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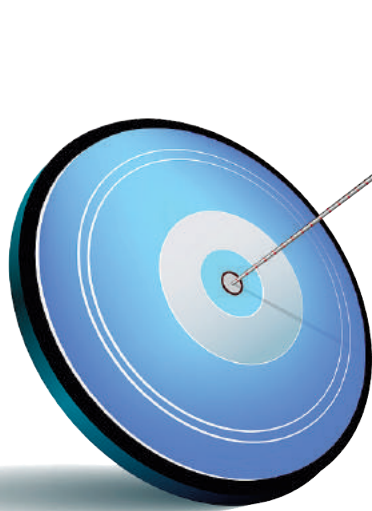
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MALO 85TH - Join us for a "come and go" open house to celebrate Arlys Malo's 85th birthday on Saturday, March 25th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates Dining Room, 850 Goldfinch Street in Fairmont. Share your memories and well-wishes with Arlys that day!

GRABOUSKI 90TH - Harold Grabouski of Blue Earth will celebrate his 90th birthday on Tuesday, March 28th. Cards can be sent to Harold at: 1228 South Rice Street, Apt. 108, Blue Earth, MN 56013.

There will be a **Shrimp Feed** on Friday, March 24th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Northrop American Legion. All-you-can-eat shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw and bread. There is a charge. Money raised goes to support the Martin County Humane Society.



Winner of \$500 Gift Certificate to Carpet Plus of Fairmont from the Spring Expo is Julie Zarling of Fairmont.

Marriage License Applications

Emily Ann Stene and Connor Allen O'Sell

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues hosting **Wednesday Evening Suppers** during Lent. This Wednesday the meal will be chicken wild rice soup and vegetable beef soup and next Wednesday, March 29th the meal will be chicken tortellini and tomato soups, along with grilled cheese sandwiches. All dinners include peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts, jello and beverages. A donation of \$2 is suggested.

DivorceCare seminar & support group meets to provide hope and help divorced and separated people. The group meets on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m., through June 8th, 2017 at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 S. State Street in Fairmont. Call 507-235-5513 for registration and information. Childcare is provided.

Truman Historical Association Spring Turkey Dinner Fundraiser and Membership Drive will take place Sunday, March 26th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. Catering will be by Nancy Jo's Catering. Tickets are \$8 (12 & up), \$5.50 (age 6-11) and free (age 5 and under). Take outs are available. For deliveries, call 507-436-5505 BEFORE March 24th.

The **annual 3-Meat Buffet** will be held Sunday, March 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Sherburn. The event is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. The church is handicapped accessible. Cost for the meal will be a donation of \$8.

A **free hot meal** will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome.

New scholarship created for Dollars for Scholars

Bryan and Mary Beth Sweet have created two new scholarships for graduating seniors of Fairmont High School.

The awards, which are renewable for one year, will be granted to students who were raised by single working mothers.

"Last year, we started writing a book," Sweet explained. "As part of that book, I had a dedication." That dedication was to several people, including his mom. "I just got to thinking a little bit more about all the trials and tribulations that my mom went through when I was growing up and getting ready to go to college, the sacrifices she made." Sweet's parents were divorced when he was three. "My mom sacrificed a lot to help get me started, and I wouldn't be where I am today without her help."

Sweet has lunch with his mom, Marilyn Sweet Borchardt, monthly. While his mom isn't one for the limelight, she agreed to his plan to create an education foundation in her honor, with annual proceeds benefiting these two Fairmont Dollars for Scholars scholarships.

"This is to not only say thank you to my mom but also provide an on-

going helping hand to moms that are in similar positions. If I can be a little helpful in promoting that for other moms, I feel really good about that. I know my mom had to sacrifice a lot. I know moms in general have to sacrifice a lot, and they usually never get enough credit for what they do," Sweet said.

The first two scholarships for this fund will be awarded in May at the annual Fairmont Dollars for Scholars awards night. The application for the award is open until April 1st. Students can see if they qualify for the award by logging into their student profile at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org and clicking on My Scholarships.

The scholarship organization has more than 150 scholarships to award this year. If you have any questions about applying or perhaps creating a named scholarship, please contact chapter president Loren Dunham at 507-238-1172 or Liz Wheeler at fairmontdollars@gmail.com.

Sweet is a member of the 1976 graduating class of Fairmont High School. Mary Beth is a 1977 Welcome High School graduate.



Bryan Sweet and Marilyn Sweet Borchardt



Kinsley Grace Johnson was born Thursday, March 16th at 3:52 a.m. at Mayo Health Systems Fairmont. She weighed five pounds nine ounces, and was 17.5 inches long.

Kinsley is the daughter of Samantha Henricksen and Jordan Johnson of Welcome.

Grandparents are Nikki Henricksen, Fairmont; Kylian and Megan Wasman, Mankato; Sonja and Kevin Fortune, Fairmont and Chad and Jennie Johnson, Huntley.



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27th annual Silent and Live Auction this Saturday

The 27th annual Silent and Live Auction will be held at the St. John Vianney School in Fairmont on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 6 p.m.

The event is open to the public with free admission. Come bid on meat packages, Okoboji Summer Theater tickets, a free night's stay at Prairie Edge Casino in Granite Falls,

season passes to Fairmont Raceway, Old Log Theater tickets, Minnesota Twins tickets, Pheasants Forever print, and much more.

A donation from the proceeds will go to ARC/Special Olympics and the Martin County Kinship program. Sponsored by Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus.

Fairmont Ambassadors ribbon cuttings

The Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors visited three local businesses last Wednesday.



FAIRMONT HYVEE, welcoming new store manager Luke Long.



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Flashback to the 1970s at the Fairmont Opera House

Photos and Story by Joseph Kreiss Photography



This past Friday, memories from the 1970s flooded back to much of the Fairmont Opera House audience as Lisa Rock and “Close To You: The Music of The Carpenters” band performed all the pop group’s biggest chart-topping hits.

Chicago area-based Lisa Rock formed The Carpenters tribute band in 2010 to recreate the musical experience of Karen and Richard Carpenter’s

catchy pop music and beautiful love songs that shaped the 70s generation. Since then, the touring “Close To You: The Music of The Carpenters” six-piece band has played more than 100 shows in the U.S. and in over 45 different countries.

All sung in their original key, Rock’s spot-on renditions of such classic Carpenters songs such as “We’ve Only Just Begun,” “Rainy Days and Mon-



days,” and “Sing a Song,” made the crowd feel like they were hearing and seeing The Carpenters live in concert.

Rock was joined on stage with Music Director and pianist Ken McMullen and the band. The performance was part of the Fairmont Opera House Subscription Series of show and sponsored by Dr. Roger and Beth Neist and Family and Barbara J. Berg.



Ruby’s Pantry food distribution Saturday

Ruby’s Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, March 25th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per

participant for operational costs. Bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby’s Pantry is in its eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for

distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen under-served counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

For more information, see the website at www.rubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 507-236-4653.

32nd Annual Family Fun Fair is March 31

The 32nd Annual Family Fun Fair will be held on Friday, March 31st, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Fairmont Elementary School Gyms, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. The public is invited to this festival of activities to delight young children, featuring family entertainer Brian Richards with his “ACME Magic Factory” and Remarkable Reptiles.

