



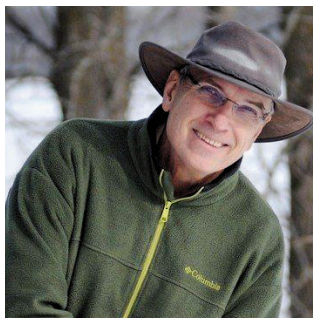
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Naturally By Al Batt

Spring has sprung and birds return from that mysterious place called "south."

Spring has sprung a leak by the looks of my boots and plants don't stop be-leafing. If you want to be outstanding, stand outside. Spring is when Chihuahuas venture outside without their sweaters.

Terri Guillemets wrote, "My favorite weather is bird chirping weather." Anonymous wrote, "Spring has sprung. The grass is riz; I wonder where the birdies is." The birdies are here and on their way. Enjoy your robins and look for fox sparrows, golden-crowned kinglets, tree swallows, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, increasing numbers of turkey vultures, American white pelicans, hermit thrushes, ospreys, American woodcock, eastern phoebes, purple martins, American coots, nesting Canada geese and greening lawns. Listen for spring peepers, chorus frogs and in parts of the state, wood frogs.

I believe in the miracle of birds each time one swings into my field of view. If I'm fortunate, I might get to enjoy the terpsichorean talents of sandhill cranes. Reason number 397 why I like birds: just because.

Q&A

"Do house finches migrate?" They are permanent residents of Minnesota, but some birds undergo a short-distance migration south. It might be to

avoid paying taxes.

Matt Hazelcroft asked what could be chewing on the trunks of his grapevines. There are three mammals that feast upon grapevines. A meadow vole girdles trunks. Deer find new shoots attractive. Rabbits chew and remove the bark, and clip off branches of young vines. They will feed on trunks of established grapevines in the winter.

"Do killdeer have any nicknames?" Because a killdeer is so noisy (even at night) it was called chattering plover and the noisy plover by early naturalists. While leading a birding trip in North Dakota, I heard a participant call one a meadow plover. When foraging for insects or other invertebrates, killdeer move in fits and starts. When they pause, invariably they

bob their heads up and down as if they have a severe case of the hiccups. They are pumping their tails and their heads follow along. This may be a strategy to make the birds appear larger than they are to an intruder or a perceived predator.

"Do male bald eagles incubate the eggs?" Both male and female eagles develop a brood patch (bare skin held directly against the eggs or chicks to keep them warm). They share incubation responsibilities but the female typically spends more time on the nest than the male. During the first four weeks after hatching, one (usually the female) broods the babies to keep them warm during cool weather.

Gretchen Taylor asks why she notices goldfinches more during their spring molt

than during their fall molt. Part of the reason we notice them more might be because they become brighter in the spring and drabber in the fall when males resemble females. Goldfinches obtain their breeding plumage by replacing only their body feathers each spring. Their body plumage, flight and tail feathers are replaced during a full molt each fall. Beginning in September, and continuing for six to eight weeks, they molt all their feathers, ending up with a new set of drab feathers heading into winter. A complete molt is exhausting and makes birds vulnerable, and that makes them more secretive. In spring, the males transform into a bright yellow breeding plumage, but their wing and tail feathers remain from the previous fall.

As these wing feathers get older, the pale edges fade and disintegrate, so that by the end of the summer the wings look all black.

"I saw a quail in Le Sueur. Is that part of its natural range?" "No, that northern bobwhite would have been a pen-raised bird that was either released or escaped. Surveys have found no wild populations, only introduced birds in Minnesota.

"How many deer are hit by cars each year?" According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are over 1 million car accidents with deer each year, which kill 200 Americans, cause more than 10,000 personal injuries and result in over \$1 billion in vehicle damage. The numbers of collisions are much higher than that because of all the unreported accidents.

Thanks for stopping by

"We are like tenant farmers chopping down the fence around our house for fuel when we should be using Nature's inexhaustible sources of energy—sun, wind, and tide. I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that."—Thomas Edison.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."—Melody Beattie.

Do good.

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The American coot (mudhen) has trouble finding shoes that fit. When someone calls you "an old coot," this is what they mean. Photo by Al Batt.



95TH BIRTHDAY
Jean Schultz is celebrating her 95th birthday on April 6th. Due to COVID, we are unable to have an open house for her. Please help her celebrate by sending a card or note to:

Jean Schultz
Lakeview Methodist
Health Care Center
610 Summit Drive
Fairmont, MN 56032



90TH BIRTHDAY

The family of Elverna Knuth would like to honor her with a card shower celebrating her 90th birthday April 7th. Cards can reach her at:
534 30th Ave, Dunnell, MN, 56127



Josalyn Walters and Takhyla Harvey demonstrate the guitars that were provided by Partners in Education to Mrs. Laabs' classes at Fairmont Elementary School. PIE awards grants to local educators each year for items or experiences that benefit our students. Check out our Facebook page: Fairmont Partners in Education.



95TH BIRTHDAY

Lois Lee of Jackson is being honored with a card shower for her 95th birthday. Lois was born on April 2, 1927. Cards will reach her at
1023 Homedale Dr.
Jackson, MN 56143

95TH BIRTHDAY



great-grandma, a mid-wife who delivered over 100 babies. She married Donald Ponstein on August 21, 1948 in Marshall, Minnesota. She has resided in Butterfield, Ely, Windom, and now in Fairmont, MN.

Irene is blessed with three wonderful children: Sandy (Gerry) Palo of Little Falls, MN, Donna (Steve) Parnell of Fairmont, MN, and Mike (Kay) Ponstein of Lake Benton, MN. She has 11 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A card shower will be held in her honor. Cards may be sent to her at 601 Shoreacres, Dr. # 209, Fairmont, MN 56031.

A Card Making Social will be held on Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. Come and create a set of beautiful handmade cards and experience the old fashion charm of the historic Chubb House

located at 209 Lake Ave., Fairmont. This event is hosted by Sandy Hallstrom. A minimum suggested donation is \$5. Please call the Red Rock Center at 507-235-9262 to reserve a seat.

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Tomará lugar en la Escuela Primaria de Fairmont
El martes 19 de abril de 2022 5:30-7:00 pm

La registración en línea
estará disponible a
partir del lunes
4 de abril a las 8:00 am



Nuevos comienzos para el aprendizaje sin fin!

Si desea más información por favor llame al Preescolar
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Interlaken Heritage Days Spring Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, April 9, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fairmont National Guard Armory
700 N. Fairlakes Ave., Fairmont, MN

A great time to those special gifts for Easter and to start thinking ahead for the "mom's" in your life! Join us for a day of shopping the latest products by your favorite vendors and handmade items by your favorite crafters.

Food will also be available for purchase all day, so come hungry!

This is a fundraising event for the
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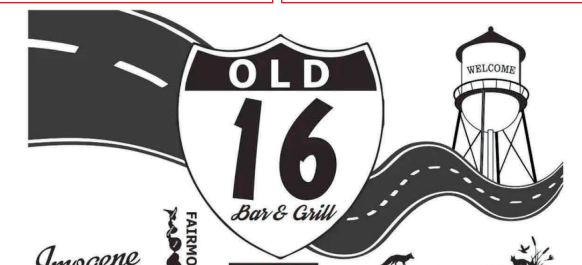
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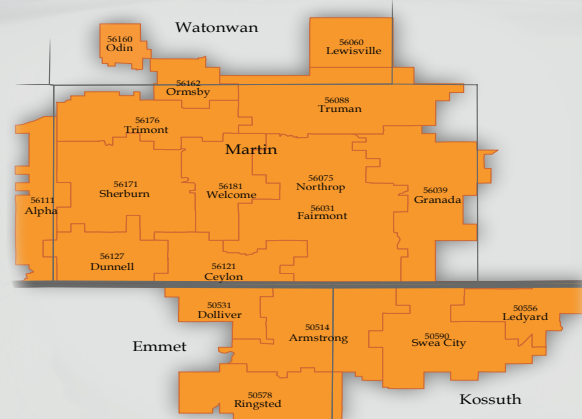
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FIVE GENERATIONS – Alvin Kain, 95, is holding Clay (Taylor's son), his great-great grandson, 3 months old. Behind him at left is Vickie Selbrade, Alvin's daughter. Next to Vickie is Taylor (Stacy's daughter), Alvin's great granddaughter. Next to Taylor is Stacy (Vickie's daughter), Alvin's granddaughter.



American Legion Lee C. Prentice Post 36 Commander Steve Fosness (left) is pictured donating 10 US flags in Winnebago, to Veteran Resource Center and Academy board members Garth Carlson and Lynn Johnson.



