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The Song of the Steel Wheels

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



The steel wheels were on my father's bundle rack. I can still hear the sound of the wheels as he would come down the gravel road. He was returning from a day of threshing. They sang a song to a waiting farm boy. It was a song that combined the horses' feet hitting the road, the rumble of the wagon and the jingling of the chains at the end of the tugs of the harnesses. It was a unique sound and it is etched into my memory to this day. It was a wonderful sound, for it meant that my father was coming home.

When I heard the sound of the returning team and wagon, I would run down the road to meet them. My father would stop the team, reach down and pull me up into the bundle rack. I was then allowed to drive his beloved

team. How proud I was to be able to control the giant horses as they trotted home. I pretended that I was returning from the hard day of threshing.

Our neighborhood had a threshing ring, as it was called at that time. It was made up of six farmers who lived in the immediate area. Another farmer in the area had the large tractor and threshing machine. He was thought of as the rich neighbor. All he had to do was stand by the machine and watch it as it threshed. He did not have the hot work of pitching the bundles into the machine. It seemed that all he did was walk around the machine with an oil can and look. I always wondered what

he was looking for. He seemed to have such few friends. I always thought he felt that he had a higher station in life than the



poor farmers who did the hard work.

I remember standing along the farm lane as the rich neighbor and his ma-

chines came to our farm. It was so huge that I thought I could feel the ground shake as it went by me.

The time of threshing was an exciting time on the farm. I would watch as the older neighbor boys would pitch the bundles from the racks into the threshing machine. They worked in the hot sun

and they did not wear shirts. They were so well muscled. I wanted to be like them. They would sweat and their muscles would glisten in the after-

noon sun. The heat and hard work did not seem to bother them. They were the farm boys of that time and they were hard from the work of the farm.

Suddenly something changed in the harvest scene. It seems so minor, but at that time it was a big change. One of the farmers came to our farm with a new wagon under his bundle rack. The new wagon had rubber tires and it sounded different. It had a smooth sound, a quiet sound, and a song that I knew would change the sound of our threshing ring. This was a time just after World War II and tires had been rationed.

Suddenly my father's steel-wheeled wagon was noisy and I wished that we had a wagon like the neighbors. It was shortly after this change of scene that many of the farmers got

rubber tires on the wagons of their bundle rack. My father was hardcore about change. Suddenly the beautiful song of the steel wheel wagon was an embarrassment to a farm boy. I now feel so bad about my thoughts of that time. My father finally made the change to rubber tires. I wonder if he knew how I felt about his wagon. I hope not!

My father returning to the farm each day was an important event in my growing up years. It seems so minor, but it was very significant to me. It was so meaningful that I have kept the wheels of my father's wagon as a keepsake. They had sung a happy song to me. They had shouted the song of my father's daily return to the home farm. It was a beautiful song. I now wonder if the wheels can still sing? I might just put them on a wagon and drive it down the gravel road so that I can once again hear THE SONG OF THE STEEL WHEELS!

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Baby Buzz

Emmett David Zarling, son of Kevin and Desirae Zarling of Minnetonka, MN, was born January 21st, 2017 at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. Emmett weighed nine pounds 13 ounces and measured 22 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Chris and Christine Nelson of Welcome and Dave and Kathy Zarling of Rochester. Great-grandparents are Wayne and Marty Burmeister of Truman, Lois Nelson of Welcome, Karen Steffen of Fox Lake and Ruby Zarling of Plainview, MN. Great-great grandparents are Ione Nelson of Welcome, Evelyn Burmeister of Fairmont and Leone Peterson of Mission, Texas. Emmet was welcomed home by big sister Maya Rae Zarling.

Arc Family and Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. Join us to find out about a new event we want to develop for people with disabilities in Martin/Faribault counties. For questions, call the Arc office at 507-235-8580 for further details.



On February 2nd, Clay Emler and Jess Urban of Avery Weigh-Tronix talked with Fairmont High School welding students about the great need for skilled workers in today's industries. Clay Emler, a 1993 graduate of Fairmont High School, serves as the Truck Scale Production Manager. Jess (Simmering) Urban, a 2004 graduate of Fairmont High School, serves as the Assistant Human Resources Director.



The Fox Lake 4-H Club held its January meeting January 15th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Welcome Legion in Welcome. After the pledges were recited, the roll call was "What is our favorite winter activity? The reports were given and then the old business was discussed.

It was decided by the members in attendance to participate in the 'Kids against Hunger packing'. The Club will pack on February 18th from 2-4 at the Armory in Fairmont. After the meeting was concluded; the members participated in a 'cupcake war'. We ate the delicious cupcakes we created and decorated.

Remember to wear red/pink at the next meeting which is February 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the Welcome Legion. Maggie will be in charge of the 'Mystery Dinner' which will also happen that evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gracie Boerner

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday night suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. during February. The meal for February 8th is scalloped potatoes and ham and on February 15th it will be A&W Swiss burgers. Open to the public!

Korean War Veterans Chapter 254 meets Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont. Guest speaker is Charles Mixson. Chuck is on the planning committee. All Korean War Veterans are invited.

Stories from the Trimont Area Veterans Tribute

Although the Trimont Area Veterans Tribute committee hasn't met for a few weeks, we do have some very interesting stories to share. Here is one of them:

Three men from Trimont are Atomic Veterans. Few people in this world have witnessed any atomic or hydrogen bomb explosions,

but these three have seen both. John Ekstadt (aboard the tender U.S.S. Curtiss) and Clifford Junker and Dick Pope (aboard the carrier U.S.S. Rendova) were all

present at Operation Ivy, when the first hydrogen bomb was tested. This took place at Eniwetok Atoll in the South Pacific in November 1952. The hydrogen bomb and then the atomic bomb were tested at ground level and at a high elevation. The ships were 30 miles away from the blasts.

On the aircraft carrier, the personnel were allowed to be on the flight deck wearing special goggles and helmets. They were told to face away from the blasts until the "wind" rushed by and then they could turn around and watch the mushroom clouds form. It must have been both awesome and terrifying to view! Quoting

shut tight, you can still "see" the bomb going off 30 miles away. And then there is the blast of heat. Then there's the tsunami wave that nearly capsizes the ship. And if that isn't enough, the ship did it all over again 16 days later for a conventional atomic bomb, this time at only 17 miles distance. Oh yeah, and then there is the radiation."

It is interesting to note that all three Trimont men in there later years developed cancers of the type that Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors have (and

are) experienced. There were literally hundreds of personnel who witnessed these tests at Operation Ivy who developed cancer as a result. John Ekstadt's ship was involved with Operation Castle a few months later, when more atomic testing was done in that same area.



from an account written by Al Zdon for the Minnesota Legionnaire Magazine of January 2015, as he interviewed one of Dick's corpsmen shipmates: "Imagine sitting on the deck of an aircraft carrier, wearing goggles, with your head down between your legs. Even with the welder-type goggles and your eyes

Preschool open house & registration for St. John Vianney School for 2017-2018 school year will be

held Wednesday, February 15th, 2017 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



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The Sherburn water tower stands out against a dreary winter sky recently in Sherburn. The water tower underwent a complete cleaning, stripping and new paint job last summer. The new paint job is a complete contrast to the old design that adorned the watertower since its initial construction. City officials decided to depict an image of their logo "Pride of the Fox" along with a prairie scene, leading to the blue waters of Minnesota's 10,000 plus lakes.

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Bait shop succumbs to excavator after fire



Morris Bait Shop of Sherburne awaits its fate last Friday after a fire destroyed the building recently. Due to safety concerns, the building had to be torn down by Rosburg Construction. The building and its contents were placed in a dumpster to be hauled away and all that stands now are a few pipes sticking up out of the ground. Owner Roger Morris has hopes to rebuild the structure in the future, but faces a \$2,500 bill for removal of the buildings remains by the end of this month, an amount that is not covered by insurance. A fund has been set up to help Roger with cleanup costs and donors can drop off donations at Bank Midwest in Sherburne.



Sherburne man knows the need for blood donations

The American Red Cross has a severe blood shortage and issued an emergency call for blood donors. To help reverse this shortfall, the Fairmont community is invited to give at a three-day blood drive.

Blood donation is important to 73-year-old Sherburne resident Richard Zehms, who started giving blood during his freshman year at Mankato State University. He donated regularly until joining the service as a Marine medivac helicopter pilot in Vietnam. At that time, pilots were banned from giving or they would be grounded for 30 days.

When Zehms returned from overseas, he remained ineligible to donate due to being exposed to hepatitis and malaria. In 1991, he donated blood in advance of a hip replacement. After successfully recovering from surgery,

Zehms again began to give blood as often as possible.

"I saw firsthand the need for blood to be readily available in the military," said Zehms. "I realized then that a lot of blood is needed for emergency purposes. I would urge others to help out by donating blood because there is a constant need."

Zehms has also experienced the need for blood in his immediate family. His youngest son was born with a condition requiring multiple surgeries and blood transfusions. "You never know when you or a family member will be the one in need," he said.

Fairmont blood drive

Tuesday, February 14th from 1-7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th from noon to 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holiday Inn

Truman

Wednesday, February

22nd 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Truman High School.

All those who come to donate up to February 26th, 2017, are eligible to receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email for making blood and platelet donation a priority this winter. Donors in Fairmont will also receive a \$5 food certificate to Green Mill Fairmont.

How to donate blood

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states 16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruz-rojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @Red-Cross.

Girl Scout Cookie time

Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts are getting ready to sell cookies starting Saturday, February 11th, ending Sunday, March 26th. Cookie Booths will be at Hy-Vee, Fareway, Shopko, and Wal-Mart and will be opening on February 16th.

We have the following line up of cookies along with a new cookie this year. All cookies are \$4/box, except Trios, the gluten free cookies, which are \$5/box.

- Thin Mints®
- Caramel Delites®
- Peanut Butter Patties®
- Peanut Butter Sandwich
- Shortbread
- Thanks-A-Lot®
- Lemonades
- Girl Scouts S'mores - New Cookie! - a crispy graham cookie double dipped with a yummy cream icing and a scrumptious chocolate coating
- Trios - Are Gluten Free cookies with chocolate chips nestled in gluten free peanut butter oatmeal.

If you do not have someone come to the door, we will find a scout in your area. Contact Judy at 236-2540.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is more than just delicious cookies, it's about supporting Girl Scouts and teaching girls life skills. It is essential to the Girl Scout experience in three ways:

Girls learn business skills such as money management, customer service, and to be resilient.

Troops earn funds for activities such as troop trips, community service, and council programs.

It keeps Girl Scouts affordable. Funds from the Cookie Program help to subsidize the cost of camp, provide resources to girls and volunteers, and offer grants to families who need financial assistance.

Thank you for your support!

Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts.



Roger Wells of Fairmont was a grand prize winner of the Flash Bingo Jackpot Prize on January 28th. This is a statewide Bingo game that is played at charitable gambling locations throughout the state. Roger won his prize of \$32,815.02 at Shenigans in Fairmont, with proceeds from the charitable gambling going to the Fairmont Fire Department Relief Association. The Fairmont Fire Department Relief Association also provides charitable gambling at Tami's on the Ave and The Marina Lodge.

