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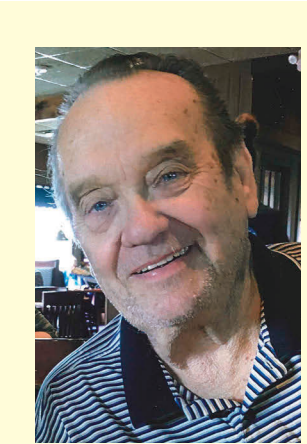
PYTLESKI-MADAY

Kenlie Autumn Pytleski and Tristan James Maday were married September 4th, 2021 at the Holy Family Catholic Church, East Chain. Father Andrew Beerman officiated. A reception followed at the East Chain Activity Center. Parents of the couple are Tim and Stacy Pytleski of Elmore and Darren and Tevi Maday of Granada. Maid of honor was Rachel Shumski, friend of the couple. Bridesmaids were Hannah Johnson, friend of the couple; Halley Sandin, friend of the bride; Jessica Maday and Kjersti Maday, sisters of the groom. Personal attendants were Chelsey Findley, friend of the couple and Hanna Geistfeld, friend of the bride. Best man was Anthony True, friend of the couple. Groomsmen were Mitchell Herold, friend of the couple; Christian Sylvester and Parker Monsen, friends of the groom and Logan Pytleski, brother of the bride. Ushers were Lucas Maday, cousin of

the groom; Spencer Bulman, friend of the groom; Jackson Maloney, friend of the couple and Chandler Greier, friend of the groom. Ring bearers were Owen Willette, cousin of the bride and Malcolm Maday, second cousin of the groom. The bride attended Granada-Huntley-East Chain school and graduated in 2017. She graduated from Bethany Lutheran College in May 2020, majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Management and Human Resources. She works in Human Resources at Easy Automation, Inc., in Welcome. The groom also attended Granada-Huntley-East Chain school and graduated in 2015. He graduated from Iowa State University in May 2019 with a degree in Agriculture Studies. He is working at Elm Creek Agronomy (Pioneer) and is co-owner of Maday Family Farms. (Sarah Rolling Photography)



PATRICK MESCHKE
will celebrate his 80th birthday on March 17th, St Patrick's Day. Cards will reach him at 702 Adams Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031.



MICK LUTZ
of Fairmont will observe his 80th birthday on March 10th. He was born March 10th, 1942. Cards can be sent to Mick at 850 Goldfinch St., #317, Fairmont, MN 56031



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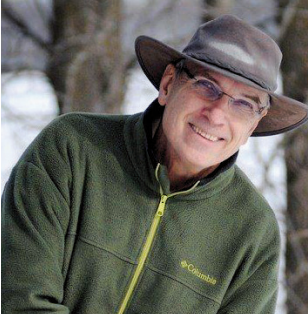
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Naturally By Al Batt

In the wild kingdom of my yard, not to be confused with "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," I watch the comings and goings of the birds at my feeders. The weather had been variable, but I could depend on the squirrels. I'm glad to have them in my world. A friend bemoaned the price of nyjer seed. I advised him to do what I've done and put out a tip jar by the feeder.

My birthday is in March. When I was a sapling, March was our snowiest month and I could count on a storm during the state high school tournaments and when my birthday party was supposed to be. Now, depending on who you consult and where you live in the state, March falls behind December, January and February in snowfall.

The pussy willow is a

native shrub or small tree of wetlands and swamps. It grows 10-20 feet high, with multiple trunks. The plant is a host to the viceroy butterfly whose caterpillar feeds on it. There are 18 willow species native to Minnesota, but it's the pussy willow that's first to break dormancy and flower in March. The flower buds are brown with silver to white hairs poking out like cat fur. The entire flower structure, which lacks petals, is known as a catkin (derived from an obsolete Dutch word for kitten) and any willow with furry flower clusters is likely to be considered a pussy willow. Willows are dioecious, meaning male and female flowers are on separate plants. The story goes, a willow tree heard a mother cat crying because her kittens were drowning in a river. The willow swept its graceful branches into the water and rescued the kittens, who grabbed onto the branches until brought safely to shore. Each springtime since, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at spots where the tiny kittens had once clung.

White-tailed deer bucks shed antlers anywhere from December to mid-March. Stress caused by deep snow, se-

vere cold or hunger could rush the process. Edges of fields where deer feed, along well-traveled trails and the southern exposures of bedding areas are good places to look for dropped antlers. The whitetail rut or breeding season runs from early October to late December. May is the month when most fawns are born.

of the sunlight. When the sun shines, a dark-colored tree absorbs more heat than the surrounding snow. The bark of the trees soaks up the solar rays, with the ensuing warmth melting the surrounding snow. The same thing could happen with utility poles and fence posts.

"When do I get to see my first chipmunk of



My family's elders insisted a robin needed three snows on its tail before it was truly spring. Sometimes, they were right. Photo by Al Batt

Q&A

"Why do the trees in my yard have an area clear of any snow circling the base of their trunks?" I notice this annual happening most often on deciduous trees because conifers shield their trunks from some

the year?" On average, I see mine during the first week of March. I enjoy the company of chipmunks. I can't help but think of Chip, Dale, Alvin, Simon and Theodore when I see one, but the little buggers love tomato juice and chew holes in

the bottoms of my garden tomatoes so they can drink their fill.

"How can I tell if the robins in my yard in March are overwintering birds or have migrated in from the south?" Differentiating the two can be somewhere between difficult and impossible. Some people think the new robins are a bit more flighty, but I'm not sure

male returns early to secure a good territory and to guard it against other robins. The female has little need to return early and can afford to wait for favorable conditions. She needs a good supply of mud to build her nest, but if she builds it too early, hard frosts could weaken the nest. If the weather turns nasty and she runs out of food, it could make it difficult for her to produce eggs. Male robins, *Turdus migratorius* (migrating thrush), intending to remain in your area will sing territorial songs. Robins passing through occasionally sing, but not as frequently. Winter and migratory behaviors include flying and feeding in flocks, eating fruit and maintaining a peaceful coexistence. Spring behaviors are singing, territorial battles, eating worms, running on lawns and carrying nesting materials.

Thanks for stopping by "Eating is an agricultural act."—Wendell Berry.

"Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy." - Wendell Berry.

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Financial Focus

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What should you do with a tax refund?

Are you expecting a tax refund this year? If so, what will you do with it? Of course, the answer largely depends on the size of your refund. For the 2020 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,800, according to the Internal Revenue Service. But whether your refund this year will be about that size, smaller or larger, you can find ways to benefit from the money. Here are some possibilities:

Contribute to your IRA
You've got until April 18 to fully fund your IRA for the 2021 tax year. But if

you've already reached the maximum for 2021, you could use some, or all, of your refund for your 2022 contribution. Assuming you did get around \$2,800, you'd be almost halfway to the \$6,000 annual contribution limit. (If you're 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$7,000.)

Invest in a 529 plan

If you have children or grandchildren, you might want to invest your refund in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan's earnings can grow federal income-tax free, and withdrawals are federal income-tax free

provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. If you invest in your own state's plan, you might get a tax deduction or credit. A 529 plan can be used to pay for college, vocational training and even some K-12 expenses in some states. Plus, if you name one child as a beneficiary, and that child's educational journey does not require the funds from a 529 plan, you may change the beneficiary to another eligible family member of the original beneficiary.

Add to the "cash" part of your portfolio

It's generally a smart move to keep at least a portion of your overall investment portfolio in cash or cash equivalents, because the presence of cash can help you in two ways. First, since its value won't change, it can help cushion, at least to a degree, the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, by having cash available, you'll be ready to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities when they arise.

