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Naturally By Al Batt

irds are meant to invoke awe and wonder. A love of birds is a reason to go outside. I'm constantly amazed as I watch birds trying to make a living. No bird carries a wallet or a purse. They survive without a credit card. It was -19° and the house

sparrows were chirping merrily. It invigorated this listener. When I was a lad, hawks were called chicken hawks, including the beautiful redtailed hawk. I ate more chickens than any redtailed hawk ever did. The hawk's diet varies with availability, season and location, but mammals such as voles, mice, rats, rabbits and ground squirrels are major prey items. Tree squirrels and chipmunks are less important prey to this hawk, which is generally brown above and whit-

ish below. I watched a strange cat sneak through the yard at -19° with a windchill I didn't want to know. Cats want to be outdoors. Humans want

to use hard drugs, eat too much and drive too fast. Being outdoors is as bad for a cat as those other things are for us.

I saw an American kestrel on a utility wire. The mourning dovesized bird had slate-blue wings that identified it as a male. The female's wings are rusty. A kestrel often bobs its tail while perched.

The news had a couple of odd nature-related things. A call to save an injured goose on the Raisin River in Detroit caused a fire rescue crew to suit up and crawl onto the treacherous ice. Once close, they discovered the goose was a decoy. Officials considered it an unexpected training session.

Gray squirrels are an invasive species in the UK and the government there is trying to lure the squirrels into feeding boxes with small pots containing hazelnut spread spiked with an oral contraceptive. Prince Charles played a key role in setting up the UK Squirrel Accord, which aims to manage the negative impacts of invasive gray squirrels in the UK.

I watched the fox squirrels in my yard. They survive our cantankerous winters because they keep working at it. Q&A

"What does beaver scat look like?" Beaver scat isn't often seen because beavers typically defecate in the water.

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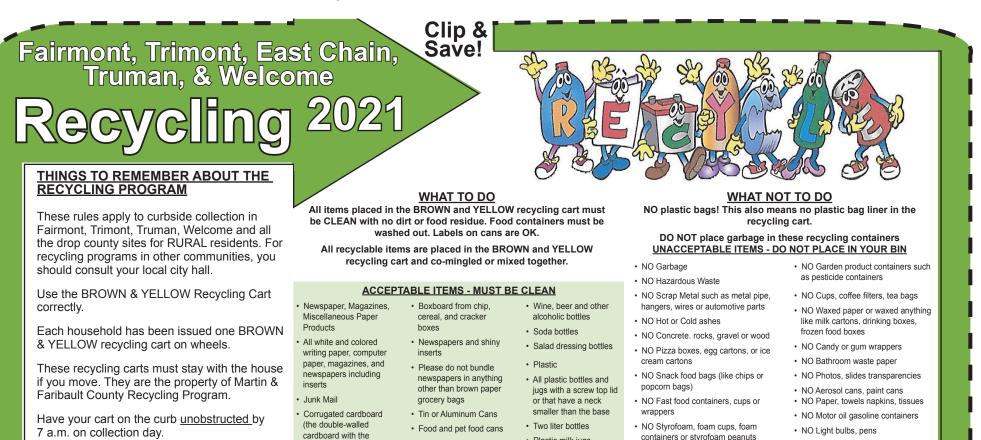


A fox squirrel hard at work making a living during the winter. Photo by Al Batt

Beaver scat is predominantly wood material. Their feces disintegrate quickly in water because they're mostly wood pulp in either a round or elongated pellet up to an inch in diameter. The scat resembles wood

chips or sawdust glued together and is usually a light brown to tan color. The Beaver Institute says the preferred tree species of beavers include

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The curbside recycling pick-up schedule is available from Hometown Sanitation, 507-235-5665. In Trimont, Truman and Welcome printed schedules are available at your city hall. Schedules are also available on Hometown's Sanitation's website www.hometownsan.com

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Newspaper, Magazines, Miscellaneous Paper Products	 Boxboard from chip, cereal, and cracker boxes 	
All white and colored writing paper, computer	 Newspapers and shiny inserts 	
paper, magazines, and newspapers including inserts	 Please do not bundle newspapers in anything other than brown paper 	
Junk Mail	grocery bags	
Corrugated cardboard	Tin or Aluminum Cans	
(the double-walled	 Food and pet food cans 	
cardboard with the wiggly center) (Flatten	Soda and beer cans	

Plastic milk jugs

· Yogurt Containers

- NO Drinking glasses

NO Bubble wrap

Drop sites in the county are for **RURAL** Residents, not city residents and/or business. DO NOT leave garbage at these drop-sites!!

There is no curbside collection on the 5th week of any month.

Pick-Up during major holiday weeks (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day) is delayed one day.

kes before putting in Clean aluminum foil and cart) aluminum foil pans

Catalogs

- Phone Books Glass
- Magazines including · Clear, green, brown or Reader's Digest blue food or beverage container glass
 - Proper Curbside Placement of Cart on Recycling Day
- · Use the BROWN and YELLOW recycling carts; the yellow barrels from the former recycling program will no longer be an acceptable recycling collection device. They will NOT be emptied.
- · Make sure that the front of the cart faces the street.
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- · Please don't load your cart with more than 100 lbs
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- NO Plastic wrap or dry cleaning bags
- NO Softener's Salt bags
- · NO Milk bags
- NO String, twine, cotton balls
- NO Paper, towels napkins, tissues
- NO Baby diapers

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If you have any questions about routes or collections call: Hometown Sanitation, 235-5665 or 1-877-545-4877

- NO Window glass, mirrors
- NO Pottery, ceramics
- NO Disposable razors, needles
- NO Toys, dishes, glasses, medicine containers
- · NO Plastic cups, silverware, travs
- NO Toys, dishes, glasses medicine containers
- · NO Dead animals



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AILA SUCKOW was recently presented her Family of God Medal from Father Andrew Beerman of St. John Vianney Catholic Church of Fairmont. Aila learned more about her Catholic Faith while earning this Girl Scout Award. (Submitted photo)

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THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY in Fairmont donated 20 fleece-tied blankets to Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Their hope was to make a difference in people's lives and cheer them up, even if it's as little as giving them a blanket. Back row: Carissa Saxton, Emma Gudahl, Ellie Hernes, Laura Thompson. Middle row: Jaya Johnson, Claire Nemmers, Cadee Becker. Front row: Ellie Schultze, Brooklyn Meyer, Kinze Stradtman, Sami Lenort. Not pictured: Angelica Kerekes. (Submitted photo)

UCC free **Drive-up meal** February 24

Ruby's Pantry rescheduled

First Congregational UCC of Fairmont at 319 Downtown Plaza is offering a Drive-up Free Community Meal on

Ruby's Pantry/Sher-

burn distribution has

been cancelled for Mon-

day the 15th. It has been

rescheduled for Monday

temperatures, we feel

this is the safest for our

volunteers and for those

who come to receive

Due to the very cold

the 22nd.

bundles.

Wednesday, February 24th. Serving is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please drive through the alley for meal pickup.

The menu is a chili dog, cooked carrots, mandarin orange and a bar.

We will serve at our normal time of 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be the same drive through routine. Please have your trunk empty. The volunteers will put your bundle directly into your trunk. No need for you

to get out of your car. Please remember to bring \$20 cash for your bundle. The food is valued at much higher than that amount.

eat play shop



BOMGAARS SUPPLY is proud to announce the 2020 donation for all 94 participating locations for Ladies Night was \$65,861.66. The local Fairmont Bomgaars store has chosen Lutz Cancer **Center at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont** to be the recipient of their donation in the amount of just over of \$570.00. Pictured left to right: Mike Dehrkoop, Store Manager, Fairmont Bomgaars; Brenda Jones, R.N., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Lutz Cancer Center; Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Medical Director. (Submitted photo)

Drive-Thru Meal planned at Fairmont **United Methodist** Church

The community is invited to receive a "Pop-Up" Drive-Thru meal of Taco Mac Casserole, side dish and dessert on Sunday, February 21st beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. Meals will be distributed until gone. A free will offering will be accepted.

