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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

FARMLAND AUCTION

OWNER: STENZEL FAMILY

160 Acres +/- in Rome Twp., Faribault County, MN

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Auction to be held at Average Jo's Bar & Grill

115 E 6th St, Blue Earth, MN

*Blizzard Date 2-25-22 @ same time

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Blue Earth, MN: Go 6 miles South on Hwy-169 to 40th Street then 7 miles East to 460th Avenue then 2 miles South. From Buffalo Center, IA: Go 9 miles North on R20 to 20th St then West 1/2 mile.

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 160 Deeded Acres located in the NW 1/4 in Section 34, Township 101 North, Range 26 West, Faribault County, Minnesota.

FARMLAND AUCTION

OWNERS: Roland and Adeline Hartmann
Irrevocable Trust Land Auction

80 Acres +/- in Section 22 of Waverly Twp., Martin Co., MN

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Auction to be held at Knights of Columbus Hall 920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN 56031

Denis Goeser Estate

275.85 Acres +/- in Sections 9 & 15

of St. James Township,

Watsonwan County, MN.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Sale to be held at the St. James American

Legion at 620 1st Ave S, St. James, MN.

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SOLD FARMLAND IN 2021


Date Sold	Acres	Description	Township	County / State	CSR / CPI Rating	Sold Price Per Deeded Acre
12/28	62.43	Bare Farmland	Minneota	Jackson Co., MN	88.9	\$8,874/Acre
12/3	156.86	Bare Farmland	Butterfield	Watsonwan Co., MN	88.4	\$10,812/Acre
12/3	240	Farmland/Recreational	South Branch	Watsonwan Co., MN	91.4	\$7,000/Acre
11/19	120	Bare Farmland	Kimball	Jackson Co., MN	89.6	\$9,537/Acre
11/12	155.99	Bare Farmland	Tenhassen	Martin Co., MN	93	\$12,444 /Acre
11/11	111.98	Bare Farmland	St. James	Watsonwan Co., MN	94.6	\$10,608 /Acre
11/10	194.37	Bare Farmland	Christiania	Jackson Co, MN	90.6	\$7,600 /Acre
11/9	74.51	Bare Farmland	Kiester	Faribault Co, MN	90.6	\$8,772 /Acre
11/8	161.93	Bare Farmland	Heron Lake	Jackson Co., MN	88.5	\$10,400/Acre
11/4	311.99	Bare Farmland	Amboy/Dale	Cottonwood Co, MN	92.8	\$11,400/Acre
10/26	80	Bare Farmland	Butterfield	Watsonwan Co, MN	94.2	13,158 /Acre
10/26	232.96	Bare Farmland	Butterfield	Watsonwan Co, MN	94.6	\$10,455 /Acre
10/26	80	Bare Farmland	Butterfield	Watsonwan Co, MN	91.8	\$9,435 /Acre
10/19	152.85	Bare Farmland	Amboy	Cottonwood Co, MN		\$9,800/Acre
10/14	78	Bare Farmland	Wisconsin	Jackson Co, MN		\$11,220 /Acre
9/17	120	Bare Farmland	Wisconsin	Jackson Co, MN	88	\$9,600 /Acre
9/17	80	Bare Farmland	Wetown	Jackson Co, MN	89	\$9,200 /Acre
9/17	80	Bare Farmland	Wetown	Jackson Co, MN	85	\$7,350 /Acre
9/16	80.6	Bare Farmland	Faribault	Faribault Co, MN		\$9,231 /Acre
9/15	160	Bare Farmland	Spring	Cottonwood Co,		\$9,900 /Acre
9/15	341	Bare Farmland	South	Watsonwan Co,		\$10,600 /Acre
9/14	80	Bare Farmland	Elm C	Martin Co,	86.6	\$8,600 /Acre
9/10	141.17	Bare Farmland	Watsonwan	Watsonwan Co, MN	85.1	\$8,250 /Acre
9/9	129.07	Bare Farmland	Cottonwood	Cottonwood Co, MN	91.1	\$8,650 /Acre
8/24	229.60	Bare Farmland	Pleasant Mound	Blue Earth Co., MN	85.2	\$7,548/Acre
8/16	40	Lakeshore / House / Tillable	Silver Lake	Martin Co, MN	92	\$19,686 /Acre
8/12	240	Farmland / Pasture	Galena	Martin Co, MN	91	\$5,610 /Acre
8/12	80	Farmland / Pasture / Bldg Site	Galena	Martin Co, MN	91.2	\$7,038 /Acre
7/24	80	Bare Farmland	Seely	Faribault Co, MN	89.3	\$9,050 /Acre
7/20	98.6	Bare Farmland	La Crosse	Jackson Co, MN	70.7	\$7,000 /Acre
7/20	103.5	Bare Farmland	La Crosse	Jackson Co, MN	70.2	\$8,700 /Acre
7/19	28	Bare Farmland	Fairmont	Martin Co, MN	87.2	\$7,854 /Acre
7/19	320	Bare Farmland	Round Lake	Jackson Co, MN	89.2	\$12,000 /Acre
7/14	202.61	Bare Farmland	Alba	Jackson Co, MN	86.5	\$10,300 /Acre
7/8	36.36	Bare Farmland	Seely	Faribault Co., MN	92.1	\$8,160 /Acre
6/22	80	Bare Farmland	Ewington	Jackson Co., MN	86.2	\$11,350 /Acre
6/1	53	Bare Farmland	Elm Creek	Martin Co, MN	94.6	\$11,425 /Acre
6/15	240	Bare Farmland	Vesta	Redwood Co, MN	90.5	\$9,200 /Acre
6/10	125.6	Bare Farmland	Fairmont	Martin Co, MN	93.5	\$11,679 /Acre
6/10	163.17	Bare Farmland	Westford	Martin Co, MN	80.2	\$7,600 /Acre
4/16	80	Farmland & Building Site	Christiania	Jackson Co., MN	95.1	\$9,150 / Acre - Site \$105,000
3/15	135.23	Farmland & Development	Lake Hanska	Brown Co, MN	48.3	\$5,800 /Acre
3/11	80	Bare Farmland	Clay	Clay Co, IA	93.1	\$12,600 /Acre
3/5	160	Bare Farmland	Rost	Jackson Co, MN	88.4	\$10,100 /Acre

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DELORES WALSTEAD's 90TH BIRTHDAY is on Sunday, February 27th, 2022. Help her celebrate with a card shower. Cards may be sent to: 1004 440th St., Swea City, Iowa 50590.

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- Monday Night Bingo 7pm
- Kitchen open at 5pm
- Sunday, 4-8pm: Steve Lang & Bob Petrowiack

Marriage License Applications

Emily Rose Nelson and Jacob Randy Carroll


Martin County West Kindergarten Round-Up

Tuesday, March 15
6:30 PM
at Sherburn Elementary

Please arrive at 6:15 PM to turn in paperwork.

This will be the chance to meet the administration, Kindergarten teachers, elementary staff, and tour the building.

Please contact Carolyn Ficken at the Sherburn Elementary office at 507-764-4461 or email carolynficken@mcwmavericks.org to receive paperwork that you will turn in at Kindergarten Round-Up.