The ACME Magic Factory performances for children will be held at 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Enjoy a close-up chance to meet a variety of fascinating reptiles including a friendly boa constrictor at the Remarkable Reptiles exhibit.

Weather permitting, you may see the Fairmont Fire Department’s Ladder Truck and Prairie Lakes Transit Bus in the East Parking Lot. Bring your camera for special photo opportunities. Parents can learn about the numerous services and activities available to them while their children enjoy hands-on activities at over 36 exhibits. Activities include Fire Prevention, Making Bracelets, Radar-How Fast Can You Throw a Ball, Balloons, Cross Magnets, Bean Bag Toss, Kid Friendly Temporary Tattoos, Dai-

sy Craft, Catapult Game, Kittens, Record Player Painting, Youth Triathlon, Ocean & Reptiles, ECFE Raffle, 4-H Fun, Vegetable Seed Planting, Dental Network Giveaways, Heart Craft, Lanterns, Family Trees, Height/Weight Checks, Stroke & Vaccination Education, Bike Safety, Build A Better World, Candy Airplanes, Paper Plate Crowns, and much more.

Exhibitors providing activities at this year’s fair include Fairmont ECFE Discovery Place Preschool, CER Lights On For Kids, ECFE Parents Advisory Board, Interlaken Heritage Days, Shepherd of the Lakes Church, MVAC Head Start, Fairmont Fire Fighters, Kiwanis Baseball, St. Paul Lutheran School, Building Blocks Learning Center & Child Care, Fairmont City of Lakes Garden Club, Immanuel Lutheran Church VBS, Martin County Humane Society, Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts, Prairie Lakes Transit, First Congregational UCC, St. James Lutheran School, Fairmont Triathlon, Fairmont United Methodist Church, Martin County 4-H, Mayo Clinic Healthy System Fairmont, Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative, Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network,

UHD-United Hospital District Clinic, Cardinal Power Fastpitch, Families First of Minnesota, Fairmont Baseball Association, Lasting Imprint, Grace Lutheran Church, Center for Specialty Care, Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties, St. John Vianney School, Fairmont Police Department, MSU Nursing Students, Martin County Library, Interlaken Heritage Days, Shoe Sensation, and Heaven’s Table.

The WeDay group, the CARDiACTS, from Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School will provide the food service as well as assist with setup and cleanup. The fund-raiser menu includes Pizza Ranch pizza by the slice \$2, bananas 50 cents, brownies 50 cents, cotton candy \$2, Gatorade \$2, Culligan Water \$2 (cash only.)

Admission to the Family Fun Fair is \$8 per family or \$4 per person. For more information, contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Program (507-235-3141).

The event is co-sponsored by Fairmont Community Education and Recreation and ISD 2752 Early Childhood Family Education /School Readiness.

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You Helped Make the Banquet a Huge Success!

Thanks also to the many contributors and donors. We would like to thank everyone who attended the banquet this year. It is with your hard earned money that we are able to preserve and restore natural habitat right here in Martin County for today and generations to come. Remember ALL profits stay here in Martin County!

FSBO vs Realtor

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Cavers Realty



I was talking with a friend recently about selling their home. He said he was thinking of trying to sell his property on his own (For Sale By Owner or FSBO) and if it didn't work out, he would list his home with me, his realtor. I told him, "Hmm, that's not a good idea." He said, "Why not?"

I took a deep breath, and began to explain why "trying" to sell your home on your own isn't a good idea. Here are some of the reasons I listed:

- One of the biggest reasons you shouldn't do FSBO is you aren't trained to know how much the market would be willing to pay for your property. Realtors do a competitive market analysis to advise you of your best asking price. Assessors, appraisers, insurance agents,

nor neighbors know the best price for your property. None of them have the data to prove what the market is willing to pay for your home. Assessors price your home low, which keeps your property taxes lower. Appraisers price your home high, which you need so buyers can secure loans. If your home doesn't appraise higher than your asking price, buyers can't get financing. Insurance agents price the house for what it will cost to be replaced, not purchased. Replacement costs generally will be higher than your asking price for your home. Your neighbor's house isn't exactly like yours, so if they sold their house for a certain amount, it doesn't mean you'll get that same amount for your home. You might get less, or your

house might get more!

- Realtors know how to market your property. Recent studies have shown that 94% of buyers search online for a home. These stats indicate you must be ready to find your buyer using online marketing. In most cases, the days of simply putting a "For Sale By Owner" sign in the yard are long gone.

- If you do FSBO first (like my friend wanted to do), you are making my job as your realtor much harder because you've taken the energy out of the new listing. The first two weeks of a new listing is the most important because we usually have the most activity from potential buyers within the first two weeks. However, you basically stole all the activity and excitement about your property in

those first few weeks during FSBO and unless we lower the asking price from what you were asking with FSBO, we may not get too many people excited about the property at this point.

- As a licensed realtor, I know how to negotiate with the people involved in the buying process including but not limited to: potential buyers (and their realtors), home inspectors, lenders, appraisers, and sometimes attorneys. I schedule showings for all parties involved, too, so you can focus on your day job (or getting packed for your move!)

- Marketing, negotiating and scheduling showings aren't a big deal to you? Ok, then let's talk paperwork. The amount of paperwork to complete a real estate transaction has increased a lot in recent years due to Federal and State government regulations and disclosures. In Minnesota, the paperwork is also more regulated than many other states. The basic Purchase Agree-

ment alone is eight pages long, not to mention all the addendums for contingencies of inspection, financing, home sale, and so much more! Many realtors remember when purchase agreements were two pages. Everything must be in writing, on specific forms, for every little thing we do, for each real estate transaction. And if a buyer is relocating to town and can't be present to sign papers, we complete the transaction electronically, which requires more knowledge and training. (electronic signatures are legal in Minnesota.) Busy families are also appreciating electronic paperwork as it saves them a trip into our office.

Still not scared to do FSBO? Ok, let's talk money. Many homeowners believe that they will save the real estate commission by selling on their own. And did you know the main reason buyers look at FSBOs is because they also believe they can save the real estate agent's commission? The thing that

FSBO sellers and buyers don't realize is that they both can't save the commission. One of the two will save and the other will not.

National studies have shown that the typical house sold by the homeowner sells for \$185,000, while the typical house sold by an agent sells for \$245,000, which shows that selling on your own might not make sense. Yes, you'll have to pay commission as the seller. But look at it this way - realtors, like me, make you more money and we do all the work! What could possibly be wrong with that? It's a win for all involved!

Please promise me one thing before you "try" to sell your home "For Sale By Owner" - keep an open mind and discuss the selling process with a realtor. As a realtor, our job is to help you through the selling process and help you make the most money you can. Selling your home is one of the biggest undertakings in your life. Don't do it alone.

Area College Student News



SDSU announces graduates

The following students graduated after the fall 2016 session at South Dakota State University.

The names of honor graduates marked with WH designate graduation with honor; WHH, with highest honor; CL, Cum Laude; MCL, Magna Cum Laude; and SCL, Summa Cum Laude.

Overall, students from 30 states and 22 nations graduated following the fall 2016 semester.

