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Sharing HER STORY

CAROL PIERCE
Let your Faith be bigger than your Fears

Hi, I am Carol Pierce and I am proud to say I am a Breast Cancer Survivor! It's a wonderful feeling to be able to say this today. I have 4 adult children. Chris and Amy and Reagan Pierce, Andy and Brooke and McKenna Pierce, Sara Pierce and Matt Moore and Allissa and Katy and Erik Dressalhaus, Jacob, Samantha, Emma, Ella and Jackson. My greatest support team! I think having a good sense of humor, power of God, hope, great family and friends, and all that love are the mixture of ingredients that kept me going thru my Breast Cancer Journey.

My journey started on November 21, 2019. I went for my annual Mammogram. It revealed a tiny spot on my left breast that wasn't there last year. After an ultrasound on November 26 it was determined I needed a biopsy, which was done on December 4th. The next morning, I got that dreaded phone call that yes indeed I have cancer. The diagnosis was Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. It was 8mm and was positive for Progesterone Receptor. My first thought was my family. They didn't need another blow. My husband Steve died 5 years ago, and we still miss him so much

especially during this time. It was so hard to say the words "I have Breast Cancer" but it was in the early stages and I was sure the results would be good. Of course, as they always do, they rallied together to help me in any way thru this journey. I love them all so much. The next step was meeting my surgeon, Dr. Kendra Kamnitz of Fairmont. I was scheduled for December 19. I remember on my trip to the OR room; I told the staff I don't think I want to do this today! They chuckled. They said "Don't worry, soon you will be in your happy place." Dr. Kamnitz called me the Monday before Christmas with my results. They removed the cancer cells and the tissues around them. The tissues were clean! She took 5 lymph nodes and they were cancer free! Truly God blessed me. I shed tears of joy and praised God for being at my side. I was so happy to tell them the good news and Merry Christmas!! In January 2020 I met with my Oncologist to determine my plan. My cells show that I was a grade 3, which means I would be a high risk of it spreading fast. I would need 4 rounds of chemo, three weeks apart. While the

Chemo news wasn't the best, I was happy to have it done in Fairmont. I was asked if I would like to do the Scalp Cooling Therapy while I was doing chemo. The Fairmont Hospital Foundation encouraged people to try it. There is no guarantee that you would keep your hair. I did it and I lost most of my hair, but my hair follicles were healthy, and my hair is growing back fast.

I am thankful they are doing this for cancer patients whose insurance companies don't cover this. The staff at the Lutz Cancer Center are fantastic. Fairmont is blessed to have an amazing cancer facility here. On April 2nd I was done with Chemo! Because of COVID, they walked me outside to ring the bell and to my surprise there was Sara, my puppy LULU Pearl and one of my best friends, Bonnie. On April 28th I started my 19 treatments of radiation and finished on May 22nd!

People ask me how it was dealing with cancer during COVID. I said I was already staying at home and wearing masks from Day One. Besides that, I didn't have to worry about coloring my hair! I am so thankful that I go in every

year for my annual mammogram. If I hadn't gone in and waited another year, I would have been in tough shape. I can't express how important it is to do this annually.

I thank my family and friends for all the support and love thru this journey. I would have a rough day, and in the mail would be encouraging cards or phone calls. That was always a ray of much needed sunshine. My hope in writing my story that it will encourage you to check your "Girls" every year and do self-breast exams. My bible verse that I relied on was, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13. Peace and love to those that

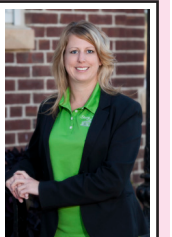
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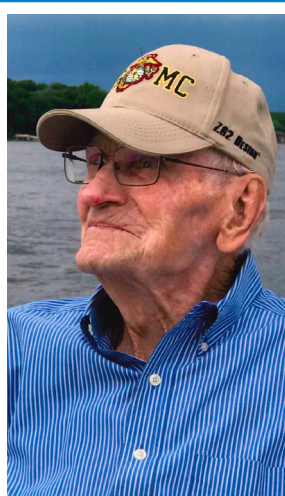
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- Online voter registration: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>
- By mail: print a voter registration form, filling it out, and mailing it to your local election office (locations can be found at): <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>
- In person (locations can be found at): <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>

Important dates to know during the election season

- Election day - Nov 3
- Registration Deadlines
- Online - Oct 13
- By mail - Received by Oct 13
- In person - Nov 3
- Absentee ballot deadlines
- Request by Nov 2
- Return by mail - postmarked by Nov 3
- Return in person - Nov 3 by 3pm
- Early voting
- Sept 18-Nov 2 (dates and hours vary depending on location)
- You can register to vote on election day
- Secure and fair elections: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/secure-and-fair-elections>



BOB OLSON turns 93 on October 11th. If you'd like to help him celebrate, a card will reach him at 664 160th Street, Sherburn, MN 56171. (Submitted photo)

VOTE ELLIOT BELGARD



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EXPERIENCE MATTERS

- TRUMAN FIREFIGHTER/ EMT 30 YEARS (RETIRED)
- TRUMAN CITY COUNCIL 18 YEARS 14 AS MAYOR
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ANDREA WESTCOTT, grand-daughter of Thomas Westcott, received a scholarship for \$2,000 from Army Otter-Caribou Association (AOCA) - Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA).

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- Apple Pressing • Corn Shelling • Kids Activities
- Soup dinner and homemade desserts
- Church service at 10am in the chapel
- Cookie baking in the farmhouse
- Self-guided tours of all our buildings

Please bring a mask to wear in the buildings.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.

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Flu Shot Clinic

STERLING PHARMACY Community Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 8th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the pharmacy's Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont. The clinic is for anyone nine years of age or older. Please bring insurance information.

The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale scheduled for October 15-17 at Martin Luther High School, Northrop has been cancelled.

Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont free **Lunchbox Entertainment Series** will feature musical entertainment by Julie Fleming of Fairmont on Tuesday, October 13 at noon. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Social distancing measures are in place and we ask guests to respect the mask mandate for the safety of our patrons and staff.

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

NIGHT is our one eyed wonder, having lost an eye due to a bad infection. That doesn't stop him from being a playful kitten, though. Black and white, this little guy is also a cuddle bug.

GABY is a beautiful long haired calico kitten who was born without eyelids. Because of this, she will need special drops in her eyes for the rest of her life. It doesn't slow her down, however, as she's an energetic girl!

TIGGER could possibly be the perfect cat. An orange tabby adult, he is loving, friendly, cuddly, sweet and has a charming personality.

Little BINX is an all black kitten who loves to play and snuggle in your arms. He came to us when he was just 4 weeks old, without a mama, and was in foster care for several weeks, so he's a bit spoiled.

THE SECOND WAVE OF KITTEN SEASON IS HERE!!! Keep an eye on our website, as we'll be having all sorts of kittens becoming available over the next month. All colors, sizes, ages and personalities!

**** Volunteers wanted and needed! Stop by the shelter during our open hours to find out how YOU can help the animals! For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit: www.pawprints.petfinder.com.**

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Due to safety and health measures the local **Prairie Star Quilt Guild** will not be meeting in October. For information or questions regarding the current Guild Projects, members may contact Carolyn Seidel.