Truman Historical Memorials

The Truman Historical Museum gratefully acknowledges the following memorials received 10-1-21 through 12-31-21: gratefully

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4 Under 40 event

You are invited to attend Twin Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America's 4 Under 40 Honoree event in Fairmont on Thursday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. Dinner/Social; 6:00-8:00 p.m. program at Knights of Columbus Hall - 920 E. 10th St, Fairmont, MN

The 2022 event will recognize four young leaders who live or work in Martin County and are under the age of 40. These young people have done amazing things and have great potential for the future. Nominated by the public and selected by business and community leaders, they represent the 2022 class of 4 Under 40 Honorees. Also highlighted at the event will be all that Scouting and Exploring has done and continues to do for youth in Martin County.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Thanks to Fairmont Ford being the Drink Sponsor for the event and providing the first beverage for everyone attending.

To get more information or to register visit: www.twinvalleybsa.org/4under40 or give Jennifer a call at 507-387-0294. Visit our facebook page for regular updates, bios on honorees, and more: www.fb.com/TwinValleyCouncilBSA

Nominations for the 2023 class will be accepted starting March 1.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 1972

The front page of the Photo Press advertised the KSUM&KFMC Sport and Boat Show to be held at both halls of the Fairmont American Legion.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 1997

The Wick Building Systems of Mazomanie, Wisconsin, announced that the firm planned to locate a 100,000 square foot manufacturing plant in the Fairmont-GO Industrial

Twenty-eight participating exhibitors were listed. Admission was free and one feature of the show was an antique fishing lure display.

Betsy Lucas, daughter of Andrew and Mary Lucas was named International Baccalaureate program's Student of the Quarter. She was to attend Duke University next year.

Gary Hoehn of the Martin County National Bank and Jon Gunther of Gunther's Foods, presented checks of \$1,250 as a down payment to assure that the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall would come to Fairmont in August. A total of \$5,000 was needed to be raised to pay for the display, which would be set up in Fairmont's Lincoln Park. Terry Anderson also served on the committee, and he, along with Jon Gunther both served in Vietnam and Jon's brothers Bob and Bill both served during the Vietnam era.

Development Park. A long story in the Photo Press said the company had been searching for a site for six months, and Fairmont officials were excited about the prospects.

Tom Dougherty, Jr. was on the honor roll at St. John's Preparatory School in Collegeville. The school had 213 students.

Billeye Goemann, 16, of rural Fairmont, was named district 4-H speaking champion. She was previously named Martin County champion. She was a member of the Rutland Rustlers 4-H Club, and planned to further her education in preparation for a similar line of life work.

The Fairmont School Board sold one-third of the adjacent old athletic field to Grace Lutheran Church for a parking lot. The other two-thirds was for sale in one piece, hopefully. The ground was located in a choice residential section of the city. The board also announced that the old Lincoln Annex, between 12th and 13th Street on North North Avenue, was to be condemned and probably torn down.

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Obituary Notices



Opal Marie Kittleson, 94,

CEYLON - Opal Marie Kittleson, 94, of Ceylon winged her way to Heaven on Wednesday night, February 9, 2022. Services will be held at Regional Worship Center in Sherburn, MN. On Sunday February 20, at 2:30 p.m. with visitation one hour prior to service. Opal will be laid to rest on Monday, February 21, at Lake Belt Cemetery, rural Ceylon.

Opal Marie Morgan

was born on a stormy night in Washburn Valley, Arkansas, January 19, 1928, to William H. and Alta Kate (McCartney) Morgan. She grew up with three older sisters, Fairy Lorena, Della Mae and Violet Jane, along with younger brother Billy Joe. By the time she was in grade school she was singing with the Morgan Sister Quartet. She helped care for her sisters' children during WWII while their fathers were serving in the military. Opal excelled at school, graduating Valedictorian at the age of 17. She met her husband Ted while visiting her older sister Fairy in Minnesota. They married December 31, 1946. Following their marriage, they farmed in Fox Lake Township, then later in Lake Belt Township.

Opal read the Bible to her children and taught them to sing and live in harmony. She was an avid reader, amassing an extensive library. She was well known for her delicious pies, her lovely crocheted afghans, her doll collection and documenting family

history.

Opal is survived by her husband of 75 years, Ted Kittleson, children Barbara Jo (Gary) Schmidt of Vesta, MN; Robert Henry (Mary) Kittleson of Ceylon; Billye Jane Kruse of Ormsby; Betty Ann (Tom) Egan of Fairmont; BonnieSue Marie Bennett of Coon Rapids, MN; Cindy Bee Nelson of St. James; Bryon Ted (Kristy) Kittleson of Welcome; and Biny Lou (Jim) Claussen of Sherburn; 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. She

was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings and their spouses, sons-in-law David Nelson, Daniel Bennett and Joel T. Kruse; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Opal worked hard and raised a talented, beautiful family, always urging others to 'Try a Little Kindness'. Blessed be her memory.

Cards may be sent to: 143 Linden Drive, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

Memorials may go to Civil War Trust Veterans Charities.

Ruby's Pantry returns to Sherburn

Ruby's Pantry/Sherburn distribution will be Monday, February 21st. We are located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn. We are drive through with distribution from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please have room in your car for the number of bundles you will be receiving. The cost is \$22 per bundle. Let us help you stretch your grocery budget. \$22 gets you an abundance of groceries.

Ruby's Pantry is open to everyone with no income guidelines or residential guidelines. All are welcome.

We will have a lady at the beginning of the line collecting money. She will guide you to where to go next and the volunteers will load your car. There is no need for you to get out of your car. You may stay in the car and be nice and warm.

We post a list of food on our facebook page the weekend before the distribution. Check us out on facebook: Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.

BEV Quilters meet Monday

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold their fifth meeting of the 2021-2022 program year on Monday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. Dues of \$5 will be collected from those who have not yet paid. After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell. The program for this meeting will be Lin Hildendorf of Welcome, MN. She will do a trunk show of her quilts displaying her favorite techniques of applique, watercolor piecing and miniatures. All are welcome to come and see Lin's amazing work. Challenge packets for the 2022 EXPO are still available for \$15.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a time to talk with other quilters. The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are welcome. Dues for the 2021-2022 year are \$5. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.

MCW Dollars for Scholars seeks donations

Martin County West Dollars for Scholars is requesting your support to help us provide scholarships to MCW seniors and former graduates. Each year we receive donations from several local businesses and we have some community members that give donations in honor of a family member or friend. We also have some permanent funds that we use the interest only each year.

If you would like to help us provide this important assistance to the graduates of MCW, please send your donations to MCW Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 213, Welcome, MN 56181. These donations are tax deductible and every donation helps. Also, keep our DFS chapter in mind when doing your estate planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Schwager at 507-236-5213 or Nate Janssen at 507-236-8729.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ

is offering another free drive through community meal on Wednesday, February 23rd. Serving is from 5:30 p.m. until the food is gone. The menu includes tater tot hot dish, fruit, bars and water. This meal is sponsored by the Fairmont Rotary Club and is made possible by a generous donation given in memory of Greg Ashland.

Bean bag throwers and card players

are welcome to gather at the Truman Community Building starting Wednesday, February 23rd at 1:30 p.m. Bring a snack and drinks of your choice. For more information, call 507-822-6181.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Fairmont Elementary School will hold a kindergarten round-up at the Fairmont Elementary School on Tuesday, March 1st. Hours are 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Health and safety protocols will be followed.

Kindergarten online registration is now available on the school website. Online registration can be completed before the round-up or the computer lab will be open that night for registration use.

