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## Martin County's Battery "H" In WW II

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



Coming just two decades after the last great global conflict, the Second World War was the most widespread and deadliest war in history, involving more than 30 countries and resulting in more than 50 million military and civilian deaths (with some estimates as high as 85 million dead). Sparked

by Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939, the war would drag on for six deadly years until the final Allied defeat of both Nazi Germany and Japan in 1945.<sup>1</sup> The Martin County contingent of Battery "H" was mobilized at the Fairmont



Armory at 7:30 a.m. on January 6th, 1941. It included 153 men and five officers that were assembled and sent to train at Camp Haan, California, on January 16th, 1941.

In July of 1941 they received orders to move to the state of Washington where the Fourth Army was holding maneuvers. They left Camp Haan by motor convoy for the 1,474 mile journey to Camp Murray,

Washington. Upon arrival at Camp Murray, they received orders for Fort Greely, Alaska, located on Kodiak Island. They were among the first troops to arrive at Fort Greely and their initial mission was to build up the defense of Alaska. Battery "H" remained at Fort Greely until March of 1944 when they were ordered to



Fort Bliss, Texas, for reorganization and training for service in Europe.

In November of 1944 Battery "H" left initially for England to be eventually deployed on the mainland of Europe. While there, they would take part in the Rhineland and Central Germany Campaigns with the Third Army. In 1945, when the war was over, they received replacements thereby allowing all the older personnel to be sent back to the states to be discharged. Some of these soldiers being discharged at that time had



served for nearly five years from the time they initially left Fairmont.

The Martin County Historical Society was recently provided access to a large number of photos of service members of Battery "H" that are unidentified. These pictures, presently at the Pioneer Museum, may very possibly include parents, grandparents, and other relatives of Martin County residents that might well be important family connections to the past. We would like to encourage you to stop at the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont to see if any of these pictures are of your relatives and if you can possibly identify anyone pictured in this collection. Several examples of pictures are included with this article. Contact the Pioneer Museum at 507-235-5178 or [mch@frontiernet.net](mailto:mch@frontiernet.net).

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Welcome Fire Department's Relief Association will serve a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, February 5th. The menu includes pancakes, pork sausage, potatoes, coffee, juice and milk. Serving hours are 8 a.m. to noon, for a free will donation. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of Fire Department equipment.

The Kids Against Hunger Concert that was originally scheduled for last Wednesday, January 25th at the Fairmont Opera House has been rescheduled to take place this Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Area High School Performing Arts Center.

The Fairmont Lakes Foundation's monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7th, 5:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the SMEC building, 115 South Park Street. Enter by the southeast door.

## Celebrate Curtis event set for February 4

Friends and family of Curtis Bressler of Truman will be coming together to "Celebrate Curtis" at a fundraiser set for Saturday, February 4th in Truman.

Curtis was accidentally hit with an arrow early last November and the initial prognosis for Curtis' recovery was somewhat bleak. That prognosis was never an issue with Curtis as he surprised many with his progress in his recovery now friends want to help the family with their medical expenses through this ordeal by having a fundraiser at the Truman High School Gymnasium from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th. There will be a meal of pork chop on a stick, salad, chips, drink and dessert for a

suggested donation of \$12 for adults, \$8 for children and age 5 and under can eat for free.

There will also be a silent auction of a number of donated items. A live auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. and will feature guest auctioneer Cash Owens. There will also be activities for the kids from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the benefit will go towards the family's medical expenses already incurred, along with ongoing therapy for Curtis.

Help Truman "Celebrate Curtis" and all he has accomplished in his recovery by attending this fundraiser. You can also follow his recovery on Facebook at "Team Curtis".



**LANGFORD 70TH** - Mel Langford of Fairmont is 70 years old! Come have a coffee and roll with him on Thursday, February 2nd from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fairmont VFW.



**KNUTH 90TH** - Harold Knuth of Dunnell will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday, February 11th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dunnell. Join family and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Cards can be sent to: 534 30th Avenue, Dunnell, MN 56127.



**KING 96TH** - Charles King of Fairmont will celebrate his 96th birthday on Thursday, February 2nd. Cards can reach him at Lakeview Health Services, 610 Summit Drive, Room 200, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**WEBER 99TH** - Elnor Weber celebrated her 99th birthday January 30th. You may know her from church, Goldfinch or Kids' Corner where she cared for children for over 10 years. Elnor recently moved to Le Sueur to be closer to her family, but she greatly misses the friends she made living in Fairmont. She would love to hear from you. Be sure to mention how you know her. Cards can be sent to Elnor at Oak Terrace Assisted Living, 811 South 4th Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058.

The monthly **MOSS meeting** will be held at the Holiday Inn this Thursday February 2nd, 5:30 p.m., social, 6:00 p.m. meeting.

## 4th annual Coaches vs Cancer event

The 4th annual Coaches vs. Cancer basketball event will be held this Friday and Saturday, February 3rd and 4th, at the Fairmont Area High School.

The first game will feature the Fairmont Area boys basketball team taking on Jackson County Central at 6 p.m. on Friday night, which the second game will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. and will feature the Fairmont Area girls basketball team and New Richland-Hartland-Elendale-Geneva.

Coaches vs. Cancer is being sponsored by the

Martin County Relay For Life.

Paper basketballs can be purchased from any basketball player or family for a donation of \$10.

Those basketballs will be displayed on the wall behind the Fairmont side of the gym (south side).

There will also be a raffle from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday night and 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday for various

baseballs, gift certificates and items donated by businesses and families. Tickets are 1 for \$3 and 3 for \$5. Winners of the raffle will be drawn on Saturday,

February 4th at 3 p.m.

Many families have been affected with the loss of a loved one from cancer. Some have friends that are currently battling cancer and we are trying to raise awareness to area students, athletes and families of how we can help fight the battle to find a cure.

Donations can be sent to: MCHS-Fairmont Infusion Lab, Martin County Relay for Life and also the American Cancer Society.

Come out this weekend to help support this event while rooting on the Cardinal basketball teams!

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**Fairmont High School Class of 1960**, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

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## Sawtooth Brothers to appear at Red Rock

The Sawtooth Brothers is scheduled to take the stage on Saturday, February 4th, 7 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. Dazzling audiences with precision picking and sharp harmonies developed over eight years of playing, performing, and growing up together, the Sawtooth Brothers have created a strong musical rapport with one another, which is channeled through their infectious original material. Their sound is rooted

in traditional bluegrass instrumental and harmony work and is influenced by modern acoustic sounds, blending pop and indie rock sensibilities with heartfelt Americana. A great concert to bring people of all ages and families together.

Lillian Speakman describes the band as such: - "Sawtooth Brothers are a band that will redefine your understanding of what bluegrass can be. The music they create is difficult to categorize: it

transcends tradition. The songs are full of complex instrumental arrangements, meticulous harmonies, and sophisticated lyrics." More information can be found on their website: [www.sawtooth-brothers.com](http://www.sawtooth-brothers.com).

\$10 advance tickets are on sale now at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or online at [www.redrockcenter.ticketleap.com](http://www.redrockcenter.ticketleap.com), or \$12 at the door. School age and college students, \$5.00.

## "The Hairdressers" mark 50 years

by Amy Paradis

Roger Harris opened The Hairdresser's March 3rd, 1967 after working five years as a hairdresser in a salon at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota.

Roger was sure he would be able to provide a better life for his wife Shari and expanding family if he opened his own salon. As Roger reflected on those days gone by, "if I could pull in \$100 a week, I thought I would be doing fantastic." Rent for his shop would cost was \$35 a month with heat, water and lights costing an additional \$7 a month.

A perfectly preserved appointment book sits on the kitchen table. Gently opening the book Roger looks endearingly as he turns the pages of the book. "See here, my first customer was Vickie Berhens" said Roger, "She paid \$3.75 for a haircut and shampoo set." The service provided and price charged, neatly written next to each customer's name, with numbers tallied for a daily total at the bottom of each column.

- Hair cut \$1.50
- Rinse \$0.75
- Shampoo set and

rinse \$4.75

- Perm \$9.00

The first week of business brought Roger \$20.50, not even close to the \$100 per week goal he had set prior to opening. By May 8th, 1967, just two months later, Roger took in \$157.25 for the week. Although he was on top of the world in his business life, he states "Sheri never saw me." The shop was open nine-hour days, five days of the week and 12 hours on Fridays.

There were few hair colors in those days, only temporary color rinses that shampooed out. "In 1967 most women only washed their hair once a week" said Roger, "They wanted to make it last." Some women would go up to three weeks without washing their hair. This was an era when hair conditioners had not yet been invented. Only chemical perms were available in 1967, none of the gentler products available today. "If you gave a perm" said Roger, "You better be ready run out the back door, just in case it didn't turn out." The perms were very hard on the hair and had the potential of turning out very frizzy.

The Hairdresser's, located at 212 East 3rd Street

in Fairmont, started with four chairs on the main floor called The Beauty Inn. As business picked up, and other independent stylist needed space to work, The Beauty Lounge was opened. The Beauty Lounge consisted of an additional four stylist chairs and was located on the second floor, above The Beauty Inn.

The mid 70's brought a shortage of hairdressers to the region. With news of the regional cosmetology school closing, Roger, along with his sister, Sally Trembley, opened the Hairdressers Educational Center, which remained in operation from 1976-2001. Through this venture, Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa eventually became saturated with many talented hairdressers. Roger was blessed to have some of the most loyal of those independent stylists choose to work side by side with him through the years.

With 50 years in the hairdressing business, Roger, along with his colleagues and customers have shared many laughs, many tears, and a lifetime of memories.

## 2nd Annual Ryan Mortensen Memorial Tournament next Saturday

On October 10th, 2015, Ryan Mortensen passed away as a result of an automobile accident in rural Martin County. He left behind a wife and two year old daughter.