Pictured (left to right): Brandon Scott, Fairmont Fire Chief, James Freeman of Fairmont Fire Dept., Roger Wells, and Matt Streit of Fairmont Fire Dept.

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Sherburne Girl Scout Junior Troop #34085 cut and tied 30 blankets for the Martin County West Baby Baskets as the project for their Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts in grades four and five. These baskets are used by the early education groups to reach out to babies' families and provide information to them. The girls plan to continue their project by making 10 more blankets for the Baby Baskets. Pictured (left to right): Reese Olsen, Alyx Stahl, Alexa Schultze, Katie Hartke, Callie McCorkell, and Adreyana Schultze.

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QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Jeanette M. Means to Daniel E. Finley, Deeann E. Finley, Dawn E. Pedersen, Pt. Lot 2, Block 1, Southview Fourth Addn.

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Dennis H. Hagen, Herbert W. Hagen Irrevocable Trust to Dennis Hagen, S½NW¼ 3-101-32

Kelly Kas, Willard Kas, Wilvina Kas, Wilvina Kas Revocable Living Trust to Kelly Kas, Lot 205, GSN, Albion Place Condominium #5

Prairie Star Quilters

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild will meet Monday, February 13th, at Fairmont Covenant Church. This will be a work meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. to sew the service project designated by President Barb Mager. Instructions and material lists are available from Barb.

The board will meet at 12:30 p.m., followed by a general membership meeting 1:30 p.m. Members who wish to take part in the Brown Bag Challenge are reminded to bring a sealed brown bag containing the appropriate summer or patriotic fabrics to exchange with others. Finished projects will be displayed in the September Quilt Show.

There is still room for members to join the Quilt Retreat to be held at the

Granada Retreat Center April 20th-23rd. This is a great time to get sewing done, as well as the opportunity to reconnect with friends. Interested members can contact Sandy Sorgenfrie.

Signup for the Sandi Irish class in March will also take place. Lunch will be provided by Jeanette Means, Deb Wallace, and Sandy Sorgenfrie, with the door prize provided by Sandy. The evening group will meet at 5:30 p.m.

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. Membership is open to everyone who enjoys quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. Information and photos can be found on Facebook.

Tips to help keep your heart healthy

According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the No. 1 killer of men and women, accounting for more than 600,000 deaths in the United States each year. Additionally, about 735,000 Americans experience a heart attack. Fortunately, many forms of heart disease are largely preventable by making healthy choices on a consistent basis. Tim Slama, D.O., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont family physician, recommends starting with the following steps to improve heart health:

- Quit smoking, or if you're not a smoker, don't ever start. Smoking damages blood vessels and increases your risk of heart attack and artery disease.

- Aim to exercise 30 minutes or more each day most days of the week. Moderate exercise, such as a brisk walk or morning jog, protects you from numerous health conditions, including many forms of heart disease.

- Eat a healthy diet. Consume a diet that's high in fruits and vegetables and low in salt and saturated fat.

- Manage other health conditions. Managing your current health issues like diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol helps lower your susceptibility to heart problems.

- Control and reduce stress. High stress that goes unaddressed can lead to artery damage and exacerbation of other heart disease risk factors. Work to take care of stressors by meditating, exercis-

ing or speaking with your health care team.

- Maintain a healthy weight. By eating right and remaining physically active, you'll be able to maintain a healthy weight and subsequently reduce the threat of heart disease.

If you have questions or concerns about your heart health, talk to your health care team. Call 507-238-8500 to schedule an appointment at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, and visit mayo-clinichealthsystem.org for more information.

Mayo Clinic Health System consists of clinics, hospitals and other health care facilities that serve the health care needs of people in more than 60 communities in Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The community-based providers, paired with resources and expertise of Mayo Clinic, enable patients in the region to receive the highest-quality health care close to home.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE A DOMESTIC CORPORATION BY SHAREHOLDERS OF FAIRLAKES TRANSPORTATION, INC.

The undersigned, being the duly organized representative for the above-named corporation, for purposes of dissolving said corporation under Chapter 302A, of the Laws of the State of Minnesota, as amended, do hereby duly give notice to all creditors or persons possessing claims against said corporation:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That Fairlakes Transportation, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, is in the process of dissolving as provided by law.

2. That said corporation has filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State a Notice of Intent to Dissolve dated November 2, 2016.

3. That the date of filing of the Notice of Intent to Dissolve was November 8, 2016.

4. Any claims against said corporation must be presented in writing to the following address: Fairlakes Transportation, Inc., 530 Kings Road, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

5. Pursuant to Minn.Stat. § 302A.727, Subdivision 2(e), written claims against the Corporation must be presented within 90 days of the first publication of this notice of dissolution.

Dated this 9th day of January 2017.

Nancy Gunther
Nancy Gunther

ECFE mini sessions offered in February

ECFE is offering a new parent/child "Monthly Mini Session" class this year for 3-5 year old children. The 3rd session will be held on Thursday, February 23rd from 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Pre-registration will be required by the end of the day on Wednesday, February 22nd as a meal will be served that night. The cost is \$5.00 per session per family.

This parent/child class will help you learn more about kindergarten readiness by focusing on the ECIP's (Early Childhood Indicators of Progress) for social/emotional,

language/literacy, physical/motor, approaches to learning, creativity and the arts, and cognitive areas of development. This is also a great way to meet other preschool students and their families.

Call Sarah to register: 235-6205. (Pre-registration is required).

If you receive a Discovery Place Preschool scholarship, this session will be no cost to you.

If you enjoy this class you can register for these upcoming dates:

March 23rd, April 20th and May 18th.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Thursday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.-JAMES RILEY ESTATE- 80 acres bare farmland. Auction to be held at to be held at the Lakefield Legion Hall, located in Sec. 7 Sioux Valley Twp - Jackson county. Dan Pike & Associates

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m.- GRANT ESTATES- Outstanding 200 acres bare farm land located in sec 29 Amboy twp. Cottonwood county, to be offered at 80 & 120 acre parcels. Sale to be held at the Windom MN Comm Center

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with Kathy Lloyd

Cranberry Bars

Recovery

For the past 3 weeks I have been recovering from left knee replacement. Actually I am still recovering, as this is going to take awhile. I have a new respect and empathy for anyone undergoing this surgery. I can see hope after the first two weeks that the pain is less and the mobility is slowly getting better. This surgery isn't for sissies, which I am beginning to think I may be. Pa Lloyd is taking good care of me. He's even doing pretty well in the kitchen! Friends and neighbors have brought over goodies too, which has helped. The recipe I am sharing with you today is for cranberry bars that my friend Carmen Davison brought over to ease my pain! She shared the recipe so I can share it with you. Enjoy!

Cranberry Bars

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 24 squares)
1/2 cup butter melted
1 1/2 cups vanilla or white chips
1 1/2 cups dried cranberries
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1 cup flaked coconut
1 cup pecan halves (optional)

In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs and butter until crumbly. Press into a greased 9x13 inch baking pan. In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Gently spread over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-28 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool on a wire rack and cut into bars. Yields about three dozen.

Have a great week!!



MCHS in Fairmont welcomes Julie Rolstad

Julie Rolstad, nurse practitioner, Internal Medicine, joined the team of providers at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont January 10th. She started seeing patients full-time February 6th. As an internal medicine provider, Rolstad's professional focus is the primary medical care of patients, especially those with multiple illnesses such as high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic kidney disease and diabetes.

"I often see patients with chronic disease," says Rolstad. "It's my job to partner with them to stay ahead of their conditions, keep them healthy and prevent hospital stays as much as possible."

Rolstad completed the Post Master's Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. She also holds a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, Rolstad lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where she worked as a

cardiology and heart failure provider for the past 14 years.

Speaking about her decision to join Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, Rolstad says "You want to be a part of an organization known for innovation and quality of care. The opportunity to work and learn within Mayo Clinic Health System benefits my patients who are looking for the best care in Fairmont."

"We're pleased to welcome Julie to our team of providers," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "Connecting patients to care that helps them in their community is what drives our team every day."

Outside of the office, Rolstad enjoys spending time at the lake with her family and says her two children, who are both in college, still keep her and her husband busy.

Call 507-238-8500 to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org.

Rural Advantage to present garden topics

Rural Advantage will begin its thirteen year of the 3rd Crop winter Series on Monday, February 13th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 920 E. 10th Street in Fairmont. The program is free to the public. The first session will cover garden topics with the following schedule:

10:00 - The Tomato Project-High Nutrient Produce. Luke Lemmers, Plato

11:00 - Fairmont Farmers Market—What does it take to participate? Jackie

Lueth, Jackie of All Trades

11:30 - Fairmont Community Gardens— Private Gardens in a Public Space. Linda Meschke, Rural Advantage

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 -MN Valley Action Council Food Hub -Growth & Progress. Joe Domeier, Manager

2:00 - Innovative Produce Marketing. Brandt Greenhouse & Gardens, Bill Brandt, Lakefield

For questions or for a brochure of the full 2017 program can be directed to Linda@ruraladvantage.org or call 507-238-5449.

Madelia Fire receives donations to save pets

First Responders with the Madelia Fire Department are now some of the best-equipped in the nation to save a pet's life. That's because Invisible Fence Brand Southern Minnesota has donated five pet oxygen mask kits to the department. St. James Veterinary Clinic provided additional pet saving tips to the group such as pet first aid and CPR.

This donation is just a small part of Invisible Fence® Brand's Project Breathe™ program, which was established with the goal of equipping every fire station in America and Canada with pet oxygen masks. These masks allow firefighters and EMS staff to give oxygen to pets who are suffering from smoke inhalation when they are rescued from fires and often save pets' lives.

Invisible Fence® Brand has donated a total of more than 12,400 pet oxygen masks to fire stations all over the U.S. and Canada throughout the life of the program. A reported 150+ pets have been saved by the donated masks so far, two family dogs by the Grant's Pass Fire Department in Oregon in early October of this year.

"When a family suffers the tragedy of a fire, lives are turned upside down," said Ed Hoyt, Director of Invisible Fence® Brand. "Pets are valued family members, so we want families to know that their pet can be cared for

if tragedy strikes."

"We realize that humans are the first priority, but in many cases, pets can be saved if firefighters have the right equipment," said Hoyt. "Project Breathe™ program is simply a way of giving firefighters the tools necessary to save pets' lives."

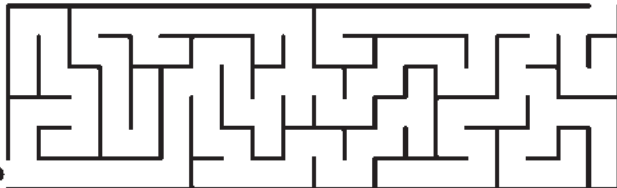
Madelia and surrounding areas are now joining the ranks of cities like Seattle, Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City who have all received donated pet oxygen masks from Project Breathe™ program.