New families: To register, access Fairmont Area Schools at Fairmont.k12.mn.us. Click Fairmont Area Schools and then New Student Enrollment. A working email is required for registering your child.

Current Discovery Place Preschool families: You do not register as a New Student. Long onto Skyward, select your child's name and fill out online Kinderprep and Kindergarten Registration.

Kinder Prep dates are Monday through Friday, July 18-22. A certified copy of the birth certificate and immunizations are required before your student can attend school in the fall.



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DEATH notices

February 9 - Opal M. Kittleson, 94, Ceylon. Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 10 - Roderick L. Hager, 91, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

February 10 - Arlene M. Janzen, 94, Trimont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

February 7 - Randy V. Childers 73, Fairmont.

February 8 - Cynthia J. Menssen, 67, Sherburn.

February 9 - Robert (Bob) Barke, 92, Fairmont.

February 9 - Oliver Williams, Jr., 58, Trimont.

February 12 - Kenneth E. Ebeling, 75, Graettinger, Iowa (formerly of Trimont).

February 14 - Orville J. White, 83, Truman.



KNIGHTS4LIFE - The Martin Luther High School, Northrop, Knights4Life group participated in the March for Life at the Minnesota State Capitol. Front l-r: Ashley Engelby, Kambria Steinhaus, Emily Engelby. 2nd row: Ryan Singleton, Josie Clow, Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Emma Sailor, Mary Bennett. Back: Josiah Brakenhoff, Lance Stevens, Jake Singleton, Carter Sailor, Jacob Taylor. During Sanctity of Human Life Week the students conducted a Prayer Walk. This was an all-school event in which students prayed at ten stations focusing on people in all stages of life who are struggling. The Knights4Life Group also led a chapel on Life and provided cookies that they baked for the entire student body.

New to Medicare Virtual Class

Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can seem overwhelming. This class is for people who will be new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Topics will include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare, including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During the class you will learn the Medicare enrollment details, how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the Medicare.gov site.

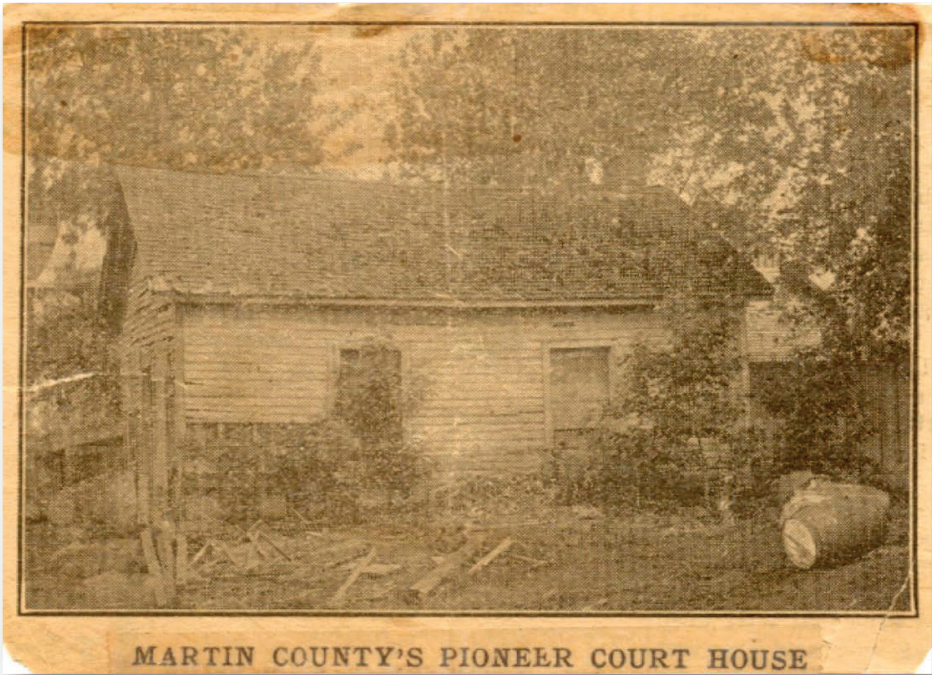
Please visit: <https://bit.ly/3L9TRNz> to sign up for the class, as space is limited.

WHAT: New to Medicare Virtual Class

WHEN: Thursday, February 24 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am

WHERE: Online Virtual Class

The Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's local area agencies on aging. It is the state's federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit www.MinnesotaHelp.info to chat with a specialist during business hours.



“Honest” Sam Hackett. . . Really!

Honesty and integrity are two character traits that are undeniably important where public trust is concerned. When we think of county employees, especially someone being the county treasurer, we most likely assume honesty and integrity to align with that position. However, there seems to be an instance contradicting that in the lengthy history of Martin County treasurers.

Sam Hackett, Martin County treasurer from 1876 to 1879, was thought to be so honest that he was often referred to as “Honest” Sam Hackett. He was considered by most as a person of integrity, a person perceived to have an “outstanding reputation for honesty.”

However, in September of 1879, a routine audit of the Martin County treasurer’s books exposed some serious discrepancies. It appeared that the county treasurer, Sam Hackett, had been embezzling county funds since he took office in 1876.

What could have prompted this so called upstanding citizen to embezzle from the county treasury? There were some rather bazaar findings from the initial discovery of his crime up to and including what he suggested as a resolution to the problem.

It was discovered that “Honest” Sam Hackett had some disconcerting investments by way of the county treasury funds. He not only built a hotel in Sherburn with county funds, but he also invested county funds in his own store that was a mercantile business in Fairmont. But even more bazaar than that, his proposition to resolve the shortfall and pay the money back was, to say the least, mind boggling.

When he met with the county board regarding his embezzlement of county funds, Hackett appeared embarrassed and sorrowful and thereby proposed a solution to the problem. His suggestion was that if he were allowed to go back east, he could raise the money among his relatives and pay the money back. Appearing sincere, the county board allowed this to happen and appointed F. S. Livermore to be in charge of the treasurer’s office. “Honest” Sam’s bondsmen put up the money for his trip back east.

However, “Honest” Sam never came back. Now, the county was “on the hook” for what “Honest” Sam had embezzled and the bondsmen for the cost of his trip back east. Hackett had turned his property over to the bondsmen, although it was heavily mortgaged. The bondsmen were comprised of some well-known Martin County individuals including William Budd, William Bird, C. H. Bullard, among others. Although at first reluctant to reimburse the county, the bondsman finally reached a compromised settlement following the threat of legal action by the county.

You might think that this would be the end of the saga of “Honest” Sam Hackett. However, it appears he had a number of sympathizers. A story in the May 3rd, 1889, edition of the Martin County Sentinel entitled “Sam Hackett Still on Deck” stated the following: “Poor old Sam Hackett, one of the pioneers of Martin County and for a long time one of its honored and trusted citizens and officials, is located in Worthington, Minn, where with his three sons he has the contract for putting up

a \$30,000 school house. For the past ten years Sam has been a fugitive from Justice.”

The story goes on to tell of his “clandestine” visits to Fairmont where he didn’t want to show his face. It concluded with a lengthy paragraph stating that few believe he was naturally dishonest and that his unfortunate mercantile business contributed to his “error in judgement” involving embezzlement. It goes on to say that people have long ago forgiven him and that a petition signed by nearly all citizens was presented to Judge Severance asking him to dismiss the indictment. However, that request was denied. The story closes by saying, “With all his faults Sam’s old friends in Martin County still have a warm place in their hearts for him and wish him none but good luck.”