The church is located at 119 E. 2nd Street (corner of Park Street and 2nd Street). If you have any questions, please call the church office at 507-235-5579.

Please follow the signs; from Park Street turn onto 2nd Street and drive up the church's ramp (under the canopy) to the front doors. Remain in your vehicle; someone will bring the meals out to your vehicle.

MCYF grants applications open

Grants are now available from the Martin County Youth Foundation. Non-profit groups are eligible for funding that will enrich the lives of our youth. Non-profits

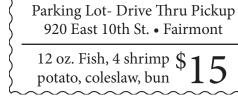
providing educational, cultural. recreational, civic or environmental activities that will provide physical, mental and emotional development for youth are encouraged to apply.

deadline is Grant March 15, 2021. Applications can be submitted via mail or dropped off at Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at 323 East Blue Earth Avenue; Fairmont, MN. For more information, application and contact information, log on to martincountyyouthfoundation.org.

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Obituary Notices

Robert (Bob) Barke, 92 Robert (Bob) Barke

passed away February 9th, 2021 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, MN.

Born on October 20th, 1928, Bob was the youngest son of Adolph and Sarah Barke. He graduated from Fairmont High School and spent four years in the Army National Guard, with 16 months on active duty during the Korean conflict.

Bob married Lavonne (Vonnie) Milbrandt on June 27th, 1953. He farmed

family with arrangements.

Vernon

Randall

in Rutland township prior to acting as General Manager of C. H. Gould company from 1962 through 1974. Bob then returned to farming again before retiring in 1997.

In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, carpentry, golf, helping others and spending time with family. Bob was active in the Martin County Farm Bureau, St. John's UCC, and the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving Bob is his wife, Vonnie, and four children; Brad and wife Carol, Ann and husband Dan Roebbeke, Jack, and Jim and wife Judy. Also, eight grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, sisters-in -law Marcie Theobald and Eunice Barke.

Preceding Bob in death were his parents, two sisters, Mary Jane Krueger Clarice Lintleman, and brother and Richard Barke.

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Funeral services for Bob will be established at a later date.

www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Randy V. Childers, 73

Memorial Services for Randy V. Childers, age 73, of Fairmont, MN were held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Bethel Evangelical

Free Church in Fairmont. Military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 were held outside the church immediately following the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Randy passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 at his home in Fairmont. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) or Options Pregnancy Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the

Childers was born on April 16, 1947 to Vernon and Lorraine (Fenske) Childers in Primghar, IA. He graduated from Worthington High School and following graduation he attended Community College and Jackson Vo-Tech. Randy served in the United States Army from June 1967 when he began his basic training in Denver and then served in Landstuhl, Germany (1968) and the Republic of South Vietnam (1969) until he was honorably discharged in 1970.

> On June 5, 1971, Randy was united in marriage to

MaryAnn Konold in Sioux Falls, SD. This marriage was blessed with two sons, CR and Paul. After their marriage, Randy and Mary-Ann lived in Worthington, MN until 1974 when they moved to Fairmont, MN. Randy worked as a resident designer for 3M in Fairmont from 1974 to 2001. He then started working for Designing Signs in 2003 and worked there until he retired on April 30, 2010.

of the Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont where he was involved on the Men's Ministry Team. He was also a member of 3M's "Professional Society of Imagineers" in 1991. Randy loved working in stained glass and created numerous projects that delighted others. He also enjoyed partnering with MaryAnn in the gardening "processes".

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, MaryAnn Childers; sons, CR (Miranda) Childers and Paul (Krista) Childers; five grandchildren, Caryn, Adele, Ronan, Korra and Breckin Childers; sister, Wendy Morgan; brothers and sisters-in-law, Douglas (Peggy) Konold,

Dwayne Konold, Sylvia Karsten and (Dennis) Marilyn Konold; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Lorraine Childers; parents-in-law, Harold and "Sally" Konold; grandson, Garrett Childers; brother, Alan Childers and his wife, Pat; brothers-inlaw, Pearce Konold and Bill Morgan.

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Gary L. Smith, 77

Private family services for Gary L. Smith, age 77, of Fairmont, MN, are being held at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with interment in Lakeside cemetery in Fairmont. Gary passed away on Sunday afternoon at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gary Lee Smith was

born on April 29, 1943, in Fairmont, MN. He was the son of Dale and Lorraine (Bellock) Smith. He attended Fairmont public schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1961. On March 31, 1962, Gary

was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Beverly Swanson at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. The couple resided in rural Granada and Fairmont until moving into Fairmont in 2000. This union was blessed with four children, Julie, Shelley, Mark, and Daniel. Garv and Beverly shared over fifty-eight years together.

Farming was a life-long career for Gary. He began farming with his father and later also with his father-inlaw in rural Granada and Fairmont. He eventually farmed on his own where he cared for hogs, cattle, and a variety of other farm animals as well as building tractor cabs and owning and operating an auto body shop. He retired from farming in 1998.

Gary and Beverly were members of the Saddle Club in Granada. During his free time, he enjoyed camping with his family, going on family drives that often included a stop at the Dairy Queen, as well as collecting and restoring John Deere toy tractors. Gary and Beverly enjoyed wintering in Texas for six years and loved being able to take day trips to Padre Island. He was a hard worker who could fix or build just about anything. Gary would help the kids with their 4-H projects and caring of their animals and always enjoyed making homemade ice cream.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Beverly Smith of Fairmont, MN; children, Julie (Rodney) Werner of rural Ceylon, MN, Shelley Tan of Prior Lake, MN, Mark Smith of Fairmont, MN, and Daniel (Nikki) Smith of Lewisville, MN; grandchildren, Adam Werner, Amber (Adam) Wolfe, Luke Werner, Andrea (Weston) Morrow, Nicholas Dittmer, Oliver Tan, Brooke Smith, Mitchell Smith, Jordan Smith, and Addison Smith; great grandchildren, Briggs, Evan, Lauren, and Juna; sister, Sandra (Mark) Schlomann; sisters-in-law, Beth Smith, Judy (David) Siebert, and Pamela (Ronald) Casey; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Along with his parents,

Dale and Lorraine Smith, Gary was preceded in death by his brother, Richard "Dick" Smith, and parents-in-law, Gordon and Lola Swanson.

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Duane is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Sarah Wickert: siblings, Burdette and Terry Wickert; and son, Jerome Wickert. Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home, 5421 Roval Pl NW. Rochester, MN. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Due to COVID-19 health concerns, masks and social distancing measures are required. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Wickert family; to share a special memory or condolence please visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com.



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in-law) of Rochester, Jodi (Allan) Martin of Fairmont; grandchildren, Nick Sletten, Shane Sletten, Michael (Briana) Helgeson, Marisa (Axel) Michel. Sean (Tiffany) Withem, Steven (Amanda) Spearman, Melissa (Nick) Herrick, Joe Wickert, Alec Wickert, Clayton Bodin, Tiffany Finley, Paige Wickert, Hope Wickert, Autumn Wickert, Krystle (Doug) Martin-Boomgaarden; and great grandchildren, Lorenzo Michel, Luka Michel, Leo Michel, Haiden Withem, Cadence Spearman, Hayley Herrick, Carter Spearman, Jackson Spearman, Harper Spearman, Nora Bodin, Bennett Bodin, Caden Martin, Taylor Martin,

Logan Martin, Hunter Mar-

tin, Kavlee Boomgaarden.

Randy was a member

Duane J. Wickert, 84

Duane Jerome Wickert, 84, of Rochester, MN passed away on February 11, 2021 at home. He was born on November 30, 1936 in Ceylon, MN, the son of Joseph and Sarah Wickert. He married Connie Laabs on June 22, 1966 in Rochester, MN. Duane was in the Marine Corps

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Duane's hobbies were buying and selling goods and he was an avid collector of multiple items. He was a Minnesota Vikings and Twins fan, loved playing cards, and was a member of Pax Christi Catholic Church.