"Thank God they had the masks. They (the dogs) are just like family. I don't know what I'd do without them. Things can be replaced. Lives can't, whether they're animals or people," said a pet owner whose dogs were recently rescued using donated masks.

Although the number of pets that die in fires is not an official statistic kept by the U.S. Fire Administration, industry web sites and sources have cited an estimated 40,000 to 150,000 pets die in fires each year, most succumbing to smoke inhalation. In most states, emergency responders are unequipped to deal with the crisis. The loss is terrible for the family, heart wrenching for firefighters.

The company has set up a website, www.invisiblefence.com/O2, where local fire personnel can make a request for their own departments.

Kids' Maze



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OBITUARY notices

Charles K. "Chuck" Personius, 67



A beautiful life has been taken from us way

too soon, and an angel has received his wings! Charles K. "Chuck" Personius, most recently of Saco, ME, passed peacefully Wednesday, January 25th at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House.

Chuck was born March 25th, 1949, in Fairmont, to Carl H. and Lorraine (Fossum) Personius. Chuck was extra special from the time he was born, with Down's syndrome, and was our family's tour guide throughout his life. It did not define his life as a handicapped individual but enhanced it with spirit and love for life itself. He was cared for by his loving family, all of his life. He lived in many places across the USA, as his father was a career military

man, and even spent time in Japan. Chuck was a hard and conscientious worker for 30 years at MCRI/Tri-County Industries in Fairmont, before retiring and moving to Saco in 2013 with his mother.

Chuck was a social butterfly with an infectious smile and a huge heart. It did not take him long to meet new friends and always welcomed you with a big smile and a tight hug. He enjoyed walking in the neighborhood, looking for conversations.

Nothing stopped him from experiencing all that he wanted and could in life, like driving a car on the back country roads, powering a speedboat on the lake or tubing and jet skiing. Chuck didn't mind

plunging into the cold Atlantic waters, dancing to the music in his own mind, when no one was playing! He was always ready for a backyard party or to take a ride in the car.

Chuck loved to play practical jokes on family such as hiding his collection of bugs and snakes in your bed! John Wayne, Elvis and "The Fonz", were his ultimate favorites. He spent many hours watching old movies, Happy Days and Leave it to Beaver. Chuck had another collection, People magazine, a lifetime supply.

Chuck was a brother, an Uncle, a friend and a hero! He touched many lives throughout his journey with his caring, loving and kind gestures. We are

blessed to have had such a gift in our family; his family was the center of his universe. Chuck was a true gift, we will forever treasure.

Always supported and loved deeply by his family, Chuck leaves behind his two sisters, Debbie Tracy from Lacey, WA; Lisa and Jack Donilon, of Saco, ME; a niece, Emily; five nephews, Ian and Quinn Tracy, Nick, Joey and Eric Donilon; great-nieces, Kenley, Harper, Taylor and Indie Rose.

He also leaves an aunt, Dorothy Trembley, of Denver, CO; and an uncle, William Personius of Minnesota, along with a generous number of cousins who were his joy.

The family would like

to express heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate, gentle and loving staff at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, who made Chuck's journey a peaceful transition to the next place in life.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be held at a future date along with his burial at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Those who wish to make contributions in Chuck's memory could be made to:

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Florine C. Wellcome, 90



Funeral service for Florine C. Wellcome, 90, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, February 4th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Florine passed away Wednesday morning, February 1st, 2017 at the Lakeview Methodist Health

Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements for the family.

Florine Catherine Wellcome was born June 18th, 1926 to Leon "Mike" and Emma (Bliesmer) Wellcome in Sherburn. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. She graduated from Sherburn High School in 1944 and the family moved to Fairmont in 1945.

Florine was employed at a various businesses over the years which included: JC Penney's, Wallace's and the Martin County Auditor's office. She retired in 1977 to take care of her aging parents.

Family and friends never left the Wellcome house without a cup of coffee and freshly baked treat. The extended Blies-

mer family celebrated Christmas at their home for many years, filling the house with love, laughter, good family times and food, lots of food! Emma and Florine loved to cook and everyone in the family were the lucky recipients of their endeavors.

Florine is survived by her aunt, Bertha Bliesmer; cousins, Deanna and Daryl Anderson, Roger and Cheryl Lesch, Gary and Karen Lesch, Byron and Pat Bliesmer, Carolyn and Ron Howe, Barry and Mary Bliesmer, Bonnie and Jim Prust, Marlin and Nancy Bliesmer, LeaAnn and Lyle Bishop; and all their families as well as other relatives.

Florine was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and other relatives.

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Michael K. Lemon, 60



Memorial services for Michael K. Lemon, 60, of Fairmont, formerly of Longville, MN, were held Saturday, February 4th, 2017, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will take place at a later date. Mike passed away Friday afternoon, January 27th, 2017, at his home in Fairmont following a lengthy battle with cancer. Lakeview Fu-

neral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Michael Kenneth Lemon was born June 24th, 1956, in Webster City, IA, the son of Gerald K. and Janice (Kramer) Lemon. He attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1974.

Following his graduation, Mike worked for a short time for a pig farmer before moving to Colorado with a friend and finding employment in the open pit coal mines of Colorado. After working in the mines, Mike then followed in the footsteps of his father and began a career in the printing business. He worked in Denver for a number of years before returning home to Minnesota where he helped with the family printing business.

In his spare time, Mike enjoyed fishing, hunting, and later in life found great joy in woodworking. He loved sunny days spent on the open road riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and cherished spending time with his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Alycia Johns and her husband, Brandon; son, Aaron Kastning; grandchildren, Gunner Johns and Ava Johns; mother, Janice Lemon; siblings, Brenda (Randy) Fretty, Pamela Wedner, and Mark (Jamie) Lemon; many nieces and nephews; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Lemon; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Helen Lemon and maternal grandparents, Harold and Alice Kramer.

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Connie J. Lange, 76



Services for Connie J. Lange, 76, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 10th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service in Center Creek Cemetery near Granada. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 10th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Connie passed away Wednesday, February 1st, 2017, at the Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen, TX. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Constance Joan (Bahr) Lange was born April 15th, 1940, at home on a farm in Center Creek Township, Martin County, rural Granada, to Lyle and Pearl (Badje) Bahr. She attended school in Granada and graduated from Granada High School with the class of 1958.

Shortly after her graduation, Connie was united in marriage to Duane Shoemaker in Huntley, MN. To this union one son, Rick, was born. Together the family lived in Granada and Fairmont. Connie began working for 3M in 1961 and worked there for over 30 years prior to taking an early retirement at the age of 58.

On November 27th, 1981, Connie was united in marriage to Eugene W. Lange in Fairmont, and Connie welcomed four step-daughters into her life.

In her spare time, Connie enjoyed shopping and checking out the deals at area garage sales. She loved camping with family and friends. In the

early years they traveled in a pickup and camper. In later years Connie and Gene enjoyed taking trips to northern Minnesota and Texas in their motor home. Many cherished memories were made throughout the years with family and friends on these camping adventures. Gene died in September of 2001. After the passing of Connie's father, Lyle Bahr in July of 2003, she took ownership of her parents' park model trailer in the Grove RV Trailer Park in San Juan, TX. Connie and her beloved mother spent many winter days there at San Juan enjoying longtime friends and the warm winter weather.

Connie will be greatly missed by those that loved her and called her a friend.

Left to cherish her memory is her mother, Pearl Bahr of Fairmont; son Rick Shoemaker of Granada; brother, Ron Bahr and his wife, Marian of Granada; sister, Debra Sorenson of Willmar, MN; companion and special friend, Raymond Pike of

Isle, MN; many nieces, a nephew and their children; four step-daughters; step-grandchildren, in-laws and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her father, Lyle Bahr; husband, Eugene Lange; granddaughter, Suzanne Shoemaker and other family members.

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

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FEB 9 - 15

THUR: Roasted turkey, gravy,
mashed potatoes, dinner roll,
broccoli, peaches.

FRI: Chicken patty, baked
beans, caesar salad, pineapple
tidbits.

MON: Cheese pizza, broccoli,
sweet corn salad, apple.

TUE: Pepperoni pizza pasta
bake, breadstick, carrots, caesar
salad, applesauce.

WED: Tacos, refried beans,
mandarin oranges.

TRUMAN AREA

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

FEB 9 - 15

THUR: Sub sandwich, po-
tato salad, coleslaw, fruit.

FRI: BBQ meatballs, mashed
potatoes, green beans, straw-
berries, dinner roll.

MON: Crispito, chili, rice, car-
rots, corn, peaches.

TUE: Hamburger, fries, veg-
gies, fruit.

WED: Mini corn dogs, calico
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FAIRMONT AREA

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FEB 9 - 15

THUR: K-6: Taco, sunbutter
and banana roll up, cowboy cav-
iar, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:**
Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed
potatoes, stuffing, dinner roll,
spinach and cranberry salad, cel-
ery sticks, apple.

FRI: K-6: Cheeseburger,
blueberry muffin and goldfish fun
lunch, corn, carrots, apple, pears.
JR/HS: Ravioli, breadstick, broc-
coli, caesar salad, carrots, orange,
pineapple tidbits.

MON: Chicken nuggets, dinner
roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, peach
parfait with granola, celery sticks,
apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Chicken,
bean, and cheese burrito, cilan-

tro lime rice, jicama sticks, apple,
pears.

TUE: K-6: Grilled cheese,
tomato soup, turkey and cheese
sandwich, carrots, banana, peach-
es. **JR/HS:** Pepperoni pizza
pasta bake, breadstick, corn, cae-
sar salad, broccoli, orange, apple-
sauce.

WED: Pepperoni pizza pasta
bake, breadstick, ham and cheese
sandwich, broccoli, marinated to-
mato and cucumber salad, apple,
mandarin orange and pineapple.

JR/HS: Tacos, refried beans,
cilantro lime rice, western salad,
carrots, apple, mandarin oranges.

King Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

FEB 9 - 15

THURS: Porcupine meatballs, baked potato, winter mix veggies, jello.

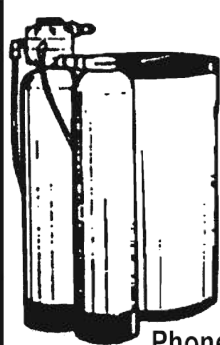
FRI: Tilapia or alternate, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes and zucchini, ice cream.

MON: Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, pie.

TUE: Pork chops, garden rice, corn, blueberry crisp.

WED: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, cheesecake.

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A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

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apple.

FRI: BBQ riblet, mac and
cheese, corn, fruit, bar.

MON: Calico beans, corn muf-
fin, cheese stick, veggies, pear.

TUES: Pancakes, ham, green
beans, apple slices, rice krispie
bar.

WED: Chicken rice soup, tur-
key sandwich, coleslaw, apricots.