Fairmont

Dylan Bryant Celander,

Bachelor of Science, Agriculture and Biological Sciences

Megan Ann Rosol, Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy/Allied Health Professions

Hilary Rae Shelgren, Bachelor of Science, Arts and Sciences

Trimont

Kyle William Flohrs, Bachelor of Science, Agriculture and Biological Sciences

Winnebago

Matthew Nicholas Rockers, MCL, Bachelor of Science, Arts and Sciences

CREST to offer balance class

The volunteer caregivers organization "CREST" of Martin County will present the class, "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. April 4th through May 23rd at the Sherburn Senior Citizens Center, 21

East 1st Street.

This eight session class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. It includes an exercise program, identifying our fears and finding options for overcoming

them. We also check our homes for safety/falling issues.

Anyone having concerns about falling or wanting to improve their balance, flexibility, and strength is encouraged to attend. Registration is re-

quired in order to provide the needed materials and a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration deadline is April 1st. To register for this class, call the CREST office at 235-3833.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Scratch Cinnamon Rolls

Nothing smells more comforting than home made bread or rolls baking! My granddaughter, 12-year-old Justice, swims on a swim team. She has a competition in St. Paul this weekend, so my son, Jim, thought they would come this far from Sioux Falls spend the night and then in the morning be on their way to the swim meet. Justice ordered a POWER breakfast on Saturday morning which consists of homemade cinnamon rolls, scrambled eggs and bacon. She said that the last time they stayed here before a swim meet she had done well in the competition because of the POWER breakfast I had cooked for her. So I made the rolls and put them in my freezer so I would be ready. I mixed them up, covered the dough to raise and then finished a book I was reading. Trouble is I had forgotten about my roll dough raising, so it was well over the bowl onto the counter! I punched the dough down and let it raise again, no harm done and I kept track of the time. I like this recipe because you don't have to knead the dough, I mix it up with my mixer.

Cake Mix rolls

2 pkg. yeast
3 1/2 cups warm water + 1 tsp. sugar
1 box yellow cake mix
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. salt
5 cups flour

Add yeast and sugar to warm water. When yeast is dissolved and starts to get foamy, add cake mix, vanilla, salt and flour. Mix well, cover tightly with plastic wrap, let rise at least an hour or until double, punch down and let rise again. Pour dough out on well floured surface, sprinkle a little flour on top and knead a couple of times so you can handle. Divide dough in half and roll out half at a time fairly thin, spread with soft butter, sprinkle with cinnamon and about 1/3 cup sugar, roll up and cut each half into 12 slices. Place slices cut side up in two greased 9x13 inch pans, cover with a towel and let raise until double, takes 30-40 minutes. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes until light brown and sound hollow when tapped. Cool and frost with powdered sugar frosting. You can use canned prepared frosting too. We like them warmed up a bit. Makes 24 rolls and freezes well. I usually thaw warm in the oven and then put the frosting on when they are warm. This dough is very sticky so when its raising I push it down with a spoon.

As I was reading last weeks recipe for KIMA, I omitted that when you drain the liquid from the peas, the liquid should go into the hamburger mixture. If you use frozen peas (like I have done), add a 1/2 cup of water to the mixture and let it cook until it thickens. Have a great week!

Sherburn C&C supper and White Elephant auction

Come join the Sherburn Civic and Commerce (C&C) for food and fun at the Sherburn American Legion Club on Monday, April 10th at 5 p.m.

They will be serving two kinds of soup, sandwiches and bars for a \$6 donation, followed by an auction at 6 p.m. hosted by Allen Kahler of Auctioneer Alley.

Bring a wrapped, gently used, once loved gift or gifts and let the bidding

begin. You may also have a chance to win cash! The more you bid, the better chance you can win money.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to donate an item for the auction, you can drop it off at the Martin County Star, Sherburn Nursery and Floral or Old Alley Quilt Shop.

All proceeds from this event will support community projects.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 25, 1992

The 1992 Home Show was to take place on the weekend at the Fairmont American Legion. It was presented by the Fairmont Jaycees, KSUM and KFMC. Over 53 exhibitors were expected, some coming from as far away as Edgerton, Mankato, Garvin and Thompson, Iowa.

Sig Halverson, treasurer of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 Auxiliary, was pictured presenting a \$250 check to Sara Ringeisen to cover an enrollment fee to attend the Minnesota Team Leadership Program.

Dale Martens, high school social studies teacher and Bob Millette, second grade teacher, represented the Fairmont school system at the annual Representative Assembly of the Minnesota Education Association.

The annual quartet jubilee, to be held in Fairmont, would feature the Spokesmen Quartet from Fairmont, the Ambassador Quartet from George, Iowa, Living River Quartet from Wausau, Wisconsin, and the Golden Street Quartet from Nevis, Minnesota.

The 30th annual Lutheran Grade School Basketball Tournament was held in Northrop. Eight Lutheran Schools competed. Those participating were Northrop-Willow Creek, Wilbert, Fairmont, Alexandria, Lakefield, South Branch, Truman, and tournament winner

Courtland. The Wilbert cheerleaders took the cheering competition. They were Lynn Thiesse, Melissa Detert, Stephanie Bremer and Molly Manwarren.

There was a new car club in town called the Borderline Cruisers. The club had about 30 members from all age groups. Ken Schaal, Jr. was president, Bruce Schwager, vice president, Diane Theobald, secretary, Betty Wiederhoeft, treasurer, Dan Kastner, correspondent and Matt Mansfield, historian.

Jenny Maday, Gretchen Olson and Amy Bicknase were the candidates for Martin County Dairy Princess.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 25, 1967

After various frustrations in planning, development agent V. R. Rooney announced new decisions for the Fair Mall Shopping Center, and plans to begin building in early spring 1967. Five firms in addition to Madsen's Super Valu were committed as renters of retail space, including J.C. Penney, Monty's Hallmark Shop, Schiff Shoes, Sterling Drug and Northrop State Bank. The latter planned to change its name to Fairmont State Bank.

The engagement of Jean Marie Gratz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Gratz, to Albert Zinter, whose parents lived in Willmar, was announced. The bridegroom-to-be was the popular choral music teacher in Fairmont High School.



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Music: New albums by Lady Gaga, Ed Sheeran, Josh Turner, Bruno Mars and Shawn Mendes. Also available are soundtracks from La La Land, Hamilton the Musical and Moana.

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Grinnell Mutual honors Borchardt Insurance

Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company announced its President's Club members for 2017.

Borchardt Insurance Agency, Fairmont, is one of 50 independent agencies and 13 mutual insurance companies being recognized for outstanding achievement in the insurance profession and superior performance for Grinnell Mutual in 2016.

"Our President's Club

members are an impressive group of insurance professionals. Many of these businesses have successfully served local policyholders for decades in an ever-changing market," said President and CEO Larry Jansen."

The President's Club members will be heading to the Moana Surfrider Resort in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 4th-7th.

Winners in the Fair Mall's Race Car Show last weekend were: FIRST PLACE - Derick Green, #32; SECOND PLACE - Luke Sathoff, #5; THIRD PLACE - Matt Looft, #9.