Fairmont High School senior, Carissa Saxton, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Carissa is the daughter of Calvin and Jody Saxton. Following graduation, Carissa plans to study rehab science (pre-physical therapy) at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.



Fairmont High School senior Hayden Clabaugh, son of Jason and Sue Clabaugh, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Hayden's post-graduation plans are to attend Augustana University to study nursing.

Federated Rural Electric Youth Tour contest winners



Katie Hartke

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, saluted the winners in its 2022 Youth Tour Contest.

Winning the grand prize was Eli Hedstrom, Lakefield; he won Federated's free trip to Washington, D.C. June 14-19. Hedstrom is the son of Dale and Mary. Eli is a home-schooled junior. He will be among 1,500 teenagers from across the country participating in Youth Tour, which is sponsored by electric cooperatives. He will tour the D.C. memorials and sites, witness Congress in session, visit with legislators and enjoy an evening

dinner theater, while learning about cooperatives.

Second and third place awards of \$150 and \$100 were awarded to Paul Troe and Katie Hartke. Troe received second place. He is the son of Penny and Chad, Lakefield. He is a senior attending Jackson County Central High School. Katie Hartke is a sophomore at Martin County West High School. She is the daughter of Lisa and Doug.

Each applicant completed an application and an essay on an energy-related topic. The applicants also received a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com. The four finalists were called back for personal interviews March 22.

Federated, your local Touchstone Energy partner, is a cooperative that provides electric service to 6,900 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

FHS Class of '77 - There will be an organizational meeting of the FHS Class of '77 reunion committee at The Marina Lodge, Thursday, April 7th at 6 p.m. to discuss the

45th Class Reunion. All '77 FHS graduates are encouraged to attend. Please visit www.77FHS.com to update your profile and to get updates.

MARTIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
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FRAPPE is a two year old castle dog. She's good with other dogs and people. Such a sweet girl!

JOEY is a 10 month old husky male. He seems to like other dogs. A bit shy at first but warms up quickly.

**** Volunteers wanted and needed! Stop by the shelter during our open hours to find out how YOU can help the animals! For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit: www.pawprints.petfinder.com.**

30th Annual Silent & Live Auction

Saturday, April 2 • 6:00 p.m.
Auction at 8:30 p.m.
St. John Vianney School Gym

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- Okoboji Summer Theatre Tickets
- 2022 Martin County Fair Tickets
- 2—1/2 Hogs, includes processing
- Holiday Inn Duluth Get-A-Way
- Arrowwood Resort Get-A-Way @ Alexandria
- Cove Point Lodge '2' Night Stay
- Best Western Fairmont Pool Party
- Wild Rose Casino Get-A-Way
- Grand Falls Casino Get-A-Way
- Jackpot Junction Casino
- Get-A-Way
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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
APRIL 2, 1997

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter. The lowest construction bid was \$145,000. Recycling paper was one of the fundraisers, and the organization was trying to find an inexpensive way of shipping the paper to the Twin Cities. Any semi driver traveling empty to the

Twin Cities was asked to call and take a load. Ten semi-loads of paper had been collected and was in storage.

In observance of the 85th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America, Fairmont Troop 229 members Rachel Senne, Krista Luetgers and Gina Willers and leaders Vicky Senne and Terri Luetgers organized a party for kindergarten through 3rd grade Daisies and Brownies.

Militello Motors was holding a 20th Anniversary Celebration, in honor of the dealership's 20th year in business.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
April 2, 1972

Easter vacation was to start this week in all Fairmont schools.

The Photo Press printed pictures of eight candidates for Dairy

Princess. They were Connie Boers, Julie Bulfer, Linda Cross, Kathie Nepl, Gail Nordhausen, Melody Stoneback, Peggy Tish and Jacci Ziemann.

Fairmont Jaycees planned their annual Easter Egg Hunt at all three parks, Lincoln, Gomsrud and Sylvania.

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Obituary Notices



Elizabeth J. "Betty" Thate, 91

A celebration of life visitation for Elizabeth "Betty" J. Thate, age 91, of Fairmont, MN, will be held 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 31,

2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. A family service will be held at 3:00 pm at the Lakeview Funeral Home with inurnment in Lakeside Cemetery at a later date. Betty passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Valley View Care Center in Armstrong, IA. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Elizabeth Jean (Kerns) Thate was born on October 6, 1930, in Fairmont, MN. She was the daughter of Lynn and Katie (Krumholz) Kerns. She attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School in

1948. As a young teenager, Betty sang as part of a trio with her sisters, Marcia and Barbara in the Lynn Kerns Rhythm Club Orchestra; a dance band owned and operated by her father. The trio won a county talent competition with two selections arranged for them by their dad.

On February 21, 1950, Betty was united in marriage to Kenneth E. Thate in Edina, MN. Together the couple would make their home near Fairmont, Welcome, and Granada before moving back to Fairmont, eventually moving to Ingleside and finally moving to Valley View Care Center in Armstrong in 2018. Betty and Ken were blessed with six children, Kevin, Rick, Karen, Sharon, Todd and Greg.

They shared over sixty-nine years together

before Ken passed away on July 11, 2019.

While living in Granada, Betty served as secretary for First Congregational Church. She was also employed by the Granada American Legion. Betty started working for Kmart in Fairmont in October of 1990 where she became the manager of the electronic department until her retirement in 2009.

Betty was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont as well as the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222 and Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 auxiliaries. She was also a long-time member of the Rose Lake Thimble Club while they lived in rural Fairmont. During her free time, Betty enjoyed crocheting, reading, doing crossword puzzles and

working on family genealogy.

Left to cherish her memory include her children, Kevin Thate (Vanessa Kettner), Rick (Lisa) Thate, Karen Green, Sharon Thate (Darrell McCommon), Todd Thate, and Greg (Tiffany) Thate; grandchildren, Andy (Pheny), Josh, Dustin (Melissa), Dayton (Rilyn), Ryan (Jody), Tori, Jake (Sara), Jada, Corey, Rachel, Emma, and Carter; great-grandchildren, Lucy, Talin, Angel, Zoie, Makaylah, Veydah, Dawson, Blake, Lincoln, Addison, Quinn, Urijah, Khamari, Akina, Halie, Madilyn, Emma, Jaxson, and Trinity; siblings, Marcia Leverson, Mickey Theobald, Mary Kenworthy, Jerry (Mary) Kerns, and Dan (Bev) Kerns; sister-in-law, Doris Thate; many nieces, nephews, cousins,

other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Lynn and Katie Kerns, Betty was also preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Thate; daughter-in-law, Vicki Thate; granddaughter, Amy Leah Quade; great granddaughter, Delilah Thate; parents-in-law, Ed and Emma Thate; sister, Barbara Meyer; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rusty Leverson, Swede Theobald, and Bud Kenworthy, Don and Alvie Hegener, Phyllis and Bob Standal, Velma and Marv Grathwohl, and DuWayne Thate; and many other relatives and friends.

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Elaine F. Gilmore, 89

Mass of Christian Burial for Elaine F. Gilmore, age 89, of Fairmont will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 1st, 2022 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in

Fairmont. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 9-11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 1st, 2022 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church. Elaine passed away, surrounded by her family, Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Elaine Frances, the daughter of Frank and Olga (Welchlin) Weber, was born July 22nd, 1932 in Fairmont. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's

Catholic Church in Fairmont and continued to practice the Catholic faith throughout her life.

Elaine attended school in Fairmont before her family moved to Granada in 1939, where she continued her education was a member of the 1950 graduating class. Following her high school graduation Elaine began working at the Fairmont Community Hospital and at her father's grocery store in Granada. She continued to work various jobs until she met and married Ron Gilmore. The couple was united in marriage on May 17th,

1962 in Sioux Falls, SD and were blessed with two children, Angela and Christopher.

The couple made their home together in Fairmont before moving to the farm in Huntley. In 1963 they moved to California where they resided for over 24 years. Elaine attended and graduated from Beauty College in Richmond, CA and then worked as a beautician during their time in California. The couple later moved back to Fairmont and Elaine began working at the Hy-Vee Bakery and was an active volunteer at Saint John Vianney

Catholic Church. In her spare time she loved to knit and crochet gifts for her friends and family, but most importantly Elaine loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Angela Newville (fiance, Natalie Simon); son, Christopher Gilmore; grandchildren: Allison Wasson, Anthony (Ashley) Gilmore, Ariel Gilmore (Ryan O'Grady), and Ashton Gilmore; great-grand-

children: Ella and Kobe Gilmore, Tyson Jones and Jax O'Grady; bonus grandchildren: Josh Newville, Brandon Newville, Michael Newville, Megan Newville, Danelle Simmons, Hailey Simmons, and Gerald Simmons Jr.; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband Ronnie Gilmore; parents, Frank and Olga Weber; and sister, Donna Zaborowski.

