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BUHMANN 50TH - Arlen and Marilyn Buhmann of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 4th. They were married March 4th, 1967 at Holy Family Church in East Chain. Cards can reach them at 3816 W. Amber Lake Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.



EISENMENGER-KLOSS - Beth Eisenmenger and Brandon Kloss announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Beth's parents are Bruce and Jackie Eisenmenger of Welcome. Brandon's grandmother is Joyce Kloss of Rochester. Beth has a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is currently a Registered Nurse on a surgical floor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Brandon is a Senior Master Technician at Rochester Ford. The couple will be married April 8th, 2017 in Rochester. *Photo by: Cheeky Monkey Studio: Rochester*

Bakken Museum comes to Trimont Elementary



On February 9th, Bakken Museum came to Trimont Elementary to present their War of the Currents program. This fun and exciting program taught students about AC and DC power. Tesla and Edison made an appearance and it was clear they were not the best of friends. The students were fantastic participants and represented out school very well. Thank you Bakken Museum for a great event. *(Submitted photos)*



KADUCE 60TH - A card shower is planned to honor Jr. and Jean Kaduce for their 60th wedding anniversary on March 9th, 2017. Greetings may be sent to: Rio Valley Estates #157, 715 N. Westgate Drive, Weslaco, TX 78596. *(Submitted photo)*



Marvin Schultze

Melvin Schultze

SCHULTZE BROTHERS' 80TH - Marvin and Melvin Schultze will celebrate their 80th birthdays Friday, March 3rd. Cards will reach Marvin at PO Box 6, Ceylon, MN 56121 and Melvin at 1561 Meadowlark Lane, Fairmont, MN 56031. *(Submitted photos)*

St. John Vianney School March events scheduled

St. John Vianney School in Fairmont will have to events taking place in the week ahead.

There will be a Kindergarten Open House on Monday, March 6th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the school in Fairmont. Come visit the classroom and teacher. Find out more about scholarships that

are available.

On Thursday, March 9th, St. John Vianney School will hold their 2017-2018 registration night. This is for all grades: Preschool through 6th grade.

Registration is open from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Scholarships are available.

Area College Student News



Zachary Brown, son of Nathan and Sarah Brown of Ceylon, has earned the distinction of being named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at Saint John's University. Brown is a junior communication major at SJU.

To be included on the dean's list, students must

have a semester grade-point average of at least 3.80 and have completed 12 credits for which honor points (A,B,C, etc.) are awarded. Students included on the dean's list cannot have any "unsatisfactory" or "incomplete" grades for that semester.

Patrick Strom of Fargo, North Dakota recently earned 6th place on the St. John's University all-time three-point field goals in his career.

Strom is a member of the St. John's Men's Basketball team and has made 155 three-point shots in 79 games from 2014-2017. Strom also recently scored career high 30 points in the February 18th game vs. St.

Mary's. The St. John's team has a record of 19 wins and 9 losses this season.

Strom is a 2014 graduate of Fargo Shanley High School. He was three-time All-Conference, two-time All-State and was also a two-time All-State in Tennis. He is attending school for a major in accounting.

Strom is the grandson of Duane and Dee Nawrocki of Fairmont.



JOHNSON 70TH - Morris and Mildred Johnson of Swea City will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday, March 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Main Street Manor in Swea City. The open house is being given by their daughter Karma Bierle and husband Randall, grandson Brendon and his wife Brooke, granddaughter Kylee Bierle, also nieces Joanne, Judy and Jane. All friends and relatives are invited to share in their special day. No other invitations are being sent. The couple requests no gifts, please. *(Submitted photo)*



Crew Denver Geyen, son of Drew and Tahnee Geyen of Sioux Falls, was born January 1st, 2017 the first New Years baby at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls. He weighed nine pounds. Grandparents are Dr. Paul and Norma Seibert of Fairmont and Jack and Markey Geyen of New Prague, Minnesota.



Gary Lee Maier and Karrie Anne Riegel

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

Fairmont Library hosts Teen Read-A-Latte event

All teens are invited to join Amber at Graffiti Corner in Fairmont for a Read-A-Latte event!

The Fairmont branch of the Martin County Library is hosting this fun-filled event. Enjoy free fro-yo

and coffee and share what you're reading, watching or listening to!

The event will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th. Call the Fairmont library with questions at 238-4207.

"Drive-in Mini Movie" at the Fairmont Library

Help celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a special event at the Fairmont Library for all ages. Dr. Seuss' Whoville Drive-In Mini Movie will be the main feature of the event.

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Design your own who-mobile and then park your

car to enjoy a mini-movie of Dr. Seuss classics! Who-mobile design begins at 10:30 a.m. and the mini-movie begins at 11:00 a.m.

This event is free and open to the public, no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with any questions.



Local girl earns Girl Scout Silver Award

Emily Sokoloski recently earned her Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award for Cadette Girl Scouts.

Emily saw a need in her community after noticing younger children needed something to keep them occupied while waiting in lobbies and other group areas. She approached a number of organizations to determine if this was something that they could use, then developed a project to design and build 16 wooden "Coloring Caddies" to be donated to community organizations, along with her hand-drawn coloring pages with several different themes.

Emily presented her project idea to three area businesses, with the assistance of her leader, advisor and mother, Sara Becker-Sokoloski, Boekett Building Supply, Riverbend Office Supply, and

D&S Trophies donated materials and supplies for the project.

Emily then organized her team to work with on



the project. Her father helped her develop her idea into a design and build the caddies and her sister, Madison, assisted her by coloring the pages that she drew to make sure they would work for other children. 1200 copies of the coloring pages were needed to outfit the caddies, as well as crayons,

which were donated.

Once the caddies were built and filled, Emily attached plaques with her name, date, and the information that it was a Silver Award Project. She then worked with Lacey Dejarnes, another team member to compile a binder with instructions on building the caddies, which will be kept so others can use the information in the future, if desired. The final step was to deliver the Coloring Caddies to St. James Lutheran School, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church - Truman, and Mayo Clinic Health System. Emily will be honored at the Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scout Court of Awards and the River Valleys Girl Scout Council Gold and Silver Award Ceremony later this spring.

Local Breakfast Hostess named Head of the House

The Minnesota Lodging Association honored five outstanding individuals, two lodging properties and an industry supplier at its gala awards ceremony on January 12th at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Among those award recipients was local breakfast hostess Suzanne Sukalski.

Suzanne was honored with the Head of the House Award which recognizes an hourly employee in the "front of the house" who demonstrates above average care and service to guests and co-workers.

Suzanne Sukalski began her job as Breakfast Hostess at the Hampton Inn in Fairmont in 2012. She came into the role after learning about the position in her Special Education Career Exploration class, which give students the ability to observe jobs at various businesses in the city of Fairmont. After observing various jobs in hotels and restaurants, Suzanne began to envision herself having a career in the hospitality

industry and knew it was something she wanted to pursue after graduation.

Her graduation picture and plans for the future were posted in the Fairmont newspaper and caught the eye of Jason Subbert, the General Manager of the Hampton Inn Fairmont's management company, TPI Hospitality.



Pictured (left to right): Jason Junker, Fairmont Hampton Inn Property Manager; Suzanne Sukalski, award winner and Jason Subbert, TPI Hospitality General Manager of Fairmont. (Submitted photo)

At Jason's behest, Suzanne received an application to apply to the hotel through school and, after an exceptional interview, was offered the position only a few months after graduation.

Suzanne has really come into her own at her job. Working at the hotel has helped her realize that

being part of the Hampton Inn Fairmont team means being a part of something that is bigger than herself. The teamwork of the hotel staff shows that no one's job is small or insignificant; it takes everyone building off of one another to make the Hampton Inn Fairmont a successful business.

Suzanne tries every day to give each guest a special experience. Whether it's wearing colorful aprons that she sewed herself, or creating greeting cards to distribute to guests with candy, she is always looking for ways to brighten her guests' day and help them feel as comfortable as possible. Suzanne hopes to continue her job at the Hampton Inn Fairmont for as long as she can and she is incredibly grateful for her co-workers and the confidence they have helped instill in her over the last four years.

When accepting her award, Suzanne said, "I am so happy. This award is for my amazing team. Thank you for believing in me."

oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank the local community members and businesses for their continued support of our students. Our 10th annual Mardi Gras, held on February 4th, was a great evening of food, fun and friends. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces of our alumni that attended.