Ryan loved the outdoors and especially fishing. To help keep his memory alive, a memorial fishing tournament was set up last year and because of the support, that the tournament received, it was decided to make it an annual event.

On Saturday, February 11th, the 2nd Annual

Ryan Mortensen Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament and Silent Auction will take place at the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club in Fairmont. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start and 1 p.m. weigh-ins begin.

Registrations cost \$30 and will take place right up to the shotgun start. You can pre-register at Sommer Outdoors in Fairmont. Rules for the tournament can also be found at Sommer Outdoors. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places, and many other prizes will

be awarded.

There will also be a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a lunch will be served for a free will offering.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Ryan Mortensen Scholarship Fund at GHEC High School and a Memorial Park in memory of Ryan.

For more information about the tournament, visit [facebook.com/RyanMortensenIceFishingTournament](https://facebook.com/RyanMortensenIceFishingTournament).

## Academic Programs For Area High School Graduates

Fairmont Area Chamber Agri-business Committee and local businesses are joining forces with Agriculture Future of America (AFA) to support an agricultural scholarship program.

Over the years, twenty-eight Martin County High School seniors have received scholarships

through this program.

Each AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship is \$4,200, consisting of a \$3,200 academic scholarship. The additional \$1,000 will sponsor two Martin County recipients to the AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City November 2nd-5th, 2017.

Eligibility require-

ments for Martin County Scholarships include high school seniors enrolling in an accredited college of agriculture. They must be a resident of Martin County. The scholarship application is available at [www.agfuture.org/scholarships](http://www.agfuture.org/scholarships).

For additional information contact Fairmont Area Chamber President, Margaret Dillard at (507) 235-5547.

## Center for Primary Care to offer TeleHeart Services in partnership

Thanks to TeleHeart technology, patients and providers in Fairmont and surrounding communities have more convenient access to nationally-recognized heart care from Minneapolis Heart Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

With TeleHeart, patients and their care

team can see each other and discuss medical information through a secure computer system. Diagnostic ultrasound, performed in Fairmont at the Center for Primary

Care, before the TeleHeart appointment, sends real-time images to cardiovascular providers in Minneapolis who can diagnose

or rule out heart disease.

"People are happier when they can be care for where they live. TeleHeart complements the quality of local care and helps to prevent unnecessary hospital

admissions," said Dr. Corey Welchlin, owner and orthopedic surgeon.

"I see lots of patients that have a need to see a cardiologist either for long-term care or for pre-

operative clearance. This is a welcomed addition to our local service," says Dr. Kevin Kimm, primary care provider at the Center for Specialty Care.

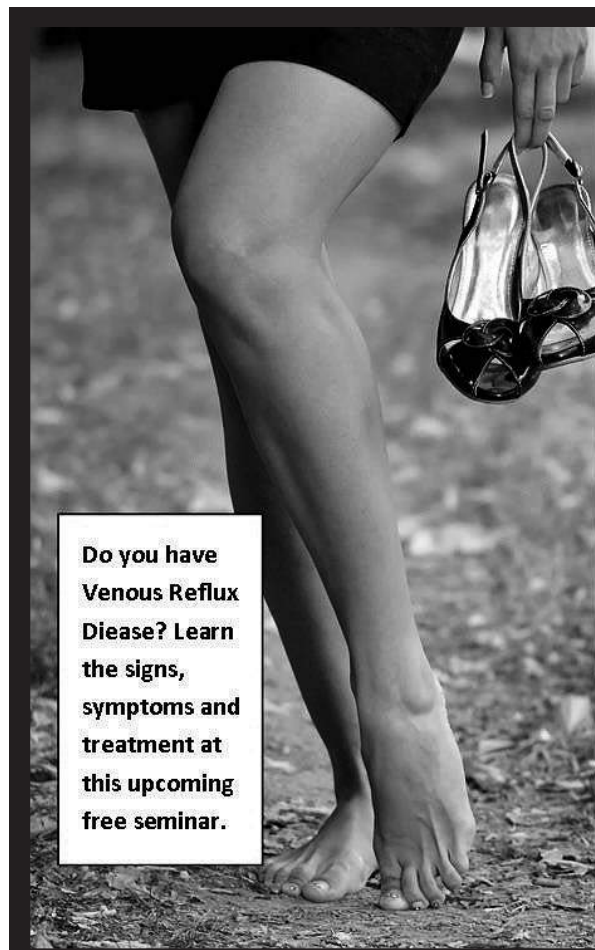
Teleheart services began at the Center for Primary Care January 23rd, 2017. Patients can speak with their primary care provider to find out if Teleheart services are right for their care plan. To make an appointment at the Center for Primary care, call 507-238-9533. For more info on Teleservices, visit [allinahealth.org/telehealth](http://allinahealth.org/telehealth).



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# Loving Your Heart

## Guest Columnist

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

February is Heart month. Did you see that one coming? While it may be a bit cheesy and obvious, it gives us another chance to remind ourselves to take care of this very important organ. Keep your cholesterol as low as possible, take your blood pressure meds, and when it is time, get some stents put in to keep going. Sound like great advice? For those of you who see the craziness inherent in those pearls of wisdom, read on.

Thanks to stress, lack of exercise, and the Standard American Diet (S.A.D.), most of us have hearts that are working way harder than needed. We also have a health care industry that both intentionally and unintentionally has led us astray. As many of you know by now, the "latest medical research" of the 1970's told us that dietary fat was bad, and that low fat, high carb was the way to go. This was misinformation put out on

behalf of certain interests, which have gained substantial monetary results. Remember the line put in all the drug commercials? No, not the long list of side effects including heart attacks, death, and strange growths on your face, but the one that goes something like "When exercise and diet fail you, see your doctor." Let's be honest, diet and exercise rarely fail you. When is the last time you went to your doctor because of heart health concerns, and the doctor said, "Did you try diet and exercise first?"

Four things you can do to restore heart health while you make a plan to get off all the meds are diet, exercise, nutrition/supplementation, and chiropractic.

What are the most recent dietary recommendations? Unfortunately most doctors are still giving you the party line from 20 years ago. For instance, many of you remember getting rid of butter and

buying wonderful sounding things like "Promise", and not so wonderful ones like "Country Crock", and "Shedd's Spread". That was bad advice, but margarine makers were happy. Think of this as a simplified model; what does butter do at 98.6 degrees? It melts! What does margarine do? It stays solid, yellow, and firm, which looks good on your table, but not in your arteries. Hopefully you have all dumped your margarine and started buying butter again. As it turns out, butter is actually good for you, especially if it comes from grass-fed cows. One reason is that it contains oleic acid, one of the good omega 6's. It also contains vitamins A, D and K - one tablespoon is 7% of your Recommended Daily Allowance, (RDA). For you real nutrition geeks, it also contains CLA!

Many of you still avoid eggs, and that was also a mistake. Your body manufactures the majority of

the cholesterol in your body anyway, and dietary restrictions of cholesterol make almost no difference. Eggs are a wonderful source of B vitamins, protein, and choline. So scramble away!

The basic diet recommendations are for plenty of healthy protein, the right kinds of fats (avocado is on top of that list), and cut out the carbs (especially refined, processed food): white bread, white rice, sugar, and anything with ingredients you can't pronounce. Much of this goes back to the words of one of the most famous chiropractors; "If God made it, eat it. If man made it, don't." That chiropractor was Dr. Jack Lalanne!

Next we'll look at exercise. Anything is better than nothing, and the most important thing is to start. Start with the objective of a healthy heart, and not just losing weight. There are a lot of skinny people out there with unhealthy hearts. There's a reason it's called "cardiovascular" in the first place. Start with walking, and then move to the elliptical, or a recumbent bike. Just move. Save the weight lifting for later in the program.

Let's cover vitamins

and supplements. Most of you by now know of my aversion to statin drugs. But if you insist on taking them, remember you MUST take CoQ10 along with it. One of the many reasons statin drugs are so bad for you is that they block the body's production of CoQ10, which, as it turns out, is hugely important to the health of your heart muscle cells. Even if you don't take statin drugs CoQ10 is one of the go to supplements for heart health. A recent research study combining CoQ10 with selenium found a 49% decrease in death caused by cardiovascular issues. That's almost half! Also noted in that study were 246 less days spent in the hospital over a five year period and higher quality of life. Lecithin is another heart healthy supplement. Lecithin lowers homocysteine by up to 30%. Homocysteine is what causes the real damage in your blood vessels. Fish oil is another supplement which has been shown to help heal the heart. A few recent studies have disagreed with the benefits of fish oil, but there are over 2,000 studies, which show it does a heart good! If you want a natural substitute

for the statins, red yeast extract will do the trick. Niacin has been shown to lower cholesterol as good as statins. If you don't recognize that one, it is more commonly known as Vitamin B3. If you don't know what your heart may need, ask! I have a Doctorate in Chiropractic, and a Master's degree in Human Nutrition.

Finally, one of my favorite ways to improve heart health and that is chiropractic. A study published a few years back out of the University of Chicago showed that chiropractic adjustments of the cervical spine were just as effective as a combination of two medications for lowering blood pressure. The best part, no side-effects like drugs have. Chiropractic has also been shown to increase heart rate variability, which is a reflection of nervous system balance. The side-effects of chiropractic are less pain, better energy and mobility.

Have a happy and healthy Heart Month. Love your heart, and it will love you back.

Dr. Scott Burtis is a chiropractor and functional medicine specialist who practices in Fairmont.

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refried beans, orange.