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SUNNY has joined the colony room! Sunny, who has been in foster care for a long time, has moved to the shelter and joined the colony room. At his foster home, he was playful and friendly. At the shelter Sunny is terrified! We are hoping that someone will look past his fear and take him home to discover what a wonderful boy he is.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

CHELSEA is a large and lovable lass. Estimated to have been born in 2009, she weighs around 60 pounds. Our best guess is she is a Shepherd mix. Chelsea has made a canine friend here at the shelter. She's a bit more of the mellow/calm side, and would make a perfect companion for someone seeking a laid-back canine in their life.

JUNE is a black lab mix with a bobbed tail. June may look like she is white on the snout with age, but two different vets guessed her to be about 4 or 5. June came to us with **JOLLY** and we are hoping that you will consider the pair.

BUDDY is a Jack Russell Terrier mix. This sweet boy is tricolored, with a mainly white body and brown on one side of his face. Buddy is friendly with people and good with other dogs. He would be happy to be your Buddy.

Join us for our shrimp feed on March 24th at the Northrop Legion, 5-8 pm. Support the shelter at this all you can eat shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw and bread.

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OBITUARY notices

Barbara A. Johnson, 57

Funeral services for Barbara A. Johnson, 57, Fairmont, will be held at Zaharia Family Funeral Chapel in Truman at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Sherburn Cemetery, Sherburn. Barbara died on

Sunday, March 19th, 2017 her home in Fairmont. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 at Zaharia Family Funeral & Cremation Service of Truman from 5-7:00 p.m. and one hour before the services Thursday.

Barbara was born November 7th, 1959 in Lakefield, MN to Alfred and Delores (Weseman) Johnson. She was baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith. Barbara attended and graduated from Sherburn High School in

1978. She moved to California where she worked at the San Diego Zoo. She joined the US Army. She moved back to the Fairmont area and worked at various occupations. Barbara worked at Yellowstone National Park. Returned to Northern Minnesota and worked at Lutsen Mountain and Gun Flint Lodge in Grand Marais. She moved to Truman and later to Fairmont. She enjoyed gardening, crafting and especially helping others. People will

remember her for her puzzles framed in barn wood. Barbara was active at the Martin County Fair. She was famous for her caramel corn.

Barbara is survived by one sister, Beverly Smith (Ken Buell), Croton, OH; two brothers, Michael Johnson, Windom, Jeffrey Johnson (Michelle), Sherburn; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents.

zahariafamilyfuneral.com

Newton A. Johnson, 98



Newton A. Johnson, age 98, of Fairmont, passed away on March 15th, 2017, at Goldfinch Estates Memory Care.

Newton was born Sep-

tember 5th, 1918, in Minneapolis, the son of Albert F. and Mabel Johnson. He grew up in North Branch, MN graduating in 1936. He attended Gustavus Adolphus College and graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1942. He then served as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1942 until 1948.

On May 5th, 1945, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Dahlgren in Cambridge, MN. They lived in Hickory, North Carolina, until 1948 when they moved to Fairmont where he joined Leo J. Seifert in the practice of law. After Mr. Seifert's death in 1972, he and Richard D.

Berens and James A. Wilson formed a law partnership as Johnson, Berens and Wilson. He was the Fairmont City Attorney for fourteen years and chairman of the Martin County Republican Party for four years. In 1966 he was elected to the State House of Representatives where he served two terms.

Newt served on the Boards of Directors for Fairmont National Bank, Bank Midwest, Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center and Interlaken Golf Club. He also was past President of Kiwanis, the Martin County Bar Association, the 17th Judicial District Bar Association and served as a member

of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where he sang in the choir, served on the Board and was President of the congregation for two terms.

Newt also had a love of music and was one of the founders of the Fairmont Barbershop Chapter in 1953. He played the piano for enjoyment into his nineties with limited vision. Golf was an important part of his life. He began playing at the age of eleven. In his younger days, he won many tournaments and later won the Interlaken Club Championship at Fairmont. He shot his age many times in

DEATH notices

March 17 - Gentius L. Schriver, 86, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

March 17 - Beverly J. Ponrow, 87, Trimont.

Kramer Funeral Home

March 19 - Barbara A. Johnson, 57, Fairmont.

Zaharia Family Funeral Home

March 20 - Roger Harris, 73, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

March 10 - Mark A. Harmdierks, 60, Truman

March 13 - Harriet L. Breitbarth, 79, Truman

March 15 - Arthur S. Abel, 89, Fairmont

March 16 - Velda J. Petersen, 90, Dunnell

March 19 - Ronald H. Manzey, 76, Sherburn

later years. Newt and Jane lived in Tucson, AZ during the winter months starting in 1984 and enjoyed playing golf there as members of Oro Valley Country Club.

Within his family, he was a role model. He was respected and loved so very much because of the way that he lived his life. His sage advice, kindness, compliments, warm hugs and genuine interest in all of the little details in the lives of those he loved will always be treasured.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 72 years, Jane; son Bruce (Sue); daughter Marilee (Joe) Wandke; son

Todd (Amy); grandchildren Dana, Brett, John, Laura, Eric and Leah; great grandson Jack; brother Howard and sister Shirley Zeien.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Mabel; sister Audrey Schedin; infant daughter and infant granddaughter.

A service celebrating his life will be held at a later date in the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center chapel in Fairmont. Burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, North Branch. Arrangements by Lakeview funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Roger Harris, 73



Mass of Christian Burial for Roger Harris, 73, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 24th,

at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial of ashes will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23rd, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

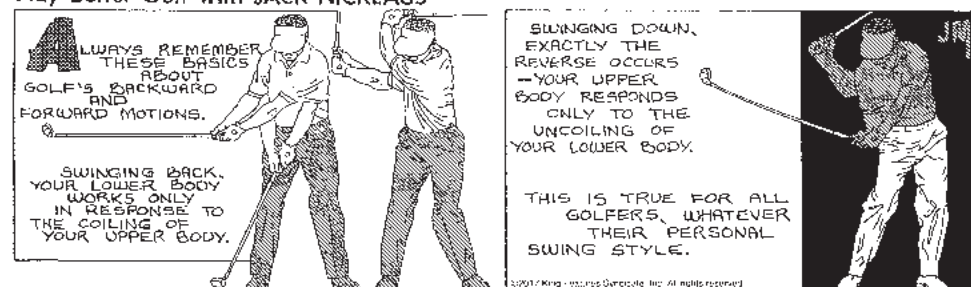
Roger passed away peacefully Monday, March 20th, 2017 at his home in Fairmont. A full obituary will be published next week in the Photo Press. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services are handling arrangements for the family.

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The Photo Press reserves the right to edit (as necessary) any obituary that is submitted for placement.