It’s been said that crime doesn’t pay. One might then wonder if, with the passage of time, forgiveness is inevitable. That appeared to be the case for the former Martin County treasurer who was once called “Honest” Sam Hackett, then “Slippery” Sam Hackett, and finally someone who has a “warm place” in the hearts of those that once knew him. That seems to be quite an evolution of character for a man that Al Ward once offered a reward of \$50.00 for his arrest and delivery to the Martin County sheriff.

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

“Honest” Sam Hackett served as Martin County Treasurer during the time of the 1st courthouse, picture included.



GRAHAM POWERSPORTS is a new addition to the Graham Tire Operations of Fairmont. With the exponential growth of these specialty machines over the past decade in the areas of recreational, agricultural and commercial uses, many customers were having to travel well outside the area for routine service and repairs. Brad Cone, the manager of Graham Tire, established a parts and apparel agreement with Western Power Sports, an industry leader, to provide access to top quality parts and clothing for all seasons. Brad recently added Doug Smith to the Graham Tire Team, to focus mostly on the Powersports Shop, and deliver service and solutions to the growing community of Powersports.

Upcoming Martin Luther events

- 2022-2023 school year enrollment is now open for students in grades 9-12 at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. Students can learn in a place where Christ is the focus and excellence is the standard. MLHS offers a complete high school education in a safe, family-like environment where every student is valued. Interested students and parents are invited to come see what a difference Jesus in the classroom--everyday makes in the lives of teens. All students are welcome at MLHS. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com
- All 5th and 6th Graders are invited to Martin Luther High School, Northrop for a day of Brain Busting Activities and the MLHS's Got Talent Show on Friday, February

- 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free Subway lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to 507-436-5249.
- The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Class of 2022 will be hosting a Waffle Feed on Sunday, February 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will help fund their Class Trip.
- The Martin Luther High School, Northrop, Post Prom Committee is holding a Drive-Thru Chili Sale with pick up on Sunday, March 13th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 for a 32 oz. container. Please pre-order by Tuesday, March 8th at 507-436-5249 or through a committee member.
- The Freshmen Class of Martin Luther High School, Northrop invites all 8th grade students

- and their families to a "Getting to Know You KNIGHT" on Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. A free supper of pulled pork sandwiches and sides will be served. Students and parents will provide tours and answer questions. New students enrolling that evening will have a "Signing with MLHS" Ceremony and photo-op. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com
- The Martin Luther High School Association Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.
- The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on March 31, April 1 and 2.

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Naturally

By Al Batt

“Dead skunk in the middle of the road. And it’s stinkin’ to high heaven.”

Loudon Wainwright III crooned that love song. The first dead skunk I saw on the road near the end of my driveway this year was on February 10. Settled into its winter home, the striped skunk becomes dormant but doesn’t enter a full state of hibernation. It goes into torpor—a deep sleep from which it awakes occasionally. As the season changes from winter to spring, skunks emerge to seek mates and sometimes get in harm’s way as the one did on the road at the end of my drive. Striped skunks are a polygamous species and a male takes multiple mates from late February through April. The scientific name for the striped skunk is *Mephitis mephitis*, meaning “bad odor” or “noxious vapor.” The word “skunk” comes from an Algonquin word.

I heard woodpeckers drumming. I typically hear them beginning in mid-January and regularly in February. They drum most frequently in the morning. Drumming rates are highest before nesting, lower during nesting and increase after the young fledge. Both sexes drum. Drumming is a response to longer day length and helps establish and

maintain breeding territory, attracts a mate, maintains contact and strengthens pair bonds.

I have a heated dog dish that sits on a stand. It has an armored electrical cord to keep animals from gnawing on it. It works well as a bird waterer. When cleaning the dish, I discovered a mouse had entered through the hole for the cord and built a nest under the dish. It had an apartment with a heated ceiling and the rent was reasonable. It didn’t have to break out the long underwear.

I’m noticing more yellow on the bills of starlings. A starling’s bill is dark in winter, but begins turning yellow as the breeding season nears.

Q&A



This Mallard drake has recurved black central tail feathers, which give him the curly-tailed look he seeks. The only way to stop it from curling is by taking away its little broom. Photo by Al Batt

“What kind of mixed seed should I put in my bird feeder?” None. I don’t use seed mixes in a feeder. Too much goes uneaten, clogs the feeder or falls to the ground. I use single ingredients in a feeder and like black oil sunflower seeds the best. I also feed nyjer seeds for the finches. Occasionally, I put millet on the ground when

there are large numbers of native sparrows (which includes juncos) around. I offer suet and peanuts, and some folks feed safflower seeds to lessen squirrel activity at the feeders. I enjoy providing room service to the birds at my feeders. Busy feeders mean I’ve gotten many referrals. Feeding birds provides a positive therapeutic effect on those who feed their avian amigos. I know it makes me happy. Watching birds is one of the greatest shows on earth.

“Last year, I watched a male cardinal feeding a grosbeak. Why was it doing that? And do cardinals mate for life?” He wanted to offer you a photo opportunity. Male cardinals occasionally

threat of not feeding one of your hungry chicks is greater than the risk of feeding someone else’s. A brown-headed cowbird will lay an egg in a cardinal’s nest and the cardinal will raise the cowbird as its own. I’ve watched a male cardinal fly down to the edge of a pond and feed koi. Cardinals don’t mate for life and new pairs form during the breeding season, although some cardinals remain paired on the breeding territory all year and others get amicable divorces.

“Why doesn’t a duck’s quack echo?” A quack can be a fading sound, with a gradual decay, making it difficult to tell the difference between the quack and the echo, but a duck’s quack echoes.

“Do opossums carry rabies?” Any mammal can get rabies, but it’s extremely rare for an opossum to contract the viral disease. It’s believed that the low body temperature of an opossum inhibits the virus and makes it difficult for it to survive.

“When does the sap run?” Maple sap runs best when daytime temperatures are in the high 30s to mid-40s and overnight temperatures are below freezing. In Minnesota, sap usually runs from March 15 to April 20, but the dates can vary. Sap is converted to syrup by boiling, taking 40 gallons of sap on average to produce one gallon of maple syrup.

Thanks for stopping by “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”—G.K. Chesterton.

“An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.”—Henry David Thoreau.

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GRADE 6:
High Honors
Lauren Bettin
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Ingrid Edman
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2021-2022 Quarter
Two Honor Roll
High Honors with Distinction
(GPA of 3.5 or better with all “A’s”)
Jackson Luhmann (Grade 8)
Madison Sokoloski (Grade 8)
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Hailey Simpson (Grade 6)
Lili Wiens (Grade 6)

Cedar Bohlsen (Grade 7)
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Owen Blaufuss (Grade 8)
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9TH GRADE: Dominick Lund-May, Samantha Thatcher, Oliver Thedens

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First semester, Honor Roll, 3.00-3.499 GPA

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Protect your financial information online

If you're an investor, you probably enjoy the convenience of managing your accounts online. But you'll also want to make sure that you're not making it convenient for hackers, "phishers" and others with bad intentions to gain the same access.

