods and Pic Sweet. She

was a member of St. John Vianney in Fairmont. She liked puzzles, quilting, crocheting and had a very "green" thumb. She loved growing plants and flowers.

Betty is survived by one sister; several nieces; nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband John and 4 siblings.



### Nicole J. Scheff, 38

Nicole Jean (Kolander) Scheff, age 38 of Fairmont,

passed away on September 9th 2021 surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. Nicole grew up in Lakefield, MN and attended school at Jackson County Central. She earned her nursing degree at Minnesota West. Her career as a nurse began at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls and continued at Marshalltown and Fort Dodge, Iowa. She completed her career with 10 years of service at Lakes Region Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Nicole loved being a

nurse and was dedicated to her patients. In June of 2004, Nicole married her high school sweetheart Paul Scheff and in 2016 they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Olivia. Nicole's life was driven by helping others and enjoying time with her family and friends.

Nicole is survived by her husband Paul and their daughter Olivia; her parents Craig and Norma Kolander; her sister Kelly (Anthony) Buckentin, her parents-in-law Mike and Connie Scheff, bro-

thers-in-law Kent (Jennifer) Scheff, and Lucas (Rachel) Scheff. She was also blessed with the Kolander, Polz, Scheff and Williams large extended families including grandparents, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles whom she loved very much.

To hear more of Nicole's story and receive updates on plans for a celebration of life party, please visit Nicole's Caringbridge at:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/public/nicolescheff>.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1996

The Martin County Hospice Tour of Tables open viewing was to be held on September 21 at the Fairmont Holiday Inn. Anyone wishing to view the 20 decorated tables was welcome, for a suggested \$3 donation.

The 18th annual Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Fairmont Branch of the American Association of University Women was to be held on September 28th. The Fairmont Clinic Mayo Health System observed its 25th anniversary with a celebration at the clinic. The clinic honored Dr. Robert Zemke, one of the founding physicians of the clinic, and the only one still actively practicing at the clinic. Fourteen physicians serve full time at the clinic, with three more to join in the near future. Drs. H. A. Williamson and E. A. Thayer, two of the eight original founders of the clinic were pictured.

Hawkins Chevrolet Cadillac Geo used the front page of the Photo Press for its Customer Appreciation Day, featuring over \$750,000 of used vehicles on hand.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1971

Coach Tom Mahoney's 1971 edition of the Fairmont Cardinal football team was preparing to take an eight-game winning streak into Worthington for their season opener. The Trojans were the team that broke the Cardinals' 31 game recording string the year before, although Fairmont did go on to win the South Central Conference (for the eighth time) a year ago. Roger Willard had recently joined the Martin County Sheriff's Department under Sheriff William Musegades.

At long last the Fairmont National Bank, on the corner of North Avenue and 2nd Street finally raised their new time and temperature sign. The sign, mounted on the corner of the building, made it easier to read from two directions than formerly.

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September 6 - Betty Krueger, 88, Fairmont. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
September 6 - Lucille A. Voelker, 83, Madelia (formerly of Lewisville). Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
September 6 - Marilyn A. Olson, 88, Park Rapids, MN (formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Family Funeral Service  
September 7 - Kathleen "Kay" Stadel, 93, Boulder City, NV. Kramer Family Funeral Service  
September 11 - Velma J. Walters, 91, Fairmont. Kramer Family Funeral Service

### IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

September 7 Karen E. Marlow, 55, Fairmont  
September 9 Donna M. Torgerson, 88, Fairmont  
September 10 Leo J. Salz, 89, East Chain  
September 11 Beverly J. Oltman, 92, Fairmont  
August 30 Yomari Rojas Rosado, 27, Fairmont.



**Former Fairmonter Dr. Dan Garry** will present the program at the Martin County Historical Society's annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, September 16th, 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 East Blue Earth Avenue.

Dr. Garry was the fourth of eight children born to Elizabeth and Michael Garry. He is a cardiologist and physician scientist practicing in the fields of advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation. Dan and his wife Mary Grace, live in Eagan, MN. They have four children, all of whom have attended the University of Notre Dame.

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*Thank you!*

On behalf of the Fairmont Lions Club I would like to thank the people who participated at our Fly In Breakfast this past June and our Ring Toss Stand at the Martin County Fair last week.

The funds generated will be forwarded onto local Head Start, let's Go Fishing, Kinship, and Dollars for Scholars. Funds also will go to the Minnesota Eye Bank, University of Minnesota Lions Hearing Center, and Can Do Canines assistance dogs.

Without our local Airport and the help of Lee Steinkamp, Radann Dawson, Verlus Burkhardt and PS Aviation of Jackson Mn, also the Kinship Mentors and Mentees that helped set up tables and serve, we could not have drawn the over 900 people and some 40 aircraft to enjoy that beautiful day in June.

Thank you Olson Rental, Rosens Inc, Estherville Foods, McDonalds, Culligan, Freedom Value Center, Walgreens, Dave Kuhl, HyVee and Fareway Foods of Fairmont. And a big thanks to the Sentinel and Photo Press.

*-Roger Bloomgren*

**Marriage License Applications**

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**Jayden Railyn Fritz and Matthew Arthur Moeller**

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**GOLD SPONSOR - Lenny Tvedten presents Van DeWar an award for being a Gold Sponsor and helping to make the Martin County Historical Society's "2020 Year End Fundraiser" a success.**

## St. Luke's Catholic Church celebrates 100 years

St. Luke Catholic Church of Sherburn will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church building on September 11, 2021 at a special Mass with Bishop Quinn and a church picnic to follow.

Before the first church was built, Mass was said at various places: homes, upstairs area of the former Hardware Hank building (previously known as Morgan's Furniture), Scott Hotel. By 1917 the parish had grown so noticeably that the first church, a little frame building that was built in 1888 and dedicated to St. Luke, had become inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation. Even though a new church building was discussed in the fall of 1917, due to the economic conditions and World War I, the project was delayed until the early spring of 1920. The cornerstone of the present church building was laid on October 20, 1910, and the beautiful, solid brick church was built with an expenditure of nearly \$50,000, and was dedicated in the following year. Within ten years the church was entirely refurnished, a splendid church hall was arranged in the lower part of the church, and the immense debt had been paid off.

The first baptism in the new church was that of Lawrence Theobald, son of Aloysius and Elizabeth (Rooney) Theobald on September 25, 1921, and the first marriage in the new church was that of Ben Leibfried and Clara Eisenmenger on September 27, 1921.

In 1944, during the time Father Thomas Doyle was serving as pastor, stained glass windows in the main body of the building were completed, and

later on the Chapel windows were installed at a total cost of \$5,000. Under the direction of Father Foffel in 1951, new steps were added to the front of the church, along with landscaping and foundation work. The church hall kitchen was remodeled in 1952-1953.

In September 1954, St. Luke's opened a full time kindergarten under the direction of Father Foffel and Sister Marie Lambert with a class of twelve children. The kindergarten was closed the summer of 1967, the same year the first kindergarten class graduated from high school.

In 1954 a new addition called St. Luke's Center was added to the church to be used for religion classes and parish activities. It was also during this time that the altar table was turned so that the celebrant would face the people, and the communion rail was removed since communion was given in a standing position rather than kneeling. The side altars were also removed and made into a shrine alcove. In 2004 an elevator was installed, and in 2010 the interior of the church was partially renovated and completely redecorated.