Boost your emergency fund

You could use your tax refund to start or supplement an emergency fund. Ideally, this fund should contain three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. (If you're already retired, you might need this fund to cover a full year's worth of expenses.) Without such a fund, you

might be forced to dip into long-term investments to pay for costly housing or auto repairs or large medical bills.

Reduce your debt load
It's not always easy to minimize your debt load, even if you're careful about your spending habits. But the lower your debt payments, the more money you'll have available to invest for your future. So, you may want to consider using some of your tax refund to pay off some debts, or at least reduce them, starting with those that carry the high-

est interest rates.

Donate to charity

You could use part of your refund to donate to a charitable organization whose work you support. And if you itemize on your tax return, part of your gift may be deductible.

A tax refund is always nice to receive – and it's even better when you put the money to good use.

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Obituary Notices



**Jeremiah
"Jay"
Johnson, 43**

Funeral Services for Jeremiah "Jay" J. Johnson, age 43, of Granada, MN, were held on Sunday, March 6th, 2022, at the East Chain Activity Center. Interment will be at a later date.

Jay entered heaven's gates on Wednesday evening, March 2nd, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato surrounded by his family. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family

with arrangements.

Jeremiah "Jay" Jack Johnson was born on March 18th, 1978, in Fairmont, MN. He was the son of Alan and Valerie (Iliff) Johnson. He graduated from Granada High School in 1996 before furthering his education at Mankato Vocational Technical School.

On February 26th, 2005, Jay was united in marriage to Alycia Martin at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. The couple made their home in Granada, MN, where they were blessed with three children, Tessa, Zander, and Elsy.

Jay worked for local

area pork producers where he quickly became another member to the farm families. He was blessed with an amazing ability to know any make, model or part on almost anything with a small engine. He did mechanic jobs on the side until he became a full-time mechanic in 2008 when he was hired as the shop manager at Doug Sports Center. Jay and his wife later purchased the business and renamed it Octane Power Sports.

Jay enjoyed archery as a family, fishing, hunting and teaching his kids anything that he could. He loved be-

ing able to coach his son's football team and cheering his daughters on in any activity that they were involved in. Jay's greatest joy in the whole world were his children. He was an amazing father and loved his whole family with all of his heart. Jay was also known for his quick wit, sarcastic smirk, fun-loving attitude and someone who never gave up. If he wasn't giving you a hard time, then you should be worried. He was a member of East Chain Evangelical Free Church, where he had a whole other family that he deeply cherished.

Left to cherish his

memory include his wife, Alycia Johnson; children, Tessa, Zander, and Elsy Johnson; mother, Val Johnson; father, Alan Johnson; sister, Hannah Johnson; parents-in-law, Dave Schuster, and Vonda (Dennis) Schwarz; sisters-in-law, Sarah, Erienne, and Mataya; aunts, uncles, and many cousins; and honorary family, Ken and Jill Craig and their family.

Jay was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack and Barbara Iliff, and Carl and Mina Johnson.

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**Kenneth L.
Coleman, 94**

Kenneth Coleman, age 94 of rural Truman, passed away at his home with his loving family by his side Monday, February 28th, 2022. Funeral services were held on Monday March 7th, at St. John's Lutheran Church-South Branch with Rev. Matthew Rusert officiating. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery-South Branch. Online condolences can be left at www.zahariafamilyfuneral.com

Kenneth LeRoy Coleman was born July 31st,

1927, to Dan and Della (Larson) Coleman on a farm in St. James. He was one of seven children. In 1945 he enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country for two years. Upon returning home from the service, he met and married the love of his life Milly on October 23rd, 1948, at St. John's Lutheran Church-South Branch. Together they would raise four fabulous daughters on their farm northwest of Truman.

When Kenny wasn't

farming, he enjoyed doing craft work, woodworking and gardening. He and Milly enjoyed card club and doing the occasional traveling but what was most important to him was family time. They would travel to the state fair often and go on family picnics, but the focus was always spending time with those he loved the most. When his grandchildren came along, he would always take time to play with them, take them on golf cart rides and be sure

to tease them. They all gravitated to Grandpa. His caring, friendly and most of all kind ways will be missed by all.

Those left to cherish such wonderful memories are his daughters; Linda (Richard) Salden of Chaska, MN, Julie (Jerome) Atkinson of Eufaula, OK, Marlys (Dennis) Melchert of Fairmont, MN and Laurie (Calvin) Wilson of Carver, MN. His grandchildren: Justin (Janet) Atkinson, Nathan (Nicole) Atkinson, Angie (Duane) Symanietz, Sa-

mantha (Tommy) Teach, Andy Melchert and Kallie Wilson, great-grandchildren: Ryan Atkinson, Taylor Symanietz, Elizabeth Atkinson and Colton Atkinson as well as his sister-in-law Marlene Coleman and many other extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, his parents, two sisters and four brothers.

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**Charles C.
Post, 64**

A celebration of life for honoring the life of Charles C. Post, 64, of Granada, MN, will be held at a later date with a private family burial held in Center Creek Cemetery near Granada. Charles passed away Sunday, February 27th, 2022, at the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Charles Clifford Post

was born on April 11th, 1957, the son of Clifford and Monica (McNerney) Post in Fairmont, MN. He received his education attending school in Granada.

Charlie married Julie Anderson and they had one son. The couple later divorced. Charlie worked for Carlisle Plastic, CFS, the Granada Bar and the Granada C-Store. He also spent the summer months mowing lawns. He loved music and enjoyed dancing.

Charlie is survived by his son, Ben (fiancé, Shelby) Post and his two daughters, Ariya and Teagan and a daughter, Carry (Josh) Thomas and their two children; brothers, Mike (Judy) Post, Don (Patty) Post, and Jerry (Sharon) Post; sisters, Bev (Norm) Christian, Mary Fowler, and Kathy (Jon) Balcolm; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Charlie was preceded in death by his

parents, Clifford and Monica Post; a brother, Brad Post; and a sister-

in-law, Gail Post.

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**Roselyn R.
Glenn, 86**

Roselyn Rae Glenn, the daughter of Frank and Olive (Ek) Anderson was born on December 20th, 1935 in Fairmont, MN. She died on March 4th, 2022 at her home in Armstrong at the age of 86 years.

Per her request no ser-

vices will be held. Burial will be at a later date in East Side Cemetery, Estherville.

Roselyn married Donald Glenn on October 8th, 1955.

She is survived by her children, Dawn (Brad) McCloud, Wayne (Jan) Glenn, Ronald (Kelly) Glenn, Michelle (Jeff) Ahrens, and Richard Glenn; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and her siblings, Norman (Marilyn) Anderson and Sharon (Paul) Berg.

Roselyn is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Olive Anderson and her husband, Donald Glenn.

Online condolences may be left for Roselyn's family at

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DEATH notices



October 6, 2021 - Mary J. Olson, 86, Sherburne. Kramer Family Funeral Home
February 27 - Charles C. Post, 64, Granada. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 28 - Kenneth L. Coleman, 94, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
March 2 - Jeremiah "Jay" J. Johnson, 43, Granada. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
March 4 - Roselyn R. Glenn, 86, Armstrong. HenryOlson Funeral Home
March 6 - Antoinette "Sissy" Wayman, 61, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
March 6 - Cleo A. Haack, 83, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO
February 27 - Joanne R. Sathoff, 84, Dunnell
March 1 - David L. Wajtanowicz, 73, Fairmont.
March 3 - Ruth A. Carlson, 88, East Chain.
March 5 - Curtis D. Howard, 77, Fairmont.
March 6 - Jerald F. Vickerman, 90, Fairmont.
March 6 - Julie V. Clements, 62, Fairmont.