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Special thanks to Nancy Jo's Catering for the delicious meal, Dylan Kallemeyn for auctioneering the live auction, Joe Kallemeyn and the Martin County 4-H club for hosting the youth BB gun shooting contest and to the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall for hosting the banquet

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Sherburn Lions Club Prime Rib Supper

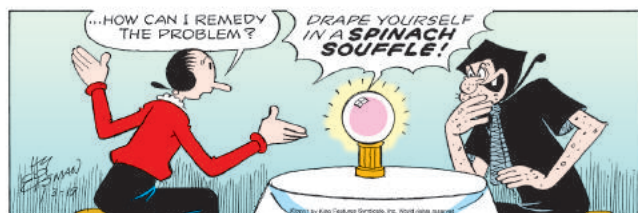
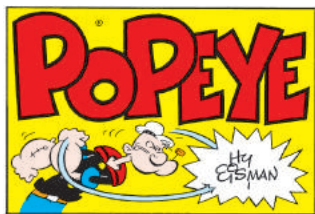
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MAR 23 - 29

THUR: K-6: Turkey hot-dog, sunbutter and grape jelly sandwich, baked beans, carrots, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla, rice, refried beans, corn and pineapple salsa, red pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail. **FRI: K-6:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, nachos fun lunch, carrots, caesar salad, apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Mac and cheese, dinner roll, peas, broccoli salad, carrots, apple, pineapple tidbits. **MON:** No School.

TUE: K-6: Spaghetti, breadstick, turkey and cheese sandwich, broccoli, caesar salad, orange, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, pea salad, celery sticks, banana, fruit cocktail. **WED: K-6:** Ham and cheese flatbread fold, sunbutter and banana roll up, carrots, red pepper strips, apple, mandarin orange and pineapple. **JR/HS:** BBQ chicken sandwich, baked beans, potato salad, broccoli, apple, mandarin oranges.

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Menus subject to change.

MAR 23 - 29

THUR: Pancakes, ham, green beans, mandarin oranges, rice krispie bar. **FRI:** Hot turkey, cheesy hash-brown, peas, peaches. **MON:** Chicken noodle hot-dish, peas, bread, pineapple. **TUES:** Meat and cheese wrap, potato chips, broccoli salad, applesauce, cupcake. **WED:** Chili, corn muffin, cheese stick, veggies with dip, blueberries.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Linda Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

MAR 23 - 29

THURS: Baked chicken, sweet potato, wax beans, vanilla pudding. **FRI:** Hamloaf, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, carrot cake. **MON:** Spaghetti, cheese bread, lettuce salad, bar. **TUE:** Swiss steak, twice baked potatoes, veggie mix, apple crisp. **WED:** Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll, broccoli, jello with fruit.

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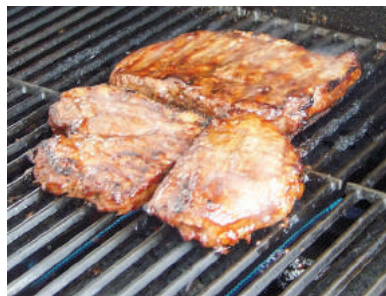




It is hard to believe how much the weather can change in one week! We went from having a snowstorm on Sunday, March 12th to having sunshine and temperatures in the mid 60's this past Sunday! Of course we live in the mid-

west and they always say, if you don't like the weather, just wait a day and it will change. Karis and I used the time on Saturday to work on cleaning out our garage and organizing things in there (something we have been wanting to do all winter long). Since the temperatures were so nice that day, I decided it was time to pull out the grill and prepare our meal that day over the coals. Thanks to some delicious beef steaks from Welcome Meats, Karis and I had our favorite fair-weather meal, prepared on a hot grill. There is nothing like hearing the sizzling of the meat and smelling the mouth-watering aroma on a hot grill. We usually try to have

at least a couple meals a month prepared on the grill. Besides the meat, I usually try to cook some vegetables (in foil with a light coating of oil) to go along with the meat. The smoked vegetables taste



Makes your mouth water, doesn't it?

so much better from a grill. My mouth is watering just thinking about grilling!

Hopefully not a sign of the times!

Last week I learned about the closing of the Fairmont JC Penney store in the Five Lakes Center. Store employees were notified of the closing along with seven other stores in Minnesota and a total of 140 stores nationwide. The Fairmont store has been around for many years and I can remember it being a frequent stop for our fam-

ily when we were growing up since it was one of the biggest stores in the Fairmont area at that time. We would purchase our shoes, clothing for school, get our hair cut and buy most of our gifts from there. I have to admit that I didn't do nearly as much shopping there in recent years as I have in the past, but I still liked going to the store just to "browse" if nothing else. An online petition has been started by a local group of citizens hoping to change the mind of JC Penney corporate. I wish them all the luck in the world, but I'm afraid it will be an uphill battle. The JC Penney announcement, along with the announced store closings of Gordman's, Gander Mountain and Sears in Mankato is a rough pill to swallow for local businesses struggling to survive. There are a number of factors going into these closings, but I have to think that an large increase in online shopping nationwide is a big contributor.

As I have said in the past and will continue to say, now more than ever is the time to SHOP LOCAL!

Soup, prime rib, shrimp and pork!

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 chicken and wild rice and vegetable beef soups. Next Wednesday will be chicken tortellini and tomato soups. Serving is from 5 to 6 p.m. (or until food runs out!) A \$2 donation is suggested. 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. On Friday, March 24th, there will be a shrimp feed at the Northrop American Legion from 5 to 8 p.m.. The meal goes to support the Martin County Humane Society. The Sherburn Lions Club will have their

Prime Rib Supper 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. Proceeds go to support community projects. On Sunday, March 26th, there will be a free hot meal at Hope Cafe at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. On Monday, March 27th the Martin County Pork Producers will have their annual banquet at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall. Guest speaker is Erin Brenneman, AKA Sow Momma. Pork chops will be served with sides by Tami's On the Avenue. Admission is \$15 with meal served at 6:30 p.m. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - support your local businesses!

- Jeff

Naturally

By Al Batt

Red-winged blackbirds sang, causing March to sound like a marsh.

A woodpecker hammered on a resonant, dead limb. It was a declaration of territory. Woodpeckers have a knack for hammering.

I saw a red-tailed hawk feeding on an opossum. Blue jays, crows and a male cardinal were outraged by the presence of the raptor. The chickadees went about their normal business, dismissing the hawk as no threat to them.

The official start to spring may not have been until March 20th, but meteorologists break the seasons into groups of three months, based on annual temperature cycles around the globe. Meteorological spring runs from March 1st to May 31st every year, whereas the vernal equinox can occur on either March 20th or 21st.

Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote this in an "Afternoon On A Hill." "I will be the gladdest thing under the sun! I will touch a hundred flowers and not pick one."

Come on flowers! We're ready for you.

Q-and-A

"What are the most important pollinators in Minnesota?" Nearly 90 percent of the world's

flowering plant species are pollinated by animals. Vertebrates such as birds and bats are important pollinators in parts of the world, but most of Minnesota's pollinators are insects. The state has about 400 species of native bees, 2,500 species of native butterflies and moths, plus many species of wasps, flies, beetles and ants. And we, of course, have honey bees.

"Is there really such a thing as a snow flea?" There is. On a sunny winter day, I took a look at snow that had melted a bit around the base of a tree in our yard. I saw what appeared to be spilled pepper on the top of the snow.

"I saw a giant mosquito in my house in February. Is that a rare sighting?" It probably wasn't a mosquito, but a related insect called the crane fly. Crane flies are common insects in Minnesota. They have slender brown or gray bodies and long legs. Crane flies range in size from three-eighths to 1 1/2 inches long. Despite resembling mosquitoes, crane flies don't bite. They usually live for only a few days. The source of the crane fly found indoors could likely be traced to houseplants that were outside at some point during the summer. Crane flies had laid eggs in the soil. The larvae finished their

tips, giving the appearance of stars. Over the winter, friction, sunlight and weather dulls the speckled look as the tips wear off and the bird becomes a more uniform dark brown or black. Starlings also have seasonal changes in bill colors as they are yellow in the spring and black in the fall.

