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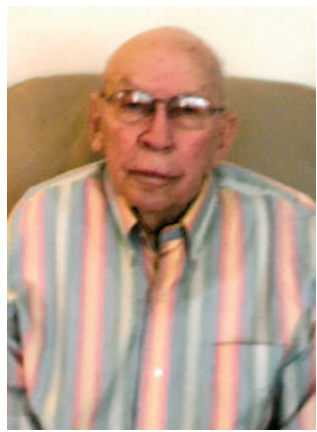
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**LARSON 90TH** - Marvin Larson of Fairmont will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, March 18th. Cards will reach him at 2445 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**NORMAN 80TH** - Arno Norman of Fairmont will celebrate his 80th birthday Monday, March 20th. Cards may reach him at 1310 Adams Avenue #102, Fairmont, MN 56031.



**OBERG 80TH** - Janice Oberg of Fairmont will celebrate her 80th birthday on Tuesday, March 21st. Her family is throwing a card shower and cards can reach her at 243 State Highway 15, Fairmont, MN 56031.

**Clara Circle St. Paul**  
Fairmont will be serving the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 22nd from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. The menu is: Baked Potato bar with all the "fixin's"; Lettuce salad; Bars & Ice Cream Sundaes; Coffee & milk. There is a Freewill Offering designated towards St. Paul's Fellowship Room Renovation project. This Lenten Supper is a Thrivent Action Team Project. Please come and enjoy!!

**A Meet and Greet Artist reception** will be held for the Artists with Disabilities on Sunday, March 26th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in The Underground Gallery at the Red Rock Center, in honor of National Disabilities Awareness Month, in collaboration with Smiles, Center for Independent Living. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome and the event is free of charge.

The **Martin County Genealogical Society** will resume monthly meetings Saturday, March 18th at the Pioneer Museum at 9 a.m. The public is invited. For more information call Dona at 507-236-0996 or Carol at 507-236-2599 or email mcgs@frontier.com.

## Martin County Area Foundation applications

The Martin County Area Foundation is currently accepting applications from eligible organizations for the 2017 competitive grant cycle now through May 31st, 2017.

We also accept inquiries year-round for emergencies or high need. Please refer to our grant

guidelines and application form at [www.mcareafoundation.org](http://www.mcareafoundation.org) for information.

If you have any further questions or ideas, please contact our administrative staff at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at 507-235-5547 or any member of our board of directors.

## Martin County Library teams up with Hoopla Digital

The Martin County Library recently announced public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital ([hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com)).

Patrons can begin enjoying thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies

and publishers - available to borrow for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers. Hoopla Digital is offered at no cost to patrons via browser, Android and IOS and requires only a Martin County Library card to access.

To register or find out more info, visit [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org) or [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com).



Fairmont Area School board members and Superintendent Brown were invited to have breakfast at the high school March 7th. Students were encouraged to use this time to share with board members and Mr. Brown any concerns, ideas, suggestions, or feedback they had to offer about Fairmont Area Schools. Pictured is school board president Rufus Rodriguez (right) visiting with Emma Koehler, Lucas Simpson, and Nathan Willett. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Area School Board Vice President Nicole Green (center) visits with students. (Submitted photo)

## Mayo Clinic Health System offers scholarships

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Foundation is offering two Blanche Kindstrom Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships to local students pursuing health care careers. The deadline for applications is April 1st.

This year's scholarships include:

- One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Fairmont High School senior
- One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior in the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont service area

The Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Scholarship Committee reviews all scholarship applications and selects a recipient and alternate. Scholarship recipients and alternates will be notified

by April 22nd, 2017.

"We're grateful for the ability to offer scholarships to local students who have an interest in pursuing health care careers," says Amy Long, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont site administrator. "Investing in students and young talent in our service area is integral to the success of our communities and the future health care workforce."

Scholarship recipients must enter college within one year of being awarded the scholarship. Applications and additional information are available through area high school counselors or online at [mayoclinichealthsystem.org/locations/fairmont/careers/health-career-scholarships](http://mayoclinichealthsystem.org/locations/fairmont/careers/health-career-scholarships).



## Warren Nelson and son return to Red Rock

Come and hear Fairmont native, Warren Nelson as he celebrates 50 years of show business on Sunday, March 26th at 2 p.m. at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

Warren is a songwriter, musician, entertainer, poet, historian, radio host and a Tent-show "Man of the Cloth" along with the founder of the Lake Superior

rior Big Top Chautauqua, and the Martin County Hornpipe.

Warren will be joined by his son Rowan Ferris-Nelson, songwriter/banjo player and Otis McClennon, world class harmonica player.

\$10 advance tickets are available at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or \$12 at the door.

**Arc Different Drummer Dance Club** will have a dinner and dance from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, March 16th. Contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continue with their **Wednesday evening suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. during Lent. This Wednesday they are serving broccoli cheese soup and chicken noodle soup. Next Wednesday, March 22nd they will serve chicken wild rice soup and vegetable beef soup. A donation of \$2 is suggested.

## DAV Mobile Service Office comes to area

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the nonprofit D-A-V (Disabled American Veterans) offers help.

The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the following locations, to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available. Like all D-A-V services, help from the Mobile Service Office is free to all veterans and members of their families.

Tuesday, March 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

DAV Hutchinson Chapter 37, 177 3rd Northwest, Hutchinson.


Wednesday, March 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Kandiyohi Health & Human Services, 2200 23rd Street Northeast, Willmar.

Thursday, March 30th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., DAV New Ulm Chapter 15, 1522 South Valley Street, New Ulm.

Friday, March 31st, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars 9713, 1900 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato.

For further information regarding these events, contact NSO Jon N. Retzer at (612) 970-5665.

*Vangie Barber*  
Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Vangie Barber of Sherburn will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an **OPEN HOUSE** on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
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## Fairmont Opera House hosts "Acrobats of Cirque-tacular"

The audience of kids, teens and adults attending Friday night's Acrobats of Cirque-tacular at the Fairmont Opera House watched with amazement as three members of the world-traveled New York-based repertory circus, theatrical and acrobatic dance company performed in a fast-paced show.

Tad Emptage and Ellie

Steingraeber performed daredevil routines on the aerial ring and silks as well as feats of strength and agility, while David Darwin brought a taste of sideshow vaudeville with unicycle-riding juggling, cigar box balancing and old western rope tricks.

After the show, which was sponsored by Sweet Financial Services of Fairmont, members of the

troupe met with the audience, posing for photos and signing autographs. Earlier in the day the Acrobats of Cirque-tacular performed two matinees at the Fairmont Opera House for several hundred area school children. (Photos and story courtesy of Fairmont Opera House / JKP Images)



## Mayo Clinic named to Fortune's '100 Best Companies to Work For'

Fortune named Mayo Clinic to its 2017 list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For," ranking it No. 84. Mayo was No. 86 in 2016. This is Mayo's 14th consecutive year on the list, which recognizes companies that rate highly with staff.