Today, St. Luke's Catholic Church is an active community center under the direction of Father Jonathan Fasnacht, serving over a hundred families from the Ceylon, Dunnell, Sherburn, Trimont and Welcome areas. Active organizations within the parish include Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, Parish Council, Faith Formation, Cemetery Board, and a Quilting/Sewing group who provides hundreds of quilts to be sent to homeless shelters and area food shelves every year.



**GOLD SPONSOR - Lenny Tvedten presented Christine Luedtke Montesano two "Gold Sponsor Awards" for the 2020 and 2021 Year End Fundraisers of the Martin County Historical Society**

## Red Rock to form Monthly Arts Club

Red Rock Center for the Arts will form a monthly art club, on Tuesday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, Fairmont.

Are you a hobby artist or have an interest in the arts? Come join us for light refreshments and conversation as we explore the possibilities for

creating a fun, relaxing, social environment for artists to network, build rapport, share ideas, and explore on a monthly basis. Best suited for teens and adults. Sonja Fortune, Executive Director

*Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont MN 56031. (507) 2359262 <http://www.redrockcenter.org>*

## RED ROCK CENTER receives gifts

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## Local Church Embraces New Direction for Services

The Trimont United Methodist Church invites area residents to come and experience their new services. "We joined the Embrace network and we are inviting the community to join us on Sunday, September 12. We will have a social time at 9:15 a.m., the church service at 10:00 a.m., and after the service, Papa's Smokin' Meats

food truck will be onsite for people to purchase lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.," said Kristie Swenson. "Embrace is a Methodist church based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are airing their messages two to three Sundays each month."

While they are a member of the Embrace Network, Trimont UMC still has all the decision-making authority within their own congregation. "The Embrace team considers the network churches their mission



## PIE's Homecoming Feed Sept. 24th

Join us for the annual Homecoming Feed put on by Partners in Education on Friday, September 24 from 57 p.m. at Mahoney Field. The menu consists of brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, chips, cookies, and water

– for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Proceeds go to fund the annual grants to educators in the Fairmont public schools and to the PIE endowment. In 2020-2021, we funded \$16,000 in grant requests – benefiting all our students. Special thanks to our sponsors: Rosens Inc. and Minnesota Motor Bus.

**Ruby's Pantry Distribution** will be in Sherburn on Monday, September 20. We are located at 2 Crossroads Drive, directly across from Kum and Go in Sherburn. We will run from 5:30 7:00 p.m. This will be a drive through distribution. We ask that all your trunks be emptied out and that you make sure you have enough room for all the bundles you plan to receive.

As you drive through there will be a person at

the beginning of the line to take your donation of \$20 per bundle. The volunteers will then place the food directly in your trunk.

Ruby's Pantry is for anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. For a \$20 bundle donation, you will receive an abundance of groceries. There is no income or residency requirement.

Everyone who eats is welcome.

## BEV Quilters to meet Monday

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold its first meeting of the 2021-2022 program year on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. Dues of \$5 for the new year will be collected. After introductions, we will begin with showandtell. The EXPO challenge quilts that have been hanging at CCF Bank for the past month will be available for pick up. The 2022 EXPO dates are August 12-14. Details of the sew and stitch day in Elmore will be discussed, as will program ideas for the coming year.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third

Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a time to talk with other quilters.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a miniclass in quilting it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting quilters of all skill levels are welcome. Dues for the 2021-2022 year are \$5. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.

field. As a member of the Embrace network, all of their resources and content for services, small groups, Bible studies, and youth groups are available to us. Everything that Embrace does in Sioux Falls is accessible to us. We decide which resources to use and when, so it's very easy to use the blended approach of pulpit supply some Sundays and Embrace messages other Sundays," explained Melissa Tumbleson. "I've met other members of

the Embrace Network, and each church has its own reason for joining. Some network churches lack the resources to pay a pastor and don't want to close; some are between pastors; some have pastors and the church is supplementing services with Embrace messages so the pastor doesn't have to preach every Sunday. Every church is unique, yet we all have the same goal: to continue spreading God's love."



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On Saturday, August 21st, Ted Kittleson sang with four of his children and two granddaughters at the Butterfield Threshing Bee. They had a great time singing together to a very appreciative audience.

Ted sang and yodeled to cheering applause. He turned 101 on Sunday, August 29th. Left to right: Bryon Ted Kittleson, Kelly Ann Claussen, Ted Kittleson, Laura Jane Claussen, Biny Lou Claussen, Barbara Jo Schmidt, and Bonnie Sue Marie Bennett.

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September 13, 2021  
SEPTEMBER 10 USDA  
REPORT INCREASES  
PRODUCTION  
EXPECTATIONS

The September 10 USDA Crop Report increased the projected U.S. average corn and soybean yields for 2021, as compared to the August National Ag Statistics Service (NASS) yield estimates. The latest NASS yield estimates were based on U.S. crop conditions as of September 1st; and were the first 2021 yield USDA estimates that included actual field data, including in some of States with major impacts from this year's drought. USDA made some fairly large increases in estimated 2021 corn and soybean yields in some States, which is being questioned by some private analysts due to the continuing drought conditions in many portions of the Western Corn Belt. Total U.S. corn acreage was also increased in the latest USDA report, compared to the August acreage estimate.

The September 10 USDA Report projects the 2021 national average corn yield at 176.3 bushels per acre, which is an increase of 1.7 bushels per acre from the August estimate. The projected 2021 corn yield U.S. corn yield compares to 172 bushels per acre in 2020 and is well above the 2019 national average corn yield of 167.4 bushels per acre. The 2021 U.S. corn yield would be just

below the 2018 yield of 176.4 bushels per acre and the record U.S. average corn yield of 176.6 bushels per acre in 2017. USDA increased the total 2021 harvested corn acreage in the U.S. by 600,000 acres, which was based on crop acreage certification data filed by producers through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. USDA is now estimating total U.S. corn production for 2021 at just under 15 billion bushels, which would be an increase of 6 percent from the 2020 production of 14.2 billion bushels and compares to 13.6 billion bushels in 2019.

USDA is estimating Minnesota's 2021 average corn yield at 174 bushels per acre, which was an increase of 8 bushels per acre from the August estimate.

The projected 2021 corn yield would still be well below the 2020 statewide average yield of 192 bushels per acre and would be similar to the 2019 yield of 173 bushels per acre. The previous statewide record average corn yield was 194 bushels per acre in 2017. The September 10th report also increased Iowa's 2021 average corn yield by 5 bushels per acre compared to the August estimate, raising the projected yield to 198 bushels per acre. If achieved, Iowa's 2021 statewide corn yield projection would be the same 2019 yield; however, the 2021 yield would be considerably

higher than the 2020 yield of 178 bushels per acre that was reduced by the derecho storm. Iowa's record corn yield was 203 bushels per acre in 2016.

The 2021 USDA corn yield estimates for the other major corn producing States are Illinois at 214 bushels per acre, compared to 192 bushels per acre in 2020; Indiana at 197 bushels per acre, compared to 187 bushels per acre in 2020; Nebraska at 188 bushels per acre, compared to 181 bushels per acre in 2020; and Wisconsin at 172 bushels per acre, compared to 174 bushels per acre in 2020. In States being significantly impacted by drought conditions this year, South Dakota's projected 2021 corn yield is 133 bushels per acre, compared to 162 bushels per acre in 2020; and North Dakota at 108 bushels per acre, compared to 139 bushels per acre in 2020.