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Antoinette
"Sissy"
Wayman, 61

Services for Antoinette "Sissy" Wayman, age 61, of Fairmont, MN, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service in Lakeside Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 11th, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service. Sissy passed away on Sunday morning, March 6, 2022, at Heartland Senior Living in Truman, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Antoinette "Sissy" Louise Wayman was born on October 9th, 1960, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Morris and Edna (Divis) Wayman. As an infant, Sissy moved with her family to Dixon, Nebraska where she was baptized in November 1962. She received her education attending school in Dixon and

graduated from Dixon High School with the class of 1980.

Sissy was united in marriage to Gerald Grashorn in Omaha, NE. Together the couple made their home in Omaha where she worked in a factory. Following the couples divorce, Sissy moved to South Minneapolis where she met and later married Steve Dillon. Sissy then managed a gas station and car wash. The couple later divorced, and Sissy moved to the Rush City and Pine City area where she worked as a daycare provider until her health prevented her from doing so.

Sissy loved life and treasured spending time with friends, family, and especially her grandchildren. On February 14th, 2022,

Sissy was chosen as the Valentine Day Queen at Heartland Senior Living in Truman and was looking forward to riding the float in the Truman town parade. She loved shopping, playing bingo and cards, rolling dice, watching scary movies, and working on all kinds of crafts. Sissy was an avid bowler and enjoyed quiet time spent coloring. She was a diehard Elvis Presley fan and wasn't afraid to speak her mind to friends and family so that people knew exactly how she felt and what her opinion was.

Left to cherish her memory is her special friend, Merry of Texas; children, Mike Grashorn and his wife, Deanna of Fairmont, MN, and a daughter, Wendy Grashorn and

her husband, Jesse of Fairmont, MN; three step children, Candi of Texas, Ryan and his wife, Angela of Minneapolis, MN, and Bill and his wife, Alexis of Texas; twenty-three grandchildren, Jordan, Jayden, Shelby, Bentley, Maddison, Harley, Jackson, David, Abbigale, Elizabeth, Marisa, Donaven, Mariah, Chelse, Devin, Alex, Christen, Braiden, Hallie, Kaylana, Jordan, Ambreanna, and Danalyn; two great-grandchildren, Braxton and Adalynn; three sisters, Fern Wayman of Fairmont, MN; Flossie Fryer and her husband, Jerry of Fairmont, MN, and Edith and her husband, Dave of Fairmont, MN; three brothers, Ollie Wayman and his wife, Kathy of Fairmont, MN; Allen Way-

man of Fairmont, MN; and Terry Wayman and his wife, Pam of Hinkley, MN; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Sissy was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Edna Wayman; maternal and paternal grandparents; three brothers, Jimmy, Morris, and Dewayne; four sisters, Sharron, Kelly, Donna, and Gloria; one grandson, Austin; 13 aunts and uncles and numerous cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Heartland Senior Living in Truman for the care and compassion they showed Sissy and her family.

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Cleo A.
Haack, 83

A service celebrating the life of Cleo A. Haack, 83, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at a later date with a private family burial held in Woodland Hills Memorial Cemetery in Mankato, MN. Cleo passed away Sunday, March 6th, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cleo Ann (Boswell) Haack was born on April

13th, 1938, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Robert John and Elnora Alice (Butler) Boswell. Cleo received her education attending school in Minneapolis.

Cleo was helping some family in Redwood Falls when she met Franklin D. Haack. The couple went out on a blind date to the movies in Franklin's red sports car and on March 3rd, 1954, the couple was united in marriage. Cleo and Franklin were blessed with three

daughters, Bonnie, Melondy, and April. The family moved to various areas throughout the United States with their last move being to Fairmont in 1972. Cleo ran a daycare from her home for many years, retiring in 1999. In her spare time, Cleo enjoyed working on her latest cross stitch project or crocheting. She was active in Girl Scouts and was Scout Leader for two different troops. Cleo cherished spending time with her family

and was especially fond of her grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Bonnie (Tim) Hotovec of Fairmont, MN, Melondy Maas of Mason City, IA, and April (Joel) Teskey of Fairmont, MN; grandchildren, Jason Haack, Kirk Haack, Kenny Maas, Keith Maas, Katrina Maas, Candice (Mike) Sassman, and Aurora Teskey and her fiancé, Colin Meadows; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; brother,

Jimmy Philips; and best friend, Crystal Saxton; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elnora Boswell; husband, Franklin Haack; siblings, Jeretta Craft, Minnie Philips, Alice Philips, Wayne Philips, George Philips, Gilbert Philips, Veta Philips and Pam Philips.

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Businesses of the Year Winners

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Banquet was Mardi Gras themed, and was held on Friday, March 4th at the Best Western in Fairmont. About 150 people attended.

Large business: BoeKett Building Supply, Small business: Twelve Baskets, New business: Booj Boutique, Non-profit: Martin County Historical Society



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Martin County Library in Fairmont will host a St. Patty's Day Party at the Fairmont Library on Thursday, March 17th at 4 p.m. Bring the whole family for all of the fun and don't forget to wear something green. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

Aktion Club Theatre, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, March 10th from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Any questions,

Trinity Lutheran Church of Alpha will hold a Homemade Ice Cream Social on Sunday March 20th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also serving Chicken Dumpling soup, Chicken Rice Soup, and Chili along with

Red Rock Center for the Arts will host a Children's Open Art Studio on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Come and go or stay all morning. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Please call 507-235-9262 to reserve a spot.

about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580. The public's invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

Ham Sandwiches, Cookies and Bars. Proceeds will be used to fund many local charities and mission projects. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 225 South Main Street in Alpha.

Soccer Association's flower sale
It is time to think spring! Fairmont Soccer Association will be holding their annual Flower Sales from now until Friday, March 25th. You can order flowers and vegetables directly from the website at <http://fsa-flower-sales.square.site> or also by going to the Fairmont Soccer Association website or the Fairmont Soccer Association Facebook page.

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The role of engine air filters

Vehicle engines include complex parts that work in concert to ensure that the car functions properly. When servicing their cars and trucks, vehicle owners may look to many parts of the engine yet overlook a relatively mundane, albeit important, component: the air filter.

All cars come equipped with air filters, which are essential to optimum engine operation. The engine air filter is the first line of defense against outside air that is being brought in to the car engine to be burned along with fuel to produce combustion. The filter will capture particulate matter that would normally enter a vehicle's engine and leave sediment. The automotive resource It Still Runs says dirty air can reduce engine efficiency and cause damage over time.

Dirty air can compromise the air/fuel mixture that is involved in combustion. Any debris that enters portals in fuel injection systems can compromise that system. In addition, debris can

cause fuel to burn less efficiently, resulting in poor fuel economy.

There is no simple answer as to how often an engine air filter should be changed. It largely depends on miles driven and the environment in which the vehicle is used. Those who reside in rural or dusty areas will need to replace air filters more frequently. Drivers also can install air filters more suited to dusty areas.