"Each staff member makes Mayo Clinic a great place to work and a great place for people with serious and complex medi-

cal concerns to find solutions and healing," says John Noseworthy, M.D., president and CEO, Mayo Clinic.

The selection process includes a survey of randomly selected staff members and accounts for two-thirds of a company's score. Survey responses are anonymous. The Great Place to Work Institute invited 2,100 Mayo staff members across the insti-

tution to take the survey in July-August 2016. Of those invited, 840 completed the survey.

The survey evaluates companies based on five dimensions its research indicates are key to building great workplaces: Credibility, Respect, Fairness, Pride, Camaraderie.

Learn more on the Fortune website and Great Place to Work Institute's Great Rated! website.

## Fairmont scholarship deadline is approaching

The deadline for the more than 150 scholarships being awarded this year by Fairmont Dollars for Scholars is quickly approaching. Students need to have submitted their online application by midnight local time on April 1st, 2017.

"Students can create a student profile beginning in their ninth grade year," said Liz Wheeler, chapter executive secretary. "However, creating a profile is not considered applying. Students must create a profile, click on the 'My Scholarships' tab, and then submit their names to those funds for which they qualify in order for us to be able to award them funds from that scholarship pool."

Students can continue updating their profiles through April 1st even after they have submitted their name to the scholarships. This allows students time to confirm that their references have completed their sections of the profile.

While the profile does take some time to complete the first time they plan on applying, "the data will be retained year after year so students only need to update their profiles and add any new information from that year, so next year, students and parents should find the process goes much more quickly than our old paper format," said Loren Dun-



Logyn Cone (center) is pictured with Dick and Helen Gould as she received the Gould scholarship at last year's Fairmont Dollars for Scholars awards night. (Submitted photo)

ham, Fairmont Dollars for Scholars chapter president. Students are encouraged to continue applying for chapter scholarships after they graduate as they are eligible to receive up to four awards for completing studies through the completion of a bachelor's degree.

After April 1st, the Fairmont chapter's scholarships will disappear from applicants' scholarship newsfeeds; however, Scholarship America, the chapter's umbrella organization, offers other scholarships throughout the year so students are encouraged to check their newsfeeds periodically even after April 1st. The "My Opportunities" section also has additional scholarships for which students can apply that are not awarded through Scholarship America or Dollars for Scholars.

To apply for a Fairmont Dollars for Scholars scholarship, go to [fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org](http://fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org) and click on the "Students and Parents" tab. Then click on "create a profile." The process is fairly intuitive, but if students or parents have any questions, they can email the chapter at [fairmontdollars@gmail.com](mailto:fairmontdollars@gmail.com) or click on the "support" tab on the side of their profile screen. This will allow them to send an email to tech support.

"We are using our Facebook page to get information out like tutorials for creating a profile and updates, so we also encourage those with Facebook accounts to 'like' us at [www.facebook.com/fairmontDFS](http://www.facebook.com/fairmontDFS)," Wheeler said.

For more information, contact Loren Dunham at (507) 238-1172 or Liz Wheeler at (507) 399-2134.

## St. Martin's Episcopal calls new priest

The parishioners of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont are pleased to announce that Rev. Marilla Whitney has accepted their call to lead their congregation.

Mother Whitney was born and raised in California's Bay area. She attended UC Berkeley and graduated with degrees in American History and American Literature. In high school she became active in her parent's Presbyterian church. During her college years she accepted an invi-

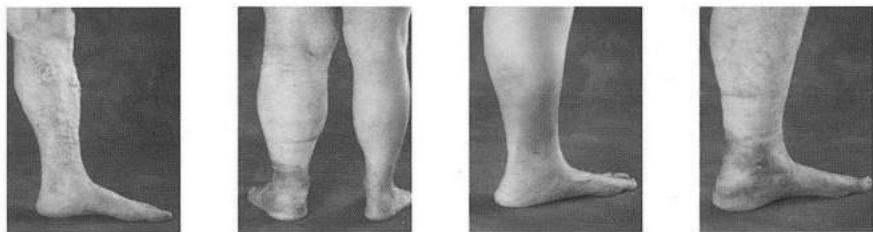
tation to attend an area Episcopal church and was so struck by the beauty and meaningfulness of the Episcopal liturgy that she joined the Episcopal church.

Following her graduation from Berkely, she wanted to attend seminary, but it wasn't until 1977 when the Episcopal Church's General Convention approved the ordination of women that this dream was realized. She graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary with her Masters of

Divinity degree and was ordained in Spokane. Her first call was to an Episcopal church in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

St. Martin's is the oldest organized Christian parish in Fairmont, having been founded by the city's original English settlers and named for their home church in Great Britain. You can contact Mother Whitney at the church at 238-2686.

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There will be an Open House bBridal Shower for **McKenzie Ricard and Tyler Bode** on Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Truman.

The **Fairmont High School Class of 1962**, spouses and friends will meet for lunch at The Ranch Restaurant on Friday, March 17th at 11:30 a.m.

# Adjusting to life in the United States

Guest Columnist

Claire Pritchard, Blogger and Writer



Where I grew up in the UK is a far cry from London or New York, but it's certainly bigger than where we are now.

This doesn't mean I'm not enjoying life here, I am, and all the people we've met so far have been very friendly and welcoming! But, people aside, us Brits are used a life of great convenience. I'm used to shops, restaurants, bars and cafes being in abundance and more notably, within walking distance from my house! It wasn't 20 miles to pick up groceries, and if I didn't feel like cooking I didn't need to! (This happened more often than not, cooking is not my forte!).

Adjusting to a new style of living takes time, and I have felt myself get a bit homesick! However, not to be beaten, I have found an excellent solution which soon lifts my spirits- a weekend away in the Twin

Cities! So even though I'm not a city girl, here's why the Twin Cities are helping me with the transition into Midwest living.

When we were making the decision to come out here, Matt told me he



had an ace up his sleeve which would convince me to make the move, and he wasn't far wrong! He made this shopaholics dream come true by introducing me to Mall of America. It was like I'd died and gone to consumer heaven! And the entertainment there is also unbelievable! Whilst shopping I am blissfully unaware that beneath me

live sharks, stingrays and turtles in the fantastic Sealife Center, and tucked away in a corner of the mall is the Crayola Experience -my inner child had a whale of a time! If that wasn't enough, there's the

amusement park! The UK has nothing that comes close to this, I'm MOA's biggest fan!

Elsewhere in the cities, the model train museum was a must-see for our train mad son. Watching his little face light up watching all the trains was priceless! What wasn't so fun was the loud protesting he did when it was time

to go - a similar reaction occurred when it was time to leave the Thomas the Train exhibit at the Children's Museum! Como Zoo was also a big hit, and I'm looking forward to seeing the Sculpture Park in Minneapolis this summer... unfortunately it was a building site when we visited!

There we have it! This self-confessed city hater is smitten with the Twin Cities. Weekends away combined with Armstrong's tranquillity are a good balance for life out here. We are going back to the UK for a visit soon and it'll be interesting to see if I miss the quiet streets of Armstrong and open views whilst home! One things for sure, I can't wait to see our family and friends and tell them all about our adventures these past six months! (The warmer, calmer UK weather and chocolate will also be welcomed with open arms!)