What's happening?

The Martin County Conservation Club and Fairmont Eagles Club are sponsoring a habitat day for Saturday, April 8th to offer youth an opportunity to build a wren/chickadee house or robin-nesting shelf. It will start at 10 a.m.

and end at noon at the Fairmont Eagles Aerie at 1228 Lake Ave in Fairmont. For more information on this free event, please call Steve Maurice at 507-238-4073.

The Hormel Nature Center in Austin has a new building and new exhibits that will be opening to the public at 1:00 p.m. on Earth Day, April 22nd.

Please join me at the Bluebird Recovery Expo that will take place at the Northfield Middle School on April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be an abundance of vendors, speakers, helpful

advice and a plethora of good people. Email jean-icandcarl@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

Thanks for stopping by

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"One of the consolations of old age is the intense pleasure I now get from nature. It seems that in youth I was too busy confronting life and experience to stand still and gaze."-- P. D. James

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The pepper was moving. Snow fleas remain active in the winter and feed upon fungal spores and algae. The snow flea isn't a flea, it's a springtail. Springtails get their name because they can use their tails to jump.

development indoors and emerged as adults. Crane flies are harmless.

"Why do starlings look so different in the spring? Do they molt in the winter?" When European starlings molt in the fall, the new feathers have white

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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 engagement - 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 Kindstrom Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships to local stu-

dents 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 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 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 with any comments or questions.



Ask A Trooper: Xenon headlamps

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Are the blue or Xenon headlamps legal in Minnesota?

Answer: Xenon or (HID) high-intensity discharge headlights are legal if they comply with the same Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard requirements as halogen and incandescent headlamps.

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.468 requires the Commissioner to adopt vehicle safety rules in substantial conformance with federal motor vehicle safety standards for any new vehicle, or for any new item of motor vehicle equipment. These standards are contained in 49 CFR Part 571.

If the vehicle has not been altered since the time of purchase from a dealer, it is almost certain that the lights are legal, as the manufacturer and dealer would need to follow fed-

eral guidelines above.

The aftermarket use of Xenon lights may pose a more difficult problem. Most aftermarket systems are in compliance with SAE and federal standards, however, some "look-alike" systems are not. The vehicle lighting system in question would need to be inspected by a reputable mechanic. The bulbs should contain the proper markings to permit the lighting device to be traced back to the appropriate SAE standard. If they are not in compliance, a citation may be issued.

If someone wants to convert their vehicle to Xenon HID they must purchase new Xenon HID headlamps. HID's installed in headlight systems designed for halogen lights produce substantially different beam patterns.

It is an important time

of year to remind motorists that the law states that you must turn on your headlights during harsh weather, rain, snow, fog or anytime there is low visibility. This will help ensure that other motorists can see you. Do not to rely on your day time running lights alone as your tail lights will not be working, thus making your vehicle difficult to see.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)



Joice Forster's 4th grade class is preparing to perform in their patriotic costumes and will do a song and dance number, "Salute to America". The 24th Annual Variety Show is sponsored by Partners in Education and will be held Thursday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center. This will be a showcase of music, speeches, and dancing featuring students and adults from the school district. Emcees will be Michelle Traetow and Kurt Isenberg. This is one of the fund-raisers which helps provide grants to all the schools in the district. Admission is by suggested donation for family, adults, and students. (Submitted photo)

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Service Performed on Gators

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This feature will be ending on 3/27/17.

Red Rock Rural Water System Signup and Informational Meeting

The Red Rock Rural Water System is pleased to announce the Phase 2 portion of the Jackson/Martin Expansion Project. The general area of expansion is within the eastern 2/3rds of Jackson County and the Western Townships of Martin County.

See the map below for general areas of development. Red Rock Rural Water has secured funding for the project from USDA Rural Development. Two dates of signup/informational meetings have been set and will be held at the following locations and times.

—JACKSON MEETING—

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

Jackson County Governmental Building
Door 7, 402 White Street, Jackson, MN

—SHERBURN MEETING—

Thursday, April 6

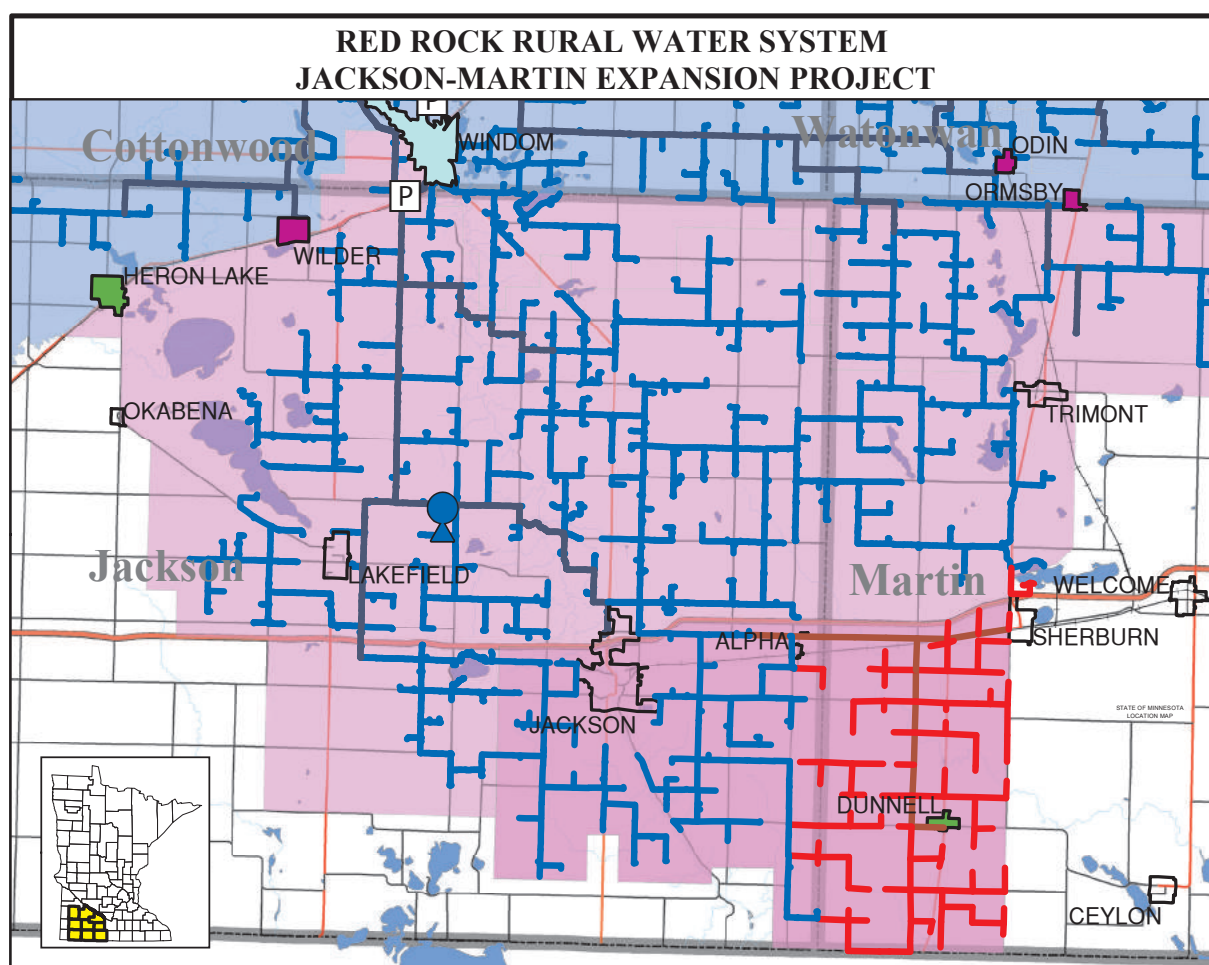
9:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

Fox Lake Golf Club Meeting Room
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AT BOTH LOCATIONS —

One-hour presentations will be given at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

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Homeowners residing within this pink area are eligible for this expansion project.