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to protect your privacy. Here are a few suggestions offered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission:

- **Use a strong password or passphrase.** You'll want to pick a password that would be virtually impossible for anyone to guess, employing capital and lower-

case letters, plus symbols and numbers. Of course, you'll want to record the password in a secure place so you won't forget it. Instead of using a password, you may have the option of choosing a passphrase, which contains a series of words strung together. You'll want to avoid phrases taken from popular culture or that are otherwise commonly used. And it's also a good idea not to use phrases containing your name, birthday or other personal identifiers.

- **Use two-step authentication.** If your investment company offers two-step, or multifactor, authenti-

cation, you'll want to take advantage of it, since it's a good security tool. When using two-step authentication, you'll need to add an additional factor - such as your best friend from grade school or the model of the first car you owned, and so on - to your username and password. And when you log in to your account from an unrecognized computer, your investment firm may send you a code via text message or email, which you'll need to enter to open your accounts.

- **Activate your account alerts.** When you turn on your account alerts, you'll

receive text messages or emails notifying you of certain activities, such as account logins, failed account login attempts, personal information changes, money transfers, adding or deleting of external financial accounts, and more. These alerts can help you monitor your accounts for fraud and verify your own moves, as well.

- **Avoid using public computers to access investment accounts.** If you're at a hotel or library, try to avoid the temptation to use the computer to check in on your investments. But if you do use a public computer, at least take proper precautions. For starters, don't leave data on a screen and walk away, even for a moment. And when you're finished with the computer, log out of your account to end the online session. You may also want to change any password you used.

- **Ignore suspicious links.** Be suspicious of emails or text messages containing links claiming to be connected to your investment accounts. These links could take you to websites designed to solicit sensitive account information, which could then be used for financial or identity theft. Even if the link seems to be coming from a business you know, you'll want to be quite cautious - experienced "phishers" can now create websites or online documents that look real. And keep in mind that legitimate investment firms will not ask you to divulge personal information without going through the password or two-step authentication protocols already described.

The ability to connect with your investment accounts online can be extremely useful to you - and you'll feel more comfortable about these in-

teractions if you know you've done all you can to safeguard your information.

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"Skinny Jeans"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



I was installing the oak trim boards in my house. I purchased unfinished wood, so each board and trim stick had to be clear-coated with the polyurethane finish – hand-sanded between layers.

Each day, I'd calculate the amount of wood I would need for the next day and make sure I had plenty of boards finished, dried, and ready to go to avoid a work stoppage.

After midnight Monday morning, I finished applying the second coat of varnish on the trim boards I would need for the day's work. Then, I cleaned up my brushes and headed for the shower.

Before getting in the shower, I decided to go ahead and toss my work clothes in the washer so I would have clean clothes to wear. I don't wash my work clothes with any other regular laundry.

I lifted the lid on the washer to make sure it was empty. Then, I set the dial to the "regular" cycle and pulled the knob. Water began flowing into the wash-tub. I added a small amount of liquid detergent to the water

then removed my t-shirt and jeans, tossing them in with the rest of the work clothes. "I might as well wash my socks too," I said.

Standing barefoot on the concrete basement floor, wearing only my boxer shorts, I shivered. "It's chilly down here." I tossed the socks in with the load, closed the lid, and went upstairs.

Sunday had been a long day. I worked late. I was cold, tired, and my body hurt. So, the shower felt especially good. After I washed up, I decided to stay in the shower longer. I stood under the stream of hot water, letting it soothe my aches and pains. Besides, I had to wait on the washing machine.

I shut off the water, toweled off, and put on clean pajamas. I had every intention of staying awake long enough to put my clothes in the dryer, but that didn't happen. While sitting on the couch, listening for the washer to complete its cycle, I fell asleep.

A few minutes after waking in the morning, I remembered my wet clothes were still in the washer, and I

had no other clean work jeans to wear. "Dang! Not having work clothes is going to throw my whole day off schedule."

I had to first coat the wood I needed for Tuesday to be dry and ready for sanding and the second coat in the evening. I wasn't going to chance getting varnish on a pair of good jeans, and varnishing boards in boxer shorts just didn't seem right! "What if a neighbor comes knocking on my door? What would the dog think?"

My dog June followed me down the steps. "If I can remodel an entire house alone, I should certainly be capable of handling a simple load of laundry on my own, right?"

Although I spoke rhetorically, June answered anyway. "Apparently not." Smart-aleck dog!

Surrendering to the notion that I was just going to be behind schedule, I put my clothes in the dryer then went upstairs to have breakfast while they tumbled to dry.

With my right foot on the first step, a light-bulb lit up over my head; I had an idea. I

turned around quickly, nearly tripping over the dog. I walked back to the dryer with June at my heels. I turned the heat setting to high. "That'll make my jeans dry faster." I gave June a rub on the head, "I am a genius."

June gladly accepted my gesture of affection but continued looking on with skepticism. "Are you supposed to do that?"

"Why not? It won't hurt anything." I replied.

June warned, "Mom never uses the high heat setting when she does laundry."

I justified, "Well, mom's not here now, is she?" I could see the doubt in June's eyes. "Look, this will speed the drying process, getting me on the job closer to on schedule." I didn't want to hear any more from the dog.

Changing the subject, I announced, "Hey, this is Monday."

I slipped on my snow boots to take the trash to the curb wearing my pajamas. June ran off to the yard to do her morning business. I grabbed the mail on my way back to the house.

By the time I fed the dog, ate my oatmeal, and brushed my teeth, I heard the dryer's buzzer sound off. So, I hurried downstairs; June followed.

When I bent over and opened the dryer door, a blast of hot, dry air hit me in the face. I reached inside to grab my clothes. "Ouch!" My forearm touched the zipper and metal button on my jeans, and they were hot!

Upstairs, I tossed the clean clothes on the bed to fold later. Next, I took a T-shirt, shook it in the air a few times to cool it down, then put it on. It was still warm and felt good. Next, I grabbed my jeans, putting my left leg in first, then my right leg. I tried to pull them up. "Holy crikey! I must have put a pair of my wife's jeans in the washer with mine. Oh, this could be bad."

I quickly removed the jeans, inspecting up and down the pant legs. "This is not good, not good at all!" I came across numerous dots of dried varnish on the denim fabric. I thought I had ruined a pair of her jeans...until I came upon a leather patch embossed "Wrangle." Confused, I looked the jeans over again. Yep. They were mine.

I put them on again and pulled them up. I struggled with the button. I took a very deep breath and sucked my stomach in as much as I could. I still couldn't fasten the button. "How in the heck do girls wear those skinny jeans?" I tried a trick I had seen women do on

TV shows,

I laid on the bed, getting psyched up, then counted, "One, two, three, GO!" I simultaneously inhaled, arched my back, and sucked in my gut while trying to pull my waistband together. I was so close I couldn't give up. I held my breath, giving one final tug; I managed to fasten the button.

I was afraid to exhale, fearing I would blow the metal button off my jeans. I imagined it would pop off with such force it would shoot right through the newly finished sheetrock ceiling. Trying to avert any damage, I thought, "Hurry Tom, get the zipper up."

June looked on with merciless glee as I wiggled about, tugging on the metal tab to close my fly. Finally, finally, I had fastened my jeans. I laid there for a moment to rest.

When I stood up, I inhaled against my will, gasping. I think I shrieked a little too. "Ay, Yi, Yi!" I'd learned a whole new meaning of the term sung! "How could they be so tight?" I wondered. "They fit perfectly last night."