An engine filter is not the only filter in a vehicle. There also is a cabin air filter. The cabin air filter does not affect en-

gine performance, but it does help to provide clean air inside of the vehicle. The cabin air filter helps to keep dirt, pollen, bacteria, exhaust gases, and dust from entering the HVAC system. It also can be a barrier against bugs, leaves and other particles from clogging up the system. The cabin filter also helps to keep the air fresh and odor-free. A clogged filter can result in diminished heating and air conditioning performance, so it's important to change this filter as well. SC223748



Why it's important to wash your car



The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good, and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint

job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Another benefit to routine car washes is they can prevent damage related to seasonal issues. For example, individuals who live in regions where winter snowfall is common may routinely drive on roads that have been salted. Deicing the roads makes driving safer, but salt can accumulate on the undercarriage of the vehicle and contribute to corrosion. Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

But it's not just the exterior of the car that can benefit from routine washing. When taking their cars to get washed, many motorists pay a little extra to have their vehicle interiors cleaned. Sometimes

referred to as "interior detailing," cleaning the cabin of the car helps to maintain the interior so it looks new longer. Routine interior cleaning also can remove dust and other particles that can serve as irritants if allowed to build up over time.

Resale and trade-in value is another factor to consider. The automotive experts at Edmunds note that the average transaction price for a used vehicle in the second quarter of 2021 was \$25,410, which marks a 21 percent increase over the year prior. Much has been made of the microchip issues that have compromised auto manufacturers' ability to produce new automobiles, and that led many motorists to the pre-owned vehicle market. Dealerships also offered incentives to drivers willing to trade in their late model cars. By taking care of a vehicle's interior, drivers are putting themselves in position to capitalize on the increased reliance on the pre-owned market. Prospective buyers, whether they're private citizens or dealerships, will see more value in a vehicle with a well-maintained interior than one with a cabin that's seen much better days.

Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance. But the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal. SC223755

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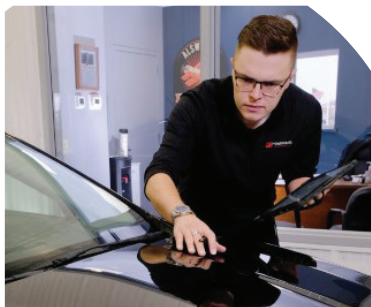
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Signs of engine trouble



Without a functioning engine, a car is just an expensive driveway ornament. Engines keep vehicles moving, much in the same way the heart provides oxygen and blood to keep the human body running strong.

Modern engines are a mixture of mechanical moveable parts and complex computerized systems. Many different parts work in unison to keep a vehicle moving. Engines can be challenging for experienced mechanics, not to mention downright confusing for people who are unfamiliar with what's under the hood of their vehicle. But any vehicle owner can learn to recognize certain signs that an engine may be on its last legs.

Engine shaking

An engine that is shaking while running may just have bad spark plugs or loose or damaged hoses, offers Sturtevant Used Auto Parts in Wisconsin. However, if those fixes don't work, it could be an indication of a deeper problem that requires a mechanic, such as fuel intake system issues, compromised motor mounts or timing belt problems.

Excessive smoke

An engine in trouble typically has to work harder. That results in heating up more quickly, which can lead to overheating.

Smoke may be white, blue or black (each color indicates a separate problem). Any sign of excessive smoke is a reason to consult a mechanic.

Warning lights

The dashboard tends to light up when the car is started, and one by one those lights diminish as the car's computer checks that all systems are working correctly. If the "check engine" light remains on, it is notifying the driver of a problem. The issue could be a faulty sensor or something more ominous. Mechanics can hook the vehicle up to a scanning tool that runs diagnostics to "speak" to the car's computer helping to diagnose the issue, advises How Stuff Works.

Strange noises

Popping or tapping noises may suggest that gasoline is igniting prematurely in the combustion chambers of the cylinders. Grinding noises may tell you that the starter motor needs to be changed or replaced. Transmission issues also can produce grinding sounds. Generally speaking, if the car is making sounds it does not normally make, schedule a service appointment.

Poor fuel efficiency

Engine trouble may cause the car or truck to consume gas faster than normal, according to the car information site Carsoid.

The engine or one of its components may be faulty. Problems could arise in the spark plugs, oxygen sensor or fuel injector.

Metal flakes

If you change your own oil, check to see if the oil has metal flakes, or ask the technician if he or she sees flakes when you bring it in for service. Flakes indicate the engine is creating too much friction and slowly chipping away at the components.

Trouble starting

Failure to turn over is a clear indicator of engine troubles. It could be the battery, but if the battery is new, look for other causes.

Engine trouble does not generally come out of nowhere. Certain signs can warn drivers their vehicles need servicing. SC223747

Did you know?

Drivers who aren't fond of taking their vehicles in for routine oil changes may want to consider electric vehicles the next time they're in the market for a new car or truck.

According to Kia, electric vehicles, or EVs, do not require oil.

Oil is necessary to lubricate the various moving parts in combustion engines. While synthetic oil and other advancements have increased the recommended oil change intervals from the once-standard 3,000 mile recommendation, manufacturers still advise drivers to get oil changes around every 5,000 miles or every six months, whichever comes first.

No such maintenance is required with EVs because they consume batteries while running on electric motors. EV drivers will have to monitor certain fluids, though.

Coolant is necessary to prevent batteries from overheating, and that can be periodically checked at drivers' discretion and during routine maintenance performed at an auto body shop.

Drivers also can monitor and refill windshield washer fluid as necessary. Brake fluid in EV cars also needs to be replaced periodically, and Kia notes that its EVs need fresh brake fluid after running about 25,000 miles. SC223756

Fully functional headlights are an important safety feature on cars and trucks.

While halogen bulbs were common in the past, modern vehicles now largely utilize high intensity discharge (HID) bulbs or light-emitting diodes (LEDs). HIDs work similarly to fluorescent bulbs by passing an electric current through an inert gas in a glass cylinder. LEDs are semiconductors that emit light when powered by an electric current.

LEDs and HIDs are now used because they are efficient and last longer. These headlights quickly replaced halogen bulbs as the industry standard, but many drivers have lamented that they are increasingly feeling blinded by headlight glare.

In March 2020, the Ford Motor Company recalled several F-150s because their headlights were too bright.

According to Donut Media, an American automotive content brand, the typical halogen bulb puts out 1,300 lumens of light and the average LED emits 1,600 lumens.

But HIDs can emit up to 3,000 lumens. Popular Science magazine also says HID and LED headlights are a different color temperature than halogens.

These newer lights put out whiter and bluer light. Human eyes are very sensitive to blue light, so these blue-white bulbs automatically seem brighter even when they're not emitting more lumens, according to PowerBulbs reports. Headlights also are supposed to be positioned correctly at a certain angle to reduce blinding glare.

People who replace their own bulbs may not be doing so correctly. SC223760

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Technology to reduce driving distractions and accidents

Smartphones and other technologies have been implicated as risk factors for distracted driving. It may seem counterintuitive that tech could help prevent distracted driving, but various products can do just that.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving accounted for roughly 3,000 fatal cases in 2019. Many companies have invested considerable time and money into developing technology that can prevent distraction-related accidents. Here's a closer look.

Usage blocking apps: The temptation to grab for a phone to make a call or send a text is high for a population that checks its phones dozens of times a day. To curb temptation while driving, a

person can use apps that prohibit calls or texts while the vehicle is driving by sensing the motion of the car. It's worth noting that 9-1-1 calls are not affected by the app. Many phone operating systems also come with their own "do not disturb" settings that enable users to turn off alerts while driving.

Geofences: Geofences are defined boundaries/tracking alerts set up from a central location. Parents can use these geofences to monitor teen drivers and receive alerts when the teen goes outside of a predetermined boundary. This can help parents keep closer tabs of teen drivers' whereabouts. Some GPS trackers also provide reports on driving habits, such as speeding or erratic driving. Parents can take action

accordingly, like warning against speeding or erratic driving, or taking away privileges if they are not happy with what teens have been doing.