Duane is survived by his wife, Connie Wickert of Rochester; children, Sam (Susie) Sletten of Ham Lake, Lori Withem of Mantorville, Lisa (LeRoy) Spearman of Byron, Jeff Wickert of Spring Valley, Linda Wickert (daughter-

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- Clip & Save! - -Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

Contact: Tim Langer 507-238-4757; tim.langer@fmchs.com

Weekly Update: 2/16/21 Vaccination work as of 2/13/21:

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Faribault County: 1,673 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 11% of the population has received at least 1 dose.

• Martin County: 2,461 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 11% of the population has received at least 1 dose.

Community Health & Human Services received 200 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 2/9. All 200 doses were distributed individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Wednesday, 2/10 at 9PM. Population served included educators and childcare providers.

 Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 204 1st dose allocation last week and distributed all by Thursday to patients age 75+.

United Hospital District received 300 1st dose allocation last week and all were distributed to patients age 65+ by Friday.

• Dulcimer Medical Center received no doses last week.

Plan for week of 2/14: Due to winter weather situations across the nation, Community Health/Human Services has been informed

our vaccine doses will be late this week. We anticipate moving our appointments

for 2/17 to 2/19. • Community Health/ Hu-

man Services is scheduled to receive 200 1st dose allocation for next week. 100 is allocated specifically to E-12/ childcare and the remaining 100 are allocated to completing any remaining health care providers/ first responders needing vaccine as part of Minnesota's 1A priority group and for 65+ population. Human Services will be reaching out to individuals who submitted interest on the COVID-19 vaccine survey who are over age 65 and in the order in which they were submitted. Individuals interested in receiving a vaccine can enter their contact information at this link to be added to our list: https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/ VaxsurveyFM.

· Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 354 doses for next week for the 75+ population. MCHS-Fairmont will reach out to you when it's time to schedule your appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.

 United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st dose allocations this coming week for the 75+ population. UHD will reach out to patients when it's time to schedule your appointment. Appointments fill up quickly as vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited.

• Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any new 1st dose allocations this coming week.

All partnering entities listed above are part of the South-Central Minnesota Health Care Coalition. Beginning this week, allocations for non-affiliated medical clinics and pharmacies will be allocated vaccine by the state of Minnesota through this coalition. For the week of 2/14, the 11-county region received a total of 700 doses of vaccine for distribution to clinics and pharmacies. The state will continue to allocate vaccine directly to the large ten hospital systems who will allocate their allotments of vaccine within their systems. Larger pharmacies (Walmart, CVS, Thrifty White, Walgreens) will receive direct allocations from the federal government. Local Public Health agencies also receive a separate allotment from the State of Minnesota. Information about the South Central Health Care Coalition can be found at this URL: South Central Healthcare Coalition | Minnesota (scmnhc.org)

As a reminder:

Planning is underway - if individuals would like to be contacted by e-mail, phone or mail when it is your turn to receive the vaccine, you can provide your contact information in this survey: https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/VaxsurveyFM. If you do not have access to the internet or need help complet-

ing the form, you can call 507-238-4757 and someone will take down your information and include you on the list.

Weekly Update: 2/9/21 Vaccination work As of 2/6/21

• Faribault County: 1,155 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 8% of the population has received at least 1 dose. • Martin County: 1,912 indi-

viduals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 9% of the population has received at least 1 dose.

· Community Health & Human Services received 200 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 2/3. All 200 doses were distributed to individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Friday, 2/5 at 5PM.

• Community Health expects to receive 200 1st doses on 2/9 or 2/10. This allocation is designated for the K-12 and childcare provider workforce.

· Mayo Health System Fairmont is estimated to receive 204 doses of vaccine this week to provide to patients age 75+. United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 300 dos-

es of vaccine this week to provide to patients 65+. • Dulcimer Medical Center is

not scheduled to receive any doses of vaccine this week.

Weekly Update: 2/2/21 As of 1/30/2021 • Faribault County: 903 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 6.5% of the population has received at least 1 dose

• Martin County: 1,307 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for CO-VID-19. 6.5% of the population has received at least 1 dose.

· Community Health & Human Services received 100 1st doses of Moderna vaccine on 1/26, one day ahead of schedule. All 100 doses were distributed individuals identified in priority group 1A within 72 hours as directed by MDH. All doses were in arms by Friday, 1/29 at 4PM

• Community Health expects to receive 200 1st doses on 2/2 or 2/3. This allocation is intended to help us complete work with the 1A priority population which includes: hospital staff, skilled nursing facilities (staff and residents), certified EMS/EMT workers, COVID testers, COVID vaccinators, assisted living facilities (staff and residents), urgent care settings/clinics, dialysis centers, dental offices, home health care (staff), group homes (staff & residents), pharmacists, correctional health care providers, school nurses, funeral home staff. specialty health care providers including optometry, audiology and chiropractic care and staff with direct client care (with no ability to work remotely) working in public health, mental and behavioral health settings.

• Mayo Health System Fairmont will receive 36 doses of Pfizer vaccine this week to provide to dialysis patients. • United Hospital District is not scheduled to receive any doses of vaccine this week. • Dulcimer Medical Center will be receiving 300 doses of vaccine this week to provide to patients age 65+.

Weekly Update: 1/26/21

Efforts are underway in Faribault & Martin Counties to provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

 There continues to be a very limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine in Minnesota.

• Currently, MN is receiving 60,000 doses of vaccine per week. With our population of 5.6 million, that is just 1% of the supply needed.

• As of January 22, 2021, 649 vaccinations had been provided to Faribault County residents and 822 vaccinations to Martin County residents.

• The total population of individuals who would be eligible (by age) for vaccine in Faribault & Martin Counties is approximately 25,000. This means just 5% of our counties have received vaccine as of today. We have a long way to go. • Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont. United Hospital District and Community Health & Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties are partnering together in this effort with support from county emergency management and the South Central Health Care Coalition.



How will I know when I'm eligible and vaccine is available?

Administration of vaccine is controlled by the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Health. Your care team will contact you when you're eligible to receive a COVID-19

vaccine based on state guidelines and vaccine availability. Patients will receive a notification from their care team in Patient Online Services when they are eligible to receive the vaccine. Patients who do not have a Patient Online Services account will receive a

letter in the mail. Only individual patients who have been contacted can schedule their vaccination appointment.

We will continue to provide updates on our SWMN COVID-19 Vaccination website and contact patients directly when it is time for them

to schedule a vaccination appointment.

We recognize that our patients are anxious for information on the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, we cannot answer questions on vaccine eligibility over the phone or online.



Soup Weather!

If this isn't soup weather I don't know what is! We have had a pretty mild winter until now, this cold spell has lasted awhile and isn't for the faint hearted. It makes it easy to stay inside doesn't it? Today is one of those comforting soup recipes that Carolyn Seidel was generous enough to share with me. I hope it warms up you and yours.

Before I forget the recipe I shared last week is best if you drain most of the liquid off of the corn before adding, its otherwise too juicy.

Stuffed Green Pepper Soup

1/2 cup white rice, cooked to make one cup, set aside

"Lifelong Learning and you enjoy sharing your 26. It is mailed to all postal

available.

What's Happening at Fairmont CER

Leisure Opportunities for All Ages"

Do you have a CER Story to Tell? Fairmont Community Education and Recreation (CER) has served our area for the past 48 years. The CER Citizens Advisory Council would like to collect human interest stories of how CER may have impacted your life or the special memories you may have of participating in a CER activity. What was your favorite activity? Did you make new friends? What was your first experience with CER? Why did

talent as an instructor for a class? How did CER help you as a newcomer in our community?