**WED:** Chicken ranch wrap,  
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**FEB 2 - 8**

**THURS:** Tator tot hotdish,  
peas and carrots, dinner roll,  
beet pickles, jello with fruit.

**FRI:** Lemon pepper fish or  
alternate, red skin potatoes,  
broccoli, chocolate pudding.

**MON:** Beef stroganoff, corn  
on the cob, Eclair.

**TUE:** Chicken cordon bleu,  
hashbrown bake, brussel  
sprouts, bread pudding.

**WED:** Hamburger, tri-tator,  
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Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

## FAIRMONT AREA

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shortages or delays in shipping.

**Breakfast menu can be found online.  
FEB 2 - 8**

**THUR: K-6:** Hot dog, ham  
and cheddar chef salad, dinner  
roll, baked beans, broccoli ranch  
salad, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:**

Tator tot hotdish, dinner  
roll, pea salad, red pepper strips,  
apple, peaches.

**FRI: K-6:** Teriyaki glazed  
chicken, fried rice, dinner roll,  
yogurt and graham cracker fun  
lunch, broccoli, carrots, apple,  
pears. **JR/HS:** Tacos, refried  
beans, corn and pineapple salsa,  
carrots, orange, applesauce.

**MON:** BBQ Rib BQ, ham and  
cheese sandwich, baked beans,  
broccoli, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:**

Popcorn chicken, mashed pota-

toes, dinner roll, gravy, broccoli  
salad, carrots, orange, pears.

**TUE: K-6:** Pancakes, syrup,  
scrambled eggs, turkey and  
cheese sandwich, tator tots, celery  
sticks, fruit salad. **JR/HS:**

Tacos, cilantro lime rice, refried  
beans, sweet corn salad, jicama  
sticks, apple, mandarin oranges.

**WED:** Chicken parmesan,  
breadstick, ham and swiss pretzel  
roll sandwich, broccoli, caesar  
salad, apple, mandarin orange  
and pineapple. **JR/HS:** General  
Tso's chicken, brown rice, carrots,  
asian wheat berry salad, red  
pepper strips, grapes, applesauce.

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

**FEB 2 - 8**

**THUR:** Corn dog, baked  
beans, coleslaw, hot apple  
slices.

**FRI:** Chicken fajita, fixings,  
corn, refried beans, fruit.

**MON:** Cheese pizza, green  
beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits.

**TUE:** Hot chicken, tator tots,  
peas and carrots, pears.

**WED:** Chili, PB sandwich,  
spinach salad, veggies, fruit.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL**

Menus subject to change.

**FEB 2 - 8**

**THUR:** Pulled pork, baked  
beans, potato chips, mandarin  
oranges.

**FRI:** Spaghetti, green beans,  
garlic bread, pears.

**MON:** Cheesy chicken, fries,  
peas, banana, pudding cup.

**TUES:** Shrimp poppers,  
mashed potatoes, gravy carrots,  
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**WED:** Soft shell taco, fixings,  
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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Classy Chicken

### Is it spring yet?

I do like the changing seasons, but must admit I am ready for warm sunshine, leafing out trees and to dig around in the dirt in my flowers. It must be the farmer in me! You would think by my age I would learn patience. I've had enough of curling up with a good book, with a blanket and my furry Maggie on my lap. Besides that, I can also read in a lounge chair in my back yard, admiring my flowers and enjoying watching the birds at the bird feeders! Maybe the winter will make me appreciate spring even more when it arrives! I always think of asparagus in the spring. Lucky for us we can find it most of the year in the store. Frozen is good too and in the recipe I am sharing with you today, broccoli can be substituted for the asparagus. I have made it both ways. Go easy on the curry, 3/4 tsp. suits my taste, but if you like curry go for it!

### Classy Chicken:

3 chicken boneless, skinless breasts, cubed in bite size pieces

1/4 tsp. pepper

3 Tblsp. olive oil or vegetable oil

10 oz. asparagus or broccoli, can use more if you wish

10 oz. can of cream of chicken soup

1/2 cup Hellman's mayonnaise

1 tsp. curry powder

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Saute' chicken sprinkled with pepper in oil over medium heat until done, about 6 minutes. Drain. Cook asparagus or broccoli until crisp/ tender, drain well. Arrange in bottom of baking dish. Place chicken on top. Mix together undiluted soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle top with cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, until hot.

Have a great week!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minnesotans who have been devastated by a lack of access to health insurance or unaffordable health care premiums have received some good news. Both the Minnesota House and Senate approved legislation providing some premium relief and health care reforms, and Governor Dayton has signed it into law.

This bill was designed to take care of the most immediate needs and to start making improvements for the future.

The legislation allocates more than \$325 million to provide premium relief and ensure continuity of care for people who were receiving treatment from a physician but lost that

ability when they were forced to switch insurance plans.

Other reforms included will allow for-profit HMO's to operate in Minnesota, provide an audit to determine how the plan is working, and institute agricultural cooperative health plans, allowing organizations with member owners such as farm cooperatives to provide health insurance to their members.

Our goal is to make medical insurance and medical costs less expensive and more affordable for residents, and I look forward to that challenge.

Rep. Bob Gunther,  
District 23A  
Fairmont



## Ask A Trooper: CDL and DWI

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

**Question: If a person with a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) gets a DWI in a private, personal vehicle. The test level that applies is .08 or more and he will lose his regular driver's license but not the CDL, correct?**

**Answer:** The legal limit for driving impaired in Minnesota is 0.08 — but motorists can be arrested for DWI at lower levels.

The consequences for driving impaired will vary for each DWI offender. A typical penalty for a first-time offender is the loss of a regular license for a minimum of 30 days or possibly up to a year, and possible jail time. Costs of a DWI can be as high as \$20,000 when factoring court costs, legal fees and increased insurance premiums.

For those with a CDL, a first DWI conviction in any vehicle would result in a loss (disqualification) of the CDL for one year. A second DWI conviction would result in the loss a CDL for life. After ten years, if they can show rehabilitation a person could possibly get their CDL back.

The fight against impaired driving is everyone's responsibility. If a person plans on consuming alcohol, plan ahead for a sober ride. If you see an impaired person about to get into a vehicle, speak up and find that person a safe ride home.

*If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.*

## Area College Student News



Wheaton College student Julie Fleming of Fairmont, is a member of the club crew team.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its

rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

For more information, visit [wheaton.edu](http://wheaton.edu).

## AARP TaxAide in Fairmont

On Tuesday, February 7th, volunteers from AARP TaxAide will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to complete income tax returns in the balcony of the First Congregational Church UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.

Note that this is in a new location this year.

The office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 18th.

Please Call 507-230-4400 to make an appointment.

## Deadline nears for Operation Round Up

Don't miss out on the next round of Operation Round Up. The next deadline is Friday, March 3rd for Operation Round Up funds from Federated Rural Electric's Trust Board.

Operation Round Up involves about 80 percent of Federated's members in Jackson and Martin Counties; they allow their monthly electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. The "rounded up" change goes into a trust fund. An independent Trust Board, which consists of Federated members, evaluates local funding requests and distributes the funds.

The application form can be downloaded from Federated's website: [www.federatedrea.coop](http://www.federatedrea.coop). You can also call Federated at 507-847-3520, 728-8366 or 1-800-321-3520. Ask for Andrea to request an ap-

plication (or e-mail: [info@federatedrea.coop](mailto:info@federatedrea.coop)).

Since 1995 Federated's Trust Board has distributed more than \$544,000 to local organizations including senior dining, hospice, fire/ambulance departments and as high school scholarships.

Federated members with high school seniors can apply for the Federated Operation Round Up scholarship. The Trust Board authorized nine \$700 scholarships with one for each of the six Federated districts and three for district At-Large where applicants have a second chance. The inserts will go out with the March 8th or April 1st electric bills. Plus, the application is also found on Federated's website or with school counselors by March 10th. Scholarship applications are due back by April 21st.

## Fairmont Partners in Education memorials

Fairmont Partners in Education would like to gratefully acknowledge the following memorials received October 2016 to January 2017:

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## OBITUARY notices

### Eldon H. Munsterman, 78



A private family service for Eldon H. Munsterman, 78, of East Chain will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont at

a later date. Eldon passed away Friday, January 13th, 2017, at Truman Senior Living. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Eldon Henry Munsterman was born September 16th, 1938, in rural St. James. He was the son of Edward and Marie (Ruhl) Munsterman. He received his education at District 51 School in Watonwan County and later attended St. James High School where he was active in wrestling before graduation in 1956.

On January 26th, 1958, Eldon was united in marriage to Beverly A. Barke in Fairmont. The couple made their home in Minneapolis and later in the Fairmont area before moving to East Chain in 1983. This union was blessed

with four children, Terri, Dan, Lorie, and Marla. Eldon and Beverly shared nearly fifty-nine years together.

Eldon was employed at Ford Motor Company in Fairmont after high school. He later worked at Crown Aluminum in Minneapolis, Conoco Service Station in Fairmont, and the Fairmont Co-op. He most recently worked at 3M in Fairmont until his retirement in 1999.

Eldon loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and snowmobile racing. He was a member of the Blizzard Snowmobile Club in Fairmont. He was active at The Fairmont Raceway in his younger years. He enjoyed helping his friends and family with their many projects and sharing his vast knowledge with others. He most loved the

time he was able to spend with his grandkids.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Beverly Munsterman of East Chain; son, Dan (Lana) Munsterman of Fairmont, and their children, Tyler and Kyle; daughter, Lorie Lenz (Sean) of Hastings, MN, and their children, Andy (special friend, Gladys and son, Dito), Kaitlyn and her daughter, Mackenna and Samantha (special friend, Austin); daughter, Marla Wood (Bill) of Junction City, KS, and their children, Nikki (special friend Dan) and Melissa Demers (Matt); grandson, Alex Cleppe (special friend, Mariah) of Marshall, MN; brothers, Jerry (Vonnice) Munsterman of Villard, MN, Marvin Munsterman of Mankato, and Lyle Munsterman of Rockway Beach, Missouri; son-in-

## DEATH notices



January 24 - Lisa R. Carlson, 45, Truman (formerly of Garvin, MN).