Thank you

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who contributed and came out to visit with Scott at his benefit. It was a wonderful day! Special thanks to Rick, Bob and staff at Advance Auto, The Butcher Block & Fairmont Lyons Club! Also, thank you to the generous event sponsors: Advance Auto Parts, Milite-lo Motors, Fairmont Butcher Block, D&S Trophies & Embroidery, Olson Rentals, Graham Tire Service, Re/Max Total Realty- Vonnice Cone, Culligan Water, Hawkins Chevrolet, Thrivent Financial, Hy-Vee, Car Parts Direct LLC, Fairmont Lions Club, Richards Auto Repair & Towing, Becky Flohrs CMT, CARQUEST Auto Parts, Dean & Greg Grotte Construction, Fairmont Body Shop, Wiederhoeft Welding & Machine, Poppe's Store and Car Wash, Garry's Body Shop & Auto Sales, Dion's Auto Repair, Fairmont Ford, and Profinium.

-The Nuss Family

Reward offered in arson case

The Fairmont Police Department is asking the public to call the Minnesota Arson Hotline at 1-800-723-2020 with any information about the residential fire located at 614 N. Hampton St. in the city of Fairmont, which was reported on Saturday, September 26, 2020

shortly before 10:00 am. Callers can remain anonymous.

You can also submit a tip online at www.mniaai.org.

The Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction through the Minnesota Arson Reward Project.

Bloodmobile visit

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a stop in Fairmont on Friday, October 9th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Fairmont Crossfit, 1007 E. 10th St.

Plasma from whole blood donations made through the American Red Cross that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood now to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

Donations that come back positive for COVID-19 antibodies now

undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID-19 patients.

The Red Cross encourages eligible individuals to schedule an appointment, download the free Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks, the Red Cross is offering a \$1,000 Amazon.com Gift Card to five lucky winners who come to give in October. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/unite.

martincountylibrary.org

CHECK IT OUT!
@ the Martin County Library

This week, we're highlighting a few things going on at the Martin County Library in October.

*While supplies last, stop by your library and pick up a free tote bag with your library check-out! (Then load that bag up with some good reads!)

*Weekly activity kits for kiddos are still available. They're tons of fun and a great way to spend some time together. Kits come

in two age groups too, so you'll find one that's perfect for your kiddos!

*All of our libraries are still doing contactless pickup. If you don't want to come in and browse the shelves, or don't have time, we will get your items ready for you to swing by and grab! Let us know how we can help.

*Want personalized book picks from our fantastic library staff? Fill out the Story Chasers form on our website to get started--you tell us what books you love and we will go from there. We will chase down the best books just for you! www.martincountylibrary.org

From the Stacks: What's New and Notable at the

Heritage Acres Fall Festival

Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen will be one of the great draws for Heritage Acres' Fall Festival on Sunday, October 11. The event will include an ecumenical church service at 10 a.m., a soup luncheon fundraiser for Heritage Acres at 11 a.m., and Barefoot Becky will begin her performance at noon in Prairieville.

"Our Fourth of July music festival was cancelled, so it's exciting to be able to have Barefoot Becky here still this year," said Jerry Simon, event coordinator.

All the buildings will be open for self-guided tours, and the farm house will have some fresh-baked cookies. Events also include corn shelling and apple pressing along with other activities for youth. Of course, bean and corn harvesting will be going on.



Plenty of hand sanitizer will be available, and people are asked to wear masks while in the buildings. About 100 people can be in Prairieville socially distanced and the entire Heritage Acres campus is 40 acres.

The event begins at 10 and goes until 4 p.m., and buildings open at 11 a.m.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.

Martin County Library

By Jenny Trushenski,
Library Director
October 2020

One by One by Ruth Ware

When Snoop, a trendy London-based tech startup, organizes a weeklong work trip in the French Alps, it starts out as a normal corporate retreat: PowerPoint presentations and strategy sessions broken up by mandatory "bonding" on the slopes. But one shareholder upends the agenda by suggesting a lucrative but contentious buyout offer. Soon, tensions simmer and loyalties are tested. An increasing storm outside the chalet brings on an avalanche that leaves the group cut off from the outside world. Even worse, one of the Snoopers never made it back from the slopes after the avalanche hit. As each

hour passes without any sign of rescue, panic mounts, the chalet grows colder, and the group dwindles further...one by one.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

An apartment open house becomes a life or death situation, when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a couple who hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the truth that they can't fix their marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything.

Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who isn't afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world. Each of them carries a life full of hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—crave some sort of rescue.

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Obituary Notices



Ardis M. McKean, 92

Services for Ardis M. McKean, 92, of Ceylon, MN, were held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont.

Ardis passed away Wednesday morning, September 30, 2020, at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ardis Marie (Garbers) McKean was born on a

farm near Northrop, MN, on August 20, 1928, the daughter of Arnold and Lillian (Schultz) Garbers. She spent most of her childhood near Welcome, MN, and attended school in Fraser Township. Ardis grew up with two older brothers and a sister.

On August 10, 1947, Ardis was united in marriage to Ralph McKean. Together they farmed near Maple Hill, Gruver, and Estherville, IA. In 1963, they purchased a farm and moved near Ceylon, MN. Ardis and Ralph were blessed with four children, Tom, Pat, Peg, and Joan. In 2007,

Ardis moved off the farm and into Ceylon, MN.

Ardis was an active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon and was a dedicated member of WELC Women's group. Ardis loved to read and bake. She was known for her famous cookies and everyone always knew that her cookie jar was never empty! Most of all, Ardis enjoyed playing bridge and she and Ralph played bridge with the same group of friends for over 50 years. Ardis was the most gracious host and loved to entertain friends and family at coffee parties at

her home.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Tom (Sandra) McKean of Ceylon, MN, Pat (Dale) Palmberg of Spirit Lake, IA, Peg (Greg) Thompson of Armstrong, IA, and Joan (Roger) Rezac of Dolliver, IA; seven grandchildren, Jaime (Mike) Core of Fairmont, MN, Dustin (Gena) McKean of Fairmont, MN, Nikki (Calvin) Bremer of Fairmont, MN, Erik (Julie) Palmberg of Denver, CO, Lacie (Chad) Tedrow of Carroll, IA, Brianna Rezac of Fort Dodge, IA, Bryson Rezac of Dolliver, IA; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-

grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Helvig; sister-in-law, Lois Matre; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Ardis was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Lillian Garbers; husband, Ralph McKean; grandson, Luke Thompson; two brothers, Merten Garbers and Merle Garbers; four brothers-in-law, Bruce Helvig, Selmer Matre, Glenn McKean and Dale McKean; and one sister-in-law, Violet Garbers.

www.lakeviewfuneral-home.net



Robert D. Mennen, 77

Robert "Bob" Mennen, age 77, of Truman, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020, with his family by his side. A man who had his health and sheer grit and determination for everything, was

struck by COVID and it took his life quickly. There was a drive-thru visitation at his family farm at 2368 200th Ave in Truman on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Burial with military honors was on Saturday, October 3 at Lakeside Cemetery. Zaharia Family Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. www.ZahariaFamilyFuneral.com

Robert Dean Mennen was born January 13th, 1943 at the Truman hospital upstairs to Andreas and Esther (Clark) Mennen. He attended school in Truman and gradu-

ated in the class of 1961. November 19, 1964, Bob enlisted in the United States Army and served in Vietnam during combat. He was very proud to be a veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He returned to Truman and worked for the Bosshart Construction company and farmed.