The USDA Report on September 10 estimated total 2021 U.S. soybean production at just over 4.37 billion bushels, which would be up 6 percent from the 2020 soybean production of just over 4.13 billion bushels. USDA increased the projected the 2021 U.S. average soybean yield slightly to 50.6 bushels per acre, compared to 50 bushels per acre in the August report. The 2021 NASS soybean yield estimate compares to 50.2 bushels per acre in 2020, 47.4 bushels per acre in

2019, 51.6 bushels per acre in 2018, 49.1 bushels per acre in 2017, and the record national average soybean yield of 52 bushels per acre in 2016. The USDA 2020 soybean yield projection is fairly close to the yield estimates by many grain trading analysts.

USDA is estimating Minnesota's 2021 average soybean yield at 47 bushels per acre, which was increased by 4 bushel per acre from the August estimate. The 2021 yield compares to recent statewide yields of 49 bushels per acre in 2020, 44 bushels per acre in 2019, 50.5 bushels per acre in 2018, 47 bushels per acre in 2017 and the record State soybean yield of 52.5 bushels per acre in 2016. The estimated 2021 soybean yield for Iowa was increased by 1 bushel per acre from the August estimate, and is now projected at 59 bushels per acre. The 2021 statewide yield compares to 53 bushels per acre in 2020, 55 bushels per acre in 2019, 57 bushels per acre in 2018, 56.5 bushels per acre in 2017 and the State record yield of 60.5 bushels per acre in 2016.

Other projected 2021 yields in major soybean producing States include Illinois at 64 bushels per acre, compared to 59 bushels per acre in 2020; Indiana at 60 bushels per acre, compared to 58 bushels per acre in 2020; Nebraska at 59 bushels per acre, compared to 57 bushels per acre in 2020; and Wisconsin at 49 bushels per acre, compared to 51 bushels per acre in 2020. The estimated 2021 soybean yield for South Dakota is 38 bushels per acre, compared to 45.5 bushels per acre in 2020; with North Dakota only at 25 bushels per acre, compared to 33.5 bushels per acre in 2020. Total combined 2021 harvested soybean acreage in the

droughtstricken States of North and South Dakota is estimated at 12.7 million acres, which is higher than soybean acreage in either Iowa or Illinois.

SEPTEMBER 10  
WASDE REPORT

The USDA World Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) that was also released on September 10 included the projected increases in the 2021 U.S. corn yield and the total corn production. The report also showed slight increase in expected corn usage for ethanol and livestock feed during 202122 marketing year, as compared to the 202021 corn usage in both categories. U.S. corn export levels for 20212022 are expected to decline slightly from record export levels in the just completed 202021 marketing year. The 202122 U.S. corn exports are now estimated at 2.475 billion bushels, which is down from the corn export total of 2.745 billion bushels in 202021 but is still well above the 2019 final corn exports of 1.777 billion bushels.

Total corn usage for 202122 is now estimated at 14.8 billion bushels and corn ending stocks are projected at just over 1.4 billion bushels, which is an increase from a carryover of slightly over 1.24 billion bushels in the August WASDE report. The latest 202122 corn ending stocks projection compares to ending stocks of just under 1.19 billion bushels in the just completed 202021 marketing year and 1.92 billion bushels in 201920. The USDA 20212022 corn carryover level was slightly higher than the average estimates by grain trading analysts.

USDA is projecting the average onfarm corn price for the 202122 marketing year, which extends from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, to be \$5.45 per

bushel, which is a decrease of \$.30 per bushel from the August price estimate. The 202021 national average corn price, which will be finalized on September 30, 2021, is estimated at \$4.45 per bushel, which compares to previous national average prices of \$3.56 per bushel in 201920, \$3.61 per bushel for 201819, and 3.36 per bushel for both 201718 and 201617.

The recent WASDE report projected 202122 soybean ending stocks at 185 million bushels, which is an increase of 30 million bushels from the August estimate.

The 202122 soybean ending stocks compares to previous ending stocks of 175 million bushels in 202021, 525 million bushels in 201920 and 909 million bushels in 201819. Soybean exports for 202122 are projected at 2.09 billion bushels, which is down from an estimated 2.26 billion bushels in 202021 but is still wellabove the 201920 export level of 1.68 billion bushels.

USDA is now projecting the average onfarm soybean price for the 202122 marketing year at \$12.90 per bushel, which is a decrease of \$.80 per bushel from August price estimate. The 202021 estimated final national average soybean price is estimated at \$10.90 per bushel, which compares to national average prices of \$8.57 per bushel for 201920, \$8.48 per bushel in 201819, and \$9.33 in 201718.

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Road Right-of Ways	60 feet - F 1 rod - U no setback - S	No setback	When applying manure on hay ground, the "Incorporation Within 48 hours and prior to Rain" setbacks in the adjacent table shall apply.
Surface Water Intakes	300 feet - F 150 feet - U	1 rod	When applying manure to hay ground, incorporation is not required.
Frozen Ground	6% slope or less		



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### QUICK FACTS

Recognize behavioral signs of stress like worrying, poor concentration, isolation and negative talking.

Look for physical signs including poor sleep, weight loss or gain and poor hygiene.

Watch for signs in yourself or others and talk to someone you trust.

The Farm and Rural Helpline is confidential and available anytime for free when you need someone to talk to that will understand your situation.

## TIPS FOR SAFER FARMING

**T**ractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine,

seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

#### Know farm equipment:

Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.



#### Conduct routine safety checks:

Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly

#### Practice cleanliness:

Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

#### Be mindful of your

#### clothing and hair:

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the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

**Exercise caution when handling chemicals.** Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

#### Wear protective gear:

Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

#### Employ lock out/tag out control:

This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.

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Droughts and Crop Failures  
in Martin County

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

The drought of 2021 has impacted Minnesota and Martin County. Often current events cause us to ask questions of the past. Is this the worst drought our area has suffered? What other kinds of adversity has our agricultural community had to overcome? Has Martin County ever experienced a complete crop failure?

A drought is usually defined as a period of dry weather, with little to no precipitation, that often does harm to many crops. A "crop failure" is typically defined as a situation, caused by drought or a variety of other reasons, where enough crops are lost that there is a severe impact on the surrounding community and economy.

The first settlers came to Martin County in 1856, numbering 20 men, 9 women, and 23 children, immediately encountered farming challenges. An early frost killed most of their gardens and crops that year and they were forced to obtain supplies for the winter from outside of Martin County.

In 1866, the population of Martin County had increased. However, an early frost once again damaged crops and left many settlers destitute. In June of 1872, the bean crop was thriving. Then, grasshoppers invaded and ruined the crop. A second crop was planted and was also lost, this time due to an early frost.

The crops looked good in 1875, however, by July the grasshoppers had once again invaded and their crops were lost. The "hoppers" followed in 1876 by "annihilating" the corn crop.

It would seem that Martin County experienced the loss of many crops during those early years. However, if they were judged to be "crop failures," they were not due to a drought, but rather a result of an early frost and pestilence.