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
January 27 - James E. Engeman, 57, Fairmont.  
Lakeview Funeral Home

January 29 - Marie E. Bosshart, 93, Truman.

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service  
January 29 - Rosemary Karnatz-Sorenson, 84, Burnsville (formerly of Sherburn).

Krahmer Funeral Home

### In Memoriam

#### One Year Ago This Week

January 25 - James R. Craig, 73, Fairmont

January 26 - Dennis P. Murphy, 74, Fairmont

January 27 - Judith A. Bohn, 71, Fairmont

January 27 - Alice V. Clancy, 97, Sherburn

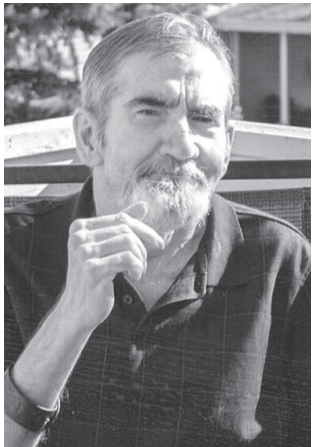
law, Charlie Cleppe (Coleen) of Elmore; many other relatives and friends.

Eldon was preceded in death by his daughter, Terri Cleppe; parents, Edward and Marie Munsterman; parents-in-law, Walter and

Viola Barke; his grandparents; sister, Arlene Ruzich; brothers, Elmer, Donald, and Arnold Munsterman; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and three nephews and one niece.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### James E. Engeman, 57



Funeral Service for James E. Engeman, 57, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date. James passed away Friday morning, January 27th, 2017 at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service assisted the family with arrangements.

James Eric Engeman was born November 1st, 1959 to Robert and Anna Mae (Moldestad) Engeman in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Growing up James attended school in Mountain Lake and graduated from Estherville High School in Estherville, Iowa.

James lived in Armstrong, Iowa, and in Winona, Marshall, and Wabasso, Minnesota, before making his home in Fairmont. He worked for many years at Armstrong Rim and Wheel as well as ROC. He enjoyed working on word search puzzles, ceramics and building and watching fires. James was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and loved to listen to Johnny Cash. He had an interest in wolves and his favorite color was black. James will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his

daughter, Ericka Jo Engeman of Clear Water, MN; brothers: E. Robert (Cathy) Engeman of Mankato; Steven (Adriana) Sterling of Dallas, Texas, Charles (Cheryl) Engeman of Ocala, FL, Larry (Nancy) Engeman of Hobart, Indiana, and Daniel (Terri Wolfe) Engeman of Fairmont; sisters: Beth Ann (Paul) Slettedahl of Clearwater, Minnesota and Brenda (Joel) Evans of Swea City, Iowa; many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; the loving staff and roommates of Fairlakes REM Heartland; and other extended family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Engeman; mother, Anna Mae Engeman Howard; infant sister, Susanne Beth; infant brother, Benjamin Paul; and step-father, Harvey Howard.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### Hulda C. Hoffmeyer, 96



A Service of Remembrance for Hulda C. Hoffmeyer, 96, of Sherburn, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at the First Congregational-United Church of Christ in, Sherburn, with Pastor Mike Ennis officiating. Burial will be in Sherburn Cemetery in Sherburn.

Hulda was called to her eternal rest Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 at Trimont Health Care Center

in Trimont. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the Church on Saturday.

Hulda Caroline Friesen was born October 12th, 1920 in Mountain Lake, Minnesota to Dietrich and Agatha (Balzar) Friesen. She moved with her parents to Fairmont at an early age. She attended Amber Lake grade school and Fairmont High School. She married Walter R. Hoffmeyer October 18th, 1938 in Fairmont. Hulda worked at several jobs before retirement at Univac in Jackson and later at Hardee's in Jackson. Walter Hoffmeyer died February 28th, 1979. Since retirement she has done volunteer work, was church clerk. President of the Day Women's Fellowship of U.C.C., President of Sherburn Travel Class. She spent lots of time visiting nursing homes, making home made jam and cookies for the sick and shut-ins in the area. She

spent the last six years at the Trimont Health Care Center where she loved to visit, play cards, put puzzles together with family and friends, do word search books and read. She was a member of First Congregational U.C.C. of Sherburn.

Survivors include her three children Gwen (Keith) Sickler of rural Sherburn, Dwight of Sioux Falls, SD and Dorothy Anderson of Sherburn, one niece, Pat Salazar of Littleton, CO, six grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren and one due in March and other relatives and friends.

Hulda was preceded in death by her parents, Dietrich and Agatha Friesen, husband, Walter, brother and sister-in-law, Orlando and Jackie Friesen, son-in-law, Dick Anderson and other relatives and friends.

[kramerfuneralhome.com](http://kramerfuneralhome.com)

## MCHS Fairmont Community Update

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Fairmont community. My name is Amy Long and I am the new administrator at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. It's an honor to serve the staff, patients and community members as the administrator of Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

I'm delighted to work with all of you and am excited about what lies ahead. I'm most encouraged by the level of staff engagement, volunteer involvement and relationship strength between the medical center and community members.

Health care is rapidly changing. Our call to action is to educate, evolve and excel within a shifting environment. My initial focus will lie in the areas of physician recruitment, partnerships with local and regional providers, and improving the overall health and wellness of our population. Most importantly, we will continue to pursue a standard of excellence while helping patients find the right care at the right time in the right clinical setting.

Last but not least, I want to thank Bob Birtin-gale for his years of leadership and contribution to the betterment of health care in Fairmont and the surrounding communities

we serve. On behalf of the leadership team at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, we wish Bob well in his retirement and future endeavors.

Here is a snapshot of what's been taking place at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont:

### Community

- Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and our employees are sponsoring two teams for Kids Against Hunger. Teams will be packing nutritious meals loaded with protein, vitamins and minerals. Each one-cup serving provides one day's complete nutrition.

- We're also the finan-

cial sponsor for the Presentation College Mardi Gras to benefit student scholarships. Additionally, Mayo Clinic Health System is an advertising sponsor for the Martin County Motivation 12-Week Fitness Challenge.

- Sign up for the Mayo Clinic Health System email newsletter for expert advice, inspiring stories, upcoming events and other great health information delivered to your inbox once a month. Simply visit [bit.ly/2kkXPtt](http://bit.ly/2kkXPtt) or text MCHSHEALTH to 22828 to get started.

### Growth and Services

- We've had two new providers - Julie Rolstad, nurse practitioner, and

Julie Woodall, physician assistant - start in January, with an additional provider - Karen Uecker-Bezdicke - officially joining the practice in February. Julie Rolstad works in Internal Medicine, and Julie Woodall and Karen are members of the Clinic at Walmart team. All three bring compassion, expertise and dedication, which will help us provide even better care to our patients.

- Our Living Well with Diabetes support group meets Feb. 8th at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. This informal meeting provides a way for adults with diabetes to share successes, challenges and advice, as well as learn more about

the disease from medical experts.

- Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont offers free blood pressure screenings in the clinic lobby every Thursday, noon-1 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

-Marie Morris, M.D., medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

-Amy Long, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

Contact Amy Long at 507-238-5070 or [long.amy1@mayo.edu](mailto:long.amy1@mayo.edu) with any comments or questions.





Okay, I know that last week I was talking about how nice it was to see the warm weather and snow disappearing and I made a comment that it was still January and how things can change. Boy, did they ever change last Monday through Wednesday! After hearing the weather forecast, I chose to stay at my parents' place in town overnight Tuesday so that I could make sure I could make it in to work Wednesday morning. I'm glad I did as the roads were not good at all. Just driving from my parents' home to work was a challenge because of the deep and heavy snow on the streets. The newspapers arrived a little late (understandably) and I delivered my two carrier routes through knee-deep

snow most of the way. After work Wednesday night, I drove home and had to park on the road by my driveway so I could get the tractor and snowblower out to clear the place out. That snow really was heavy! Needless to say, I was pretty tired after that full day and I am counting the days until spring!

#### Support for Alyssa!

Family and friends of Alyssa Gunderhus of Sherburn rallied together on Sunday to attend a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Martin County West High School. Alyssa is a senior at MCW and has been hospitalized in Rochester since late December, when she suffered a brain bleed and AVM (Arteriovenous malformation). Alyssa has undergone a number of surgeries and treatments during her stay at the hospital and a

benefit was organized for her and her family, Duane and Amber Engebretson of Sherburn. Members of the Sherburn Lions Club served pancakes, eggs and sausage to just under



Sherburn Lions Club members Rex Wohlhuter (left) and Nate Klima serve pancakes at Alyssa Gunderhus benefit.

600 people last Sunday. Members of the MCW, Jackson County Central and Austin High School FFA groups all helped with service and cleanup, with the money raised and donations all going to help pay for medical expenses. In talking with the family that day, I learned that Alyssa is doing better and she continues to improve.

Best wishes on a speedy recovery Alyssa!

#### Celebrate Curtis!

Many of you have been keeping up with little Curtis Bressler of Truman and his courageous recovery

since being injured after being accidentally shot by an arrow early last November. His initial prognosis from doctors was bleak, but Curtis has surprised many with his progress in recent weeks and is doing very well. Friends and family are planning to "Celebrate Curtis" with a fundraiser on Saturday, February 4th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Truman High School Gymnasium. There will be a meal served for a suggested donation. There will also be a silent auction of donated items and a special live auction

that will feature Cash Owens, the young auctioneer sensation that appeared on the TV show "Little Big Shots" last year. Proceeds from the benefit will go to help with the families expenses and Curtis' ongoing therapy. So, come celebrate Curtis this weekend in Truman! Check out his story in this week's Photo Press.