The meetings will include an educational presentation on the history of Red Rock Rural Water System, the new project proposal, review of Phase 1, defined project areas, construction techniques, and the costs of water service. Signups for the project will be taken and it is our intent to conclude the signup phase by May 1, 2017. We have room for 125 new members on this project with 55 already on our waiting list. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please call **507-628-4201**.

Red Rock Rural Water System

looks forward to continuing our service of providing good quality water to the multi county area.

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oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 27th Annual Silent and Live auction held by The Knights of Columbus is coming up soon! It will be held Saturday, March 25th in the St. John Vianney School gym. The silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction starts at 8:30 p.m. I encourage everyone in the community to attend to support this fundraiser! The proceeds of the event benefit ARC and Kinship.

This event would not be possible without the support of the community!

We are currently collecting donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals for the silent and live auction. Contributions of handmade or donated items are greatly appreciated! Last year the auction had grilling and cooking supplies, beauty products, decorations, artwork, sports memorabilia, coupons, tickets, and certificates for MANY local businesses, and much more!

Kinship has been the grateful beneficiary of

this fundraiser for many years. We are incredibly thankful for the ongoing support from the Knights of Columbus. Within Kinship, donations are used to foster meaningful mentoring relationships for kids throughout Martin County. These mentoring relationships help mentees develop self-esteem, resilience, and most importantly friendships. The amazing kids in Kinship are the ones who truly benefit from this fundraiser!

Thank you to the Knights!

Anna Garbers
Director
Fairmont Area Kinship

A volunteer group of local Fairmont citizens are working to create a unique adventure for children.

A subgroup of Project 1590, called "Kids Just Want to Have Fun", is working with Five Lakes Center Mall to build an inside play area. Their vision will perhaps be similar to the play area in the Mankato River Hills Mall.

This would provide young children with another option for inside fun during the winter months and/or inclement weather. The current vision is to have the play area focus on a "Health and Wellness" theme with custom-designed play structures such as a helicopter, an ambulance or a toothbrush, to name a few. The

cost of the project for the structures, a specialized soft flooring and partitions around it, is estimated to be \$65,000 to \$75,000. The play area will be handicap accessible and seating for caregivers will be available nearby.

We are currently contacting area businesses to consider sponsoring this project and assist in raising money. Thus far we have received verbal commitments of \$7,500 to \$12,500.

A separate sub-account has been set up with the City of Fairmont just for this project for anyone who would like to contribute to this exciting improvement for the community and young children of our area.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the City of Fairmont as well as the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce. Please make checks to "15/90 Kids Want to Have Fun" account.

You can also stay up-to-date on the progress of this project and share suggestions by following the Facebook page "Five Lakes Centre Indoor Play Area."

Laura Olson, Chair of Kids Want to Have Fun and Ed Willett, 1590 board member

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Celebrating the agriculture industry

Guest Columnist

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"National Ag Week" is being celebrated March 19-25 in Minnesota, as well as across the United States, with Tuesday, March 21st, being designated as "National Ag Day". As we celebrate "National Ag Week", it is a good time to reflect on all the traditions and advancements that help make the U.S. and Minnesota agriculture industry truly remarkable.

Following are some brief highlights of Minnesota's Agriculture Industry:

- Minnesota had a total of 73,300 farms in 2016, which compares to 80,992 farms in 2007. Minnesota ranked 9th in total farm numbers, with the top five states being Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, and California.

- Approximately 88 percent of Minnesota's farms are family or individually owned, 6 percent are partnerships, 4 percent are corporations, and 2 percent are under some other structure.

- There are approximately 26 million acres of land in production in Minnesota, with over 6,200 farms being above 1,000 acres. The average farm size in Minnesota is about 353 acres.

- The Minnesota agriculture industry had total receipts of nearly \$19 billion in 2014, which ranked 5th in the U.S. total receipts, trailing only California, Iowa, Texas, and Nebraska. Minnesota crop sales totaled about \$10 billion, ranking 5th in

the U.S., behind California, Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska. Minnesota ranked 8th in livestock sales, with total sales of nearly \$9 billion, and with Texas, Iowa, and California being the leading states in livestock receipts.

- Minnesota ranks 1st nationally in sugar beet, sweet corn, and green pea production, and usually ranks 3rd or 4th in corn, soybean, and spring wheat production. Minnesota also ranks second nationally in wild rice production, and 3rd in the production of edible beans.

- Minnesota ranks 1st in the U.S. in turkey production, usually ranks 2nd or 3rd in hog production, 3rd or 4th in overall red meat production, 6th in cheese production, and 8th in milk production.

- In 2014, the State's hog production totaled \$2.85 billion in cash receipts, which was an increase of 24 percent from the 2010 receipt level. Minnesota had about 465,000 dairy cows in 2013, which generated approximately \$1.84 billion in cash receipts. In 2013, the State's beef industry generated \$1.67 billion in cash receipts, while the poultry industry provided about \$1.21 billion.

- Minnesota is also the home to several major agriculture and food processing plants, including General Mills, Land O'Lakes, Cargill, CHS, Hormel, and Schwan's.

- Minnesota also has several major soybean

processing plants, including ADM in Mankato and CHS in Mankato and Fairmont, and has sugar beet processing plants in Renville and Moorhead. The State is also the home to a large dairy processing industry, including AMPI, First District Assn., Dairy Farmers of America, Bongaards, Kraft Foods, and Kemps.

- Minnesota's ag exports were valued at nearly \$8 billion in 2014, which is nearly double the total exports of machinery, which is the next highest export total in the State. Minnesota ranked 4th nationally in the value of agricultural exports, with the top export products being soybeans, corn, feed, and pork, with exports of wheat, dairy products, and beef growing rapidly. The State's main ag export markets are China, Mexico and Canada.

- Minnesota ranks 5th in the U.S. in ethanol production, with 21 ethanol plants producing over 1.1

billion gallons of ethanol per year, which includes several ethanol plants in Southern Minnesota. The State also has three biodiesel plants producing nearly 65 million gallons per year of renewable energy.

- In addition to the direct employment for farm production, Minnesota's agriculture industry provides an estimated 63,800 jobs in the food processing and manufacturing sector.