Soon we will be awarding scholarships to our well deserving students thanks to your generosity. Over the last nine years, we have been able to award over \$101,000 in scholarships. This is very important as we recruit new students and retain current students.

Once again, we wish

to thank our Corporate Sponsor: Rosen's Diversified Inc.

Looking forward to next year's Mardi Gras scheduled for February 3rd, 2018.

Billy Potter, Director
Presentation College
Fairmont Campus

Dear Editor:

On January 23rd, over 400 people helped us raise funds for the 2017 Fairmont Dollars for Scholars awards at our chicken dinner fundraiser. However, this doesn't include the dozens of people who sent us donations in the mail knowing they wouldn't be able to attend the meal. All told, we are at the nearly \$2000 mark from the event! Thank you so much to those generous members of the community who help make what we do possible!

Thank you to the 32 senior highers who helped us provide service to those attending the dinner.

With gratitude, we want to publicly thank the Knights of Columbus for helping the evening run so smoothly and to the Fairmont Sentinel, Fairmont Photo Press, KFMC, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Wells Federal Bank, and Dawn Petrowiak and other church staff who helped us get the word out about the event. Thank

you to Lori Stubbe and Lisa De Boer of Fairmont Pizza Ranch for the great food and the planning logistics. An especially huge thank you to dinner coordinator Nancy Backer, student recruiter Mary Grahneim, and the rest of the board who served.

Our scholarship season is now open and the deadline for all applications is April 1st at midnight.

Liz Wheeler
Fairmont Dollars for
Scholars executive
secretary

Wednesday evening suppers continue at the Fairmont Methodist Church. During lent, only soups are served for the suppers. March 1st will be potato and tomato florentine soups and sandwiches. On March 8th they will serve chili and cornbread. Jello, homemade desserts and beverages are also included. Serving is from 5 to 6 p.m. A donation of \$2 is suggested.

The **MOSS monthly meeting** is Thursday, March 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. 5:30 p.m. social and 6 p.m. meeting. Please come and join us to plan this year's Garden Tour, where the proceeds will go toward a handicapped accessible playground in town.

The **Fairmont American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 36**, will meet Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. All members and anyone interested in the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7th at Piz-za Ranch in Fairmont.

First Congregational United Church of Christ will be kicking off its **Annual Food Drive** for the month of March. We are going to try to SQUASH hunger. Each week we have a different theme to help SQUASH, SQUISH, POUND, AND SMASH hunger. We invite anyone wanting to help with our fight to SQUASH hunger in Martin County to drop off their food donation at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, either Sunday morning during worship, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or during our office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. All collected will be divided between the Salvation Army and Heaven's Table food shelves.

Hawkins Chevrolet will be closed on Friday, March 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. out of respect and to attend the funeral service of Maureen "Rene" Hawkins.

Martin County West indoor swimming pool in Sherburn will hold a **parent/tot swim class** in March for children ages 6 months to 5 years. Contact elizabethviesselman@mcw-mavericks.org for information or to register.

Emily Ziemer of Dunnell, daughter of Don and Francie Ziemer, was named **2017 Martin County Pork Producer Ambassador**. Emily receives a \$1,500 scholarship, will read her winning essay at the Martin County Pork Producers banquet March 27th and will compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador at Farm Fest in August. First runner-up was Rachael Mielke, daughter of Chris and Patti Mielke. Second runner-up was Sierra Williamson, daughter of Jamie and Deb Williamson. Rachael and Sierra will also receive scholarships and have the option to compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador.

The 2017 Senior High **Knowledge Bowl's** last regular meet before the tournaments, the Blizzard Invitational Part 3, was held on Monday in Blue Earth (postponed because of the previous Friday's blizzard). First place was taken by Fairmont Crimson and third place went to Fairmont Mahogany in the field of 16 teams from six different schools. Blue Earth Emerald finished second.

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National Nutrition Month

Guest Columnist

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

Do you know what March is? It's National Noodle Month! It's also National Umbrella Month. Here at Burtis Chiropractic we celebrate it as National Nutrition Month. While March Madness will soon descend upon us, it's a great time to look back and remind ourselves of the resolutions we made back in January to eat healthier. Have any of your resolutions become habits? Some experts tell us you have to do something for 21 days before it becomes a habit. Good nutrition would be a life changing habit, literally!!

Good nutrition starts with knowing what is good for you and how to change your current bad habits. It also can mean unlearning some of the mis-information that is so prevalent in today's world. One just has to

spend a few minutes on the internet to be inundated with megabytes of information, and some of it may even be true! Do you turn to Dr. Oz for your nutritional advice? Hmm, keep going. How about one of the internet gurus like Dr. Mercola? That's a big step up. How about your neighbor who is selling the latest multi-level stuff. Now you're going in the wrong direction again. To know you're getting good advice, you have to know who it's coming from. How about a doctor with 30 years of experience in natural medicine and a Master's Degree in Human Nutrition? Now you are looking to the right stuff.

The next question is how do you know what you do and don't need? After all, you don't want to waste money on supplements your body doesn't

need. More importantly, you don't want to take some of the cheaper versions that are actually bad for you or something that will interfere with any medications you may be taking. It is important to know, for instance, that artificial sources of folic acid are actually bad for you, while natural sources can decrease birth defects, help with energy, and improve methylation issues. Did you know that many of the cheaper makers of vitamins use coal tar to produce synthetic vitamin B? That does not sound healthy to me.

Remember, even if you do eat a healthy and balanced diet, you won't be getting adequate amounts of the vitamins and minerals your grandparents would have received 50 plus years ago. The reason quite simply is the depletion of soil minerals that

has resulted from modern day commercial farming. Fifty years ago you would have received about 50 milligrams of magnesium from a cup of spinach. Today it is more like five milligrams. And if you're forty or older, you have declining stomach acid, which means you aren't absorbing what is there. And if you have been using omeprazole, Nexium, Prilosec, etc. to decrease stomach acid, it is even worse.

A recent trend has been to turn to some more eclectic analysis devices, such as "Scanners" which employ some type of new age technology to determine your needs. If you ever find yourself receiving one of these, ask to have it done again five minutes after receiving the first one. If the results are the same, you know it is legit. If they have changed in just five minutes, then you have good reason to doubt the accuracy. A tried and tested diagnostic strategy is to get a blood test. This way you know what your deficiencies are, when you might

be taking too much, and if any of the medications you are taking are causing any problems. And yes, we do those blood draws at Burtis Chiropractic. We also offer computerized analysis of the results so you know exactly what you do and don't need. You can also check to see the results of the changes you have made.

So now you know who to ask, and how to find out what you really need. The next step is to do it! The world is full of people who know what to do but fail to take the first step. Your future healthier self awaits you!

For those of you who want a more in depth look at the latest in nutrition information, we are offering a free class on Thursday, March 23rd at our office at two different times - 12:30 and 5:30. Seating is limited, so please call 235-5551 or send us an email: info@burtischiropractic.com or Facebook message to reserve a spot ahead of time. We will be spending some extra time focusing on thyroid conditions and also discussing some of the case studies of people who have had their blood drawn at our office and the changes it has made in their health.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Skillet Enchiladas

New Arrival!

We have a new great-granddaughter! Lydia Renee arrived at 1:00 a.m. February 27th, weighing six pounds eight ounces., 19.5 inches long, lots of dark hair. She was born at Sanford hospital in Sioux Falls to our granddaughter, Samantha and her husband Justin Phillis. Samantha says she has a great pair of lungs and is healthy in every way! We are so anxious to meet her. I love the smell of babies, well most of the time!

On to this week's recipe. I love Mexican food, but not too spicy, so this recipe fits the bill. I think the mushroom soup mellows out the spice. I like to serve it with shredded lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice and a dollop of sour cream, if you want. I freeze half of it for another meal for the two of us. I have had this recipe for so long, I have no idea where I found it. Probably from a magazine. I hope that you enjoy it too!

Skillet Enchiladas:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can (10 oz.) enchilada sauce
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1-2 Tablespoons canned, chopped mild green chilies
- 8 corn tortillas
- 2 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped ripe olives

In large skillet, cook hamburger and onion, drain. Stir in soup, enchilada sauce, milk and chilies. Bring to boil, cover and simmer on low 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile in another smaller skillet, heat 1/4 inch oil. Dip each tortilla in hot oil for 3 seconds on each side or just until limp, drain on paper towels. Top each tortilla with 1/4 cup cheese and 1 tablespoon olives. Roll up and place over beef mixture, spooning some sauce over enchiladas. Cover and cook through another five minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, heating until melted. Is good served with shredded lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice and a dollop of sour cream.