Jeff's Jottings

So how many of you predicted the outcome of the Super Bowl on Sunday? I for one, was not one of those who ever would have predicted that New England would have come from that far behind to win the game in overtime. I honestly was rooting for Atlanta the whole game because I have always been one to support the underdog. I guess that is why I always have such high expectations for the Vikings and Twins each season! No matter how you felt about the outcome, you have to admit that it was one of the most exciting games to watch in some time. Of course, my favorite part of the Super Bowl each year has been the advertising. Last year was highly disappointing in the number of outstanding ads that I

can remember. This year, there were a few good ads, but still I expected even more outstanding ones this year - especially when I heard that it cost advertisers 5 million dollars for a 30-second ad during the Super Bowl. So what was your favorite ad?

Redneck Lugnuts!

For quite some time, people have been asking me if my "redneck" sister Angie has pulled any crazy stunts around her farm. She has behaved pretty well this winter and not done anything to bring the attention to her (maybe the cold weather has slowed her impulses to pull something unusual). It was however brought to my attention recently about another relative (whose name is being withheld, but they know who they are!) who really pulled a "redneck" style

stunt with their vehicle. Apparently this person was driving home when he noticed his car had a bit of a "sway" to it. Instead of stopping to investigate, he continued on towards his Ceylon area destination. When he finally stopped, he got out to find that most of the lug nuts on his one tire had fallen off. So, to remedy the situation until he could get it fixed, he took vise grips and attached them to the lugs to



Redneck lugnuts!

help hold the tire in place and someone grabbed a picture. They say a picture says a thousand words, but I think this one could say much more! Here is one "for the books"!

Support Rosie!

Last week I mentioned to recent fundraisers for local young people who had medical issues. I recently found out about another local youngster whose story has gained national attention. 4-year-old Rosie Evenson of Blue Earth was diagnosed with stage four kidney cancer in late November 2015. She underwent surgery to remove a large tumor in her abdomen and her left kidney and has since been receiving chemo treatments. Rosie, the daughter of Angie and Aaron, has two sisters and one brother. Every week when the Hometown Sanitation garbage truck would stop on the street by their home, the kids rush to the window and would wave at employees Brandon and Taylor, and they would wave back to them. Even after all Rosie has gone through late last year, she would join her siblings at the window to wave at the men. A friendship among them has grown and the two employees even gave the kids



Christmas presents last December. Hometown Sanitation also presented the family with a gift of free sanitation pickup through 2017. The story was recently featured on the "Today Show" and has gained national attention. A GoFundMe account was set up to help Rosie's family with ongoing medical expenses during her treatments. You can learn more about Rosie and make a donation at gofundme.com/Rosieevenson.

The need for blood is great!

Before I go this week, I want to draw your attention to a huge need in the area. That need is for blood donations, which the American Red Cross

is in dire need of. Seventy three-year-old Sherburn resident Richard Zehms started giving blood during his freshman year at Mankato State University. He donated regularly until joining the service where he served as a Marine medivac helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He has seen the need for blood in emergency situations as well as with his son. Dick is one of many encouraging you to donate blood! The bloodmobile will be in the area next Tuesday, February 14th through Thursday, February 16th at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. They will also be in Truman on Wednesday, February 22nd. To find out more and to make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - donate blood!

- Jeff

Canaries

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

I remember the farm of my youth was an isolated place. Even though it was isolated, it was a place of variety. The routine of such a life offered many opportunities of adventure. It was early in life when I began to think about some of the ways that I could vary such a routine life. I had a pony and I would explore. Going to the far end of the farm was a real adventure.

I remember when one of these opportunities happened. I had gone with my mother to visit a woman from our church. She was an older neighbor whose husband had died, so she moved to town. This friend of my mother raised CANARIES. They lived in a cage that was located on the ledge of a "bay window" of her older home. Such birds that lived in a cage within the home fascinated me. I had only known the birds of the wild. I remember watching the pair of CANARIES move about the cage while my mother and her friend sat visiting. They seemed happy as they moved from perch to perch. I had never seen a bird with such a yellow color or heard their song. It happened while I was standing watching them. The male seemed to know that I was paying attention to him. He moved to a perch at the side of the

cage and began to sing. His short body seemed to lengthen and the feathers under his throat wavered in song. They stood out from his throat as though it helped give him volume.

My mother's friend noticed me watching the CANARIES. She was a person who understood the routine life of a farm boy who was interested in "other things". I was so surprised when she offered to

teresting to watch the female begin the activity of nesting. The tea strainer was soon full of string and cotton. It had been woven into a perfectly round nesting hole within the strainer. Eggs began to appear when the female got off the nest. It was exciting to witness the activity within the cage when the hatching process began. The small "bare-skinned" CANARIES had become a

part of their world and mine. The mother and father shared the work. The young birds would open their mouths to feed when the parents approached the nest. I sold many hatches of CANARIES.

I learned something from the "out-of-the-ordinary" experience with CANARIES. I learned that most people are much the same. They think others could benefit from their interest in something. They want to share the pleasant experiences within their lives. This happens with people who enjoy music, art, reading or sports. It also happens if they raise horses, cattle, sheep, hogs or even CANARIES. They are willing to offer something that will make the world more interesting to others. We can all gain by knowing such people!

give me a cage and a pair of CANARIES. However, such a gift came with the "responsibility of care". She told me how to take care of them. I was to keep them warm, keep their small feeders full, feed them a half of a hard-boiled egg each week, and most importantly, keep their water clean. What also surprised me was how she gave me directions on how to make a nest for them within the cage. I was to buy a wire tea strainer and mount it in the corner of the cage. I was to put small pieces of string and cotton balls into the cage. It was so in-



Red Rock events

Red Rock Center will host a **Lunch with the Arts** program on Tuesday, February 14th at noon. Join Artists Lacey and Lexi Schneekloth for a wheel-throwing pottery demonstration and some other fun interactive art activities. No experience necessary, just come and enjoy. Bring a sack lunch if desired, refreshments will be provided. The program is free, and everyone is welcome.

Red Rock Center for the Arts is offering a Wine and Watercolor class on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Come paint and sip in a fun, relaxed, social en-

vironment. The goal is to experience the joy of watercolors, gain skills and knowledge, and leave with a finished painting. No experience necessary.

Instructor, Ellen Borkenhagen offers individual guidance and step-by-step demonstrations while describing watercolor techniques and painting essentials. The theme is Fisherman in the moonlight.

Participants should bring their own bottle or favorite beverage. All painting supplies are included. Class fee: \$25. Pre-registration required by calling CER at (507) 235-3141.



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Fairmont Area Elementary Pizza Party

Mrs. Armitage's and Mrs. Rosol's classes at Fairmont Area Elementary School enjoyed a pizza party Friday, February 3rd. The party was in celebration of the students' efforts to utilize test taking strategies during the Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) testing. The kids did a super job and the pizza tasted great! Fairmont Area Schools Superintendent Joseph Brown shared in the festivities that day.



Mrs. Armitage's elementary class posing after enjoying a pizza party.



Mrs. Rosol's Elementary Class enjoying pizza.



Fairmont Superintendent Joseph Brown having fun with the kids that day.

Truman Public School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Truman Public Schools have announced their 2nd quarter Honor Roll for the 2016-2017 school year:

Highest Honor Roll:

Name	Grade
Grace Klunder	7
Clay Gieseke	10
Chloe Hartman	10
Mitchell Steuber	10
Lydia Studer	10
Derek Shoen	11
Logan Davis	12
Desire'e DeBell	12
Brytni Drevlow	12
Bailey May	12
Courtney Zaharia	12

A Honor Roll:

Ainsley Brummond	7
Emma Fischer	7

Alexis Mercer	7
Louis Bowers	8
Tallin Cook	8
Eden Studer	8
Jaiden Cook	10
Logan Bowers	11
Mason Maloney	11
Parker Stevens	11

B Honor Roll:

Teanna Meyer	7
Aiden Moler	7
Alyssa Nagorske	10
Quintin Greier	11
Deanna Martin	11
Jorn Sundt Olsen	11
Dalton Terry	11
Rebekah Thate	11
Jordan Smith	12
Jeramy Truax	12

Martin Luther High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Martin Luther High School in Northrop has announced the following students, who have earned through academic achievement, Honor Roll status (3.0) for the 2nd quarter of the 2016-17 school year:

*** Honor Roll with Distinction (3.5 or higher)**
(Students are listed in alphabetical order according to quarterly grade point average)

9th grade:

Lydia Steinhaus*
Alexys Flohrs*
Cayden Fischer*
Abby Calkins*
Marah Engel*
Jordan Wiederhoeft*
Caleb Roiger
Cody Greve
Isaiah Johnson

10th grade:

Sierra Geistfeld*
Bennett Shane*
Whitley Hoffmann*
Autumn Fischer*
Shawna Appel*

Colin Trueblood
Paxton Gravin
William Wallace
Mitchell Prafke
Dalton Fette
Alex Johnson
Anna Schulte

11th grade:

Marissa Steinhaus*
Tristan Taylor*
Madison Johnson*
Ethan Jordi*
Macy Quinn*
Bethany Rossow*
Katelyn Garrison*
Alex Schuder
James Schrunck
Reece Riegel
Sidney Visser
Wyatt Kube
Petra Laurencikova

12th grade:

Isaac Creech*
Carter Willie*
Deborah Watt*
Renae Wallace*
Hanna Geistfeld*
Ethan Hurn*
Lindsey Miles*
Rachel Nemanic
Alexis Brummond
Zayne Engel

St. James Lutheran 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

St. James Lutheran School in Northrop has announced their 2nd quarter Honor Roll for the 2016-2017 school year:

"A" Honor Roll (* = with distinction)

Sutton Bohlsen*	(6th);
Lincoln Becker	(6th);
Wyatt Luhmann	(6th);

Lance Stevens (6th)

"B" Honor Roll

Michaelah Petrowiak	(8th);
Emily Sokoloski	(7th);
Alyssa Wiederhoeft	(7th);
Daniel Martinez	(5th);
Bethany Petrowiak	(5th);
Brianna Petrowiak	(5th)

St. John Vianney School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

St. John Vianney School in Fairmont has announced their 2nd quarter Honor Roll for the 2016-2017 school year:

Grade 5:

High Honors - Katherine Hartke

"B" Honor Roll - Liv Borchardt, Mathew Cone, Hannah Hodges, Jorvik Jensen, Adeline Lenway,

Grade 6:

"A" Honor Roll - Anna Busche

"B" Honor Roll - Kate Busche, Abigail Cihoski, Brock Lutterman, Amy Saari and Anna Utermarck



Left to right: Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Eric Head; and Carol Soma, PLRAC Board Member Faribault County. Not pictured: Anna Remes, Delevan.

Arts Scholarship awarded

"The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council announce that Youth Scholarships of \$30,600 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 82 students in grades 7-12 and 30 students in grades 3-6 throughout the region. Youth Scholarship recipients live in twenty-three different communities representing eight counties," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. The Youth Scholarships of \$300 for grades 7-12 and \$200 for grades 3-6 will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months.

A student from Martin and Faribault Counties were each awarded a \$300 scholarship; for a total of \$600. They are Eric Head of Fairmont and Anna Remes from Delevan. Eric will take piano lessons and Anna will take violin lessons with the Mankato Suzuki School of Music.