Please contact the CER program to share your story - we would love to hear it! All submissions will be placed in a drawing for ten \$15 vouchers to be used toward a CER activity. Please mail or email your written submission to CER by March 15.

Start Planning your Summer Staycation in Fairmont! Watch for the new Spring/Summer CER Catalog of activities in your mail around March patrons in Fairmont, Ceylon, Northrop, and Ceylon as well as past CER out-of-town patrons. Program planning for April through September CER activities is happening both a digital and printed catalog will be out in March. Your suggestions for new classes, activities and instructors are most welcome any time!

For more information, check out our digital catalog at www.fairmont. k12.mn.us under the CER tab or the CER Facebook Web page or call 507-235-3141. Youth Scholarships are

A Sampling of Upcoming Activities

Adult Basic Education/ English Classes Call CER for updated dates/location

Aging Mastery Book Club (morning-virtual-March 2 free)

Watch for CER Spring/ Summer Catalog, March 26

Dog Obedience, March 30

...and much more! For an up-to date list

of activities, see the CER

1 pound lean hamburger, crumbled and cooked until no pink

Add: 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 medium sized onion, chopped 1 cup chopped green pepper, cook 5-6 minutes longer

Add:

3 cups beef broth

14.5 oz. can stewed tomatoes (chop large pieces of the tomato)

2 Tablespoon brown sugar 3 bouillon cubes or 2 tsp. of bouillon granules 1/2 tsp. ground pepper Bring to boil, then simmer for 30 minutes Add: 1 cup cooked rice

Let simmer for another 5 minutes so soup is hot for serving.

Garnish with fresh chopped parsley.

Have a great week, stay warm and safe!





Helen B. Roebbeke, 90 Helen B. Roebbeke, 90,

of Sherburn was called to her eternal rest at Temperance Lake Ridge on Sunday morning, February 7, 2021. Funeral service will be held at a later date with interment at the Sherburn Cemetery.

Messages of Sympathy can be sent to the family online at www.kramerfuneralhome.com

Helen Barbara Smythe was born on January 17, 1931, to Winston and Mabel (Sjolander) Smythe in Hector, Minnesota. She attended school in Hector until 1947 when they moved to Sherburn, Minnesota. Helen attended school in Sherburn, later graduating with the class of 1949.

On January 7, 1951, she was united in marriage to Darvin F. Roebbeke at the Methodist Church in Sherburn, Minnesota. After their marriage they farmed in Martin County and Helen was employed at the Ceylon Public School. After retirement they moved into Sherburn. Helen was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn where she served on its LWML, church choir, Sunday School Teacher and made many church banners. She belonged to Relay for Life, Birthday Club and Bony Fingers Quilting Club. In her spare time, she could be found reading a book,

quilting, singing, gardening and sewing.

Helen was interested in the world and, utilizing the library, read widely, especially in history. She also loved camping in the mountains of Wyoming. She possessed a friendly, outgoing spirit, making friends wherever she went, especially in Arizona where she and Darv wintered for years. She always held her family close and particularly enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow.

She is survived by her husband, Darvin Roebbeke of Sherburn, Minnesota; three children, Linda (Dwight) Burman of St. James, Minnesota, Julie (Dan) Grill of Sher-

Those left to cherish

her memory include her

husband, Edward Gersch;

daughter and son-in-law,

Michelle and Kyle Collins;

grandchildren: Sydney

and Reece Collins; oth-

er extended family and

In addition to her par-

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Minnesota burn, and Daniel (Ann) Roebbeke of Shakopee, Minnesota; seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; siblings, Robert (Carol) Smythe of LaGrange, Texas and Carol (Richard) Mc-Clellan of St. Paul, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Phyllis Kosbab of New Ulm, Minnesota; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, WB and Mabel Smythe; father and mother-in-law, Fred and Tilda Roebbeke; sister Alice Roth, sister-in-law Bernie Roebbeke; brothersin-law Lester Roebbeke, Leo Roebbeke, Leslie Roth and Delbert Kosbab, and other relatives.

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IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

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85 Funeral Services for Helen Gersch, age 85, of

Helen Gersch,

Fairmont, MN will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date in Welcome City Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home. Helen passed away Saturday afternoon, February 13, 2021 at Valley Vue Care Center in Armstrong, IA. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with ar-

rangements.

Helen (Stahn) Gersch was born on May 10, 1935 to Edward and Louise (Kramer) Stahn. She graduated from Welcome High School. After graduating, Helen worked at 3M in Fairmont and also at the Fairmont Telephone Company.

On November 24, 1972, Helen was united in marriage to Edward Gersch. Helen was an avid Minnesota sports fan and enjoyed working on crossword puzzles. Her favorite memories included times spent with family and ents, Helen was preceded in death by her sister, Charlotte Stine; brothers: Donald Stahn and Gordon Stahn; and step-

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daughter, Susan Gersch.

Mayo Clinic donates AED to Fairmont Opera House

Mayo Clinic Ambulance and Mayo Clinic Health System have partnered to donate an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Fairmont Opera House.

AEDs are used to assist people who have gone into sudden cardiac arrest. The medical devices can analyze a person's heart rhythm and deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help re-establish the heart's rhythm.

"We are happy to support the historic Fairmont Opera House with this vital medical equipment that can truly save lives," says Marie Morris, M.D. medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the U.S., with more than 350,000 cases per year.

The AED was funded through a Hometown Health Grant. The Fairmont Opera House is a historical arts and entertainment center that hosts live performances

throughout the year.

"The Fairmont Opera House (FOH) very much appreciates the opportunity to partner with Mayo on providing FOH with life-saving potentially defibrillator equipment,' says Michael Edman, chair of the Opera House Board of Directors. "While FOH hopes to never need to use it, we are grateful for the donation from Mayo, and I know it will give some of our patrons peace of mind once we are able to fill our seats again."



AED DONATION - From left: Mike Edman, chair of the Fairmont Opera House Board of Directors, John Clarey, ambulance service supervisor, and Dr. Marie Morris, medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.



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"New to Medicare" Virtual Class

Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can overwhelming. seem 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:// mnraaa.org/calendar/ to sign up for the class, as space is limited.

WHAT: New to Medicare Virtual Class

WHEN: Thursday, February 26 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit www.MinnesotaHelp.info[®] to chat with a specialist during business hours.

2021 CROP INSURANCE DECISIONS

Guest Columnist

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February 8, 2021

During the next few weeks, many farm operators will be finalizing their crop insurance decisions for the 2021 crop year. March 15th is the deadline to purchase crop insurance for the 2021 crop year. The rise in corn and soybean prices in the past several weeks will likely enhance the available crop insurance coverage for 2021 compared to recent years; however, premium costs are also likely to be higher than a year ago for similar crop insurance products. Producers have several crop insurance policy options to choose from, including yield protection (YP) policies and revenue protection (RP and RPE) policies, supplemental crop option (SCO), enhanced coverage option (ECO) and other private

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insurance policy options. There are also decisions with using "enterprise units" versus "optional units", as well as decisions on the use of "trend adjusted" APH yields.