Collision warning sensors: Warning sensors at the fronts or sides of vehicles go off when vehicles get too close to another car or truck. Additional vehicle sensors include lane departure warning systems that go off when a driver is about to cross over a lane. Audible beeps or other sounds go off, unless the driver uses the turn signal to change lanes. These sensors are handy for anyone who starts to daydream while driving, as the car will provide a loud wake-up call before a potential collision happens.

Automatic emergency braking system: An AEB will take over for the driver if the motorist fails to brake when rapidly approaching a vehicle or another object.

Hands-free devices: Many vehicles come equipped with Bluetooth technology and other voice-guided functions. This enables drivers to do anything from adjust heating and cooling settings to dialing a phone number without having to take his or her hands off of the wheel.

Distracted driving may lead to accidents, but certain technology can cut down on incidents while driving. TF224893

How to reduce distractions behind the wheel



Distracted driving is a significant safety issue. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates about eight people in the United States are killed in crashes that are attributed to distracted driving every day.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says there were 2,895 distraction-affected fatal crashes in 2019, with distraction-related events accounting for 9 percent of all fatal crashes in the country. Distracted driving also puts Canadians at risk. Transport Canada's National Collision Database says distracted driving prevalence rose from 16 percent of fatal collisions in 2006 to 21 percent in 2016, and those numbers are still climbing.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, dis-

tractions are a major safety threat. Eating, talking with passengers, adjusting vehicle controls, and using a mobile phone while behind the wheel are activities that take drivers' attentions away from the road. In fact, distractions are broken down into several categories:

- Visual distractions: Anything that takes one's eyes off of the road.
- Manual distractions: Anything that takes one's hands off of the steering wheel.
- Cognitive distractions: Anything that takes one's mind off of driving.

Drivers can follow these tips to make vehicles distraction-free and reduce the risk for accidents or near misses.

Make adjustments before setting off

Make adjustments to mirrors, radio stations and seat settings prior to driving. In addition, drivers who intend to utilize a GPS navigation system should enter the address and look ahead at the course before getting on the road.

Keep smartphones out of sight

Reducing the urge to check a phone alert or send a text may come down to out of sight, out of mind. Silence the phone and

store it in the glove compartment, center console or a purse in the back seat. The phone should not be handled until the destination is reached or if the vehicle is pulled over safely out of traffic. Smartphones have settings that can be programmed to send automatic notifications to people contacting the phone owner to say they're driving or temporarily unavailable.

Eat before leaving

Consuming food or drink on the road takes a person's hands off the wheel and eyes off the road. Drivers should try to eat before getting on the road, or pull over to a rest stop for a snack if need be.

Use hands-free devices in emergencies

Many cars come equipped with Bluetooth or other hands-free technology that enables a distress call to be made without having to take hands off the wheel. Many are voice-activated or can be engaged with the push of a button.

Limit passengers

A vehicle full of passengers can be very distracting. It's why many areas no longer allow newly minted teenage drivers to transport more than a few passengers until they're older



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TIME TO FINALIZE 2022 CROP INSURANCE DECISIONS

The deadline to purchase crop insurance for corn and soybeans for the 2022 crop year is March 15. The crop insurance decision in 2022 is a bit more complicated than in recent years. Due to much higher crop input costs for fertilizer, chemicals, seed, repairs, labor, etc., as well as increased cash rental rates in many areas, the cost of production for corn and soybeans is significantly higher than in recent years. This means that crop producers may need to increase their crop insurance coverage to adequately cover the increased cost of production in 2022. Fortunately, the 2022 Spring prices for corn and soybeans will be near the highest levels ever, which should allow ample opportunities for a solid risk management program through Federal Crop Insurance. However, adequate insurance coverage in 2022 will likely require increased insurance premium costs compared to recent years.

The crop insurance Spring base prices for 2022 revenue protection (RP) and yield protection (YP) insurance policies for corn and soybeans will be finalized on March 1. The estimated base prices (as of 2-21-22) were \$5.85 per bushel for corn and \$14.23 per bushel for soybeans. At current estimated levels, the 2022 base price for corn would be an increase of \$1.27 per bushel above the 2021 base price of \$4.58 per bushel and \$1.97 per bushel above the \$3.88 per bushel Spring price in 2020. The 2022 estimated soybean base price is a large increase of \$2.36 per bushel above the 2021 Spring price of \$11.87 per bushel and is 55 percent above the 2020 Spring price of \$9.17 per bushel. The 2022 Spring price for corn would be at the highest level since the highest-ever Spring price of \$6.01 per bushel in 2011. If the current soybean base price holds, it would be the highest Spring price ever in modern times, surpassing \$13.49 per

bushel in 2011.

Choosing crop insurance coverage is one of the more important risk management decisions that producers make each year. Following are some key items to consider when making 2022 crop insurance decisions:

- There are a wide variety of crop insurance policies and coverage levels available.

Make sure you are comparing “apples to apples” when comparing crop insurance premium costs for various options or types of crop insurance policies, as well as recognizing the limitations and the differences of the various insurance products. 2022 crop insurance premiums for most coverage levels of corn and soybeans in the Midwest will be higher than comparable 2021 premium levels, due to the higher crop insurance guarantees available for 2022 and the higher volatility levels.

- View crop insurance decisions from a risk management perspective.

Given the potentially higher profit margins for crop production in 2022, there may be a tendency to reduce their crop insurance coverage. However, a producer must first decide: “How much potential profit margin do I want to risk if there are greatly reduced crop yields due to potential weather problems in 2022, and/or lower than expected crop prices?”

- Take a good look at the 80% or 85% coverage levels, especially when using “enterprise units”.

In many cases, the 85% coverage level offers considerably more protection, with a modest increase in premium costs. At the current Spring base price estimates, many producers will be able to guarantee from \$800 to over \$1,000 per acre for corn, and from \$550 to over \$750 per acre for soybeans, at the 85% coverage level for 2022, depending on the APH yields on the individual farm units.

- Use caution when considering RPE insurance policies to reduce premium costs.

If the “harvest price” (average CBOT price

in Oct.) for corn or soybeans is lower than the “base price” (average CBOT price in Feb.), the RP and RPE payment calculations function similarly, and RPE premium costs are slightly less than RP premiums. However, there is considerable added risk in utilizing a RPE policy when the final “harvest price” exceeds the “base price”, which has occurred in recent years.

- “Supplemental Crop Option” (SCO) insurance is a possibility with the PLC farm program choice.

Producers that choose the “price loss coverage” (PLC) farm program option for 2022 have the option to purchase additional county-level SCO crop insurance coverage up to a maximum of 86 percent coverage. The SCO coverage fills the gap up to the 86% coverage level from the coverage level chosen by the producer (75%, 80%, 85%, etc.) for Yield Protection (YP) or Revenue Protection (RP) insurance coverage. For example, a producer that purchases an 80% RP policy could purchase an additional 6% SCO coverage at fairly low premium costs. SCO calculations utilize the same base and harvest prices as traditional crop insurance policies; however, SCO utilizes county average yields rather than farm-level yields.

- The “Enhanced Coverage Option” (ECO) is another insurance option to increase coverage levels.

ECO provides area-based insurance coverage from 86 percent up to 95 percent coverage, allowing producers to choose either 90 or 95 percent coverage. Similar to SCO coverage, ECO utilizes county-level yields; however, unlike SCO, the purchase of ECO coverage is available with selection of either the PLC or ARC-CO farm program choice. Producers can utilize both ECO and SCO together, in addition to their underlying RP or YP insurance policy.