'Til next time!  
Claire

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with Kathy Lloyd

## KIMA

We had an active weekend at our home. Our son John and family came down to meet his new granddaughter, Lydia. They brought their baby a 10 week old German Shepherd along with their three year old German Shepherd. Our granddaughter brought along their terrier mix, a very spirited girl. Needless to say our poor Maggie was traumatized! She has never acquired the art of socializing with her own species, so someone had to hold Maggie the whole weekend. I wonder why we bothered to vacuum and dust on Friday?



(Submitted Photo)

The recipe that I am sharing with you today is found in the UMC cookbook and submitted by Florence Howk. It's quick, easy and very tasty. I hope that you will think so too.

### KIMA

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. (scant, unless you like curry) curry powder
- 1 tsp. onion salt
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 (8 oz.) can peas, drained

Cook hamburger and onion together. Drain off excess fat. Add tomato sauce and seasoning. Simmer 20-30 min. until sauce thickens and seasonings blend. Add peas and heat. Serve over cooked rice.

The saying is that it will snow three times after seeing the first Robin, so now we have had two snows, one more! Have a great week!

## Martin County Relay for Life Kickoff March 20

Martin County Relay for Life will observe their 25th year of Relay for Life this year.

The Kick-off meeting for the team captains will take place Monday, March 20th at Bank Midwest Call Center, located at 1920 Center Creek Drive (behind Dulcimer Medical Center) in Fairmont. It will be held in the conference room from 6 to 7 p.m.

Team captains are asked to come to the meeting to pick up information

for this year's event. If you can't make it, please send someone from your team, if possible.

Martin County Relay for Life would love to keep all of the current teams going, revive past teams and invite new teams as part of the 25th year in Martin County. Help them in their fight against cancer and make this 25th year a very special year!

Martin County Relay for Life will take place on Friday, June 23rd, 2017.

## Newcomers and Neighbors to meet

The Fairmont Area Newcomers and Neighbors will gather at the Red Rock Center, 222 East Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont on Thursday, March 30th. Hours are 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Schedule of Events**  
6:45 to 7:00 - Gathering time.

7:00 - Brief introductions and welcome.

7:15 -8:00 - Continued small group discussions

- Building tour and history of the building

- Pottery wheel demonstration

This meeting is hosted by the Red Rock Center for the Arts.

RSVP via facebook.com/fairmontsnewcomers or call 236-7040

- Welcome Packets
- Tours And Demonstrations

- Questions And Answer Time
- Small Discussions

**What is the purpose of Newcomers and Neighbors?**

We host a Main Event on the 5th Thursdays throughout the year to bring people together while exploring different venues. We engage both newcomer and neighbor in conversations and meet new people.

[martincountylibrary.org](http://martincountylibrary.org)

### CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Libraries LOVE acronyms, we use them all the time. One of our favorites (and the most common) is ILL. What is an ILL? ILL stands for Inter-Library-Loan. When our local library doesn't have the book you need, or our copy is unavailable and we request it from another library, we use ILL. We are able to request items from all types of libraries in the state of Minnesota. That includes academic libraries, like the University of Minnesota and Gustavus, and also larger public libraries, like the system in Hennepin County and Rochester and Duluth. It means we can track down items

that might be a bit more rare or obscure and bring them to you! Our library has a courier service that drives tubs of library materials around. The Fairmont Library has daily delivery service and our branches receive service several times a week. We share our library materials with other libraries as well, so we trade books back and forth. From here, our materials head up to a central point in Mankato and then head on to their next delivery point. If you look closely at any library books you requested, (and didn't just pull from the shelf), it could be from anywhere in Minnesota! This is another way libraries work together to share resources and help our patrons find exactly what you need. Next time you're looking for something you can't find, just ask a librarian to help you track it down.

## Martin County Library to host Pajama Tales

Wear your jammies and join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for Pajama Tales!

Enjoy stories, activities and fun for the entire family. This event will be held

at the Fairmont library on Monday, March 27th at 6 p.m. This event is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

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## Rebekah Lodge meets in Winnebago

Starlight Rebekah Lodge #11, Winnebago, was organized April 10th, 1894. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Winnebago City Hall, 140 Main Street South.

The Rebekah organization is an auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

March 23rd is Schuyler Colfax Day throughout the

Odd Fellowship to honor Colfax's birthday.

Schuyler Colfax would serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

For more information about the Starlight Rebekah Lodge, contact Donna Perryman, PO Box 404, Winnebago, MN 56098-0404, phone 507-893-3444.



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## OBITUARY notices

### Muriel R. Riegel, 82



A Celebration of Life Service for Muriel R. Riegel, 82, of Fairmont, was

held Monday, March 13th, 2017, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Pleasant Prairie Township, rural Granada. Muriel passed away peacefully Thursday morning, March 9th, 2017 at Golden Hearts Assisted Living in Arlington, MN, with her daughter and son at her side. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Muriel Ruth Johnson was born December 13th, 1934, to Lawrence and Eleanor (Jaster) Johnson in Ormsby, Minnesota. As an infant she was baptized and later confirmed at Waverly Lutheran Church

in rural Trimont. Muriel attended country school and graduated from Trimont High School.

On September 28th, 1957 Muriel was united in marriage to Richard Riegel at Waverly Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with two children, Rodney and Ruth.

Muriel worked at Fairmont National Bank before working for the Fairmont Public School System. She worked for twenty-six years in the school food service before her retirement. Muriel also was a member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Rodney Riegel of Green Isle, MN and Ruth

Vial and her husband, Kevin of Cedar Rapids, IA; grandson, Jacob; sisters-in-law: Elaine Johnson, Alice Johnson, Dorothy Osland, and Liz Riegel; brother-in-law, Francis Swanson and his wife, Wilma; numerous nieces and nephews; other extended family and many friends.

Muriel was preceded in death by her husband, Richard the love of her life; parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law; brothers: Gordon and Roger; sisters-in-law: Ella Jean Holland and Mae Swanson; and brothers-in-law, Leonard Riegel and Marvin Holland.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

## DEATH notices



March 3 - Ramona D. Walter, 79, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
March 4 - Kale L. Sweeney, stillborn, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
March 7 - Joyce E. Halverson, 73, Alpha.

Kramer Funeral Home  
March 9 - Muriel R. Riegel, 82, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
March 10 - Belvadere "Babe" M. Schmidt, 85, Ceylon.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
March 12 - Susan I. Kuhl, 72, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

### In Memoriam

#### One Year Ago This Week

March 11 - Randy Beck, 62, Fairmont

March 12 - Anita Hartmann, 98, Fairmont

March 12 - Gary M. Roeker, 72, Sherburn.