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Kristin M. Christ, 44

A time of remembering and celebrating the life of Kristin M. Christ, 44, of Blue Earth, MN, will be 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. There will be a private family burial held at a later date. Kristin passed away Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022, at the United Hospital District in Blue Earth, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kristin May Christ was born on November 8, 1977, in Fairmont, MN,

the daughter of Wallace and Marilyn (Thompson) Christ. She would be the oldest of three sisters, which meant she thought she was in charge, a role that fit her well.

Kristin was many things but, she was not boring. She had a kind and giving heart and found great joy in working as a caregiver for others. In her youth, she was active in 4-H, where she won multiple trophies for chickens and refinished many family heirlooms. Kristin was passionate about music, she was an accomplished musician and could play the piano, organ, and accordion in addition to any brass instrument. She had a beautiful alto voice and was not shy to remind you that she was blessed/cursed with perfect pitch. Singing show tunes with her sisters on the family piano happened often. She loved listening to big band music, especially Lawrence Welk and was a member of the Lawrence Welk Fan Club. Kristin had a deep love for ani-

mals, and always had a menagerie of companions ranging from cats and dogs to parrots and chinchillas. Kristin was also active in the Legion auxiliary and was a member of the Cooking Club of America. The roaming headquarters of the Bob Ross Fan Club was never too far away, always glad to emerge from frolicking with happy little trees to talk.

Left to cherish her memory is her father, Wallace Christ; sisters, Kathleen Christ and Karen Christ Aalgaard, brother in law Adam Aalgaard, aunt, Arliss "Rus-

ti" Hessig; uncle, Roger Thompson; as well as many cousins, extended family and friends.

Kristin was preceded in death by her mother, Marilyn Christ; grandparents, Merwin and Helen Thompson and Walter and Leona Christ; and a cousin, Jim Hessig. "Good night, good night, until we meet again. Adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen, til then. And though it's always sweet sorrow to part, you know you'll always remain in my heart."

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DEATH notices

March 15 - Randall A. Laue, 64, Troy, PA (formerly of Ceylon). Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory

March 21 - Alice M. Johnson, 84, Fairmont. Kramer Family Funeral Home

March 22 - Bettie C. Striemer, 84, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

March 22 - Geraldine R. Sontag, 80, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

March 22 - Kristin M. Christ, 44, Blue Earth. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

March 24 - Elaine F. Gilmore, 89, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

March 25 - Elizabeth J. "Betty" Thate, 91, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

In Memoriam - One Year Ago

March 20 - Tracy L. Lee, 61, North Potomac, MD (formerly of Welcome)

March 21 - Monica K. Chukuske, 55, Sherburn.

March 22 - Kenneth L. Rippel, 92, Fairmont.

March 23 - Jerome K. Christensen, 77, Ormsby.

March 23 - Robert E. Brolsma, 85, Sherburn.

March 23 - Harriet A. Clark, 83, Alpha.

March 27 - Althea M. Whitehead, 84, Sherburn



Neal D. Breitbarth, 66

Funeral service for Neal D. Breitbarth of rural Truman will be at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Truman, MN. Burial will follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Truman. Visitation will be Thursday, April 7th from 5-7 p.m. and Friday, April 8th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., before the 11 a.m. service, all at the church.

Neal David Breitbarth was taken to Heaven on March 18th at a Scotts-

dale, Arizona hospital, with his wife at his side.

Neal was born October 21st, 1955 at Fairmont Community Hospital to Eldor and Lois (Olhoft) Breitbarth of rural Truman. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Anttrim, rural Truman on November 13th, 1955. Neal attended St. John's Lutheran School, Anttrim, a one room school, for seven years and St. Paul's Lutheran School, Truman for 8th grade. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on April 27th, 1969 at St. Paul's, Truman. He graduated from Truman High School in 1973 and attended Mankato State University.

Neal met the love of his life, Juleen Grefe of Fairmont, on a blind date in 1981. They were married on May 28th, 1983 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont and blessed with three children.

Neal grew up working on his family farm and at neighboring farms. He worked at Nicker-son's Service Station, Salstrom's Mobil and the Felco station, Truman. In 1976 he began working at Fairmont Railway Motors as machinist, welder and inspector. In 1989 he joined Jim Hill Ag Industrial as salesman, then became General Manager and part owner where he also started Fairmont RV. In 2011, he began working for Easy Automation in Welcome. In 2019, Neal started his dream job as District Ag Director for US Congressman Jim Hagedorn.

Faith was very important to Neal and he was heavily involved at church. He served as Congregational Chairman and on many boards. His passion was for parochial education, serving on the boards of education at St. Paul's Lutheran-Truman, St.

Paul Lutheran-Fairmont and Martin Luther High School-Northrop. Neal also served his church at the district and national levels. He was on the LCMS MN-South District board of directors and was a delegate and served on floor committee for numerous national LCMS conventions.

Neal was very involved in politics, trying to leave a better world for his children and grandchildren. As a member of the Republican Party, he served as Martin County chairman, 2nd Congressional District Chairman, on the MN GOP executive committee, three time GOP national convention delegate and national rules committee. Neal was on many committees for state representative, state senate, gubernatorial, US Congress, US Senate and presidential campaigns. Locally he put up thou-

sands of campaign signs, organized and worked in the GOP booth at the county fair, walked in hundreds of parades, including his family in most of those activities. He also served as clerk of Westford Township.

Neal was an avid deer, goose and duck hunter, enjoying that time with his sons and grandson. He always looked forward to his annual duck hunting trip to North Dakota with his guys. Neal enjoyed brewing beer and sharing it with friends. He was a builder and woodworker and his children often said that there wasn't anything that dad couldn't fix.

Neal is survived by his wife, Juleen, children Adam (Lisa) of Hutchinson, MN, Michael of Salt Lake City, UT and Rebekah (Noah) Rogness of Alexandria, VA, grandchildren Lydia, Samson, Jonah and Gabriel Rogness, step-

grandchildren, Paige (Justen) Smithers & Presley Martinson, siblings Steven (Janelle), Alan (Cathy), Barb Vandrey, Paul (Dianne) and in-laws Lee and Laurel Engquist and Tom and Mary Grefe, plus many nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, Herman and Darla Mae Grefe, brother-in-law Victor Vandrey, grandson Mitchell, an unborn child in '86 and an unborn grandchild in 2021.

In lieu of flowers or plants, memorials are preferred to St. Paul's Lutheran, Truman; Martin Luther High School, Northrop, or Caring-bridge.org.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at

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Randall A. Laue, 64

Randall A. Laue, age

64, of Troy, PA passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022, at his home. He was born on January 1st, 1958, in Fairmont, MN, a son of Richard and Alice (Bremer) Laue.

Randy was a 1976 graduate of Ceylon High School and a 1980 graduate of Minnesota State University at Mankato.

Randy graduated with degrees in Business Administration and Computer Science. He worked for

IBM for 22 years in Minnesota, Maryland, New York, and Massachusetts; owned and operated the Troy Sports Pub in Troy, PA; and worked as a sales rep for Hoover's Hardware, also in Troy. Randy retired in 2018. Randy was a member of the Troy Lions Club and enjoyed antique cars and watching sports. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and the Vikings.

Randy is survived by

his son, Elijah C. Laue of New York, NY; his former wife and mother of his son, Joy Laue of Troy, PA; a brother, Rod (Debra) Laue of Fairmont, MN; a sister, Kathy Blom of Springfield, IL; and a sister-in-law, Linda Laue of Cottage Grove, MN, also one niece and several nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Laue; two sisters, Joyce Mosher and Gloria Laue, and a niece Michelle Blom.

Memorial services for Randy will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, MN.

Burial will follow the service in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held later at the family's convenience in Troy, PA.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Randy's name to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

1668 40th St., Ceylon, MN 56121, Troy Lions Club, PO Box 215, Troy, PA 16947, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 637 S. Main St., Mansfield, PA.

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Geraldine R. Sontag, 80

Memorial Visitation for Geraldine R. Sontag, age 80, of Fairmont, MN, was held on Monday, March 28th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home

in Fairmont. Geraldine passed away on Tuesday afternoon, March 22nd, 2022, at Seasons Health Care in Trimont, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Geraldine Rose (Manteufel) Sontag was born on May 8th, 1941, in Milwaukee, WI. She was the daughter of Harold and Ann (Stefanski) Manteufel. She attended Milwaukee public schools and graduated from South Division High School in Milwaukee, WI.