#### A celebration, pancakes and a smorgasbord!

Before I go this week, I have a few events coming up this weekend to highlight. As I mentioned before, the "Celebrate Curtis" fundraiser will take place on Saturday, February 4th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Truman High School Gymnasium. Food, auctions and even activities for the kids will take place during the event and proceeds go towards Curtis' family medical expenses. On Sunday, February 5th, the Welcome Fire Department Relief Association is having a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to

noon in Welcome. They will serve pork sausage, potatoes, coffee, juice and milk for a free will donation. Proceeds go towards the purchase of fire department equipment. Also on Sunday, Dell Lutheran Church is having their 35th Annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, located near Frost, MN. They will serve Lutefisk, potatoes, Klub-Corn, Norwegian meatballs and rice, Romgrot, Lefsa Kringla and Rosettes for a charge. All proceeds will go to support mission projects of the church. Lots of great events taking place this weekend!

Have a great week!

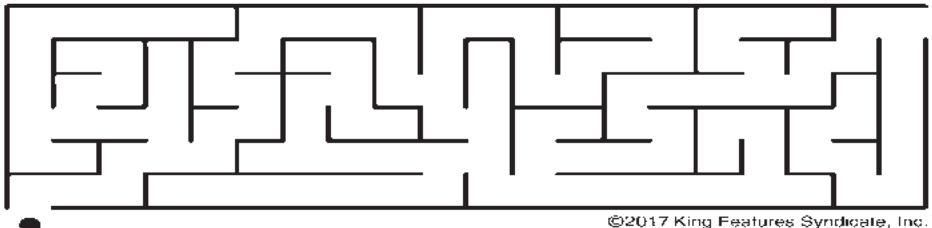
Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - help support local benefits!

- Jeff



The 3rd & 4th grades and their teachers from St. James Lutheran School of Northrop recently visited the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont and took a tour of Martin County history.

#### Kids' Maze



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#### St. John Vianney serves at Hope Cafe

The 2017 Confirmation candidates from St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont helped serve a hot, nutritious meal to the community's less fortunate at Hope Cafe on January 22nd.

Sponsors and parents joined their candidates with this service project.

SJV Hope Cafe is a ministry that began in January 2015 as a response to Pope Francis' call to care for the hungry, lonely and poor.

The candidates chose one of three shifts: set-up crew, serving crew or the clean-up crew, to carry out the experience of serving others.

The hot meal is is

promptly served at 6:00 p.m. in the church's Hospitality Area. Hope Cafe also provides fellowship from the servers who sit down with the guests after bringing meals out to their tables.

All are welcome, so come join us in February!



The set up crew from St. John Vianney Church.



The serving crew from St. John Vianney Church.



The clean-up crew from St. John Vianney Church.

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## Profinium announces new appointments

Profinium, Inc., appointed Ian Bents to the position of Executive Vice President, Business Banking and Sales.

In his new role, Bents will continue to focus on developing relationships with ag and business clients as well as working with the loan, mortgage, insurance and wealth planning departments to drive sales. "I am excited to create a program and culture that will continue to deepen our relationships with existing clients and help us create new relationships in the communities we serve," said Bents.

Bents has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's University and a Graduate School of Banking degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and has more than thirteen years of ex-

perience at Profinium, most recently as the Vice President of Business Banking.

"Business and ag banking is really a cornerstone of Profinium's purpose," said Marques Doppler, CEO of Profinium. "We help our clients achieve dreams, and Ian is exceptional at building relationships and putting our clients' goals into action."

Bents currently resides in Fairmont with his wife and three children. In his new role, he will continue to work out of the Fairmont office, while providing sales leadership across the organization.

Profinium, Inc., is a locally-owned community bank with four locations in Southern Minnesota, including Fairmont, Truman, Owatonna, and most recently, in downtown Mankato.

Profinium, Inc., appointed Melissa Engelby to the position of Truman President.

In her new role, Engelby will oversee all aspects of operations for the Truman location as well as continue to oversee both the personal banking and mortgage departments companywide. "I am proud to be a part of this community and bring my experience to our clients," said Engelby.

Engelby has a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and has more than fifteen years of experience in the finance industry. Engelby has been with Profinium since 2006, working in various roles, most recently as the Director of Mortgage and Personal Banking.

"We provide a host of services for our customers

from banking to insurance, mortgages, trusts and investments in an effort to be their full financial health solutions provider," said Marques Doppler, CEO of Profinium. "Melissa is an exceptional team member and her return to the Truman President role is exciting for our organization and will be invaluable for our clientele and the Truman community."

Engelby grew up on a dairy farm and lives with her husband in Winnebago, where he farms with his father. "I am proud farming has always been a part of my life. My experience helps me understand what producers are dealing with as they operate highly sophisticated and complex business enterprises. I'm excited to help our clients succeed with a great local team and our full array of financial tools," said Engelby.



Tyler Johnson spoke at the Fairmont Rotary meeting as this week's Rotary "Student of the Month." Tyler is a senior at Fairmont High School and the son of Daron and Laurie Johnson. He has two siblings, Nate and Sophie. Tyler is active in basketball, track, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Tyler's post-graduation plans are undecided, but he's interested in majoring in engineering.

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## Icekahanna results

Blizzard Snowmobile Club's Icekahanna races were held on Saturday, January 28th at The Yacht Club on Hall Lake.

There were 36 registered racers, doing 257 runs on the track.

Thanks to everyone who came down to the race and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

The Blizzard Snowmobile Club  
**Drivers - Name - Make - Town - Time**

### Kitty Cat/120

Bryson Hatfield, Z120, Truman, 35.967

### 120's Standard/Stock

1. Oliver Thedens, Z120, Fairmont, 41.782

2. Tyson McKean, Z120, Fairmont, 42.750

3. Kya Kotewa, Z120, Fairmont, 44.943

### 120's Mod/Pro Class

1. Mariah Moeller, Mini Z, Fairmont, 27.986

2. Zander Johnson, Z120, Granada, 28.272

3. Tessa Johnson, Z120, Granada, 30.209

### Adult Non- Studded 0-400cc Including 80 hp Phazer 4 Stroke, Ski-doo 600 Ace

Nick Kotewa, Yamaha Phazer, Fairmont, 32.819

### Adult Non-Studded 401cc-Open Including 120 hp 4 Stroke (Nitro/Vector/4 tec 1200/900 ace)

1. Max Stevensen, Indy 400, Courtland, 28.919

2. Brian Ruschy, SF Arctic Cat, Fairmont, 29.059

### Adult Studded 401cc-600cc Including 120 hp 4 Stroke (Nitro/Vector/4 tec 1200, Ace 900)

1. Trevor Eisenmenger, Arctic Cat ZR 500, Welcome, 20.989

2. Brandon Hartman, Arctic Cat F7, 22.326

### Adult Studded 601cc-Open Including 150 hp 4 Stroke and 4 Stroke Turbos

Jay Johnson, Arctic Cat F7, Granada, 22.794

### Vintage Stock - no studs - cleats ok

1. Joel Oberdieck, Arctic Cat 292 Lynx, Truman, 24.481

2. Daryl Johnson, Polaris, 250 TX, Owatonna, 36.066

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### Vintage Open - studs

1. Brady Oberdieck, Scorpion Lil Whip, Truman, 25.538

2. Ryan Johnson, Polaris TX 250, Fairmont, 26.317

### ATV 0-400cc

1. Ty Wintheiser, Yamaha 350 Raptor, Fairmont, 21.140

2. Carter Wrucke, Honda 400 EX, 21.965

### ATV 550cc-Open

Jesse Bormann, Yamaha Grizzly 700, Swea City, IA, 31.300

### Fastest Run of the Day

Trevor Eisenmenger, Arctic Cat ZR 500, Welcome, 20.989



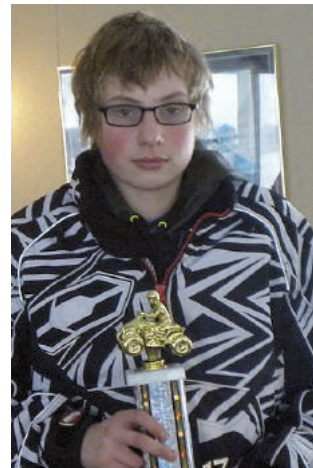
Adult Non-Studded 400cc 1st place: Nick Kotewa and daughter Eya



Adult non-studded 401 open 1st place: Max Stevensen



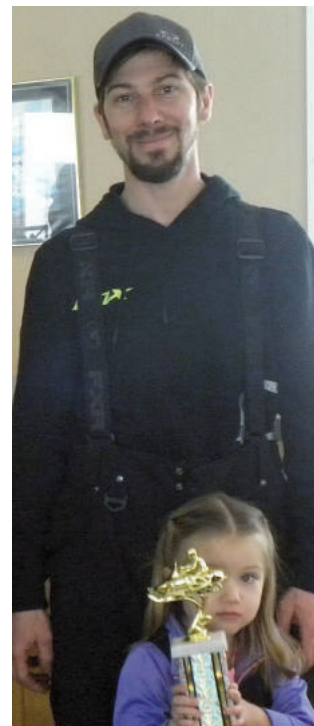
Adult studded 601cc open 1st place: Jay Johnson



ATV 0-400cc 1st place: Ty Wintheiser



Adult studded 401-600cc 1st place: Trevor Eisenmenger



Adult studded 401-600cc 2nd place: Brandon Hartman



ATV 550cc-open 1st place: Jesse Bormann



120 Novice Class 1st place: Bryson Hatfield



Vintage open 1st place: Brady Oberdieck



Fastest time of the day: Trevor Eisenmenger



1st place: Oliver Thedens - 2nd place: Tyson McKean



1st place: Mariah Moeller; 2nd place: Zander Johnson; 3rd place: Tessa Johnson



Mrs. Luhmann's 3rd grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School enjoyed some time outside on January 27th, taking advantage of the beautiful snow that had fallen earlier that week.