He married Dianne Grotte in March of 1970 and moved to the farm where they raised two children, Robynn and Randy as well as farm livestock. Bob continued his work with W. Hodgman and Sons road con-

struction where he was a road foreman and certified aggregate tester. He loved building roads and talking about them. He worked later for SMC when they bought out the company and retired in 2007. He later worked for Mark and James Hansen Farms during fall harvest seasons.

He was happiest outdoors tinkering and putting around his farm. He was a collector and enjoyed finding a bargain at auctions. He was always known for his bidding number #55. He enjoyed the tractor rides and was

a supporter of the Truman community and was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the VFW groups.

He treasured his grandchildren Jackie, Levi and Andrea. He loved teaching them to drive a straight stick transmission and giving them all the history of Truman and how much he paid for stuff.

Bob is survived by his wife of 50 years Dianne of Truman; daughter Robynn (Brad) Buhmann of Fairmont; son Randy Mennen of Fairmont; Grandchildren Jackie (Ja-

cob) Claude, Levi (Erica Serna) Buhmann and Andrea Mennen; brother Richard "Punky" Mennen of Truman; nieces Sara Mennen and Jennifer (Jason) Medlin; nephews Devin Mennen and Jeremy (Susan) Grotte; brothers-in-law Mike Grotte of Granada and Richard Grotte of Sherburn; other relatives, including Jeff and Joelle Mennen; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; younger brother Roy Mennen; sisters-in-law, Sharon Mennen and Linda Grotte.



Charlotte L. Jacobsen, 83

Private Family Mass of Christian Burial for Charlotte L. Jacobsen, age 83, of Truman, MN will be

held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Those wishing to live stream the service can do so on Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm by following the link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/21583312> Burial will follow the Mass at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont.

Charlotte passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, October 3, 2020 at the Heartland Senior Living Center in Truman. The family requests that

memorials be directed to the Truman EMS and Fire Department. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Charlotte Lillian was born April 9, 1937, the daughter of Raymond and Naomi (Morgan) Truhe, in Carroll, Iowa. Growing up Charlotte attended school in Coon Rapids, Iowa and was a member of the 1956 graduating class.

A fond memory she often talked about was being crowned the FFA Winter Ball Queen. While in High School she met and began dating Jack Jacobsen. Following their high school graduation Jack served in the Army, and upon return of his deployment the two were united in marriage on April 12, 1958. Charlotte and Jack made their home together in Coon Rapids and were blessed with four daughters, Denise, Lisa, Amy and Jenny.

In 1965 Charlotte and Jack moved their family to Fairmont before moving to Truman in 1969. Charlotte lovingly raised the girls and owned and operated a ceramic shop out of their home. Charlotte was a faithful member of St. Katherine's Catholic Church in Truman. She

also opened the doors to her home to foreign exchange student, Pia Muhlig, staying in contact and treating her as family.

Charlotte enjoyed crafts and sewing, going for drives, and having Jack hold her purse while she shopped. Most importantly, Charlotte loved her family. Birthdays and Holidays were celebrated big and everyone could be found gathered together on Sundays for supper.

Charlotte taught her family the meaning of unconditional love and the value of spending time together. Most recently Charlotte was able to watch her great-grandchildren play outside. She spent those moments smiling, laughing, and loving, as if it were one final life lesson to teach her family: love deeper, laugh

more, and hold those you love close. "I love you a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck."

Those left to honor and cherish her memory include her daughters: Denise Janssen and her husband, Dan, of Truman, MN, Lisa Izen and her husband, Tom, of Fairmont, MN, Amy Werner and her husband, Brad, of Truman, MN, and Jenny Andrews and her husband, Scott, of Truman, MN; grandchildren: Evan (Alida) Lang, Mackenzie (John) Schneider, Emily (Calvin) Labes, Nikki (Luke) Johnson, Josh (Emily) Werner, Matthew (Tiphany) Izen, Bryce Andrews, Logan (Melissa) Werner, Bryan (Danielle) Andrews, and Michael (Sydney) Andrews; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 8 step great-grandchildren; sisters: Rayoma Rotert and Linda (Joe) Doran; brother-in-law, Tom (JoAnn) Jacobsen; Denmark Daughter, Pia Muhlig, and her husband, Torben; other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Jacobsen; infant grandson, Jeremy Jacobsen; sister, Corrine South; brothers-in-law, Harry Rotert and Jerald South; and other loved extended family.

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WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
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Regular office hours on Saturday, October 10th.

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DEATH notices



September 28 - Arlene M. Brolsma, 91, Fairmont. Kramer Funeral Home

September 30 - Ardis M. McKean, 92, Ceylon. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

September 30 - Richard D. Grotte, 76, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home

October 3 - Charlotte L. Jacobsen, 83, Truman. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 3 - Cheryl A. Striemer, 70, Akely, MN (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

September 30 - Holly S. Brummond, 41, Granada
October 2 - Ione R. Gray, 96, Truman

The winners of the *Fall Season Word Search* are Steve Oskerson of Fairmont and Dennis Rosburg of Fairmont. Thank you to D & S Trophies and Visual Identity Vault for your donation of the gift certificates. Thank you to all the Photo Press readers who submitted enteries. Stay tuned for future puzzles!

Candidates Forum will be October 15th

A Candidate Forum will be held Thursday, October 15 at the Fairmont City Hall. At 7 p.m. Minnesota House candidates Pat Bacon and Bjorn Olson will be present.

At 8 p.m. candidates for Fairmont City Council will be present: Tom Hawkins vs. Michele Miller; Ruth Cyphers vs. Ron Lindberg, Joe Loughmiller and Brittney Kaweck; and Wayne Hasek vs. Terry Anderson.

No audience will be allowed, but the Forum will be aired on the Local Cable TV.

We are encouraging anyone to submit questions by calling in that evening or in advance by emailing the Chamber at info@fairmontchamber.org or Char Kahler at chark@kahlerautomation.com

The forum is sponsored by the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Association of University Women.

This is a great opportunity for folks to get to know their candidates.

MCSAP annual meeting planned

The annual meeting of the Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (MCSAP) will be held at noon Tuesday, October 13, 2020, via Zoom. The general public is invited to attend.

To receive a zoom link, contact Stephanie Johnson at steph@mcsapcoalition.com or 507-236-4118.

MCSAP is a coalition of caring community members dedicated to preventing underage use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and misuse of prescription drugs in Martin County.

Sweet receives Raymond James Financial Services honor

Bryan J. Sweet, Founder, CEO, Wealth Advisor, RJFS, located at Sweet Financial Services, 1300 South Prairie Avenue, was recently named a member of the 2020 Chairman's Council. This marks the 18th consecutive year that Sweet has qualified for this important recognition.