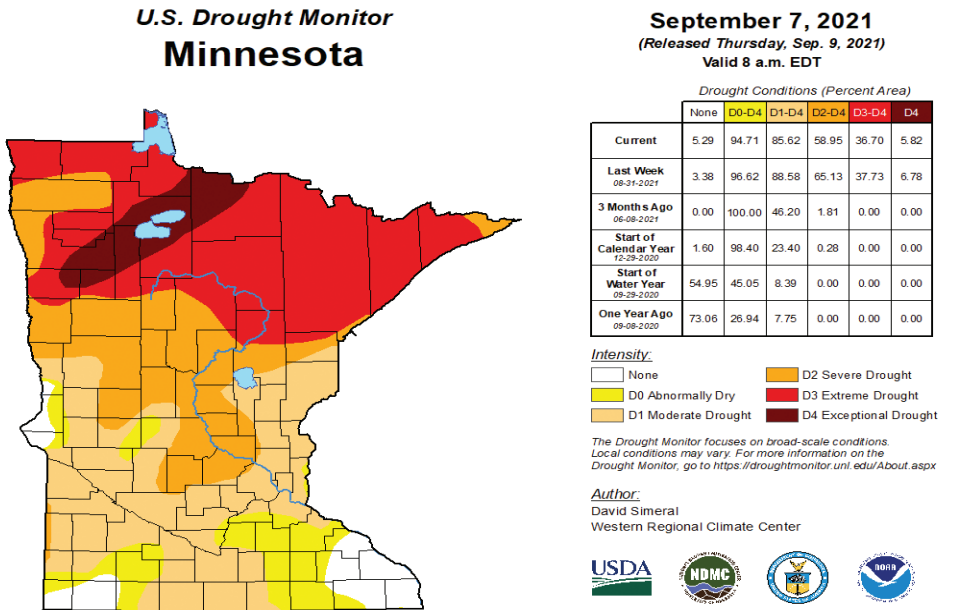
In 1946 a Sentinel editorial stated the following: "The year 1946 finds Martin County's 90th harvest complete." It goes on to say that "Martin County has long been heralded as a county that has never had a crop failure. That record still holds."

The July 3, 1951, edition of the Sentinel referred to an article in a Minnesota newspaper implying that Martin County's storm loss, estimated at \$3.5 million, was a "total crop failure." The Sentinel's response was swift and stern stating the following: "Nothing could be further from the truth," and that this loss was a mere "drop in the bucket." The story went on to state that "Never in Martin County's history has there been a 'complete' crop failure, nor has anyone here died or even suffered from starvation."

The year 1988 also had a significant drought in this area. A July 22, 1988, Sentinel article entitled

According to the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, there is a long term station in Fairmont that has drought data going back to 1908. That data, from longest duration to shortest is as follows regarding the top ten drought periods:

Drought Start	Drought End	Duration in Weeks
7/16/1933	1/8/1935	77
6/25/1910	10/1/1911	66
4/16/1930	1/29/1931	41
9/16/1988	4/23/1989	31
10/22/2003	5/20/2004	30
8/26/1976	3/26/1977	30
3/25/1940	10/21/1940	30
2/12/1968	8/19/1968	27
4/30/1923	11/5/1923	27
4/23/1957	10/22/1957	26



with various accounts of agricultural obstacles: crop pests such as "Loopers" and "Army Worms;" adverse weather conditions such as significant hail damage; and stretches of drought over the years as well. However, none appear to have been to the extent of a total crop failure, with the possible exception of those earliest years in the history of Martin County.

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## Facts and Figures on Farm Safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agriculture is among the most hazardous industries. Fatal and nonfatal injuries pose a significant threat to farmers, including the many young people who work on farms. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in an effort to promote productive and safe workplaces, supports programs that conduct research on injuries associated with agriculture as well as pesticide exposure, pulmonary disease, musculoskeletal disorders, hearing loss, and stress. Studying the results of such research, compiled by NIOSH, may compel veteran and novice farmers to further emphasize safety measures and promote practices that can reduce risk for accidents on the farm.

- Estimates indicate that there were roughly 2.1 million full-time workers employed in production agriculture in 2017 and between 1.4 and 2.1 million hired crop workers employed annually on crop farms in the United States.
- An estimated 893,000 young people under 20 years of age resided on farms in 2014. More than half of those young people performed farm work, and an additional 266,000 youth were hired to work on farms in 2014.
- Each day, roughly 100 agricultural workers suffer injuries that cause them to miss time at work.
- In 2014, 12,000 youth were injured on farms, and 4,000 of those youths could trace their injuries

to farm work.

- In 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries. Tractor overturns and other transportation incidents were the leading cause of death for these farmers and farm workers.

- A rollover protection system, or ROPS, is a structure, similar to roll-cages and rollbars in cars and trucks, intended to protect farm equipment operators from injuries caused by overturns or rollovers. NIOSH notes that an ROPS is the most effective way to prevent overturn deaths. Despite that, in 2014, only 62 percent of tractors used on farms in the U.S. were equipped with an ROPS.

## Farm Safety Check: Grain Handling Safety

Grain handling is a high-hazard activity, where workers face serious injury and death. Youth should not be in grain bins or silos or in/around flat storage structures unless they are empty, proper lock-out/tag-out and other safety procedures are followed, and the youth is at least 16 years old.

Have you taken the proper steps to ensure the safety of grain bins/silo entry on your farm?

### SAFETY CHECKLIST

The checklist below lists a few common hazards you can look for and fix to keep your workers and family safe.

Has equipment been

powered off at main disconnect and locked and tagged?

If there is potential for combustible gas, vapors or toxic agents, has the oxygen level been tested

with a gas monitor?

Is a rope and harness available for anyone entering a grain bin?

If a worker enters, is an observer present and in communication?

Is the observer trained and able to initiate rescue?

Is rescue equipment provided and specifically suited for entry?

Are there NIOSH approved masks or respirators available?

Are grain and feed bins clearly labeled to warn of the hazards of flowing grain or feed?

Do all bins have permanent ladders inside and outside?

Are hearing protectors available for wearing around noisy equipment?

Are equipment guards and shields in place and in good condition?



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# GRAIN ENGULFMENT AND ENTRAPMENT

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Flowing grain behaves like quicksand.

In 4 seconds, an adult can sink knee-deep in the suction of flowing grain. At this point, he or she can't free themselves without help.

An adult can be completely buried (engulfed) in 20 seconds. Most engulfed victims do not survive.

Grain exerts forces of friction and pressure on a person that prevent self-escape.

A person buried to the waist in grain requires a force equivalent to their own body weight plus 600 pounds to free them.

The force required to remove a person buried under grain can exceed 2000 pounds.

Grain engulfment and entrapment incidents are on the rise in recent years due to record harvests, larger storage facilities, and equipment that moves grain at faster rates than ever.

Activities associated with grain handling and storage pose a variety of risks to safety and health of workers, including entrapment and suffocation in grain, falls from structures or catwalks, entanglement in grain moving machinery, toxic atmospheres, electrocution, and dust explosions. This page addresses grain engulfment and entrapment hazards.

## What are the risks?

Grain engulfment has been a recognized hazard for decades. Yet both experienced and inexperienced workers continue to underestimate deadly risks associated with the speed and force of flowing or shifting grain.