Have a great week!



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Fairmont Area Chamber Annual Banquet held

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership banquet last week.

One of the activities of the event that night included the announcement of the 2016 Businesses of the year. The Chamber had been collecting nominations for the various categories over the past few weeks and the results were announced that night.

The 2016 Large Busi-

ness of the Year went to 3M of Fairmont. The Small Business of the year award was presented to D&S Trophies and Embroidery. The new business of 2016 was awarded to Fairmont Cross Fit and the non-profit organization for 2016 was the Red Rock Center for the Arts.

Congratulations to all of the businesses that were nominated and to this year's winners!

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

You are invited to join the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir for songs of hope and stories of freedom from addiction on Sunday, March 26th at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont.

Minnesota Adult and

Teen Challenge is a faith-based residential drug and alcohol program for teens and adults. Teen Challenge offers one of the highest permanent success rates worldwide. For more information about Teen Challenge, visit www.mntc.org.

What can you do to prevent illness?

Now is the time to get the most from your Medicare. Medicare can help by paying for many preventative services to keep you healthy.

You can stay healthy, live longer, and delay or prevent many diseases by doing the following:

- Exercise: Do physical activity for 20-30 minutes, 5 days a week. Talk to your doctor about the right exercise program for you.
- Eating well: Eat a healthy diet of different food, like fruits, vegetables, protein (such as meat, fish or beans), and whole grains (such as brown rice).
- Keeping a healthy weight: Watch your portions, and try to balance the number of calories you eat with the number you burn by exercising.
- Not smoking: Don't smoke.

•Delay or lessen the effects of diseases by getting preventative services, to find disease early, and shots to keep you from getting dangerous illnesses.

Call the Senior LinkAge Line® for assistance with questions related to your Medicare coverage. Help is available over the phone or in-person. The Senior LinkAge Line® is a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, as well as the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Specialists provide one-to-one assistance with all Medicare and health insurance issues and also provide in-depth long-term care options counseling. Call 1-800-333-2433 for assistance or go to www.MinnesotaHelp.info to chat live with a Senior LinkAge Line® specialist.

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Wondering how to find a non-fiction book on our shelf? Let's take a closer look. We group things by these ten main Dewey Decimal categories:

000-Computers and General: Looking for a how-to book on your computer, smart phone or iPad, this is the spot!

100-Philosophy and Psychology: These topics are what you'll find here!

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400-Language: Learn to speak a new language in this aisle!

500-Science: Sciences, Math, Astronomy, Fossils, Plants and Animals. (Books about dinosaurs are here!)

600-Technology: Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Cookbooks, Construction. The 600s carry everything from human anatomy to car repair!

700-Arts and Recreation: Art, Landscaping, Architecture, Photography, Music, Sports, Games. A huge area covering crafts and hobbies too!

800-Literature: Classic Literary Works, Foreign Language Literature and Poetry can be found here.

900-History and Geography: Travel guides are in the 900s, along with history books broken down by more specific topics.

That's the basics. But of course, we are always happy to help you track down whatever you need at the library!

The Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group will meet Saturday, March 4th from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems Hospital in Fairmont in "The Classroom" meeting room. A video presentation featuring Dr. Durie and the latest on new treatments will be shown. All patients, caregivers, family and friends are welcome to attend. A continental breakfast will be provided. For more information please phone Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.



Growing papaya

To grow good papayas you will need frost-free climate, lots of sunlight, water and very good soil. Cut a papaya in half, scrape out the seeds, and sow them in the location you've chosen. Some will be "male" (long, thin stalks with several small blooms) or "female" (single blooms, bigger, and very close to the trunk); you only need one male for every 10-15 female plants. They flower at about 3 feet tall. You may be picking the first ripe fruit within 10 months.

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OBITUARY notices

Renata E. Benck, 90



Services for Renata E. Benck, 90, of Fairmont, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, at

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1st, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. Renata passed away Thursday, February 23rd, 2017, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Renata E. (Wiechmann) Benck was born October 7th, 1926, in Fairmont, the daughter of Henry and Wilhelmine (Bruns)

Wiechmann. She was baptized and later confirmed into the Lutheran Faith at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Renata began her education attending country school district #85 near Fairmont. She would finish her education at Fairmont High School, graduating with the class of 1945. Following her graduation, Renata began working for Railway Motors in Fairmont until her marriage.

On May 7th, 1950, Renata was united in marriage to George R. Benck at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont by Pastor O.F. Krause. Together the couple farmed in East Chain and Pleasant Prairie Townships. They

were also blessed with seven children, Ann, John, Susan, Jane, Laurie, Mary Kay, and Cheryl. In 1995, the couple moved off the farm and into Fairmont where they enjoyed their retirement.

Renata loved life on the farm. She was very active with 4-H where she served as a leader for many years and was a member of the Pleasant Prairie Township Birthday Club and Farm Club. Faith was a very important part of Renata's life and she was a life member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairmont and also a member of Clara Circle. Renata cherished time spent with her family and looked forward to the Holidays and sharing

meals with all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by those that loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Ann (Dave) Nyberg, John (Dixie) Benck, Susan (Neil) Benschoter, Jane (Kenneth) Dreke, Laurie (Gene) Austin, Mary Kay (Rick) Smith, and Cheryl Benck and friend Keith Laudenbach; grandchildren, Shawn (Ann) Nyberg, Becky (Dave) Kleen, Jason (Leslie) Nyberg, Angie (D.J.) Kruse, Aaron (Katie) Benck, Amy Benck, Todd (Renee) Benschoter, Brian (Tanya) Benschoter, Kyle (Ann) Dreke, Kasey Dreke, Ben (Callie) Austin, Gena (Dustin) McKean,

Joshua Austin, Garrett Smith, Chad (Amanda) Smith, and Mariah Smith; 27 great-grandchildren with one on the way; brother, Paul (Dorothy) Wiechmann; sister-in-law, Mary Louise (Richard) Sanders; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Renata was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Benck; parents, Henry and Wilhelmine (Bruns) Wiechmann; sisters, Wilma (Leo) Crummy and Ardis (David) Nordval; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and Mary Benck.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Robert E. Manzke, 89



A Celebration of Life Service for Robert E. Manzke, 89, of Fairmont, formerly of East Chain, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 4th, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fair-

mont. Burial will be held in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery with full military graveside honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. March 4th, 2017, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Bob passed away Monday evening, February 20th, 2017, at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Elmer Manzke was born on April 19th,

1927, in Welcome, the son of Henry and Minnie (Schultz) Manzke. He attended country school near Welcome until the 8th grade and finished his education by attending Welcome High School where he graduated with the class of 1945.

On November 26th, 1948, Bob enlisted with the United States Airforce. He took his basic training in Texas and additional schooling in Illinois before being stationed in California for two years and also Japan for two years before receiving his honorable discharge September 5th, 1952.

On July 27th, 1952, Bob was united in marriage to

Geneva Helen Wolter at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home on the farm near Welcome, until moving to East Chain in 1972. In 2014, the couple moved to Fairmont. To this union seven children were born, Sharon, Susanne, Dale, Kristine, Kathryn, Douglas, and Brenda.

Bob farmed for several years before going to work as a welder at Railway Motors. He was also owner/operator of Manzke Repair of East Chain until his retirement in January 1990.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed spending his time outdoors. He was an avid

hunter and fisherman and loved doing yard work. Bob also enjoyed shooting trap and was a member of the East Chain Sportsman's Club. Bob was also a member of the East Chain United Methodist Church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Geneva Manzke; children, Susanne (Roger) Whitman, Dale Manzke, Kristine Manzke, Kathryn (Scott) Lucas, Douglas (Karen) Manzke, and Brenda (Mike) Buntjer; grandchildren, Neil Whitman, Laura (Zach) Koch, Ryan (Anugrah) Manzke, Derek Manzke, Ty Lucas, Jessica Manzke, Joshua Manzke,

Ryan Buntjer and Jacob Buntjer; great-grandchildren, Lucy, Millie, Oakley and Michael; sister, Chris Henderson; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Minnie Manzke; daughter, Sharon Manzke; granddaughter, Jenna Manzke; siblings and spouses, Herbert (Shirley) Manzke, Harold (Fern) Manzke, Norma (Walter) Bartsch, Mildred (Morris) Torgerson, and Lorene (William) Grefe and brother-in-law, Len Henderson.