Sweet, who joined Raymond James in 1989, has more than 32 years of experience in the financial services industry. Since the start of his financial services career in 1979, Bryan has specialized in helping individuals accumulate and preserve wealth for retirement and beyond.

A native of Fairmont, Minnesota, Bryan earned his master's degree in financial services from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, before embarking on what would become a lifelong career as a wealth management consultant. He established, Sweet Financial Services in 1987.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

3 ways to vote

You have a right to vote. Minnesota laws make it easy and safe for you to exercise that right to vote this fall, 2020.

There are three ways to vote here in Fairmont.

1) Go to the Armory at 700 N. Fairlakes Avenue on Tuesday, November 3. The polls will be open from 7 am until 8 pm.

2) Go to the Martin County Courthouse any day of the week from now until and on election day, Tuesday, November 3. You can vote even on Saturday, October 31 at the courthouse, 10 am until 3 pm.

3) You can mail in your ballot. To mail in a ballot, fill out a 2020 Minnesota Absentee Ballot application. Mail that application into the county. The county will send you a ballot. Fill out the ballot and mail back to the county.

That is it. Simple. Remember, every vote counts. Your vote is important.

Peter Engstrom

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - Alex (Scruffy) from Dairy Queen in Fairmont has been busy these past few days putting signs up promoting Pedestrian Safety in both Brown and Martin Counties. Donations are welcome to print more signs. If you own a business and are interested in one, you can text him at (763)401-3565 for more information. (Submitted photo)

It Was a Big Event For Martin County!

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

An estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people, 20,000 cars and trucks, food, highway traffic, and more. It happened in Martin County in 1934, the site of the National Corn Husking Contest held in Fairmont.

Preparation for the big event included a study on how to feed the attendees, selling booster buttons advertising the event, and preparing the roads leading to the event. Regarding the roads, one account stated that "...cars driven by lunkheads showed no consideration for the highway workers."

The National Corn Husking Contest was held in Martin County on November 8, 1934. The site

of the event is the present location of the airport. Attendance figures estimated by the Associated Press and the Minnesota Highway Patrol varied from 50,000 to 100,000. The state patrol also estimated that there were 20,000 cars and trucks parked in the field near the event. As of that date, it was the largest crowd ever at a National Corn Husking Contest.

The national corn husking entrants were officially welcomed at a banquet served at the American Legion Hall in Fairmont the night before the event. It was presided over by Judge J. E. Haycraft, with other dignitaries in attendance. Cham-

pions of nine states were recognized by farm paper publishers who sponsor contests. The following day, there was a parade that included eleven companies of the National Guard from neighboring towns and the American Legion Drum & Bugle corps from Mankato.

The contest was sponsored by the Wallace Farmer and was designed to show the athletic skills of young farmers. In addition, it was broadcast by NBC. The managing editor of the Farmer and Farm, Stock and Home gave a history of previous contests as well as describing the upcoming contest. He also explained the work involved

in putting on the biggest event of its kind ever held in Minnesota to date.

People began converging on Fairmont, which was referred to as "contest city," at 4:00 a.m., and by 8:00 a.m. there were several thousand cars in and near the grounds, most belonging to officials and others that were involved in some way with the event.

The spectators on the day of the event were said to be beyond what even the most enthusiastic supporters would have expected. Stands selling hamburgers and coffee could hardly keep up with demand and had to make frequent trips into town to replenish their supplies. There were an estimated 800 policemen, 250 guardsman, 20 traffic policemen, and 400 legionnaires and others directing traffic. The traffic from 9:00 a.m. to noon was so heavy that highway

patrolmen were forced to send it toward the contest in a double line.

Returning from the event was next to impossible. There were also reports of numerous minor accidents in the traffic jams due to sudden stops and some motorists trying to pull in and out of traffic lanes. As a result of the many cars coming from the west, Highway 16 was made a one-way by patrolmen on the scene as traffic was reported to be approaching three abreast from the west. Four airplanes also hovered over the area, eventually landing near the contest.

The winner of the contest was Ted Balko of Redwood County with a net of 25.78 bushels. Balko was a previous four-time Minnesota champion.

Following the contest there were many accolades for the manner in which it was conducted

as well as the site of the event. The managing editor of the "Farmer" and the associate editor of the "Kansas Farmer" emphasized how well it was organized and the fact that they considered it an excellent location. They characterized it as "a great success."

Interestingly enough, a headline from the November 13, 1934 Sentinel read as follows: "Corn Contest Helps Sell Guckeen Farm." An individual from Illinois paid \$80.00 per acre for the 161-acre farm. The purchaser is in the laundry business in Chicago but stated he wanted to get back to the farm.

For more information on this topic, or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

OCTOBER 4, 1995

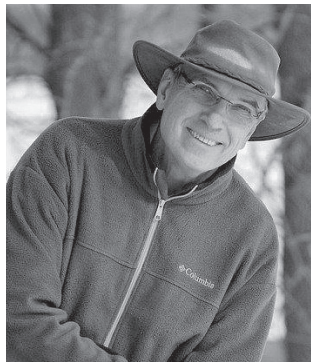
"The Lutheran Hour," the longest running world-wide radio broadcast, had been on the air for 65 years, on over 1,200 stations weekly. Locally, it could be heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on KSUM.

Calvary Baptist Church in Granada was making plans for its Centennial Weekend on October 7th and 8th. Several former pastors were to participate in the Sunday services.

Gary Gjerstad, local blind pianist and vocalist was putting on his 12th annual benefit concert at the Fairmont Opera House. This year proceeds from the concert were to benefit the local Citizens Scholarship Foundation (Dollars for Scholars).

Betty J. Knudson of Fairmont was the latest recipient of the Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award. She was the 21st recipient of the award, dating back to 1975.

The Fairmont Community Hospital Board signed a two-year management agreement with Twin Cities-based Allina Health System. Allina would provide advice, support and consultation to FCH as needed in all areas. The committee also looked at many options, including Mayo Clinic, which owned the Fairmont Clinic located adjacent to the hospital. FCH was founded in 1928 and had occupied its present facility since 1972, had 74 licensed hospital beds, 40 nursing home beds in Lutz Wing, 21 active medical staff and 285 employees.



Naturally.

By Al Batt

Junco is an acronym for Just Until Nicer Conditions Occur

The temperature dropped as if it had spotted a State Patrol squad car.

Then something landed in my yard. It was no mere bird.

October 1 was the day I saw the first dark-eyed junco of the fall migrated into in my yard. I like juncos. I practice an appreciation for birds, but I was reminded of something Dr. Seuss wrote, "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time

has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"

A junco is a handsome little bird, maybe 5 inches long and weighing as much as four quarters. Its belly is white, the color of snow. It's back the color of gray clouds. It carries the team colors of winter in its feathers. There was a white flash to the sides of its tail when it flushed as if it had magically burst from a chrysalis into a butterfly.

I'm not sure if my yard was a destination or if the junco was vaguely meandering south. As a man whose compass constantly needs winding, I'm in awe of the abilities of traveling birds. Its arrival may portend winter, but if the junco hadn't arrived, winter was still coming.