Students will be involved in a variety of activities including: dance classes at Center Stage Dance in Montgomery, the Dance Conservatory of

Southern MN in Mankato, Mankato Ballet Company, Ovarions Dance Company in New Prague, and Riverfront Performing Arts in Mankato; music lessons at Mankato Suzuki School of Music and New Ulm Suzuki School of Music; participation in Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band and Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra; and a variety of music lessons in cello, flute, guitar, piano, violin, and voice from independent instructors. There is one deadline per year for the Youth Scholarships. For grades 7-12 the next deadline date is October 1st, 2017. For grades 3-6 the next deadline date is November 1st, 2017.

Prairie Lakes provides grants for arts activities including dance, music, theater, literature, and visual art classes and exhibitions. Applications from Non-profit Arts Organizations, Community Groups and Schools will be accepted twice a year and the next Arts & Cultural Heritage deadline is August 1st, 2017. Small Arts Project Grants for smaller art activities and Art-In-Education school residences are both available for up to \$2,000 and the next deadlines are March 1st and April 1st, 2017.

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The Hatcheries of Fairmont

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



White Feather Hatchery

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Eggs are undeniably an important part of today's diet for most Americans. However, if asked where eggs come from, perhaps the most likely answer would be the grocery store. It would probably be fairly safe to say that many are unaware of the hatcheries and other businesses that were reliant on poultry and egg production in Martin County's past. Egg production came into its own following World War II when meat was scarce, consequently, at one time, Fairmont was home to the White Feather Hatchery, the Kramer Hatchery, and the Mallon Egg Company. In addition, Triumph hosted "Poultry Buying Days" in 1911. Historically, egg production and the chicken industry has evolved from the many separate entities of feed mills, hatcheries, farms, and processors to individual companies that now handle all aspects of production.

Locally the White Feather Hatchery was started by Alvin and William Wilken in 1920. They shipped thousands of baby chicks to the Dakotas and Montana in the 1930s and thrived into the 1950s before poultry factory farms reduced the demand for baby chicks.

Another thriving local business related to eggs in the 1950s was the Mallon Egg Company. They employed 35 people and bought eggs from within a 40 mile radius of Fairmont. They had established routes in which they would pick up eggs from their regular customers and farmers would also bring eggs directly into the company. In addition, they provided a number of other services including culling, candling, grading, packaging, and shipping of eggs. Culling would rid the flock of nonlaying hens, candling was done in darkness to detect abnormalities, and eggs were graded by being placed on a conveyor belt to move through automatic grading machines. These machines handled 50 cases per hour after which licensed egg graders would then grade the eggs. Before packaging for shipment the eggs were inspected by a full time government inspector on duty at all times at Mallon's. After packaging, the eggs were placed on trucks that were heated in winter and refrigerated in the summer shipping 150,000 eggs daily. Although eggs were their main business, they also bought poultry such as chickens, geese, and ducks.

The poultry industry, as with so many others, has evolved into a more centralized business thereby eliminating the small operators. Although perhaps a more efficient business model, the local economy may have suffered as a result.



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White Feather Hatchery Delivery Truck



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Poultry Buying Days in 1911 at Triumph

A bridge a-comin' down



Workers are busy preparing to begin work on the demolition of the bridge between Pioneer Drive and Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont on Tuesday. Fairmont City Council recently made the decision to remove the bridge to allow better access on the lake.

Area College Student News



Parker Monsen of Fairmont has been named to the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences Fall 2016 Dean's List. Dean's List students have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

About Iowa State

Iowa State University is one of the nation's most

student-centered public research universities and is recognized among the top 50 public universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

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Naturally

By Al Batt

A fox barked in my yard. The animal, about the size of a large tomcat, woke me with its sounds.

A few flakes fell in the moonlight. Mary Oliver wrote, "Snow was falling, so much like stars filling the dark trees."



I'd be leaving the house in a few hours. It was winter in Minnesota, so thought had to be given to clothing choices.

There is an old Scandinavian saying, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes."

It's usually uttered by some smug individual who remembered to wear socks outside in January. My response to this is usually, "How do you dress for a tornado."

The light of day brought a morning in breathtaking 3-D. I was in a Mayo building in Rochester and hooked up to tubes and pumps. I was looking out a window, watching a peregrine falcon bother a large flock of pigeons, when a volunteer stopped by to ask if there was anything she could do for me. I wanted to say, "Make me well," but there are enough smart Ales. Instead, I thanked her for being a volunteer. She told me that she'd been volunteering at Mayo for four years and added, "It's the best job I've ever had."

The peregrine had perched by this time. There were no pigeon volunteers.

Blessed barred owl

Grant Garriott of McGregor sent this, "Law Enforcement's motto, 'To Serve and Protect,' takes many forms - this one is particularly unique. While on patrol January 23rd,

Aitkin County Deputy Sheryl Cook encountered a beautiful, but injured barred owl. Deputy Cook, who is also a trained EMT, carefully transported the injured bird back to the Sheriff's Office in Aitkin. Once there, Deputy Jon Cline and Dispatcher Jacquie Honstrom assisted by creating a temporary shelter and providing overnight care.

"The owl was transported the next morning to the MN DNR where it received medical attention and rehabilitation. Deputy Cook reported that the friendly owl seemed to trust its handlers and never displayed any resistance or fear. We hope that this magnificent creature will make a full recovery and we applaud the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office for their role in this extraordinary act of kindness."

Peregrine redux

Peregrine falcons nearly went extinct due to the excessive use of pesticides. When DDT was banned in 1973, recovery efforts began for many threatened species, including the peregrine falcon. Mayo Clinic began hosting the falcons in 1987.

The falcons typically settle in during early February. They nest on the roof of the 20-story Mayo Building, where the female lays 2 to 4 eggs in late March to mid-April. Eggs hatch 32-35 days after being laid. The nestlings grow rapidly and fledge at about 6 weeks of age. Most peregrine falcons in the Midwest nest on buildings, rather than on cliffs, their natural habitat.

Often reported to be the fastest bird in the world, it clocks in at over 200 miles per hour in a hunting dive. They often prey upon on pigeons, which makes for good hunting around the Mayo Clinic. Visitors can monitor the falcons with a falcon cam and informational display

in the subway level of the Mayo Building, next to the patient cafeteria, and on the Mayo Clinic Television Network for patients.

Q-and-A

"Do more deer mean less birds?" It could. In a study published in "Landscape and Urban Planning," researchers showed that areas in the eastern U.S. with high deer numbers tended to have fewer birds that required forest shrubs. Some bird species use low-lying foliage to hide their nests from predators and to hunt for insect prey. Unfortunately, these plants are on the menu of the white-tailed deer. The study suggested that our land use practices promoting high deer numbers might be changing local ecosystems, with implications of declining songbird populations.

Thanks for stopping by

"Everything that is happening to you now is for preparation for what will happen to you next. Don't quit." - Chrystal Evans Hurst

"Familiarity with things about one should not dull the edge of curiosity or interest. The walk you take today through the fields and woods, or along the riverbank, is the walk you should take tomorrow, and next day, and next. What you miss once, you will hit upon next time. The play of Nature has no fixed program. If she is not at home today, call to-morrow, or next week."--John Burroughs

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Financial Focus

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When you retire, where can you find investment income?

As an investor, your main goals will change at different times in your life. During your working years, you need to grow as many resources as possible for retirement. Once you retire, however, you will likely need to focus more on getting income from your investments. But what are your options?

There's no shortage of income-producing investments, of course. You might immediately think of bonds, which can provide regular interest payments and probable preservation of principal, provided the bonds are considered "investment grade." Still, if interest rates are low when you retire - as they have been for several years now - bonds might not provide you with as much income as you need. And just as importantly, the income you receive from most bonds won't rise over time, leaving you susceptible to inflation and the loss of purchasing power.

Consequently, you may also need to explore other types of income-generating vehicles, including dividend-paying stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Some stocks have not only paid but also increased their dividends for many consecutive

years. These stocks have historically provided the potential for rising income to help combat inflation and are typically well-run companies that strive to reward their investors. Nonetheless, you need to recognize that even these stocks are not obligated to pay you dividends, and they are free to lower or discontinue them at any time without notice.

Now, let's turn to a second type of potential income-producing asset: Real estate investment trusts (REITs).

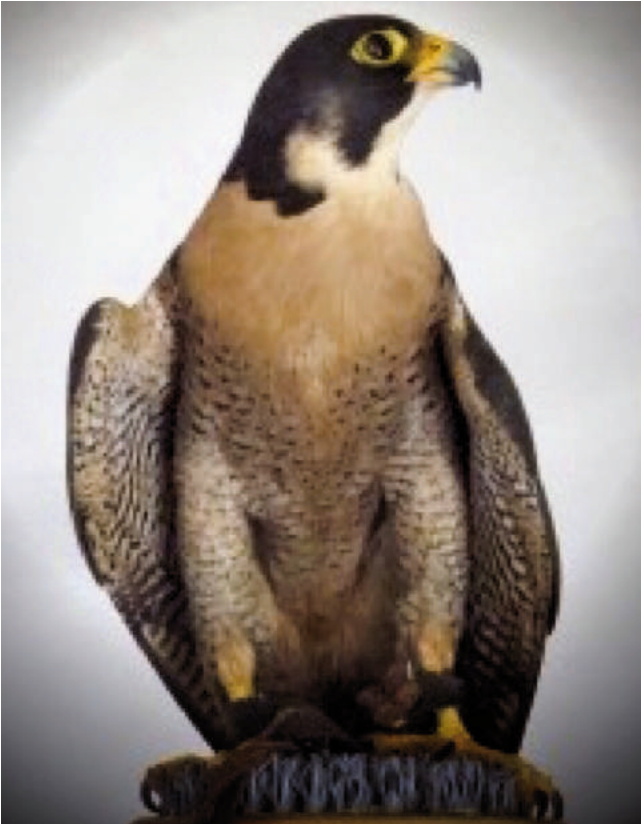
Different types of REITs are available. For example, equity REITs invest in and own commercial properties, such as hotels and shopping centers, while mortgage REITs, as the name suggests, own and invest in property mortgages. Is one form of REIT better than another? There's no simple answer. On the one hand, mortgage REITs are considered riskier than equity REITs. However, mortgage REITs often pay quite large dividends, although the payout can be inconsistent. (Like all REITs, mortgage REITs must pay 90% of their taxable income to investors in the form of dividends. Due to this requirement, REITs generally need to raise capital to finance their growth plans, and this necessity can af-

fect their share prices.)

Other factors, such as changing interest rates, will affect the value of mortgage and equity REITs differently. Specifically, rising interest rates will likely cause the market value of the property mortgages inside mortgage REITs to fall, whereas equity REITs, which own actual buildings, might actually benefit if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, as such a move would indicate a strong economy, more jobs and greater demand for office space. In the short term, though, even equity REITs can react negatively to an interest-rate increase. But over the long term, this movement can be offset by the benefits of earnings and dividend growth driven by a growing economy.