June was laughing. "Do you suppose this is why Mom never uses the high heat setting?" I gave her a snarling look of disapproval for

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February 19-26, 2022

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Today, more than 735,038 student members aged 12-21 in more than 8,817 chapters nationwide are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities. Students join FFA to explore a variety of careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. They are the next generation of leaders.

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of National FFA Week Feb. 19-26 with these ideas.

SUNDAY: SAE Sunday

Looking for inspiration for your supervised agricultural experience (SAE)? Check out the <https://www.ffa.org/national-ffa-week/> this week for a presentation from a leading ag tech organization. Watch the Tedx-style presentation to learn about new innovations in agriculture — it just might spark an idea for your SAE.

MONDAY: Service and Advocacy Day

FFA members across the country are building and maintaining little free pantries in their communities. You can do the same! Follow the virtual National Days of Service supplemental project guide for a successful little free pantry project.

TUESDAY: Alumni Day

There are nearly 680,000 FFA alumni in 2,600 chapters across the country, each presenting an opportunity to grow your network and share how grateful you are for the support. Plan an alumni networking event or host an alumni dinner to offer your thanks.

WEDNESDAY: Ag Teacher Appreciation Day

Share how an ag teacher or advisor has impacted your life by gathering photos from past and present members to create a photo book of memories. Present it to your ag teacher on Wednesday of FFA Week. Post their reaction on social media using #FFAWeek.

THURSDAY: Give FFA Day

The National FFA Officer Team will be sharing ideas, messages and more for each day of FFA Week. Tune in on Thursday to hear what Give FFA Day means to them.

FRIDAY: Wear Blue Day

Visit [Shop.FFA.org](https://www.ffa.org) early so you can don your FFA colors with pride. No matter if you are bundled up in a hoodie or sporting a light T-shirt, Friday of FFA Week is the day to sport your FFA swag.

To learn more about how to tailor each day to fit your chapter's individual needs, check out the implementation guide at

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Congratulations to Fairmont junior Mia Acosta. for being elected as the 2022-23 Region 7 reporter. Mia will represent approximately 2300 members from 31 different schools for the next year.

Best of luck in this position. We know you have the leadership it takes to make this position and year successful!



We have HUGE news!! Last Friday two more of our CDE teams competed at regionals and are headed to state in April.

Meats Team- 2nd place (A huge thank you to Fareway and Hy-Vee meats counter for allowing our team to practice with your products.)

Tyler Kurt- 2nd high individual, Ben Moeller- 4th high individual, Lincoln Becker- 6th high individual, Carson Pomerence- 7th high individual, Jack Kosbab- 11th high individual. Small Animals Team- 5th place (Special thanks to Christy Stone for getting us most of the tools they will need to identify and use.) Ben Griffin- 6th high individual

We would like to thank each of these member's parents for bringing them to practices, practicing with them at home, supporting them, and pushing them out of their comfort zones. These two groups are a true reflection of what a competitive team can and should look like in our organization. Their dedication did not go unnoticed!

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FFA member of the month. Klay Brown has competed in AG sales and has brought so much joy into the chapter this year. He has had amazing discussions and continues to shower us with wonderful ideas. Klay placed 2nd individually in AG Sales at the regional competition and the team placed 2nd.



Fairmont FFA did it again. We are so proud of these kids! Both teams advanced to state.

Ag sales -Otto N. Jacob W. Klay B. And Gunner W. placed 2nd in the region selling fishing lures! All 4 boys placed in the top 10.

Fish and Wildlife- Daniel C. Katelynn S. Mya M. Hudson L. and Colby L. placed 5th in the region. Hudson was in the top 10 individually.



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MCW Officer Team - The MCW FFA Officer team spends their year in service planning and organizing the events of the chapter. This year's officer team includes: Jacob Fiala, Lauren Borchardt, Tanner Sinn, Isaac Striemer, Kiley Bettin, Kelley Bettin, Zoie Thate and Brock Lange.



During the Forestry CDE, Katie Hartke used a Biltmore stick to complete a timber cruising practicum. She had to calculate the number of board feet in a standing tree.



Throughout the year, FFA members compete in various Career Development Events. These events involve many morning practices outside of school hours to prepare. Riley Ebeling participated in the poultry judging CDE this fall.

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National FFA Week at MCW FFA

By MCW FFA members Kiley Bettin (Chapter Sentinel) and Kelley Bettin (Chapter Reporter)

To celebrate National FFA Week, the Martin County West FFA Chapter has many activities that they will conduct. The chapter will do activities to get the FFA members excited and ready for National FFA Week. To kick off the week, the officers have planned the first-ever FFA Barn Dance. This will be on

Saturday, February 19th at a local farm. The members have been told to bring their boots and flannels to be ready for a night full of line dancing and fun.

The school week festivities will kick off with Ag Olympics for the seventh through twelve graders. For a short period during the day, the members

go into the gym and play games that are loosely related to agriculture. A few games that have been held in previous years are a competitive milk drinking contest from a calf bottle, stick horse racing/obstacle courses, and hay bale tosses.

On Thursday, February 24th, there is a Pancake Breakfast that the

members put on for FFA members and their families, businesses and farmers that have donated to the corn drive and others who have supported the chapter during the year.

Week-long activities include daily song trivia over the loudspeakers at the high school, and an FFA medallion hunt.

The MCW Senior High FFA chapter is almost 100 members strong!

Tanner Sinn, Lauren Borchardt, Brock Lange, Kiley Bettin, Kelley Bettin, Zoie Thate, Jacob Fiala, Isaac Striemer, Harrison Rathman, Ella Meyers, Sway Buchmeier, Kelly Cronk, Lilly Krogman-Gibson,

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MCW Corn Drive - Isaac & Gabriel Striemer were two MCW FFA members that set out for a day in October to collect grain from local farmers. The grain is delivered to local elevators and sold. The money raised is used to support True Friends (formerly Camp Courage) and local service projects that the chapter conducts.



MCW Christmas - Every year, the MCW FFA Chapter carries out a huge community service project called Maverick Christmas. School counselors and social workers work with families in the district that would like extra help with gifts for their families. High school FFA members spend an evening shopping for all of the gifts, and junior high FFA members spend an evening wrapping them. In this picture, a large group of FFA members are shown at Walmart purchasing the gifts.

The MCW Junior High FFA chapter includes:
Carter Tadlock, Hailey Kettner, Claire Paulson, Addy Wohltuter, Emily Schettler, Jocelyn Lange, Jocelyn Schmidtke, Claire Striemer, Billy Arnold,

Courtney Anderson, Hailey Clarke, Avery Geiger, Kaitlyn Faber, Lily Truesdell, Madelyn Carlson, Hannah Cole, Riley Ebeling, Jonah Striemer, Aaliyah Bolstad, Bailey Larson, Sydney Clow, Sydney Borchardt, Ivy Olson.



MCW Fruit Sales - The main fundraiser each year for the MCW FFA chapter is the annual fall fruit sales fundraiser. Members sold a record \$50,000+ worth of fruit this fall.

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State Degrees and Proficiencies
Written By MCW FFA President, Jacob Fiala

FFA includes many different opportunities to expand leadership skills, career readiness, service learning, and a lot of other skills in addition to these. One example that combines all of these skills is attaining a proficiency and/or State FFA degree.