### Belvadere "Babe" M. Schmidt, 85



Funeral services for Belvadere "Babe" M. Schmidt, 85, of Ceylon, will be 11:00 a.m. Thurs-

day, March 16th, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Welcome. Burial will be in Lake Belt Township Cemetery near Ceylon. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Babe passed away Friday afternoon, March 10th, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont, surrounded by her family. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is handling the arrangements for the family.

Belvadere Mildred Niss was born February 18th, 1932 in Welcome,

the daughter of Leonard and Ella (Finke) Niss. Her family moved to Granada where Babe attended school. She met Melvin Schmidt and they were united in marriage August 26th, 1950 in Fairmont. They made their home north of Ceylon where they farmed and raised four daughters, Pam, Kaye, Kim and Kelly. In her earlier years, Babe worked with her mother at Smokey's Café in Fairmont and did some seasonal work at Stokely Van Camp Canning Company. Later on, Babe sold Avon for many years before starting "Babe's Fashions," working on embroidery out of her home. In addition to

embroidering clothing, Babe loved to make embroidered wall hangings that she would share with family and friends. She especially liked to make hats for Mel.

Babe and Melvin were members of St. John's United Church of Christ E & R in Ceylon until the church closed and then became members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome. Babe loved to cook and bake. She was known for her homemade candy at Christmas time and later for her cookies. She also enjoyed sewing and creating new embroidery pieces. She loved to be with little children and enjoyed

her family and watching them grow.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Schmidt of Sherburn; four daughters: Pam Gjerde and her husband, Glenn, of Spirit Lake, IA; Kaye Schultze and her husband, Kevin, of Ceylon; Kim Garbers and her husband, Mic, of Welcome; Kelly Drake and her husband, Norman, of Brandon, SD; grandchildren: Jeff Gjerde, Elizabeth Richter (Dave), Gretchen Gjerde, Heather Meade (Jason), Brent Schultze (Season), Lance Garbers (Christy), Andy Garbers, Adam Garbers (Stacy), Brianna McLaughlin (Corde), Chris Drake (Fawn), Nicole Drake; twenty three

great grandchildren; sisters, Arla Mae Childs, Ruth Peterson, Sherry Schmidt and Karen Niss; brother, Lenny Niss; sister-in-law, Judy Niss; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Babe was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Ella Niss; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Ella Schmidt; son-in-law, Jim Herbrandson; two grandchildren, Jodee Herbrandson and Alex Bindert; one sister, Truma Milford; two brothers, Loren Niss and Jerry Niss, her sister-in-law, Lavina Champine and brother-in-law, Howard Champine.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### Susan I. Kuhl, 72



A Mass of Christian Burial for Susan I. Kuhl, 72, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday,

March 18th, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont with social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Parish Prayer Service at 4:00 p.m. Friday at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Susan passed away Sunday afternoon, March 12th, 2017 at their home on Fox Lake surrounded by her family. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is handling the arrange-

ments for the family.

Susan Irene Timmons was born October 10th, 1944 in Anoka, MN, the daughter of Walter and Lois (Johnson) Timmons. She grew up in Windom and graduated from Windom High School in 1962. Su then went on to Mankato State University for a short time before attending Worthington Junior College. On May 2nd, 1964, Su was united in marriage to David Kuhl at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom. They lived in Mankato where Su was the office manager for

Carlson Construction. In 1969, they moved to Fairmont and Su and Dave raised four children, Dana, Scott, Kevin and Heidi. Su also owned and operated the Gazebo Floral in the Fair Mall Shopping Center. She then worked 20+ years at the Minnesota Workforce Center, retiring in 2009. Su and Dave spent their summers at their cabin on Fox Lake and winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Su was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. She enjoyed her flower gar-

dens, painting and ceramics. Over the years, Su enjoyed traveling with Dave and spending time with her family.

Those who will cherish her memory include her husband, Dave Kuhl of Fox Lake; four children, Dana Tietema and her husband, Dave, and their children, Chelsea, Joseph and Justin (Jessica), of Mankato; Scott Kuhl and his wife, Lisa, and children, Colby and Carson, of Fairmont, Kevin Kuhl and his wife, Nicole, and children, Max, Madson and Maverick, of Plymouth,

MN, Heidi Junkermeier and her husband, Travis, and daughter, Megan, of Fairmont; one sister, Juanita Grunewald and her husband, Edward, of Windom; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Judy and Elmer Wieneke, Judy Kuhl, Janice and Roy Redenius, Ken and Cathy Kuhl, Mark and Kathy Kuhl; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Su was preceded in death by her parents; one infant sibling; and two brothers-in-law, Gerald and James Kuhl.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Martin County Humane Society (MCHS) would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and citizens in our communities for their support. If you would like to support the animal shelter and it's mission, but don't have time to volunteer, consider a membership. Being a member of MCHS involves no obligations, but does give you the right to vote at member meetings.

MCHS also tries to give

back to the county in many ways. One way is by applying for grants from groups out of our county. These grants help decrease the burden of the cost of caring for the homeless animals. Grants awarded this year have come from Pedigree Foundation, ASPCA, Million Cat Challenge, St. Croix Valley, Pet Haven and Petco Foundation.

The last two grants address a problem in our area. The number of homeless and unwanted cats in our

county is much larger than can be housed in the Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter. The grants provide funds to spay and neuter non-shelter cats from Martin County. This will decrease the number of homeless kittens born. MCHS has already funded 103 surgeries for altering cats through these grants. Any outdoor cat can be signed up by an owner or concerned citizen and altered at one of the mobile clinics hosted by MCHS. Any indoor cat whose owner annually earns less than \$45,000 as an individual or less than \$60,000 as a family qualifies for the program. Cats from Martin County signed up for this program will be

altered and vaccinated for rabies for a cost of just \$10 per cat. This offer will continue until funds are exhausted. Enough money is available to cover any cats that are signed up for the mobile clinic being hosted at the shelter on March 31st. If you would like to take advantage of these great savings, go to [MN-SNAP.org](http://MN-SNAP.org) to register or call 612-720-8236.

Karen Folkers,  
MCHS President

## Martin Luther High School Dinner Auction

The OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 25th. Valet parking service will be available.

Auction preview and social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. Hi Lo Club of Lakefield is catering the dinner which will be served at 6:00 p.m. Menu includes: Chicken Breast w/sage stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potato, Green Beans/w Almonds, Tossed Green Salad and Assorted Desserts. Auctioneers Allan Kahler and Dylan Kallemeyn are

donating their services.

Hundreds of new items, interesting packages, hand-made crafts, goods, services, gift certificates, collectibles and get-away packages will be on the Live and Silent Auction.

Tickets are \$25.00 and should be purchased by March 20th. For more information call 507-436-5249. To purchase tickets or view pictures of the sale listing go to [www.martin-lutherhs.com](http://www.martin-lutherhs.com) under "Special Events". Please join us for the fun KNIGHT in support of the MLHS Ministry.