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Maureen "Rene" Hawkins, 82



A Celebration of Life Service for Maureen "Rene" Hawkins, 82, of Sherburn will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 3rd, 2017 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont, with Rev. Marilla Whitney Presiding. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Rene was called to her eternal rest Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at Kramer Family Funeral Home in Sherburn and one hour prior to the services at the Church in Fairmont.

Maureen Ann Markquart was born November 8th, 1934, in Jackson, the daughter of Edward

and Edith (Petersen) Markquart. She attended and later was a graduate of Jackson High School with the class of 1952. Rene then attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. She moved to Minneapolis and was employed for Prudential Insurance. On September 21st, 1957, she was united in marriage to Thomas E. Hawkins at Jackson. After their marriage, they lived in Nebraska, Iowa until moving to Bloomington, Minnesota. In 1967, they moved to Sherburn and owned and operated Hawkins Chevrolet for many years and raised their family. She was an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont and belonged to church guild and taught Sunday school. Rene enjoyed entertaining family and friends in her home and especially enjoyed the Christmas season. She also enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas E. Hawkins of Sherburn; children, Thomas A. (Kate) Hawkins of Fairmont, Teri (Lyle) Goebel of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Mark (Jodi) Hawkins of Fairmont, Steve (Heather) Hawkins of Fairmont; ten

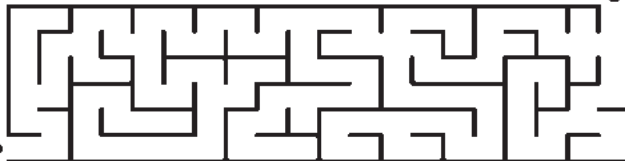
grandchildren; Thomas "TJ" Hawkins, (fiancée Samia) William Hawkins, (fiancée Tessa) and Michael Hawkins, Jason, David and Mary Goebel, Adam Hawkins and Krista Hawkins (fiancée, Ryan), Molly and Megan Hawkins; sister, Bev (Will) Larson of Georgetown, Texas; two brothers, Lee Markquart of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Ed (Jan) Markquart of Des Moines,

Washington; brother-in-law, Glenn "Mick" (Rosie) Hawkins of Chicago, Illinois; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Rene is preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Jordan Hawkins; mother and father-in-law, Art and Ila Hawkins; sister-in-law, Mary Markquart and other relatives.

kramerfuneralhome.com

Kids' Maze



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DEATH notices

February 20 - Robert E. Manzke, 89, Fairmont (formerly of East Chain). Lakeview Funeral Home
February 23 - Renata E. Benck, 90, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
February 25 - Maureen "Rene" Hawkins, 82, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home
February 26 - LeRoy Duncanson, 78, Red Wing (formerly of Truman). Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

February 23 - James E. Dahlstrom, 87, Fairmont
February 24 - Ella M. Goebel, 103, Fairmont
February 24 - Gerald K. Lemon, 81, Fairmont
February 24 - Mary K. Steiner, 88, Fairmont
February 25 - Alexander R. Klocek, 86, Fairmont
February 26 - Donald J. Nowak, 55, Welcome

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ORDINANCE 2016-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-1 CONTROLLING AND KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK & FOUL & PERMITTING THE KEEPING OF HORSES IN THE CITY OF GRANADA

The City Council of the City of Granada, Minnesota, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 16-1 is now amended to read as follows:

- No person shall keep any horse, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, llamas, camels, buffalo or similar animal or any animal of a wild nature (does not include small animals often kept as pets such as rabbits or ferrets) in the city. No person shall permit such an animal to be kept on the premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him/her.
- Provided, that no more than two (2) horses may be kept on property consisting of at least 4.5 acres by permit from the City of Granada. The permit fee shall be \$25.00 per horse and the permit shall contain such additional conditions as may be determined from time to time by the City of Granada.
- No person shall keep more than a total of three (3) chickens, fowl or poultry, per recorded lot in the City of Granada. Roosters are not allowed to be kept in a residential zone.
- No chicken coop, run or other structure where chickens, fowl, or poultry are kept shall be maintained closer than thirty-five (35) feet from any residence, other than the residence occupied by owner or occupant of the premises upon which such chickens, poultry or fowl are kept. All cages need to be kept clean and chickens, fowl or poultry are not allowed to roam free.

/s/ Mayor Darren Maday

ATTEST:
/s/ Kathy Leet, City Clerk

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FAIRMONT AREA

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Breakfast menu can be found online.
MAR 2 - 8

THUR: K-6: Pancakes,
scrambled eggs, ham, chicken
ranch wrap, tator tots, broc-
coli ranch salad, orange, apple-
sauce. **JR/HS:** Beefy maca-
roni bake, dinner roll, green
beans, pea salad, red pepper
strips, apple, peaches. **FRI:**
K-6: Mac and cheese,
dinner roll, yogurt and graham
cracker fun lunch, broccoli, car-
rots, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/**
HS: Fish nuggets, baked beans,
dinner roll, caesar salad, broc-
coli, orange, pineapple tidbits.
MON: K-6: BBQ rib, ham
and cheese sandwich, fries,
broccoli, apple, peaches. **JR/**
HS: Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, cole-
slaw, carrots, apple, pears.
TUE: K-6: Chicken fajitas,
salsa, egg and cheddar chef salad,
dinner roll, mexicali corn, jicama
sticks, grapes, applesauce. **JR/**
HS: Taco, cilantro lime rice,
refried beans, sweet corn salad,
jicama sticks, apple, mandarin
oranges. **WED: K-6:** Cheeseburger,
ham and swiss sandwich, baked
beans, caesar salad, banana,
strawberry cup. **JR/HS:** Gen-
eral tso's chicken, rice, carrots,
marinated tomato and cucum-
ber salad, red pepper strips,
grapes, applesauce.

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MAR 2 - 8
THURS: Pork roast,
mashed potatoes, mixed veg-
gies, rice pudding.
FRI: Golden broil fish or al-
ternate, creamed potatoes,
beets, cake.
MON: Roast beef, mashed
potatoes, gravy, carrots,
pumpkin dessert.
TUE: Chicken trips, potato
salad, green beans, cake.
WED: Roast turkey,
mashed potatoes, gravy,
creamed corn, cherry crisp.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.
MAR 2 - 8
THUR: Pulled pork, baked
beans, potato chips, mandarin
oranges.
FRI: Spaghetti, green beans,
garlic bread, strawberry cup.
MON: Sloppy Joe, fries, peas,
banana, pudding cup.
TUES: Shrimp poppers,
mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots,
bread, applesauce.
WED: Soft shell taco, fixings,
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAIRMONT

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MAR 2 - 8
THUR: Beefy macaroni bake,
dinner roll, green beans, red
pepper strips, apple.
FRI: Fish nuggets, baked beans,
dinner roll, broccoli, orange.
MON: Popcorn chicken,
mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner
roll, carrots, pears.
TUE: Tacos, cilantro lime rice,
refried beans, jicama sticks, or-
ange.
WED: Chicken sandwich,
baked beans, red pepper strips,
applesauce.



Living in the country is a choice that I made early on - even before I was married. Lucky for me, my wife Karis also loves living in the country. I have spent a few years living in cities like Minneapolis, River Falls, Wisconsin and others, but I never felt very comfortable living in town. I guess growing up on a farm showed me what rural living was like and I enjoy the benefits of rural living. Simple little things like being able to see the stars at night when you look up, paying attention to who is driving by because "no-



body hardly ever drives by our place", or just sitting in our outdoor patio at night and not hearing anything but the frogs and crickets - those type of small things mean more than anything to me. This past weekend, Karis noticed

that there was a large bird that was in the field just north of our neighbor's place. She grabbed her camera to take a picture and try to figure out what

it was. I went for the binoculars, because it was about a football field away from us, but I could tell it was big from that far away. After studying the bird and Karis' pictures, we determined it was one of our resident eagles, picking on the carcass of a dead deer that was laying out in the field. There are a couple of eagle nests in the lake-bottom near us and in the Kittleson grove that we can see from our place. They are such majestic birds to watch! We also have a pack of wild turkeys that forage for food in the neighbor fields and we have seen them a couple times this winter while out driving around. One time I counted 15 of them in the group! Things like this are why I choose to live out in the rural area.