Proficiency awards can be completed by any FFA member that is a freshman through senior in the organization. It is intended for students who have completed a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) and believe they have excelled in one of their SAE's. Nationally, there are about 51 proficiency categories. Common proficiency categories around this area include sheep production, swine production, agricultural mechanics, ag services, and many more. This year, ten students from our chapter completed a proficiency award application, a few of them also completing a state degree. The MCW FFA chapter greatly encourages its members to complete a proficiency award to improve their skills for the future, as well as receive recognition and honor for their accomplishments. In addition to proficiencies, we had an outstanding number of students that received their State FFA degrees, the highest honor in the Minnesota FFA.

State FFA degrees are similar to proficiencies, however there are more requirements for a state degree. State degrees are a combination of all the SAEs a member has completed. In addition, a recipient must have earned at least \$2,500, participated in 10 activities above the chapter level, completed 25 hours of community service, and have demonstrated ten skills that they have improved. It is quite a lengthy process, but most members would agree that the time is well worth it. State degree recipients are made up of mostly seniors, but it is not uncommon for a few juniors to receive their state degree as well. There are five degrees total an FFA member can receive, but there are three that are the most common. Greenhand, chapter, and state degree. After the first two, (excluding discovery degree) the member gets a pin to put on their jacket. Perhaps the most exciting element about receiving the state degree is the gold chain that hangs on the side of the recipient's jacket, signifying that they have received the highest award the Minnesota FFA has to offer. Our FFA chapter has fourteen state degree recipients this year, all of whom will receive this honor at the Minnesota State FFA Convention this April in Minneapolis. We are proud of all of the work our fourteen seniors have put in to earn their state degree.

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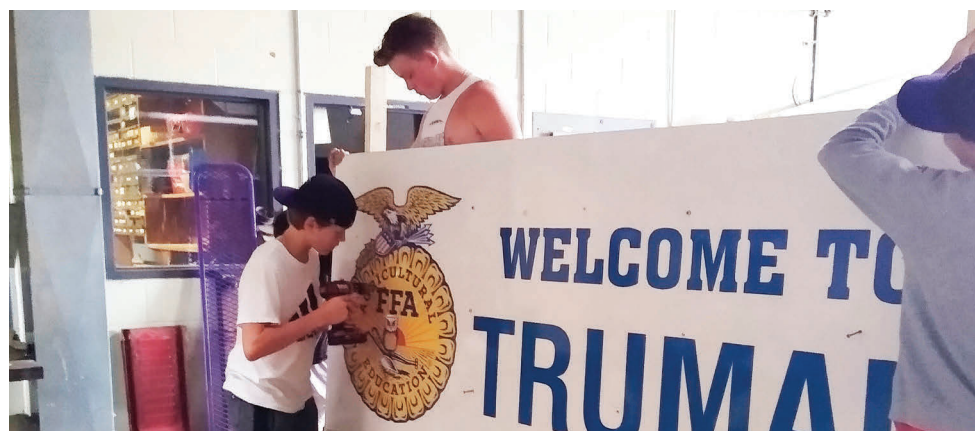
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NATIONAL FFA WEEK

This Year the Truman FFA Chapter has 26 members. Students were able to participate in many more events than they had been allowed to in the last couple of years. Some of the highlights include Baby Animal day last Spring where the elementary students got to come see baby livestock animals, Truman Days Parade over the summer, County Fair. Some activities from this school year include competing in the Region 7 Poultry Contest, and Fall Leadership day at SCC.

For FFA Week this year, the Truman FFA Chapter plans on celebrating by having Dress up days, reading agriculture themed books with Elementary students, our pancake breakfast and Ag Olympics at school.



MCW State Degrees - Around 300 members a year receive the State FFA Degree in Minnesota. MCW has 14 seniors that completed the process to receive their degree later this spring.

Recipients include: Kelly Cronk, Kiley Bettin, Kelley Bettin, Jacob Fiala, Levi Ebeling, Hayden Jahnke, Isaac Striemer, Evan Roben, Zoie Thate, Sway Buchmeier, Ella Meyers and Lauren Borchart.

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What a fantastic week Granda-Huntley-East Chain FFA had last week. We are happy to announce that Ella Nagorske earned the position of Region Treasurer and Anika Jensen earned the position of Region Historian both for Region 7. We are the only school with 2 members on the Region Officer Team.



GHEC FFA members went to South Central College at competed in wildlife, farm business management, and ag sales.



The GHEC officer team went up to New Prague to have our officer retreat! The girls set some goals, planned FFA week, and made some really exciting plans for the rest of the year. They had fun swimming, playing mini golf, and having a fire.

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her "I told you so" attitude.

"Not to worry, my little canine critic. I've got this." Jeans are always a little tight coming out of the dryer. I placed my outstretched leg on the edge of the bed then began reaching for my toes. An exercise regimen of bends and stretches should do the trick. I felt the jeans were loosening up, but not enough.

Maybe some squats. That'll stretch them out! I began the first squat. "Ouch! Ouch!

Ouch!" Another not-so-good idea. Things got pinched that aren't meant to be!

June was laughing even harder. "Why don't you try the splits next? That might help!"

I had had an actual situation on my hands...or should I say, on my legs. To complicate matters, I wasn't sure I could get them off. I was determined to avoid calling 911 and was able to wiggle free.

Using common logic and obvious reasoning, I deduced: "Now, if these jeans got this

tight by drying them on high heat, putting them back in the dryer on "cool down" should reverse the damage.

June looked at me with repeated concern, "Mom never does that when she's doing laundry."

"Well, Mom isn't here right now, is she?"

Another failure. The "cool down" setting didn't help; it just consumed more of my valuable time. I managed to squeeze back into the ill-fitting britches. The thought of trying a different pair of jeans hadn't

even occurred to me. "I guess I'm just going to move a little more cautiously until the denim stretches back out."

While walking down the hallway with a window casing in my hands, I peered through a doorway. June was lying there sprawled out on the bed. "Get down! You know Mom doesn't want you on the bed!"

June didn't even raise her head; she just answered, "Well, Mom isn't here now, is she?" Smart-aleck dog.

I suppose I had been

working for about a half-hour when I finally got some relief. First, the distressed denim gave way while I bent over to pick up some more boards. Then, when I felt the cool breeze, I realized I had ripped out the crotch of my pants.

I couldn't have cared less how ridiculous I looked. It didn't feel too bad, and the jeans seemed to fit better, so I kept working.

Then, I thought, "What if a neighbor comes knocking on my door. What would the dog think? Maybe

I should change my pants." And so, I did. Fortunately, the next pair of jeans went on without such a fight.

Although I didn't get started on my work when I wanted to, it had been an educational morning. First, I learned the importance of proper heat settings. Additionally, I now understand what girls go through putting on those skinny jeans. But I have to say; there is no way a girl can know how a guy feels when he wears those skinny jeans. Yikes!