Clearly, there's much to think about when considering potential income-producing options such as bonds, dividend-paying stocks and REITs. Ultimately, you will need to weigh the merits and risks of these investments - including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk - and determine which of them, or which combination of them, are most appropriate for your needs.

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PEREGRINE FALCON by Al Batt

The Garden Bug

Hardiness Zones

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map is based on average minimum winter temperatures which are divided into zones. Gardeners and growers rely on the map to select suitable plants for specific locations. It is available as an interactive map and also as state, regional, and national images that can be downloaded and printed.

- Brenda Weaver

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2017 Crop Insurance Considerations

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During the next few weeks, many farm operators will be finalizing their crop insurance decisions for the 2017 crop year. March 15th is the deadline to purchase crop insurance for the 2017 crop year. Profit margins for crop production this year remain very tight, which makes the 2017 crop insurance decisions even more critical. Producers have several crop insurance policy options to choose from, including yield protection (YP) policies and revenue protection (RP and RPE) policies, as well as other group insurance policy options. There are also decisions with using "enterprise units" versus "optional units", and whether or not to take advantage of the "trend adjusted" APH yields for

2017.

Yield Protection (YP) insurance policy options provide for "yield only" insurance protection, based on historic actual production history (APH) yields on a given farm unit. YP prices are based on average Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of February, similar to revenue insurance products. Producers can purchase YP insurance coverage levels from 50% to 85%, and losses are paid if actual corn or soybean yields on a farm unit fall below the yield guarantees.

Revenue Protection (RP) insurance policy options provide for a guaranteed minimum dollars of gross revenue per acre

(yield x price), based on yield history (APH) and the average CBOT prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of February. The revenue guarantee is increased for final insurance calculations, if average CBOT prices during the month of October are higher than the February CBOT prices. Producers purchase RP insurance coverage levels from 50% to 85%, and losses are paid if the final crop revenue falls below the revenue guarantee. The final crop revenue is the actual yield on a farm unit times the CBOT December corn futures price and November soybean futures price during the month of October.

The Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclu-

sion (RPE) policy options function the same as RP policies, except RPE policies have a minimum revenue guarantee (yield and price) that is fixed, based on the February CBOT corn and soybean prices, and can not be increased later. As of February 6th, the 2017 estimated crop prices in the Upper Midwest for YP, RP, and RPE policies were \$3.95 per bushel for corn, \$10.13 per bushel for soybeans, and \$5.62 per bushel for spring wheat. 2017 YP prices and RP base prices will be finalized on March 1st.

Many producers in the Upper Midwest have been able to significantly enhance their insurance protection in recent years by utilizing the trend-adjusted yield (TA-APH) endorsement, with only slightly higher premium costs. The APH yield exclusion (YE) option allows specific years with low production to be dropped from crop insurance APH yield guarantee calculations. Several counties in Central and Northern

Minnesota are eligible for YE for corn and soybeans in some of the past ten years. For information on which counties, crops, and years are eligible for YE, go the RMA web site at: www.rma.usda.gov/

Given the tight profit margins for crop production in 2017, some producers may have a tendency to reduce their crop insurance coverage, in order to save a few dollars per acre in premium costs. However, a producer must first ask the question: "How much financial risk can I handle if there are greatly reduced crop yields due to potential weather problems in 2017, and/or lower than expected crop prices?" RP crop insurance policies serve as an excellent risk management tool for these situations, and 2017 may not be the year to reduce insurance coverage.

In recent years, many Midwest corn and soybean producers have been utilizing a minimum of 80 % RP coverage with "enterprise units"; however, 2017 may be the

time to consider upgrading to the 85% coverage level. In many cases, the 85% coverage level offers considerably more protection, with only a modest increase in premium costs. Many producers will be able to guarantee near \$550.00 to \$650.00 per acre for corn, and near \$350.00 to \$450.00 per acre for soybeans at the 85% coverage level in 2017, especially when also utilizing trend-adjusted APH yields.

A reputable crop insurance agent is the best source of information to find out more details of the various coverage plans, to learn more about the TA-APH yield endorsement, to get premium quotes, and to help finalize 2017 crop insurance decisions. Following are also some very good web sites with crop insurance information:

> University of Illinois FarmDoc: www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins/index.as

> USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA): www.rma.usda.gov/



Ask A Trooper: New state resident

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I am moving to Minnesota from Iowa. When do I need to register my vehicle, and will I have to take the driver's test?

Answer: Once you become a resident of Minnesota, you have up to 60 days to obtain your Minnesota driver's license and register your vehicle(s).

Below are some of the details from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) on how to do this.

To apply for a Minnesota driver's license, identification card or instruction permit, you may present:

- A Minnesota driver's license or instruction

permit

- A state identification card that is current
- A state identification card that is expired for five years or less if it has a photo or one year or less if it does not have a photo.

If you do not have one of the items listed, you must present one primary and one secondary form of identification. The primary document must contain your full legal name (first, middle and last) and the month, day and year of your birth.

A valid license from another U.S. state, certain territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Guam, or Canada), you can obtain a Minnesota driver's license by passing the knowledge

(written) test and a vision check. You do not need to take a skills (road) test unless your license has been expired for more than one year.

At the time of application, you must present your other driver's license. Your license from your previous state of residence will be invalidated and returned to you.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration. If the registration currently displayed on the vehicle is expired, or if you had to surrender your license plates in your previous state of residency, you must apply for Minnesota registration

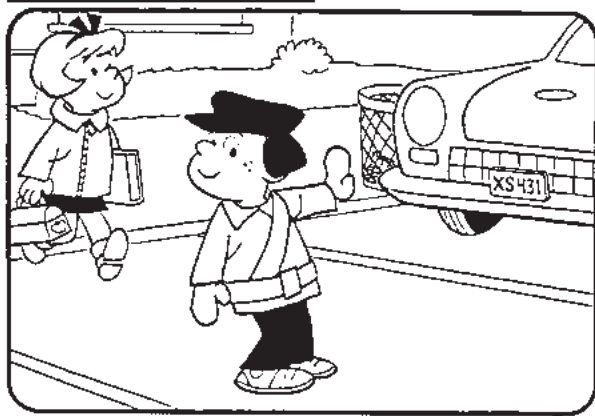
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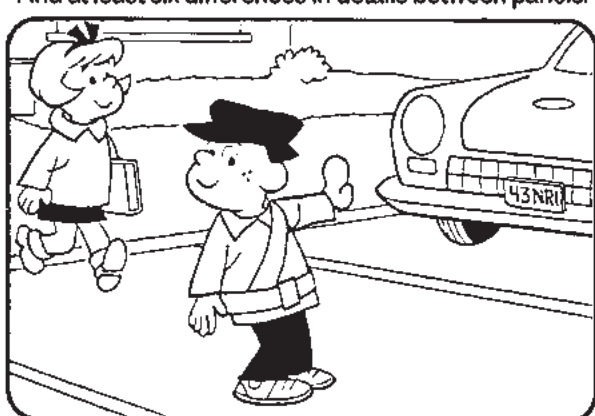
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History of Valentine's Day

Every February 14th, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? Find out about the history of this centuries-old holi-

day, from ancient Roman rituals to the customs of Victorian England.

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains

vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius

II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your

Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Origins of Valentine's Day: A Pagan Festival in February

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15th, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

Valentine's Day: A Day of Romance

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity and but was outlawed—as it was deemed "un-Christian"—at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14th St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14th was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. Several years later, it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Typical Valentine's Day Greetings

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging handmade valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

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On Valentine's Day consider financial gifts

Last year, Americans spent more than \$19 billion on Valentine's Day gifts, according to the National Retail Federation, with the majority of this money going to flowers, candy, cards and an evening out. These gifts were thoughtful, of course, and no doubt appreciated, but they were also somewhat disposable, for want of a better word. On the other hand, some financial gifts can have a pretty long "shelf life."

Beyond simply enclosing some money in a card, what sort of financial gifts can you give? The answer depends somewhat on the recipient. For example, if your sweetheart is also your spouse, some of the gifts suggested below may be redundant to the financial moves you make together. However, if you aren't married, or if you

and your spouse maintain separate finances, these ideas may make excellent Valentine's Day presents:

- **IRA contributions** - Technically, you can't contribute directly to someone else's traditional or Roth IRA, but you can write a check to your loved one - although, of course, he or she is free to use the money for any purpose. Like most people, your valentine may not usually contribute the yearly maximum amount - which, in 2017, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older - so your check should be quite welcome. A traditional IRA can grow on tax-deferred basis, and contributions may be tax-deductible. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty. A Roth IRA's earnings are

distributed tax-free, provided withdrawals aren't taken until the account owner is 59½ and has had the IRA for at least five years.

- **Charitable gifts** - Consider making a gift to a charitable organization supported by your loved one. When you send cash to a qualified charity, you can get a tax deduction, but you might gain even bigger benefits by donating appreciated securities you've held for more than one year. By doing so, you can generally deduct the value of the securities, based on their worth when you make the gift. Plus, neither you nor the charity will have to pay capital gains taxes on the donated investments.

- **Contributions to an**

emergency fund - It's a good idea for everyone to maintain an emergency fund to cover unanticipated expenses, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or out-of-pocket medical bills. If your valentine doesn't have such a fund, consider helping him or her establish one, with the money going to a liquid, low-risk account.

- **Gym membership** - Although not actually a "financial" gift, a gym membership can nonetheless bring some positive economic results to your valentine. It can be a healthy gift for you to give. But even if a gym membership doesn't give your loved one a break on insurance premiums, it can nonetheless result in better physical conditioning, which, in turn, could ultimately result in lower medical costs.