Many people think of snowbirds as retirees who avoid the snow and cold temperatures of northern winters by moving south for the season. The junco is a snowbird that doesn't clog traffic. The junco and the snow bunting

are both worthy of the "snowbird" moniker. The snow bunting, which I consider a "snowflake," is a winter beauty of great endurance. Naturalist John Burroughs wrote of the bunting, "This is the only one of our winter birds that really seems a part of winter — that seems born of the whirling snow, and happiest when storms drive thickest. Its calls, coming out of the white obscurity, are the sweetest and happiest of all winter bird notes. It is like the laughter of children."

Old-timers considered the arrival of snow buntings in large numbers indicated the approach of a hard winter. Juncos are called snowbirds because they are more likely to visit feeders on snowy days and their return from their northern breeding grounds foretells cold and snowy weather. Another reason for the nickname may be the junco's white belly and gray back, which was described by Howard E. Parkhurst as "leaden skies above, snow below."

Frank Sweet penned this, "Which came first, the birds or the snow? Or was it together they fluttered down? The spirits in white, who seem to know. And talk with the spirits in drab and brown? And which are the merriest ones at play? The flakes which dance to the tune of the breeze, or the birds which flutter and fly away, and chatter and call from the nodding trees?" On rare occasions, I've heard American tree sparrows, often found in the company of juncos, also called snowbirds. And I've heard a junco referred to as a "snow sparrow," as it's a native sparrow.

Anne Murray sang "Snowbird." It was a hit, but was she singing of a junco or a snow bunting? She sang this about the snowbird, "Spread your tiny wings and fly away. And take the snow back with you. Where it came from on that day." No snowbird has ever agreed to Anne Murray's request.

The junco isn't as rare as a positive campaign

ad, but when a junco made an appearance on the farm, my father declared we'd have trackable snow in six weeks. It's never summer in a snow globe. It was a harbinger of winter. Gray skies abound and snow on the ground. It defined the onset of winter, but like every meteorologist (human meteorologists are incredibly accurate), the junco wasn't always right. The six weeks ap-

ment, which was closer to the furnace. I slept on a cot next to a haunted furnace. It made sounds like a humpback whale with a bellyache. It can be a rude world.

An early arrival of a junco means there is a long winter ahead. So does its late arrival. When winter leaves, so do the juncos. Perhaps they melt.

The poet Rilke believed that human be-



plied only to where the junco was spotted. When cold by the boatload followed the junco, I packed up and moved from my bedroom to the base-

ings are put on earth to experience the beauty of ordinary things. A junco is ordinary enough to be extraordinary.

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vention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year dur-

ing the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

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ROSTER - ALPHA EMS - (Front, from left): Justin Warmka, Logan Berkness, Curt Endreson, Tracy Mitchell and Steve Church. **Back:** CJ Cain, John Weseman, Dave Doppenberg, John Ingebrigtsen, Adam Weets and Gary Beseke. **Missing:** Tim Cain, Lois Cain, Travis Cain and Raven Cain. (Submitted photo)

CEYLON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Parents and Caregivers,

Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Does a grown-up always pay attention to things that are cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Does a grown-up watch the stovetop when he or she is frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | If a grown-up must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, does he or she turn off the burner? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are things that can burn, such as dish towels, curtains, or paper, away from the stovetop? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are the stovetop, burners, and oven clean — no spilled food, grease, paper or bags? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are pot handles turned toward the back of the stove when a grown-up is cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Do children and pets stay out of the kid-free zone (3 feet or 1 meter from the stove) when a grown-up is cooking? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Are containers opened slowly when removing from the microwave? Hot steam can escape from containers and cause burns. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Does your family have working smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside all sleeping areas, and in each bedroom? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Does your family have a home fire escape plan? |
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Whether you're talking to the media, a community group, or residents, these talking points will help you stay on message with your remarks. Use these safety messages as they are, or as a starting point for a larger discussion.

- Cooking**
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
 - The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
 - Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
 - If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
 - Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
 - Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
 - Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- **Smoke Alarms**
 - Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages. Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
 - Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
 - Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
 - Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
 - Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond."

"Home Fire Escape Planning and Practice"

Home fire escape planning should include the following:

- Drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows
- Going to each room and pointing to the two ways out
- Making sure some-

- one will help children, older adults, and people with disabilities wake up and get out
- Teaching children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them
 - Establishing a meeting place outside and away from the home where everyone can meet after exiting
 - Having properly installed and maintained smoke alarms
 - Pushing the smoke alarm button to start the drill
 - Practicing what to do in case there is smoke: Get low and go. Get out fast.
 - Practicing using different ways out and closing doors behind you as you leave
 - Never going back for people, pets, or things
 - Going to your outdoor meeting place
 - Calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone"
- "Heating"**
- Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.
 - Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires.

- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from heating equipment.
- Have a 3-foot (1-metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Purchase and use only portable space heaters listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Have a qualified professional install heating equipment.

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LEWISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



ROSTER - Front row: Richard Schaefer, Dave Zinc, Jennifer Coult, Wes Jahnz (Assistant Chief) and Kerry Dittbenner. **Back row:** Ryan Grunig, Dylan Kallmeyn, Jim Poppe (Chief), Alissa Voyles and Jason Smith. **Not pictured:** Mike Pfeil, Dan Smith, Anthony Smith, Jordan Engeman, Calvin Barfknecht and Jim Pultz. (Photo Courtesy of The Madelia Times Messenger)

GRANADA FIRE DEPARTMENT



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"Plan and practice"

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape," recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact.

"This year's campaign works to celebrate

people of all ages who learn about home fire escape planning and practice, bring that information home, and spur their families to action," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "From young students who learn about the campaign at school to parents who attend a community event like a fire station open house - all of them truly are heroes because they're taking steps to make their households much, much

safer from fire."

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.

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ORMSBY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Observing Fire Prevention Week

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- "Use Candles with Care - When You Go Out Blow Out!" (2005)
- "Test Your Smoke Alarms" (2004)
- "When Fire Strikes,

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• "Team Up For Fire Safety" (2002)

• "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire" (2001)



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- ✓ Have smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect your alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use smoke alarms with a vibrating pad, flashing light or strobe light. These accessories start when your alarm sounds.
- ✓ Test your alarms every month.



Plan your escape around your abilities.

- ✓ Know two ways out of every room.
- ✓ If possible, live near an exit.
- ✓ You'll be safest on the ground floor if you live in an apartment building.
- ✓ If you live in a multistory home, sleep on the first floor.
- ✓ Being on the ground floor and near an exit will make your escape easier.

Is your home free of hazards?

- Check electrical appliances for loose or frayed cords. Do not place wires under rugs.
- Check for outlets overloaded with plugs; including TV, computer, stereo, and printer.
- Install GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets in your home; especially near sources of water like your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room.
- Use the correct bulb wattage for home light fixtures.
- If any appliances spark, smell unusual or overheat, replace or get repaired by a professional.
- Lamps and night-lights should not touch any fabrics (bedspreads,

drapes).

- Electrical blankets are unplugged when not in use. Check for frayed or loose cords and any odd smell. If a problem is detected, replace.