In recent years, most farm operators chose revenue protection (RP) or revenue protection with harvest price exclusion (RPE) insurance policy options, which provide a guaranteed minimum dollars of gross revenue per acre (yield x price). This minimum guarantee is based on yield history (APH) and the average CBOT prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of February. The RP and RPE insurance policies function essentially in the same manner, except that the guarantees on RPE policies are fixed at the base price level and are not affected by harvest prices that exceed the base price. The revenue guarantee for RP policies is increased for final insurance calculations, if average CBOT prices during the month of October are higher than the February CBOT prices, which is why the RP policies tend to be more popular for corn and soybean producers. Producers that pur-

chase RP and RPE 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

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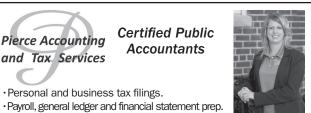
the 2021 estimated crop insurance Spring base prices in the Upper Midwest for YP, RP, and RPE policies were estimated at \$4.50 per bushel for corn and \$11.56 per bushel for soybeans. The current 2021 base price estimates compare to 2020 base prices of \$3.88 per bushel for corn and \$9.17 per bushel for soybeans. The 2021 crop insurance Spring base prices will be finalized on March 1. A historical analysis for

during the month of Oc-

tober. As of February 8,

the past fourteen years (2007-2020) shows that the final crop insurance harvest price for corn has been lower than the Spring base price in ten of the fourteen years, including from 2013-2019. That trend was reversed in 2020 when the harvest price for corn was \$3.99 per bushel, which was +\$.11 above the \$3.88 per bushel Spring price. The only other years that saw an increase in the harvest price were 2010, 2011 and 2012. The range has been from an increase in the harvest price of +\$1.82 per bushel in 2012 to a decline of (\$1.27) per bushel in 2008 and (\$1.26) per bushel in 2013.

For soybeans, the harvest price has increased in six years (2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2020), decreased in seven years (2008, 2011, and 2014-2019) and stayed the same in 2013. The range has been from an increase of +\$2.84 per bushel in 2012 to a decline of (\$3.00) per bushel in 2008. In 2020, the final harvest price for soybeans



was \$10.55 per bushel, which was an increase of +\$1.38 per bushel from the Spring price of \$9.17 per bushel.

Many producers in the Upper Midwest have been able to significantly enhance their insurance protection in recent years by utilizing the trendadjusted 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 the Upper Midwest and Plains States are eligible for YE for corn and soybeans in some of the past several years. For information on which counties, crops, and years are eligible for YE, go the RMA web site.

SCO and ECO Insurance Coverage

Supplemental The Coverage Option (SCO) coverage is only available to producers that choose the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) farm program option for the 2021 crop years. Approximately 75 percent or the corn base acres and 14 percent of the soybean base acres in the U.S. were enrolled in the PLC program in 2019 and 2020 and were eligible for SCO insurance coverage. The deadline for 2021 farm program sign-up is March 15, 2021, which is the same as the enrollment deadline for 2021 crop insurance. As a result, farm operators will need to consider SCO insurance coverage at the same time that they are finalizing their 2021 farm program choice. The federal government subsidizes 65% of the premium for SCO coverage, so farm-level premiums are quite reasonable.

SCO allows producers purchase additional ω county-level crop insurance coverage up to a maximum of 86 percent coverage. For example, a producer that purchases

an 80% RP policy could purchase an additional 6% SCO coverage. SCO is a county revenue-based insurance product that is somewhat similar to some of the area risk protection crop insurance products that are available. The calculations for SCO function very similarly to RP insurance policies, since they utilize the same crop insurance base price and harvest price. The biggest difference is that SCO uses county level average yields, rather than the farm-level APH yields that are typically used for most RP and YP policies. As a result, the SCO and RP insurance policies may achieve different results.

The Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is a new crop insurance option that is available for 2021. ECO provides area-based insurance coverage from 86 percent up to 95 percent coverage, utilizing county yields similar to SCO coverage. Producers can choose between 90 or 95 percent ECO coverage. Unlike SCO coverage, the purchase of ECO coverage is available with selection of either the PLC or ARC-CO farm program choice for 2021. Producers can utilize both ECO and SCO together, in addition to their underlying RP or YP insurance policy.

It is possible for a producer to collect on an individual RP policy, but not collect on a SCO or ECO policy, or vice versa. For example, a producer with an 80% RP policy may have a loss that qualifies for an insurance indemnity payment, while the county as a whole may not meet the threshold to qualify for a SCO or ECO payment. It could also be possible to collect a SCO or ECO payment for a county-level revenue loss, while not qualifying for a RP insurance indemnity payment at the farm-level. Interested producers should check with their crop insurance agent for details on SCO and ECO insurance coverage and premiums for 2021.

"Bottom-Line" on Crop Insurance Deci-

provide a very desirable level of risk protection for crop production in 2021. At current Spring price levels, many producers will be able to guarantee near \$650.00 to over \$800.00 per acre for corn, and near \$450.00 to over \$600.00 per acre for soybeans by utilizing 85% RP insurance coverage level in 2021. Producers can further enhance their revenue guarantees through "buy-up" crop insurance coverage and "wind" and "hail" endorsements offered by private insurance companies, or through the purchase of SCO or ECO insurance coverage. Sometimes crop insurance decisions can be more difficult in years such as 2021 with increased Spring base prices and insurance guarantees and higher crop insurance premiums, as compared to insurance

options in recent years. A reputable crop insurance agent is the best source of information to find out more details about the various crop insurance products that are offered, to get premium quotes, and to help finalize 2021 crop insurance decisions. To receive a free copy of an information sheet titled: "2021 Crop Insurance Decisions", written by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, please forward an e-mail to: kent. thiesse@minnstarbank. com.

Following are some web sites with very good crop insurance information:

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

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

For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Sr. Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. (Phone --- (507) 381-7960)

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Sophia Kathryn Lovell

Local students at Bethel University in St. Paul, have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester. The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

Fairmont, Minnesota Andrew Hagen, Senior, Kory and Lisa Hagen

Anna Sundblad, Senior, Ken and Linette Sundblad Benjamin Hernes, Senior, Mark and Michelle Hernes

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Morgan Zebedee, Junior, Carolyn and Michael Zebedee

Sarah Krumholz, Junior, Bill and Chris Krumholz

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February 14, 1996

The Fairmont Photo Press' Time & Temperature service recorded 546,082 calls during 1995 on the Time and Temperature phone lines. That averaged out to 1,496 calls each day. By dialing the Time and Temperature's phone number, the listener would hear the time and temperature, plus a local advertiser's message.

Fairmont was to host the 1996 Lions 5M-3 convention at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

Donald and Darlene King, owners of the Fairmont Dairy Queen announced that the local franchise was open for the season.

The Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Champions were announced. They were Jayden Grupe, Nathan Knutson, Brady Lyons, Brent Anderson, Kevin Brockmann, Tig Elzenga, Heather Compton, Angie Carter, Nicole Nesseth, and Cody Silker.



February 14, 1971

The Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Community Hospital publicly thanked those who donated to the pediatric ward fund in memory of Johnathan Zemke. The amount given totaled \$3,244.09 and the board said the money would be used to furnish a two-room unit in the pediatric ward. The Photo Press, observing the week of President's Day, had 20 pages, a rarity at the paper's comparatively young age, with

dents have been named of Alpha has been named to the dean's list for aca- to the Deans' List at the demic excellence after University of Nebraskathe fall 2020 semester at Lincoln for the fall se-South Dakota State Uni- mester of the 2020-21 versity. To earn dean's academic year. Lovell, list distinctions in SD- a sophomore majoring SU's colleges, students in political science, was must have completed a named to the Dean's List minimum of 12 credits for the College of Arts and



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22 American Classics - Teriyaki Glazed Chicken - Asian Brown Rice - Whole Grain Dinner Roll 2Mato - Classic Pepperoni Pizza - Chese Pizza Extra Extra - Seasoned Carrots - Fresh Vegetable Medley - Chilled Diced Pears	23 American Classics • Meaty Spaghetti Sauce • Spaghetti • Herb Breadstick Grill • Spicy Chicken Sandwich • Grilled Chicken Sandwich Extra Extra • Savory Green Beans • Fresh Red Seedless Grapes	24 American Classics • Chill Cheese Dog • Tater Tots 2Mato • Italian Sausage Pizza • Cheese Pizza Extra Extra • Sliced Cucumbers • Applesauce	25 American Classics - Soft Beef Whole Grain Taco - Shredded Cheddar Cheese - Shredded Lettuce - Cliatro Lime Brown Rice Grill - Crisgy Chicken Patty Sandwich - Classic American Cheeseburger Extra Extra - Fresh Broccoli Florets - Fresh Broccoli Florets	26 American Classics - BBQ Chicken Sandwich - Baked Beans 2Mato - ARCHIVE Meat Lover's Pizza - Cheese Pizza Extre Extra - Fresh Carrots - Sliced Fresh Apples	Social Sciences SEHS – College of Education and Human Sciences SENGR – Jerome J. Lohr College of Engi- neering SNS – College of Nat-	2020-21 academic year, ending December 2020. Samantha Stine of Granada, a senior at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, qualified for the Honor Roll in fall 2020.
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Officers at our Fairmont FFA meeting.