Following are some interesting statistics about today's U.S. Agriculture Industry:

- Based on 2016 USDA National Agriculture Statistics (NASS) data, the total number of farms in the U.S. in 2016 was estimated at 2.06 million. Overall, U.S. Farm numbers have been declining since World War II; however, farm numbers have been more stable since 1992.

- There was a total 911 million acres of land in farms in the U.S. in 2016, which declined about one million acres from 2015, and has declined by just over one percent since 2007. The average U.S. farm size in 2016 was 442 acres, which has been fairly stable in recent years.

- According to 2016

USDA data, 50 percent of the U.S. farms had gross sales of less than \$10,000 per year, and 80 percent of all farms had gross annual sales of less than \$100,000. Eight percent of all U.S. farms had gross sales exceeding \$500,000 in 2016, and 4 percent of all farms had annual gross sales exceeding 1 million dollars.

- For the 2016-17 crop year, USDA is estimating that approximately 5.3 billion bushel of corn will be used for U.S. ethanol production. There are approximately 200 operating ethanol plants in the U.S., producing just over 15 billion gallons of ethanol, which is a valuable U.S. fuel source.

- The U.S. farmer of today produces enough food and fiber for over 160 people. This number compares to 19 people in 1940, 46 people in 1960, and 115 people in 1980.

- Farmers receive just over 17 cents of every consumer dollar that is spent on food. The other 83 cents is spent on processing, packaging, marketing, transportation, distribution, and other costs in the retail food supply.

- One acre of wheat will yield about 50 bushels per acre and will produce over 2,500 loaves of bread, or over 50 loaves of bread

per bushel of wheat. If a farmer is paid \$4.00 per bushel for wheat from the farm, the wheat cost in a two pound loaf of bread is only about 10 cents per loaf. (Est. retail value of a loaf of bread is about \$2.99/loaf).

- Following is the farmer's share of some other common food products, and the (Est. Retail Value), as of February, 2017, based on USDA average prices: Bacon - \$.66/lb. (\$5.63/lb.); Sirloin Steak - \$1.88/lb. (\$8.99/lb.); Boneless Ham - \$.66/lb. (\$3.99/lb.); Milk - \$1.62/gal (\$4.49/gal.); Eggs - \$.81/doz. (\$2.19/doz.); Breakfast Cereal - \$.05/box (\$4.79/box); Potatoes - \$.41/five lbs. (\$3.49/five lbs.); Tomatoes - \$.28/lb. (\$3.99/lb.).

As we celebrate National Ag Week, everyone should take time to appreciate the abundant supply of safe and affordable food and energy that is provided by farmers and the U.S. agriculture industry!

(NOTE - Facts listed in this article are from USDA, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, National Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association, and other sources.)

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The Jaguars, in its first state appearance under the co-op, scored on the opening possession but Goodhue responded with a three-pointer and never relinquished the lead the rest of the way. After the Jaguars trimmed the high single digit lead to one, 23-22 late in the first half,

the Wildcats scored 10 in a row to claim a 33-22 halftime lead and led by at least nine the rest of the game.

Senior forward Hanna Geistfeld led the Jaguars with 19 points and 12 rebounds, senior center Kenlie Pytleski had 12 points.

In the second semifinal game Class A consolation round, GHEC-Truman-Martin Luther recorded a 69-63 victory over Red Lake at Gangelhoff Center on the campus of Concordia University (St. Paul). The Jaguars were led by Geistfeld and Pytleski, both putting up 8 points in the first half but trailed 40-28 at the half. The Jag-



uars found their groove in the second half cutting the lead to 6 with 10 minutes remaining. The Lady Warriors were in foul trouble most of the second half.

A big momentum swing for the Jaguars was when Angel McClain received a technical foul after a shooting foul from the Lady Warriors, getting it to a four point game. The Jaguars took a one point lead, 50-49, with under 7 left minutes remaining on Geistfeld's jumper. The Jaguars reeled off eight straight points to bring the score to 51-58 with under four minutes left in regulation. Momentum switched though with under 3 minutes left and getting the score to 60-63 with only 44 seconds remaining. The Jaguars hit their free throws for a final of 69-63.

With a final score of 67-

79 the Eagles from Southwest Minnesota Christian (27-4) were crowned as the champions in the first ever MSHSL Class A State Consolation Championship over the Jaguars from GHEC-Truman-Martin Luther (27-6) on Saturday.

Getting off to a great start and achieving her 1,000th career point was senior guard Hannah Johanson making a three in the first 15 seconds of the game. One thousand was the theme for the Jaguars in the first half, senior center Kenlie Pytleski also hit the 1,000 career mark, but for rebounds. Johanson continued to lead the way for her team, putting up 20 points in the first half to give the Jaguars 41-33 lead at the half.

The Eagles took the lead for good after being tied at 50-50 and out-scoring the



Jaguars 46-26 in the second half. The Jaguars were in foul trouble most of the second half. The Jags' six seniors who led the team all season, Johanson and Geistfeld were the Jaguars top scorers putting up 25 and 20, respectively, Pytleski had eight points, senior guard Alexis Brummond had seven points, senior forward Renae Wallace added 5 rebounds and senior forward Allyson Cegelske, will be missed. (MSHSL Contributed)



check out John Millea's feature "John's Journal" on the Minnesota State High School League website www.mshsl.org

Hanna Geistfeld has been selected to play in the MN All Star basketball team on April 8th. She is one of 40 in the state.

For a good story on head coach Rick Uttech,

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Fairmont Southern Stars 7th grade volleyball team sports smiles from an all-day tournament in Austin last weekend. *Front row: Jenna and Macy, back row: Mikayla, Riley, May, Olivia and Kinze. (Submitted photo)*

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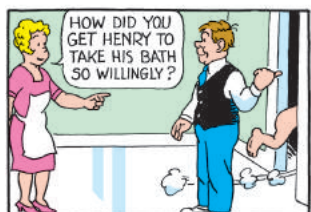
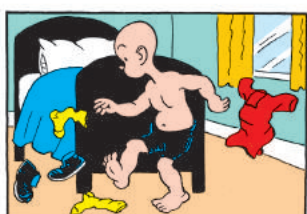
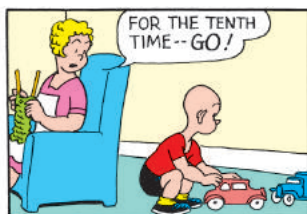
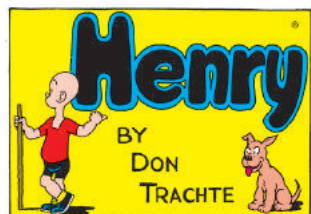
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Andrea Thate, a Fairmont High School senior, was recently named a Rotary, "Student of the Week." Andrea is the daughter of Dan and Deb Thate and three siblings, Erica, Mariah, and Nick. Andrea stays busy with her academics and outside activities, including gymnastics, track, and FFA. (Submitted photo)



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the 2016 Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Tabitha Bicknase, left, is pictured presenting a check to Kim Bremer, representing the Truman Swimming Pool. (Submitted photo)



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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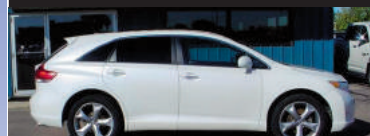


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