- Supervise children around the stove and microwave.

- Candles should be out of reach of children and pets, curtains and furniture. Never leave candles unattended.

- Annual inspection of furnace or heating system

Space heaters:

- Keep out of walking paths.

- Keep away from children and pets.

- Placed away from beds.

- Newspapers, magazines, and any fabrics, including curtains, sheets, tablecloths, are a not within 3 feet of a space heater.

- Unplug when not in use.

In the kitchen:

- Keep an eye on appliances when in use.

- Make sure appliances are turned off and unplugged when not in use.

- When using pots and pans, use the rear burners and turn the handles inwards.

- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.

Fireplaces:

- Keep the fire place clean.

- Cover your fireplace with a screen.

- Only burn wood. Papers and other materials can escape while burning and ignite something nearby.

- The fire should be completely extinguished before leaving the room.

- Have your chimney cleaned professionally once a year.

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Additional tips for preventing fires in homes

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 2 out of 5 home fires begin in the kitchen. Never leave the kitchen when food is cooking (especially on the burners), and keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen.

- Have your chimneys cleaned regularly, and be very careful with portable

space heaters. Make sure they are several feet away from drapes, clothing, or anything that could catch fire.

- Are your outlets overloaded? Check the circuit loads of your electrical appliances and devices. You might need to install additional circuits.

- Never smoke in bed or while lying on the sofa.

(Or better yet, give up smoking altogether!)

- Inspect your appliance cords. If any are torn, ripped, or damaged in any way, replace them immediately. If a cord or plug ever feels hot, unplug it.

- Use extension cords correctly. Follow these recommendations from the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

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A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.

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Family Fire Safety

In only a matter of minutes, a small house fire can rage out of control. Heat temperatures from the building fire can reach up to 1,500°F. The flames emit carbon monoxide gas, which is odorless, colorless and tasteless – and can cause immediate unconsciousness, followed by death.

Every family should have and practice a home escape plan to follow in the event of a fire. The plan should include drawing a diagram of your home, marking the locations of windows and doors; planning two escape routes out of every room of your home; setting up a meeting place outside of the home for everyone to go following an escape; and practicing the escape plan once a

month. Every member of the family and frequent visitors to the home should know and practice the escape route. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) stresses that even children as young as 3 years old can understand an escape plan.

Safety Tips

- Complete a home fire safety checklist and identify fire risks in your home.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Place smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in each bedroom.
- Make sure that everyone in the home can hear the smoke alarm from their bedrooms.
- Make a family fire es-

cape plan and practice it once a month.

• Make sure that everyone in the house understands the family fire escape plan.

• Place fire extinguishers throughout your home and make sure everyone in the house knows how to use them.

• Never leave food unattended on the stove, keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children, and don't place portable heaters near flammable materials.

Community Linkages

• Know the number for the local fire department.

• Attend events offered by the local fire department.

• Learn how to use a fire extinguisher through your local fire department.

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Earlier detection of breast cancer possible

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is still the most common cancer among women. Completing an annual breast cancer screening can help find breast abnormalities early, and enhanced technology makes even earlier detection possible.

Patients who visit Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato, Fairmont and New Prague have access to enhanced technology for breast cancer screenings. Breast tomosynthesis, or 3D mammography, enables physicians to see cancers earlier, especially in women with denser breast tissue. The technology also means it's less likely women will be called back for a second screening.

"About 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, and survivability improves when cancers are found early," says, Michael Wolf, M.D., a Mayo Clinic Health System radiologist.

When used for breast cancer screening, a tomosynthesis breast scanner not only creates 3D mammogram images, but also 2D mammogram images. Studies show that combining 3D mammograms with standard 2D mammograms reduces the need for additional imaging and slightly increases the number of cancers detected during screening.

Breast cancer prevention is also important. Some risk factors, such as family history, can't be changed. However, these lifestyle changes can lower your risk:

- Limit alcohol. The more alcohol you drink, the greater your risk of developing breast cancer. Based on research on the effect of alcohol on breast cancer risk, you should limit yourself to less than one drink per day, as even small amounts of alcohol increase risk.
- Don't smoke. Accumulating

evidence suggests a link between smoking and breast cancer risk, particularly in premenopausal women. In addition, not smoking is one of the best things you can do for your overall health.

- Manage your weight.

Being overweight or obese increases the risk of breast cancer. This is especially true if obesity occurs later in life, particularly after menopause.

- Be physically active.

Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight, which, in turn, helps prevent breast cancer. For most healthy adults, the Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity weekly, plus strength training at least twice a week.

- Breastfeed.

Breastfeeding might play a role in breast cancer prevention. The longer you breastfeed, the greater the protective effect.

- Limit dose and duration of hormone therapy.

Combination hormone therapy for more than three to five years increases the risk of breast cancer. If you're taking hormone therapy for menopausal symptoms, ask your health care provider about other options. You might be able

to manage your symptoms with nonhormonal therapies and medications. If you decide that the benefits of short-term hormone therapy outweigh the risks, use the lowest dose that works for you and continue to have your provider monitor the length of time you take hormones.

- Be vigilant about breast cancer detection.

If you notice any changes in your breasts, such as a new lump or skin changes, consult your provider. Also, ask when to begin mammograms and other screenings based on your personal history.

Making an appointment for breast cancer screening is easy. Mayo Clinic Health System patients have the opportunity to self-schedule a screening mammogram appointment through Patient Online Services, Mayo Clinic Health System's patient portal. Patients who have a Patient Online Services account will receive an email from their care team letting them know they can schedule an appointment. Once logged in to their account, patients can select a date, time and location that will work best for their schedule.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE DATE: October 29, 2020 @ 7 PM to be held at the Sherburn Legion. MARTIN COUNTY FARMLAND-148.06 Acres +/- of Bare Farmland located in Section 16 of Fox Lake Township, Martin Co., MN.

NEW PRIVATE LISTING- Approx. 2 Acre Buildable Lake Lot for Sale on East side of Temperance Lake located at 21 Schafer Shore Drive, Sherburn, MN. Please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc

NEW PRIVATE LISTING! - 3.71 acre building site located at 725 110th Street, Sherburn, MN including a nice 1 1/2-story house w/3 beds & 1 1/2 baths. This acreage is currently set up with a large 36' x 144' building with 16 horse stalls for boarding (known as Dream Catchers Stables & Horse Boarding). For more pictures and info, please check out www.landservicesunlimited.com or call Dustyn 507-236-7629 or Leah 507-236-8786 for a showing!

PRIVATE LISTING- 97.74 acres located in Sec 35 of Cedar Twp., Martin Co., MN T104N, R33W 2 miles W of Trimont, MN and very nice 6.5 acre building site located at 2247 90TH Ave, Trimont, MN. Contact Kevin Kahler 507-920-8060 or Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc.

NEW PRIVATE LISTING! 94.06 Acres +/- located in Section 26 of Rolling Green Township, Martin Co., MN. For Sale by Private Treaty! Please Contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for Price, Terms, Etc.