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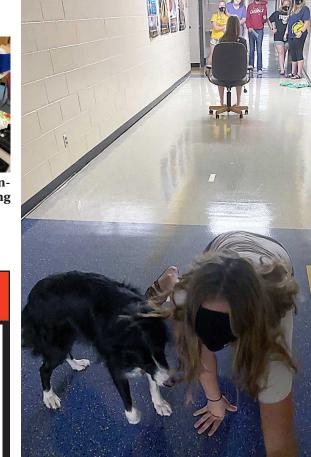
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Martin County West Celebrates 2021 National FFA Week, Feb. 20-27

INDIANAPOLIS (February 20th, 2021/National FFA Organization) - The Martin County West FFA Chapter in Sherburn, MN will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 20-27,





Over 15 MCW FFA members joined together to shop virtually for the Maverick Christmas program this year. Kadyn Owens and Brianna Morrow are shown shopping online for gifts. The group enjoyed a meal catered in by the Cup n' Saucer after they completed their shopping.

2021. This National FFA Week embraces more than 93 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than 760,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters con-



CREED - Ryelynn Forsberg took on the challenge of virtually reciting the FFA creed during competition. She was a great representative of MCW FFA.

duct a variety of activities to help others in their schools and communities learn about FFA and agricultural education. (Enter name of chapter) will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in the following activities: (list chapter activities).

Today, FFA provides the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As the top schoolbased youth leadership development organization in the nation, FFA helps young people meet new agricultural challenges by developing their unique talents and exploring their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA members are our future leaders, our future food suppliers, our future innovators and more!

Whether it is through service projects or community gatherings, National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about the role the National FFA Organization plays in the development of agriculture's future leaders and the importance of agricultural education. The Martin County West FFA Chapter will celebrate the week with a variety of activities including a drive-thru/ walk-thru pancake breakfast, a medallion hunt, daily song trivia, and FFA Day in the snow activities.

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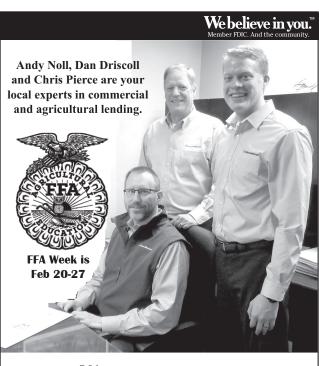
zation is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA. org and on Facebook and Twitter.

About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. A separately registered nonprofit organization, the foundation is governed by a board of trustees that includes the national FFA president, educators, business leaders and individual donors. For more, visit FFA. org/Give.



FACEMASKS - MCW Junior high FFA members met in September for a socially distanced activity to tye dye face masks. Sydney Beseke, Katelyn Kennedy, Avery Geiger and Addison Wohlhuter are shown working on their masks.





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MCW FFA High School: Front (l to r): Kiley Bettin, Lilly Krogman-Gibson, Kelley Bettin, Tanner Sinn, Gabriella Lange, Lauren Borchardt, Isaac Striemer, Jacob Fiala, Nick Matejka. 2nd: Isaac Olson, Brianna Morrow, Brock Lange, Bella Lange, Katerina Lange, Aspen Kosbab. 3rd: Emma Omvig, Miah Olson, Sway Buchmeier, Kelly Cronk, Cash Owens, Andrew Lawrence, Ryelynn Forsberg. 4th: KayLea Truesdell, Sarah Fisher, Jacob Clarke, Callie McCorkell, Harrison Rathman, Cade Williamson. 5th: Ella Meyers, Hailey Rasche, Shanna Amborn, Katherine Hartke, Evan Roben, Zach Forsberg, Gabriel Striemer. 6th: Isaac Meyer, Noah Shettler, Raef Omvig, Hayden Jahnke, Ben Matejka. 6th: Jerome Koons, Nick Rathman, Hunter Schmidtke, Seth Scarfpin, Elizabeth Peterson, Alex Stahl.



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Perseverance Throughout Our FFA Chapter

By: Jacob Fiala, MCW FFA Vice President

One would think that 2020 was just the year to "save it until next year," especially for many school and extracurricular activities. However that was not the case for our FFA chapter. We have been implementing activities that were safe and doable, as well as fun and necessary to keep members engaged in this influential organization.

Our chapter officers, myself included, knew that many adaptations would have to be made in order for us to continue some of the activities we normally do. We had a very fun officer retreat held at the Sherburn city park this summer filled with games, cooperation, and more brainstorming than years prior. It was quite challenging because we had no idea what chapter activities were going to be allowed, but it did not stop us from seeing the positives and developing and adapting certain activities. One of the creative ideas that we came up with was tie-dying masks with some of the junior high members. These kids really had fun and appreciated this activity, and made all of us see one of the few pleasant things about masks.

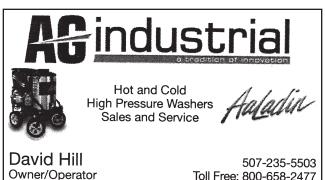
Another activity we had in the summer was the showing of the movie Silo. This was such an amazing opportunity that was provided for us, and it drew a lot of popularity. Over 150 people came to see it and gave so many people the chance to learn about farm safety, especially in grain bins. The MCW FFA chapter is so thankful for the sponsors of the movie, and the Sherburn Theatre for allowing us to show it there.

The biggest obstacle our chapter has faced and is facing, is the adaptations we have had to make for us to conduct regular activities in the school. Just like many other things, we knew our fruit sales fundraiser was going to be challenging during this time. However, it turned out to be such a successful year through online sales. Our members showed great perseverance during the fundraiser by taking the time to show people in the community how to use the online sales. In addition, virtual CDE's and LDE's have been tough to deal with, but so far we have been successful and I believe it was so important for the organization to still hold them, so that our members could stay engaged in their competitions and pursue their passions. We have especially been impressed with a few freshmen who have stepped up and participated in LDE's (Leadership Development Events) like creed speaking and public speaking. It takes a lot of perseverance

to compete in LDE's, especially at that age. Towards the beginning of the school year, our chapter decided to sponsor



During the summer of 2020, the MCW FFA officers met to plan activities for the year. The traditional overnight retreat was replaced with a socially distanced day at the Sherburn City Park.



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The MCW FFA Officer team has risen to the challenge of providing activities for our members during the CO-VID-19 pandemic. Officers include: Gabby Lange (President), Jacob Fiala (Vice President), Lauren Borchardt (Secretary), Tanner Sinn (Treasurer), Isaac Striemer

some socially distant fun! low officers for persevering We had the whole school lined up on the football field for line dancing. Secretary Lauren Borchardt President and Gabby Lange handled most of the teaching. We also made sure to have some classic, slower paced songs for a

good chunk of our elderly

teachers. The MCW FFA

chapter is beyond grateful

for the opportunities we

FFA members and my fel-

I greatly commend our

have received this year.

torian) and Lilly Krogman-Gibson (Officer at Large).

during this difficult year. Without theIr participation and engagement, we could not host these activities and continue to push through the obstacles and acquire new ideas for future activities. I also would like to thank the community for helping us out and supporting us whenever we need it. Most of all, on behalf of the whole chapter, I thank our advisors, Mrs. Stephanie Wohlhuter, Mr. Jonah Mayo, and Mrs. Molly Roben. They have made such tremendous efforts to make this year the best it could be and guiding the officer team throughout the way. Thank





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National FFA Week Histroy

Starting in 1948, the National FFA Board of Directors designated a weeklong tradition to recognize George Washington's example and legacy as a leader and farmer. For the past 73 years, FFA members across the country have taken part in agricultural, leadership and servicebased activities during National FFA Week.