Lincoln Strong!

Many of us have been following the story of Lincoln Becker of Northrop and his fight against cancer. Recently we published his picture holding the sign that he had his last

cancer treatment, which was a big milestone in his life. Last Sunday, his family and friends held a large celebration in honor of



Lincoln at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall. Many people showed up at this event, to help celebrate with Lincoln and also to raise funds for some great causes. Lincoln, who was surrounded by his parents, had three different big check presentations to make that day. A \$5,000 donation was made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, \$5,000 donated to Children's Hospitals and Clinics of MN and another \$5,000 was donated to

Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. All three organizations were a big part of Lincoln and family's lives during his treatments and they wanted to show their appreciation with these presentations. Thank you to all who helped out for this event and to those who contributed so these donations could be made!

Pancakes, pancakes and more!

Before I go this week, I have a few events that are coming up in the week ahead to point out to you. The Fairmont Methodist Church is holding their Wednesday evening suppers throughout Lent. This Wednesday they will serve potato and tomato florentine soups with sandwiches and next Wednesday will be chili and cornbread. Serving is from 5 to 6 p.m. (or until

food runs out!) A \$2 donation is suggested. On Saturday, March 4th from 5 to 8 p.m. Northrop Baseball is having a Shrimp Feed and Registration at the Northrop Legion. Help raise funds, celebrate last season and register for this season all in one place! On Sunday, March 5th the Fairmont Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake Feed to raise funds for Friends of Cedar Point. from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Fairmont KC Hall. Also on Sunday, March 5th, the Sherburn Lions Club will have their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Martin County West High School Cafeteria in Sherburn. Lots of great food and events to take in this weekend and next week!! Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - spring is coming!

- Jeff

They wanted to please

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



My father loved horses. He had a special way with them. They seemed to appreciate his style of training. I can see some of this skill in his grandchildren and great grandchildren when they work in training their pets. THEY WANTED TO PLEASE.

I learned the art of horse handling from my father. It was learned slowly. I learned by being with him and watching him train. He believed in talking to the horses. He often spoke of the horses being living, breathing things, much different from the hard steel of a tractor. The horses responded to voice and a loving touch. I would watch as he bridled the horses in the morning. They would often swing their heads toward him to make it easier for him. It was as though they were asking the question, "why fight it?" They would stand quietly as he harnessed them. It was as though they wanted to make it as easy for him as they could. It was as though THEY WANTED TO PLEASE. Once harnessed, they seemed to know where to go. He would direct them to the wagon, mower, or spreader with little effort. One horse would step over the long tongue and wait. The other horse waited on the opposite side of the tongue. They would then wait for my father to lift the end of the long tongue and place it into the hang-

ing ring on the neck yolk. His horses would patiently wait as my father hooked up the chains of the tugs. They would stand until he gave them the voice command to move. It was a quiet clicking sound. They seemed to be listening for the command. Once given, they would move forward together. THEY WANTED TO PLEASE.

I always wondered how they had learned to be such obedient workers and, better yet, how he taught them such obedience. I think it came from

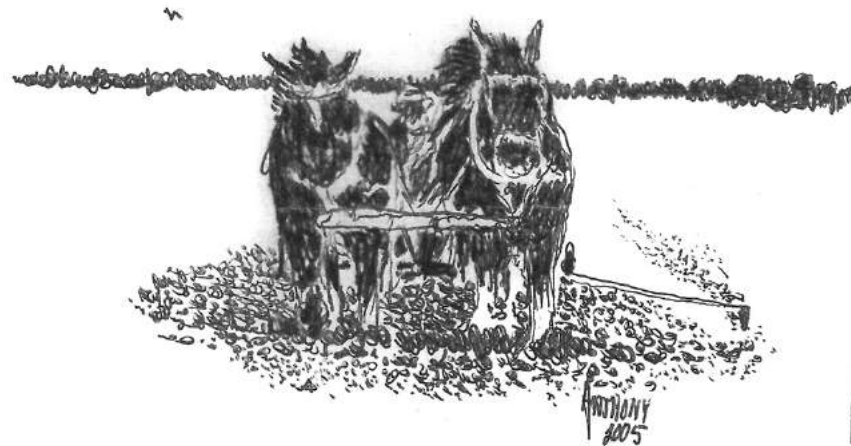
his ability of letting them know what he expected. There was no yelling or whipping, just a gentle voice command from my father in his own quiet way. He would rest the horses often, especially in the heat of the summer. I remember that he would walk around to the front of the team as they rested. He would rub their giant faces and they would respond by rubbing their noses on his arm and body. It was as though they were seeking his approval for the work that they were doing.

Was it so much different from the way his grandchildren and great grandchildren train their pets? They treat them much the same as my father treated

his horses. They know that if they can get the pet to respect them, the training will come easier.

The horses were the power of the farm. They

deserved the kindness that my father offered. I am proud to remember his kindness.



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Bob and Kathy Bishop were selected as the 2017 Friends of St. John Vianney School at its 13th annual SJV School Dinner/Dance. The Bishops were recognized for their dedication and continual willingness to give of their time in service to the SJV School and SJV Parish. Pictured (left to right): Fr. Andrew Beerman, Superintendent of St. John Vianney School, Bob and Kathy Bishop, and Jake Robasse, St. John Vianney School Principal. (Submitted photo)



At the 13th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance, the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus presented SJV School with donations totaling \$48,000. Pictured (left to right): Fr. Andrew Beerman, Chad McGowan, Grand Knight of local KC Council and Jake Robasse, St. John Vianney School Principal. (Submitted photo)



At the 13th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance, Nancy (Harris) Thompson, a 1984 graduate of the SJV School, was its featured alumnus. Nancy reflected on her Catholic School experience and the impact that it has had on her life. Pictured are Fr. Andrew Beerman, Superintendent of the St. John Vianney School and Nancy Thompson. (Submitted photo)



MCW FFA experienced National success this past year as two teams qualified to compete at the National FFA Convention. The Nursery Landscape Career Development Event team, left to right: Jeremy Daberkow (advisor), Abby Bachenberg, Sarah Kluver, Jordan Stahl and Emily Ziemer) placed 4th in the nation, with Jordan Stahl placing 7th individually. (Submitted photo)



The Royal Court presided over the Snow Week festivities at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. Pictured are Freshmen- Count Caleb Roiger and Countess Abby Calkins, Sophomore- Duke Dalton Fette, Seniors- Queen Lindsey Miles and King Carter Wille, Sophomore- Duchess Autumn Fischer and Juniors- Prince Reece Riegel and Princess Alex Schuder. (Submitted photo)

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SFC Theodore Berg (not pictured) of the MN Army National Guard provided distracted driving experiences to Martin Luther High School students. The students felt the effects of driving under the influence by wearing simulation goggles while trying to navigate an obstacle course. (Submitted photo)

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FRANK looks a lot like Kitty, especially in shape. He is also a soft color leaning toward light brown and beige, but with white on his chest and feet. Frank is also a mellow guy and does more lounging than he does playings

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DOLLY is a schnauzer mix. She is a dark gray with soulful brown eyes. Dolly is fond of woman, but not all that fond of men and children. Dolly enjoys going for walks.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 4, 1992

Starting March 1st, smoking was to be off limits at Lakeview Methodist Health Center for everyone except residents, who still may smoke in designated smoking areas on the facility's first floor. Lakeview Administrator Lloyd Swalve said a room on the first floor would be converted into a smoking lounge for residents.

Floyd Striemer of 152 Hall Street was pictured with part of his collection of 3,289 caps. There were over 400 seed companies represented and a John Deere "four-wheel drive", pulling a Santa's sleigh.

Captain Timothy Parker, commanding officer, announced that The Salvation Army of Fairmont had reached its goal of \$55,000 for the Christmas season. Over 600 individuals were assisted at Christmas time.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 4, 1967

Fairmont's High School gym squad won its 13th straight Region 2 title and was headed for state competition. They defeated Mankato 104-58. Herb Wolf was coach.

Mrs. Ed Kuss was named president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

With three more weeks until spring, the Photo Press reported that the month of February saw the temperature rise above freezing only ten times in the 28 days. Snow fell in various quantities during 9 days, with one blizzard again closing all schools. Temperatures dropped below zero 13 nights.

Suits at Enderson's Clothing Store were advertised at \$39.50 to \$75.00. A Pat Perkins dress at Wolf's Quality Fashions was listed at \$10.00.