## the BILLBOARD

Dining and  
Entertainment



### Sherburn Lions Club Prime Rib Supper

**Saturday, March 25 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.**  
at the Sherburn American Legion  
**Cost (per person): \$17 (presale)  
\$20 (at the door)**

**Tickets may be purchased from any  
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*Proceeds support community projects.*

#### FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather,  
shortages or delays in shipping.

**Breakfast menu can be found online.  
MAR 16 - 22**

**THUR:** **K-6:** Chicken patty, chicken ranch wrap, fries, coleslaw, orange, applesauce.  
**JR/HS:** Tacos, refried beans, rice, western salad, celery sticks, orange, fruit cocktail.  
**FRI:** **K-6:** Grilled cheese, pretzel, sunbutter and cheese fun lunch, tomato soup, peas, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, tator tots, coleslaw, carrots, apple, peaches.  
**MON:** **K-6:** Cheesy baked pasta, ham, cheese and lettuce wrap, green beans, red pepper strips, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:** Teriyaki chicken, teriyaki

beef nuggets, rice, broccoli, citrus chick pea salad, carrots, apple, pears.  
**TUE:** **K-6:** BBQ chicken sandwich, turkey and cheese sandwich, fries, carrots, banana, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Lasagna style pasta bake, breadstick, corn, tossed salad, celery sticks, banana, applesauce.  
**WED:** **K-6:** Chicken, gravy, dinner roll, ham and swiss pretzel roll sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apple, cranberry sauce. **JR/HS:** BBQ chicken sandwich, baked beans, potato salad, broccoli, apple, mandarin oranges.

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAIRMONT

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

**MAR 16 - 22**

**THUR:** Tacos, refried beans, orange.  
**FRI:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty, carrots, peaches.  
**MON:** Cheeseburger, tator tots, carrots, apple.  
**TUE:** Lasagna style pasta bake, breadstick, corn, celery sticks, banana.  
**WED:** BBQ chicken sandwich, baked beans, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.  
**MAR 16 - 22**

**THUR:** Chicken rice soup, turkey sandwich, coleslaw, blueberries.  
**FRI:** Italian dunkers, green beans, peaches, bar.  
**MON:** Hot ham and cheese, sour cream and chive potatoes, cucumber salad, applesauce.  
**TUES:** Taco salad, fixings, chips, banana, coffee cake.  
**WED:** Meat and cheese sub, potato salad, veggies and dip, pears, jello cup.

#### CryptoQuote answer

Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined.  
— Sam Goldwyn

#### Fairmont Eagles

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**Wed, March 15 • 7pm:**

• Pool League

**Fri, March 17 • 5-7pm:**

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**Sat, March 18 • 5-7pm:**

Fish Fry

**Sun, March 19 •**

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**Mon, March 20 • 7pm:**

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#### HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

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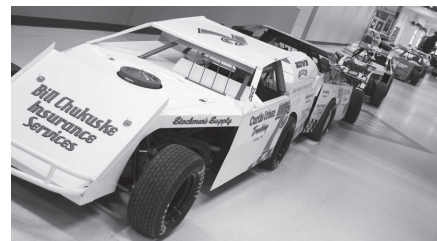


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**MAR 16 - 22**

**THURS:** Porcupine meatballs, baked potato, winter mix veggies, jello.  
**FRI:** Tilapia or alternate, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes and zucchini, ice cream.  
**MON:** Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, pie.  
**TUE:** Pork chops, garden rice, corn, blueberry crisp.  
**WED:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, cheesecake.



St. Patrick's Day is this Friday and for those of you who are Irish (or are Irish for a day), it will be a big celebration Friday night. I know the folks in Armstrong and Emmetsburg, Iowa really celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I believe it was 25 years ago this year when I worked as the news director at KSUM/KFMC radio that my friend and colleague Al Travis and I organized a big St. Patrick's Day parade in Fairmont. For weeks leading up to the big day, Al and I would talk about the parade and activities and we found out that more and more people wanted to get involved, so a parade was organized and Al went to work arranging "special

attractions". I can remember that he promised to have an "aircraft flyover" of the parade, and sure enough, there was one that day (of course it was Bulfer's ultralight that was the lone participant!). Al

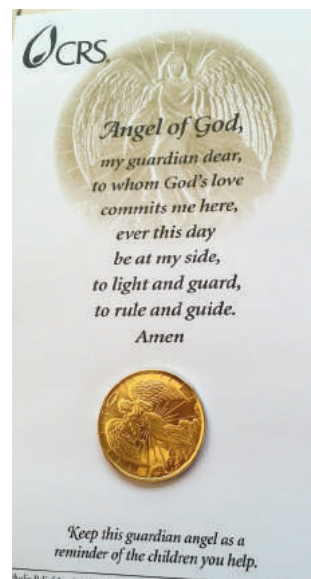


also promised to have an elephant in the parade, although arranging for a real one was impossible, so he and I went to work giving his pet beagle a temporary hair color of grey and put a paper snout and ears on him to create the elephant.

One of the biggest attractions of the parade was one promise that Al made to have supermodel Kathy Ireland be the grand marshal. Al claimed that when he was born, his mother shared a room with Kathy Ireland's mom and that he maintained a friendship with her. I can remember Al talking about it on the radio for weeks and it stirred up a lot of "buzz" around the area having a supermodel in the parade. When the big day came, here came Al and one of the sales reps from the station driving a convertible and in the back seat was a life-sized cardboard cutout of Kathy Ireland! Needless to say, Al was the recipient of some ribbing from "disappointed fans" for his promise, but it still made for a great St. Patrick's Day parade!

#### What is it - revealed!

Last week I asked for some help in finding out what a specific coin was that a friend had given to



me to research. He had no idea of the origin, so I reached out to our readers for answers. Since the paper came out, I have had at least a half dozen people contact me, and all were the same answer. The coin is called "Angel of God" coin from Catholic Relief Services. Bridget Becker was the first one to let me know what it was because she just happened to receive her own coin in the mail earlier that day! She

sent me a picture of the coin and the explanation of the purpose of the coin. The coin is periodically sent to people all over the United States, asking for financial support for Catholic Relief Services. So, there you have it - it is an Angel of God coin. Thanks to all who responded with answers on this coin and to Darv Roebbecke for providing the coin itself!

#### Soup, prime rib and quiz night!

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 will be broccoli and chicken noodle soups. Next Wednesday will be chicken and wild rice and vegetable beef soups. Serving is from 5 to 6 p.m. (or until food runs out!) A \$2 donation is suggested. Next Wednesday, March 22nd, St. Paul Lutheran in Fairmont will have a baked potato bar

from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. Freewill offering will go towards St. Paul's Fellowship Room renovation project. Tuesday, March 21st Fairmont Rotary will have their trivia quiz night at the Blazer Bar in downtown Fairmont. Registration is by 7 p.m. This is a fundraiser for supporting an orphanage in Paraguay. And mark it on your calendars that the Sherburn Lions Club will have their Prime Rib Supper on Saturday, March 25th at the Sherburn American Legion. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door and they go fast, so contact any Sherburn Lions club member, Amborn Lumber or Bank Midwest in Sherburn to get your tickets. Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - enjoy St. Patrick's Day safely!*

- Jeff

## MCHS in Fairmont Community Update

I would like to begin this update with a thank you. Thank you to the community of Fairmont; I have been welcomed by many over my first two months as the administrator at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Not only have I felt welcomed, but I am energized and impressed by the many initiatives taking place, the desire for collaboration and, ultimately, people's engagement with one another to enhance the quality of life for all Fairmont residents, workers and visitors.

