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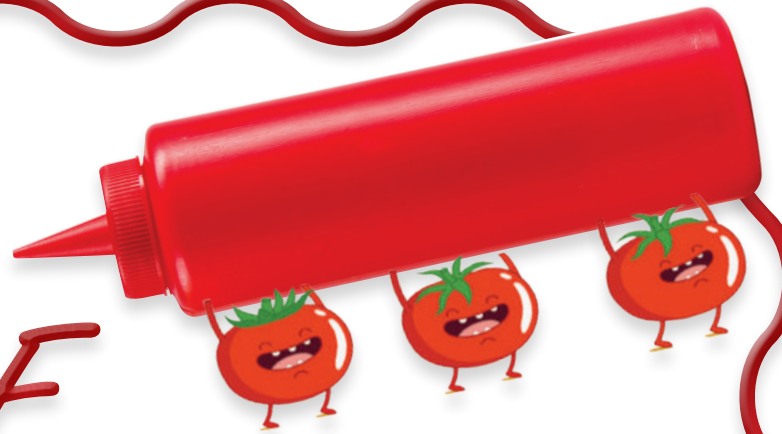
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"New Arrivals"

Sawyer Grace Madsen was born March 9, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. She weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. She is the daughter of Ken and Joyce Madsen of East Chain. Her siblings are Jackson, Phoebe Van-nah, Beau, Quincy and Greta. Grandparents are Arnold and Donna Madsen of Fairmont and Merlin and Diane Oddan, also of Fairmont.



SZUBERSKI - Lorraine Szuberski will turn 85 on Thursday, March 25th. An immediate family celebration will take place on Saturday, March 27th. (Submitted photo)

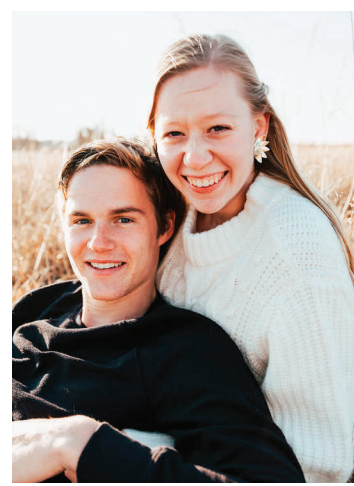


Ken Goraczowski was recently selected as the 2019-2020 Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus "Knight of the Year". Ken was recognized for his many years of service to our Church and Community, as well as, his dedication to our local Council. Pictured left to right: Cary Villeneuve—Grand Knight of the local KC Council; Ken Goraczowski—Knight of the Year Recipient; Hugh Fraser—Deputy Grand Knight of the local KC Council. (Submitted photo)

*Happy Birthday on March 25th,
to my dear, sweet wife and soulmate.
I love you with all my heart, forever.*



KAHLER - Darlene Kahler of Truman will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 24th, 2021. Cards will reach her at PO Box 412, Truman, MN 56088. (Submitted photo)



LAWRENCE-BECKER - Montana Lawrence and Leyton Becker announce their upcoming marriage on May 23rd, 2021 at the Lawrence Family Farm in Princeton, MN. Parents of the couple are Bryan and Marytina Lawrence of Princeton, MN and Lynn J. Becker and Julie Becker of Fairmont. Montana is a 2016 graduate of Princeton High School and a 2020 graduate of the University of Minnesota Morris with a degree in Political Science and Studio Art. She is currently attending Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul. Leyton is a 2017 graduate of Fairmont High School. He is currently attending the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. (Claire Marjorie Photography)

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-George Bernard Shaw



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Lucy and Millie Koch of Cub Scout Pack 57 present Heaven's Table with a \$79 donation. As part of learning about being good citizens, the Pack exercised their right to vote on one of three local organizations to raise money for; with adult partners giving stump speeches before the vote. Heaven's Table won this year! Each Scout is then given a milk carton "bank" to decorate and use to collect spare change and at the end the collection period the funds are donated.

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Obituary Notices



Robert S. Blazejak, 70

Funeral services for Robert "Bob" S. Blaze-

jak, age 70, of Fairmont, MN were held on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church in East Chain, MN. Burial will be at Tenhassen Township Cemetery in rural Ceylon, MN.

Bob passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday evening, March 14, 2021, at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Stanley Blazejak was born on November 13, 1950 to Stanley and Irene (Capko) Blazejak in Richfield, MN. He graduated from Prior Lake High School in 1969.

On June 11, 1982, Bob was united in marriage to Beverly Ann Balcom at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in the Iris Garden in Chanhassen, MN. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Wade and Katie. After they married, Bob and Bev moved from Chanhassen to East Chain where they owned the East Chain Grocery Store for three years before moving to the family farm near East Chain where they raised a

family and farmed. They lived there for twenty-seven years until they retired in 2013 to their lake home in Fairmont.

Bob's life was drastically changed when he accepted Jesus as his Savior. It was important for him to share it with others. In earlier years Bob was a lay speaker for many area churches. Presently, Bob was a member of the East Chain Evangelical Free Church where he served as a Deacon, also The Gideons International jail ministry and the Sons of God Motorcycle Club. Bob enjoyed reading his Bible, riding motorcycle, time at the gun range, playing gui-

tar, and watching sports - especially his kids playing basketball. He loved spending time at their cabin, fishing and going on his pontoon around the Fairmont lakes. Bob's greatest enjoyment in life was spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Beverly Blazejak; son, Wade (Danielle) Blazejak; daughter, Katie (Alex) Roorda; four grandsons and two granddaughters, Brock, Ben, Bentley, Brooks, Brielle and Brennan; sisters, Diane Blazejak and Sandy (Jim) Nolan; sister-in-law, Alice

Barnes; brothers-in-law, Dick McNeely and Marty Kraska; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Irene Blazejak; step-mother, Sharon Blazejak; sister, Judi McNeely; brothers, Richard Blazejak and Donald Blazejak (infant); mother and father-in-law, Marvin and Helen Balcom; brothers and sister-in-law, Lynnie and Judy Balcom, Donald Barnes and Vernon Balcom.

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Ruth E. Lemke, 89

Private family services for Ruth E. Lemke, 89, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, MN. A public visitation will be

held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert with burial following the visitation in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family asks that people are mindful of social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Ruth passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ruth Ellen (Brammeier) Lemke was born on June 3, 1931, in Pleasant Prairie Township, rural Martin County, MN, the daughter of Otto and Mable (Toepfer) Brammeier. She received her education at District #13 until 1941 and then attended parochial school at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Wilbert, MN.

In 1949, Ruth graduated from Ceylon High School and went on to further her education at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Ruth then worked for Fairmont Railway Motors.

On May 17, 1953, Ruth was united in marriage to Arnold J. Lemke at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

in Wilbert. Together the couple made their home on the Lemke family farm until moving to Maplewood in Fairmont in 2016. Ruth and Arnold were blessed with five children, Steven, David, Douglas, Sharon, and Daniel.

Ruth was a life member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert where she was active in LWML and served in various offices. Ruth was a member of the Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary and a member of the Fairmont Community Hospital Auxiliary where she volunteered for many duties throughout the years. Ruth worked at KFC and Pizza Ranch in Fairmont

for several years and took care of the cleaning duties at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. In her spare time, Ruth enjoyed tending to her garden and sitting quietly reading a new book. She looked forward to warm summer days spent out mowing the lawn and welcomed the change of the season and the winter snow and crisp cold days when she could be out cross-country skiing. Family was extremely important to Ruth and she treasured spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Steven (Shirley) Lemke of Brillion, WI, David (El-

lyn) Lemke of Ft. Dodge, IA, Douglas (Kay) Lemke of Ceylon, MN, Sharon (Tom) Ellrich of Roland, IA, and Daniel (Jackie) Lemke of Madison Lake, MN; 18 grandchildren and step grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; brother, John (Nellie) Brammeier and sister, Judy Klens; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Mabel Brammeier; husband, Arnold Lemke; grandson, Dustin Daniel Lemke; and a brother-in-law, Russell Klens.

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Rosella A. Sogge, 95

Private family services for Rosella A. Sogge, 95, of Fairmont, MN, will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. Burial will be following the service in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Jackson, MN. Those wishing to view the service are invited to use the following link on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.: <https://client.tribuncast.com/tcid/69716046>

Rosella passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021, at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Rosella Ann (Donahue) Sogge was born on April 23, 1925, near Dundee,

MN, the daughter of Lawrence and Louise (Bereau) Donahue. She grew up on the family farm north of Brewster in Nobles County. Rosella attended District #3 country school for eight years and then attended and graduated from Brewster High School, graduating with the class of 1943. Following graduation, Rosella spent one year in Indianapolis, Indiana working in a defense plant as a drill press operator making parts for bombsites for World War II.

In 1944, Rosella returned to Worthington, MN, where she worked in a grocery store until her marriage to Edmer Sogge on April 21, 1945. Together the couple made their home on a farm south of Bergen, MN, and raised five daughter, Carlyn, Vivian, Irene, Shirley, and Linda.

Rosella worked for Fingerhut in Windom, MN for 10 years and Sperry Univac in Jackson, MN for 11 years. Following the death of her husband on April 27, 1992, Rosella moved to Fairmont, MN, to be closer to family.

Rosella was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church where she was active in Catholic Daugh-

ters, St. Gerald Circle, and the ladies quilting group. She also volunteered her time working in the hospital's coffee shop until it closed. She then volunteered as one of the main cooks in the Salvation Army meal program.

Rosella had many interests and hobbies. She traveled extensively to various countries, enjoyed playing cards with friends at the Salvation Army and never missed an opportunity to play cards with family.

Rosella crocheted many afghans throughout the years and enjoyed working on creative craft projects for all her grandchildren. When her daughters were young, Rosella used her gift of sewing to create many doll dresses as well as clothing for her girls.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Carlyn (Larry) Tasto of Bloomington, MN, Vivian Denton of Fairmont, MN, Irene (Loren) Kleven of East Chain, MN, Shirley

(Steve) Knutson of Eagan, MN, and Linda Kocak of Jackson, MN; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; a sister, Sister Marie Donahue of Mankato, MN; sister-in-law, LaVonne Donahue of Windom, MN; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rosella was preceded

in death by her parents, Lawrence and Louise Donahue; husband, Edmer Sogge; brothers, Harold Donahue, James Donahue and Gene Donahue; sister, Helen Donahue; two sons-in-law, Darold Denton and Tom Kocak; as well as many other family members.

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DEATH notices

March 17 - Gregory A. Moore, 67, Welcome. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 17 - Ruth E. Lemke, 89, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 21 - Rosella A. Sogge 95, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 21 - Monica K. Chukuske, 55, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Service

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

March 13 - Charles D. Montgomery, 79, Sherburn.

March 14 - James N. Bolan, 87, Granada

March 18 - Arlyn K. Peterson, 77, Jefferson City, MO (formerly of Truman and Fairmont).

March 18 - Eloise Lidke, 86, Fairmont.

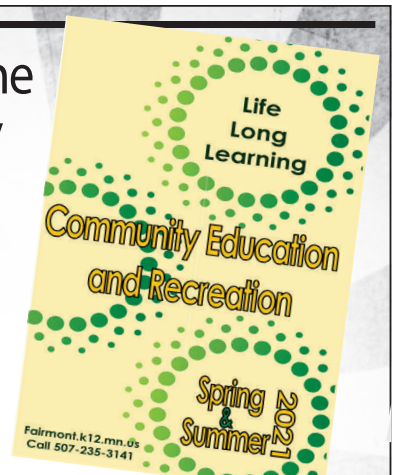
March 20 - Bruce J. Nawrocki, 62, Portland, OR (formerly of Fairmont).

March 20 - Irene E. Ziemer, 94, Fairmont.

March 20 - Fern J. Anderson, 91, Dunnell.

March 21 - Robert E. Hagen, 89, Dunnell.

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a good hearty breakfast. There is a variety of food that you can choose from. Come on out and have some breakfast and good conversation. A free will donation is accepted. The church is located across the street from the Kum and Go gas station in Sherburn.

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Reduces stress: One study found that stress and anxiety can be reduced by up to 68 percent with regular reading!

Taps into our imaginations: It's great for your brain to think, create and imagine. Reading helps unlock that power.

Sleeps better: Regular readers get more consistent and higher quality sleep.

Increases empathy: Reading stories about other people and places has shown to increase empathy and understanding of others!

So, if you want to tap into the magic that is reading: be sure to visit your library today!



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a "Fish & Shrimp" Drive-Thru Dinner on Friday, March 19th at the KC Hall Parking lot. The proceeds from this event were donated to the Northrop Youth Baseball Program. A check for \$1,500 was presented to the Northrop Program. Pictured are members of the youth baseball program and Hugh Fraser (2nd from right) chairman of the KC Event. (Submitted photo)



Marissa Johnson, member of Uptown Kiwanis, reads to the preschool and kindergarten classes at St. John Vianney. Twenty-five books were donated to the SJV preschool and kindergarten classes as part of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF). (Submitted photo)

Sign Up opens for Fairmont Community Gardens

Fairmont residents who would like to grow their own garden, but do not have adequate space, can sign up for a free garden plot with Rural Advantage. Garden plots are 20 x 20 feet. Once plot designation is completed later this spring, the plot is the individual or families to care for the balance of the growing season. Each fam-

ily plants, cares and harvests their own plot. The garden plots are located at Heritage Acres on the west side of Lake Sisseton.

Fairmont Community Gardens are private garden plots in a community space. If you would like to have a plot in 2021 or just have questions contact Rural Advantage at 238-5449 or

linda.ruraladvantage@gmail.com. Leave your name, phone number and email.

Rural Advantage is a Fairmont based non-profit working on issues focused on agriculture, environment and rural communities. This is the eleventh year Rural Advantage has coordinated the Fairmont Community Gardens.

Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

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

We are noticing an increase in the numbers of cases of COVID-19 occurring in Faribault & Martin counties over the past several days. We are seeing cases among younger community members now – those who have not yet been vaccinated. There are confirmed outbreaks of the variant strain (B.1.1.7) of COVID-19 in neighboring counties. This strain spreads very easily. We urge community members to stay vigilant – continue to wear masks, stay home when ill, wash your hands frequently, get tested when you feel sick and participate in contact investigation when you receive the call. While the distribution of vaccines is encouraging, it's vital to continue these basic disease prevention steps until enough of the population can be vaccinated.

Weekly Update: 3/23/21

Vaccination work as of 3/20/21:

- Faribault County: 3,831 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 22% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Faribault County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 74.4% as of 03/20/2021.
- Martin County: 5,613 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 22% of the population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Martin County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 71.9% as of 03/20/2021.
- Community Health & Human Services received 300 doses of vaccine last week and focused on providing vaccine to area food processing plants. Clinics were held Thursday and Friday and all 300 doses were distributed 3/19/21.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 342 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/20/2021.
- United Hospital District received 100 1st doses last week and distributed all by 3/20/2021.
- Dulcimer Medical Center did not receive any 1st dose allocation last week.

Plan for week of 3/21:

- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive 100 new 1st doses this week. Those who meet Minnesota eligibility criteria and are interested in receiving a vaccine from Community Health can express interest by completing this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VaxsurveyFM> or by calling 507-238-4757. Due to heavy call volume, using the web-based form is preferred to allow those without internet access the availability to call.
- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 369 1st doses for this week for the 65+ population. MCHS-Fairmont is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Patients who are eligible per the MDH guidelines will be contacted via their portal account or can call our vaccination line to schedule an appointment: 507-594-2100.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses this week for the 65+ population. United Hospital District is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Those interested in scheduling an appointment can call UH's Vaccine Hotline at 507-526-7700
- Dulcimer Medical Center is not scheduled to receive any new allocation this week.

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Spring art classes at the Red Rock Center begin on Saturday, March 27th. Visit the Red Rock Center's Facebook page or call CER 238-3141 to pre-register.

Buck Euchre, 500, pinochle . . . There will be a meeting for former card players at the Senior Citizens Center in Fairmont on Monday, March 29th at 1:30 p.m. Discussion will be held on the removal of contents of the building and also where future cards will be played.

St. John Vianney Church's **Hope Café To Go** will be delivering a free hot meal on Sunday, March 28 around 5:00 p.m. (fourth Sunday of the month). Anyone interested in receiving a free hot meal should email or call Bridget at 235-2451 or bbecker@sjvhf.org. Please call before noon on March 26 and leave your name, address, phone number and how many meals.

First Congregational United Church of Christ will offer a **March free community meal** on Wednesday, March 31st. Serving will be from 5:30 p.m. until the food is gone. The menu includes tater tot hot-dish served with fruit and bars. The meal is sponsored by the Rotary Club.



As we celebrate Women's History Month, these four women have taken the same steps as many others in the past. Char Kahler, Marianna Reyes, Macy Militello, and Lilian Martinson have all enrolled and have demonstrated successful growth in the welding field. We are thankful for the numerous women who paved the way in the past to allow today's women to continue to be successful in the skilled trades.

Robert Bonin Jr.

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Welcome Historical Society will NOT have an annual meeting this year and the museum will remain closed. We hope things will be better next year and we can get back to our normal schedule. You can still be a member and pay your \$10.00 annual dues and send memorials as you always have. Send them

to the Welcome Historical Society. PO Box 123, Welcome, MN 56181. Thank you everyone for supporting the museum. Without all of you there wouldn't be a museum. If you have any questions contact Marsha Williams at 507-236-2034 and check our Facebook page Welcome Historical Society.

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YOSHI an energetic cattle dog mix, around 6 or 7 years old. He has a happy smile and loves everyone.

BUSTER is a high energy terrier mix with lots of love to give. Playful and cuddly, this adult boy will make a great companion. No kids under the age of 12, please.

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FAIRMONT JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL – FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Cole Nawrocki (7th)

Cheyenne Abel (7th)

Kaysen Kuhlers (8th)

Kaylee Lutz (8th)

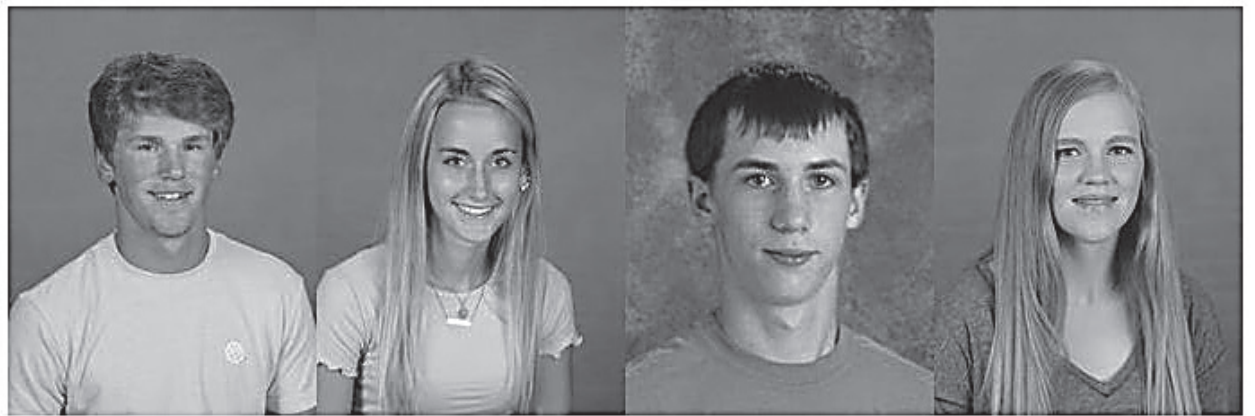


Sebastian Castro (9th)

Elayna Anderson (9th)

Nathan Billam (10th)

Antonia Hernandez Castro (10th)



Zach Jorgenson (11th)

Sami Lenort (11th)

Marshall Crissinger (12th)

Audrianna Lewison (12th)

Early Risers Kiwanis, Hy-Vee and Fairmont Jr Sr High School recognize the following Fairmont Jr Sr High School students as February Students of the Month. Student and families recently participated in a Zoom recognition and will receive a certificate and gift card. The 7th through 12th grade student include Cole Nawrocki, Cheyenne Abel, Kaysen Kuhlers, Kaylee Lutz, Sebastian Castro, Elayna Anderson, Antonia Hernandez Castro, Nathan Billam. Congratulations on making the school a better place.

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SOUTHERN PLAINS

29	30	31
American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Extra Extra • Fresh Orange Wedges	American Classics • BBQ Chicken Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty Extra Extra • Mixed Fruit Cocktail	American Classics • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Chips, Potato, Original, Baked, Lay's, 1125 oz Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Applesauce

FAIRMONT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

29	30	31
American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Grill • Classic American Cheeseburger Extra Extra • Seasoned Corn • Fresh Cauliflower Florets • Fresh Orange Wedges	American Classics • BBQ Chicken Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty 2Meat • Cheese Pizza • Classic Pepperoni Pizza Extra Extra • Savory Green Beans • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Mixed Fruit Cocktail	No School

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29	30	31
American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Extra Extra • Fresh Orange Wedges	American Classics • BBQ Chicken Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty Extra Extra • Mixed Fruit Cocktail	No School

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ST. JOHN VIANNEY

29	30	31
American Classics • Chili Cheese Dog • Tater Tots Extra Extra • Fresh Orange Wedges	American Classics • BBQ Chicken Sandwich • Hash Brown Patty Extra Extra • Mixed Fruit Cocktail	American Classics • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Chips, Potato, Original, Baked, Lay's, 1125 oz Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Applesauce

FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY

29	30	31
Main Entrees • Popcorn Chicken • Whole Grain Dinner Roll • Turkey, Cheddar & Bacon Ranch Wrap Sides for All Meals • Mashed Potatoes • Turkey Gravy Extra Extra • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh Orange Wedges	Main Entrees • Macaroni and Cheese • Whole Grain Dinner Roll • Ham & American Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Peas Extra Extra • Fresh Carrots • Sliced Fresh Apples	No School

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SJV students raise \$15,970 through raffles

Pandemic hardships can't stop St. John Vianney Catholic School from raising more than \$15,000 and achieving a new fund-raising record.

Is it possible for St. John Vianney Catholic School to conduct successful fund-raising campaign in the middle of a pandemic, when many Catholic churches are closed and door-to-door fund-raising methods aren't available? The answer is a resounding,

"Yes!"

Students, faculty and families were able to raise \$15,970 through the Catholic Schools Raffle program between Jan. 15th through Feb. 28. Along with 81 other schools, St. John Vianney raised a combined total of \$1.49 million -- a new record for the program.

Since January 15, students of St. John Vianney have been selling \$5 raffle tickets as part of the Catholic Schools Raffle, a

fundraising program provided free of charge by sponsor Catholic United Financial since 2009. St. John Vianney is one of 82 schools in Minnesota and the Dakotas that were involved in 2021.

The following St. John Vianney students won awards at the school level for selling tickets:

Top student for first turn in day (earns First in the Lunch Line for One Week)-Simon Hill

Top student for sec-

ond turn in day (earns Lunch with School Adult of Choice)-Lincoln Weedman

Top student for third turn in day (earns Extra Recess for Whole Class with a Treat)-McKinley Weedman

Every student who sold at least one extra book of tickets earns a trip to go mini golfing.

Makenna Fisher, Wyatt McGowan, Clare Striemer, Jonah Striemer, Michael Hamlet, Kel-

ly Lockwood, Hannah Seibring

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Top Selling Class (earns a trip to Graffiti Corner) 3rd Grade

Top Selling Student for the whole school (\$25 cash) Ada Edmundson

The school made two goals. For the \$12,000 goal, we earned all school Bingo. For the \$15,000 goal, we earned an afternoon at Gomsrud with a picnic and playing.

Financial Focus

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Business Owners' Issues Go Beyond 'Mom and Pop' Label

If you own a small business, you typically don't get a lot of recognition -- so you may be pleased to learn that March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day. You might not necessarily think of your business as a "Mom and Pop" operation, but it certainly contributes to the well-being of your family now, and possibly to that of future genera-

tions, too -- if you make the right moves.

Depending on the nature of your business, you may have spent the past several months more concerned about today than tomorrow, given the serious economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still placing stress on a great many business owners across the country.

If your business has been adversely affected by the pandemic, you might be eligible for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. As

you may know, recent legislation provided \$285 billion more for this program. To learn more, and to start the application process, visit the Small Business Administration website at www.sba.gov. You have until March 31 to apply for a PPP loan. Other relief also may be available.

But regardless of whether you apply for one of these loans, you can take other steps to help maximize the benefits you get from your business -- and perhaps even extend its longev-

ity.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Establish a retirement plan. If you don't already have a retirement plan, it's never too late to set one up. As a business owner, you have several options, including an "owner-only" 401(k), a SIMPLE IRA and a SEP-IRA. All these plans are fairly easy to establish and can offer potential tax advantages, as well as providing you with a source of retirement income in the future. You may want to work with a financial professional to pick the right plan for your needs.

- Coordinate your business assets with your investment portfolio. Like most business owners, you may have a great deal of your personal wealth tied up in

your business. And, as the past year has certainly shown, this can be risky. Consequently, you'll need to weigh this risk factor when deciding on investing in your retirement plan or in other investment accounts. This doesn't mean you should try to avoid all risk only by pursuing the most conservative vehicles -- which would be counterproductive to achieving enough growth to meet your retirement income goals -- but you will need to pay close attention to your investment mix to ensure it provides you with an appropriate balance to what you've invested in your business.

- Develop a transition strategy. How will you make the transition from business owner to the next phase of your life? Will you sell the

business outright? Will you gradually transfer it to a family member? If so, what mechanism will you use? It's a good idea to have these types of plans in place well before you need to enact them, so you may want to consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors soon.

A "Mom and Pop" business may sound quaint and carefree -- but, as you know, running a business of any size can be an all-consuming endeavor and always involves significant financial concerns. Get the help you need to meet these challenges.

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Ask A Trooper: What can I do about speeding drivers?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

Question: I'm concerned about the high speeds of drivers I'm seeing these days, both in my city and on the Interstate. What can I do about it?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol is extremely concerned about the high rate of speeds troopers are seeing throughout our state. In fact, as of Feb. 25, troopers have cited 132 drivers for speeds of 100 mph or more this year. That compares with 68 during the same time period last year.

With the alarming number of speed-related traffic incidents we're seeing, the Minnesota State Patrol is teaming up with law enforcement across the state with an educational and enforcement campaign aimed at motorists who are driving dangerous speeds. It's part of a campaign that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety is coordinating in collaboration with the Minnesota departments of Health and Transportation. In addition to enforcement, education and awareness influence positive behaviors as well. We're getting the message out through social media, media relations and advertising across Minnesota.

Preliminary reports show 120 motorists died in speed-related crashes in 2020, the most since 2008 (125). The 395 traffic fatalities in 2020 (preliminary) are the most in five years, with speed contributing to 30 percent of all fatalities last year.

Twenty people have already lost their lives this year in speed-related crashes in 2021 compared with 10 this time last year. Troopers don't want to meet you on the side of the road for dangerous driving behavior, or worse, respond to a crash with fatalities or serious injuries that involve you or your loved ones. If you speed, expect to be stopped.

If you are concerned about a person speeding or driving aggressively, find a safe place to call 911 and provide as much information about the vehicle as possible.

By driving smart and slowing down, we can all save lives on Minnesota roads and help everyone arrive home safely at the end of the day.

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)

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

March 20, 1996

The KSUM & KFMC Home Expo 96 was scheduled for three days at the Fairmont American Legion hall. The annual home and garden show was to feature over 60 exhibitors in both halls of the Legion building. Admission was free.

Frank, Betty and Georgianna Scheff attended a rally for the Reform Party to acquire 10,000 petition names for the Reform Party to be on the November ballot.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

March 20, 1971

The Sherburn Raiders, defending their 1970 state basketball championship, lost to the Frost Vikings in the District Five tournament finals. The Raiders were outscored in all four quarters.

Mankato State University announced that it would offer four off-campus courses to Fairmont High School students. They were Music Literature, Evaluation in Home Economics, Psychology of Personality Psy., and Environmental Education.

Spring Cleaning

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



Once upon a time, in a land far away, grasshoppers threatened to devour all of Finland's grapes. Legend has it; Urho chased the hordes of insects away, saving the vineyards in ancient Finland. His noble deeds resulted in canonization and earned Saint Urho a day on the calendar: March 16th - the day before Saint Patrick's. Coincidence, or not?

At my first such celebration, I met an "honest Finlander" who'd consumed his portion of pints

and then some. He told me Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland after seeing Urho chase away the grasshoppers. "That's why Saint Urho's day comes first."

His friend, an Irishman, rebutted, "For starters, there is no such thing as an honest Finlander, okay, because they're called Finns - not Finlanders. They made that up too." The Irishman wasn't too steady on his feet but raised his glass

and went on to state, "Now Saint Patrick, he was a real hero."

Whether the tale of Saint Urho is accurate or not, I do not know. We raised our glasses to toast both saints.

I do know, lots of people gather every year to celebrate Saint Urho in a small town just up the road from me - Finland, Minnesota, population 179. On the Saturday following Saint Urho's Day, Finland will have a parade

followed by festivities for all ages. This year, that Saturday was also the first day of spring.

It was a beautiful sunny day; people were anxious to get out of their houses. A parade was just what we all needed. We were part of the masses that migrated in, causing the town's population to swell at least ten-fold for the day, maybe more.

The Lake County Sheriff lead the way, followed by the Finland Fire Department. The diesel motor rumbled smoothly; I could feel the power of the massive shiny red truck as it made its way slowly up Highway 1, right through the middle of the town. The lights flashed, and the

siren blared; fire-fighters tossed showers of candy to people lining both sides of the road. Kids were gathering the treats as efficiently as a combine harvesting corn in the field. Autumn seemed so very long ago.

Seeing the firetrucks reminded me of a story I read last fall about the fire hazard created when lint builds up inside a clothes dryer. I had been meaning to check my dryer but hadn't got around to it yet. Being the vernal equinox, perhaps some spring cleaning would be in order - tomorrow. Nobody works on Saint Urho's Day.

After church and a good breakfast, I was

ready to tackle the dryer. I almost forgot my wife telling me the washing machine was taking over two and a half hours to do a load. The water was running really slowly into the tub; it was probably the water inlet valve. Maybe, I should look into that first - how difficult could that be? I headed to the basement with a couple of hand-tools and a head full of knowledge.

...spare parts...gross and disgusting... it's a genetic thing...

To read the rest of this story, please visit our website at (www.fairmontphotopress.com)

Ag Update: USDA OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S U.S. FARM OPERATIONS

Guest Columnist

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Ask ten people to describe a "family farm" and you will probably get ten different definitions, some will likely be similar to each other and some will be totally different. How a "family farm" is defined probably is a big guide toward people's attitudes about today's U.S. agriculture industry. In December of 2020, The USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) issued a report titled "America's Diverse Family Farms", which was based on U.S. farm data from 2019 and offered some definitions of different types of farms. Following is a brief summary of some of the data highlighted in the ERS report that is being shared in recognition of "National Ag Week", which is March 21-27.

The USDA ERS definition for a "family farm" is the following "Any farm where the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to the principal operator, who are the persons most responsible for making the day-to-day decisions on the farm". USDA further defines a farm as any place that at least \$1,000 of agricultural products are produced and sold in a given year or are normally produced during a year. The ERS measures farm size by the "gross cash farm income (GCFI), which includes sales of crops and live-

stock, government payments, and other farm-related income.

Based on the 2020 ERS report, there were just over 2 million farms in the U.S., with just under 90 percent of the farms being categorized as "small family farms" Following is a breakdown of the criteria that ERS used to categorize U.S. farms, along with the number and percentage of farms in each category:

•Small Family Farms (less than \$350,000 gross cash farm income or GCFI).

•Retirement Farms --- Small farms whose principal operator are retired, but they continue to operate a farm on a small scale. There were 215,959 farms or 10.7 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Off-Farm Occupation Farms --- Small farms whose principal operator reports a primary occupation other than farming. There were 833,450 farms or 41.4 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Farming Occupation Farms --- Small farms whose principal operators report farming as their primary occupation. There are two sales classes listed under this category:

Low Sales --- Farms with a GCFI of less than \$150,000. There were 653,716 farms or 32.4 percent of the total farms in this category.

Moderate Sales --- Farms with a GCFI of between \$150,000 and \$349,999. There were

103,058 farms or 5.1 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Midsize Family Farms (GCFI between \$350,00 and \$999,999)

There were 107,316 family farms or 5.3 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Large-Scale Family Farms (GCFI of \$1 million or more)

•Large Farms --- Family farms with a GCFI of between \$1,000,000 and \$4,999,999. There were 48,339 farms or 2.41 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Very Large Farms --- Family farms with an annual GCFI of \$5,000,000 or more. There were 5,780 farms or 0.3 percent of the total farms in this category.

•Non-Family Farms This category describes any farm where the principal farm operators do not own a majority of the farm business. (Many times, these types of farms are referred to as "corporate farms") There were 47,451 farms or 2.4 percent of the total farms in this category.

As was pointed out earlier, 89.6 percent of U.S. farms (as defined by USDA) were categorized as "small family farms", 5.3 percent were "midsize family farms", 2.7 percent were "large-scale family farms", and 2.4 percent were "non-family farms". Based on the 2019 ERS data, following is a review of some other characteristics of these various categories of U.S. farms and other farm operator

demographics:

•Percentage of land operated --- 48.8 percent of farm land was operated by "small family farms", 22.6 percent of land was operated by "midsize family farms", 20.7 percent operated by "large-scale family farms", and 7.9 percent by "non-family farms".

•Percentage of the value of farm production --- "Large-scale family farms" accounted for 43.8 percent of the value of U.S. farm production in 2019, which was followed by "small family farms" at 21.5 percent, "midsize family farms" at 21.1 percent, and "non-family farms" at 13.6 percent.

•"Large-scale family farms" accounted for over two-thirds of U.S. dairy production, 61 percent of U.S. cotton production, and 54 percent of the production of high value crops, which includes fruits, vegetables, nuts and nursery crops. This category of farm operators also accounted for 39 percent of U.S. cash grain production, 44 percent of hog production, and nearly 43 percent of beef production.

•"Small family farms" accounted for over 45 percent of poultry and egg production, as well as hay production; however, this category of farms accounted only 21 percent of cash grain production, 26 percent of beef production, 23 percent of hog production, and less than 9 percent of dairy production.

•"Midsize family farms" accounted for approximately one-third of cash grain production and nearly 39 percent of poultry and egg production; however, this category of farms accounted for less than 17 percent of beef, hog, and dairy pro-

duction.

•"Non-family farms" accounted for over 30 percent of the production of high value crops, as well as just under 17 percent of beef production and approximately 16 percent of hog production; however, this category of farms accounted only 7 percent of cash grain production, 8 percent of cotton production, and less than 9 percent of dairy production.

•Government Payments --- 81 percent of USDA commodity farm programs (PLC, ARC-CO and ARC-IC) in 2019 went to "large-scale farms", "midsize farms", and "small farms with moderate sales", which is exactly the same as the percentage of crop land operated by these three categories of farms. These groups also received a large majority of the USDA conservation payments on working lands (CSP, EQIP, etc.). By contrast, 80 percent of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments, which are paid to farm owners to take crop land out of production, went to retirement farms, low-sales farms, and farm owners with off-farm occupations. Approximately 69 percent of farms received no government payments in 2019.

•Women in agriculture --- Women played a key role in over half of U.S. farm operations in 2019. A higher percent-

age of women were either the principal operator or a co-operator of livestock and dairy operations, as well as high value crop farms, as opposed to general cash grain operations.

•Farms operated by minority groups --- There were 112,451 Spanish, Hispanic and Latino farm operators in 2019, which is up by 13 percent since 2012, as well as 45,508 African American farm operators, which increased by 2 percent since 2012.

Even though farms have increased in size and the structures of many farm business have changed and evolved over the past few decades, approximately 98 percent of U.S. farms are still categorized as "family farms". The family farms still account for over 86 percent of U.S. farm production. The family farms come in many shapes, sizes, and types, including increasing diversity of farm operators, which helps explain some of the confusion over understanding the definition of a "family farm".

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2020-2021 CLASS AA #3-RANKED MARTIN COUNTY RED BULLS 2AA-3AA SUPER-SECTION CHAMPIONS




RED BULLS (28-1)	2021 STATE AA CHAMPIONSHIP	Simley H.S. (26-0)
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Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield (26-3)	ST. MICHAEL/ALBERTVILLE	Princeton H.S. (20-8)

Section 3AA South - Red Bulls 74, Luverne 0

Section 3AA South - Red Bulls 53, New Ulm 18

Section 3AA Team Final - Red Bulls 59, Dawson-Boyd/LQPV/Montevideo 15

Super-Section 2AA-3AA Final
Red Bulls 39, Tri-City United 28



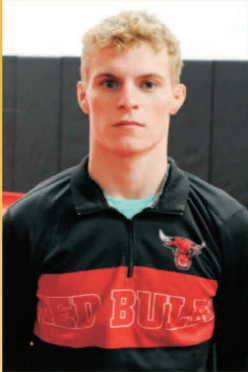
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ers, assistant coach Brandon Greiner. Not pictured: Aiden Weiland, Berent Kosbab, Brenan Ringnell, Colby Schwichtenberg, Riley Allen, Slade Fitzgerald, Taylor Austin

Red Bulls Roster	Wt	Record	Rank
Rylan Cutler, Fr.	106	20-9	
Cooper Steuber So.	113	17-13	
Jesse Potts Jr	120	29-4	#7
Jaxson Rohman Sr.	126	33-0	#1
Kain Sanders Jr.	132	31-5	#8
Lucas Jagodzinske Sr.	138	32-2	#3
Connor Simmonds Sr.	145	32-1	#2
Aden Welcome So.	145	27-2	
Carver Rohman Sr.	152	26-9	
Blake Jagodzinske Sr.	160	34-2	#4
Gage Cyphers So.	170	16-17	
Wyatt Williamson So.	182	16-11	
Max Olson So.	195	25-6	
Tristan Peterson	195	5-4	
Alec Thompson Jr.	220	12-16	


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Lucas
Jagodzinske



Connor
Simmonds




Blake
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Faber
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of the Year

Red Bulls ~ Regular Season 24-1 - Overall 28-1

Martin County Red Bulls advanced four to State

Of the 11 wrestlers that advanced from the Section 3AA individual tournament last Tuesday, four ranked Martin County Red Bulls qualified for state at the Section 2AA-3AA meet that was held in Redwood Falls last Saturday.

#1-ranked Jaxson Rohman at 126, #3-ranked Lucas Jagodzinske at 138 and #2-ranked Connor Simmonds at 145 each won three matches and advanced as Champions. #4-ranked Blake Jagodzinske advanced as runner-up after winning a true-second match at 160.

#7-ranked Jesse Potts at 120 and #8-ranked Kain Sanders at 132, each finished in 4th place. Carver Rohman at 152 and Gage Cyphers at 170, each finished 6th. 106 Rylan Cutler, 182 Wyatt Williamson, 195 Max Olson, each lost their first 2 matches on Saturday. 113 Cooper Steuber and 220 Alec Thompson lost their wrestleback matches on Tuesday in Redwood Falls. The state individual championships will follow the team championship starting at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 26th at St. Michael/Albertville High School.

State team match ups 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 26th at St. Michael/Albertville High School: The Class AA #3-ranked Martin County Red Bulls will take on #4-ranked Dassel Cokato-Litchfield (26-3). The winner will face the winner of last year's state champ - #1-ranked Simley (26-0) vs #9-ranked Princeton (20-8).

Section 2AA-3AA

120 - 3rd Place Match
Zach Tracy (Scott West) 28-3, Jr. over Jesse Potts 29-4, Jr. (Dec 3-1)

126 - 1st Place Match
Jaxson Rohman 33-0, Sr. over Ethan Lebrija (MAHACA) 32-2, Jr. (Dec 7-5)

132 - 3rd Place Match
Dylan Louwagie (Marshall) 33-3, Fr. over Kain Sanders 31-5, Jr. (Dec 6-0)

138 - 1st Place Match
Lucas Jagodzinske 32-2, Sr. over Carter Ruschmeier (Glencoe - Lester Prairie) 15-3, Jr. (MD 9-0)

145 - 1st Place Match
Connor Simmonds 32-1, Sr. over Spencer Ruedy (Mankato East) 25-9, Sr. (MD 13-0)

152 - 6th Place
Caden O'Malley (TCU) 25-, Soph. over Carver Rohman 26-9, Soph. (Fall)

160 - True 2nd Place Match
Blake Jagodzinske 34-2, Sr. over Luke Fogarty (Scott West) 21-6, Sr. (MD 14-4)

170 - 6th Place
Marcos Reyes (TCU) 20-13, Soph. over Gage Cyphers 16-17, Soph. (FALL)



Jaxson Rohman



Lucas Jagodzinske



Connor Simmonds



Blake Jagodzinske

Class AA Team Matchups

The #3-ranked Martin County Red Bulls (28-1) will take on #4-ranked Dassel Cokato-Litchfield (26-3). The Red Bulls feature six ranked wrestlers. #7-ranked Jesse Potts, #1-ranked Jaxson Rohman, #8-ranked Kain Sanders, #3-ranked Lucas Jagodzinske, #2-ranked Connor Simmonds and #4-ranked Blake Jagodzinske. The Red Bulls' only loss this year was a 36-33 loss to #2-ranked Kasson Mantorville. Last year the Red Bulls finished runner-ups, defeating Orono 53-15, Foley 32-30 and lost to Simley 48-10 in the championship match.

#4-ranked Dassel Cokato-Litchfield defeated #6-ranked Becker 36-24 to make the state tourney. The Chargers field 9 ranked wrestlers. 106 - #6-ranked Andrew Joedeman, 113 - #7-ranked Victor Franco, 120 - #10-ranked Alex Joedeman, 138 - #5-ranked Jerry Simes, 152 - #5-ranked Eddie Simes, 160 - #2-ranked Jude Link, 170 - #7-ranked Tate Link, 182- #9-ranked Will O'Brien and 195 - #8-ranked Beau Nelson.

In 2020 #4-ranked Dassel Cokato-Litchfield lost to Detroit Lakes and South St. Paul.

#1-ranked Simley (26-0) vs #9-ranked Princeton (20-8). Simley last year's

champion defeated South St. Paul 75-0 in the Super-section. Simley features 13-ranked wrestler in the 14 weight classes. Six are ranked #1 with the others ranked sixth and above. Chase DeBlaere, Cael Berg, Ryan Sokol and Bennett Tabor were champions last year and return this year.

Princeton defeated #10-ranked Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus and #5-ranked Foley to make it to state. Foley defeated Princeton to make it to state last year. The Tigers feature 5 ranked wrestler including last year's champ #1-ranked Tyler Wells at 113.

Red Bulls State Individual Matchups

#1-ranked Jaxson Rohman (33-0) at 126 will take on Annandale Maple Lake's Zach Pribyl (22-10). Five other ranked wrestlers are in Rohman's bracket including #2-ranked Cash Raymond (29-1) of Simley who is in the opposite bracket.

#3-ranked Lucas Jagodzinske (32-2) at 138 will take on #5-ranked Jerry Simes (24-8) of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield. Seven of the eight wrestlers in Jagodzinske's bracket are ranked including #1-ranked Chase DeBlaere of Simley who is in the opposite bracket.

#2-ranked Connor Simmonds (32-1) at 145 will take on Bryce Burkett (31-1) of Watertown Mayer/Mayer Lutheran. Three other ranked wrestler's are in Simmond's bracket including #1-ranked Logan Vaughan (25-1) of Kasson-Mantorville who is in the opposite bracket.

#4-ranked Blake Jagodzinske (34-2) at 160 will take on #10-ranked Cody Wienen (32-3) of Thief River Falls. Six of the eight wrestlers in this weight class are ranked including #1-ranked Cael Berg (30-1) of Simley who is in the opposite bracket. Last year Rohman placed 3rd, Blake Jagodzinske finished 5th and Simmonds finished 2nd.

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


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Exciting and entertaining prom alternative

Students who have been told prom will not be taking place in 2021 may be wondering how they can mark this typically momentous occasion. In 2020, actor John Krasinski orchestrated and hosted a virtual prom over his YouTube channel "Some Good News" for high school seniors who were not able to attend a traditional prom. Many families also took the initiative and threw their sons and daughters private proms at home.

Restrictions that were in place last year are no longer as stringent in many places, so students may have a bit more wiggle room in regard to planning prom alternatives that make the best of the situation. Just because one isn't taking part in a traditional prom doesn't mean the fun factor has to diminish. These ideas will help ensure a memorable night regardless of the situation students find themselves in.

Host a patio prom

Hold a prom right on the patio, inviting select friends to meet the quota of guests allowed where you live. Good times can still be had as long as you're sharing the experience with your best friends. Set up a Bluetooth speaker, stream favorite music, cater the party, and hang stringed lights for the right ambiance. If you know a local photographer, see if he or she can offer professional prom photos to mark the occasion.

Visit an

amusement park

A thrilling alternative to prom is to gather with a small group of friends and purchase passes to a nearby amusement park. Spend the evening riding heart-racing roller coasters or looking out across the landscape atop a giant Ferris wheel. With sights, sounds and food, a night at the amusement park can make for lasting memories.

Dine out

With many restau-

rants increasing capacity for indoor and outdoor dining, typical prom-goers can don their festive attire and make reservations at a local restaurant. Data from Money magazine and USA Today indicates proms can cost anywhere from \$700 to \$900 per attendee depending on where one resides. Indulging in a high-end meal with friends likely won't scratch the surface of traditional prom expenses and you'll be able to enjoy conversation, ambiance and delicious food.

Take to the city

With parental permission first, you can plan a sight-seeing tour of a nearby big city, such as New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, or Chicago. Take in the tourist sites, dine out and revel in the big lights and fast-paced action.

Proms may be on hold once more, but students can still have fun and celebrate.

How teens can protect themselves on prom night

Parents and educators go to great lengths to ensure teenagers are safe and sound on prom night. School-sponsored after-parties or parent-chaperoned house parties where no alcohol is present are just two ways that adults look out for high schoolers on prom nights.

But teens need not rely exclusively on the efforts of adults to make their proms safe. The following are some ways teenagers can pitch in to make prom night as safe as it is special.

- Attend prom as a group. While traditional views about prom may imply teenagers going with their own dates, many teens now go to prom as members of groups. This can alleviate the pressure of asking someone to prom or save teenagers the stress of wondering if they will be asked to prom. Going as a group also provides a built-in safety net, especially if each member

of the group promises to look out for other members and ensure no one pressures anyone in the group into doing something they don't want to do. Resolve to stick together throughout the night, including during prom and any after-parties the group attends.

- Do not get in a car driven by anyone who has been drinking. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that drivers between the ages of 16 and 20 are 17 times more likely to die in a crash when they have a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent than when they have not been drinking. Teenagers should never get into a car if they suspect the driver has been drinking. Call a parent or another family member to pick you up instead.

- Never leave drinks unattended. Many high schoolers have known their classmates since

they were very young children. That can lead to a false sense of security. Teenagers should not leave drinks unattended on prom night, as that can lead them vulnerable to someone who wants to spike their drink to loosen them up or take advantage of them in other ways. If you lose track of your beverage, get a new one, and always get your own refills.

- Attend alcohol-free after-parties. Prom night after-parties are highly anticipated get-togethers. Teens can protect themselves on prom night by attending only alcohol-free after-parties, whether they're at school, at home or at a friend's home. The atmosphere at such gatherings is pressure-free, making these parties the perfect caper to a night teenagers may remember forever.

Teenagers can do much to ensure their prom-night partying is safe and memorable.

Tradition behind corsages and boutonnieres

Flowers and special occasions often are intertwined. Floral bouquets or arrangements

are gifted for holidays, birthdays and other milestones, like graduation and prom.

Boutonnieres and corsages are traditional, wearable floral pieces. Some may wonder how

these blooms became associated with certain celebrations and the proper ways to wear them.

History of celebration flowers

Corsages are frequently worn pinned to a dress or on the wrist. The term "corsage" originates from the French term "bouquet de corsage." The word "corsage" originally referred to the bodice of a dress. Since the flower was attached to the bodice, eventually the flowers themselves became known as a corsage. Men also wore flowers for special occasions. A single flower called a boutonniere, which translates to "little buttonhole," was customary on suit jackets.

In the Victorian era, when these traditions originated, flowers and

herbs often were worn as a method of warding off evil spirits during special occasions. People of honor donned corsages and boutonnieres to keep themselves safe and healthy from illnesses. Some also surmise that flowers helped ward off the aromas of body odor, as people of past eras did not bathe as frequently as they do today. It once was customary during the 16th and 17th centuries for boutonnieres and corsages to be worn daily. Eventually the practice became something only done for formal events.

As with many traditions from Europe, these customs came with settlers when they populated North America.

Placement of flowers
Boutonnieres traditionally consist of two or more flowers with

greenery and filler, such as baby's breath. The boutonniere is worn on the left lapel of the suit or tuxedo because it is above the heart. The ideal position is four inches in from the tip of the shoulder, angling outward.

The corsage can be pinned to sleeves or straps, but a wrist corsage is often a safe option because it is most versatile. Most corsages are color-coordinated to the woman's attire. The floral arrangement business FTD says that couples' corsages and the boutonnieres do not have to match, but flowers that are color coordinated will provide a harmonious look that pops in photos.

Boutonnieres typically cost around \$25 while corsages may cost up to \$45 depending on the flowers used.

Flowers are something to factor into graduation or prom budgets if the goal is to follow floral tradition for these momentous occasions.

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Gently roll peeled eggs in a pot of simmering soy sauce for several minutes until they reach a tan or light brown color. You can also add rice wine vinegar, sugar or mirin to the soy sauce for added flavor.

Coloring Easter Eggs is a time-honored tradition passed down from generation to generation. Easter eggs symbolize rebirth, which fits in well with both religious and seasonal celebrations.

While there are many kits on the market that enable people to easily color eggs, there also are plenty of all-natural foodstuffs, like fruits, vegetables, herbs, and spices, that can get the job done just as effectively. For those who plan to eat the eggs afterward, natural dyes may be preferable to dyes from kits.

Here are a few tried and true methods for producing brilliantly hued eggs with items from the kitchen, courtesy of The Spruce and Martha Stewart.

TURN TO ALL-NATURAL ITEMS FOR SAFE AND EASILY DYED EASTER EGGS.

Beautiful blues

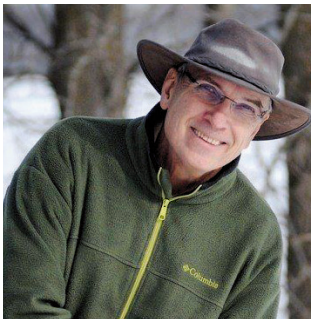
Give chicken eggs a beautiful robin egg shade with red cabbage. Simply shred one cup of red cabbage into a pot. Bring the cabbage and roughly 4 cups water and 1 tablespoon salt to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Let the broth cool. Strain out the cabbage and stir in 2 tablespoons of distilled white vinegar. Let the eggs sit in the dye for the desired duration to achieve light to dark blue eggs.

Perky pinks

Use beets to create pink and red eggs. Take 1 or 2 beets and roughly chop them. Combine with 4 cups water and 1 tablespoon of salt in a saucepan. Bring it to a boil, then reduce and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain the mixture and allow to cool. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar. Use the solution for red and pink eggs.

Happy yellows

Cast a sunny glow on eggs with a common household spice and some tasty carrots. Turmeric is touted for its anti-inflammatory benefits, but it also makes a great dye. Bring 1 tablespoon of turmeric, 3 to 4 sliced carrots, 1 tablespoon salt, and 4 cups of water to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Let cool, strain and stir in 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar. Use the dye for a lovely yellow shade.



Playing football against the Steel Beams

By Al Batt

There are two kinds of people — those who were born in March and those who wish they had been.

My birthday is on St. Urho's Day every year. Making another trip around the sun gives me cause to reflect upon what I've learned during this wonderful life. Goals are adjusted.

Life is a series of things you didn't expect.

Back in the used to be when I was as smart as I'd ever be, school was winding down for the year. There was a popular advertising slogan for a cigarette saying LSMFT meant "Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco." At the terminus of a school year, it meant "Lord Save Me From Teachers." It was chills, spills and thrills as we finished lunch in the school's cafeteria and rushed outside. Kids were antsy to get to summer.

We played football at noon recess, if I dare call it recess for high school. It was a game without rules, which eliminated the need to circumvent the rules as is done in the NFL. It was a brief game — recess pieces.

Perry Haugen was a couple of years older than me. He was in senior high, I was in junior high. We tried to stay

in harm's way, so the game was played on the school lawn, sidewalks, streets and student parking lot. The teachers parked their cars in a lot at a secret location. The game was touch football, but there were no officials, which meant we were on the honor system, which meant, as I'd mentioned earlier, there were no rules. We hadn't run it by the legal department, but we figured we weren't doing anything wrong unless someone yelled at us.

I had no helmet, no glasses and no brains. The play called by the quarterback (Perry) was for everyone to go long. I ran as far as I could and Perry threw the ball as far as he could fling it. It was a perfect spiral. A thing of beauty. I gave 110%. That's not true. I gave 54.7%, but I grabbed the football with grace and elegance in the middle

of the street and would have done one of those idiotic celebratory dances in the end zone, but I didn't get the chance. I hit a steel beam being hauled by a tractor-trailer rig and I dropped the ball. That beam and its long protrusion from the end of the trailer had appeared out of nowhere. I hit the overhanging portion of the beam with my head. Witnesses swore the clang sounded like a blacksmith's hammer hitting an anvil. That steel beam became the center of my universe.

Teachers and coaches had told me I needed to set the bar high. I never knew what they meant until that moment. I'd set the bar about head high.

The trucker didn't touch his brake lights, likely unaware he'd prevented a touchdown. When he delivered the beams, the recipient ex-

amined the load and I imagined him saying, "There's part of an eyebrow on one beam. Did you hit a cow?" That led to a long discussion on whether cows had eyebrows. It was a lengthy discourse because there was no Google back then.

Friends offered adjectives, but Perry took me to see Doc Olds. We walked there while I held a hankie to my wound. Doc put stitches in my eyebrow. He told me to stay away from steel beams and sent me back to class.

The legend is that my ancestors were buried with their heads above ground because they outlasted marble. I'd head-butted a steel beam and lived.

Perry walked with me back to school. He wasn't heartbroken about missing a class. I appreciated him. I en-

tered the building with a shaved eyebrow, wound and stitches hidden under a bandage. It was difficult to keep it a secret. Perry left me with the nurse and I told her my story. I was as uncomfortable as Roy Rogers in an English saddle as I mumbled my version of the events, leaving out as much detail as possible.

When I got home, my father gave me some advice. It was something like, "Don't be stupid just because you know how."

To spare me from myself, I became a free agent in the noon-hour football games.

It's important to have goals. My goal had been to become the west coast distributor for hijinks and snark, but after this incident, my goal was to avoid head-butting steel beams.

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Jeannie Carritt
1440 Larsen Ln (Parcel ID 23.165.0210)
Home Occupation Permit for a massage therapy studio

Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz' orders, the Council Chambers can accommodate up to 15 attendees. Members of the public wishing to provide public comments may attend in person or by calling 1-646-749-3122 and entering the access code 680-549-845 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Patricia Monsen
City Clerk

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CITY OF FAIRMONT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fairmont Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at the City Council Chambers, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the following item:

Zach & Kiley Meyers
505 Union St (Parcel ID 23.133.0260) Variance from rear yard setback requirements

Due to the ongoing local emergency surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Walz' orders, the Council Chambers can accommodate up to 15 attendees. Members of the public wishing to provide public comments may attend in person or call 1-872-240-3311 and entering the access code 739-471-053 at the time of the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted to City of Fairmont, attention Patricia Monsen, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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3. Electrical modifications.

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COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete within 150 days.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID

TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com.

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OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: 3/11/2021 */S/ Cathy Reynolds*
City Administrator

Published in the Fairmont photo Press on March 17 and 24, 2021

Fairmont council OKs public works building

By Judy Bryan, Freelance Journalist

After several previous discussions at work sessions and meetings, the Fairmont City Council unanimously approved accepting bids on the \$9.8 million public works building at its meeting on Monday, March 22.

The council had examined various options, including renovating and expanding the existing structure and a smaller \$5 million building, but noted all the other options had a higher cost per square foot,

and some did not meet the needs of the park and street departments that will utilize the facility.

In recent weeks, council members had toured the facility, seeing the deficiencies in the electrical

and ventilation systems as well as other health and safety issues throughout the building.

The city has increased the levy the last two budget

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BUILDING PERMIT

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BUILDABLE LOTS IN FAIRMONT, MN FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Sale to be held at the Council Chambers at the City of Fairmont Council Chambers-100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN

AUCTION

Tuesday, March 30th, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

406 NORTH ELM STREET, FAIRMONT, MN



Legal: #23.281.0320-Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Ward's Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont as per the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County and State.

1206 NORTH ELM STREET, FAIRMONT, MN



Legal: #23.162.1010-Lot Ten (10), Block Ten (10), Lake George Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont as per the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of Register of Deeds in and for said County and State.

714 N NORTH AVENUE, FAIRMONT, MN



Legal: #23.041.0050-Commencing at a point on the East side of North Avenue in the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, on the Section line between Sections Five (5) and Eight (8), running thence South 92 feet to place of beginning; thence South 52 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence North 52 feet; thence West 150 feet to place of beginning, all being in Township One Hundred Two (102), Range Thirty (30), West of the Fifth P.M., Martin County, Minnesota, save and except the following described premises: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Corner (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Two (102), Range Thirty (30), thence East on the Section line 40 feet; thence South on the East line of North Avenue in the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota, 92 feet; thence East parallel with said Section line 10 feet to place of beginning of the land herein excepted; thence South 46 feet; thence East parallel with said Section line 40 feet; thence North 46 feet; thence West parallel with said section line 40 feet to place of beginning.

AUCTION SALE TERMS:

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614 NORTH ORIENT STREET, FAIRMONT, MN



Legal: #23.119.0270- Lot Four (4), of Block Nine (9), Extension of Gamble's Addition to the Village (now City) of Fairmont, as per map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of Register of Deeds in and for said County

719 EAST 6TH STREET, FAIRMONT, MN



Legal: #23.239.0120- Lot Thirteen (13) of Block One (1) Stoke's Addition to the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota.

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**OWNER:
CITY OF FAIRMONT**

More Information & Pictures are available at www.landservicesunlimited.com

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cycles to develop a reserve in anticipation of construction. Because of this advance planning, no additional levy increases should be required to pay off the low-interest bonds needed for construction. More than \$3 million already has been set aside.

Council members spoke of the difficulty they had in authorizing such a large expenditure of taxpayers' money but reluctantly accepted that the proposed facility would meet the city's

needs in the most cost effective way.

Turning to other business, the council approved a two-year agreement with the Fairmont Area School District to lease two rooms in the SMEC (Central School) building for Fairmont Community Education and Recreation. The school board already has approved the agreement.

The school district will pay \$1,000 per month for use of the rooms, and CER will have access to use other rooms in the building as well as manage the use of other rooms.

CER's move from its current location in Fairmont Elementary School will free up space for the school's rapidly growing orchestra program.

In another matter, the council authorized city staff to move forward with the negotiation of a purchase and development agreement for the Senior Citizens Center at 414 Downtown Plaza. Joseph Reimann has proposed development of a brewery at the site.

The city received two proposals for the building, one from Reimann and one from the Lee C. Prentice

American Legion Post 36. The offers were scored on a number of factors, including the purchase price, economic development generated for the community, the highest value to the city and the standards of planning, zoning and building codes.

In other business, the council:

- Heard the 2020 Fairmont Economic Development Authority's annual report from Linsey Preuss, economic development coordinator. Preuss referred to 2020 as a challenging year with positive growth in the community. The number

of home sales increased by 36 percent, and the average price of homes also increased. Commercial building permits ran to \$35 million for the year, compared to \$20 million in 2019.

- Authorized purchase of a 2021 Dodge Ram truck from Militello Motors for the park department. The cost of \$25,800 was below the budgeted amount of \$30,000.

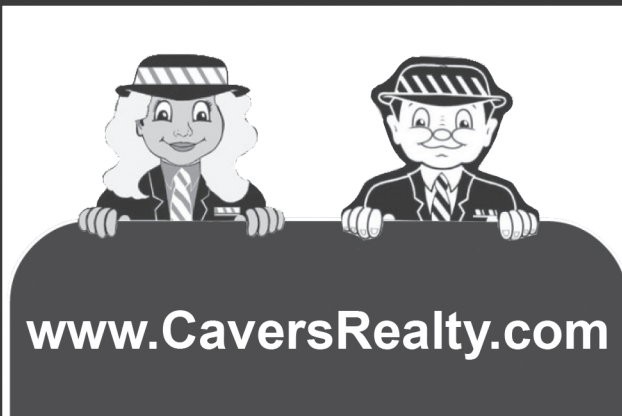
- Authorized purchase of a 2021 John Deere motor grader for the street department to replace a 1979 model. The purchase amount of \$301,800, less \$35,000 trade-

in, brought the net cost to \$266,800, which was below the budgeted amount of \$275,000.

- Was reminded that the yard waste recycle site (tree dump) will be open for the season on April 1, barring any heavy rains over the next week.

Fairmont City Council meetings can be viewed on the city's website, www.fairmont.org under the "Citizens" tab or on Fairmont Cable Channel 13 at 2 and 10 a.m. and p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 7 a.m. and p.m. on Wednesdays.

This Week's Martin County REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS brought to you by

**WARRANTY DEEDS**

B&M Property Management LLC to Brittany Steinke, David Steinke, Pt. Govt. Lot 6, NW¼, 7-102-30

Lois E. Nelson to Diane Hoverson, Pt. Govt. Lot 4, SW¼, 34-103-32

Angela Olson, Jeffrey John Olson to Aleesha D. Stromberg, Lot 21, Block 5, w/vac alley, Original Plat Monterey, Lots 22, 23 w/vac alley, Block 5, Original Plat Monterey

Lance R. Waldee, Tifanie Waldee to Jason Glidden, Krystal Stover, Pt. Lot 6, Block 3, Southside Addn., Sherburn

Aj'a Alanna Ross, Ryan Jeffrey Ross, Aj'a Alanna Walters to Cindy Lou Burnett, Jeffery Lynn Burnett, Lots 4 and 5, Block 16, Morgans Addn., Sherburn

Brooke Eisenmenger to Tammy M. Stevens, Lot 5, Block 1, Andersons

Addn., Granada

Marlaine Binde to Brenna Freitag, Isaac Freitag, Lot 3, Oak Ridge Addn.

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Timothy K. McConnell to Heather Ratcliffe, Lucas Ratcliffe, Block 6, Cardwells 2nd Addn, Ceylon

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Lynn R. Harris, Sandra F. Rettig, Kenneth H. Schultz and Dorothy M. Schultz Irrevocable Trust to Lynn R. Harris, Sandra F. Rettig, Duane K. Schultz, Pt. NE¼, 3-103-31

Jeffrey A. Laue, Russell M. Laue, Martin J. Laue Trust to Julie A. Laue Revocable Trust, Brenda J. Laue, Jeffrey A. Laue, Julie A. Laue, Trustee, Julia A. Laue, Trustee, Russell M. Laue, Trustee, Russell M. Laue, Trustee, Mary A. McManus, Russell M. Laue Revocable Trust, Und. 1/2 Int. NW¼, 26-101-31, Und. 1/2 Int. SW¼NW¼, 26-101-31, Und. 1/2 Int. NE¼, 26-101-31, Pt. Und. 1/2 Int. SW¼NE¼, 26-101-31, Und. 1/2 Int. SE¼NW¼, 26-101-31

Marcia L. Hagen, Marcia L. Hendrickson, Marcia L. Hagen Revocable Trust to Marcia L. Hendrickson Irrevocable Trust, Sherri L. Ogden, Trustee, Pt. E½SW¼, 10-104-32

Marilyn J. Hardt, Lisa Rank, Frank P. Nowak Trust to Marilyn J. Hardt, Trustee, Marilyn J. Hardt Trust, Lisa Rank, Trustee, Lot 1, Block 1, Kents Addn.

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Friday, April 16th, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. - FRANCIS & LAVONNE FETT ESTATE-80 Acres of Farmland & Building Site in Section 8 of Christiana Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at bldg site at 50914 920th Street, Windom, MN. Dan Pike & Associates

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GOOD LUCK AT STATE!



Martin County Magic 2nd at Sections

The Magic finished second to state bound Worthington at the Section 3A Gymnastics meet in Jackson last Saturday. Magics Sabrina Segar qualified for state by placing second in the all-around.

The Class A tournament will be at Champlin Park High School this Friday. Segar had an all-around total of 36.1 just behind Hali Bullerman of Worthington's 36.4. Segar placed first-on the floor exercise 9.525, placed third on the balance beam with a 9.1, placed fifth on the bars at 8.225 and third on the vault with a 9.25. Last year Segar finished 16th on vault 9.425 and 36th on the floor 8.925.

Other Magic finishers; 11th Ellie Hernes 32.025 – 13th Vault 8.65, 17th bars 7.15, 16th beam 8.0, floor 8.225. 12th

Hailee Schuett 31.725 – 21st vault 8.3, 21st bars 7.0, 14th beam 8.075, 14th floor 8.35. 13th Anna Utermarck 31.175 – 13th vault 8.65, 27th bars 6.55, 18th beam 7.925, 18th floor 8.05. Anna Bachenberg, one of the Magics top scorers missed the meet due to an injury.

Team Results

Worthington 143.050, Martin County Area 133.150, JCC 132.6, Redwood Valley 131.250, Luverne 129.550, Windom/Mountain Lake 124.525, Pipestone Area 120.4 and Marshall 117.075

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Gallagher- "Bob" Gallagher wants to "thank" everyone for thinking of him on his 95th birthday. Bless you all. Bob Gallagher. 12-1tp-1

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STIFLING DEFENSE - Maddy Schwieger and Cardinal teammate #14 Bryn Miller held New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva to 16 first half points and went on to defeat the Panthers 62-42 last Wednesday night. The 2AA South Sub-Section #3-seeded Cardinals with the win traveled to #2-seeded Waseca Friday night and lost 55-44. The Cardinals ended their season with a 13-6 record. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



CHARITY TOSSES - Cardinals Levi Pooley hit a pair of late free throws to wrap up a 3AA South Sub-Section playoff 66-58 win over Jackson County Central last Thursday night. Pooley's three consecutive 3 pointers in the waning minutes helped the Cards overcome a 17 point second half Huskies lead. The #2-seeded Pipestone Arrows ended the #3-seeded Cardinals season last Saturday night in Pipestone with a 64-57 win. The Cards finished their season with a 7-11 record. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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