For example, a producer could have an 80 percent RP policy, carry SCO coverage from 80 to 86%, and carry ECO coverage from 86 to either 90 or 95

percent. Approximately half of the premium cost is subsidized. 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. Interested producers should check with their crop insurance agent for details on SCO and ECO coverage.

- Evaluate other “buy-up” crop insurance options.

In addition to the government subsidized SCO and ECO county-based insurance products that allow insurance coverage up to 95 percent coverage, there are also “buy-up” private policies using farm-level yields up to 95 percent coverage. Private companies also offer separate wind and hail insurance endorsements. Of course, any of the “buy-up” or “add-on” insurance options add to the total premium cost. Producers need to ask: “What mix of crop insurance products gives me the best risk protection for the premium amount that I am willing to spend for protecting my 2022 crop investment?”

- Analyze the value of “Optional” versus “Enterprise” crop insurance units.

Many times, producers automatically opt for “enterprise units” due to the lower premium cost per acre for similar coverage. They may not totally understand the difference in coverage between “enterprise units” and “optional units”. It is important to analyze the yield risk on each individual farm unit, when determining if the extra premium for insurance coverage with “optional units” makes sense. If a producer has farm units that are more spread out geographically, with more variation in soil types and drainage, and has greater concerns with yield variability, they may want to consider “optional units” for 2022.

- Where to get more information on 2022 crop insurance alternatives.

A reputable crop insurance agent is the best resource to find out more details of the various coverage plans and to more information regarding 2022 crop insurance decisions. Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, has written an information sheet titled: “2022 Crop Insurance Decisions”. To receive a free copy of the information sheet, please forward an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.

Following are some very good web sites with

crop insurance information:

> USDA

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

> University of

Illinois FarmDoc: <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins>

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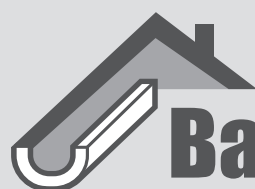
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Red Bulls State Class AA Consolation Runner-ups

The Class AA #8-ranked Red Bulls were edged by the 7th tie breaking dual-meet criteria in their 31-30 quarterfinal loss to #7-ranked Watertown Mayer/ Mayer Lutheran last Thursday at the Xcel Energy Center. Max Olson's major decision in the last match tied the score at 30-30. Both teams won seven matches and the #4-seeded Royals matched the #5-seeded Red Bulls two pins by Jesse Potts and Kain Sanders.

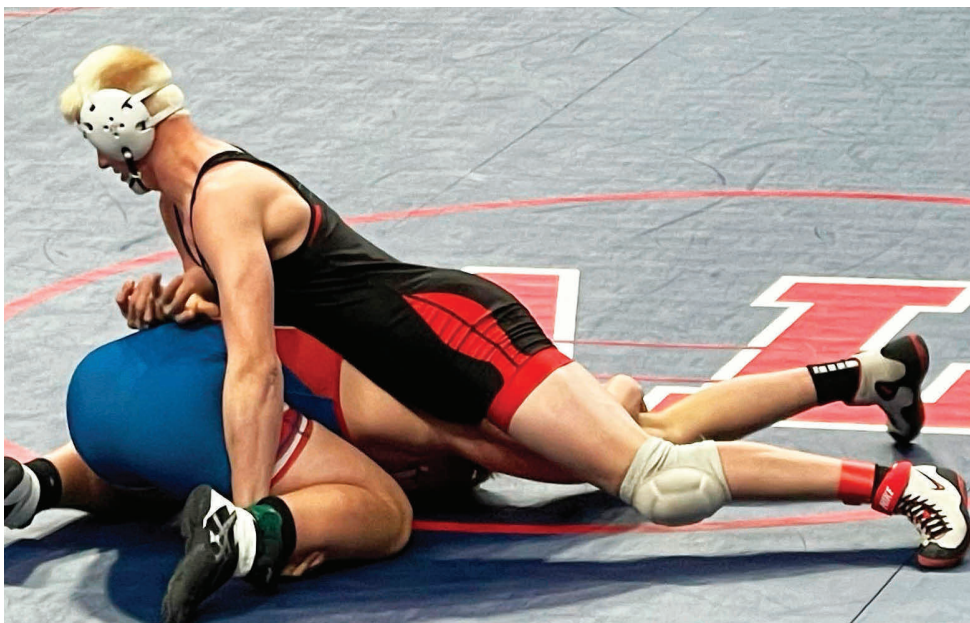
The deciding criteria went down to most technical falls. Rylan Cutler, Taylor Austin, Carver Rohman, Wyatt Williamson also had victories in the match.

The Red Bulls bounced back with a 51-23-consolation semifinal win against Totino Grace, who was defeated by #1-seed Simley. Potts, Sanders, Aden Welcome, Rohman, Alec Thompson, Williamson and Olson had pins vs the Eagles. Cutler and Austin added a major decision and tech fall in the victory.

In the Consolation championship match #9-ranked Thief River Falls up-ended the Red Bulls 40-25. Thief River Falls lost to #3-seed Becker before the Prowlers defeated Mora 44-26 to setup the consolation championship bout. Potts and Olson had pins while Cutler and Cooper Steuber added major decisions. Rohman added a decision at 160. Simley went on to defeat #2-ranked Kasson-Mantorville 47-21 in the championship match. #3-ranked Becker defeated Watertown Mayer/ Mayer Lutheran 29-28 in the third place match.

Red Bulls team members and 2021-22 season records: Torrey Paplow (17-22), Berent Kosbab (10-32), Rylan Cutler (37-7), Jesse Potts (51-2), Cooper Steuber (24-17), Taylor Austin (25-19) Kain Sanders (51-7), Aden Welcome (37-13), Carver Rohman (44-8), Gage Cyphers (27-14), Wyatt Williamson (32-19), Riley Allen (16-29), Max Olson (47-5), Alec Thompson (24-25).

Potts and Sanders were named to the Class AA all-tournament team. The Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls finished their season with a 27-3 record. *Photos courtesy Mandi Wilts-Kosbab*



ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM – Kain Sanders, left, and Jesse Potts were named to the Class AA All-Tournament Team. Sanders earned a fourth place medal in the Individual State Meet. Potts finished fifth along with teammate Max Olson.

AA Team Meet Results:

State Quarterfinals – Red Bulls 30, Watertown Mayer/Mayer Lutheran 31

106 - Titan Friederichs (Watertown Mayer-ML) Fall over Torrey Paplow; **113** - Parker Jackson (Watertown Mayer-ML) 6-4 Dec over Berent Kosbab; **120** - Rylan Cutler 11-3 Maj Dec over Aaron Bury (Watertown Mayer-ML); **126** - Jesse Potts Fall over Eli Hamberger (Watertown Mayer-ML); **132** - Jonah Hamberger (Watertown Mayer-ML) 6-0 Dec over Cooper Steuber; **138** - Taylor Austin 13-2 Maj Dec over Jack Entinger (Watertown Mayer-ML); **145** - Kain Sanders Fall over Steven Duske (Watertown Mayer-ML); **152** - Patrick Duske (Watertown Mayer-ML) 4-3 SV-1 over Aden Welcome; **160** - Bryce Burkett (Watertown Mayer-ML) 16-1 TF over Gage Cyphers; **170** - Carver Rohman 6-4 Dec over Tanner Burmeister (Watertown Mayer-ML); **182** - Jackson Drahos (Watertown Mayer-ML) 12-2 Maj Dec over Riley Allen; **195** - Wyatt Williamson 8-2 Dec over Kyler Burmeister (Watertown Mayer-ML); **220** - Ashton Congdon (Watertown Mayer-ML) Fall over Alec Thompson; **285** - Max Olson Maj Dec 20-9 over Hunter Stein (Watertown Mayer-ML). Tie Breaker: Tech Falls: 0.0 vs. 1.0