In 1964, Geraldine was united in marriage

to Peter Sontag in Milwaukee. The couple resided in Milwaukee and were blessed with one daughter, Christine. Geraldine later moved to Fairmont, MN, where she was employed as a housekeeper at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center for almost twenty years.

Geraldine always had a special place in her heart for animals. She especially loved horses and had one as a teenager as well as several while she was married. During her free time, she enjoyed gardening and doing word search puzzles.

Left to cherish her

memory include her daughter, Christine Lewis of Granada, MN; granddaughter, Shannon Lewis of Granada, MN; grandson, Jake Lewis of Ft. Dodge, IA; great granddaughter, Braelyn; nieces and nephews in Wisconsin; and many cousins and friends in the Fairmont area. Along with her parents, Harold and Ann Manteufel, Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband, Peter; and her sister, Patricia.

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"I Just Want My Dog"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



June has always had an overabundant supply of energy and desire to play. She especially loves to play catch - with anything. A tennis ball or stick is preferred outdoors. Indoors, she has a wide variety of toys but shows favoritism to her stuffed moose, beaver, and ropes. She gets so excited to play that sometimes it's hard to get her to settle down.

I was lying on the couch and wanted to pet her. "Come here, June." June came running to me with her orange stuffed moose, trying to push it into my hand. I set the moose on the back of the couch. "No, June, I just want my dog." She ran off and returned with her rope. I took the rope, "No, Bugs, I just want my dog." Next, she brought a shredded rag; what's left of her stuffed beaver. I took the toy, set it on the back of the couch. "Buggy, I just want my dog." Finally, June sat down, and I scratched her head while telling her she was beautiful.

I scratched behind her ears; I remembered a day almost 12 years ago.

"Honey, can you come here for a minute?" Melissa sat at the left end of the antique wooden dining room table. She had the newspaper classifieds spread out, two pages wide, in front of her. Then, with a pair of scissors, she clipped an ad from the middle of the page.

"Look," Melissa said, reading the ad while holding it up for me to see. "Free Puppies. Border collie, blue heeler mix. Eight weeks old,

weaned, and ready to go." The ad went on to say they also had free puggle puppies.

Our daughter Annie had been pressing to get a family dog. "We can think about it," Melissa told her.

A couple of weeks earlier, Melissa had briefly mentioned, which led to us having some minor discussions about the slight possibility of maybe thinking about getting a dog sometime down the road. "You're not thinking about a puggle, right?" Don't get me wrong, puggles are cute, just not my style.

"No," she said. "Remember, we talked about looking into the possibility of a border collie? I wonder what a border, blue heeler mix would look like?"

At that time, I was more eager to get a dog than Melissa - but she was open to at least discussing the idea; I mean, she's the one who found the ad. "We could go look at them," I suggested, with an open cell phone in my hand. "Is there a number listed?" I called the people and got an address. "They'll be there anytime today."

Melissa cautioned, "We are just going to look, okay?" Then, in tune with my thought process, she repeated, "We're just looking, right?" I agreed. It was Melissa's way of saying we didn't want just any dog; we would take our time to find the right dog for our family.

We turned into a farm lane off the north side of the Eddyville, Albia highway. There were several cars and

many people in the yard and driveway. The site was as chaotic as an estate sale with really good prices. A couple of pre-teen kids and their mom strolled among the crowd, answering questions and offering sales pitches to people who showed interest.

Several people were holding puppies. Other pups ran around; one group chased an adult border collie. Another litter of pups was in tow behind a pug. Both female dogs had heavy nipples swaying under their tummies, trying to elude their young. Neither dog showed any interest in letting their offspring nurse.

A loose beagle greeted anyone who showed him any attention. On the opposite side of the driveway, an adult blue heeler was chained to a dog house. One of the kids referred to him as Sergeant. The heeler jumped up on the roof, sitting on the peak like Snoopy, but Sarge sat on the front edge more like a gargoye. He looked over the lot of puppies as if to boast, "Yep, those are mine."

We paused at the puggles; most of them were tan and white with some black - traditional beagle colors. But a few of the puggles were gray with black speckles. A little kid held a puppy to his cheek, pleading, "Mom, please. I promise I'll take care of him." But Mom stood her ground, "I said we're just looking."

"I feel ya, kid," I muttered. "I'm in the same boat."

"What did you say," Melissa asked.

Thinking quickly, I

pointed to one of the gray and black speckled pups, "I said it looks like ole Sarge is quite the lover. That is not a beagle mix." Melissa told me to stop it, but I pressed, "Seriously, look at the chest and body colors on the heeler. I'll bet he's the daddy of some of these puggles." Melissa gave me a look, but I laughed, "What would you call them? Pugeelers? Blue Ugs?"

"Let's go look at the other puppies," she said.

The young boy and girl approached us where we were petting the border-blue heeler pups. Then, being quite the salesman, he asked what we were looking for. "This one is a really good puppy," he said, scooping up a little male. But another pup had caught our eye. It was a roly-poly little female who seemed to have a mind of her own.

While all the other puppies followed their mother trying to nurse, the little girl pup roamed off to explore on her own; in the barn, around the tree, she wasn't interested in being part of the pack, begging for milk.

At one point, the pup wandered across the drive, under a gate into

Melissa and I took an instant liking to "Zoey." She had a lot of black in her coat with black around her eyes and ears. There was an hourglass shape of grey and white with speckles over her nose and head. On her black back was a perfect letter J in lighter colors.

"So, what do you think of this little guy," the boy asked, again presenting the male. It must have been obvious Zoey was the puppy we wanted.

"We really like this little girl. Are you sure you don't want to let her go," Melissa asked?

The boy and his sister looked at one another, shrugging their shoulders as if to say: we need to find homes for all these puppies. Then, finally, their mom walked up, saying, "We were trying to decide if we were going to keep Zoey or the other male."

Melissa gazed into the young pup's eyes; they were still blue-grey, and her puppy breath was more alluring than any perfume. "Do you know when was she born?"

The young man answered right away, "June 23rd."

Melissa quickly did the math, "She's only six weeks old. Are you

on the padded console between the front seats in the truck, enjoying the cool air from the a/c vents. With her head laying on my arm like a pillow, Zoey slept all the way home. Melissa stroked her back, "She was born in June and has a big J on her back. So let's call her June."

"June Bug. I like that," I said.

Melissa corrected me, "It's June."

As time went on, June Bug affectionately acquired more names: Bugs, Buggy, Buggy, Bugzerellie. I have no idea where Melissa came up with Tater Bugs, but that was another one. But, even with all those nicknames, she's still June and always will be. Well, June Palen, when she was in trouble - which wasn't very often, but there were times.

Although she got along better with people than other dogs, June was kind to everyone. (other dogs couldn't throw a stick, but they did try to take hers)

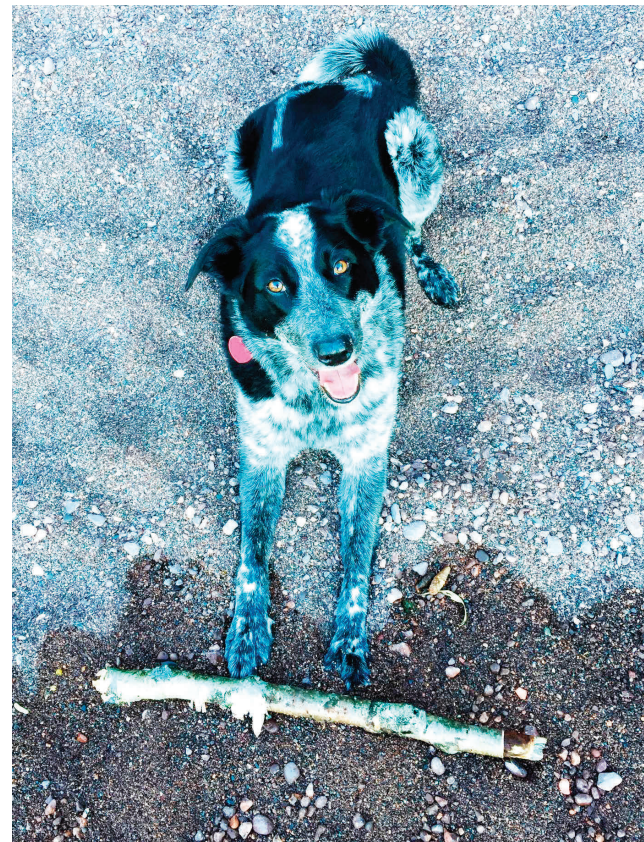
On her seventh birthday, we surprised June with a black cat. Edgar Allan. "Are you kidding me," June asked in disbelief? However, within a few days, June accepted Edgar, and the two became best buddies very quickly. "Look, kid; if you're going to live here in my house, you will have to learn a few things."