Anyone who enters a storage structure containing grain, or who climbs onto an outdoor grain storage pile, is at risk of being entrapped or engulfed in grain. Fatalities have occurred in as little as a few feet of grain.

Roughly half of known entrapments occur on farms,

and half occur in commercial facilities. Most entrapment and engulfment events occur because workers enter a bin or storage structure to check on condition of grain or to address problems with grain flow due to spoiled grain or equipment malfunction. But other scenarios present risks even when grain is not being unloaded from the structure.

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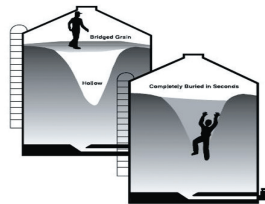
### Flowing grain

Around 80% of reported engulfments involve a person inside a bin or storage structure when grain-unloading equipment is running. Engulfments in flowing grain also occur in outdoor grain storage piles, grain wagons, rail cars, and semi-trailers that unload from the bottom.

As unloading conveyors or augers remove grain through the bottom outlet, a funnel-shaped flow develops on the surface of the grain. Anyone standing on the surface while grain is being removed from below is at risk of being rapidly pulled down toward the outlet in the column of flowing grain. Submersion takes only seconds and once it begins, the pressure and

friction forces of grain on the body are virtually impossible for victim to overcome. If grain unloading equipment is not shut off, victims can be pulled down into the unloading conveyor, auger, or sump.

Victims covered in grain are not likely to survive. Cause of death is usually asphyxiation.



### Bridged grain

Spoiled or "out-of-condition" grain clumps together and can develop a crust on the top surface. This crust appears solid, but it is unstable and may hide open voids below that develop as grain is removed. Bridged grain can collapse under a person's weight, resulting in the victim being buried by falling and shifting grain. If unloading equipment is running at the time this occurs, the victim can be rapidly pulled down toward the bottom of the bin.

Vertical grain wall avalanche

Spoiled grain can form a clumped mass that adheres to the vertical wall of a bin. Entering a bin to dislodge a vertical wall of grain that is higher than the victim is dangerous because the grain wall can suddenly break loose and fall like an avalanche, burying or injuring the victim.

### Grain vacuums

Some fatal engulfments have occurred while individuals were using grain vacuums to remove grain from bins. When the grain vacuum nozzle is placed below the grain surface, a funnel flow of grain develops as grain is sucked into the tube. An operator can be pulled into the downward flow of grain if this nozzle is released or becomes buried below the grain surface near the operator's feet. Maneuvering the vacuum tube can be awkward, increasing the operator's risk of slipping or losing balance as he tries to reposition the hose in flowing grain. If the

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operator falls or struggles for position, his movements can trigger an avalanche of grain if the slope of grain ("angle of repose") is steep.

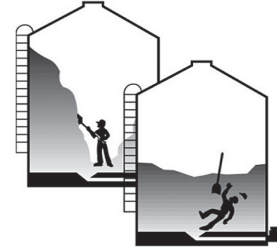
Plan ahead for occasions when entry is absolutely necessary

Provide training. Train workers on grain storage hazards and risks involved with entering a grain storage bin or facility. Training should include recognizing grain quality problems, entry procedures, use of safety equipment, and emergency response, before allowing access to a bin or storage structure. Training should be provided at regular intervals, not just upon hiring or once a year.

Have an emergency rescue plan in place and follow it. The plan should include having cell phones on site, emergency numbers posted for local emergency responders trained in bin rescue, and prevention of untrained "would-be rescuers" who could increase grain pressure on a victim or even become engulfed themselves.

Shut down all grain loading and unloading equipment (turnheads, reclaim conveyors, augers) and lockout the power sources to them. If mechanical and pneumatic grain moving equipment cannot be locked out, do not enter.

Evaluate the atmosphere. Use a gas meter to check for adequate oxygen content in the bin and the presence of toxic gases like carbon monoxide (which can be present if



there is combustion or smoldering grain), fumigants, or excessive carbon dioxide. If the air in the bin smells like spoiled or moldy grain, assume there are dangerous bridges or vertical grain walls that can collapse. If grain is out of condition, or the atmosphere conditions cannot be determined, do not enter.

### Atmosphere checklist

Do not enter if:

Oxygen level <19.5% or >23.5%  
Carbon monoxide > 25 ppm  
Toxic gases:  
Hydrogen sulfide  
Phosphine > 10 ppm  
> 0.3 ppm  
Odors: spoiled grain, chemicals, or smoldering/burning odors are detected  
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5. Turn on aeration fans.

6. Visually inspect the interior of the structure before entering.

A grain wall can collapse or a high slope of grain can shift suddenly, burying the entrant. Never enter a bin where the upper level of grain along the wall is above the entrant's position inside; if grain is hung up on a side wall; or if the angle of stored grain exceeds the angle of repose.



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## Farm Safety Check: STOP-THINK-ACT

This is a simple, yet powerful safety tool that encourages everyone on the farm to consider the task or chore at hand, to ask themselves how their own actions could contribute to a safe and productive outcome and stop if it can't be done safely.

As you prepare for spring planting, add safety to your list. Stop Think Act helps you put safety first on and off the farm.

Before and during a task...

### STOP

What could go wrong? How bad could it be?  
Has anything changed?

### THINK

Do I clearly understand the task?  
Am I physically and mentally ready?  
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### ACT

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*Farms present many fire risks and, especially during drought, it is critical to pay attention to these risks and take steps to mitigate them. An awareness of potential fire hazards on your farm and having a plan to address them are key components in protecting your farm and your people. While these tips are particularly useful in times of drought and increased fire risk, it's also helpful to keep them in mind all year and in all weather patterns.*

#### QUICK FACTS

Having a clear action plan will allow you to respond quickly, should a fire occur on your farm.

Fire extinguishers are critical on the farm to reduce fire risk.

Make sure the people on your farm are properly trained for tasks that have a higher risk of starting a fire.

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The most basic definition of a grange is an outlying farm or land with a manor building on the property. When first developed in 12th century Britain, granges were properties that may have been owned by a lord, who chose to live on the property or leased it to others. Other granges were held by the church, mainly by monasteries.

The grange definition and system was modified when the concept was brought to North America. After the Civil War in the United

States, Oliver Kelley, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, realized while touring the region that poor farmers in the South bore the brunt of the war's devastation. Kelley noted outdated farming practices that were disorganized and largely ineffectual. He considered an organization that could bring farmers together across the country with a spirit of mutual agricultural cooperation.

Out of this idea the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (also called The Grange) was established as a non-profit organization in 1867. The goal was helping rural American families with a strong emphasis on issues related to agriculture. The

first grange (Grange #1) was founded in 1868 in Fredonia, New York. Other granges soon sprung up across the country.

The organization operates on four tiers: community, county or district, state, and national level. It is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it has membership in the hundreds of thousands. According to The Grange, their mission is to "strengthen individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness."

In addition to agricultural advocacy, The Grange has been involved with a num-

ber of legislative and practical initiatives. For example, it currently is aiming to find ways to reduce the cost of Medicare as well as helping to reform the U.S. Postal Service.