Pack 57 Wolf and Bear dens visited the Martin County Law Enforcement Center recently. Thanks to Officer Klanderud & the LEC for a great tour of the facilities and telling us about this community service. The boys got to check out a police car, try on a bullet proof vest, see where 911 calls are processed, peek in a jail cell, and visit the library and recreation room where they tried out the ping pong table. They also learned that officers wear different colored uniforms to signify who they are, much like scouts!

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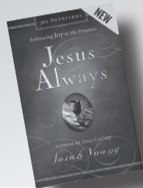
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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Joseph Weber, Pt. NE¼NW¼, 25-101-30

Mary J. Heupel, Scott W. Heupel to JB Holmes LLC, Pt. Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 4, Goulds Addn.

New York Community Bank to Federal National Mortgage Association, W½W½, Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, Original Plat of Fairmont

Amanda K. Meger to Greenfarm LLC, Pt. SW¼SE¼, 31-102-31

Carol J. Heinlein, Eldon L. Kirk to Donald Lamont, W.37½', Lot 9, Block 2, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

Andrea Pitkin, Paul Pitkin to Andy Larsen, Lot 6, Block 2, Edwards Subd. Pt. L5B4 Ext. Woll.

Olson Farming LLC to Stephen Olson, W½NW¼, 10-101-29

Linda Olson, Stephen Olson to Karen Erickson, Und. 1/3 Int., SW¼NW¼, 10-101-29

George A. V. Ruwisch, Jennifer Ruwisch to Levi R. Ekstrom, Lot 1, Block 2, Coult & Dixons Subd.

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Mark Alan Smith to Smith Rental Properties LLC, Lot 1, Block 1, Bevcomm Addn.

### CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Gary Meyer, Linda J. Meyer to Dustin Splinter, Natalie Splinter, SE¼SE¼, 4-104-30

Olson Farming LLC to Stephen Olson, SE¼, S½NE¼, 11-101-29; SW¼SW¼, 12-101-29

### PERS. REP. DEEDS

David E. Bader, Per. Rep., Nicole E. Granquist, Per. Rep., Estate of Allan James Lloyd to Lowell Rosenberg, E.100' of N½, Lot 2, Block 12, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

David E. Bader, Per. Rep., Nicole E. Granquist, Per. Rep., Allan James Lloyd Estate to Lori Bents, Thomas Bents, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 1-102-33

### DEEDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Susan Kay Burmeister, Per. Rep., Estate of Joel Wayne Burmeister to Susan Kay Burmeister, Pt. SW¼, 1-102-33; Pt. SE¼, 2-102-33

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Randall Fretty, Susan Lund, Jacob Fretty Jr. Revocable Trust to Danny Klous, E.75' Lot 10, Block 2, Wards Addn.

## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.: Roggow Family** – 152 acre land auction to be held at Jackson MN Legion Hall. Land located in Sec. 15 and 22 of Petersburg Twp. Dan Pike Auction & Assoc., Auctioneers

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## What Is Contract For Deed?

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty



A contract for deed is an alternate financing agreement whereby the seller finances the home sale rather than a traditional lending institution. Typically, this type of purchase is sought after by those who may have difficulty obtaining a loan by other means.

In a contract for deed, the buyer agrees to pay the purchase price plus interest in monthly installments under terms worked out between buyer and seller. Usually the loan period is 3 to 10 years, with a balloon payment at the end. During this time, the seller retains legal title until it is paid off, at which time the title goes to the buyer.

A common misconception by potential buyers is that little or no money is required up front to purchase by contract for deed. In fact, it takes an

average of \$5,000-\$10,000, depending on the down payment negotiated between buyer and seller, and may include attorney fees, closing costs, taxes, insurance, title search/title insurance, and other expenses.

The contract for deed method does have some risks for both parties to the agreement, and lacks some of the protections that automatically come with traditional mortgages. For example, if the buyer defaults on the payments, or fails to maintain the property, the seller can cancel the agreement, and repossess it without going through foreclosure processes. If the buyer cannot get a loan when the balloon payment is due, the seller can cancel the contract with a 60 day notice, and has the right to evict the buyer, and keep the down payment

and any equity that has accrued.

The buyer risks paying too much for the home if they do not have it appraised before they agree to a price.

If the seller is still paying a mortgage on the property, it is necessary for him to obtain permission from his lender to sell the home as a contract for deed. Without this approval the lender can call the loan due (acceleration clause), and the buyer's balloon payment becomes due or the contract is cancelled.

Traditional mortgages and other liens have priority over a contract for deed, so if the home is foreclosed upon because of the seller defaulting on his payments, it is likely that the buyer will forfeit any money paid and lose the right to live in the home.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 5, 1992

Members of the Budd School second grade class taught by Heidi Villeneuve-Schlomann interviewed Fairmont celebrities as part of a class writing project. Pictured

interviewing Fairmont Mayor Marlin Gratz were Megan Stone and Sara Olson.

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Martin County Commissioners welcomed two newcomers to county politics with the inauguration of Steve Pierce and Steve Donnelly to the board.

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Curt Nelson, president of Martin County National Bank, announced promotions made by the board of directors. Melvin Schultze was elected vice president and cashier; Dennis Clason was named vice president; Ronald Kopischke was named assistant vice president and agricultural loan officer and Pat Richardson was named assistant vice president.

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The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary was to sponsor its 4th annual Lip Sync Contest in Sylvania Park, as part of the Interlaken Heritage Days celebration.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 5, 1967

Mrs. Dorothy Fritz, 45-year-old Fairmont secretary, became the first highway fatality of 1967.

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Lyman H. (Jeff) Coult who had been associated with Coult Realty, operated by his wife, Jeanette, was named assistant manager of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Richard Bolster, who had resigned to become Martin County Deputy Sheriff.

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Fairmont High School's gymnastics squad placed last in a meet at White Bear Lake. Rating last in gymnastics was a rare experience for the Fairmont team coached by Herb Wolf. Opponents at the meet were White Bear Lake, Cooper and Marshall, all Twin Cities schools.

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Instructor Norm Grant reported completion of the first 10-week training course for service station driveway salesmen in Fairmont. Students were from St. James, Blue Earth, Trimont, Welcome and Fairmont.

## Luncheon and Open House at Martin Luther

Everyone is invited to a "Soup and Sandwich Lunch" Sunday, February 12th at Martin Luther High School, Northrop.

Serving is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes: Chicken Noodle, Cream of Potato with Bacon and Chef Francisco Vegetable Beef Soups; Egg Salad and Ham Sandwiches; Breads by Sweet Indeed, Madelia and Valentine Cupcakes. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds

will go to the Student Tuition Aid Fund. The event is sponsored in part by Thrivent Action Team funds.

There will also be a Family Open House at Martin Luther High School, Northrop Sunday, February 12th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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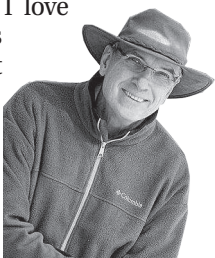
# My Neighbor Crandall stops by

By Al Batt

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I love days that identify themselves by their smell.

Every Sunday, Ma fries up some bacon and bologna for breakfast. Those two odors combine with the smell of coffee to form a heavenly layer of Sunday scents. I'm a little sore from shoveling snow. Winter is always able to provide painful employment for energetic young men like me.



"I did take the time to polish my 'Ridding the world of fossil fuel' bumper sticker on my pickup truck. I attended a meeting at the fire hall. Volunteer firefighters are among the best things a human can be. Being a volunteer fireman was a great part of my life. I think it started when we were in the third grade and Mrs. Siblingud took our class to the fire hall. Do you remember that?"

"I do," I say.

"You're the reason I became a fireman. I wanted to save you. The Chief could pick a donkey out of a herd of racehorses, so he asked you what you'd do if your clothes were on fire? Do you recall your answer? I'll tell you what you said. You said,

"I wouldn't put them on."

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Diane Arbus said, "My favorite thing is to go where I've never been."

I love going to new places and revel in seeing new things, but I love going to old places and seeing familiar things even more.

I watched a balled flock of starlings fly. Not everyone likes the starling. Many think it ugly. I think everything is beautiful. I'm called to witness, not judge. Things that fly are brilliant. Nature doesn't trust me with wings. The flock whirled and wheeled in the air, turning fast and coming around, blackening a small bit of the world. It formed a fist before thinning and changing

direction. It's called a murmuration. It's a sight that the word "amazing" was created to describe.

It was good to see, great to appreciate.

**Q-and-A**

"What percent of cardinal nests are successful?" Research has shown that about 40 percent of cardinal nests fledge young.

"Why do snowy owls descend from the Arctic every winter?" It's not because of hunger. Research has shown that it's due to a bumper crop of young snowy owls. Some do die of starvation while here, but they don't come here because they are starving.

"How big a threat is an outdoor cat to birds?" Research published in the journal "The Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution and Sys-

tematics" found that cats kill approximately three times more wild birds than all other known human-related direct causes (windows, automobiles, power lines, towers, agricultural chemicals and wind turbines) of bird deaths combined. A bird death due to habitat loss is considered indirect mortality.