June showed Edgar the ropes, and the little black cat grew up learning to walk on a leash, hike, camp, and travel. While the duo adventured through all lower forty-eight states with us, June taught Edgar how to pour on the charm when meeting new people. "Good morning, ma'am; you look lovely today." Or, "Hello, good sir. Would you happen to have a stick with you?"

June would let Edgar share her seat in the car, her spot in front of the fireplace, her bed, and toys. But she drew the line if Edgar messed with her tennis balls. Those were sacred. Oh, and the red laser dot. June would run over Edgar for the red dot. Then, she'd let Edgar have the first drink from a freshwater bowl. June was very kind.

It totally breaks my heart to tell you that June passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2022. We are crushed beyond words.

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an area with cows. She had every intention of herding those cattle - rounding them up. But, instead, the mother snapped and growled at the litter, leaving them while she ran over to scold the free-spirited renegade and bring her back to the fold.

Melissa picked up the wayward puppy. "What about this one," she asked the salesman.

His sister answered, "Oh, that's Zoey. We might be keeping her."

sure she's ready to go?"

"Yep, they're all weaned and ready to go." The boy said. "If you really want her, you can take Zoey, and we'll keep the male instead."

"Are you sure," Melissa asked. "We don't want to take your puppy."

"We're sure." The boy and girl answered together; Mom agreed. We loved the puppy, but not so much her name. We would work on that.

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Signs of Spring

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

It was when starting to author an essay that a thought about writers crossed my mind. I began wondering how many times other authors had used the subject of SIGNS OF SPRING. They probably started the writings as I was planning to write mine with something like, "It happened this morning when looking out of the kitchen window. The view was changing. Yesterday's above normal temperature has brought it on. What was snow and ice is turning to water. Small streams of water have formed and are finding their way to lower ground." I decided that each sees the SIGNS OF SPRING in a different way. I see it as a combination of many things. We live on a farm and close to nature. Seeing the field clear of winter now I something which only a few might notice for the same reason. However, to the farmer it is one of the most important SIGNS OF SPRING. Another is getting the machinery ready for the long hour in the field is something of foremost need.

We join the many non-farmers who wait for the return of the summer birds. However, one of our most eventful SIGNS OF SPRING is when the eagles return. The eagles have been nesting in the same tall cottonwood tree at the back of the farm for many years. It is the time of waiting for we are unable to get to the nesting area because of the snow and now mud.



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What's new at Heaven's Table?

March is a time to remember your local food shelves as part of the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches (GMCC) annual challenge to raise funds and increase food donations. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many businesses and organizations to pivot and so much has changed in the last two years. The need to help our hungry neighbors in Martin County is still there and food shelves are finding creative ways to meet that need.

Heaven's Table, located at 909 Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont and 212 North Prairie Street in Sherburn has established several partnerships to accomplish its mission: "serving hungry people in Martin County."

- Food distribution - Clients are served in their vehicles on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. or Saturdays 9-11 a.m. in Fairmont; 2nd Saturday 9-11 a.m., Tuesday after the 2nd Saturday 6-7 p.m., 3rd Saturday 9-10 in Sherburn. Volunteers work inside Heaven's Table to fill client orders.

- Backpack Program - Nutritious snacks and meals for use during the weekend are sent home from school with eligible students in grades K-6 at participating Martin County schools. Donations, grants and volunteers make this happen.

- Local transit - Prairie Lakes Transit assists with delivery of food to clients who have a need due to COVID quarantine or lack of transpor-

tation. Phone orders are taken at Heaven's Table 238-5424. This is funded by grants from local area foundations.

- Spanish-speaking clients - Heaven's Table has bilingual volunteers available by phone during distribution to assist clients in getting the food they need. An online order program with a photo, English word and Spanish word is under development. Grant money is used for this effort.

- Community distributions - residents of several towns in Martin County are already receiving a monthly box of dry goods, produce and a protein, and other towns are in the process of getting started. Volunteers are vital to this project.

There are a lot of new things happening behind the scenes at Heaven's Table, but they all depend on support from the community, whether citizens share their time or their money or participate in a food drive the GMCC March Challenge is the perfect time to help out as over 255 food shelves in Minnesota raise awareness about food insecurity close to home.

Donations to Heaven's Table Food Shelf, a 501(c)(3) organization, can be mailed to PO Box 745, Fairmont, MN 56031, and volunteers can express interest according to their schedules by calling 507-238-5424. Watch for information about the 10th anniversary Celebration on May 14th, 2022. All support is very much appreciated.

The annual What A Knight Fundraiser will be held on Saturday evening, April 9th, at 6:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. There will

be a dinner and large auction of many items. Dylan Kallemein, Dustyn Hartung and Chris and Allen Kahler are auctioneers for this fundraiser.

Garden Club meets April 6th

City of Lakes Garden Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 6th, at 201 Downtown Plaza in the Farm Bureau Insurance Conference Room on the first floor. Visitors and new members are always welcome, but please call or text Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578 to RSVP your attendance ahead of time so that adequate accommodations can be provided. Attendees are asked to bring magazines to the meeting.

Members are reminded to continue collecting greeting cards (birthday, thank you, get well, sympathy, and blank cards) for local nursing home residents which

There will be a business meeting followed by an informative presentation. We will be continuing to explore our presentation theme of "Methods of Gardening" and/or "Visitors to

the Garden" throughout the year. The topic for the April meeting will be Methods of Gardening "Be the Best Gardener You Can Be."

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. The host/hostess for the month may choose the location and time for the meeting. The purpose of this organization is to encourage all forms of horticulture in the home and community and to increase the pleasure derived from them."

The May Garden Club meeting will be Wednesday, May 4th. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the Garden Club, please call or text Leslie Walkowiak at 651-895-6578. Gardeners of all skill levels are always welcome. Find us on Facebook at City of Lakes Garden Club Group of Fairmont, MN.

CREST "Lunch & Learn" coming to Sherburn

Spring has arrived and thoughts turn to what to plant in the garden this year. Beans? Cabbage? Radishes? The CREST Lunch & Learn program for this month will be on container gardening and how to make your garden thrive.

A meal of country style ribs, scalloped po-

tatoes, green bean casserole and cupcakes for dessert will be served following the program. The CREST Lunch & Learn program will take place on Wednesday, April 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn. This event is open to anyone in Martin County and a free-will donation is always welcome.

A Pampered Chef bridal shower will be held for Rebecca Callison, bride-to-be of Luke Becker. The shower will be Saturday, April 9th from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall

of St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop. Becca will have a wish list of items you can purchase to stock the newlyweds' kitchen. Bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride-to-be.

It's back! The biggest fundraiser in Martin County serving people with disabilities and their families.

Plan now to attend the Knights of Columbus silent/live auction on Saturday, April 2nd,

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The annual meeting of the Center Creek Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Granada City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The East Chain United Methodist Church will host the Community Coffee party on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Serving Breakfast; French toast, sausages, coffee,

tea, juice, and milk. The freewill offering will go to Oakwood Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Everyone is welcome. For any questions: Alice Barnes 507-236-1137.

Bloodmobile to visit Truman High School

Many people want to give back to the community but may not have a lot of time to volunteer. In only about an hour, volunteer blood donors can help save lives and feel instant gratification.

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blood on Wednesday, April 6th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Truman High School Elementary Activity Room. To make an appointment, call the school office at 507-776-2111. When you donate, you will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Martin Luther High School's annual spring rummage and bake sale will take place on Thursday, April 2nd, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, April 3rd, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 4th, 8 a.m. to noon, with a \$3.00 bag

sale. Items for sale include infant through adult clothing, shoes, toys, books, household items, furniture, and more. Proceeds support the ongoing educational services provided by Martin Luther High School, Northrop.

Marriage License Applications

Rachel Mary Nemanic and Derek Alan Jordan

Krystle Martin and Douglas Lee Boomgaarden

Central farm Service is holding a groundbreaking ceremony at the St. James Feed Mill. The groundbreaking will be held on Wednesday, April 6th, at 9 a.m., at the CFS new feed mill site, 34697 720th Ave., St. James.

CER Programs Safe Routes to School Tuesdays April 12-May 24

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Paul's Lutheran School Playground (7:40 a.m.).

Kids Just Want To Have Fun

Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Cedar Creek Park, Fairmont, free.