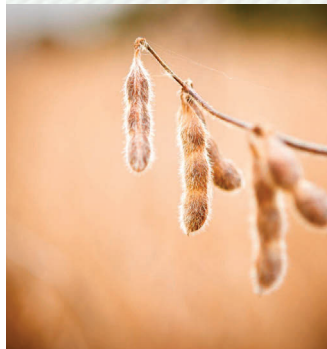
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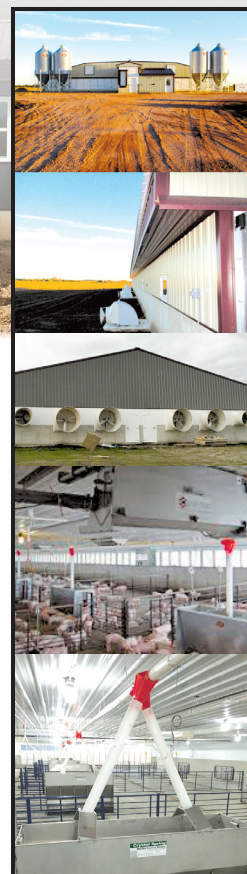


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## Farm Safety Check: Safety for Working Youth

Farms and ranches are home to many things that are beneficial to both children and adults (plants, animals, family, chores, business features, etc.). Many adults who grew up on farms are happy to talk about the benefits of being raised on a farm – from instilling a good work ethic and teaching responsibility to building character and a passion, love and respect for the land. However, youth doing work that

doesn't match their developmental level and abilities increases the risk of injury.

Children, teens, and adults working on farms face hazards not encountered in other jobs. Use these guidelines to determine if youth are ready to perform a job. Learn about hazards and keeping working youth safe. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections.

Adapted with permis-

sion from the NCCRAHS Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist

### SAFETY CHECKLIST

Are youth assigned farm tasks or chores appropriate for their age and ability?

When a youth is working, is an adult providing adequate supervision, based on the youth's age/ability and the task? Does an adult train youth on how to do a task safely and demonstrate the task before having them attempt it? Do youth demonstrate safely performing a task 4-5 times before they are allowed to perform the task on their own?

Are youth encouraged to ask questions when unsure about how to perform a task or address a hazard?

Does an adult check the work area, ensure it is free from as many hazards as possible, and teach youth how to avoid/address any remaining hazards?

Has the youth been taught safety strategies specific to COVID-19, including physical distancing, washing hands often while using soap and water, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, and wearing gloves, cloth face masks (respirators when appropriate), and eye protection?

Do youth wear appropriate protective equipment (gloves, hearing/eye protection, masks, etc.) when working?

Does an adult ensure that ventilation systems are working properly and work areas are well ventilated before youth

enter the building/area? Does an adult verify equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place (e.g. guards, shields, ROPS)?

If working with animals, does an adult ensure the animals are free of disease/injury and keep youth away from unpredictable or dangerous animals?

Are youth dressed appropriately to be working in the farm work-site (no loose clothing or clothes with strings, non-skid shoes/boots, hair tied back, face mask, etc.)?

Are youth trained to recognize the signs of heat exhaustion and/or hypothermia and how to respond?

Is drinking water available near the work area with a designated water bottle per person?

Are the bathroom and handwashing facilities near the work area? Are they cleaned and disinfected often throughout

the day?

Are frequent rest and stretch breaks provided for youth, and the youth trained to drink adequate amounts of water during their breaks (e.g. 1 quart per hour when working in hot conditions)?

Are youth at least 16 years old who perform tasks involving dangerous or unpredictable animals (e.g. bull, boar, stud horse, sow w/ suckling pigs)? involving working from a ladder or scaffolding at higher heights?

Are exceptionally dangerous tasks reserved for adults to perform (working in a manure pit, around flowing grain, with a chainsaw, with pesticides/dangerous chemicals, etc.)?

Are youth trained to wash their hands, change their clothing, wash cloth face masks, and sanitize their PPE when finished working?



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People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending

time on farms.

**Know and obey the laws.** Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

**Review equipment operation instructions.** Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents

reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

**Inspect equipment.** Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

**Enroll children in farm safety camps.** The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension

and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

**Set a positive example.** Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety in mind

**The farm is a great place to raise kids, but it's also dangerous. About one-third of all farm accidents involve children.**

**Prevent your child from becoming a statistic:**

1. Make sure they understand on-farm hazards.
2. Only give them age-appropriate tasks.
3. And make sure they are supervised.

**Warn children about on-farm hazards**

Many of the everyday hazards on the farm are not always obvious. Talk to children about what makes certain areas of the farm dangerous, and ask them what they think they can do to keep themselves safe. Important areas to cover include machinery, livestock, grain bins, silos and chemicals.

**Give children age-appropriate tasks**

Kids tend to be very eager helpers on the farm. Although they may want to help with everything, consider the age-appropriateness of certain tasks. Some tasks like helping feed livestock, cleaning out pens and operating machinery will not be appropriate for every child.

**Supervise children while playing or working on the farm**

Lastly, supervision is critical to keeping kids safe on the farm, whether they are working or not. Over half of child injuries on farms happen to children who are not working, but are simply in the vicinity of dangerous activities. Keeping a watchful eye on any kids around the farm is crucial in ensuring their safety.

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Cynthia Abel, Ronald Abel to Roxane Wedel, Und.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Int. Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 19-103-29

Christopher Joe Mosloski, Sadie Mosloski to Dustin Wiederhoeft, Pt. Lot 12, Block 1, Pt. Lot 10, Block 1, West Addn. Northrop

Debra Olson, Steven I. Olson to Spencer Steven Olson, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 28-103-32

MN Para Transit Services Inc. to BEVCOMM, Lot 14, Block 9, Original Plat Truman

DRDA Properties to Federated Rural Electric Association, Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 6-102-32

Taylor Spaulding, Tiphonie Spaulding to Gregory Pionkowski, Lot 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat Welcome

Christopher Pederson to Shawn McElmury, Sheila McElmury, Lot 1, Block 1, Belle Vue Acres 1st Addn. Anthony Forand, Kelsey Forand to Howard Griffin, Joanne Griffin, Pt. AP#16, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 7-102-32

Edwin D. Lenort Trust, Bradley A. Lenort, Trustee, Mary Lou I. Lenort, Mary Lou I. Lenort, Trustee to Amber I. Diekmann, Pt. W/esmt., SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 12-101-30, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 7-101-29

Perry Stenerson to Paul W. Kastning, Lot 1, Block 4, Stades Home Addn.

Christopher C. Newman, Atty.-in-fact, Shawn Newman to Matthew Wolner, Pt. Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Youngs Addn.