"What is a good way to identify birds?" Size can be difficult to determine in the field, especially in poor light or at a distance. Size comparisons are easiest when an unidentified bird is seen near a familiar species. Otherwise, use the sizes of well-known birds, such as the house sparrow, American robin and American crow as references to determine size. Pay attention to body and tail shapes, the proportions of head, legs and wings, and

the length and shape of the bill. Notice field marks--patterns and colors. Consider the habitat where the bird was seen. Take notes. Take a photo. Draw the bird. Record the bird's song if possible. Do these things promptly as the memory of a human is a trickster. Then search for the bird in your favorite field guide.

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Kelly Preheim, a teacher

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# The Importance Of Farm Working Capital

Guest Columnist



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Soybean prices have been a pleasant surprise during the early weeks of 2017, with both Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) futures prices and local cash soybean prices at considerably higher levels than a year ago. Many farm operators have already sold their 2016 soybean production; however, for those producers that still have 2016 soybeans in storage, this may be a good time to price some of the remaining inventory. The current price levels also suggest that it may be an opportunity to consider pricing a portion of the expected 2017 soybean production.

Current CBOT soybean futures closed at \$10.48 per bushel on January 27th, which compares to near \$8.80 per bushel in late January, 2016, and near \$9.60 per bushel in late January, 2015. Similarly, CBOT November soybean futures ended trading at \$10.24 per bushel, which compares to near \$8.90 per bushel and \$9.45 per bushel in 2016 and 2015 respectively. This puts CBOT soybean futures prices at about \$1.70 per bushel higher for current contract, and over \$1.30 per bushel higher for "new crop" prices, as compared to a year ago.

Local cash soybean prices in Southern Minnesota offer a similar sce-

nario, with current soybean prices near \$9.50-\$9.80 per bushel, which compares to \$8.00-\$8.35 per bushel at this time in 2016, and \$8.80-\$9.20 per bushel in 2015. Current "new crop" prices in Southern Minnesota for the 2017 crop have been near \$9.30-\$9.60 per bushel, compared to late January "new crop" soybean prices of near \$8.25 per bushel in 2016, and \$8.90 per bushel in 2015. In 2014, local "new crop" soybean prices were near \$10.40 per bushel in late January, and dropped to the near \$8.50 per bushel by late September.

The latest USDA Report, released in January, 2017, estimated the U.S. national market year average (MYA) on-farm cash soybean price for 2016-2017 in a range of \$9.00-\$10.00 per bushel, resulting in an average soybean price of \$9.50 per bushel. The 2015-16 USDA price estimates are the expected average prices from September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017, for the 2016 crop year, and are not estimated prices for the 2017 crop year. By comparison, the final national MYA soybean prices were \$8.95 per bushel for 2015-16 and \$10.10 per bushel for 2014-15.

The current strength in the soybean market has been driven by increasing

demand for soybeans, both in the U.S. and globally. The levels of the soybean processing domestically and the amount of soybean exports are estimated to increase in 2016-17, compared to the previous two years, which has helped strengthen prices. The "caution flags" with maintaining the current strength in the soybean markets are the projected high level of soybean ending stocks, the final 2017 South American soybean production, reductions in future soybean export levels, and the 2017 planted soybean acres in the U.S. The latest USDA Report listed estimated 2016-17 soybean ending stocks at 420 million bushels, which is more than double the ending stocks of the previous two years. Future U.S. trade policy with China and Mexico are very important, as they are two of the major export markets for U.S. soybeans.

The biggest "wild card" in the current soybean market, especially for "new crop" soybeans, will likely be the level of 2017 planted soybean acres in the U.S. The first actual USDA estimates will be released in the March 31st Planting Intentions Report. Many private analysts are estimating 2017 U.S. soybean acreage in the range of 88-90 million acres,

which compares to U.S. soybean acreages of 82.7 million acres in 2016 and 81.8 million acres in 2015. An extra 5 million acres of soybeans, increases the 2017 U.S. soybean production by approximately 235 million bushels, at a "trend-line" soybean yield of 47 bushels per acre, and even more with above average U.S. soybean yields, such as existed in 2016.

If the U.S. soybean acreage ends up at 88 million acres with a "trend-line" yield of 47 bushels per acre, the total 2017 U.S. soybean production would be estimated at just over 4.1 billion bushels, which is similar to the estimated total soybean demand for the 2016-2017 marketing year. If either the estimated 2017 U.S. planted soybean acres, or the expected 2017 national yield increases from those levels, it will likely put pressure on both current cash soybean prices, as well as 2017 "new crop" prices. Conversely, lower than expected soybean acreage levels, or significant weather issues during the 2017 growing season, could help maintain strong soybean prices throughout the year.

Local cash corn prices in Southern Minnesota have not been nearly as encouraging as current soybean prices. Current cash corn prices were near \$3.10-\$3.25 per bushel on January 27th, which compares to \$3.25-\$3.40 per bushel in both 2016 and 2015. Current "new crop" local corn prices for the 2017 crop have been near \$3.30-\$3.40 per bushel at many locations in South-

ern Minnesota, with lower levels in other areas, which is similar to "new crop" corn prices a year ago at this time. USDA is currently estimating the MYA corn price for 2016-2017 in a range from \$3.10-\$3.70 per bushel, or an average of \$3.40 per bushel, which compares to \$3.61 per bushel for 2015-16 and \$3.70 per bushel for 2014-15.

In 2016, the local cash corn price in Southern Minnesota increased about \$.40 per bushel from late January to early June, peaking at about \$3.75 per bushel, before dropping significantly to near \$3.00 per bushel by late July. There was a similar pattern in 2015, with local cash corn prices rising nearly \$.50 per bushel from late January to early July, and then dropping to near \$3.25 per bushel by mid-August. Many farm operators have a significant amount of unpriced 2016 corn stored in grain bins on the farm, and need to pay close attention to any potential late Winter and Spring rallies in the cash corn market. The fairly large level of USDA estimated 2016-17 corn ending stocks at 2.35 billion bushels will likely limit any sustained rallies in the cash corn market beyond early Summer, unless there are growing season weather issues with the 2017 corn crop.

Similar to the 2016 corn crop in storage, producers need to look at opportunities to forward price some of their 2017 corn crop, either through CBOT futures contracts or with forward cash contracts. From mid-May to mid-June, 2016, CBOT

December corn futures were \$4.00-\$4.30 per bushel, compared to the current corn futures price near \$3.60 per bushel. At that same time in 2016, the "new crop" forward cash corn price was \$3.65-\$3.75 per bushel, compared to current cash corn prices below \$3.25 per bushel. In 2014, 2015, and 2016, the highest corn prices have been offered in late Spring and early Summer in the year that the corn was produced, and post-harvest corn prices have never topped that level the following year. The last time we saw corn prices rise post-harvest was in 2013 following the major U.S. drought and reduced corn production in 2012.

It is important for farm operators to develop a good grain marketing plan for both the unpriced 2016 grain that is still in storage, as well as the expected 2017 corn and soybean production. Grain price targets should be based on realistic price expectations, as well as calculated crop production breakeven levels. Producers are also encouraged have target dates that are linked to grain marketing decisions and prices, especially with the unpriced corn and soybeans that are in storage. Historically, in most years with large grain supplies, such as exist in 2017, cash grain prices for "old crop" corn and soybeans usually drop by a fairly significant level after July 1st. The price targets need to be continually reviewed and adjusted, as grain market situations change.

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from Armour, South Dakota, took a photo of fish that appeared to have frozen both in midair and in ice. The 4-foot wall of frozen fish was photographed at Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota. Kelly called them "fishcicles." When the photo was taken in 2015, the area had been in a drought, which created low water levels. Thick ice formed on the

lake and when combined with snow cover, blocked sunlight, which caused plants to die. Oxygen levels were depleted due to dead and decomposing plants. The fish suffocated under the ice.

Why the wall of fish? Here are two possible explanations. The ice, with the fish included, may have cracked during expansion and forced parts upward. Strong winds might have pushed ice and

its contents upward into a fish wall.

Kelly said that bald eagles and gulls feasted upon the fishcicles. The fish, which were overabundant and non-native (carp), had thrown the system out of whack. The feeding of common carp disrupted shallowly rooted plants and muddied the water. This reduction in water quality caused the decline of aquatic plants needed by waterfowl and fish. In the absence of the carp, the water cleared and the remain-

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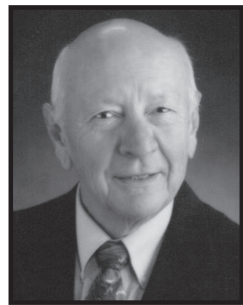
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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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## BUILDING MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN COUNTY OF MARTIN, MN

Martin County, MN is accepting applications for the position of Building Maintenance Technician. Responsibilities and duties include: maintaining county buildings to insure that the buildings are in operating condition by making necessary repairs, maintenance of heating and cooling systems, general carpentry work, maintaining the property outside the building, inventory of maintenance supplies, and cleaning secured areas and general custodial work. Qualifications include: Graduation from high school plus two years of related technical training or three years of related on the job training and at least three years of recent related maintenance experience, that include strong working knowledge of maintenance operations, related equipment and related quality requirements, strong working knowledge of the equipment, materials, method and practices used in building maintenance operations, including carpentry work, heating and cooling systems, knowledge of OSHA standards, rules and regulations, must have a "Boilers" license or be able to obtain one within one year of employment and a valid driver's license. Due to access to secure areas, criminal background checks will be completed before hire, the content of which is acceptable to the county. Salary range \$16.02-\$21.61/hour. For a complete job description, required application, and other required application documents, please contact Job Service at Fairmont Workforce Center, Suite 110, 923 N. State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 or call (507) 235-5518; Deadline February 13, 2017, 4:00 p.m. Original completed applications must be turned in to the Workforce Center.