For more information, contact 507-235-3141 or www.fairmont.k12.mn.us/o/cer

Computer Class

Microsoft Publisher: Basic-Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12, 6:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m., CER, \$89

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CER Classes

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People - Monday, April 18 online via zoom, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., \$59

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Let's Speak Spanish! - Tuesdays, April 19-May 24, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., CER, \$44

Metabolism Boosters and Busters Janice Novak - Tuesday, April 19, online, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., \$29

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People - Tuesday, April 19, online via zoom. 6:30 p.m.-

9:00 p.m., \$59

Tiny Tots - April 20, 25 27, and May 2, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m., FES Little Cardinal Gym, \$25

Microsoft Excel: Basic - Thursday & Friday, April 21 and 22, 6:16 p.m.-9:15 p.m., CER, \$89

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An estimated 2/3 (970) of eligible participants did file and received \$624,000 for an average refund of \$643. Typically taxpayers have their tax preparer fill out the required forms from the Department of

Revenue.

Somewhere out there are about 300 Martin County property owners who could file and claim a share of the \$300,000.

Link to who qualifies and how to claim the refund:

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/homeowners-homestead-credit-refund>

There may be property tax relief available.

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YMCA, FACCF sign consulting agreement

The YMCA has entered into a consulting agreement with the Fairmont Area Community Center Foundation. The agreement was signed by the Albert Lea YMCA Board as part of an ongoing process to develop a community center in Fairmont.

The consulting agreement is a key step in the ongoing Community Center development process as it allows the Y and the Fairmont Area Community Center Foundation to:

- Start programming opportunities in the Fairmont area, both immediate and longer term,

- Develop and assess financial proformas to successfully run and operate a full spectrum of potential community center components and supporting programming,

- Frame an operating agreement for the City of Fairmont for the Y to oversee and be responsible for ongoing operations of the Fairmont Area Community Center,

- Team with the Albert Lea (MN) and Forest City (IA) Y's to leverage and capitalize on their immense knowledge and expertise in developing successful programs for local communities,

- Leverage the national YMCA's experience in building design and cost-effective use and operation of a Community Center.

The Y will be opening an office in Fairmont on or before April 1st, 2022. The office will serve as the local headquarters for the Y as it develops and implements local programming for the Fairmont area.

Ag Update:

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst; VP, MinnStar Bank

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FARM CUSTOM RATES LIKELY TO INCREASE FOR 2022

Due to the high cost of investment in farm machinery, an ever-increasing number of farm operators are hiring other farm operators to provide some or all of their machinery resources for their farm operation. This is especially true with new and younger farm operators, as well as with children that decide to start farming with their parents. In addition, some land investors are choosing to operate a farm themselves rather than cash renting the land another farm operator, thus hiring a farm operator under a custom farming agreement.

Custom farming agreements usually include tillage, planting, some weed control, harvesting, and delivering grain to a specified location. Some farm operators also hire custom work for specific farm operations with another farm operator, such as planting, combining, or hay baling. Many farm operators negotiate these types of custom rate and custom farming arrangements in the Spring of the year, while others wait until harvest is completed.

One of the best resources for average custom rates is the annual "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" that is coordinated and analyzed by Iowa State University. Earlier this year, 559 custom operators and farm managers were sampled regarding expected 2022 custom farm rates to be for various farm operations. The survey summary lists the average custom rate, as well as a range, for various tillage, planting, fertilizer and chemical application, grain harvesting, and forage harvesting functions on the farm. The survey also includes many miscellaneous farming practices, average per hour farm labor rates, and includes a formula for calculating rental rates. The survey lists the average custom farming rates for corn, soybeans, and small

grain. The average custom rates for farm operations in most other areas of the Upper Midwest tend to be very close to the average Iowa custom rates.

Average 2022 farm custom rates for some typical tillage, planting, and harvesting practices, as well as custom farming rates, are listed in the adjoining Table. The complete 2022 "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey" for all farming practices is available on-line at the following Iowa State University web site:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html>

Based on the Iowa State data, average custom rates for tillage, planting, and harvest operations in 2022 are expected to increase by about 7 percent, compared to the rates for similar operations in 2021, while 2022 custom rates for harvest operations are expected to increase by 3.4 percent. The custom farming rates for corn and soybean production are expected to increase by about 1.5 percent compared to a year earlier. The cost for new and used machinery increased rapidly in the past 12 months, which together with increasing fuel costs and higher labor charges, accounts for the increases in 2022 custom rates. It should be noted that many of these factors have continued to increase early in 2022, which may result in custom operators increasing their final custom rates even more by year-end to fully cover the increasing expenses for custom operations.

All listed custom rates in the Iowa Survey results include fuel, labor, repairs, depreciation, insurance, and interest, unless listed as rental rates or otherwise specified. The average price for diesel fuel was assumed to be \$3.33 per gallon. A fuel price increase of \$.50 per gallon would cause most custom rates to increase by approximately five percent. These average rates are

only meant to be a guide for custom rates, as actual custom rates charged may vary depending on continued increase in fuel costs, availability of custom operators, timeliness, field size, etc. and could be adjusted later in the year due to changes in economic factors.

Note --- For additional information contact Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst and Senior

Vice President, MinnStar Bank, Lake Crystal, MN. (Phone --- (507) 381-7960);

E-mail --- kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com Web Site --- <http://www.minnstarbank.com/>

SELECTED 2022 FARM CUSTOM RATES

Following are the median (adjusted average) custom rates for some common farming practices for 2022, based on the "Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey"

Custom Farming Rates (includes tillage, planting and harvesting costs):

- Corn ----- \$130 per acre (Range = \$75 - \$250)
- Soybeans ----- \$120 per acre (Range = \$70 - \$250)
- Small Grain --- \$95 per acre (Range = \$90 - \$100)

Tillage:

- Moldboard Plow ----- \$18.35 per acre
- Chisel Plow ----- \$18.00 per acre
- Disk/Chisel ----- \$20.50 per acre
- V-Ripper (deep tillage) --- \$22.00 per acre
- Field Cultivator --- \$16.00 per acre
- Tandem Disk ----- \$16.00 per acre
- Chopping Corn stalks ----- \$12.00 per acre

Planting and Spraying:

- Planter With Attachments ----- \$24.00 per acre (extra charges for GPS, seed shutoffs, etc.)
- Planter Without Attachments --- \$22.00 per acre

- No-Till Planter --- \$23.00 per acre
- Soybean Drill ---- \$20.00 per acre
- Grain Drill ----- \$18.25 per acre
- Crop Spraying (broadcast) ----- \$ 8.00 per acre (self-propelled sprayer)

Harvesting Grain:

- Corn Combine --- \$37.00 per acre (\$41.00 with chopper head)

(\$55.00 per acre with grain cart & truck)

- Soybean Combine ----- \$36.00 per acre (\$39.25 with draper head)

(\$50.00 per acre with grain cart & truck)

- Small Grain Combine ----- \$31.00 per acre

- Corn Grain Cart (in field) ----- \$6.40 per acre

- Soybean Grain Cart (in field) ---- \$5.55 per acre

- Hauling Grain (5 mi. or less) ---- \$0.10 per bushel

- Hauling Grain (5-25 mi.) ----- \$0.16 per bushel

- Grain Drying (continuous flow) --- \$0.04 per point per bushel (incl. fuel, electricity & labor)

Harvesting Forages:

- Windrowing Hay ----- \$15.00 per acre

- Hay Baling (small square bales) ---- \$0.75 per bale

- Hay Baling (large square bales) ---- \$12.75 per bale

- Hay Baling (large round bales) ---- \$14.00 per bale

- Corn Stalk Baling (large bales) ----- \$14.00 per bale

- Silage Chopping ----- \$ 7.00 per ton (or \$70 per hour per head row)

Farm Labor Rates:

- General Farm Labor ----- \$18.00 per hour (\$20.00 per hour for harvesting and spraying) Table prepared by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst

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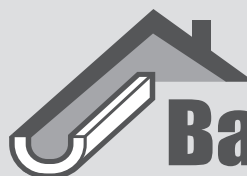
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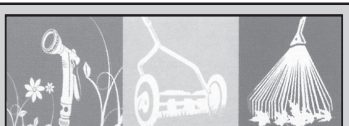
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Cardinal Baseball