Spring EXPO

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The annual KSUM/KFMC Spring Expo will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont.

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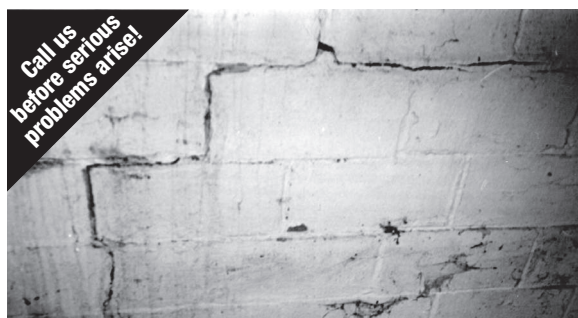
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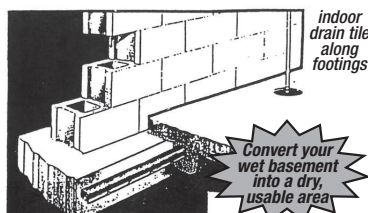
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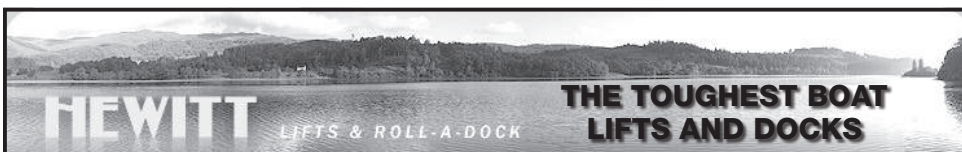
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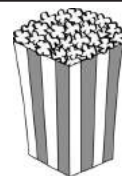


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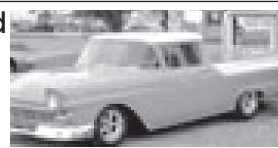
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Notice Of Annual Meeting & Election Of Officers/ Board Of Canvass Meeting

FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Fairmont Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 21, 2017.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

One Supervisor.....3 yrs
One Treasurer....2 yrs

The Board of Canvass will meet, immediately following the election to certify the official election results.

The Annual meeting will commence at 8:05 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Fairmont Elementary School Cafeteria, 714 Victoria Street Fairmont, MN. Please enter through the North doors.

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FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Heather Trembley, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rolling Green Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at the Town Hall, 978 160th Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The Election Poll Hours will be open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) Supervisor - 3 year term
(1) Treasurer - 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls.

The **Annual Meeting** will commence at **8:05 p.m.** to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

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ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Dan Bebernes, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers & Board of Canvass for

CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Center Creek Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Township Grader Shed in Granada.

Voting times are 5:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 year term
(1) SUPERVISOR - 2 year term
(1) TREASURER - 2 year term

Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 p.m.

In case of bad weather, the above will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

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CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Kim Shoemaker, Clerk

NOTICE to the residents of PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby give to the qualified voters of Pleasant Prairie Township, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Polls open at 4:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. for the following offices:

(1) Supervisor - 3 years
(1) Treasurer - 2 years

The Annual Meeting will commence at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the Pleasant Prairie Town Hall.

The Board of Canvass will meet at 8:15 p.m.

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Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
SILVER LAKE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Silver Lake Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at Boy Scout Camp, North Shore of Iowa Lake.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 21, 2017.

Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

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SILVER LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Randy Musser, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at Lake Belt Township Grader Shed / Town Hall.

Business Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 year term
(1) TREASURER - 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

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LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Jeff Hagen, Clerk

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Rutland Township Hall, 1448 St. Hwy 15. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 years

The Board of Canvass will meet following the election to certify the official election results. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all business prescribed by law.

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To the Voters of TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** at Tenhassen Town Hall.

Business Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years
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FRASER TOWNSHIP BOARD
 Rita Garbers, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

MANYASKA TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Manyaska Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** 3 Main Street, Fox Lake Village, Welcome, MN Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 yr. term
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The Annual meeting will be held at 8:15 p.m.

The Board of Canvass will be held at approximately 8:25 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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Record 2016 crop yields in Minnesota and Iowa

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The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) recently released the 2016 estimated average county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops. The NASS yields reveal just how remarkable the 2016 crop year was in most of Minnesota, Iowa, and other Upper Midwest States. Many States featured record corn and soybean yields in 2016, as well as the highest ever crop yields in many counties. The 2016 County yields for all crops in Minnesota, Iowa, and all other States are available on the NASS web site at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

NASS is estimating the 2016 corn yield in Minnesota at the record level of 193 bushels per acre, which exceeded the previous State record corn yield of 188 bushels per acre in 2015. Other recent statewide corn yields were 156 bushels per acre in 2014, 159 bushels per acre in 2013, and 165 bushels per acre in 2012. The 2016 average soybean yield in Minnesota is also estimated to be at a record level of 52.5 bushels per acre, which bested the previous State record soybean yield

of 50 bushels per acre in 2015. The statewide soybean yields in other recent years were 41.5 bushels per acre in 2014, 42 bushels per acre in 2013, and 43.5 bushels per acre in 2012.

Based on the NASS data, Minnesota had a total 2016 corn production of nearly 1.54 billion bushels, compared to 1.43 billion bushels in 2015, and 1.18 billion bushels in 2014. The eleven counties in Minnesota's South Central Crop Reporting District produced over 331 million bushels of corn last year. Renville County produced the most corn in 2016 at 51.6 million bushels, followed in top five for corn production by Martin County at 49 million bushels, Redwood County at 47.2 million bushels, Faribault County at 44.4 million bushels, and Mower County at 40.8 million bushels.

Fifteen counties in Minnesota had 2016 average corn yields that exceeded 200 bushels per acre, based on the NASS data. Nicollet County had the highest average corn yield at 209.4 bushels per acre, followed in the top

five counties by Faribault County at 208.5 bushels per acre, Martin County at 207.6 bushels per acre, Stevens County in West Central Minnesota at 205.2 bushels per acre, and Waseca County at 204.6 bushels per acre. Other counties that exceeded 200 bushels per acre yield in 2016 were Cottonwood, Dodge, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Redwood, Rock, Sibley, Steele, and Yellow Medicine.

Most other counties in West Central Minnesota and the southern one-third of Minnesota, as well as some counties in Central Minnesota had 2015 corn yields between 185 and 199 bushels per acre. Many counties in Northwest Minnesota were in the 160 to 180 bushel per acre range. It should be pointed out that some major corn producing counties in Southern Minnesota had lower yields in 2016, as compared to 2015, primarily due to excessive rainfall during the early part of the growing season. Counties that had year-to-year reduced corn yields on 8 bushels per acre or more included Blue Earth, Freeborn, Goodhue, Rice,

and Watonwan.

Minnesota produced 393.7 million bushels of soybeans in 2016, compared to 377.5 million in 2015 and 301.7 million in 2014. The top five soybean producing counties in 2016 all exceeded a total production above 10 million bushels, led by Polk County with 13.2 million bushels. Other counties in the top five for soybean production were Redwood County at 11.4 million, Renville county at 11.1 million, Marshall County at 10.6 million, and Faribault at 10.4 million bushels. It is interesting to note that both Polk and Marshall counties are in the Northwest Crop Reporting District.

Nine counties in Minnesota had a 2016 average soybean yield that exceeded 60 bushels per acre, based on the NASS yield data. Faribault County had the highest average soybean yield at 64.1 bushels per acre, followed by Olmsted and Rock Counties, both at 61.9 bushels per acre, and Nicollet and Wabasha Counties, both at 61.7 bushels per acre. Other counties with average 2016 soybean yields exceeding 60 bushels per acre included Waseca County (61.5), Martin County (61.4), Goodhue County (61.0), and Winona County (60.3). Most other counties in the southern one-third of

Minnesota, as well as several counties in Central and West Central Minnesota had 2016 soybean yields above 55 bushels per acre. The Central Crop Reporting District averaged 53.9 bushels per acre, while the West Central District averaged 52.1 bushels per acre and the Northwest District averaged 40.5 bushels per acre.

Iowa had an incredible 2016 statewide average corn yield of 203 bushels per acre, which surpassed the previous record yield of 192 bushels per acre in 2015 by 6 percent. Based on the NASS estimates, Iowa produced 2.74 billion bushels of corn in 2016, compared to just over 2.5 billion bushels in 2015. Kossuth County lead the State with a production of 68.4 million bushels. The other top five producing corn counties were Pottawattamie (52.8 million bushels), Crawford (47.1 million bushels), Webster (45.7 million bushels), and Sioux (43.9 million bushels).