Julie Mapson, Randy Mapson to Carol A. Pierce, Und.  $\frac{1}{2}$  int., Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 34-104-29

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Dale Wedel, Roxane Wedel to Dale Wedel, Roxane Wedel, Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24-103-30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 19-103-29

Larry L. Bell, Linda K. Bell to Clair E. Schmidt, Jr., Kevin D. Schmidt, Mark A. Schmidt, Lot 9, Block 2, Clear Lake Homes

Julie M. Thedens, Todd L. Thedens to Julie M. Thedens Revocable Living Trust, Julie M. Thedens, Trustee, Todd L. Thedens, Trustee, Todd L. Thedens Revocable Living Trust, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 29-101-29, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 11-101-29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 20-101-29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 29-101-29, Meander Lot M., 28-101-29, Pt. Meander Lots K & L, Burndt Out Lake, 28-101-29, Govt. Lot 2, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Govt. Lot 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Pt. Govt. Lot 4, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Pt. and Meander Lot P, Govt. Lot 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 28-101-29, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 29-101-29

Dennis W. Anderson, Garla L. Anderson to Dennis W. Anderson, Garla L. Anderson, Pt. N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 12-104-33, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 7-104-32

Bruce A. Moeller, Loretta Moeller to Brent J. Moeller, Karen A. Moeller, Mark A. Moeller, Shelly M. Moeller, Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 14-103-30

Brent J. Moeller, Karen A. Moeller, Mark A. Moeller, Shelly M. Moeller to Bruce A. Moeller, Loretta Moeller, Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 14-103-30

Kay E. Olsen, Mark D. Olsen to Olsen Houses LLC, Lot 1, Block 3, Stades Addn. to Hazelmere

Cheryl A. Rowan, Jon K. Rowan, Jon M. Rowan to Jeanne M. Garbers Walden, Andrew S. Walden, Jeanne M. Garbers Walden, Pt. Govt. Lots 4, 5, Pt. Block 1 Timber Subd., w/esmt, 36-102-30

### CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Daniel H. Schafer, Jonathan W. Schafer, Atty.-in-fact to Christina E. Schafer, Michael D. Schafer, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 3-102-33

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Roxane Wedel, Willard P. Abel Trust to Ronald Abel, Roxane Wedel, Pt. E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24-103-30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 19-103-29

Roxane Wedel, Willard P. Abel Trust to Jacqueline Bishop, Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24-103-30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 19-103-29

George T. Weber, Rosemary Weber, Weber Family Revocable Living Trust to Karen Dawson, Rodney Lynn Dawson, Lot 7, Bethel Addn.

## Fairmont Council Nixes Dutch Creek Dredging

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

After weighing the pros and cons and unknown cost of dredging the mouth of Dutch Creek, the Fairmont City Council, by a 3-2 vote, declined to proceed on the project at its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 13.

Following a presentation by the Fairmont Lakes Foundation at the council's Aug. 23 meeting, during which the organization expressed an interest in dredging the mouth of Dutch Creek, discussion about the possible dredging project continued with city staff concluding that the unknown cost for such an endeavor would not be a cost-effective approach to the problem.

The Dutch Creek watershed filters about 9,000 acres of farm land and is the biggest tributary feeding Fairmont's chain of five lakes.

Troy Nemmers, city engineer/public works director, told the council that 90 percent of the watershed is located outside the city limits. Currently, the city is working on a project that will create a bioreactor to help reduce nitrate levels in the creek and create a natural wetland habitat to help filter nutrients flowing through the creek into Hall Lake.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which would need to approve a permit for a dredging project, predicted dredging would create a short-term aesthetic improvement which would require funds to clean and maintain over time.

The DNR also felt that any impact from dredging would be overwhelmed by the continued nutrient inflow from the watershed and have little impact on the water quality and the growth of the blue-green algae seen in lakes this year.

Councilor Britney Kawecki urged the council to begin the permit process, saying removing the sediment at the mouth of the creek will remove the toxins from the water. Nemmers said the challenge is removing nitrates from the water, which must be done through a

filtration process such as the bioreactor project. Kawecki made a motion to begin the permit process for survey and core sampling, and Randy Lubenow seconded it.

The permit is required to be accompanied by a construction plan, disposal plan, topographical survey and volume calculations for proposed dredging, but city staff had no estimate as to what this initial information would cost to obtain. Michele Miller, Bruce Peters and Wayne Hasek voted against the motion, which caused it to fail.

Lubenow then offered a motion to get a quote to determine what it would cost to begin the permit process, and Kawecki seconded it. That motion also failed by a 3-2 vote which ended the issue.

In another matter, the council voted 3-2 to maintain one superintendent for both the water and wastewater plants.

Anticipating the upcoming retirement of Doug Rainforth, who most recently held the superintendent's position, city administration met with employees of both departments to discuss structuring and workloads. Staff determined that the different demands of the two departments would benefit from separate superintendents as was the situation until 1998 when the two top spots were combined. Miller and Peters sup-

ported splitting the superintendent duties, but the majority of Lubenow, Kawecki and Hasek were successful in their vote to maintain the singular position.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a conditional use permit for an expansion of Kwik Trip at 217 S. State St. The gas station and convenience store will be increasing its size by about one-third as well as adding parking on the east side.

- Approved an event permit for the Fairmont homecoming parade at 4 p.m. Sept. 24. The parade route will begin at Ward Park and go through Downtown Plaza.

- Learned of Fairmont being awarded the Dave Neiman Memorial Source Water Protection Award by the Minnesota Rural Water Association and the Minnesota Department of Health for the city's efforts to identify and reduce nitrates in its water supply.

- Recognized Shannon Bass for his 20 years of service with the Fairmont Police Department. Bass currently serves as school resource officer.

- Set a public hearing on assessments for 2021 street improvements for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

- Heard a report from Alissa Oeljenbruns, philanthropy officer with the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, about

SMIF's ongoing projects in the area. SMIF has invested about \$500,000 in Martin County, mostly in Fairmont, in the last year, focusing on economic development, early childhood education and community vitality. The city contributes \$3,000 annually to SMIF.

- Learned that the new Public Works Building is running about \$270,000 under budget at this point during construction.

- Learned that the utility assistance program, intended to help those struggling to pay utility bills, has helped 70 customers so far. Anyone needing assistance should contact the Minnesota Valley Action Council.

- Set a "Conversations With the City" event for 5-6 p.m. Oct. 21 at Veterans Park, with SMEC as an alternate site in case of inclement weather.

- Learned that the draft of an updated rental ordinance will be available on the city's website, www.fairmont.org, this week.

The next regular council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27. Fairmont City Council meetings can be viewed on the city's website, www.fairmont.org, under the "Citizens" tab or on Fairmont Cable Channel 13 at 2 and 10 a.m. and p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 7 a.m. and p.m. on Wednesdays.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

YOUR ATTENTION is called by the Fairmont City Council to a public hearing to be held on September 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairmont City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, in the City of Fairmont to take public input on a proposed Ordinance 2021-03, an ordinance repealing current Fairmont City Code, Chapter 27, Rental Housing and replacing it in its entirety.

A complete copy of proposed Ordinance 2021-03 may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk or may be viewed on the City of Fairmont's website.