Consolation Semifinal –

Red Bulls 51, Totino Grace 23
106 - Austin Herbst (Totino-Grace) Fall over Torrey Paplow; **113** - Jackson Refsnider (Totino-Grace) 16-5 Maj Dec over Berent Kosbab; **120** - Rylan Cutler 15-6 Maj Dec over Sean O'Brien (Totino-Grace); **126** - Jesse Potts Fall over Parker Lang (Totino-Grace); **132** - Ethan Sylvester (Totino-Grace) 13-3 Maj Dec over Cooper Steuber; **138** - Taylor Austin 22-7 TF over Johnathan Weikel (Totino-Grace); **145** - Kain Sanders Fall over Gabe Cran (Totino-Grace); **152** - Aden Welcome Fall over Alex Temple (Totino-Grace); **160** - Carver Rohman Fall over Gherig Burnes (Totino-Grace); **170** - Michael Loger (Totino-Grace) 5-2 Dec over Gage Cyphers; **182** - Wyatt Williamson Fall over Mac Bouwman (Totino-Grace); **195** - Charles Baker (Totino-Grace) Fall over Riley Allen; **220** - Alec Thompson Fall over Rafael Montejocortez (Totino-Grace); **285** - Max Olson Fall over Owen Swedberg (Totino-Grace).

Consolation Championship

Red Bulls 25, Thief River Falls 40

106 - Maverick Iverson (Thief River Falls) Fall over Torrey Paplow; **113** - Nick Svir (Thief River Falls) Fall over

Berent Kosbab; **120** - Rylan Cutler 15-4 Maj Dec over Noah Jacobson (Thief River Falls); **126** - Jesse Potts Fall over Owen Dvorak (Thief River Falls); **132** - Cooper Steuber 14-1 Maj Dec over Keigan Hermanson (Thief River Falls); **138** - Kale Geiser (Thief River Falls) Maj Dec 16-6 over Taylor Austin; **145** - Kain Sanders 6-1 Dec over Ethan Lane (Thief River Falls); **152** - Brady Kasprick (Thief River Falls) 17-9 Maj Dec over Aden Welcome; **160** - Carver Rohman 6-4 Dec over Griffin Lundeen (Thief River Falls); **170** - Cody Wienen (Thief River Falls) 19-3 TF over Gage Cyphers; **182** - Damon Ferguson (Thief River Falls) Fall over Riley Allen; **195** - Paul Dehate (Thief River Falls) over 12-9 Dec Wyatt Williamson; **220** - Max Olson over Jolson Sargent (Thief River Falls) Fall 0:50 0 6.0 **285** - Collin Bruggeman (Thief River Falls) Fall over Alec Thompson; Coach unsportsmanship -1.0.

AA Individual Meet Results:

120 - Rylan Cutler (37-7), Round 1 - Noah Gindele (Anandale/Maple Lake) dec. Rylan Cutler 7-3; **126** - Jesse Potts (51-2) 5th, Round 1 - Jesse Potts maj. dec. James Salas (Simley) 14-6, Quarterfinal - Jesse Potts maj. dec. Nathan Trotter (Aitkin) 14-2, Semifinal - Christian Noble (Big Lake) maj. dec. Jesse Potts (MC) 10-0, Cons. Semi - Zach Tracy (Scott West) dec. Jesse Potts 9-3, 5th place match - Jesse Potts dec. Nick Korman (Albert Lea Area) 5-2; **145** - Kain Sanders (51-7) 4th, Round 1 - Kain Sanders dec. Harold Born (St. Peter) 6-1, Quarterfinal - Trevor Radunz (Pierz) maj. dec. Kain Sanders 10-1, Cons. Round 1 - Kain Sanders pinned Alex Temple (Totino-Grace) Cons. Round 2 - Kain Sanders dec. Kaleb Lochner (Zumbrota-Mazeppa) 6-2, Cons. Semi - Kain Sanders dec. Kaiden Schrandt (Simley) 4-2, 3rd place match - Trevor Radunz (Pierz) maj. dec. Kain Sanders 10-0; **160** - Carver Rohman (44-8), Round 1 - Brandt Bombard (North Branch Area) dec. Carver Rohman 5-3 Cons. Round 1 - Cody Wienen (Thief River Falls) dec. Carver Rohman 5-2; **220** - Max Olson (47-5) 5th, Round 1 - Max Olson pinned Ian Larrabee (Hibbing) 3:44, Quarterfinal - Max Olson dec. Dioszeghy (Mound-Westonka) 7-5, Semifinal - Justin Matson (Pine City/Hinckley-Finlayson) dec. Max Olson 8-3, Cons. Semi - JP Johnson (Mahtomedi) pinned Max Olson 3:22, 5th place match - Max Olson pinned Grady Minnerath (Rocori).



TAKING AIM – Cards Cadee Becker lines up a free throw against Minnesota Valley Lutheran. Becker had 22 points in the Section 3AA #2-seeded Cards 77-61 semifinal victory over #3-seeded Chargers in Windom last Tuesday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



FLYING BLOCK – Cardinals Zach Jorgensen leaps to block at lay-up attempt by Luverne's Nathaniel Cole-Kraty. The Section 3AA #3-seeded Cards squeezed by #6-seeded Luverne 51-49 last Saturday afternoon in the South Sub-Section quarterfinal. Jorgensen had 17 points and an insurance free throw to hold off the visiting Cardinals. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



JUMP SHOT – Cardinals Cassidy Schultz shoots over Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Samantha Dalueg. The Cards defeated #1-seeded Luverne 53-52 in the Section 3AA, South Sub-Section championship game last Friday night in Worthington. The Cards (24-3) will play the North Sub-Section champion Montevideo (24-3), who defeated New London-Spicer 41-26, for the Section 3AA championship 8:00 p.m. this Friday in Marshall. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Fairmont Youth Hockey

The Carlson Dental Bantam team advanced to the regional tournament this past weekend in New Ulm. Friday night the bantams played Mankato and were defeated 12-4. Scoring for Fairmont was Tyler Kurt with 2 goals and 1 assist from Eric Determan. Determan added an assisted goal from Klay Beemer and Beemer had an assisted goal from Ty-

ler Kurt. Goalie Brandon Hector had 39 saves. Saturday the Carlson Dental Bantams played New Ulm/Sleepy Eye and lost in overtime 5-4.

Scoring for Fairmont was Tyler Kurt with 3 goals and 2 assists coming from Eric Determan. Parker Schwandt had an unassisted goal to tie up the game late in the 3rd period. Goalie Brandon Hector had 44 saves.

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SHOOTING THREE – Jacob Crissinger's late three put the Cards up 50-49 against Luverne. After Crissinger's only three point shot he drew a charge on Redwood Valley's Gannon Ahrendt. Ahrendt, who had 33 points, hit a three pointer to put the upset minded visiting Cardinals ahead 49-47. The Cardinals (13-11) now take on #2-seeded Redwood Valley (20-7), who knocked off #7-seed St. James 77-32, 7:30 p.m. this Thursday in Windom. The winner will move on to the South Sub-Section championship game Saturday in Marshall. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Roland and Adeline Hartmann Irrevocable Trusts Land Auction located in N1/2 of the NW1/4 Section 22 Waverly Township, Martin County MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fairmont, MN. Wedel & Associates

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Request for Proposal for Construction Management Services

Summary and background

Fairmont Opera House is accepting proposals is seeking proposals from interested parties to provide Construction Management services to facilitate renovation services at the historic Fairmont Opera House according to Minnesota Historical Society and National Park Service Preservation Standards.