At the medical center, we too have a focus on collaboration and engage-

ment - and we are proud to be ongoing collaborators with community activities and initiatives. We also have a steadfast focus on employee satisfaction - our employees are our greatest asset. Last but not least, our primary value, the needs of the patient come first, is the constant driver of all our work.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Amy Long, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

Below is a snapshot of what's been taking place at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

#### Community

- The Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Foundation is offering two Blanche Kind-

strom Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships to local students pursuing health care careers. One scholarship will be awarded to a Fairmont High School student, and the other will be awarded to a high school student in the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont service area. To apply, contact our administration office at 507-238-8101 or 507-238-5064. The deadline for applications is April 1st.

- Sign up for the Mayo Clinic Health System email newsletter for expert advice, inspiring stories, upcoming events and other great health information delivered to your inbox once a month. Simply visit [bit.ly/2kkXPtt](http://bit.ly/2kkXPtt) or text MCHSHEALTH to 22828 to get started.

#### Growth and Services

- Mayo Clinic Health

System in Fairmont is currently recruiting for the following physician specialties: Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Orthopedic Surgery. In addition, we are recruiting for a nurse practitioner or physician assistant in Urology and Family Medicine.

- Come see us at the 32nd annual Community Education and Recreation Family Fun Fair March 31st from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Fairmont Elementary School. Stop by our booth and spin the wheel to win prizes - all you need to do is answer health care questions correctly.

- Food service at Mayo

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### 2017 LAWN MOWING SEASON BIDS The Sherburn Cemetery Board

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Penny Claussen at 507-764-8082.



### Truman Public School's KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

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# Schmeeckle Foundation awards \$83,300 in grants

A reception to honor recipients of Schmeeckle Foundation grants was held Thursday, March 9th, at the Fairmont Opera House.

A total of \$83,300 in grants was awarded to local organizations who received grants last November. Those recipients included:

- \$20,000 to The Arc MN Southwest to provide funding for two teams to attend the Olmstead Academy in St. Paul to provide the Day of Discovery workshop in Martin County, and begin preparation to establish an Aktion Club Theatre in Martin County.
- \$2,000 to CREST to develop a traveling library of books and resources related to long-term debilitating diseases for caregivers. Books will be available at locations where caregivers are attending meetings or in resident facilities.
- \$20,000 to the Fairmont Opera House to purchase and install all equipment necessary to use video in the Fairmont Opera House auditorium and video equipment throughout the building enabling them to show video in the various spaces in a manner in which it is discernable by audience members sitting anywhere in the house.
- \$20,000 to the Fox Lake Conservation League to expand their existing work with the Martin County West School and FFA to provide local eco type native plant seeds and forbs by creating an additional parcel to grow and re-establish local native prairie species.
- \$20,000 to Lakeview Methodist Home to add a 21-bed Transitional Care Unit that will ensure the availability of transitional care to the community that is not now available in order to serve and expand those in the rapidly growing elderly population in Martin County. Also to remodel and reconfigure living, dining and fellowship areas on the second and third floors of the Skilled

Center to provide a more attractive, comfortable, home-like atmosphere for the well-being and enjoyment of residents, families and community members and those that are involved with Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center

- \$1,300 to Martin County 4-H to start a 4-H Performing Arts Project Club for youth in grades 6-12 that will meet monthly for performing arts lessons and skill-development which will increase their proficiency and allow them to receive feedback from a supportive judge committed to positive youth development; and also to deepen their arts-learning experience by attending live theater performances.

Applications are currently being accepted for the next round of grants and are due April 30th, 2017. For details on applying for a Schmeeckle Foundation Grant please visit our website at [schmeecklefoundation.org](http://schmeecklefoundation.org).

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Clinic Health System in Fairmont transitioned from Sodexo to Morrison Healthcare on March 1st. The transition was the next step in a series of transitions that began last November and extends across the institution. Food service teams are initially focusing on building relationships at each site versus making a lot of immediate changes. Changes will be implemented gradually.

- Do you need your blood pressure checked?

Swing by the clinic lobby every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. for a free blood pressure check.

- The Living Well with Diabetes support group meets Wednesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. These informal meetings provide a way for adults with diabetes to share successes, challenges and advice, as well as learn more about the disease. Registration is not required, and there is no cost to attend.
- Are you or a loved one living with cancer? Mayo

Clinic Health System in Fairmont offers a cancer support group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. Please register by calling 507-238-8506. No cost.

- Marie Morris, M.D., medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont
- Amy Long, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

Contact Amy Long at 507-238-5070 or [amy1@mayo.edu](mailto:amy1@mayo.edu) with any comments or questions.

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The "Friend of Farm Bureau" award is given to individuals who have supported Farm Bureau issues, as demonstrated by their voting records. The voting records were based on issues selected by the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors.

"These members of Congress have demonstrated support and commitment to agriculture and deserve our thanks for sharing Farm Bureau's dedication to enhancing the lives of farm and ranch families across the state," said MFBF President Kevin Paap. "A lot was ac-

complished due to these elected officials during the last Congress, and we look forward to continuing our work together during the 115th Congress."

The "Friend of Farm Bureau" Awards were presented March 1st while Farm Bureau members from Minnesota were in Washington, D.C.



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Martin County Aviation, a flying club in Fairmont, was expanding in membership from ten to fifteen. The group owned one plane and was planning purchase of

another. Gene Simmering was president of the club.

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St. Paul's School of Fairmont won the annual Lutheran grade school tournament in Northrop.

All-tournament members included Gene Becker and Brian Poppe of Northrop, Scott Halverson of Truman, Jim Haertel and Dennis Gra-phenteen of Fairmont, Randy Hilbricht of Lakefield,

Kent Espe and Robin Vandt of Whittemore, Ron Reinke of Willow Creek and Dave Bremer of Wilbert.

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James P. Elbert, Patricia A. Elbert to Judith L. Frieden, Patrick M. Frieden, Lot 16, Fox Lake Park

#### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Shawn Eastman to Carin E. Bode, Shawn Eastman, E.131' Lot 2, Block 8, Ext. to Southside Addn., Sherburn

Mark S. Grefe, Sandra K. Grefe to Sandra K. Grefe, NE¼NE¼, Exc. Hwy. Easement, N½NW¼ lying E. of Hwy. 71, 34-104-30, S½SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼, 29-104-30

Mark S. Grefe, Sandra K. Grefe to Mark S. Grefe, Pt. SE¼SW¼, Pt. N½NW¼SW¼, 26-104-30

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Maria Hinz, Thomas Hinz to Chad Allan Truax, Patricia Ann Truax, Lot 3, Block 7, Original Plat Truman Robert Sinn to Judith Sinn, Robert Sinn, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 9-104-33

Wells Fargo Bank to Global Premier Asset Management LLC, Lots 15 and 16, Block 9, Ramsdales Addn.