SALE PENDING- 40 acres located in Section 32 of Lake Belt Twp., Martin Co., MN. For Sale by Private Treaty! Please contact Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 for price, terms, etc



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WARRANTY DEEDS

Dolores A. Gronewald to Dennis L. Broviak, Mary P. Broviak, Lot 4, Block 1, Blomstroms Addn.

Joy R. Rachuy, Kenneth L. Rachuy to Brooke M. Smith, Lot 2, Block 2, Holdens Addn.

Doris A. Huber to Jennifer M. Mendenhall, E. 42' Lot 5, Block 6, Original Plat Triumph

Brooke Smith to Marissa Naab, middle 50' Lots 1 and 2, Block 1/2, 1st Ext. Wards Central Addn.

Monica E. Burtis, Scott P. Burtis to Aaron Lowry, Elizabeth Lowry, Lot 2, Block 1, Reiman Fairlakes 4th Addn.

Mary Riegel LLP to Mid American Properties LLC, Lot 1, Block 4, Gilberts Addn.

Candi C. Schafer, Wesley D. Schafer to Andrew Gerhardt, Elizabeth Gerhardt, Lot 3, Block 2, Schafer Shores

Christopher Joseph Daood, Jennifer Trudy Daood to Leland Johnson, Lot 2, Block 1, Shady Oaks Addn., 7-101-30

Castillo Properties LLC to Elizabeth Lintelman, Seth Lintelman, Lot 8, Block 2, Wards Addn.

Jennifer M. Soma, Randal L. Soma to Andrew W. Schnable, Nancy K. Schnable, Pt. Vac. Woodland Ave., Govt. Lot 4, SE¼, 7-102-30, Lot 5, Exc. E.49' Block 1, Zemke & Lageson Addn., Lot 6, Zemke & Lageson Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Maryann Boettcher, James Dahle, Judy Marie Dahle, Steven Dahle to City of Trimont, Lot 4, E.4' Lot 5, Block 19, Original Plat Triumph

Paul L. Anderson, Jr. to Jason Petersen, Lot 24, Block 12, Original Plat of Dunnell

Darwin G. Peterson, Roberta R. Peterson to Todd D. Peterson, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 7-103-29, Pt. 2 Tracts Lots 15 and 16, Block 1, West Addition Northrop

Lisa Peterson, Todd Darwin Peterson to D & R Peterson Family Trust, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 7-103-29, Pt. 2 Tracts Lots 15 and 16, Block 1, West Addition Northrop

Laurel S. Trembley to Jocelyn Fraser, Amy Paradis, Lisa Trembley, Pt. Lots 6, 9, 8, 7, Block 24, Original Plat of Fairmont

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Daniel J. Carlson, Ar-

lene M. Carlson Trust to Kenneth J. Weber, Margaret S. Weber, Lot 29, S.21' Lot 30, Vandrey Addn., Truman

D-DEEDS

Marilyn Jane Blanchard, Pers. Rep. Darrell Tenney Grant Estate, Kathleen F. Tenney, Pers. Rep. to Lyle E. Blanchard, Todd B. Blanchard, E½SW¼, 18-102-29, E.33' NW¼, 19-102-29

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OCTOBER 7, 1970

VFW Post 1222 of Fairmont celebrated the installation of the 1,222nd flagpole in the city, and was dedicated on October 10, which was the local post's 40th anniversary of its beginning in Fairmont. The pole had been salvaged from the ruins of the fire which destroyed the junior high a year before. Owners of properties on several blocks in the city had collaborated to erect rows of flagpoles on their blocks.

Fairmont's school system had 12 student teachers in the three public grade schools. All were from Mankato State University and their "internship" was to continued until mid-December.

The new food stamp program had 76 applicants since September 1.

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MARTIN COUNTY LEGAL PUBLICATION

The Martin County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment will be conducting a public hearing on October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue - Fairmont, MN. The following items will be on the agenda:

Variance Request from Dennis & Lynn Sovell within Section 34 of Fox Lake Township. The Sovells would like to place a septic system closer than the required setback from the road right-of-way; the east side yard setback; and from a structure (garage) on Fox Lake in an "SL-2" Shoreland Residential Recreational District. The Martin County Sewage and Wastewater Ordinance require a minimum of 10 feet to the road right-of-way; 20 feet to a building; and 10 feet to a property line.

Variance Request from Jeremiah (J.R.) Pooley within Section 9 of Silver Lake Township. The Pooleys are proposing to build an addition and deck onto an existing house encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an "A" Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-of-way for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an "A" Agricultural District.

Any persons interested in this public hearing are urged to attend the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting.

Pamela A. Flitter, Martin County Zoning Administrator
Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue - Room 104;
Fairmont, MN 56031
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Pam.flitter@co.martin.mn.us

HELP WANTED

The City of Fairmont will be accepting applications for the position of Electronics Technician in the Electric Line Department. This is a fulltime, non-exempt position that reports to the Line Department Superintendent. This position performs a variety of work in the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment, metering, load management, controls, and communications.

Qualifications for this position require a valid MN driver's license and a minimum of a two-year technical degree. Schooling or experience with electronics or radio communication preferred. The successful candidate's employment will follow the stipulations set forth in the agreement between the local IBEW union and the City of Fairmont. The hourly wage range for this position is \$27.20-\$34.01 per hour with an excellent benefit package.

A complete job application and description is available online at www.fairmont.org. Please submit cover letter, resume, and job application to City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or to Darcy at djones@fairmont.org. Completed application packets will be accepted through October 14 or until the position is filled.



The City of Fairmont will be accepting applications for the position of **Assistant Finance Director**. This is a full-time exempt position. Salary: \$71,847 - \$89,809

The Assistant Finance Director will provide leadership and guide staff in all finance and budget support services. They will serve as lead finance officer for the Public Utilities and assist with the management of daily work product and flow for accounts payable/receivable, cash management, fixed assets, utility billing, and general accounting areas of the Finance Department. Responsible for the preparation of audit work papers. Administers, performs, and oversees delegated financial and accounting responsibilities.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, or related field; or any combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge skills and abilities to perform the work. Three (3) years of progressively responsible professional experience in governmental finance, municipal and utility software experience desired. One (1) year of supervisory experience. Working knowledge of government accounting principles and related laws and regulations.

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Published in the Fairmont Photo Press on October 7 and October 14, 2020

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VOTERS
IN THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

The Polling location for the November 3,
2020 General Election will be at the National
Guard Armory, 700 Fairlakes Avenue,
Fairmont.

This change allows Administration to better
accommodate the requirements necessary
due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Oak Tree Diseases

A recent increase in questions from homeowners about sick oak trees have revealed their concerns about oak wilt. But another major disease that shows symptoms in August is bur oak blight or BOB.

BOB is specific to bur oaks, but not all bur oak trees get sick. There may be genetic resistance or tolerance in some bur oak populations but not in others. As a result, you may have a healthy oak

right next to a severely diseased one.

How to tell bur oak blight and oak wilt apart

Bur oak blight affected leaf. Note the wedge-shaped lesions.

Like oak wilt, leaves have dead, brown areas, and many prematurely fall. However, with BOB, the splotches on the leaves have better defined edges, and often are shaped like a wedge.