Thursday, Mar 31 - 5:00pm Away vs Faribault
Tuesday, Apr 5 - 5:30pm vs MCW
Thursday, Apr 7 - 4:00pm DH Away vs JCC
Monday, Apr 11 - 5:30pm vs Luverne
Thursday, Apr 14 - 5:30pm Away vs St. Peter
Tuesday, Apr 19 - 5:30pm vs New Ulm
Thursday, Apr 21 - 5:30pm vs Worthington
Friday, Apr 22 - 5:30pm vs St. Peter
Thursday, Apr 28 - 5:30pm vs Waseca
Monday, May 2 - 5:30pm Away vs New Ulm
Thursday, May 5 - 5:30pm Away vs Worthington
Saturday, May 7 - 10:00am Windom Tournament
Monday, May 9 - 4:30pm Away vs Waseca
Tuesday, May 10 - 5:00pm Away vs Maple River
Thursday, May 12 - 5:30pm vs Blue Earth Area
Friday, May 13 - 4:00pm DH vs Marshall
Tuesday, May 17 - 5:30pm vs Belle Plaine
Sat, May 28 Section 11:00am TBD vs High Seed
Tuesday, May 31 Section 5:00pm vs High Seed
Thursday, Jun 2 Section 5:00pm Away vs TBD
Saturday, Jun 4 Section 5:00pm Away vs TBD
Tuesday, Jun 7 Section 5:00pm Away vs TBD
Thursday, Jun 9 Section Finals 5:00pm vs TBD
Thursday, Jun 16 State Finals Away vs TBD



The Cardinal Baseball team and Lincoln Becker season opener is this Thursday, 5:00 p.m. on the road against Faribault. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



The Cardinal Softball team and Chantel Moeller open the season next Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. on the road against Martin County West. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Cardinal Softball

Tuesday, Apr 5 - 4:30pm Away vs MCW
Thursday, Apr 7 - 4:00pm DH vs JCC
Tuesday, Apr 12 - 4:30pm DH Away vs Marshall
Thursday, Apr 14 - 5:30pm vs St. Peter
Monday, Apr 18 - 5:30pm vs St. James Area
Tuesday, Apr 19 - 5:30pm Away vs New Ulm
Thursday, Apr 21 - 5:30pm Away vs Worthington
Monday, Apr 25 - 5:30pm Away vs Luverne
Thursday, Apr 28 - 5:30pm Away vs Waseca
Monday, May 2 - 5:30pm vs New Ulm
Tuesday, May 3 - 5:30pm Away vs St. Peter
Thursday, May 5 - 5:30pm vs Worthington
Saturday, May 7 - Windom Tournament TBD
Monday, May 9 - 5:30pm vs LCWM
Thursday, May 12 - 5:30pm Away vs BEA
Tuesday, May 17 - 5:30pm vs Waseca
Tuesday, May 24 - Section 5:00pm @ High Seed
Thursday, May 26 - Section 5:00pm @ High Seed
Saturday, May 28 - Section 12:00pm Away vs TBD
Tuesday, May 31 - Section 5:00pm Away vs TBD
Thursday, Jun 2 - Section Finals 5:00pm vs TBD
Thursday, Jun 9 - State Finals TBD

Fairmont Trap Team

The Fairmont High School Trap team placed 10th at Minnesota State High School League’s Clay Target state team competition at Prior Lake last year. They shoot at the Fairmont Trap Club, a shooting sport facility located near Granada, Minnesota.



March 30th - Practice Week 1
April 6th – Practice Week 2
April 13th – Reserve Week
April 20th – Competition Week 1
April 27th – Competition Week 2
May 4th – Competition Week 3
May 11th – Competition Week 4
May 18th – Competition Week 5
June 24th – State Minneapolis Gun Club



Cardinal Golf



The Cardinal Girls Golf team and Maggy Totzke open the season at the Worthington Invitational Saturday, April 9. The Cardinal Boys Golf team and Brock Lutterman will host Granada Huntley-East Chain/Truman Tuesday, April 12 4:30 p.m. in the season opener. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Girls Schedule

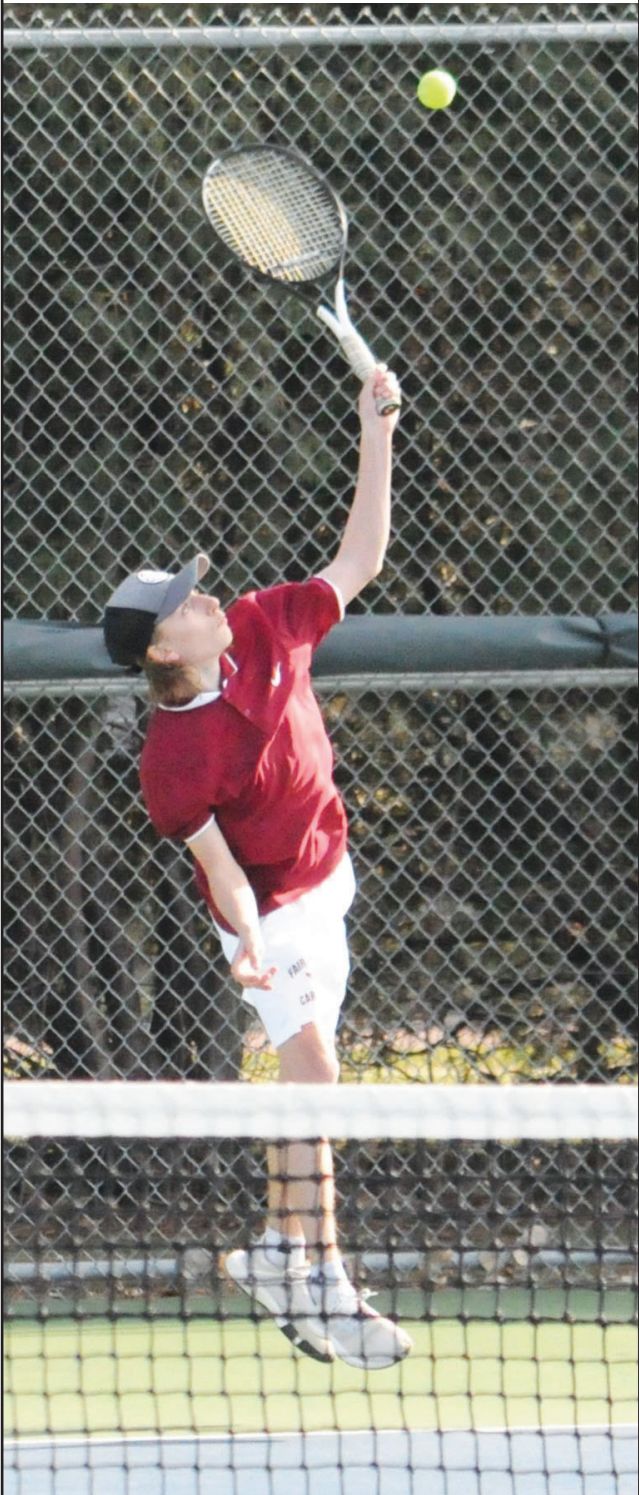
Saturday, Apr 9 - 9:00am Worthington Invitational
Tuesday, Apr 12 - 4:30am vs GHEC-Tru, Interlaken
Monday, Apr 18 - 4:00am Fairmont, Multiple Schools
Thursday, Apr 21 - 1:00am New Ulm Invitational
Friday, Apr 22 - 1:00am New Prague Tournament
Tuesday, Apr 26 - 2:00am St. Peter Invitational
Monday, May 2 - 3:00am St. Peter, Multiple Schools
Saturday, May 7 - 9:30am Fairmont Invitational
Monday, May 9 - 11:00am Byron Invitational
Thursday, May 12 - 2:00am Redwood Valley Invite
Mon, May 16 - 1:00pm BSC Championship Dacotah Ridge
Friday, May 20 - 3:00am Away vs Marshall
Wednesday, May 25 - Section 9:00am Oakdale GC
Wednesday, Jun 1 - Section 9:00am Oakdale GC
Tuesday, Jun 14 - State Finals TBD
Wednesday, Jun 15 - State Finals TBD

Boys Schedule

Tues, Apr 12 - 4:30pm vs GHEC-Truman, Interlaken
Thurs, Apr 14 - 1:00pm New Ulm Invitational
Mon, Apr 18 - 4:00pm @ Waseca, Multiple Schools
Tues, Apr 19 - 2:00pm Away vs St. Peter Invitational
Sat, Apr 23 - 9:00am Worthington Invitational
Mon, Apr 25 - 4:00pm Away vs JCC, Multiple Schools
Mon, May 2 - 3:00pm Away vs BEA, Multiple Schools
Sat, May 7 - 9:30am Fairmont Invite Rose Lake
Fri, May 13 - 8:30am Away vs LSH, Multiple Schools
Mon, May 16 - 9:00am BSC Championship Dacotah Ridge
Frid, May 20 - 3:00pm Away vs Marshall
Thurs, May 26 - Section 9:00am Oakdale Golf Club
Wed, Jun 1 - Section 9:00am Oakdale Golf Club
Tues, Jun 14 - State Finals TBD