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Truman/GHEC Jaguars 8th grade basketball team took third place in the Valley Conference Tourney held in Nicollet on January 28th. Pictured back row (left to right): Riley Benton, Kaelyn Meixell, Emily Stauter, Eden Studer, Coach Steve Pierce. Front row: Kianna Preston, Taylor Spear, Dezirea Shumski and Amber Steen.



PEE-WEE CHAMPS - The Fairmont Pee-Wee A team went 3-1 and won the Worthington Invitational Tournament this past weekend. Photo courtesy Julie Becker.



PAULY FASTPITCH - Rick Pauly, former University of Georgia Bulldogs pitching coach and his daughter Sarah, a professional athlete at National Pro Fastpitch, put on a softball pitching clinic this past weekend. "The clinic for coaches, beginners and high school athletes had a great turnout," according to John Oothoudt, Fairmont Cardinal Power Fastpitch member. (Submitted photo)



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PASSING LANE - St. Peter's #10 Mohamud Issack jumps into the passing lane of Cardinals Brady Allen. The Cardinals defeated the Saints 66-51 last Thursday night. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



DRIVE BY - The Fairmont elementary basketball program played at halftime of the Cardinals-St. Peter varsity game last Thursday night. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

BOYS - BB	BSC	REC
Waseca	6-0	16-1
Fairmont	5-2	10-6
St. Peter	3-4	8-8
St. James Area	3-4	7-7
Blue Earth Area	2-5	3-10
New Ulm	2-6	4-11
Section 2AA - So.		
NHREG	9-0	17-0
WEM	5-1	11-3
Maple River	4-5	11-5
Fairmont	5-2	10-6
St. James Area	1-3	7-7
Blue Earth Area	1-6	3-10
LCWM	1-5	5-10
Medford	0-5	0-13

GIRLS - BB	BSC	REC
New Ulm	7-1	17-2
St. Peter	6-2	16-2
Waseca	7-1	15-4
Blue Earth Area	2-6	8-9
Fairmont	2-6	7-11
St. James Area	0-8	0-16
Section 2AA - So.		
NHREG	5-1	13-5
WEM	3-3	8-8
Blue Earth Area	6-2	8-9
Fairmont	3-4	7-11
Maple River	2-5	6-8
Medford	1-5	5-10
LCWM	2-2	4-10
St. James Area	0-5	0-16

WRESTLING - East	BSC	REC
Blue Earth Area	5-0	16-4
St. Peter	4-1	14-6
St. James Area	1-3	9-8
Red Bulls	2-2	6-6
Waseca	2-3	2-9
New Ulm	0-5	5-12
Section 3AA - So		
Worthington	8-1	14-2
TMB/WWG	7-5	13-9
Red Bulls	3-2	6-6
Luverne	2-4	5-5
New Ulm	0-6	5-12
Fulda/MCC	0-7	0-11

BOYS HOCKEY	BSC	REC
Luverne	9-2-0	14-5-1
Marshall	10-2-1	13-6-1
Waseca	8-2-1	11-5-2
Redwood Valley	7-5-0	10-8-0
LSHSPTCUC	8-4-0	8-9-1
New Ulm	4-5-0	8-9-1
Windom Area	3-9-0	5-12-0
Fairmont	3-11-0	5-15-0
Worthington	0-12-0	2-15-0

Section 3A	SEC	REC
Luverne	8-1-0	14-5-1
Marshall	10-3-0	13-6-1
Litchfield/DC	5-1-0	10-6-0
Redwood Valley	7-5-0	10-8-0
New Ulm	6-2-1	8-9-1
Windom Area	5-8-0	5-12-0
Fairmont	5-7-0	5-15-0
Hutchinson	2-1-1	4-10-3
Willmar	1-5-0	3-17-0
Worthington	1-9-0	2-15-0
Morris/Benson	0-8-0	0-14-0

GIRLS HOCKEY	BSC	REC
New Ulm	11-0-0	15-2-4
Marshall	11-2-0	16-6-0
Waseca	4-6-0	10-12-0
Luverne	5-5-2	8-10-2
Fairmont	5-6-2	8-11-2
Windom Area	4-7-0	9-12-0
St. Peter/L-H/TCU	5-5-2	5-15-2
Worthington/Fulda	0-14-0	0-16-0
Section 3A		
Marshall	10-1-0	16-6-0
Mkto East/Loy	4-0-0	13-7-1
Luverne	5-3-1	8-10-2
Fairmont	5-5-1	8-11-2
Windom Area	3-6-0	9-12-0
Mankato West	2-5-0	5-16-2
Worthington/Ful	0-9-0	0-16-0



WRIST SHOT - Cardinals Anna Nordquist tries to shoot past the Bulldogs' goalie Jordan Keeley. St. Peter/LeSueur-Henderson/Tri-City United downed the Cards 4-1 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



POKE CHECK - Cardinals defenseman Myah Lytle pokes the puck away from Minnehaha United's Justin Hill as goalie Sadie Sandersfeld protects the net. The Cardinals edged the Redhawks 2-1 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



HOCKEY MOM - Sadie Sandersfeld gives her mother, Barb, some advice on how to shoot the puck as her father, Lyn looks on. The Cardinal seniors and their moms and dads competed against each other in a shootout between periods. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Lincoln Becker, son of Lynn and Julie Becker of Northrop, celebrated his last chemo treatment on Monday, January 30th at the Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.



## Fairmont Speech team participates in two day Marshall Tournament

Friday and Saturday, January 27th-28th, the Fairmont Cardinal Speech Varsity Team competed at the Marshall Speech Spectacular Tournament held in Marshall.

This two-day tournament consists of four preliminary rounds, quarterfinals, semifinals, and final rounds in 14 different speech categories. It is one of the largest regular tournaments Fairmont attends in their speech season. In addition, Fairmont is one of the few Class A teams in Minnesota that attends this predominately Class AA tournament. Fairmont brought with them their

top 15 competitors on the team to compete last weekend, and here is how Fairmont finished:

- Senior Lauren Carlson made it to the Informative Speaking Semifinals (top 12) and earned a medal.

- Senior Emily Haugen made it to the Extemporaneous Reading Semifinals (top 12) and earned a medal.

- Junior Emma Koehler made it to the Program of Oral Interpretation Semifinals (top 12) and earned a medal.

- Senior Mikayla Soelter made it to the Storytelling Quarterfinals (top 24) and earned a ribbon.

- Junior Ben Hernes made it into the Prose Reading Quarterfinals (top 24) and earned a ribbon.

With those five outstanding performances, the Fairmont Cardinal Speech Team earned the Class A Championship Team Sweepstakes trophy.

The Cardinal Speech team is coached by head coaches Kathleen Perry and Erik Walker and Assistant Coach Maylen Anthony.

This Saturday, February 4th, the top 15 varsity will be attending another large tournament in Apple Valley.



Back row (left to right): McKenna Mathews, Tony Joseph, Eric Head, Sydney Hainy, Lexi Fischer, Ben Hernes, Co-Captain Mikayla Soelter, Co-Captain Lauren Carlson, Bethany Linse. Front row (left to right): Makena Rodriguez, Emma Koehler, Bergen Senf, Apoorva Komaragiri, Maddy Pierce, Co-Captain Emily Haugen.

## Thiesse named to All-State School Board

The Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) named Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School Board member Kent Thiesse to its 2017 All-State School Board.

The All-State School Board is MSBA's most prestigious award. Thiesse was recognized at a luncheon Thursday, January 12th, 2017, during MSBA's annual Leadership Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Thiesse has served on the Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School Board since 1989. He also served on the MSBA Board of Directors and was MSBA's president

from 2010-2012. He is currently one the Board of Trustees for the MSBA Insurance Trust.



Since 1971, MSBA's awards committee selects up to seven individual board members to the All-

State School Board. There are nearly 2,300 school board members in Minnesota. Board members are nominated by superintendents, fellow board members, parents or community members for their outstanding contributions to public education.

Six other school board members were also honored: Jodi Sapp (Mankato Area), Dean Henke (Osseo Area), Julie Peterson (Moose Lake), Arnie Michalick (Maple Lake), Linda Cohen (Wayzata) and Maydra Maas (Westbrook-Walnut Grove).



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the 2016 Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Butch Maday is pictured presenting a check to representatives from the MCW Community - Jack in the Beanstalk Theatre project.



Nicole Gries (right), Plant Manager at Valero Renewables-Welcome ethanol plant, presents a \$5,000 check on behalf of the Valero Energy Foundation to Alysia Bolstad and Lisa Lange (center). The donation will go toward the purchase of playground equipment at the Centennial South Park in Sherburn. The foundation is a philanthropic arm of Valero Renewables parent company, Valero Energy Corporation.

## Snowshoe Fun at Fairmont Elementary



Mrs. Pfingsten's 3rd grade class at Fairmont Elementary School ventured out for an afternoon of snow shoeing January 27th. The activity was a reward for working hard on the OLPA testing, and a way to take advantage of some perfect snow! Only two students had snowshoed before and many were anxious to try it. Mrs. Pfingsten also tied this activity in with their social studies lesson on cultures. Students were reminded that Native Americans and explorers used snow shoes. The snow shoes were made available through CER.



Sears Hometown Store, located in Fairmont's Five Lakes Centre, recently changed hands, with Jimmy Jr. and Jennifer Bolden taking ownership in November of 2016. The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors were on hand recently for a ribbon cutting.



Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors join Blake Pothoff (center) as he cuts a ribbon in commemoration of his new position as Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House, Inc.



Just under 600 people were served at the Pancake Benefit Fundraiser for Alyssa Gilderhus held at the Martin County West High School Cafeteria last Sunday. The Sherburn Lions Club, along with the MCW, Jackson County Central and Austin FFA groups served the many who attended.