Sixty of the ninety-nine counties in Iowa had 2016 corn yields that averaged over 200 bushels per acre, with twenty-one counties averaging over 210 bushels per acre. Cherokee County lead the State with a 2016 average corn yield of 219.7 bushels per acre, followed by Ida and Scott Counties, both at 216 bushels per acre, Cedar

and Shelby Counties, both at 215.3 bushels per acre. Other counties exceeding a 2016 average corn yield of 210 bushels per acre were Bremer, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa, Jasper, Marshall, O'Brien, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Sac, Sioux, Story, and Winneshiek.

Iowa produced just over 571.7 million bushels of soybeans in 2016, compared 553.7 million bushels in 2015, based on the NASS production estimates. Plymouth County was the leading soybean producing county in 2016 at 13 million bushels, followed by Kossuth County at 12.8 million bushels, Pottawattamie County at 11.1 million bushels, Sioux County at 10.1 million bushels, and Woodbury County at 9.9 million bushels.

Cherokee County had the highest 2016 county average soybean yield in Iowa at an incredible 70.1 bushels per acre. This was followed by Ida County at 68.1 bushels per acre, Plymouth and Lyon Counties, both at 66.7 bushels per acre, and Sioux County at 66.4 bushels per acre. Forty-nine counties, or nearly half of the counties in Iowa, had average soybean yields above 60 bushels per acre in 2016, and all counties in the State had average yields exceeding 50 bushels per acre.

Naturally

By Al Batt

The wind blows me away, but rainy days and free pie Mondays never bring me down. A cardinal was singing in our yard on February 20th. I saw red-winged blackbirds and eastern bluebirds on February 21st. Chipmunks were out and about, hoovering up dropped sunflower seeds from under our feeders. They were using the seeds not only for their current energy needs, but also for restocking their pantries. I saw chickens frolicking outside on the same day. I recall the apparent joy of our chickens after they were released outside after being cooped up all winter.



Horned larks were evident on the sides of our rural roads. I see them all winter, but some of the birds now are migrants. The brownish horned lark is identified in flight by a mostly black tail. The horned lark walks instead of hopping and sings from slight elevations on the ground or in the air. The song, a clear, tinkling

"tsee-ee," is high-pitched and often prolonged.

J.R.R. Tolkien, wrote in "The Hobbit," "This thing all things devours: Birds, beasts, trees, flowers; Gnaws iron, bites steel; Grinds hard stones to meal; Slays king, ruins town, And beats high mountain down."

Tolkien was writing about time. Time makes winter go away. Time makes winter return.

Weather in the 60-degree area had eliminated most of the snow, but it came back. The world became available in limited colors--white, brown and gray. If the weather had been perfect, it would have been a lovely day. I reckoned we received a foot of snow. Black became evident in the flocks of red-winged blackbirds and common grackles. Their calls were welcome sounds.

Q-and-A

"Will mothballs keep deer and rabbits out of my garden?" No, they don't work. Mothballs are toxic pesticides. Their specific purpose is to repel moths, not to discourage rabbits and deer.

"How can I tell a trumpeter swan from a tundra swan by their calls?" Trumpeter swan calls are mainly a deep honk, of-

ten compared to a French horn, taxi horn or tin trumpet. Tundra swan calls are a varied, high-pitched bugling. Their quavering calls remind me of the sounds of snow geese.

"What colors of flowers best attract bees?" Bees are trichromatic, just like us. That means they have three photoreceptors within the eye and base their color combinations on those three colors. Humans base color combinations on red, blue and green, while bees base colors on ultraviolet light, blue and green. Bees are unable to see the color red as they have no photoreceptor for it. They can see reddish wavelengths, such as yellow and orange. They also see blue-green, blue, violet and an ultraviolet light that humans can't see. Research has shown that the most likely colors to attract bees are purple, violet and blue. White, yellow and orange are less popular, but still attractive.

"How can I tell if bird seed is still fresh?" If it smells moldy, it's not. Crush some on a paper towel and see if any oil comes out. Birds need the oil. Seeds go stale just as our foodstuffs do.

"When is it officially spring?" When the UPS driver starts wearing

shorts. Not long after that, the pasty white legs of spring begin showing up everywhere. Please wear sunglasses in their presence.

"What makes blue feathers?" Blue is an example of a structural color (as opposed to a pigmented color) because it's generated by light interacting with a feather's 3-D arrangement. Different shapes and sizes of air pockets and keratin produce different shades of blue.

Reporting pelicans, suspicious and otherwise

Lisa Gelvin-Innvaer, Nongame Wildlife Specialist with the DNR's Nongame Wildlife Program sent this: "To aid timing of our conservation and management efforts, it's helpful to know as soon as pelicans return to southern Minnesota. When, where and numbers."

Lisa's contact information is Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division Ecological & Water Resources Southern Region (R4), 21371 State Hwy 15 South, New Ulm MN 56073-5228. Phone: 507-359-6033. Fax: 507-359-6018. Email: lisa.gelvin-innvaer@state.mn.us

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THE MISSEL – Cardinals Derek Missling goes in for a layup past Redwood Valley’s Mitch Irlbeck and Logan Josephson. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*

Area athletes place in college track meets

The following athletes from the area placed and scored points in their various conference meets this past weekend:

Northern Sun Conference
Josh Johanson from GHECMLMT was 7th in High Jump at 6'8". Josh competes for Concordia St. Paul.

Wisconsin Athletic Conference
Justin Barnes of Fairmont was 6th in the Hep-tathlon for UW River

Falls with a score of 4,377 points.
Sasha Riley of Fairmont ran on the UW Eau Claire 4x400 relay team that placed 2nd with a time of 3:54.82.

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Mark Fruechte, former Fairmont High School track athlete, ran on the Black Hills State Distance Medley Relay that placed 5th in 10:20.98 and the 4x400 relay that finished 3rd with a time of 3:22.96.

Sagedahl wins 5 national titles

At the National Senior Track Meet held on February 18th and 19th in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sherwood Sagedahl of Fairmont won the National Championship in all 5 events he competed in. Sagedahl, who competes in the 75 to 79 year

old age group won the following events:
60 meter dash - 9.73 seconds
200 meter dash - 32.36 seconds
400 meter dash - 1:13.57
800 meter run - 3:03.87
Mile run - 7:06.96

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TRIPLE TEAMED – Cards Lucas Denney left, Sam Schwieger right, and Wyatt Quiring surround Redwood Valley’s Dalton Siegfried. Redwood Valley edged the Cardinals 74-72 last Tuesday night. The #4 seeded Cards host #5 seed St. James next Monday night in the first round of the Section playoffs. *Courtesy gregabelphotography.com*



FOUR RED BULLS TO STATE - Fairmont/Martin County West's Jaxson Rohman, Zac Ringnell and Collin Steuber will be making a return trip to the Class AA state individual wrestling tournament Friday at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Payton Anderson at 132, who will be making his first trip, lost a 4-0 decision to Sean Howk of New Ulm to finish second at the Section 3AA Individual Meet held last weekend in Redwood Falls. Anderson (36-7) will meet Reed Defrang (34-1) of Plainview-Elgin-Millville. Rohman, ranked #2 at 106, pinned Hunter Baker of Luverne in the individual meet. Rohman (36-1) will take on Francis Fuenffinger (25-16) of Hibbing in the first round. Collin Steuber ranked # 6 at 160, had a 11-1 major decision over Miles Kattevold of Quad County to punch his ticket to state. Steuber (39-4) of the Red Bulls will meet Corey Jobe of Watertown-Mayer (24-3) in the first round. #10 ranked Zac Ringnell at 126, edged Ryan Wacker of New Ulm 3-2 to claim the section individual title. Ringnell (33-5) will open state against Josh Holm (23-5) of Grand Rapids. Other section results: Cale Steuber at 113, Jordan Wolter at 120, and Mario Maldonado at 145, each placed third. Miles Fitzgerald at 152, placed fifth. Nathan Simmonds at 138, Tristan Lange at 170, and Conner Tordsen at 182, all finished sixth. *(Submitted photo)*

LAFF - A - DAY

"My teacher wants to see you both and our family lawyer!"