On the underside of the leaf, BOB also can have black spotting on the veins, especially early on when they are just starting to show symptoms. Another sign it is BOB

rather than oak wilt is seeing more leaf loss on the inside and lower parts of the canopy rather than the edges.


Still, it can be tricky to separate oak wilt from BOB, and it is possible that a tree can have both diseases at the same time.

Thankfully, having BOB does not mean your tree will die. Oaks can handle a large amount of leaf loss for several years but still remain relatively healthy. However, if the oak keeps getting BOB year after year, it increases stress, and that can open the door to other pests and diseases.

Depending on disease severity, the number of years infected, and its value to you, there may be fungicide treatments available. We urge homeowners to work with certified arborists and have a lab-confirmed diagnosis of BOB before any chemicals are injected into the tree.

The University of Minnesota's Plant Disease Clinic can also examine samples for both oak wilt and BOB if you need help.

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LIVE CARDINAL WEBSTREAMING VIDEO



LONG REACH - Cards Claire Nemmers plays a return shot. Nemmers won her first singles match 6-4, 6-0 over St. Peter's Amelia Hildebrandt. Because of the rising numbers of active COVID-19 cases in Martin County, Fairmont High School will hold no extracurricular activities for two weeks. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



SQUARED UP - The Cardinals Maggy Totzke readies for a return shot. Totzke, playing at third singles, defeated the Saints Rhyen Holmgren, 6-3, 6-0. St. Peter edged the Cards 4-3 last Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Card Cross Country Girls 1st, Boys 2nd at St. Peter

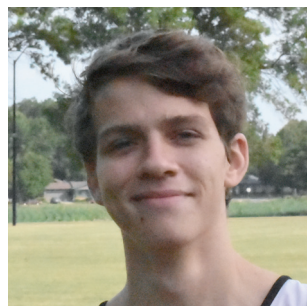
St. Peter Invite 5K Girls Results: Cards 27, Waseca 35, St. Peter 73.



THOMPSON

Individual Cardinal Results: 2nd Laura Thompson 19:55, 3rd Macy Hanson 20:05, 6th Olivia Ortega 21:14, 7th Tabitha Thatcher 21:15, 9th Hannah Neusch 21:40, 11th Carys Gudahl 22:02, 12th Eleanor Hamlet 22:15, 14th Emma Gudahl 23:11,

15th Sara Sundblad 23:25.
St. Peter Invite 5K Boys



ARTNER

Results: 4th Connor Artner 17:40, 6th Will Saari 18:00, 8th Will Niestrath 18:36, 12th Ben Moeller 19:45, 13th Gavin Artner 19:59, 16th Sebastian Castro 20:47, 17th Ethan Grunewald 20:55, 19th Cooper Gudahl 21:26, 22nd Parker Vetter 22:37.

MAX SEIFRIED of Fairmont recently competed in the ATA (Amateur Trap Association) World Clay Target Championship also known as The Grand American, held this year in Linn Creek, Missouri. The contest is a week long competition with participants from all over the world. Max broke a 198 out of 200 in the Singles Championship, breaking a perfect 100 out of 100 in the second round of the competition. Max was also on the Fairmont High School trap team and his senior year not only made the FHS State team but also made top 100 in the state and shot in both the team and individual events at the state tournament. Minnesota has approximately 12,000 kids who participate in the high school program. Max is currently in his second year at Riverland Community College in Albert Lea studying Construction Electrician.



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Sagedahl presented Athlete of the Year Award

Saturday, October 17, Sherwood Sagedahl, Fairmont, MN, age 81, will be recognized at the Masters USATF Virtual Awards Night. He will be presented with the "2019 USATF Athlete of the Year Award for Males Age 75+" for his achievements in track & field/road races during the 2019 season. The awards ceremony had been scheduled to be held during the 2020 USATF Masters Outdoor T&F Championship Meet at Greensboro, NC, July 2020, however all events were cancelled due to COVID-19. In 2012, In 2012, Sagedahl was named the 2012 Athlete of the Year in the 60-74 Males Age Group.

Setting the World Record in the "Outdoor Pentathlon" for Males 80-84 at the USATF National Outdoor Championship at Iowa State U, Ames, IA, July 2019, was a major reason why Sagedahl was selected for this award.

He also holds the World Record in the Out-

door Pentathlon for;

-Males 70-74 earned in 2012, Benedictine U, Lisle, IL and

-Males 75-79 earned in 2014, Wake Forest U, Winston-Salem, NC.

The Outdoor Pentathlon consists of these five events in this order:

Long Jump, Javelin, 200M, Discus & 1500M run.

There is a 30 minutes break between events. Site: usatf.com

Sagedahl's other 2019 Track & Field and Road Race Highlights include:

-Setting three National Records:

-1 Mile Road Record: Time: 7:03, Medtronic TC 1 Mile, May 7, 2019, Minneapolis

-3,000 Meters (1.85 Miles) Track Record: Time: 13:40, USATF MN Meet, St. Louis Park, MN, July 2019

-1 Mile Track Record: Time: 6:49, USATF MN Meet, St. Louis Park, MN, July 2019

-Setting the National

Senior Games Record - nsga.com:

-800M Track Record: Time: 3:07, National Senior Games, Albuquerque, NM, July 2019

Other Records set in 2019:

-Minnesota State Record for Males Age 80 - mnroy.com

-10,000M (6.2 Miles) Road Race at Age 80: Time: 49:18,

King Turkey Day, Sept, 2019, Worthington, MN Pace: 7 minutes 56 second Per Mile,

-Foot Lake, 4 Mile, Road Race, Willmar, MN, June 2019 - pickleevents.com

- Broke 4 Mile Road Race For Males 80+ Record by over 13 minutes.

Race Time: 31:17. Pace: 7 minutes 51 seconds per mile.

#A race official tapped Sagedahl on his shoulder after the race and said, "Are you 80 years or older? Because if you are you broke our 80-84 year old record by over 13 minutes!"

In the Final 2019 USA T&F Rankings Sagedahl Ranked #1 in his age group

(Males 80-84) in the: 400M, 800M, 1500M, 1 Mile, 3000M and Outdoor Pentathlon.

In the Final 2019 USA T&F World Rankings he Ranked #1 in his age group (Males 80-84) in the:

800M, 1 Mile and Outdoor Pentathlon and Ranked #2 in the World Rankings In the: 400M, 1500M and 3000M. - mastersrankings.com

Other 2019 Awards Sagedahl was named the "2019 Minnesota's USA T&F Masters Athlete of the Year"

He has now been named Minnesota Masters T&F Athlete of the Year six (6) times - 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017 & 2019 - usatf.com/mn

Encouraged by his children Sagedahl started running at age 60 first doing road races and then added track & field meets around age 65. "I have surprised myself in many road races and track & meets. The competition brings out my best. It has been amazing for me to compete against many elite master's athletes. I have run against former

college track stars, something I never expected to do in my lifetime. For me, I hope to continue to compete as long as I am able

and motivated to do my best. It takes a lot of training to be competitive and I have learned hard work pays off!"



SAGEDAHL finishing 400M at USATF Masters Outdoor Championship, Iowa State University, Ames, IA July 2019