"National FFA Week is a significant event that really showcases the heart of our organization," says Christine White, chief program officer for the National FFA Organization. "Local chapters use this as an opportunity to highlight program success, recognize community supporters and amplify the mission of the organization."

This year, more than 700,000 FFA members will spend the week of Feb. 20-27 developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. They will do so in creative and innovative ways. Whether volunteering to clean up the local fairgrounds or throwing a citywide party to celebrate the 1732 birth of our first president, there is no limit to how this week can be recognized.

"It could be hosting a breakfast for teachers, an open house for FFA supporters or bestowing chapter-level degrees. It truly is an opportunity to celebrate all things FFA. As a former member and agricultural educator, FFA Week is something I always looked forward to since it was a way to share my passion for the organization," White says. "FFA members should embrace the planning, execution and

celebration that occurs with developing activities and events for FFA Week. The skills of teamwork, communication and advocating are ones you will carry with you beyond your FFA experi-



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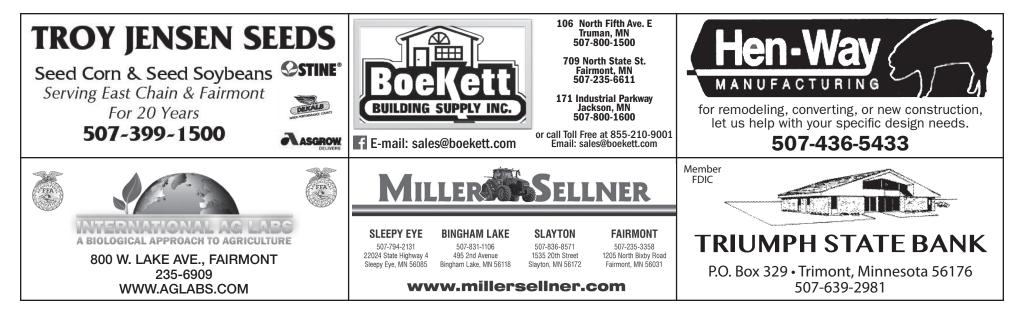


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MN State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

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Answer: Minnesota state law says that a service vehicle shall not display a lighted lamp when traveling on the highway or at any other time except at the scene of a disabled vehicle or while conducting snow removal or road maintenance.

Any service vehicle may be equipped with a type of flashing amber lamp that is approved by the commissioner of public safety. Remember that other traffic on the main roadway will have the right of way, so be sure to pay attention and use due care.

Activities such as plowing, blowing or shoveling snow on to public roads is prohibited. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roads.

Civil penalties may apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Please remember to help local fire departments by making a path and clearing snow around a fire hydrant when it is on or close to your property.

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BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT

/s/ Patricia J. Monsen

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk

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CITY OF FAIRMONT

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Fairmont Planning Commission will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the following item: Doug Abel

625 W Interlaken Rd (Parcel ID 23.150.0160) Home Occupation Permit for a fur finishing business.

Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz¹ orders, the Council Chambers can accommodate up to 15 attendees. Members of the public wishing to provide public comments may attend in person or by calling 1-408-650-3123 and entering the access code 587-907-925 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Patricia Monsen City Clerk

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DATED: 2/9/2021

/S/ Cathy Reynolds

City Administrator

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COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCross-Blood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

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In the building: DVD copies of the smash TV series Yellowstone are a hot commodity right now. For books, The End of Her by Shari Lapena (suspense/thriller) and John Grisham's A Time for Mercy (sequel to A Time To Kill) are at the top of many reader's lists!

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Pre-Retirees: Plan Now for Health Care Costs

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses?

First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical exyou must pay an out-ofpocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicareapproved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the deductible, Medicare coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally erage cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead – and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care. The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Mem-

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THE SWEEPING BRANCH



Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

The blizzard had ended White snow was deep on the ground The evergreen stood within it A snow-covered branch reached down

Moving with a back and forth motion It became a sweeping branch Making a beautiful pattern in the snow Something that happened only by chance

> February 7, 201 Written by Darwin R. Anthony

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MARTIN COUNTY NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Election of Officers and Annual Meetings will be held on: Tuesday, March 9, 2021. (In case of inclement weather, the meetings and Elections will be postponed to March 16, 2021.)

> POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5 TO 8 P.M. (Unless otherwise stated.)

The voters will elect:

ONE SUPERVISOR for a 3-year term ONE TREASURER for a 2-year term

(* certain townships may have different positions up for election and those notices will be posted separately)

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penses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible).

Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person - not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The av-

Martin County Township Association



TWIRLING PERFORMANCE – The Cardinal Dance team performed at halftime of the Waseca vs Fairmont girls basketball game. The Dance team will perform Saturday at a triangular meet at St. James. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Online registration for Cardinal Power summer girls fastpitch softball began February 17th at cardinalpower.club.

Cardinal Power has teams for girls aged 6-18 (8u, 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u, 18u) A registration meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 21st at the Fairmont HS gym, where you can view and size jerseys and pick up your fundraiser cards once registered. The REMAX Bantam hockey team traveled to Austin on Sunday February 14 and defeated them 7-6. Jace Prindle had an assisted goal from Tyson Pankow and Mathew Cone had an assisted goal from Jace Teveldal. Jace Teveldal had a hat trick with assists coming from Mathew Cone, Tyson Pankow and Jace Prindle. Eric Determan had a goal with assists coming from Jace Teveldal from Matthew Cone. Barret Scholl had an unassisted goal. Goalie Ilana Moeller had 9 saves.

The REMAX Bantams travel to Windom and Marshall this coming weekend for district games

Fairmont Hockey results

Fairmont's Pee Wee B Cardinals hockey team lost to the New Ulm/ Sleepy Eye team 5-1 on Saturday, February 6th in Fairmont.

The Fairmont Pee Wee B Cardinals then lost to Worthington, in Worthington, 10-1 the following day.

The Fairmont Squirts White team lost to the Marshall Orange team, 7-1 at Fairmont, on Saturday, February 13. The Squirts team then lost to New Ulm/Sleepy Eye 9-0 at home. The Fairmont Squirts White team lost to Marshall White 9-5 on Sunday, February 14th, at home.

The Fairmont Girls 10U hockey team defeated Luverne 14-0 at home on Saturday, February 13th. The Fairmont team is 7-3.

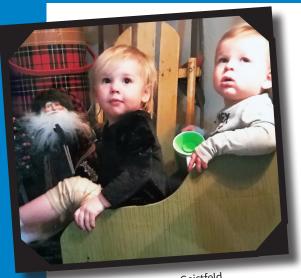


LOTSA BLOCKS – Cards sophomore goal tender Hadley Artz faces a shot from Minnehaha United's Ava Wasserman. Artz garnered her 1,500th career save in the Cards 9-0 loss to the Redhawks last Saturday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

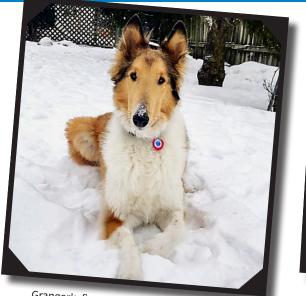


DRIVING THROUGH TRAF-FIC – Madysen Allen splits a trio of Waseca defenders as Cardinal teammate Brittney Mosloski looks on. The Bluejays downed the Cards 40-35 last Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com





Cousins Cecelia and Casey Geistfeld Grandchildren of Tim and Julie Geistfeld



Granger's first time playing in the Minnesota snow since moving from Nebraska.