Please submit proposals by 5 p.m., March 18, 2022 to:

Fairmont Opera House
c/o Blake Potthoff, Executive Director
45 Downtown Plaza, PO Box 226
Fairmont, MN 56031
Email: director@fairmontoperahouse.org
Guidelines for bidders

We will accept bids for this project until 5 p.m. on March 18, 2022. All subcontracting intentions must be clearly represented therein. All documents must be prepared and signed by those authorized to do so. All costs must be listed in USD. Further terms are subject to development pending selection of a bid.

Construction Management Goals

The following goals reflect the purposes for which the Fairmont Opera House has elected to seek CM services:

- To develop, manage and complete the Project within a defined time schedule.
- To develop, manage and complete the Project within a given budget.
- To develop, manage and complete the Project within quality and program guidelines.

The firm awarded CM service for the Project shall be a CM firm in the State of Minnesota or able to conduct business within the State of Minnesota.

Construction Phase Services:

Project Management

1. CM to provide competent, experienced full-time staff, including an experienced construction field superintendent and project management team to coordinate the work, maintain the progress of the contractors, coordinate with an emphasis of ongoing activities and operations, and provide overall direction to the project during the construction phase.
2. The Project Management team shall establish on-site organization and levels of authority to carry out the overall plans of the construction team.
3. The Project Management team shall demonstrate high levels of effective, proactive project leadership and shall support Fairmont Opera House staff throughout the duration of the project.
4. Work cooperatively and constructively with members of the Project Team to foster positive relationships that support positive outcomes for the team members and the project.
5. CM will be contractually obligated to not reassign key staff members to other projects without the Fairmont Opera House's prior written consent. The Fairmont Opera House will have approval rights of any and all new personnel assigned to this project.

Cost Management

1. Implement effective cost management control and tracking procedures to provide the Fairmont Opera House with the opportunity to make such decisions as required to keep project cost within the budget.
2. Implement and maintain cost control methods with "open book" sharing of cost information.
3. CM to inform the Fairmont Opera House of pending cost issues within five (5) business days of identifying potential issues.
4. Work with the Fairmont Opera House and A/E to develop and implement a change management process for the project. Implement and maintain a current log of pending cost issues impacting the final cost of the project and review no less than monthly with the Fairmont Opera House.
5. Provide drawdown and cash flow projections for the project during construction and update as necessary.

Procurement

CM to manage bidding process, evaluate bids for recommendations to the Fairmont Opera House as qualified, responsible contractors; submitting responsive bids. If best value bidding is used the CM will participate in evaluation and interviews along with the A/E, or other best value certified person, and the Fairmont Opera House. Project team to utilize, by mutual agreement, any of the following methods for awarding contracts to contractors for portions of the work: competitive bid, best value, and negotiated terms pursuant to Minnesota law for work valued under \$175,000. For those contracts to be awarded on a competitive bid or best value basis, the Fairmont Opera House seeks to obtain a minimum of three (3) competitive best value proposals for each trade category unless otherwise authorized by the Fairmont Opera House, and shall interview at a minimum two (2) best value proposers with the project team. Based on best value scoring, CM to provide a written award recommendation to the Fairmont Opera House.

General Provisions

1. Evaluation Criteria: The Respondent selected for an award will not necessarily be the lowest cost proposal. Rather, the selection will be based upon the proposal that is responsive, responsible, and the most advantageous to the Fairmont Opera House, as determined by the Fairmont Opera House in its sole discretion. The Fairmont Opera House intends to award a contract, subject to the terms of this RFP, to the best overall valued firm. Firms will be prioritized based on past experience and performance, current performance capability, fees, and other criteria as outlined in this document. The Fairmont Opera House anticipates that all firms will have a fair and reasonable opportunity to provide service.
2. Award Criteria: Issuance of this RFP does not compel the Fairmont Opera House to award a contract. The Fairmont Opera House reserves the right to reject any or all proposals wholly or in part and to waive any technicalities, informalities, or irregularities in any proposal at its sole option and discretion. The Fairmont Opera House reserves the right to request clarification or additional information. The Fairmont Opera House reserves the right to award a contract, to resolicit proposals, or to temporarily or permanently abandon the procurement.

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 46-PR-22-154
Estate of James Loren Theobald,
a/k/a James L. Theobald, a/k/a
James Theobald, Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF
WILL AND APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, October 31, 2013, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kelly Schjodt, whose address is 419 East 4th Street, Parker, SD, 57053 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objection to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 23, 2022

BY THE COURT
Michael D. Trushenski
Judge of District Court

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THE IMPERFECT GARDENER

by Val Manning, University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener, Martin County

A plant that often appears in stores at this time of year is the oxalis, also known as the shamrock plant. It can be used as either a houseplant or outside in a container.

My experience with oxalis is the outdoors variety. In the past I have had one called "Zinfadel" that is a bright burgundy in color with small yellow flowers. I discovered the first year I had one that it grew from a rhizome-like root which survived the winter in the basement. When I went to toss the contents of the pot, as I thought it was dead, I found the root healthy and ready to grow again. You learn something new all the time in gardening.

Oxalis, also known as wood sorrel, has clover shaped leaves and so is promoted as a plant for St. Patrick's Day in March. Most are of the green variety with larger foliage that produce larger white flowers. The flowers have five petals and grow above the foliage on long stalks. Different species have different colored leaves and flowers.

When in bloom, oxalis need cool conditions and bright light. Soil should be moist but not wet. Pests are few, but watch for aphids or whiteflies.

An enforced period of dormancy, usually about three to four months for most species, and plants can be brought back to life, as I discovered myself.

More information can be

found on the University of Wisconsin Extension website (hort.extension.wisc.edu). There are also some sources on the University of Minnesota Extension website (extension.umn.edu).

On another subject: speaking of new things learned about gardening and other things related. Recently I attended a series of webinars about gardening by a group of Minnesota Extension Educators.

These webinars help to fulfill the continuing education portion of my Master Gardener designation. A lot of great information was presented.

One rather interesting remark by one of the presenters was about Colorado Blue Spruce which recently was put on the not recommended list by Extension in Minnesota because of certain pest problems. Anyway, this presenter said that Colorado Blue Spruce don't like to touch others. Therefore the best practice when planting a group of new trees is to leave at least 25 feet in all directions.

A good idea when planting any new trees is to consider how big they will become when older. Excellent advice when planting anything.

INDOOR GARDEN: Shortly after I wrote the previous column, I found a spider plant. It was in a decorative pot with a pink-flowered kalanchoe, possibly a leftover from Valentine's Day. I repotted both in separate pots and gave them each a shot of indoor plant fertilizer. I have the spider in a place the tuxedo cats can't get to, so hope it will soon start to produce "babies."

Unfortunately, one of the tuxedos attacked the kalanchoe. So I had to repot it and put it in another spot. Hopefully, it will recover.

Val Manning is a University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener in Martin County.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

BAGPIPE
BLARNEY
BOG
CELEBRATE
CELTIC
CLOVER
COINS
DUBLIN

EMERALD GREEN
FORTUNE
FOUR LEAF CLOVER
GOLD
GOODLUCK
GREEN
HIBERNIAN
HOLIDAY

IRELAND
IRISH
LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN
LIMERICK
LUCK
MAGICAL
MARCH

MISCHIEF
PATRICK
POT OF GOLD
RAINBOW
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
SAINT PATRICK
SEVENTEENTH
SHAMROCK

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