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#### CONTRACTS FOR DEED

Debra Meng, John Meng to Anita K. Camelin, Michael R. Camelin, Lot 20, Block 2, Hechts Addn., Truman

#### D-DEEDS

Edward C. Bremer Estate, Jodi Graplar, Per. Rep to Charles Bremer, E.65' Lot 2, Block 8, Lake George 2nd Addn.

Roland W. Hansen Estate, Janet L. Rettke, Per. Rep. to Robert C. Melson, Und. 1/2 Int., Pt. W½NW¼, 22-104-33

Roland W. Hansen Estate, Janet L. Rettke, Per. Rep. to Liza M. Melson, Troy C. Melson, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. NW¼, 34-104-33

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# Highlights from USDA Ag Outlook Forum

Guest Columnist



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Each year in late February, the USDA "Ag Outlook Forum" is held in Washington, DC. The Ag Outlook Forum is usually the first USDA projection for expected crop acreage for the coming growing season, as well as other current economic conditions in the agriculture industry. The latest Forum was no different, with projections for significant increases in U.S. soybean acreage for 2017, as well as forecasts for continued tight profit margins and reduced farm income levels for the coming year.

## 2017 U.S. crop acreage projections from the USDA Ag Outlook Forum

- Total U.S. acreage planted to the 8 major crops in 2017 is estimated at 249.8 million acres, which is down 1.4 percent from 253.4 million acres in 2015, and is at the low-

est total U.S. crop acreage in the past six years (2012-2017).

- U.S. corn acreage is estimated at 90 million acres for 2017, which is down 4.3 percent from 94 million acres in 2016, but is still above the 88 million acres planted in 2015. USDA is projecting a trend line 2017 corn yield of 170.7 bushels per acre, which would result in an estimated total U.S. corn production of just over 14 billion bushels.

- 2017 U.S. soybean acreage is expected to increase by 5.5 percent to 88 million acres, as compared to 83.4 million acres in 2016, and is well-above the 82.7 million acres in 2015. USDA is estimating the 2017 trend line soybean yield at 48 bushels per acre, down from the record U.S. soybean yield of 52 bushels per acre in 2016; however, with the

likely increase in acreage, total 2017 U.S. soybean production is projected to exceed 4.1 million bushels.

- U.S. wheat acreage is projected to be the lowest in the past six years at 46 million acres, which is a decline of 8.3 percent from 50.2 million acres in 2016.

- U.S. cotton acreage to increase by 14.2 percent in 2017 to 11.5 million acres, as compared to 10.1 million acres in 2016, and 8.6 million acres in 2015.

- Total 2017 U.S. acreage planted to sorghum and other feed grains is estimated to be 11.7 million acres, which is a decline of 7.1 percent from a year earlier.

- Total acreage in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is 23.5 million acres in 2017, which compares to 29.5 million acres as recently as 2012. The 2014 Farm Bill capped

the maximum CRP acreage at 24 million acres.

Most grain market analysts predicted 2017 crop acreage totals similar to the USDA acreage projections, with increased soybean acreage, and reduced acreage for corn and wheat. The analysts expect this scenario to put some market pressure on the soybean market in the coming months, particularly if we get favorable growing conditions. On the other hand, the reduced 2017 acreage for corn and wheat could create some pricing opportunities in future months for the 2017 crop, especially if there are any production challenges. Besides the monthly USDA Supply and Demand Reports, the next important USDA crop data will occur with the USDA "Planting Intentions Report" on March 31st.

## Farm Income Forecast

USDA is projecting the inflation-adjusted U.S. farm income for 2017 to be at the lowest level since 2002; however, USDA also pointed out that overall farm debt-to-asset ratios

continue to remain at very low levels. Most observers agreed that the overall financial health of U.S. agriculture is in better shape than was projected at last year's Ag Outlook Conference, but admitted that there still continues to be farm profitability concerns going forward. There were some reports of farm operators being denied farm operating loans for the coming year; however, this was not seen as a widespread concern.

Some experts feel the biggest concern with farm operating loans may be for the 2018 growing season, especially if crop prices stay relatively low, and crop yields in the Upper Midwest return closer to trend line yields, following the record corn and soybean yields in Minnesota, Iowa, and other States in both 2015 and 2016. Many farm operators have already reduced input costs and used up excess working capital to deal with tight crop production profit margins in recent years, so there may not be as much flexibility for adjustments for the 2018 crop year.

Economists at the USDA Forum expect farm land values in most major crop producing areas of the U.S. to decline moderately in the next 12 months; however, they do not anticipate a sharp collapse in land values, similar to the 1980's. In addition to level of farm profitability, increases in interest rates by the Federal Reserve in the next couple of years is also likely to have a negative impact on land values.

Many ag lenders reported much tighter scrutiny by Federal and State Bank examiners on agriculture related loans, which may make ag credit more difficult for farm operators facing financial challenges. However, most ag lenders also indicated that to this point, the number of problem ag loans has been quite manageable. Most of the agriculture financial experts are expecting some tight margins and increasing farm financial challenges in the next couple of years; however, none of the experts were predicting a repeat of the farm financial crisis of the 1980's.

## Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will meet this Monday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Enter through Door V on the south side of the building. The Gypsy Wife Quilt mini-group finishing up on their project. There will be discussion on the next possible project. Sign up for the Art Institute of Chicago Challenge will continue. These projects are to be completed for the EXPO in August - all members are encouraged to participate. Booklets

for the Minnesota Quilters State Show in Duluth are available at Michele's in downtown Blue Earth.

This will be followed by the semiannual Trash to Cash event, where the quilters bring quilt related supplies that they no longer use that are available to the other quilters. All proceeds go towards the 2017 EXPO next August.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting

consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. Those who are interested may stay after the meeting for the Block-of-the-Month project.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. For more info contact Mike at 507-526-5808.

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## Girls Class A State Tournament Preview

The 44th annual Minnesota State High School League girls' basketball state tournament is scheduled for March 14-18 at four sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Here is a look at the tournament:

GHEC/Truman/Martin Luther (26-4) vs. #2 seed Goodhue (25-4) - Thursday, 3:00 p.m. at Mariucci Arena

GHEC/T/ML is making its first state tournament appearance as this co-op. Granada-Huntley-East Chain was the Class A runner-up in 2006. The Jaguars defeated Cedar Mountain/Comfrey 63-53 in the section championship game. Coach Uttech asked after the game if this ever gets old. "Not a bit" he replied after cutting down the last cord on the net.

This is the fifth state tournament team for coach Rick Uttech. Uttech coached the 1980 and 1982 teams with East Chain, 2004 and 2006 teams with GHEC and this year's team with GHEC/TM/L.

Common opponent - The Jags defeated Lyle/Austin Pacelli 66-64 at home while Goodhue defeated Lyle/Austin Pacelli 54-49 in OT and 53-43 in section play. Goodhue lost 78-34 to Mountain Iron Buhl in the Hopkin's Tip

off Classic. Goodhue defeated Maranatha Christian Academy 89-64 in last year's championship game.