Cardinal Boys Tennis Schedule

Friday, Apr 8 - 4:30pm vs Luverne
Tuesday, Apr 12 - 4:30pm vs Worthington
Monday, Apr 18 - 4:30pm Away vs. New Ulm
Tuesday, Apr 19 - 4:30 Away vs. Pipestone Area
Thursday, Apr 21 - 4:30pm vs Waseca
Friday, Apr 22 - 4:30pm vs Austin
Saturday, Apr 23 - 9:00am St. James Tournament
Tuesday, Apr 26 - 4:30pm vs Schaeffer Academy
Thursday, Apr 28 - 4:30pm vs St. James Area
Friday, Apr 29 - 4:30pm vs New Prague
Thursday, May 5 - 4:30pm vs St. Peter
Friday, May 6 - 4:30pm Away vs. Litchfield
Tuesday, May 10 - 4:30pm vs Redwood Valley
Thursday, May 12 - 4:30pm Away vs. BEA
Friday, May 13 - 4:30pm Away vs. Albert Lea
Tuesday, May 17 - 4:30pm Away vs. Stewartville
Thursday, May 19 - Section 4:30pm @ High Seed
Tuesday, May 24 - Section 11:00am Away vs. TBD
Wed, May 25 - Individual Section 12:00pm TBD
Thurs, May 26 - Individual Section 11:00am TBD
Tuesday, Jun 7 - State Finals TBD



The Fairmont Cardinal Boys Tennis team and Ian Fortune season opening match is with Luverne in Fairmont Friday, April 8, 4:30 p.m. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Cardinal Boys & Girls Track Schedule

Saturday, Apr 2 - 10:00am Mankato Indoor Track
Tuesday, Apr 5 - 4:30pm Fairmont Triangular
Thursday, Apr 7 - 4:30pm Fairmont Triangular
Tuesday, Apr 12 - 4:15pm BEA Invitational
Tuesday, Apr 19 - 4:00pm Belle Plaine Invitational
Thursday, Apr 28 - 4:30pm Fairmont Triangular
Friday, Apr 29 - 5:30pm Invite, Hamline University
Friday, May 6 - 4:00pm FairmontInvitational

Tues, May 10 - 3:00pm Section True Team, Mankato
Sat, May 14 - 10:30am BSC Championship, Worthington
Saturday, May 21 - State True Team TBD
Wednesday, Jun 1 - Section @ Waconia
Friday, Jun 3 - Section @ Waconia
Friday, Jun 10 - State, St. Michael-Alberville
Saturday, Jun 11 - State, St. Michael-Alberville



Cardinals Sawyer Tordsen and Ellie Hernes head to Mankato for a boys and girls track team indoor meet 10:00 a.m. this Saturday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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Valley News Company, Inc., Valley News Kato Holding Company to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. Pt. W½SE¼, Pt. Govt. Lots 7 and 12, SW¼, 6-104-30

Kim M. Ricard to Earl Ricard, Julie Ricard, 1/6 Int. N½NW¼, 1/3 Int. Pt. S½NW¼, 20-104-29

Douglas L. Storbeck, Michele L. Storbeck to Lori J. Smart, Stuart T. Smart, Pt. & Vac. Quarter Line St., Lots 14 and 15, Block 3, Campbells 2nd Addn., Welcome

Anita Culbertson, Denny Culbertson, Debbie Penrod, Debbie Winchester, Gary Winchester to Nicholas A. Sandberg, Lot 3, W.25' Lot 2, Block 1, Petersons 2nd Addn., Monterey

Amy Lausen, Jeff Lausen, Crystal Moore, Terry Moore, Annette Netsch, Kenneth Netsch to Jay Lausen, Und. 3/10 Int. W½SE¼, Und. 3/10 Int. SE¼, 30-101-33

Janice F. Tennyson to Dillon Feltman, Allison Hernandez, E.62' Lot 8, Block 3, Legion Subd., Northrop

Grant John Addison Swanson to Cody J. McDonald, Margo Gibson McDonald, Lot 9, S½ Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat Sherburn

Duane Hagen to Jason Anderson, Heidi Petersen, Lots 13 and 14, Exc. E.35', Block 3, Original Plat Sherburn

Adam D. Williamson, Sonja Williamson to Kirsten Ringgenberg, Grant J. Swanson, Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, B H & C 3rd Addn., Sherburn

Matthew P. Sullivan to Elliott Ehlers, Tamara Sowa, Lot 3, Exc. N.55', Block 1, Wollastons Addn. & Ext.

Matthew P. Sullivan to Elliott Ehlers, Tamara Sowa, Pt. Lot 3, Block 1, Wollastons Addn. & Ext.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Robert Jaffe to Carlee Lewis, Lot 9, Block 2, Andersons Addn., Granada

Tim McConnell, Tracy McConnell to Lowest Cost Flooring, Lot 14, Block 1, Lake George Addn.

Kim M. Ricard to Gloria Jean Lutz, Earl Dean Ricard, Gary Lee Ricard, James Paul Ricard, Michael Pierce Ricard, Lot 3, E½ Lot 2, Krause Subd., Truman

Earl Ricard, Julie Ricard to Earl Ricard, Julie Ricard, N½NW¼, Pt. S½NW¼, 20-104-29, N½W½NW¼, N.363'E.360' SW¼NW, 36-104-30, Pt. SW¼SW¼, 17-104-29

Dwane K. Blachowske to Dwane K. Blachowske, Trustee, Dwane Blachowske Revocable Trust, Lot 7, Block 1, Maple Leaf Addn., Sec. 30-102-31

Robert Jaffe to Carlee Lewis, Lot 9, Block 2, Andersons Addn., Granada

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DEEDS

Douglas J. Lemke, Personal Rep., Estate of Ruth Ellen Lemke to Amanda E. Lemke, Bradley D. Lemke, NW¼SE¼, 7-101-31

Douglas J. Lemke, Personal Rep., Estate of Ruth Ellen Lemke to David Lemke, Ellyn C. Lemke, Pt. NW¼, Pt. N½SW¼, 3-101-31

STATE DEEDS

State of Minnesota to City of Ceylon, Lot 1, Block 8, Original Plat Tenhassen-Ceylon

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Shirley A. Maschoff, Juanita Schmeeckle Charitable Trust to Andrew J. Dahl, Pt. W½SW¼, 11-103-29, S½SE¼, 2-103-29

Kathleen A. Nelson, Mark S. Nelson Mark S. Nelson and Kathleen A. Nelson Revocable Trust to Crystal Ann Clabaugh, Jerad Alan Clabaugh, Lot 17, Block 2, Clear Lake Homes

Rodney Eigsti, Harold Lausen Trust to Laura Kern, Jay Lausen, Jeff Lausen, Crystal Moore, Annette Netsch, Und. ½ Int., W½SE¼, Und. ½ Int., SE¼SE¼, 30-101-33

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Violations of either of the above is a misdemeanor and may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties.

By Order Of:

Martin County Board of Commissioners
Martin County Highway Engineer
Martin County Attorney

CITY OF CEYLON Sealed Bid Notice for Design, Construction Management, and Operations of a Fiber-to-the-Premise Network

The City of Ceylon is accepting sealed bids for the purpose of building fiber-to-the-premise to all residential locations throughout the City. Sealed bids can be sent to Ceylon City Hall 301 W. Main St. PO Box 328 Ceylon, MN 56121. Please see the full RFP for details concerning submittal.

Copies of the RFP and all requirements can be found at City Hall, or by emailing Kelly Wilkens at kelly.wilkens@cedausa.com. All questions should be directed to CEDA Grant Specialist, Kelly Wilkens at kelly.wilkens@cedausa.com.

Bids will be opened at the Ceylon City Council Meeting, in the Council Chambers, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The address of City Hall is 301 W. Main St. PO Box 328 Ceylon, MN 56121.

The City of Ceylon reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any bid deemed to be insufficient, to accept a bid which, in the sole judgment of the Ceylon Council Members, best serves the interest of Ceylon, and to waive any and all technicalities.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "RFP for Design, Construction Management, and Operations Management of a FFTP Network" and submitted on or before Friday, April 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m. - Glenn & Beverly Nauman Trust-130 Acres +/- of Farmland with Buildable Lot Potential in Sections 21 & 22 of Cannon City Twp., Rice County, MN. Sale to be held at Buckham West 19 Division Street West, