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LEE 90TH - Lois Lee of Jackson will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, April 2nd with an open house from 2-4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha. All friends and family are invited. If you are unable to attend, cards can reach her at: 1023 Homedale Drive, Jackson, MN 56143.

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont is hosting a **free community meal** Wednesday, March 29th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, located at 319 Downtown Plaza. They will serve spaghetti, lettuce salad, and bread. Everyone is welcome!

Martin County West indoor swimming pool in Sherburn is accepting registrations for spring and summer **Red Cross swimming lessons**. Forms are available at any MCW school or the school website. Contact elizabethviesselman@mcwmavericks.org for information.

City of Lakes Garden Club to meet

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet on Wednesday, April 5th at 11 a.m. in Fairmont.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month and the host/hostess chooses the location and time to meet. The purpose of this organization is to encourage all forms of horticulture in the home and commu-



Haley Ann Donohue, daughter of Ryan and Leslie Donohue of Granada, was born February 13th, 2017. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and measured 21 inches. Grandparents are Kent and Jodee Lewis of Granada, Jim and Julie Blumhoefer of Stacy, MN and Mike and Deb Donohue of Coon Rapids, MN. Great-grandparents are Connie and Betty Lewis of Fairmont, Mary Rosenthal of East Chain and Marian Donohue of Falcon Heights, MN. Haley was welcomed home by brothers Aidan and Colten and sister Ava.

Tuesday, April 4th, **People First** will hold its monthly meeting, 3:30 p.m., at MRCI's cafeteria in Fairmont. Guest speaker will be Det. Tonder from the Fairmont Police Department. Anybody needing a ride to this event or has questions about People First should contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017.

The annual meeting of the **Center Creek Cemetery Association** will be held this Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Granada council room. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

UHD Hospice offers Grief Support Classes

Are you coping with the death of a loved one? United Hospital District (UHD) Hospice is offering Grief Support to those in need.

In Fairmont, classes will be offered on eight consecutive Mondays starting Monday, April 3rd. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at "The Sunroom" at Woodland Manor on the Campus of Lakeview Health Services, 610 Summit Drive in Fairmont. Trained Grief Facilitators will be Gloria

Senenfelder and Jean Bieri.

In Blue Earth, classes will be offered on eight consecutive Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, April 4th from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center "Corral Room", 1219 South Ramsey Street in Blue Earth. Trained Grief Facilitators will be Gloria Senenfelder and Karla Tukua.

For more information and to pre-register, contact Naomi Segar at 507-526-7970.

Red Rock Center Lunch with the Arts

Tuesday, April 4th at noon, Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont will host "Lunch with the Arts" program featuring Esther Marcella Hoffmann, playwright, comedian, and poet, joined by Laura Karels, singer/songwriter. Together they will present a light hearted, entertaining 50 minute show filled with music, poetry and skits. This duo comes from Mankato.

Esther has collaborated and created shows



Esther Hoffmann

with Mankato Mosaic, the Merry Dysfunctional, and Cabaret Le Ruse. Her one woman show, *Suffering for Nothing*, was presented at Minnesota Fringe in 2015.

Karels writes and performs with the band, Bee Balm Fields, providing an Americana sound. Her music is influenced by groups such as Leadbelly, Shovels and Rope, Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline.

Bring a sack lunch if desired. The program is free, everyone welcome.



Laura Karels

Two students selected for Federated scholarships

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, congratulates the two local students receiving the tenth annual \$1,000 Federated/Basin Scholarships. This is the seventh year that two students were selected.

Sierra Williamson, Sherburn, receives the \$1,000

Federated/L&O/Basin Scholarship. Williamson is a senior at Martin County West High School. Williamson will attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and major in Agriculture and Food Business Management with a minor in International Business. She is the daughter of Jamie and Deb.

Winner Tanner Nordseth, Round Lake, is a senior at Worthington High School.

"These scholarships come from two power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota; and L&O Power Co-

operative in Rock Rapids, Iowa," stated Scott Reimer, Federated's general manager. "We are members of both cooperatives since 2008. Basin awards 136 of these scholarships. Federated is excited to award the \$1,000 scholarships"

The scholarship is available to Federated members with high school seniors and college students who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school working on an undergraduate or master's degree. Federated received 15 applications. Each applicant completed a two-page application, wrote an essay, submitted grades, a reference checklist and college test scores.

These scholarship applications were judged by retired school personnel John Stenzel, Heron Lake; and Randy Grupe, Trimont.



Sierra Williamson

Sickler named Farm Manager of the Year

Farmers National Company, the nation's leading farm and ranch management company, is pleased to announce that Paul Sickler, Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) of Brandon, South Dakota, has been named the company's 2016 Farm Manager of the Year.

This prestigious award is presented each year to one of our over 100 professional farm managers for excellence in performing farm management duties. Applicants for the award are judged by a panel of outside agribusiness professionals based on actual day-to-day management of farms and client service.

Sickler has worked for Farmers National Company since 1989 and has received numerous awards during his tenure with the company.

David Englund, AFM, Senior Vice President of Farm and Ranch Management, said: "Paul has been a very valuable member

of the Farmers National Company team for 27 years, and we are very excited and proud that he has received this well deserved award. Paul's dedication to his clients is one of the main factors for earning this recognition. He looks at each farm and



works very diligently to manage them just like they were his own.

He communicates very well with his clients and farm operators so that all parties are well informed as to what is taking place on

the farms and what is expected. His clients have a very good comfort level with Paul's management and know their farms are in good hands. We are very proud that Paul Sickler has been named the 2016 FNC Farm Manager of the Year."

Sickler is a graduate of Sherburn High School and the University of Minnesota and is the son of Marsha Sickler of Sherburn. He received his award in Fort Meyers, Florida on March 2nd, 2017.

9th Annual Area High School Art Show

Now through April 11th, Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont will host its 9th Annual Area High School Art Show, giving area students the opportunity to shine in this exhibition.

The exhibit features 50+ pieces of artwork in a variety of media from each of the area schools: Blue Earth, Fairmont, Granada-Huntley-

East Chain, North Union and Truman. The exhibit will conclude with a workshop and closing ceremony on April 11th at noon.

The gallery is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., evenings and weekends by appointment. Open to the public - free of charge.



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Bloodmobile needs O negative, AB blood types

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Ceylon for one day, Wednesday, April 5th, at Legends 2, 103 East Main Street, from 1 to 6 p.m.

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April. Donating blood is a simple way to make a profound difference in the lives of patients.

The American Red Cross is issuing a call for type O negative and AB blood donors to make an appointment to give after severe winter weather in some parts of the country caused about 250 Red Cross blood drives to cancel in March, resulting in more than 8,500 uncollected blood donations.

Type O negative blood and type AB plasma are two of the most in-demand blood products by hospitals. Those who give can help patients locally or across the country as the Red Cross has the ability to move blood products where and when they are needed most.

Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is often needed in emergency situations when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type. While less than 7 percent of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, hospitals depend

on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need. Type O negative blood donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team.

Type AB is the universal plasma type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type in an emergency. Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting and immunity. Plasma can be donated through a blood donation.

"All blood types are needed to meet the constant need of patients, and there is a significant need now for type O negative and AB donations to help some of the most vulnerable patients," said Sue The-senga, communications manager, North Central Red Cross Blood Services.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues hosting **Wednesday Evening Suppers** during Lent. This Wednesday the meal will be chicken tortellini and tomato soups, along with grilled cheese sandwiches. Next Wednesday, April 5th they will serve homemade chili and corn chowder with muffins. All dinners include peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts, jello and beverages. A donation of \$2 is suggested.

Fairmont Area Elementary observes Epilepsy Day



Epilepsy Awareness Day was March 26th. Fairmont Elementary School staff and students showed their support by wearing lots of purple to school on Friday, March 24th. (Submitted photos)



Trinity Lutheran Church of Trimont will be hosting **Tuesday Coffee Hours** for the month of April. It will be held on Tuesdays, April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us for coffee, rolls and fellowship. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent.

St. John Vianney Church Faith Formation 10th grade students will hold a **presentation of The Last Supper** "Do this in remembrance of Me" on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. All are welcome to attend this presentation.

Fairmont American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36 will meet Tuesday, April 4th at 7 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. All interested in the auxiliary are encouraged to attend.



Fairmont and other area fire departments, Fairmont Police and Gold Cross Ambulance responded to an early morning fire on the second floor of a business/apartment building on South Grant Street in Fairmont early last Wednesday morning. The fire started in one of the apartments on the second floor. Officials were able to safely evacuate all of the occupants of the building. Preliminary damage estimates were between \$200,000 and \$250,000.



Pack 57 would like to say **THANK YOU** to our neighbors north of the rail road tracks in Fairmont! Their generous donations of 515 pounds of food stuffs left on their door steps for our pack to pick up helped make our annual "Scouting for Food" service project a blessing for the Salvation Army food shelf and our community. (Submitted photo)

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Three Things to Consider When it comes to Retirement Planning and Taxes

It's never too early to start thinking about next year...taxes aren't fun but they are a part of life and getting to that dream life and dream retirement. Here are a few simple things you can start thinking about for next year to possibly reduce the amount you owe.

1. Utilize a Health Savings Account (HSA)

1. To do this, you must not yet be on Medicare, and also have a deductible of at least a certain amount, which changes annually. The great think about an HSA is that it's the only triple-tax-free account: (1) deduction for the contribution; (2) no tax on growth; (3) tax-free distribution when used for qualifying medical expense.*

2. Try to reduce the amount of Social Security income on which you pay tax

Up to 85% of your Social Security is subject to tax... and this percentage is determined by your other income. For instance, taking an extra IRA distribution or realizing a capital gain could cause more of

your Social Security to be taxed, so it almost feels as if you are being double taxed. Thus, this needs to be monitored closely.

3. If over 70.5 years of age, utilize Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

As these were recently made permanent and allow IRA owners to directly transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA to charity. QCDs do count towards the satisfaction of your required minimum distribution (RMD). QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. As a result:

-Income taxes on Social Security benefits can increase,

-Adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on annual charitable deductions can defeat current deduction of the charitable contribution of IRA distribution proceeds (carryovers to a limited number of future tax years

is available),

-AGI limitations trimming itemized deductions can apply, and

-Medicare insurance premiums can increase.

**Please review your HSA documents or consult with your financial advisor for information regarding qualified medical expenses. The foregoing information has been obtained from sources considered to be reliable, but we do not guarantee that it is accurate or complete.*

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Fairmont Speech Team attends two tourneys

The Fairmont Speech Team competed at two tournaments recently.

The Big South Speech Conference was held in New Ulm Thursday, March 16th. Fairmont had two conference champions; Emma Koehler in Poetry Reading and Mikayla Soelter in Storytelling and four conference Honorable Mentions: Ben Hernes in Prose Reading, Emily Haugen in Extemporaneous Reading, Lauren Carlson in Informative Speaking & Lexi Fischer in Humorous Interpretation. Overall Fairmont placed a 3rd as a team.

Then on Saturday March 18th, Fairmont competed at the JWP tournament in Janesville. Fairmont took 1st place out of

15 schools. Between varsity and novice categories Fairmont had nine event champions.

In the novice category champions included; Christopher Lebert in Discussion, Flavia Correa Original Oratory, Kaycie Brookens in Prose Reading & Weston Loughmiller in Extemporaneous Speaking. Receiving 3rd place awards included; Annika Wheeler in Storytelling & Lily Steuber in Extemporaneous Speaking. Alexis Bettin received 4th place in Prose Reading & SkyLi Malo received 5th place in Humorous Interpretation.

In the varsity category champions included; Emma Koehler in Poetry Reading, Eric Head in Creative Expression, Lauren

Carlson in Informative Speaking, Mikayla Soelter in Story telling, Tony Joseph in Original Oratory, Mikayla Soelter in Prose Reading. Receiving 2nd place awards include; Ben Hernes in Prose Reading & Lauren Carlson & Emma Koehler in Duo Interpretation. Receiving 3rd place awards include; Bethany Linse in Storytelling, Lexi Fischer in Humorous Interpretation & Maddy Pierce in Great Speeches. Receiving 4th place awards include; Amaya Komaragiri in Original Oratory & Apoorva Komaragiri in Prose Reading. Makena Rodriguez received a 5th place finish in Great Speeches. 6th place awards went to Bergen Senf in Discussion, Emily Haugen in Extemporaneous Reading & Izzy Munsch in Humorous Interpretation.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 1, 1992

Linda Clerc of Fairmont was recognized for high achievement at the annual Management Conference held for Mary Kay Sales Directors in San Jose, CA. She was awarded her fifth automobile, a 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Zanke's Sporting Goods, 445 Lake Avenue, announced its 12th annual Fishermen's Days. Fishermen could have their reels refilled with Berkeley's Trilene for one cent per yard.

A Fairmont couple was found shot to death in their mobile home on West Ken Rue Lane. The bodies of Dennis and Dorothy Walters were found by their 12-year-old son when he returned home from school. Whether the deaths were murder-suicide or double homicide had not been determined.

Daylight Saving Time was to start on Sunday, April 5th.

Jack Doolittle and Dennis J. Harris, both of Fairmont, completed professional training in the craft of installing Armstrong Resilient Floors, through a course presented by Armstrong Installation School. Both men were carpet installers for Doolittles' Carpet & Paint in Fairmont.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 1, 1967

Attorneys Thomas E. Dougherty and Kenneth E. Scott moved into their new building at 117 N. Main St. A third member of the firm, John W. Flynn, was continuing his law practice at 101 S. Main, sharing his office with newly

elected County Attorney Robert H. Brodt.

Edwin R. Larson, Standard Oil bulk salesman of Fairmont, was killed when his car crashed into a tree on Interlaken Road, just off Amber Lake Drive. Larson, 57, was alone in the car.

Lt. Gov. James Goetz was scheduled to speak at the annual spring banquet of the Martin County Farm Bureau.

Martin County Bank advertised their new drive-through banking service.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Community Service projects needed

The Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Cardinal Connections Groups are looking for service projects to tackle in the Fairmont community for our Community Service Project Day on Friday, May 12th (rain date is May 19th).

There are 46 Cardinal Connections Groups with an average of 18 students (grades 7-12) per group that are looking to helping others in our community. Some of the projects that our groups have worked

at in the past for individuals are yard work, landscaping, garage and/or basement cleanout, wash windows, and basic home improvements.

Some other projects groups have worked at are cleaning the downtown area, cleaning the city parks, going to nursing homes to spend time with the residents, going to the Humane Society and helping at local businesses.

If you are an individual or a business that has a

need for some extra hands this spring, please consider filling out an application for a service project. The application can be found in the school's website at fairmontareaschools.com then click on Fairmont Jr./Sr High School, click on For Parents, click on Community Service Day, and then finally click on application. Applications are also available at the Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School office. All applications are due by April 28th, 2017.

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

HEIDEE is a brown tabby "kitten". At just under a year, Heidee has been with us since she was about 4 months old. Originally she didn't want anyone to handle her, but she is now happy to be petted, but is still nervous about being held. We are hoping she can find a patient home that will give her the love she deserves. **KOKO** is a bit of a diva. She likes things "just so". One of Koko's quirks is that she doesn't like to share her space with most other cats. Ms Koko does like neck rubs and head scratches. Koko is declawed. She has a very pretty coat of brown tabby with hints of rust spread throughout. If you need a diva in your life, Koko is accepting applicants for review.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

PENNY is a long-haired purebred Chihuahua puppy. She is between 7-9 months old. This little girl has a back leg that is partially missing but it doesn't slow her down. Penny is in a foster home with cats and other dogs. She loves them and her human fosters. Penny lived in a kennel setting until last month, so she has been learning lots of new skills this month.

CASSIUS is a brindle boy of about 1 year old. He is a mixed breed, with perhaps shepherd, terrier, or ?? Cassius was surrendered because of a change in the living conditions. He is an energetic, happy guy who knows how to sit.

JAX is a handsome silver schnauzer mix. Jax is a small guy with a big attitude. He has strong negative opinions about children, and about some men. He is a handsome ladies' man. Jax does well with his favorite canine gal Dolly, but is not a fan of most other dogs.

Bake Sale on April 8th at Fleet and Farm 9am-1pm.

Have IRA questions? Let's talk.



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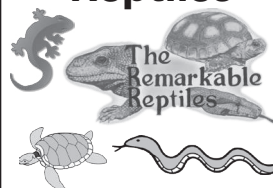
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The Remarkable Reptiles



Gaze upon cages of live reptiles (all harmless) and assorted artifacts. Pet the loose boa constrictor or even hold it!

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Best Coffee Cake!

Last Saturday morning my church circle met and Helga Anderson served a delicious coffee cake with fruit for our treat. She graciously shared the recipe with me, so I am passing it along to you. I make one that has similar ingredients but not the butterscotch pudding. It had a great flavor, so I hope that you will like it too. Thank you Helga!

Best Ever Coffee Cake

Mix in a bowl:

1 box yellow cake mix

1 box (4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix

1 box (4 oz.) instant butterscotch pudding mix

In another bowl mix:

1 cup oil

1 cup + 1 tbsp. water

4 eggs

Add dry mix and blend til smooth and lumps are gone, around 2 minutes, at medium speed.

Topping:

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Pour half of the batter into a buttered 9x13 inch pan. Sprinkle half the sugar/nut mixture over it. Pour rest of the batter evenly and sprinkle rest of topping over last layer of batter. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Have a great week!

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

It's a pretty well established fact that kids learn through play.

To encourage little learners, the Martin County Library and branches all have "playful learning kits!" What that really means, is that each month, your library (Fairmont, Sherburn, Trimont and Truman) will have a themed variety of books, puzzles, toys, games and fun things to play with!

As children play, they learn how to solve problems, how to get along

with others, and develop fine and gross motor skills. These are all essential life skills! Play is also a great way for parents, grandparents and older siblings to get involved with little learners. Adults might even find that kids can teach them a thing or too—like how there's more than one way to play with a toy or a game!

Playing can help kids use creativity and make up their own games. Encourage their endless curiosity! From barnyard animals to numbers and letters to engineering and fairy tales and science, these fun kits have something fun for everyone!

Be sure to stop in at your library regularly to see what new and fun activities are available for our smallest learners!

Red Cross seeks local blood donors

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Monday in April. Donating blood is a simple way to make a profound difference in the lives of patients.

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions. Donors of all blood types are needed this spring.

Some upcoming blood donation opportunities locally include:

Blue Earth:

Monday, April 3rd from

12-6 p.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 12080 380th Avenue, Blue Earth.

Ceylon:

Wednesday, April 5th from 1-6 p.m. at Legends 2, 103 E. Main Street, Ceylon.

St. James:

Thursday, April 6th from 1-7 p.m. and Friday, April 7th from 8 a.m. to Noon at First Presbyterian Church, 706 Third Avenue, St. James.

To make an appointment or for more info, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.



Ask A Trooper: Open bottle law

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Can you talk about the open bottle law in Minnesota? Can a person have an alcoholic beverage while operating a boat on a lake? How about if you are a passenger in the back of a motor home?

Answer: It is against the law for any person to consume alcohol in any vehicle while on a public road. Public highways are any road, paved or not, that are open to the public for vehicular traffic.

The law also applies to open alcohol containers that are accessible to the driver and passengers. To transport open alcohol containers legally, it must be kept in the trunk or an area that is not readily accessible to occupants of the vehicle.

The driver of a motor vehicle can be cited for allowing an open bottle, even if they are not in possession themselves.

The same law applies in a motor home. No person may legally consume alcoholic beverages whether they are the driver or passenger, regardless of where they are in the motor home, while on a public road.

All occupants must use good judgement when in a motor vehicle. An open alcohol con-

tainer is a clue we look for when investigating a possible DWI. An operator of a motor vehicle can be arrested for DWI anywhere within the state of Minnesota if found to under the influence.

Drinking and driving could have a deadly outcome for you, your passengers and other motorists sharing the road.

The following motorized vehicles are exempt from Minnesota's open container law:

- Off-road vehicles (ATVs)—unless they are being operated on roadways or shoulder of a roadway that is not part of a grant-in-aid trail or trail designated for that vehicle

- Motorized boats

- Buses operated by a hired driver

- A vehicle providing limousine service

Boat operators are exempt from this law as they are not being operated on a public road; however, if you are consuming alcohol on the water the best practice is to have a sober driver because alcohol impairs judgement. There have been many tragic stories on our lakes and rivers where an impaired boat operator has caused a fatal or serious crash. It is important to note that boat operators can be cited for operating under the influence.

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)

Fairmont CER's new guide now available

The Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Guide for April through September is now available. Copies can be found at local grocery stores, Martin County library, restaurants, city hall and the CER office. Most local residents also should have received a copy in the mail.

The 48-page guide lists all the CER classes, local events, general interest programs and special events, from "Active Learning" to "Zumba."

For more information, go to CER's facebook page, www.facebook.com/FairmontCER or www.fairmontk12.mn.us/cer

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- Rinse skin with running water for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Call **1-800-222-1222**.

Inhaled poison?

- Get to fresh air right away.
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Swallowed the wrong medicine or too much medicine?

- Call **1-800-222-1222**.

Swallowed something that's not food or medicine?

- Drink a small amount of milk or water.
- Call **1-800-222-1222**.

Poison Prevention Tips

STORE POISONS SAFELY: Store medicines and household products locked up, where children cannot see or reach them • Store poisons in their original containers • Use child-resistant packaging. Remember - nothing is child-proof!
USE POISONS SAFELY: Read the label. Follow the directions on medicines and products • Are children around? Take the product or medicine with you to answer the door or the phone • Is it medicine? Call it medicine, not candy • Children learn by imitation. Take your medicines where children can't watch.
TEACH CHILDREN TO ASK FIRST: Poisons can look like food or drink. Teach children to ask an adult before eating or drinking anything.

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FOX LAKE 4-H CLUB

The Fox Lake 4-H Club held their March meeting on March 12th, 2017 at the Bowlmor Lanes in Fairmont at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and the Flag and Club pledges were said. The roll call for the March meeting was "What is your favorite ice-cream flavor?" The secretary and treasurer reports were then given.

The old business addressed getting different shirts made for our Club. Alexi is checking into it. We are still planning to

plant a tree in Welcome too for our community pride project. The Club members also participated in the 'Kids against Hunger' pack in February.

Dakota and Annie gave a presentation on Building Leadership & Understanding (BLU) that they had attended. In April we are planning to participate in the 'ditch pickup'. The plan is to meet at the Welcome Legion at 8:45 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. start. After the 'ditch pickup' we will meet back at the Legion for a taco bar and desserts. After the meeting, the members bowled a game and then went to the Pizza Ranch for supper.

Gracie Boerner,
Reporter

Drew Schellpeper qualifies for Leaders Conference

Drew Schellpeper of Fairmont has qualified for Edward Jones' Financial Advisor Leaders Conference. This conference recognizes financial advisors who are among the leaders in the financial-services firm. The conference also will provide ad-

ditional training to help them serve more individual investors in their communities.

Schellpeper was among the only 821 financial advisors who qualified out of the firm's 14,000 financial advisors in the U.S. and Canada.

Minnesota Firearm Safety Training scheduled

A spring course for Minnesota Firearm Safety Training has been scheduled. There is no pre-registration required.

Registration will take place Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont National Guard Armory. The course runs for five weeks and meets on Monday and Thursday evenings. It is open to anyone 11 years old or older. The course concludes on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 with class times running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The course consists of 25 hours of classroom training and culminates with a written exam, as well as a practical field

exam.

The field exam will be held at the Fairmont Trap Club on Saturday, May 6th beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until everyone has completed their assignments.

Cost for the course is \$15. Students under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have a copy of their Birth Certificate at registration.

Anyone born after January 1st, 1980 must complete Firearm Safety Training in order to purchase any type of hunting license in the State of Minnesota.

For more info, contact Brad Wells at 507-236-0449.

Welcome Historical Society upcoming events

Welcome Historical Society will be open on Saturday, April 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. They will also be cleaning the museum that day. If anyone is available to help, please come to the museum at 2 p.m.

Martin County Relay for Life Committee and Team Captain meeting will be held Monday, April 3rd from 6 to 7 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-

Fairmont in the Main Class Room.

Welcome Historical Society will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, April 5th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion Hall. A potluck supper will follow the meeting. \$10 membership dues may be paid at this time. All members and residents are invited to attend.

St. John Vianney School 3rd quarter honor roll

St. John Vianney School in Fairmont has announced its third quarter 2016-2017 honor roll:

Carter Robasse
Mireya Schmidt
Nathaniel Soelter
Gabriel Striemer

Grade 5:

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Katherine Hartke
Isaiah Lockwood

"B" Honor Roll:

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Jorvik Jensen
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Grade 6:

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Kate Busche
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Time for financial spring cleaning

Spring is in the air, even if it's not quite there on the calendar. This year, as you shake off the cobwebs from winter and start tidying up around your home and yard, why not also do some financial spring cleaning?

Actually, you can apply several traditional spring cleaning techniques to your financial situation. Here are a few ideas:

- **Look for damage.** Damage to your home's siding, shingles and foundation can eventually degrade the structure of your home. Your investment portfolio is also a structure of a sort, and it, too, can be damaged. Specifically, you may have deliberately constructed your portfolio with an investment mix - stocks, fixed-income vehicles, cash instruments, etc. - that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

But over time, your portfolio can evolve in unexpected ways. For example, your stocks may have grown so much in value that they now take up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, possibly subjecting you to a higher degree of risk. If this happens, you may need to rebalance your portfolio.

- **Get rid of "clutter."** As you look around your home, do you see three mops or four nonfunctional televisions or a stack of magazines from the 1990s? If these items no longer have value, you could get rid of them and clear up some living space. As an investor, you also might have "clutter" - in the form of investments that no longer meet your needs. If you sold these investments, you could use the proceeds to fill gaps in your portfolio.

- **Consolidate.** Do you keep your lawnmower in a shed, a rake in your garage, and your gardening tools in the basement? When working on your outdoor tasks, you might find it more efficient to have all these items in one location. You could also have your investments scattered about - an IRA here, a new 401(k) there, and an older 401(k) somewhere else. But if you consolidated all your investments in one place, you might cut down on paperwork and fees, and you wouldn't risk losing track of an asset (which actually happens more than you might think). Even more importantly, when you have all your investments with one provider, you'll

be better positioned to follow a single, centralized investment strategy.

- **Prepare for a rainy day.** As part of your outdoor spring cleaning, you may want to look at your gutters and downspouts to make sure they are clear and in good repair, so that they can move rainwater away from your home. Your financial goals need protection, too, so you'll want to ensure you have adequate life and disability insurance.

- **Seal leaks.** In your home inspection this spring, you may want to investigate doors and windows for leaks and drafts. Your investment portfolio might have some "leaks" also. Are investment-related taxes siphoning off more of your earnings than you realize? A financial professional can offer you recommendations for appropriate tax-advantaged investments.

This spring, when you're cleaning your physical surroundings, take some time to also tidy up your financial environment. You may be pleased with the results.

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STEVE MEYER (center) of Welcome won a 2017 Chevy LTZ pickup, plus a generator and air compressor, in the Valent USA Corp. Resource Herbicide Sweepstakes. Locally, Hefty Seeds is the Valent Fierce Herbicide dealer. Valent's headquarters are in Walnut Creek, California with a Minneapolis regional office. Meyer's winning entry was drawn from over 6,000 entries. Pictured, left to right: Matt Kirkpatrick, Valent Area Sales Manager; Trevor Dale, Valent USA Sales Representative; winners Lori Meyer and Steve Meyer and their daughter Jordan; Steve Draper, Hefty Agronomist, and the Meyers' son, Brody.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Truman Gun Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Truman Gun Club Clubhouse.

The 2017 Summer League schedule and events will be set up and election of officers will be held.

Contact Lawrence Salic at 507-236-8715 or Mike Borkenhagen at 507-236-6251 for any questions.

The 2017 season will begin the end of May and continue through the month of August.

Inform anyone you know who might be interested in shooting this year.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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Jeff's Jottings

Any one of us who has ever owned a pet has probably felt the same as I do this week. Karis and I had to make the tough decision to lay our pet cat, Abby to rest last weekend after she had gone almost three weeks without eating much at all. We had found Abby at the Martin County Humane Society almost nine years ago when we were looking for an indoor companion and knew she was the one right away.



She had apparently had a rough life before arriving at the shelter, because she was always very afraid of people and she took over a month to let me pet her. Even with her peculiar mannerisms, Karis and I became very fond of Abby. Not having kids ourselves, we made Abby and our pet dog, Snickers our "kids"-even including them on our annual Christmas cards. So, when we could see that she was suffering and even our "force-feeding" was not helping her, we made the very tough decision to let her go. Our pets become part of the family, as they should be, and it is hard to lose their companionship. I am thankful for the Martin County Humane Society for allowing me to spend nine years with a treasured "kid".

A new "What is it?"

The last time I had a "What is it?" in this col-

umn, I received numerous replies as to what it was, even though I figured no one would know what it was, so I guess I need to give you more of a challenge, and this week's "What is it?" may just do that! Jean Beckendorf of Welcome brought this piece in last week, saying that she found it in a building on their place and didn't know what it was. It is made of cast



iron and measures about 11 inches long, is six and a half inches wide (with handle). As you can see, one end can be attached to a table or other flat surface and the other end is like a "mini-wringer" that has a handle, two metal rollers and the top is hinged to open, if needed. There

are no identifying marks on the entire piece, other than what I assume is a part number "VH1" on the inside of the one area. The item at one time was painted a shade of green, as much of it had flaked off over time. The handle grip is made of a hardened rubber. After studying it for some time, I did not have a guess as to what it was. A couple of guesses from employees were "a

at: jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com.

Thanks to Jean for bringing in this unique item and now it's up to the readers to see if we can determine what it is!

Soup, spaghetti, coffee and reptiles!

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 tortellini and tomato soups, along with grilled cheese sandwiches. Next Wednesday will be homemade chili and corn chowder with muffins. Serving is from 5 to 6 p.m. (or until food runs out!) A \$2 donation is suggested. Also on Wednesday, March 29th First Congregational UCC Fairmont will have a free community meal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will serve spaghetti, lettuce salad, and bread. On Friday, March 31st, the 32nd annual Family Fun Fair will be held at Fairmont Area Elementary from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Take in

the ACME Magic Show, Remarkable Reptiles, and many activities at the fair. Supper will also be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost for the event is \$8 per family or \$4 per person. Check out their ad in this week's Photo Press for more details! On Tuesday, April 4th, Trinity Lutheran Church of Trimont will host the first Tuesday morning coffee that will continue on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Trinity is the host church for the month of April. The coffee time is from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and will feature coffee, rolls and fellowship. Men and women are invited to come have fellowship! Next Wednesday, April 5th, St. John Vianney Church Faith Formation students will have a presentation of the Last Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the church. All are invited. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Don't get fooled on Saturday!

- Jeff

Feeling guilty

By Al Batt

The Raptor Center called and asked me to pick up an injured bald eagle in Northwood, Iowa. I was unavailable.

Q-and-A

"What do small birds do in strong winds?" Songbirds perch securely in hedges or on the protected sides of trees. Many birds are able to detect subtle changes in air pressure. If they think the need to hunker down is coming, birds eat high-fat, high-energy foods to get through the storm.

"Do wind turbines kill bats?" New research published in "Biological Conservation" said that spinning wind turbine blades might be threatening the survival of one of North America's most widespread migratory bat, the hoary bat. Mike Daulton, Executive Director of Bat Conservation International, said, "This species is headed for the emergency room if we don't act now."

The hoary bat is the species most frequently killed by wind turbines in the U.S. and Canada. Widespread across the continent, an estimated 128,000 hoary bats are killed each year. The study, done by international experts, academics and biologists from several federal agencies, looked at hoary bat mortality at wind energy facilities.

It revealed that populations of the species might plunge by 90 percent over the next 50 years if no action is taken. The findings are a wakeup call. The future isn't all doom and gloom. Daulton added, "Solutions are within our grasp. We have great hope that this is a problem that the conservation community, key government agencies and the wind industry can work together to solve."

"When are deer born here?" The mating season lasts from October to December. They give birth to one to three young at a time, usually in May or June after a gestation period of seven months. The fawns wear a reddish-brown coat with white spots that helps them blend in with their environment.

"What can I feed the robins in winter weather?" Provide water. You could feed robins chopped fruit, suet, mealworms or nuts placed on a tray feeder. Planting fruit trees will help future generations of robins.

How many birds are there?

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor said that there are almost twice as many species of birds as currently thought. UNL's Robert Zink said that there are nearly twice as many bird species across the globe as widely believed because so many birds have been wrongly classified as belonging to the same species. Zink's con-

cept — the phylogenetic species concept — looks for distinguishable differences among groups, either genetic or in appearance, internal or external, in determining whether birds are of different species. Some scientists object to Zink's notion that the world contains about 18,000 species instead of the widely accepted 10,000.

At the Hormel Nature Center in Austin

There will be an Earth Day Celebration dedication of the new Interpretive Center on Saturday, April 22nd at 1 p.m. Visit and watch the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony and self-guided tour of the new building. The Interpretive Center will not open until 1 p.m.

National Park Week

There will be free entrance to all national parks during the weekends of National Park Week. The 118 National Park Service sites that normally charge entrance fees will offer free admission on April 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd. There are also free or reduced rate annual passes available for active duty military families, fourth grade students, senior citizens, volunteers and people with permanent disabilities.

National Park Week starts with National Junior Ranger Day on April 15th. Throughout the country, kids of all ages can take part in family friendly events and earn a park-specific Junior Ranger badge. Children can see bald eagles up close at Mississippi National River

and Recreation Area, participate in crafts at Lowell National Historical Park, go on an archeology dig at Chiricahua National Monument or test their GPS skills in Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park.

Thanks for stopping by "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour, and is not reminded of the flux of all things?"-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: They must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it."-- John Ruskin

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Fairmont High School senior Tony Joseph was named a Rotary "Student of the Month". Tony, the son of Dr. Abraham and Simmi Joseph, has one sister, Briana. Tony's school activities include Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Band, Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Soccer, Tennis, and Speech. Tony is not yet sure which college he will attend after graduation, but plans to study biology/chemistry. (Submitted photo)

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Ten tips for successful spring cleaning

(NAPS)—As the weather begins to warm, many people begin to think about spring cleaning. Here are 10 simple tasks to help get ready for spring.

1. Clean the Windows. A simple solution of dish soap and warm water and a squeegee will give you the best results.

2. Clean those often-neglected baseboards and door frames. Dish soap and warm water are once again a good solution for wiping down these areas.

3. Dust ceiling fans and wall art. Use a microfiber dusting cloth to wipe down fan blades, artwork and photographs.

4. Freshen Up Window Treatments. Vacuum blinds with a brush attachment. Wooden blinds can be wiped with a gentle wood cleaner; plastic and metal blinds can be removed and bathed in a solution of warm water and dish soap.

5. Clean Out Kitchen Cabinets. First, take everything out of the cabinets and wipe down the

insides. Next, sort plastic storage containers and throw out any that are stained or missing lids. Check expiration dates and throw items away as needed. Wipe down the outside of all cabinets.



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out or put back items as needed.

7. Clean Out the Couches. Clear out any lost coins and other goodies and use a vacuum wand attachment to clean the cushions and crevices.

8. Clean out the Gutters. A little work now to remove debris and check for damage is well worth it to avoid future damage to your home's exterior or foundation should the gutters stop diverting water as intended.

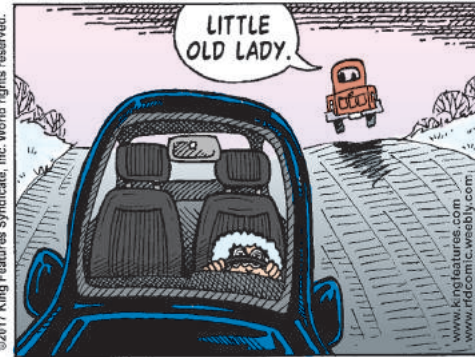
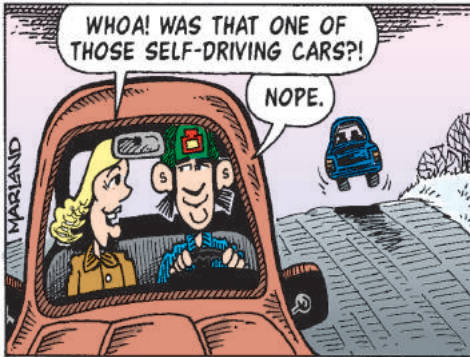
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A comfortable way to save on energy

(NAPS)—When it comes to getting a good deal on home cooling and heating, an increasing number of homeowners are going underground.

They're turning to geothermal heating and cooling as an alternative—for five very good reasons.

1. Efficiency and savings: Geothermal systems use the energy already stored in the earth and offer savings in the range of some 75 percent a year. Plus, you're not left vulnerable to volatility in the fossil fuel market or delivery prices.

2. Convenience: There's no waiting for fuel deliveries or running out of fuel at an inconvenient time. Unlike other renewable technologies such as solar or wind, geothermal heat pumps work year-round and day and night, regardless of outdoor conditions, and they

require less space.

3. Durability: Geothermal heat pumps have about a 25-year life span, while the underground piping system that accesses the underground energy can last more than



100 years before needing to be replaced. Fossil-fuel furnaces, however, generally have to be replaced after 15 years or so.

4. Rebates: In many places, government and utility rebates are available to homeowners who install heat pumps.

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Easy Decluttering Tips

(NAPS)—Even the cleanest home will look messy if it's not properly organized. Jule Eller, director of trend and style at a nationwide DIY chain, says there are a few simple ways to declutter your home and make your space look tidy.

Start by assessing each room. Every home and family is different but kitchens, garages and closets tend to get the messiest the fastest.

A kitchen is a gathering place for everyone in the family, so it can become cluttered with everything from backpacks and junk mail to cereal bowls and pizza boxes. Cabinets and pantries can also become cluttered with too many dishes, utensils and spices, but installing a shelf basket makes it easy to keep things neat.

If you have a garage, you know it's tempting to simply stash away bulky or rarely used items in it,

rather than find a space inside your home. But if you make a habit of doing this, you could eventually run out of room to park your car. To avoid that from happening, put a cabinet or rail system in your garage to transform it into a functional storage space.

While closets aren't rooms, they can definitely become a cluttered nightmare. Some people think if the door can close, there's still room for storage. Don't let closets get to that point—you'll be a better person for it.

Here are a few additional tips for sprucing up your home while keeping it functional and orderly:

1. Rearrange furniture to maximize the space in each room.

- The sofa in the living room, the bed in the bedroom and the desk in the office demand the majority of space available. Ar-

range these pieces first.

- Don't place too many pieces of furniture in a small space. A love seat may work better than a full-size sofa depending on the size and shape of the room.

- When creating areas for conversation, keep furniture pieces within eight feet of each other so people can talk comfortably when seated. If possible, keep these pieces facing each other instead of side by side.

reading, remember to incorporate a light, whether it's a floor lamp or an end table with a lamp on it.

2. Create the illusion of space by adding lighting and mirrors.

- Lighting is a key element in opening up a space. If you're lucky enough to have natural light, let it shine in.

- Recessed spot lighting is visually appealing and is perfect for a small space.

- A torchère lamp is great for bouncing light

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off the ceiling and back down on the room.

- Skylights and solar tubes are natural alternatives for adding light to a space.

- Increase the appearance of the size of the room by adding mirrors. They not only reflect images, but also reflect light and color while adding a decorative element to the room.

3. Use storage products to help you get organized.

- If shelving and closet organization kits aren't enough, keep clothes in storage bins. If you have too much, hold a garage sale or donate items to charity. A good rule of thumb is if you haven't worn it in two years, it's time to let it go.

- Store your utensils in an orderly fashion. Inexpensive baskets and bins work for oddly shaped items or small appliances.

Keep stemware, plates and bowls grouped by function, style and shape. This will not only create a uniform look, but save time when meal prep is in full swing.

- You always have the option to build custom solutions, but sometimes that forces you to choose between style and functionality. If you'd rather not sacrifice one or the other, lumberyards offers a wide variety of products that allow you to have both.

Ultimately, it's important to remember to not bite off more than you can chew. One of the biggest mistakes people make when decluttering is not setting realistic goals on the front end. Come up with a plan before diving in. Look at the room as a whole and then focus on one corner at a time. Once progress is being made, it will motivate you to keep going.

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How to spruce up your garden for bird safety

(StatePoint) You may not realize it, but the average residential property can be hazardous to local wildlife without proper precautions taken.

An estimated 98 million birds are killed annually in the U.S. when colliding with windows, according to Western Ecosystems Technology, making your home a potential death trap during migratory season. However, there are steps you can take to

not only protect the birds whose flight path traverses your yard and garden, but also offer them a safe place to rest and feed — adding natural beauty for your garden.

Start by making glass visible to birds by applying safety decals to window exteriors every few feet. Remember sliding glass doors as well.

To maintain the look of your home and your own view out the window, use

decals that are unobtrusive to the human eye, but contain a component that reflects ultraviolet sunlight. Those from WindowAlert have proven in studies to be an effective visual barrier that only birds can see, particularly when combined with WindowAlert UV Liquid, a gel which can be applied between decals for greater protection.

"Everyone can help contribute toward making



migration safer for birds," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert.

Because the UV reflectivity may fade over time based on exposure, replace the decals every four

months and reapply the liquid every three months.

Schock also points out that if you want migratory birds to stay awhile, you may want to consider avoiding the use of pesticides that kill insects which are their natural food source. A strategically placed bird feeder -- either within three feet of a window or over 30 feet away in order to prevent bird strikes -- can provide nourishment and energy to hungry birds. Ideally, bird feeders will be placed well away from where prey may be lurking, such as bushes and trees.

If you own cats, you should also be mindful of their danger to birds and monitor your cats' time spent outdoors to ensure they are not hunting feathered friends.

Get to the bottom of water waste

(NAPS)—Have your water bills started creeping up? Or, if less than five people live in your home, does your winter water bill exceed 12,000 gallons per month? Then it's no mystery; you probably have a water leak.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year from easy-to-fix leaks. That's enough water to wash 270 loads of laundry!

Become a leak detective and follow three simple clues—check, twist, replace—to solve the mystery of water waste in your home.

Check: Examine your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the number changes, you probably have a leak and should investigate further. Check for silent toilet leaks by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank, then wait 10 minutes; if some color sneaks into the bowl before you flush, the culprit is likely a worn toilet flapper that needs to be replaced.

Twist: Next, snoop

around for dripping pipes or fixtures. Just one showerhead that drips 10 times per minute can waste more than 500 gallons of water per year. Stop that drip by tightening the connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem, and use pipe tape to secure it. To save even more, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator on your bathroom faucet, to use 30 percent less water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Replace: If you suspect that one of your leaky fixtures is beyond repair, it may be time for a water-efficient replacement. Consider a WaterSense labeled toilet, faucet, or showerhead that has been independently certified to use less water and perform as well or better than standard models. You can find a lead on products that meet EPA's criteria for efficiency and performance using the Product Search Tool on the WaterSense website at www.epa.gov/watersense.

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Patricia D. Crissinger, 63



Services for Patricia D. Crissinger, 63, of Granada, were held Thursday, March 23rd, 2017, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will take place at a later date in the Tenhassen Township Cemetery near Ceylon.

Patricia passed away Monday, March 20th, 2017, at her home near Granada. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Patricia Diane (Sukalski) Crissinger was born March 15th, 1954, in Fairmont, the daughter of Felix and Pearl (Campbell) Sukalski. She received her education attending school in East Chain and graduated from East Chain High School.

On September 30th, 1972, Patricia was united in marriage to Elmer Harder. To this union, three sons were born, Troy, Todd, and Chad. Following Elmer's passing in 1992, Patricia was blessed to find love again when she met and later married Mark Crissinger on June 7th, 1996, at a beautiful park in Sioux Falls. Together the couple made

their home on a farm near Granada and celebrated over 20 years of marriage.

Patricia worked various jobs throughout the years, working as a Para at the Fairmont High School, Walmart, and most recently working at Goldfinch. In her spare time, Patty loved spending time with her family and friends sharing stories and laughs over a cold beer. She loved spring and summer and the storm that the change of seasons brought. Patty loved her family and was always checking in on them to make sure they got home safe! She will be greatly missed by those that loved her and called her a friend.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Mark Crissinger of Granada; sons, Troy (Raquel) Harder of Truman, Todd (Dana) Harder of New Prague, MN, and Chad

(Amy) Harder of Welcome; step-daughter, Racheal Crissinger of Mankato; grandchildren, Tyler Harder, Hailey Olson, Haley Harder, Kylee Harder, Cody Harder, Samuel Harder, Morgan Harder, Caelyn Harder, Mikenna Harder and Wyatt Harder; siblings, Fern (Allan) Sommer, Roger (Julie) Sukalski, Larry (Millie) Sukalski, and Duane Sukalski; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ken and Dottie Crissinger; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ken (Dixie) Crissinger, Carol (Tony) Zender, and Mike (Brenda) Crissinger; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Felix and Pearl Sukalski; husband, Elmer Harder; and a nephew, Brian Gedecker.

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March 20 - Patricia D. Crissinger, 63, Granada.

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March 20 - Ellen L. Sauder, 91, Fairmont.

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March 21 - Joel W. Grefe, 69, Fairmont.

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Doyle VanderWert, 87 - Patricia VanderWert, 83, Parker, Colorado (formerly of Trimont).

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March 25 - Martin J. Ziemer, 85, Dunnell.

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March 26 - Susan J. Boaz, 69, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

March 21 - Gerald W. Wink, 83, Fairmont

March 21 - Doris M. Clark, 96, Fairmont

March 24 - Donald Janssen, 77, Ceylon

March 27 - Shirley L. Klinker, 79, Winnebago

Ellen L. Sauder, 91



Funeral service for Ellen L. Sauder, 91, of Fairmont, was held Saturday,

March 25th, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Slayton, MN at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25th, 2017. Ellen passed away Monday evening, March 20th, 2017 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Ellen Lucille was born March 14th, 1926 to William and Wilhelmina (Conradi) Huge in Chandler, MN. She grew up on the family farm and attended country school

in District 114 in Leed Township, Murray County. Ellen was baptized into the Lutheran faith on May 2nd, 1926 at Zion Evangelical Church of Iona; and later confirmed in July of 1940 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chandler.

On June 28th, 1949 she was united in marriage to Charles Sauder in Avoca, MN. The couple made their home in the Avoca, Iona, and Holland, MN areas while they farmed. They also lived in Bellflower CA, Slayton, Jackson, and Fairmont. This union was blessed with seven children: Dale, Ray-

mond, Gary, Leslie, Ruth, Karen and Jean.

From 1960-1962 Ellen worked at the Central Telephone Company of Slayton as a telephone operator before moving to Jackson in August of 1972. While living in Jackson Ellen was employed by Sperry Unisys Corp. In December of 1988 Ellen and Charles made their home in Fairmont.

Ellen was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and treasured her time with church and family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Dale (Molly)

Sauder of Jackson, Raymond (Tammy) Sauder of Montevideo, MN, Gary (Nancy) Sauder of Slayton, MN, Ruth (Rob) True of Fairmont, and Jean (Roman) Johnson of Fairmont; grandchildren: Sean Sauder, Dan (Kelly) Sauder, Meagan (Eric) Ricard, David Schneider, Cara Sauder (Michael Nuara), Casey Sauder, Shannon (John) Leysen, Bryan True, Derek True, Kirsten (Ben) Rosol, Alex Johnson, Isaiah Johnson, and Emily Johnson; great-grandchildren: Gavin Ricard, Mara Ricard, Evelyn Sauder-Nuara, Wesley Leysen, Tracy Leysen,

and Barron True; sister-in-law, Eleanor Berglund; other extended family and friends.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; infant daughter, Karen; son, Leslie; infant granddaughter, Tracy Lee Sauder; infant great-grandson, Charlie Sauder-Nuara; siblings: Lester (Florence) Huge, Sophie (Simon) Johnson, and Willie (Edna) Huge; in-laws: Stanley and Faye Sauder, Doede and Louise Meyer, and Albert and Marion Berglund.

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Evelyn Mae Malmanger, 92



Evelyn Mae Malmanger, 92, was promoted to her heavenly home on March 19th, 2017, at Goldfinch Memory Care Unit in Fairmont. Her memorial service was held Saturday, March 25th, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granada. The graveside service followed at St. John's Cemetery in Owatonna. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Evelyn was born January 21st, 1925, in Martin County. She was the daughter of John and Mae (Sperry) Jurgenson. She graduated from Truman

High School in 1944, and received her LPN degree from the Abbott-Northwestern School of Nursing in 1946. On October 26th, 1946, she married Alvin Malmanger of Truman at Brainerd Baptist Church in Nashville Township. She was a homemaker and a nurturing mother to their five children. In 1975, they moved from Martin County to Owatonna, where Alvin was the printer at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College and Evelyn assisted him in the mail room. Alvin passed from this life in 1989, but she continued her 30 years of faithful service in the mailroom, retiring in May 2005. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Owatonna and enjoyed her time of fellowship with her Sunday school class. She has resided in the Goldfinch Memory Care Unit since 2008.

Survivors include her five children, Curt (Sue) Malmanger of Watertown, WI, Dawn (Brian) Tuttle of Jacksonville, FL, Brad (Diane) Malmanger of Fairmont, Scott (Vicki) Malmanger of Bondurant, IA, and Robin (Bruce)

Magnuson of Watertown, WI. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Phyllis Swenson, and her husband, Alvin in 1989.

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Joel W. Grefe, 69



Funeral service for Joel W. Grefe, 69, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, March 25th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Burial followed the service at Fairview Memorial Park with military honors by the Schwieger - Kahler American Legion Post 522. Joel passed away Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont handled the arrangements for the family.

Joel William Grefe

was born June 5th, 1947 in Fairmont, the son of William and Lorene (Manzke) Grefe. He attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1966. Joel spent six years in the Minnesota National Guard from 1965 - 1971. On April 27th, 1968, Joel was united in marriage to Eileen Charnecki at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Joel farmed near Fairmont and raised hogs and had a custom manure hauling business. Due to his illness he had to retire in 2009.

In 1983, Joel was on the Minnesota Swine Honor Roll besides being a member of the Minnesota Pork Producers for many years. He was also a longtime member of the Schwieger - Kahler American Legion Post 522 in Northrop. Joel loved socializing with people or tinkering in his shop and collecting antiques. He loved John Deere tractors and collected John Deere toy tractors. He enjoyed snowmobiling and went on snowmobile trips over the years.

He is survived by Eileen

Grefe of Fairmont; two children, Dawn Grefe of Dundas, MN and Darren Grefe of Winona, MN; brothers, Jack Grefe and his wife, Cindy, of Arcadia, WI, Jim Grefe of Truman, Jeff Grefe and his wife, Jenny, of Fairmont; sisters-in-law, Sue Grefe of Granada, Jan Iaquinto and Teresa Schmidt; aunts, Joyce Grefe, Chris Henderson and Gen Manzke; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joel was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lorene Grefe; brother, Gerald Grefe; niece, Tiffany Grefe; nephew, Lance Viesselman; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald and Janice Charnecki; and parents-in-law, Joseph and Dorothy Charnecki; as well as other aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Charles "Chuck" A. King, 96



Funeral Services for Charles "Chuck" A. King, 96, of Fairmont, were held Monday, March 27th, at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Burial with full military honors by Martin County V.F.W. Post 1222 and the Lee C. Prentice America Legion Post 36 was in

Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Charles passed away Friday, March 24th, 2017 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Charles was born February 2nd, 1921, to Perry and Alice (Gowan) King. He graduated from Meridian, IA High School in 1938 and started college at Buena Vista in Storm Lake, IA. At that time young men were expected to serve their country for one year so he decided he would enlist and serve his time. In December of 1941, he was in Camp Claiborne, LA when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. On New Year's Eve his group boarded a train to Fort Dix, NJ and

were soon on a ship heading to Belfast, Ireland. While there they were getting amphibious training and he volunteered to join the British #1 Commandos, traveling down the coast of North Africa. He was in the first wave of the American assault troops invading North Africa on November 7th, 1942. They were in Bizerte, Tunisia when their outfit was surrounded by German units, which killed or captured the entire group. He then was transferred to a POW camp in Northern Italy. Nine months later a group of prisoners decided to make an escape and crawled over walls with broken glass on the top. They were in the mountains with very little to eat and the only clothing they had was what they were wearing. After about three

months of hiding and being fired at they came across a British Paratroop patrol and knew they were finally safe. Because they had no identification they were sent to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and were interrogated by a board of high ranking officers. On January 6th, 1944 he telephoned his parents to say he was coming home. This was the first time they'd heard his voice in three years.

He went to Fort Benning to attend Officers Candidate School. After graduation he was sent to the invasion of Luzon in the Philippines. They were fired on by Japanese machine guns. He was hit in the left shoulder and the bullet passed through him and out his back. After being hospitalized for approximately a year, his

service was over, but not his love for his country.

On July 29th, 1944 he was married to Dixie Kirkham in Macon, GA. The family lived in Jackson before moving to Fairmont. He worked at the Post Office and he and Dixie owned and operated the Oaks Inn in Fairmont for 12 years. When he retired they moved to Chandler, AZ and remained there until 2006. Dixie passed away February 23rd, 2007.

Chuck was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, DAV, American Legion and VFW. In his spare time he enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and golfing.

He is survived by two daughters: Sharon Johannes and Susan (Tom) Gallagher, both of Fairmont; son-in-law, Jim

Reineke; and six grandchildren: Teresa Teaser, Rebecca Teaser (Carl Wade), Michael (Melissa) Reineke, Peter (Gretchen) Reineke, Gretchen (Ed) Gallagher Weinstein and Sarah (Ty) Totzke. And, the loves of his life- four great grandchildren: Libby and Maggy Totzke and Kasey and Griffin Reineke.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie, and daughter Sandra Reineke, his parents, one brother and four sisters. We survivors believe there was never a better Father, Grandfather or Great Grandfather. We also think he was one of the original Little Rascals.

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LaVonne J. Ziemann, 81



Funeral services for LaVonne Ziemann will be Monday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, Sun-

day, April 2nd from 5-7 p.m. and will continue to 1 hour prior to the service at the church. LaVonne passed away peacefully at her home. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Fairmont is in charge of the arrangements.

LaVonne Joy Ziemann (Hinz) was born April 29th, 1935 in Armstrong, Iowa, the daughter of William and Grace Hinz (Austin). She attended Armstrong School and later moved to Fairmont and graduated from high school in 1953. During her high school years, she enjoyed softball and was scouted by professional teams.

On February 14th, 1954 LaVonne married Weldon Ziemann at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together

they made their home on a farm in Rolling Green Township and were blessed with three children, Jacci, Bruce, and Pamela. LaVonne and Weldon were rarely seen apart and attended most family and community functions together. Their support of one another remained constant.

LaVonne loved farm life and nature. She was proud to maintain her motorcycle endorsement her entire life. She enjoyed driving grain trucks to the elevators and returning them to Bruce and Weldon in the fields. LaVonne was still driving the grain trucks into her 80's. In addition to working in the fields, she always managed to have a hearty "farm meal" ready for family and company.

LaVonne relished the

fast pace of harvest, and also felt at peace watching the sunrise from her kitchen window. LaVonne was diligent at keeping their farmstead looking pristine. She loved mowing and gardening and wouldn't shy away from any job, including picking up rocks from the fields. She and Weldon chose one of the larger rocks from their field to serve as their tombstone. LaVonne loved animals and was often seen with a favorite dog by her side.

LaVonne had energy to share. She was a generous person and often hosted youth groups and 4-H groups at the farm. She shared her musical talent playing the concertina, piano, and harmonica for family and friends. LaVonne had great enthusiasm while playing card

games, tennis and basketball. She was an encourager and supporter of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoyed hearing about their accomplishments. LaVonne was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Alter Guild. She enjoyed traveling with her family throughout the United States, Europe, South America, New Zealand, Australia, the Fiji Islands.

Those who will embrace her memory are her children, Jacci Schumaker and husband, Dennis of Bloomington, MN, Bruce Ziemann and wife, Sue, of Fairmont and Pamela Ziemann of Sequim, WA; grandchildren, Danielle Drevlow and husband, Corey, of Golden Valley, MN, Josh Scheff and

wife, Jessie of Golden Valley, Joyce, Jon and Elliot Ziemann of Fairmont; great grandchildren, Sydney and Logan Drevlow, Scarlett and Sayler Scheff. Brother Roy Hinz and wife, Claire, Darlene Larson, Betty Wohlford, Phyllis Dahl and husband, Duane, as well as many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

LaVonne was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Weldon in December 2015, her parents, William and Grace Hinz and numerous relatives.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Martin Luther High School or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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Leonard C. Anderson, 90



A Celebration of Life Service for Leonard Anderson, 90, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 30th, 2017, at United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held following the service in Lakeside Cemetery with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, at Lakeview

Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. Leonard passed away Friday morning, March 24th, 2017, at Keelson Harbor Assisted Living in Spirit Lake, IA. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Leonard Charles was born August 7th, 1926 to Andrew and Minnie (Swanson) Anderson in Osakis, MN. Growing up he attended school in Osakis until he and his mother moved to Fairmont in 1943, following the death of his father. Leonard was a member of the 1944 graduating class of Fairmont High School. Following his high school graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. Leonard proudly served at the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco during World War II and on the USS Burlington during the Korean War. Leonard was honorably dis-

charged in 1952.

On May 17th, 1948 Leonard was united in marriage to Marjorie Jean Bromley in Fairmont. This union was blessed with two children: Vicki and Mark. Following the passing of Marjorie, Leonard was blessed to find love again when he met and later married Mona Miller Morken in Fairmont on June 30th, 1996.

Leonard worked for the United States Post Office in Fairmont as a city carrier and rural letter carrier until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of Fairmont Kiwanis, the American Legion, and was active in the Minnesota Rural Letter Carriers Association where he held various offices, including State Treasurer. Leonard was an avid sports fan; he especially enjoyed cheering on the local high school sporting events and the Minnesota Twins. He was took great pride in keeping a nice lawn and enjoyed warm summer days mowing on

his riding lawnmower. Family was especially important to Leonard and he treasured spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Vicki (Don) Brosnahan of Spirit Lake, IA; son, Mark (Dianna)

Anderson of Gilbert, AZ; grandsons: Brian (Jen) Brosnahan and David (Amanda) Brosnahan; granddaughters: Kristen (Cooter) DeBow and Andrea (Michael) Johnston; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers-in-law; Mona's daughter, Sandra (David) Workman; other

extended relatives and friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Marjorie and Mona; and brothers: Kenneth and Harley.

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Katie Nordstrom, Taylor M. Nordstrom to Joanna L. Long, Luke A. Long, Lot 5, Block 2, King Heights Addn.

Donald Hoffmeister, Judith Hoffmeister, Eldon Tlam, Lorraine Tlam to Gavin C. Tlam, E.384.36' of E½W½SW¼, E½SW¼NW¼, 20-101-33

Kay Ruter to Carol Hacker, Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Original Plat of Triumph

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

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Michael B. Kuehl to Joy Renee Kuehl, Michael B. Kuehl, NE¼ Exc. E.1329.29', 23-104-32

Carrie J. Snyder to Lonny Becker, Lynn J. Becker, SE¼, 17-103-29

Marilyn J. Rock, James W. Rock to Marilyn J. Rock, Trustee, James W. Rock, Trustee, Rock Revocable Trust, Lot 1, Block 1, Oak View Townhomes

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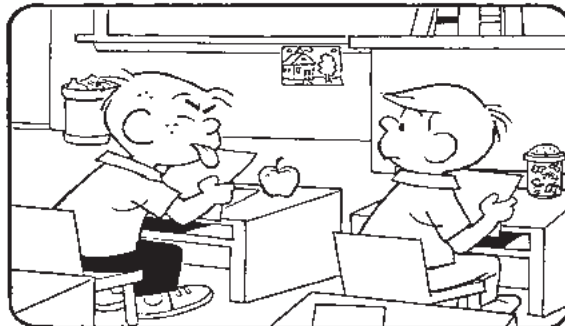
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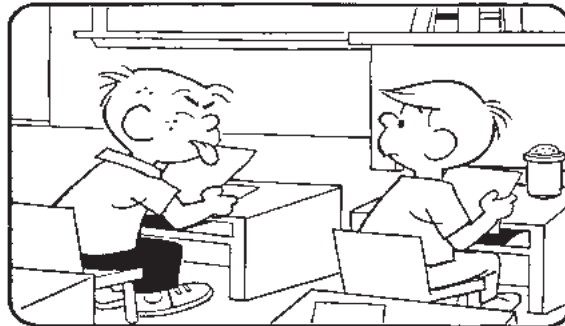
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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 10:30 AM Zehms Family 2 Parcel Farmland Auction of 154.2 Total Acres in Jay Township, Martin County, MN. Sale Location: Sherburn, MN Call 507-847-3468 or www.danpikeauction.com for more information. Sale Conducted by Dan Pike Auction Company: Pike & Wedel Auctioneers.

Monday, April 10 - C & C SUPPER & FUN AUCTION at Sherburn Legion Club. KAHLER AUCTION

Tuesday, June 13, 2017-GENE & AUDREY WRIGHT-Evening Moving Auction including: low hr. Case 186, Case 885, Farmall 560 & nice tools and other misc. items. Sale to be held at: 1786 180th St, Fairmont, MN. KAHLERS, HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

Thursday, June 22, 2017 @ 7 PM-MARLIN MILBRANDT ESTATE 460 acres +/- of choice bare farmland located in Sec. 36 of Rolling Green Twp., Martin Co., MN. Will be sold in multiple parcels. KAHLERS, HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

PRIVATE LISTINGS: Check with us for private listings on 151 acre parcel in Westford Township and 273 acre parcel in Fraser Township. Both by private sale method. Contact Dustyn Hartung at 507-236-7629.

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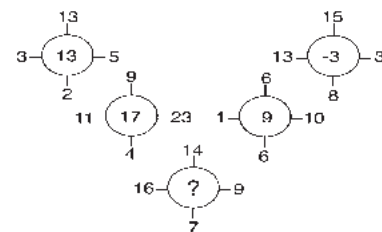
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by Terry Stickels

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DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY. REQUEST FOR BIDS, COUNTY OF MARTIN

Notice is hereby given that Martin County, Minnesota, will accept bids for the sale of a lot on the following terms.

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 320 DEWEY STREET N • FAIRMONT, MN

Brief Legal Description:

The North one-half (N ½) of Lots Two (2) and Three (3) of Block One (1) of Gilbert's Addition to the City of Fairmont, EXCEPT the east 46.12 feet of the North one-half (N ½) of Lot Two (2) of Block One (1). Parcel No. 23.121.0030

REQUEST FOR BIDS:

Written bids will be accepted at the office of the County Coordinator, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. The bid opening will be held at 4:30 p.m. on May 2, 2017, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at the Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN. Bid forms are available at the County Coordinator's Office or on the County's website at www.co.martin.mn.us. Otherwise obtain a bid form, inspect the property, or if you have questions, please contact Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, at the Martin County Courthouse (507) 238-3126. The County at its sole discretion reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Property will be disposed of as is.

Dated this 15th day of March 2017

By Order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners
Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator

NOTICE OF UPCOMING Martin County, MN. Two Parcels - Containing 154.2 ACRES +/- Jay Township IMPROVED FARMLAND AUCTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 @ 10:30 A.M.

In case of very inclement weather, please check our web site at www.danpikeauction.com for details. The alternate blizzard storm date would be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 10:30 A.M., but please check our web site for updates!!!!

Sale Location: Sherburn Community Center at 116 N. Main Street in Sherburn, MN. Watch for auction signs.

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

PARCEL #1: N1/2 of the NW1/4

24-102N-33W Martin County, MN.

Containing 80 acres +/-

PARCEL #2: That part of the N1/2 of the

NE1/4 except Rail Road right of way

15-102N-33W Martin County, MN.

Containing 74.20 acres +/-



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Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

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Machinery Retirement Auction

Saturday, April 1, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Located: 1270 540th Avenue, Armstrong, IA

Directions: 5 miles east of Dolliver on Blacktop A-17, then south on 540th Avenue 1/2 mile

2008 JD 9570 combine, STS, bullet rotor, wired for auto track, Command Center w/ yield monitor, Mauer bin extension, with tip ups, duals 520/85R/38, rear 420/85R/26, Contour Master hyd. tail board, 1460 eng. hrs., 1052 sep. hrs., serial # H095705725636;
JD 893 poly corn head, single point, PTO shafts, hyd. deck plates, new gathering chains, knife rolls, serial # H00893X666590;
2008 JD 8130FWA, quick coupler, duals, 380/90R/54, buddy seat, 4 hyd. outlets, Starfire Globe, 2600 auto track screen, hrs. 3885, serial # RW 8130P026855;
2002 JD 8420T, 24 inch tracks, quick coupler, full set of front weights, buddy seat, 4 hyd. outlets, Star Fire Globe, 2600 auto track screen, hrs. 2370, serial # RW8420T801709 Also set of Camoplast 16 inch tracks for the tractor;
JD 1770 Max Emerge Plus 16 row 30" vac planter, 3 bu. boxes, rotary mud scrapers, Deere trash rippers, new heavy duty disc openers Precision Planting corn meters, JD bean meters, Precision Planting 20/20 Seed Sense Monitor;
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1 Card of Thanks

BURKHARDT - It was a difficult three months, losing two people we all loved. We are so lucky to be surrounded by family, friends, and community members who supported our decisions, hugged us and showed up for the farewell parties! We are forever grateful. ~Family and friends of Marion and Jim Burkhardt. 47-1tc-1

ELAINE (CYPHERS) Cottew - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended my birthday celebration and/or sent me cards. I loved seeing everyone and have enjoyed receiving and reading every single card. Thanks again. 47-1tp-1

SWANSON - We would like to thank Dr. Allen and the emergency room nurses for their quick response and excellent care during my recent illness. Also thanks to Gold Cross Ambulance Service and all the drs and nurses connected with Mayo Health System in Fairmont and Rochester for the wonderful care. Special thanks to Pastor Wilson for his calls and prayers. Gary and Bob for doing chores and all of you who called with your care and concern. God bless each one of you. ~Vern and Mary Swanson. 47-1tp-1

OBERG - Thanks to all of you who responded to the surprise card shower planned by my family. The cards, phone calls, gifts, and the other remembrances were truly appreciated! ~Jan Oberg. 47-1tp-1

3 Notices

NEEDS HELP NOW. Stephen Young of Fairmont is seeking help to pay the cancer bill at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems of Fairmont. Stephen was diagnosed with colon cancer and is receiving treatment. Stephen needs your pennies or nick-

els to help pay the bill. Send your extra change to PO BOX 16, FAIRMONT MN 56031. 45-3tp-3

6 Business Services & Repairs

HANDYMAN/MANAGER. If you have handyman skills, own your own tools and would like to live rent free (one bed, one bath) in my fourplex in Fairmont, please call 701-361-3371. 46-2tcc-6

10 Apartments For Rent

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Understanding the difference in ARC-CO payments

Guest Columnist



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Fewer farm operators across the United States will be receiving significant 2016 ARC-CO farm program payments from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in October, 2017, as compared to ARC-CO payments received for the 2014 and 2015 crop years. Most crop producers in Minnesota, Iowa, and other Upper Midwest States are enrolled in the county yield-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program choice on their corn base acres. Farm operators in a high percentage of counties in the Upper Midwest earned corn ARC-CO farm program payments for both crop years. Some producers also earned a soybean ARC-CO payment in one or both of the years.

Many producers are having difficulty understanding why there is such a wide variation in the estimated ARC-CO payments from year-to-year, and from county-to-county in a given year. Some counties may have had similar corn yields in 2016, based on yield estimates from the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS); however, the estimated level of 2016 ARC-CO payments may vary considerably from county-to-county. The direct payments that existed under the last Farm Bill, which were in place for nearly two decades, were guaranteed and were paid to producers on the basis of

crop base acres, regardless of crop prices or yields. By contrast, the ARC-CO payments in the current Farm Bill vary from year-to-year, and from county-to-county, depending on the national average prices and county yields in a given year.

Overall, 2016 ARC-CO payments for corn and soybeans are likely to much less prevalent in most portions of the Upper Midwest, as compared to 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO payment levels, partially due to a significant decline in the benchmark (BM) price levels. The BM prices are used to calculate the BM revenue for a given crop in a county for a year. A decline in the BM revenue lowers the "threshold level" for earning ARC-CO payments for a crop. In both 2014 and 2015, the BM price for corn was \$5.29 per bushel, compared to the final national market year average (MYA) prices of \$3.70 for 2014 and \$3.61 for 2015, which resulted in some significant corn ARC-CO payments in many counties. For 2016, the BM corn price, which is a 5-year (2011-2015) "olympic" average price, dropped to \$4.79 per bushel. Similarly, the soybean BM price dropped from \$12.27 for the 2014 and 2015 crop years to \$11.79 for 2016.

The BM prices and actual crop prices for determining ARC-CO payments are based on the actual

national market year average (MYA) crop prices. The MYA price is the national average corn or soybean price from September 1st in the year of harvest until August 31st the following year, with MYA prices being finalized on September 30th of the following year. The MYA price is the 12-month national average price for a commodity, based on the average market price received by farm operators across the United States, which is then "weighted" at the end of the year, based on the volume of bushels sold in each month. As of March 1st, 2017, USDA estimated the 2016 MYA prices at \$3.40 per bushel for corn, and \$9.60 per bushel for soybeans.

ARC-CO payments for a given crop are paid when the actual calculated county revenue for the crop falls below 86 percent (.86) of the county benchmark (BM) revenue guarantee for that crop in a given year. The actual county revenue is the final county FSA yield times the final national MYA price for the year. This rather complex calculation formula has resulted in a wide variation in the corn and soybean ARC-CO payments from county-to-county, which is a trend that will continue for the estimated 2016 corn ARC-CO payments, and has resulted in some confusion surrounding the level of the ARC-CO payments.

The national BM price for corn or soybeans for a given year, and the final MYA price for the year, are the same in every county in the U.S., which affects the maximum payment level, and the overall likelihood of ARC-CO payments. The main variable in differences in ARC-CO payments from county-to-county in a given year is the difference in county benchmark yields and final county crop yields for that year. There was a decline in the county benchmark corn yields in most counties in Minnesota and adjoining States for 2015, as compared to 2014 BM yields, which resulted from using a different 5-year period for the calculation. Many of the BM corn yields for 2016 stayed the same as 2015 BM yields, except in a few isolated counties in southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa that had a slight increase in their 2016 BM yields. The lower BM yields result in a reduced potential maximum ARC-CO payment for a crop in a given year. The lower BM yields also lower the county BM revenue guarantee for a crop in a given year, which lowers the likelihood of ARC-CO payments for that year. County BM yields for soybeans in most counties have been much more stable from 2014-2016.

The relationship between the final county yield and the county benchmark yields is extremely important in calculating ARC-CO payments for corn and soybeans. Expressing the county yield as a "% of BM Yield" is actually more important than the actual final county yield in determining estimated ARC-

CO payments in a county for a crop in any given year. For example, on estimated 2016 corn ARC-CO payments, any county that has a corn "% of BM yield" of 106% or less will likely realize the maximum estimated 2016 corn ARC-CO payment for that county. Counties with a "% of BM yield" of 107% to 120% will likely receive a partial 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, and counties at 121% or higher will likely not receive a 2016 payment. For soybeans, counties with a "% of BM yield" of 106% or higher will likely not receive a 2016 ARC-CO payment.

There will likely be a large difference in the 2016 corn ARC-CO payments from county-to-county, depending on the final 2016 county yield, expressed as a "% of BM Yield". It appears that many counties in South Central and Southeastern Minnesota, as well as in Northern Iowa, will get a partial 2016 corn ARC-CO payment; however very few will get the maximum payment. Many counties in this region had 2016 corn yields that were similar or lower than 2015 corn yields. Except for a few counties, most counties in Western Minnesota, as well as many counties in Eastern North and South Dakota, will not receive a 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, due to the very high 2016 corn yields compared to the BM yields in those counties. Almost no counties in the Upper Midwest are expected to receive a 2016 soybean ARC-CO payment, as a result of very strong 2016 soybean yields, and the increase in the estimated soybean 2016 MYA price,

as compared to 2015.

The current 2016 corn and soybean ARC-CO payment estimates are based on the 2016 NASS County yields and the current MYA prices; however, the final payments could vary based on changes in the MYA price levels between now and August 31st, 2017. If MYA prices decline, the likelihood or the level of ARC-CO payments increases, and vice-versa if the MYA price increases. USDA could also make adjustments in the announced NASS yields to arrive at the final 2016 FSA County yields, which are used to calculate 2016 ARC-CO payments. There will likely be a 6.8 percent Federal sequestration reduction on all 2016 ARC-CO payments that paid in October, 2017, similar to the 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO payments.

Previous county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops, benchmark yields, FSA yields, 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO payment levels, and other farm program information are available on the FSA ARC-PLC web site, which is at: fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Kent Thiesse has prepared an Information Sheet titled: "Estimating 2016 Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments", which contains several tables relating to 2016 ARC-CO payments. He has also prepared "2016 ARC-CO Payment Estimate Tables" for most counties in Minnesota, Northern Iowa, and Eastern North and South Dakota. To receive a copy of the Information Sheet and Payment Tables, send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.



Josh Hurst of C & B Operations/Martin County Implement (top left and bottom right) recently helped students in the Fairmont Area Schools advanced auto & small engine class work on a John Deere diesel engine. C & B donated the engine so students could learn more about agricultural applications of transportation careers. Josh Hurst stops in periodically to work with students in both the automotive & small engine program and FFA. His assistance and the support of C & B Operations is greatly appreciated! (Submitted photos)

The day the circus came to town...

The Jose Cole Circus came to Fairmont once again last week to perform for families and individuals alike at the National Guard Armory in Fairmont. The circus was sponsored by the Fairmont Eagles. (Submitted photos)



Local players selected to All-Conference Teams

The Big South Conference announced its All-Conference team member selections. Three Magic gymnastic members were selected. Two Cardinals each were selected in girls basketball and girls hockey. Six Red Bull wrestlers were picked for All-Conference. Three Cardinal boys basketball players were selected.

Big South Conference members include: Blue Earth Area, Fairmont, Jackson County Central, Luverne, Marshall, New Ulm, Pipestone, Redwood Valley, St. James Area, St. Peter, Waseca, Windom and Worthington. For full lists of All-Conference Team member selections go to: www.thebigsouth-conference.org

Girls Gymnastics All-Conference Team

Bryanna Peterson, Senior, Martin County Area Magic
Sabrina Segar, 8th grade, Martin County Area Magic
Brielle Meade, junior, Martin County Area Magic
Melissa Hagedorn, junior, Blue Earth Area Bucs



Segar



Meade



Peterson

Girls Basketball All-Conference East Team

Taylor Crissinger, sophomore, Fairmont Cardinals
Caitlin Rorman, sophomore, Blue Earth Area Bucs

Girls Basketball All-Conference East Honorable Mention

Claire Cutler, junior, Fairmont Cardinals
Samantha Barslou, senior, Blue Earth Area Bucs



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Cutler

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Girls Hockey All-Conference Honorable Mention

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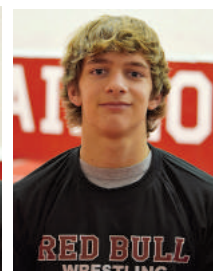
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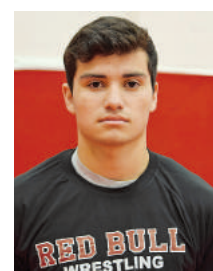
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Collin Steuber, junior, Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls
Jordan Wolter, sophomore, Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls
Mario Maldonado, sophomore, Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls
Max Ehrich, 8th grade, Blue Earth Area Bucs
Zach Busenan, junior, Blue Earth Area Bucs
Wyatt Tungland, junior, Blue Earth Area Bucs
Jesus Quintero, senior, Blue Earth Area Bucs
Jared Armon, senior, Blue Earth Area Bucs
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Boys Basketball All-Conference East Team

Walker Tordsen, senior, Fairmont Cardinals
Nate Kallenbach, junior, Fairmont Cardinals
Jacob Vaske, junior, Blue Earth Area Bucs

Boys Basketball All-Conference East Honorable Mention

Sam Schwiager, junior, Fairmont Cardinals



Tordsen



Kallenbach



Schwiager

College sports athletes

The Grand View Vikings men's golf team fell one spot in the latest NAIA Men's Golf Coaches' Top 25 Poll released Friday to #15 after previously being ranked #14. The Vikings recently competed in the Primm Battle in Nevada placing 10th out of 18 teams in what was



a loaded field featuring many Top 25 teams. Individually, brothers junior Mitch and senior Myles Pfungsten (Fairmont) led the way as Mitch finished tied for 8th posting a three round total of three under par 213. Myles was just three strokes behind finishing 17th place with an even par 216. Follow Mitch on twitter - @mpfungsten3.

No. 16 Kentucky (18-7) is off to its best start in Southeastern Conference play in five years, shutting down No. 11 Ole Miss for the second consecutive day with a 4-1 victory and second straight series win. The Wildcats join the 2012 club with the best league starts in 25



years since the 1992 team began 7-0 against conference foes. Kentucky junior clean-up hitter Luke Becker, Fairmont, is the leading hitter with a .373 average. Becker had 10 RBI in just 10 at bats in a weekend series vs Miami of Ohio. He hit .500, 6 R, 2 2B, HR, 4 BB, 2-2 SB, Slug% 1.000; with 8 RBI. Follow Luke on twitter - @Luke_Becker9.

The No. 17 (NJCAA Division II) Northern Iowa Area Community College (14-8) baseball team topped Des Moines Area Community College 4-3 on Sunday on the DMACC campus. Freshman Spencer Chirpich, Fairmont, gained the win for the Trojans. Chirpich allowed two runs (both earned) on seven hits with six strikeouts and one walked in six innings of work. Chirpich also had the win vs. Highland CC (Illinois), allowing no runs on 3 hits with 5 strikeouts and 1 walk in 4 IP. Chirpich has appeared in 5 games with a 2-2 record, with a 3.75 era, 18 strikeouts overall in 24 innings. Follow Spencer on twitter - @therealchirp



Northern Iowa Area Community College's Brandon Williamson, a

freshman pitcher, Martin County West, is 2-2 with

1 save on the season with a 1.59 era and 24 strikeouts in 22.2 innings pitched. Williamson gained the save vs. Kansas City CC pitching 2 innings allowing no runs and no hits with 1 strikeout, had his first career win vs. Lakeland CC. Williamson struck out 4 with 2 BBs and didn't allow a run in 2 1/3 innings in relief vs Crowder CC and had the win allowing 3 runs (all unearned) on 4 hits with 6 Ks and 2 BBs in 5 IP vs Barton County CC. Follow Brandon on twitter - @therealwillboy.

Morningside College women's tennis team routed former Great Plains Athletic Conference rival Nebraska Wesleyan 8-1 in a Saturday dual in Lincoln, Nebraska. Morningside College record is 8-1. The No. 2 duo of Abby Fitzgerald, Fairmont, and Natasha Hongsermeier rolled through their doubles flight, to keep their record unblemished at 6-0. Fitzgerald in singles, climbed to 8-3 with a 4-6, 6-3, 10-5 victory against Victoria Van De Veer in the fifth flight.



Area College Student News



The office of the Dean at University of Northern Iowa has announced their College of Education Dean's List for the fall semester 2016.

Paige Cowing of Granada was one of the students included in the Dean's List for the College of Education.

The University of Northern Iowa is based in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Mason Koeritz of Northrop and Concordia University, Nebraska, will present "Murder's in the Heir," at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30th through Saturday, April 1st, at the Olde Glory Theatre in Seward, Nebraska. The play is an interactive murder mystery-comedy in a dessert theater format. Almost every character in the mystery has the weapon, opportunity and motive to commit the unseen murder and it is up to the audience to decide who actually did it.

Mason Koeritz of Northrop will perform in Concordia University, Nebraska's Spring Honor Recital at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 4th, 2017, in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus. Students audition for an opportunity to perform in the biannual event showcasing top music students as selected by Concordia's music faculty. This spring 10 student musicians were selected to perform.

Rachel Viesselman of Fairmont was named to the dean's list at Hamline University for the fall term of the 2016-2017 academic year. Members of the dean's list achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Hamline is a top-ranked private university in its class in Minnesota, according to U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1854, Hamline also is Minnesota's first university and among the first coeducational institutions in the nation.

A total of 153 degrees were awarded to students following the fall session of courses at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn. From Truman: **Zachary Alan Cristhian Kilian**, Bachelor of Arts: Psychology. Dean's List.

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Girl Scouts celebrate 105th anniversary



(Left) Troops #34353 & #34729 represented the service unit at the Fairmont City Council meeting, at which Mayor Deb Foster presented them with a Proclamation celebrating this milestone.



(Left) Members of Girl Scout Troops #34729 & #34353 presented the flag at the annual Partners in Education Variety Show.

(Right) Second grade troops #3727 and #34728 presented a gift basket to the first baby girl born in Martin County during Girl Scout week.



(Left) At our World Thinking Day event, Girl Scouts learned about Girl Guiding in India, various crafts and activities such as meh ndi [henna tattoos], rangoli [intricate floor designs with colored rice or flowers], Warli painting, and Indian clothing such as saris and kurtas.

Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts celebrated the 105th Anniversary of Girl Scouts March 12th through the 18th, 2017. While some people still think of us as just cookies, campfires and friendship bracelets, Girl Scouts are so much more. Girl Scouts are big thinkers, groundbreakers, and role models. We design robots, start garage bands, and improve our communities – and yes, we sell the best cookies on the planet! When a girl is a Girl Scout, she's also a **G.I.R.L.**™. **G – Go-getter:** She's bold, honest, and determined to succeed. In her mind, failure is no reason not to get back up and try again, and again, and again. That explains why half of all U.S. businesswomen were Girl Scouts. **I – Innovator:** Thinking outside the box is her specialty, so she's always looking for a creative way to take action. A clear correlation: 75 percent of current female senators were Girl Scouts. **R – Risk-taker:** Courageous and strong, she's keen to try new things and embrace the unfamiliar. It's no wonder that nearly all of the 40 women who have flown in space were Girl Scouts. **L – Leader:** She's confident, responsible, and committed to changing the world.

Would you like to join us? Watch for information on a summer robotics/STEM day camp that is being planned by Emma Koehler, a Girl Scout Ambassador, for her Gold Award project. Flyers will be distributed in all Martin County elementary schools later this spring. For more info on Girl Scouting, contact Patti at 507-399-3072. (Submitted photos)



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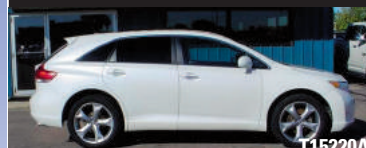


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