Truman Pride hosted a bean bag tournament for THS students at Truman High school. Each participant received multiple door prizes and the top three teams took home cash prizes. The top three teams (left to right): 2nd place, \$100, Chloe Hartman and Lydia Studer; 1st place, \$200, Derek Shoen and Tommy Kotewa; 3rd place, \$50, Parker Stevens and Micah Hudson. Thanks to the Truman Fire Department for the use of the bean bag boards. Special thank to all business and people who donated food, prizes or helped out and to Meredith Miller for drawing and calling out names for door prizes. Truman Pride appreciates all the help and participation.



STATE GYMNAST – Martin County Area Magic’s Bryanna Peterson placed 3rd on the bars with 9.6 leading to a 6th place finish in the all-around completion at the Class A individual state meet at the University of Minnesota’s Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis Saturday. Peterson had a 9.475 on the vault for 12th place, a 9.5 on the floor exercise for 11th place and added a 14th place finish with 9.025 on the balance beam for her all-around total of 37.6. Peterson was also selected to Minnesota’s all-state elite team.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Use Your Tax Refund Wisely

It's tax time again – which for many Americans means that a tax refund is on its way. If you're going to get a refund this year, how can you use the money to your best advantage?

Of course, it's always tempting to spend the check from Uncle Sam on something fun. But a tax refund could be sizable – the average amount in 2016 was \$2,857, according to the IRS – so putting this money to work could help boost your progress toward your financial goals.

Here are some possibilities for using your refund:

- Help fund your IRA. If you were to receive a tax refund of \$2,857, you'd have slightly more than half of the \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit for 2017, although, if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000. Consequently, you may find it much easier to fully fund your IRA for the year – and you should do exactly that, because an IRA is a great retirement savings vehicle. If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income, while your earnings can grow tax deferred. (Taxes

are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

- Help diversify your portfolio. If a market downturn hits one asset class, and that's where you keep most of your money, you could take a big hit. Owning an array of investments – such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and so on – can help prepare your portfolio to weather the effects of market volatility. By adding new investments, or increasing your holdings of existing investments, you may be able to further diversify your portfolio – and you can use your refund for this purpose. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- Contribute to a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren whom you'd like to help send to college, consider using your tax refund to help fund a 529 plan. Your 529 plan contributions may be

deductible from your state taxes, and your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals not used for higher education expenses may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty.)

- Pay off some debts. You can help improve your financial picture by reducing your debt load – but it may make sense to prioritize these debts. For example, rather than make an extra mortgage payment, you might want to first tackle those debts or loans that carry a high interest rate and that don't allow you to deduct interest payments. After all, your monthly mortgage payment will remain the same even if you make an extra payment, but if you can get rid of some smaller debts, you will free up some cash that you could use to invest for your future.

Think carefully about how to use your tax refund. It represents an opportunity that you won't want to waste.

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The Fox Lake 4-H club held their February meeting February 12th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion. The meeting was called to order and the Flag and Club Pledges were said. The Role Call was, "Who is your Valentine?" The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. Old Business was reviewed.

Mercedes is checking on the new T-shirts for the Club. For our Community Pride project, we are planning to plant a tree. Heather is working with a lady in Welcome who has the ability to make arrangements for it to happen.

For the New Business, it was decided to help pack for "Kids Against Hunger". We will pack

from 2-4 pm on February 18th, 2017 at the Armory in Fairmont. On July 14th & 15th is 'Welcome Days'. The Club will have a Food Stand and help with the inflatables during the Festival. Maggie volunteered to set up an open Facebook page for the Fox Lake 4-H club too.

For our March meeting, we will go bowling at the Bowl Mor and go the Pizza Ranch afterward. The meeting concluded with Janeen and Maggie making and serving a Mystery Dinner.

Our next meeting will be on March 12th, 2017 at the Bowl Mor Lanes in Fairmont at 4:00 pm

Gravid Boerner,
Reporter



Fairmont High School senior, Tyler Head, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Tyler is the son of Jim and Amy Head. He has a 10th grade brother, Eric Head. Tyler is active in hockey, tennis, soccer, band, musical performances, and FCA. Following graduation, Tyler will be a business major at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. (Submitted photo)

Super Crossword FILM SPLICING

- ACROSS**
1 Earth Day's month
6 Maned antelope
9 Large gulf
14 Tons
19 Excludes
21 Dribble
22 Sign off on
23 1940 thriller drama; 1942 romantic drama
25 Four-stringer
26 Hop — thumb
27 Horse morsel
28 Enjoy dinner
29 Really digging
31 Homer, e.g.
32 1982 horror; 1939 western
38 One with adoring fans
40 Moray, e.g.
41 Film noir's Mrs. Victor Laszlo
42 Expends
43 1996 neo-noir crime drama; 1990 crime drama
49 Titled man
51 Wedding day destinations
52 Fiendish look
53 D-Day city in France
55 Takes too much, briefly
58 Pie-mode link
60 1979 comedy-drama; 1982 musical
63 2007 comedy-drama; 1946 spy thriller
69 Many rented homes; Abbr.
70 Zenith
71 Make — of (not down)
72 "This guy walks into ..."
73 Irene of "Fame" fame
74 Bone, to Fido
75 "..." in an analogy
76 Braggarts' displays
77 2005 historical drama; 2002 musical
79 2000 neo-noir thriller; 1982 comedy-drama
82 Certain sow
83 Poetic "prior to"
84 See 85-Across
85 With 84-Across, diver's gas cylinder
88 "But — I know?"
93 21st Greek letter
94 1980 spoof comedy; 1976 satirical drama
96 "Waterloo" quartet
99 Chop cut
102 Gold, in León
103 Major ries.
104 1931 horror; 2010 sci-fi thriller
111 Get spoiled
112 Cookie with creme
113 La.-to-Mich. dir.
114 Vast stretch
115 — -pitch
118 Break in, e.g.
120 1963 historical drama; 1950 period drama
125 Locale
126 "Skyfall" singer
127 Alaskan port
128 Civic's make
129 Aired again
130 Norma — (film heroine)
131 Pea piercers
DOWN
1 Word form for "height"
2 Haiku, e.g.
3 Deep red wine
4 Serpent tail?
5 USMC rank
6 Having a bit of a beard
7 13th Greek letters
8 Hagen with three Tonys
9 Old politico
10 Spoiled kids
11 O'er there
12 Gregarious
13 Argots
14 Chaos
15 Biblical priest
16 Luau hellos
17 NYPD part
18 Mown strips
20 Ella's singing
24 Cell insect
30 China buys
33 Gymnast Korbut
34 Bout arbiters
35 Valley
36 "— a pity ..."
37 Your and my
38 "— tree falls ..."
39 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards
44 Speak grandly
45 Fjord city
46 Loris' cousin
47 Meadows
48 Prince
50 — bit (soon)
53 Italian island
54 Allix
55 — year (annually)
56 Yankee Joe, informally
57 Ensure
59 Spanish region
61 Cole — (shoe brand)
62 Antidrug cop
63 Actress Pressly
64 Indy great Al
65 Phrase of denial
66 Siouan tribe
67 Former Apple laptop
68 Brewery kiln
73 Prepare for playing, as a tape
74 With 119-Down, position Mike Ditka played
76 Online store
77 Tiny; Prefix
78 Gordie of hockey
80 Highest degree
81 Fed. stipend program
86 Alliance
87 River of Bern
89 "Horton Hears —!"
90 City native
91 Not moist
92 Signs off on
93 Stove item
94 Kitchen pest
95 Zero relaxation
96 Over again
97 Mustang
98 — down the hatches
100 Like a small garage
101 Tristan's lady
105 Split country
106 — Gay (WWII B-29)
107 Way to sign a contract
108 Tch'r.'s gp.
109 Reggae artist Peter
110 — water (up the creek)
116 Theater box
117 Single bills
119 See 74-Down
121 Musket tip?
122 Black goo
123 Biochem strand
124 "Either you do it — will!"

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Emily Haugen, a senior at Fairmont High School, was recently named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Emily is the daughter of Darin and Lori Haugen. She has three siblings, Olivia, Andrew, and Audrey. Emily stays very active with school activities, including cross country, band, track, speech, pit orchestra for the musical, FCA, and Target leadership. She plans to attend college at either Concordia University in Moorhead or St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Emily is currently undecided on her major. (Submitted photo)



Minnesota Valley Action Council staff and AmeriCorps member along with their families recently helped pack for the Kids Against Hunger drive in Fairmont on Saturday, February 18th. (Submitted photo)

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