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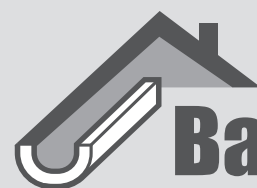
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BLOCKER SAVE – Goalie Hadley Artz block of Abigail Hemauer's shot deflects up and over the goal. Visitation's Anna Tucci and the Cards Mackenzie Householder look on. The Blazers downed the Cards 6-0 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



FACE OFF – Cards Isabella Larson and Visitation's Gracia Munoz prepare for a face-off last Tuesday night. The #5-seeded Cards upset #4-seeded Windom 2-1 at Windom Thursday night on the strength of Mackenzie Householder's two goals. #1-seeded New Ulm ended the Cards season at New Ulm Saturday with a 5-0 victory. The Cards end their season with a 8-14-2 record. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



NEAR GOAL – Cards Nate Rakness goal attempt was waved off when it was determined Luverne's goalie Steven Adams inadvertently knocked the net loose. Luverne defeated the Cards 6-4 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



TIED UP - Cardinals #22 Hank Artz and Alexander Moeller try to clear the puck away from a Luverne defender. The Cardinals host Waseca Thursday at the Martin County Arena. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



WHO'S OPEN – Cardinals Grace Pendergast looks for an open teammate while guarded by St. Peter's Emmy Remmert. The Saints stopped the Cards nine game winning streak with a 50-41 win last Friday night. The Class 2AAA Saints (20-4) also stopped the Class 3AA Cards (19-4) eight game winning streak earlier this year at St. Peter. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BASELINE DEFENSE – St. Peter's Lily Ruffin closely guards the Cards Cadee Becker. The Cards are on the road to Albert Lea on Thursday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



ABOVE: HOCKEY DONATION – Hawkins Chevrolet of Fairmont General Manager Steve Hawkins presented a \$500 check to Fairmont Hockey Association's president Tieg Arens at last Tuesday's Cards vs Luverne game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

RIGHT: CENTURY MARK – Fairmont Cardinals Eli Anderson went over the career 100 points mark with a goal and assist in the Luverne game last Tuesday night and a goal and two assists in the Cards 11-4 win over Winona Cotter last Saturday. *Submitted photo*



Bulls Run Past Trojans and Eagles

The Class AA #8-ranked Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls defeated Section 2AA foes Worthington, 61-12 and New Ulm 38-19 last Thursday in Fairmont.

Both the Trojans and Eagles took early leads in the triangular winning their first two matches. At 120lb, Rylan Cutler stopped the runs with 3-1 and a 2-1 decisions. The second decision was over the Eagles' #8-ranked Parker Kamm. Class AA #3-ranked Jesse Potts, then followed with a pin and a major 10-2 decision. The Red Bulls collected 4 pins by Cooper Steuber, Class AA 145 #6-ranked Kain Sanders, Carver Rohman, and Gage Cyphers to put the Worthington match away.

Sanders 17-5 major decision, Aden Welcome's 9-1 major decision and

Carver Rohman's 23-8 tech fall regained the lead 30-13 over the Eagles. The Red Bulls only pin of the match by 195lb Wyatt Williamson sealed the victory over New Ulm.

The Red Bulls (23-1), the #1 seed, will host the first rounds of South Section 3AA Team Meet this Thursday and Saturday in Fairmont. Thursday, the Red Bulls will take on the winner of #4 seed Worthington vs #5 seed Windom. The winner will wrestle the winner of #2 seed Marshall vs #3 seed New Ulm vs #5 seed Redwood Valley winner.

Saturday the Section North/South winners will meet for the championship. North Section seeds include: #1 Hutchinson, #2 United, #3 MAHACA, #4 New London-Spicer, #5 Quad County.



REF'S DECISION – Class AA 145lb #6-ranked Red Bulls Kain Sanders recorded a pin vs Worthington's Moo Bleh in the 61-12 win. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



RIDING TIME – Red Bulls Aden Welcome was in control of his match with a 9-1 major decision win over Worthington's Chase Byrne. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DOUBLE ARM BAR – Red Bulls Class AA #3-ranked Jesse Potts scored back points which led to a 10-2 major decision over New Ulm's Logan Le. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



NEAR FALL – Red Bulls Riley Allen's pin hold was stopped as New Ulm's Ty Frederick edged his way out of the circle. Allen defeated Frederick 10-5. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CHAMPS - Fairmont 7th Grade Girls basketball team won the “Year End Championship Tournament” at St. James. Front, L-R Leamonie Wilson, Abbie Simpson, Makenna Fischer, Kylee Desjarlais. Back, L-R Coach Shoen, Sanjna Venigalla, Leila Caballero, Emelia Klanderud, Katherine Zelaya. *Submitted photo*



1ST PLACE - Emelia Klanderud and Katherine Zelaya with Fairmont Girls 7th grade basketball team’s championship trophy. *Submitted photo*



TRIPLE “A” AWARD WINNERS – Fairmont Triple ‘A’ Award seniors Hudson Artz and Briana Joseph were honored at last Tuesday’s Cardinal hockey games. The Triple ‘A’ Award, honors high school seniors throughout the state who have a 3.0 or higher-grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. Two award finishers from each region (one boy and one girl) will be invited to a recognition banquet in March and League officials will announce the four statewide Triple ‘A’ Award winners at that time. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Fairmont Youth Hockey

The Carlson Dental Bantam hockey team hosted Marshall in the final regular scheduled season game last Saturday and defeated them 9-4. Gavin Kester scored 22 seconds in the 1st period

with an unassisted goal. Klay Beemer had a goal from the blue line with an assist from Eric Determan. Tyler Kurt added 2 goals, both assisted from Determan from Beemer. Determan added 4 goals

with 2 assists coming from Kurt, and 1 from Kester and 1 unassisted. Caleb Meyer added an assisted goal from Kester. Determan earned a Hat Trick and Playmaker awards. Goalie Brandon Hector had 55 saves. The

Bantams start District 4 tournament games this Saturday in Worthington. **Fairmont Squirt B 10 Redwood Valley 2** Scoring for Fairmont Hogan Artz 2 goals, Ryder Thate 3 goals, 5 as-

sists, Eli Meixell 2 goals, Colton Schroeder 1 goal, Bennett Draper 1 goal, Logan Droegemueller 1 goal. Penalties: Bennett Draper highsticking. Emmett Olson body checking. 5 saves for goalie Van Kollofski.

Fairmont Squirt B 7, New Ulm/Sleepy Eye 5 Scoring for Fairmont Ryder Thate - 4 goals, 1 assist, Van Kollofski - 3 goals, 1 assist, Kane Wohlhuter - 1 goal, 1 assist. Penalties: Logan Droegemueller

Fairmont Dance Team Showcase

The Fairmont Dance Team performed all of this year’s routines on Monday night. The Showcase included the Senior Spotlight Dance, Father Daughter Dance, JV Jazz, Christmas, Varsity Kick, Dance Clinic Dance and a surprise performance by the girls vasily basketball team.

After the routines Captain awards and Coaches awards were presented. Visit the Fairmont Sports and Gemini Studios Facebook pages for a link to the Showcase. The Fairmont Dance Team members included eleven seniors - Cadence Breitbarth, Samantha Castro, Jasmine Hansen-captain,

Olivia Haugen, Bailey Jahnke, Briana Joseph, Gwen Kallemeyn, Grace Klunder, Tori Nava, Kinze Stradtman - captain, Libby Totzke - captain. Other team members: Alyvia Anderson, Sydney Blomster, Simone Castro, Kate Grogin, Paige Hainy, Anika Haugen, Emma Hilgen-dorf, Cadence Leiding,

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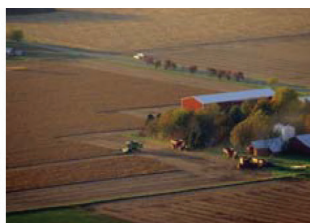
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