On Valentine's Day, you may still want to get your sweetheart something associated with the holiday. But if it's within your means to do so, also consider one of the above suggestions for financial gifts. Your generosity will still be felt long after the

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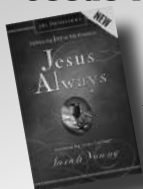
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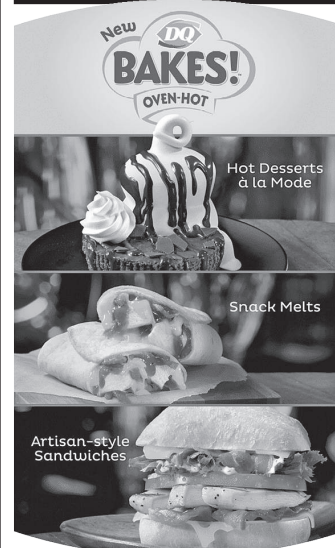
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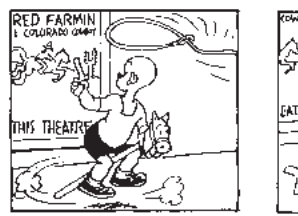
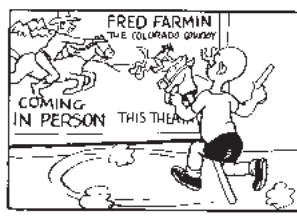
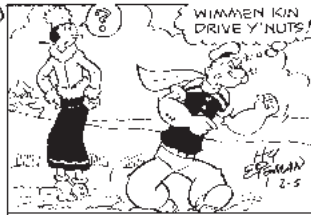
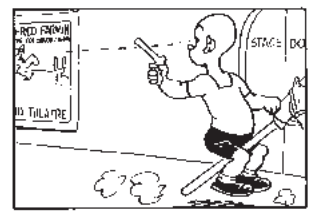
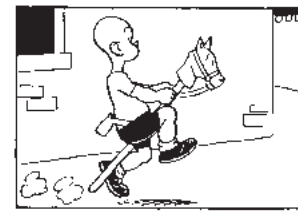
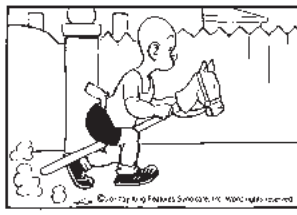
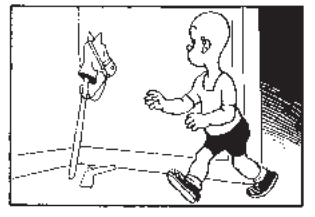
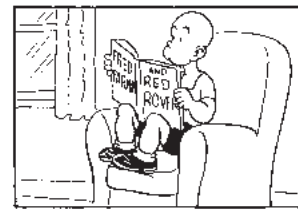
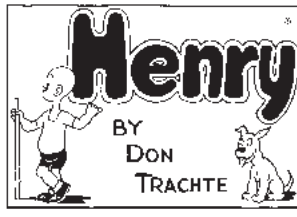
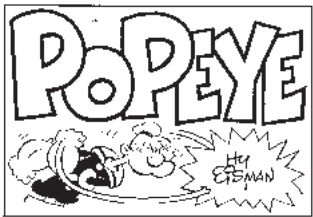
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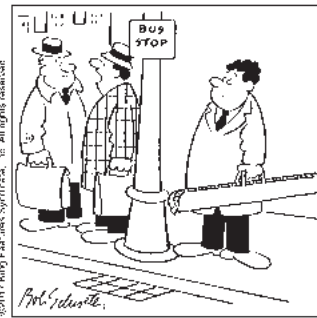
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"It really depends on the situation," explained Rich Rhodes, EA, an enrolled agent in Ohio. "Young, single adults with one or two W-2s can probably do fine with tax software, but what if you're married, own a home, have kids, are going to college or have kids going to college? There are plenty of confusing tax traps just waiting for you."

A knowledgeable tax pro should actually save you money because he or she will interview you in person and ask a lot of questions to determine for which deductions you may qualify. Tax laws change every year and, if it's not your full-time job, it's hard to keep up.

Here are just a few areas where you could be missing out on saving money on taxes.

- Education and child



care. The IRS publication explaining the variety of education credits alone is 94 pages long. How about child care expenses? That publication is a "quick read" at only 19 pages. Now consider this: Those two publications cover just two line items on most 1040 forms.

• Volunteer expenses. Rhodes points out that if you are a Scout leader, volunteer in your church or food bank, deliver books to a hospital or meals to seniors, many of your volunteer expenses, including mileage, may be de-

ductible.

• Job-related expenses. Perhaps you're a traveling nurse. Do you wear a uniform? Do you carry protective glasses and a stethoscope for which you're not reimbursed?

Do you have to renew a license or take continuing education courses to maintain a license? Job-related expenses may also be deductible on your tax return.

• Filing status. Married people don't always file jointly. There are many reasons why filing separately might be a good idea and many why it might be a bad one.

Are you paying off student loans? Wondering if you should contribute to a Traditional IRA? Paying alimony? You don't even have to itemize deductions because these items can reduce your income and that reduces your tax bill. All these are questions that can affect the amount of taxes you have to pay—and a wrong answer can cost you money. Hiring a tax professional is a solid investment.

Tax professionals such

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What To Watch For

First, you should know that the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail, text message or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

Here are five more things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a telltale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount it says you owe
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone
- Threaten to bring in police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

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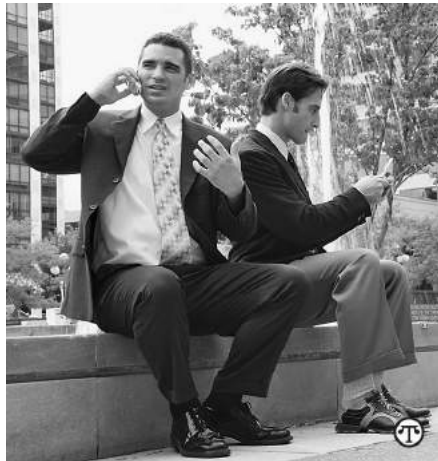
If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov.

You'll be a lot less likely to worry that in fact there was an error on your tax return if you get help from a licensed professional tax

preparer.

For example, enrolled agents (EAs) are America's tax experts. They are the only federally licensed tax practitioners who both specialize in taxation and have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service.

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examination covering individual tax returns, business tax returns, and representation, practice and procedure — or through relevant experience as a former IRS employee.

All candidates are subjected to a rigorous background check conducted by the IRS.

Tax Time Is ID Theft Season

(NAPS)—It's tax time again. The Federal Trade Commission notes that one-third of all ID theft complaints it receives are tax related, three times as large as any other type of ID theft. So tax season is a good time to review your personal financial records and ensure they are accurate and there are no unknown or erroneous data in them.

One record you'll want to review is your credit report. It can alert you to accounts that might have been opened by ID thieves. You are entitled to a free annual copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

"The credit report gives consumers an excellent comprehensive overview of their outstanding credit obligations," says Stuart K. Pratt, president and CEO of the Consumer Data Industry Association. "While the lenders and credit bureaus have a number of sophisticated security protocols in place to inhibit identity theft and fraud, there can still be instances where a criminal with access to your personal information—as in the IRS data breach—can result in a problem. Monitor your

financial relationships. The credit report is one of the easiest and best ways to do that," notes Pratt.

After you get your credit report, make sure all the accounts are yours. If you see one that you don't recognize or an account that has an error, contact the credit bureau. You can also contact the creditor or lender that provided the information to the credit bureau and let them know about the issue.

In a number of situations, information you provide the credit bureau will be sent to the lender. The lender will verify whether the information is correct or not and then the credit bureau will notify you of the results. If there's information that needs to be updated, the credit bureau will do so. If it's a case of identity theft, the credit bureau will work with you to remove the fraudulent information from your file and to place appropriate alerts that can help prevent fraudulent transactions from appearing on your file in the future.

Not all data breaches result in identity theft. But it's always a good practice to be a savvy consumer and check your financial records to make sure that's the case.

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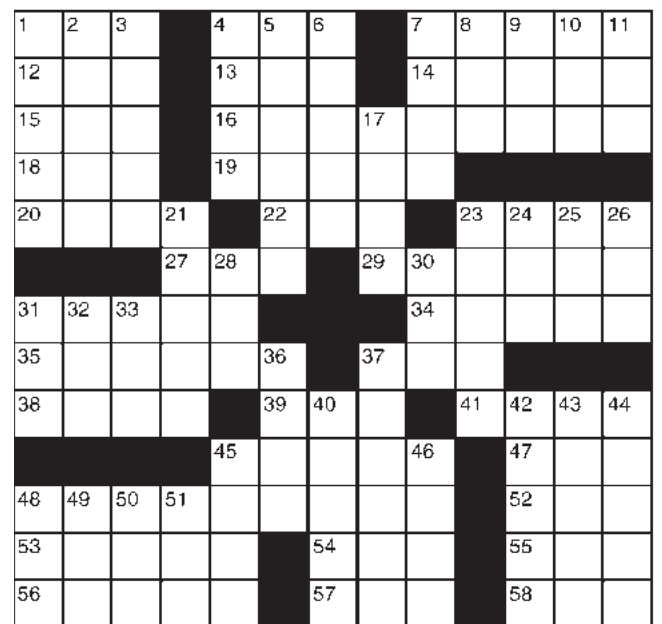
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter to the editor is in regards to a January 24th article in the Sentinel. It is time for a few left out facts. The United Township Fire Association (UFTA) has had a long-standing agreement (67 years) with Fairmont for fire protection. This letter is not directed at the fire department, as our negotiations are with the city of Fairmont (the city), and city staff has made it clear that they are city employees.

A little break-down on equipment that is owned: we don't have just one dusty pumper sitting in the corner, waiting for rural fire calls. Three trucks are UFTA owned, three are 50/50 UFTA and city owned, and the last three trucks are city owned. UFTA pays for all major repairs on our trucks and 50% of expenses on jointly owned trucks. General maintenance, such as oil changes, are covered by the city.

UFTA has also always been willing to donate for additional equipment, such as Jaws of Life, rescue boat, air packs, masks, etc. UFTA also purchased an enclosed trailer with equipment needed for grain bin rescues.

With Fairmont city budget dollars being limited, the last truck purchased in 2013 was financed interest-free by UFTA and the city repaid its share in 2014 and 2015. WE wanted to keep equipment current and the city was unable to do so at that time. Also in 2002, UFTA paid 100% for a jointly owned truck with an agreement that when it needed replacing, the city would do so (we have a letter stating this). So far this has not been done, so the city still owes UFTA for half a new truck.

In our negotiations with the city for a new fire agreement, we have seen at least three different budgets that were not even close to the same dollar amount, and any proposals we have made have been shrugged off with, "it's the city's way or nothing" attitude.

UFTA is not against paying additional fees, we just want it to be fair!

We also hope the new city council is willing to listen to us.

John Garbers,
UFTA board member
Dan Whitman,
East Chain Township
Dan Bebernes,
Rolling Green Township

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 1992

There were three candidates for Fairmont's Young Career Woman of the Year: Pat Schmidtke, Cathie Arens and Connie Miller.

Owen Fellersen of Fairmont won membership in Sunshine Biscuits, Inc. prestigious "President's Sales Excellence Circle." There were 14 winners out of more than 400 eligible candidates consisting of all Sunshine sales representatives. Fellersen had been with Sunshine Biscuits for over 27 years.

The Granada-Huntley-East Chain Cheer Team won second place in the Class C Cheer Division of the 1992 UPA Regional Championship. Team members were Cherie Mosloski, Chrissy Prom, Cathy Crosby, Angela Broviak, Sandy Doolittle, Sarah Drews, Jennifer Hammond, Amanda Holm, Jaime Maday, Tammy Osborn and Jessica Thedens, coached by Jane Gustafson and Stacy Fowler.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 1967

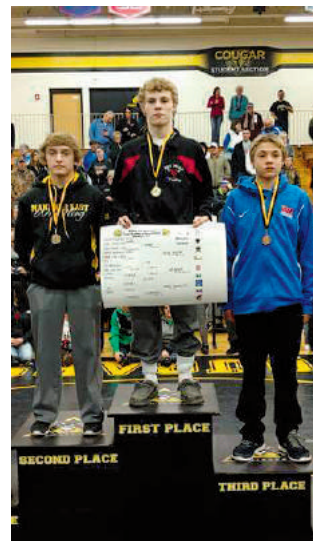
Donald Peterson, high school orchestra director, announced a concert to be given by five of his top violinists, Shelly Clifford, Sue Rich, Debra Elbert, Betty Richards and Barbara Horn.