Red Lake (24-2) vs. #3 seed Cromwell-Wright (25-4) - Thursday, 5:00 p.m. at Mariucci Arena

Red Lake is on a 15 game winning streak and has topped the 100 point mark three times this season. Cromwell-Wright returns for the second consecutive season.

Southwest Minnesota Christian (25-3) vs. #1 seed Mountain Iron Buhl (29-1) - Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at Mariucci Arena

SWC returns for the second consecutive season. Mountain Iron Buhl is trying to improve on last season's third place finish. #5 seed Maranatha Christian Academy (23-7) vs. #4 seed Ada-Borup (28-1) - Thursday, 1:00 PM @ Mariucci Arena

Two tournament veterans here. MCA has finished second the past two seasons. One of those was to Ada-Borup in 2015.

The Semifinals are March 17th, 12:00 p.m.

and 2:00 p.m. at Williams Arena. Championship March 18th, 12:00 p.m. at Williams Arena. Third place game March 18th, 11:00 a.m. at Concordia. Consolation - Semifinals March 17th, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at Concordia, Consolation - Final March 18th, 9:00 a.m. at Concordia

Tickets: Championship session - \$14 adults, \$9 students. Championship semifinals and championship games in all four classes will be televised live by 45TV. Daily charges for the live webcast on Prep45.com: \$9.95 per day; two-day pass \$16.97; three-day pass \$19.87.



**STATE BOUND** - Granada Huntley East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther girls basketball team members include: front row (left to right): Chloe Hartman, Jayme Balcom, Sierra Geistfeld, Makayla Hall, Abby Calkins, Marissa Steinhaus, Maddie Johnson, Lydia Steinhaus. Next row (left to right): Assistant coaches Leslie Wokasch, Brian Petrowiak; student managers Emilee Mosloski and Kierra Preston, Lindsey Miles, Lydia Studer, Emma Becker, Kenlie Pytleski, Hanna Geistfeld, Renae Wallace, Hannah Johanson, Alexis Brummond, Allyson Cegelske, Macy Quinn, Rachel Stauter, head coach: Rick Uttech. Back: assistant coach Tim Pytleski.



**EXCESSIVE CONTACT** - Cougars' Jordan Kevelin was called for an intentional foul on the Jags Hannah Johanson. Section AA South Sub-Section champion Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther defeated North Sub-Section champion Cedar Mountain/Comfrey Cougars 63-53 to gain a State berth last Friday at Minnesota State University, Mankato. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**IN TRAFFIC** - Jaguars forward Kenlie Pytleski had 13 points and 11 rebounds in the Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther victory. *Pictures courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**STOP AND POP** - Cardinals' Brady Allen goes up for two of his eight points. The #4-seeded Cardinals lost to #2-seeded New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva 45-42 in the Class AA South Sub-section championship game Monday in Mankato.



**POWER'FOUL** - Granada -Huntley-East Chain-Truman-Martin Luther's Hanna Geistfeld is fouled by the Cougars' Paige Richert. Geistfeld had 17 points in the #3-seeded Jags' Section AA, South Sub-Section 57-48 victory over the #4-seeded Springfield Tigers last Tuesday night at Gustavus Adolphus College. Geistfeld led the Jaguars with 24 points vs. the Cougars in the Section AA championship game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**UP AND UNDER** - Cards' Sam Schwieger goes for a layup against the Panthers' Tyler Raimann. Schwieger had nine points in the game. The Cardinals finished their season with a 18-10 record. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**OFF GLASS** - Cards Walker Tordsen scores two of his team-leading 24 points as teammate Brady Allen looks on. The Section AA - South Sub-Section #4-seeded Fairmont Cardinals upended the #1-seed Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 81-65 Thursday night at Mankato East HS. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Fairmont Head Start's morning and afternoon preschools donated blankets to the Martin County Humane Society. We want to thank Pat Wink, Humane Society Volunteer, for coming out to the classroom and sharing with us the importance of parents and children visiting the animals at the shelter to socialize the animals. (Submitted photo)



Howard Taylor of Armstrong, Iowa was winner of the KSUM/KFMC Spring Expo 2017 Perfect Camping Package. (Submitted photo)



Pack 57 spent last Saturday going door to door affixing Post-It notes to our neighbor's doors to inform them about the National Scouting for Food Event. The Scouts will go around the same area this Saturday and pick up any donated food and non-perishable items and take to the Salvation Army. To donate, please place food items in plastic bags, attach the note and place by the front door before 9 a.m. Saturday, March 18th. (Submitted photo)

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The Fairmont Disc Golf Club (F.D.C.) had another successful outcome for their 2nd annual Blizzard Bash disc golf tournament at Cedar Creek Park Saturday, March 4th. With the attendance of 27 hardy disc golfers braving the unpredictable March weather, the club was able to raise 235 food items and cash for the St. John Vianney Hope Shop. Pictured are Ellen Washa (S.J.V. Hope Shop) and Nathan Washa (Member F.D.C. Council). (Not Pictured) F.D.C. Council Members: Terry Fraser, Matthew Fraser, Alexander Luhmann, David Haegeman III, Kyle Martinez. (Submitted photo)

## Thrivent again 'World's Most Ethical Company'

Thrivent Financial announced today that it has been recognized again by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as a 2017 "World's Most Ethical Company".

Other winners in their categories, with local connections include 3M, Deere & Company, Ford Motor Company, Waste Management Systems and US Bank.

For six years in a row, Thrivent's commitment to operating with ethical business standards and practices has been highlighted by this honor. This continued recognition ensures long-term value to members, employees, suppliers, regulators and investors. Thrivent is one of only seven companies in the Financial Services category honored this year.

"Thrivent lives out its mission of helping Christians be wise with money and live generously every day in the ways they manage their business, serve their members, invest in

their communities, and engage with their employees," stated Ethisphere's Chief Executive Officer, Timothy Erlich.

The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient® (EQ) framework which offers a quantitative way to assess a company's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics.

Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program (35%), corporate citizenship and responsibility (20%), culture of ethics (20%), governance (15%) and leadership, innovation and reputation (10%).

The full list of the 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at <http://ethisphere.com/worlds-most-ethical/wme-honorees>.



**CORRECTION FROM MARCH 8TH PHOTO PRESS:** Fairmont Rotary Trivia Quiz Night will take place Tuesday, March 21st at the Blazer Bar, downtown Fairmont. Registration is required by 7 p.m. This is a Rotary club fundraiser to support an orphanage in Paraguay. (Submitted photo)



Alexander Wannarka, 9th grader at Fairmont Area High School, shares the same March 11th birthday as Mrs. Brolsma. Alexander has stopped by Mrs. Brolsma's classroom at Fairmont Elementary before school EVERY YEAR since he was her student in first grade to exchange birthday treats! That's eight years of thoughtfulness. Way to go, Alexander! (Submitted photo)

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