Persons who desire to be heard in reference to the code amendment will be heard at this meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to Fairmont City Hall, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. THE DON & MARGARET LARSEN FAMILY**- 501.51 Acres +/- in Section 15 of Springfield Twp., Cottonwood Co., MN & Section 13 of Southbrook Twp., Cottonwood Co., MN. Auction to be held at the Windom Community Center at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr, Windom, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. WILLIAM MEAGHER MURPHY TRUST**- 80 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 17 of Prescott Twp., Faribault Co., MN. Sale to be held at Riverside Town & Country Club 36259 150th St, Winnebago, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLERS & Associates

**Friday, September 17, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. FISHER FAMILY**- 280 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Middletown & Wisconsin Townships, Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Jackson American Legion Hall at 411 First Street, Jackson, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. PAUL CHAUSSEE ETAL**- 78 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 15 of Wisconsin Township, Jackson County, MN. Sale to be held at Jackson American Legion Hall at 411 First Street, Jackson, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLERS & ASSOCIATES

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. DICK FAMILY**- 152.85 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland in Amboy Twp., Cottonwood Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Windom Community Center at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive, Windom, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. VERA F. GREASER**- 80 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland in Belmont Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at the farm located from the junction of Interstate 90 & Hwy #71 at Jackson, MN, 6 1/2 miles north on #71 to 860th St then 2 miles west on 860th St. Dan Pike & Associates

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. RAYMOND & DELORIS HARDER ESTATE**- 392.96 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland in Sections 6, 8 & 10 of Butterfield Township, Watonwan Co., MN. Sale to be held at the American Legion at 620 First Avenue S, St. James, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLERS & ASSOCIATES.

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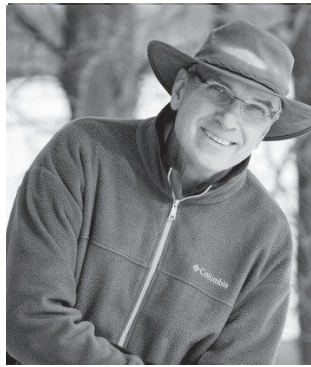
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## Do UFOs believe in you?

By Al Batt

“A dark night in a city that knows how to keep its secrets, but one man is still trying to find the answers to life's persistent questions — Guy Noir, Private Eye.”

That's from the old Prairie Home Companion radio program.

“Do you believe in UFOs?” someone who wasn't Guy Noir asked. Like everyone, he had some crackpot ideas like the Vikings winning a Super Bowl during his lifetime. I considered his question because I am

the soul of compassion and my path on which to beat a hasty retreat was blocked. I was busier than a mirror merchant during an earthquake and his horrid question prevented me from getting on with my fascinating day, highlighted by the ceremonial clipping of my toenails.

“Here be dragons,” I thought, I hoped not aloud. No matter what I'd answer, I'd have a good shot at being deemed an idiot. That hurts, especially when it's true.

“UFOs,” I said, rubbing my chin seriously and pretending to be in deep thought. I said it hurt when I said A, E, I, O or U because I had irritable vowel syndrome.

My inquisitor didn't crack a smile.

“Do you think it's fair that Cy Young never won a single Cy Young Award?” I said, hoping to change the subject.

I have created UFOs — Unidentified Fried Objects. I'm not sure what they were. I had an Unidentified Friendly Odinate land on my shoulder — a damselfly that flew away before I could identify it. I'm a birder and I've seen many Unidentified Feathered Objects. I've

heard Johnny Cash sing, “Ghost Riders in the Sky.” Were they UFOs?

I had a neighbor who swore he'd seen a UFO, but his eyesight was woolly on Saturday nights.

I look at the stars (they make me feel outnumbered), the clouds (they all look like the cotton stuffed in the top of aspirin bottles) and flying birds.

My questioner asked about the UFO meaning Unidentified Flying Objects. Some call it a UAP, an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. Both acronyms refer to a mysterious object seen in the sky for which there is no scientific explanation to be found or believed. The term “unidentified flying object” was first used in print in 1953. People soon became ufologists.

When I was a boy with cheeks of tan, UFOs were called flying saucers because they were disc-shaped. Those alien visitors were fans of Frisbees and bring-a-plate meals.

I saw bad photographs of the flying saucers in National Enquirer and other similar publications found in grocery stores. Apparently, each spacecraft was equipped with a shield providing a blurry look that engaged when it sensed the presence of a camera. Either that or all the photographers used the worst camera ever made. The photos were

hoaxes, weather balloons, flares, blimps, helicopters, planes, planets, meteors, fireflies, meteorites, satellites, lightning, ice crystals, clouds, reflections of lights, pelicans, a cow that jumped over the moon or imagination. Now that everyone is a walking camera, I'd expected to see more and better photos of UFOs.

If these beings that need their space have come in search of intelligent life, they'll be searching for a long time. They know that if they've watched our cat videos.

They hunt for our leaders. That's the story behind most big-screen TV thefts. What would Captain Kirk and Spock do about UFOs? Kirk would woo the loveliest of the female aliens and Spock would display evidence of a hand cramp. “Star Trek” aside, just in my family alone, there have been zero sightings of UFOS. That's because we're not listed in any of their travel guides. I wasn't sure what a UFO looked like until one memorable day it hit me when a UFO (Unidentified Frozen Orb) cracked me upside my head. They look like snowballs.

I can't believe in everything, but I believe in many things. There are many things I cannot identify. Do I believe in UFOs? I barely believe in Garth Brooks.

I'm open to such things. I can't prove or dismiss anything and I try not to judge others. I'll keep looking at stars, clouds and birds. I'll get an “I brake for UFOs” bumper sticker and put it on my brother-in-law's car.

If I do see a UFO, I'll appreciate it and I'll know why it's here.

It's here for our sweet corn.

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**HIGH FLYER** – The Cardinal cheerleaders performed at the Saints vs Cards game. Pictured flyer Thea Peterson, bottom left Tiffany Lowry, center Misty Geerdes and Mariana Reyes. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**SACKED SAINT** - Noah Rahm sacks St. Peter running back Vinny Guappone for a loss as Card teammate Hank Artz looks on. The Cardinals defeated the Saints 36-16 last Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**TD TOSS** – Cardinals Zach Jorgensen threw for four touchdowns, three to Eli Anderson, against St. Peter. David Maakestad caught Jorgensen's other TD pass. The Cards (2-0) travel to Jordan (2-0) this Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**CARD CUTOFF** – Cards midfielder Benjamin Heinze cuts off the Bluejays Mason Jes' pass as teammate Zach Hulscher trails the play. The Cards defeated Waseca 7-1 last Tuesday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**FOREHAND RETURN** – Cards #2-singles player Briana Joseph hits return shot against Blue Earth Area's Addison Armstrong. Joseph and the #7-ranked Cardinals defeated the #10-ranked Bucs 7-0 last Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**DEFENSIVE SQUEEZE** – Card midfielders Eli Broomfield and Lincoln Becker sandwich Marshall's Bryan Esparza. The Cards (3-1-2) edged the Tigers 3-2 on Prince Lebby's second half goals. Benjamin Heinze had a goal in the first half. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**SOCCER BALL CHASE** – Cardinal Prince Lebby and Waseca's Joshua Azure maneuver for position. Bluejay Eli Nelson trails the play. Lebby had two goals and three assist in the 7-1 win over Waseca. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**RACKET 'GRATS** – Libby Totzke, right, clicks Hope Klanderud's racket after winning a point in #2-singles action. The duo won their match against Blue Earth Area doubles team. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**GOALIE PASS** – Goalie Benny Rosales passes the ball ahead to Card teammate Adrian Sanchez in action vs Marshall. The Cards host St. Peter Thursday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



**FHS RECORD** – Cardinal senior Laura Thompson broke her own Fairmont High School 5K cross country record placing first with a time of 18:32.96 at Gerry Smith/Tri-City United cross country invitational last Thursday. Thompson and the Cardinal girls team placed seventh in the 26-team event. The Cardinal Boys team placed 14th. The Cards travel to the Worthington Invite Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



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