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"Just the other day"

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

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in their front paws to determine what it is. If

The Best in People

W^e generally go through about two tanks of LP gas in a heating season - the last time we filled the 500-gallon tank was in mid-December. We were on the third day of a cold snap. The weatherman said the arctic blast of cold air was forecast to stay in our region for at least another week.

I checked my laptop. The temperature was negative 27 degrees, with a windchill in the high thirties below zero. My trips outdoors needed to be well planned. I would check the fuel level in our tank and take June Bug out to potty. Bundled tightly, June and I walked out the door onto the front porch.

June darted down the steps to find the squirrel that had been on the

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and go potty." I stood for a moment to appreciate the cold air. It was exhilarating just to breathe. I thought, how many times I've stood here when it was even ten degrees above zero, taking deep breaths, filling my lungs with crisp, fresh Northwoods air and the scent of pine. Not today.

feeder. "Leave it alone

There was a whiff of wood smoke coming from the chimney and a tingling sensation around the edges of my nostrils every time I inhaled. I was very conscientious of my breathing being slower, as if trying to warm the air a little, to keep from freezing my lungs. June was off to her business meeting in the yard. I looked around, "This is awesome," I genuinely love these cold snaps. "Cold weather sure brings out the best in people."

I walked down the

steps and to the left. The snow squeaked under my boots. I only walked a few feet in the deeper snow before getting on a path the deer had made through the yard. The walking was much more comfortable there. June saw me heading away from the house and came plowing toward me through fresh snow.

Guest Columnist

Each time she came down on her front feet, she intentionally pushed her head into the snow, then lifting her head, shaking about, she threw a cloud of the white stuff around her with every leap. She was having a blast playing in the snow, and the cold didn't seem to bother her. ...I carried her...the windchill was -46...he wasn't dressed warm enough...

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alder, aspen, apple, birch, cherry, cottonwood, poplar and willow. Aspen, poplar and cottonwood are their favorites. If the supply of their preferred trees is low they will harvest oaks and maples. Conifers are their least favorite. I see them gnawing on ash trees and enjoying the bark of willows. "Why don't the feet

of birds freeze?" Bird feet are little more than bone, sinew and scale, with few nerves. A countercurrent heat exchange system means the arteries that transport blood to the legs lie in contact with the veins that return blood to the bird's heart. The warm arteries heat the cooler veins. Because the veins also cool the arteries, the bird's feet are closer to the environmental temperature and don't lose as much heat as they would if they were at body tem-

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lated note, the rock pigeon, the pigeon we see in farm and city, was trained for communication by the United States Army Pigeon Service or Signal Pigeon Corps. During WWII, this force consisted of 3,150 soldiers and 54,000 pigeons. Over 90% of Army messages sent by pigeons were received. The pigeon named G.I. Joe received the Dickin Medal for gallantry that saved at least 1,000 lives. From 1917 until 1957, the US Army Pigeon Breeding and Training Center was based at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"Do raccoons wash their food before eating?" They aren't germaphobes. It's a myth. When they find some-

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A Legendary Sports Columnist **Guest Columnist**

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

also known as African/American History Month. In that respect, during the 1920s in Martin County there was African/American an that was significant in the field of print media in Martin County. His name was Harry J. Earle, and he was a widely followed sports columnist writing in the Fairmont Daily Sentinel.

"Back in the days before the internet, before sports talk radio, and before Stephen A. Smith, Keith Olbermann, and Howard Cosell on TV, the newspaper columnist reigned supreme in the sports world. We picked up the paper to get the lowdown, to be informed, sure, but also to be entertained. We bought the paper for Jimmy Cannon or Tom The sports Boswell. columnist told us what happened in a game but also gave us behindthe-scenes dirt that you couldn't get anywhere else. The best of them held forth with style, attitude, and the uncanny ability to write well under pressure."

In the early 1900s Martin County featured an African American sports columnist writing for the Fairmont Daily Sentinel. His name was Harry J. Earle and his columns appeared daily reporting on high school, college, amateur, and professional sports. His style of writing was unique and captured the essence of the topic he was reporting on whether it be a team sport or a individual sport such as boxing. His columns had various titles over the years including "Sports Of The Day," "Sport Notes," "In The Realm Of Sport," and "Highlights Of The Sports World."

 $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{History}}^{\mathrm{ebruary}}$ is Black line in the November History Month, 3, 1923, edition of the Fairmont Daily Sentinel entitled "Harry Earle's New Company." This story told of Earle forming a new company of Vaudeville entertainers including musicians, singers, and dancers to perform in Fairmont. The story goes on to state that "Sentinel readers know that the Earles have had some very good shows in the "One thing is past," certain, if Harry Earle puts on a show it will be clean and wholesome." However, it would appear that he was most notable as a sports columnist at that time.

The following are some excerpts of Earle's writing in the Fairmont Daily Sentinel.

From the April 23, 1923, edition, Earle wrote, "Whatever may be brewing in the minds of local fandom, and there has been plenty of baseball chatter so far this season, will soon be smothered by the crack of bats at the initial call of Cardinal candidates to report to manager Tony Faeth at the Cardinal ball yard."

From the October 29, 1927, edition, Earle wrote, "THE WINDOM ELEVLN stood dumfounded when Johnny passed to Nip for the extra point after the third touchdown." Yes, it read "ELEVLN" in the paper. He also wrote, "Coach Hertz sent a fighting Red and White team against a "beefy" Windom eleven yesterday and they did the 'steam roller' act with their opponents."

In the December 18, 1924, his column stated, "WEE DICKIE KERR, the outstanding pitcher from the lamented 1919 world series may reappear in a big league uniform next season. The ment."

From the June 7, 1932, edition, Earle wrote "IF A PITCHER IS ABLE TO DEFEAT YOUR CLUB, it's a good idea to get that certain chucker for your club and allow him the privilege of winning games for your said club."

Ón December 19. 1928, Earle wrote, "Well folks, Captain Charlie Rice, Ted Lutter, and the rest of the Granada basketball team were over last night to hand the local high school cagers a little inside dope on how baskets were made from all angles and when Timekeeper Wickler fired the gun to end the game the visitors had walloped the Hertzman 28 to 17."

Earle's colorful portrayal of sporting events was imaginative, interesting, and perhaps ahead of his time. Sports columnists develop their own instinctive manner of delivery. The late Sid Hartman is perhaps most notable in terms of a celebrated and renowned sporting news columnist. His col-

umns, not unlike Earle's, were unique and interesting with generations of readers following him. Although Earle's columns didn't have the longevity of Hartman's, when browsing through them it is clear that he had a distinctive and interesting delivery of sporting events that conveyed his message artfully and effectively.

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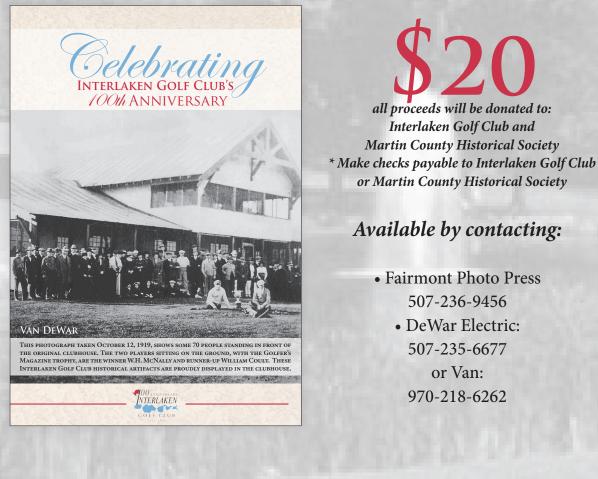
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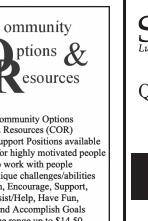
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