Fairmont's once-act play cast took first place in Region 2 and were to represent the region in the state contest. The play was "Becket," with a cast of nine.

Dick Mahar, news director of Fairmont's radio station KSUM, was awarded a plaque by the Minnesota Associated Press for the year's best coverage of a single news story in the state. The winner was an account of a drowning of a Fairmont child.

Central Telephone Co. was planning a \$552,500 expansion project in the Fairmont-Sherburn area.

Red Bulls 4th at Mankato East Invite



The Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls took 4th place at the Mankato East Cougar Invite last weekend. Individual champions for the Red Bulls included, at 126 lbs. Zac Ringnell, 106 lbs. Jaxson Rohman and 132 lbs. Payton Anderson. Team scores: LSH 179.5, 2. Worthington 164, 3. Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran 157, 4. Red Bulls 132, 4. Maple River 132, 6. TMB/WWG 121.5, 7. Mankato East 96, 8. Mankato West 94, 9. Austin 80.5. 10. Minnetonka 6.



Ask A Trooper: Passing laws

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: We came upon a line of three cars all going 50 MPH. There was a long stretch of open road for several miles so I passed all three without returning to my lane. My friend questioned the legality. Is it legal to pass more than one vehicle at a time?

Answer: You can pass more than one vehicle on the left as long as it is done in a safe manner. Even though there is no law against passing more than one vehicle at a time, it is not recommended.

If it is safe to pass, make sure the pass is completed in a legal passing zone and that you are able to see and judge the speed of approaching vehicles and vehicles you are passing.

The law says the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall pass to the left at a safe distance and not return to the right side until safely clear of the other vehicle.

In 2009, the Minnesota legislature created a passing exemption providing for an increased speed limit when passing another vehicle. The legislature increased the speed limit by ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit when the

driver:

- Is on a two-lane highway with one lane for each direction of travel.
- Is on a highway with a posted speed limit equal to or greater than 55 miles per hour.
- Is overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction.

Once you have safely passed, you are required to reduce your speed below or at the posted speed limit as soon as possible.

Please use good judgment and ask yourself if passing a vehicle or vehicles is really worth the risk of injury or death in the event of a crash. How much time are you really saving getting to your final destination?

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Bonk named Cross Country Coach of the Year

Fairmont High School Coach Bob Bonk has been named Class A Girls Cross Country Coach of the year by the Minnesota High School Cross Country Coaches Association for the 2016 season. COY recipients are recognized at the fall cross country clinic.



Class A Girls -

Bob Bonk, Fairmont

Bob Bonk led Fairmont to the state championship with a narrow 84-86 win over Perham, their second championship in program history (1988 Class AA). The Cardinals won the Section 2A and finished

runner-up in the Big South conference championship to AA power Marshall.

Fairmont had three runners in the top 15 of the team scoring in Sarah Krumholz, Jenna Pavich, and Iliana Ramon. "This team reached and exceeded all expectations this year. We were so fortunate in that all the top runners remained remarkably healthy and injury free throughout the season. Their work ethic and team attitude was unbelievably great."

Bob completed his 41st season at Fairmont. He earned COY honors in 1985.

Jaguars youth wrestling

Practices for Truman Youth Wrestling have wrapped up for the season. Coaches, parents and kids celebrated a successful season with a party featuring a game of kickball and a pizza party. Coaching the JAGUARS this year were: Head Coach Cameron Ricard, assisted by Carson Ricard and Brady Krosch. We had a very

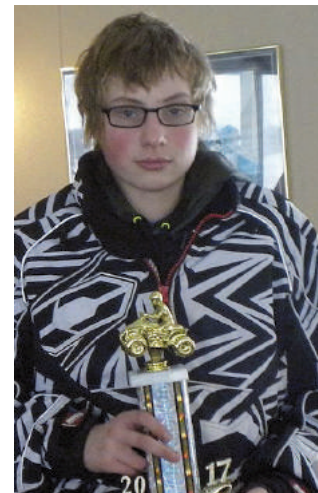
young group but these 3 coaches did a fantastic job with the kids.

If you are interested in signing your child up for Jaguar wrestling next year or would like more information, contact Truman Community Education at 507-327-6917. This program is open to all area youth ages PreK - 6th grade.



Front Row (left to right): Ryan Werner, Blake Werner, Hunter Hoffman, Bladen Ricard, Jayden Shields, Landon Schneider, Jevin Garry. Middle Row: Bowen Sill, Tristan Warner, Griffin Studer, Brahm Sill. Back Row: Coach Cameron Ricard, Coach Carson Ricard, Coach Brady Krosch. Missing: Bennett Dague.

ICEKAHANA CORRECTION - Due to incorrect information furnished to the Photo Press, two of the pictures in last week's article about the Icekahana winners are corrected here.



ATV 0-400cc should read 2nd place Carter Wrucke (1st place Ty Wintheiser was not present for picture).



VINTAGE OPEN should read 2nd place Ryan Johnson (1st place Brady Oberdieck was not present for picture).



Future fastpitch softball star Brylee Miller (right) is pictured getting an autograph from pro Fastpitch pitcher Sarah Pauly recently in Fairmont.



Fairmont Cardinals' Shyiem Thomas signed a Letter of Intent to play football with the Dakota State Trojans. Dakota State University is a public university located in Madison, South Dakota.



DIVING STOP - Waseca's goaltender Erin Volkmer makes a stop on the Cardinals' Macy Militello's diving shot. The Cardinal shut out the Bluejays 3-0 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



ETHAN HURN will be playing baseball for the Rochester Community Technical College Yellow-jackets. Ethan has played both football and baseball during his high school career. He is the son of Dave and Elaine Hurn of rural Granada. Ethan is pictured with ML/GHEC/T baseball coach Scott Chirpich (left) and MLHS Athletic Director Tom Taylor.



LINDSEY MILES will be playing with the Buena Vista University Beavers in Storm Lake, Iowa. Lindsey is a 2017 graduate of Martin Luther High School. In addition to soccer, Lindsey has played basketball and run track. She is a member of the National Honor Society, is on the yearbook staff, plays drums in the band, has performed in several drama productions and served on the student council. She is pictured with her mother Michele Miles of Truman.



HANNA GEISTFELD signed with Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato to play women's basketball. She is a 2017 graduate of Martin Luther High School. A three sports athlete, Hanna plays volleyball, basketball and softball. As a Junior Hanna became the 14th MLHS basketball player to reach her 1,000 basketball career point benchmark. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on the Student Council and is the senior editor for the 2017 yearbook. She is the daughter of Troy and Yolonda Geistfeld of rural Truman. Hanna is pictured GHEC/ML/T coaches Brian Petrowiak and Rick Uttech and her parents Yolonda and Troy Geistfeld.



PUCK CONTROL - Cardinals' Tegan Roskop and New Ulm's Molly Scheid battle for the puck. The Eagles upended the Cardinals 7-0 last Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DOUBLE BLOCK - Cards' #15 Walker Tordsen and Derek Missling team up to block Jackson County Central's Nico Feroni's layup. The Huskies downed the Cardinals 68-40 last Friday night. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



LOOSE BALL - Martin County West's Renae Eckmann drops to her knees to gather in a loose ball between Cardinal defenders Brooke Hunwardsen and Abby DeWitt. The Cards edged the Mavericks 51-50 last Thursday night. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



DOUBLE TEAMED - Mavericks Cheyenne Owens, left and Sierra Williamson double team the Cardinals Taylor Crissinger. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



SLIGHT OF HAND - Cardinals Brooke Hunward-sen gets a hand on the Panther's Erin VanWilgen's dribble as Card teammate #1 Abby DeWitt looks on. New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva downed the Cards 62-49 last Saturday afternoon. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

Ray Rosol Memorial Girls Basketball Tournament - St. John Vianney School

Immanuel Lutheran Lakefield girls basketball team went 3-0 and won the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament for girls held Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at St John Vianney School. Second place went to the St. John Vianney girls basketball team, as they went 2-1.



Immanuel Lutheran Lakefield: Payten Benda, Faith Freking, Kennedy Stammer, Lilah Hubbard, Sarah Matasovsky, Brooke Rossow, Dannika Sajban, Teja Nugent, Kayleigh Nosbusch, Raeanna Rossow. Coach: Melissa Ackermann, Assistant Coach: Josh Ulbricht.



St John Vianney: Abby Cihoski, Kate Busche, Anna Busche, Katie Hartke, Anna Utermarck, Hannah Hodges, Meia Schuett, Hannah Fischer, Saadhvi Prakash. Coach: Kathy Cihoski, Assistant Coach: Lisa Hartke.



St Paul's Lutheran, Truman: Taylor Boesch, Samantha Urban, Mary Alice Bennett, Cami Clow, Avery Sanders, Braelyn Faber, Charis Hunt-Kietzer, Makenzie Weihe. Coach: Brandi Stohs.



St Paul Lutheran, Fairmont: Hannah Bergt, Ashlyn Hanson, Hope Klanderud, Abbey Denton, Cailwyn Jobe, Brianna Petrowiak, Jade Kitzerow, Ashley Engelby, Kate Grogin, Abby Wolter, Bethany Petrowiak, Harley Geistfield, Emily Engelby. Coaches: Chris Engelby and Teresa Kiehl.

Ray Rosol Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament - St. John Vianney

Martin County West basketball team went 3-0 and won the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament for boys held Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at St John Vianney School. Second place went to St John Vianney, as they went 2-1.



Martin County West: Zach Anderson, Caleb Telkamp, Trey Tumbleson, Jamesson Forsberg, Mitch Weber, Kaiden Eytcheson, Raef Omvig, Riley Kascht, Jacob Cronk. Coaches: Trent Tumbleson and Ken Webber.



St John Vianney: Brock Lutterman, Sawyer Waterbury, Nate Soelter, Jorvik Jensen, Mathew Cone, Gabriel Strierner, Isaiah Lockwood, Carter Robasse, Jacob Petrowiak, Hadan Toomer, Hayden Ettesvold, Eric Determan, Dominick Lund, Tyler Kurt, Trevor Maakestad. Coach: Chad Lutterman, Assistant Coach: Jake Robasse.



St Paul Lutheran, Fairmont: Sam Grogin, Oliver Tordsen, Wyatt Luhmann, Brett Williams, Sutton Bohlson, Jamie Mueller, Joshua Mahin, Jonah Hackett, Lance Stevens, Allon Chen, Collin Meyeraan, Jacob Singleton. Coaches: Matt Singleton and Forest Hungerholt.



St Pauls Lutheran, Truman: Jackson Clow, Elliot Flohrs, William Krenz, Jayden Bentz, Zach Ritz, Harmon Schrunk, Martin Krenz, Tyson Meinert, Zach Flohrs. Coach: Rob Schrunk, Assistant Coach: Jeff Flohrs.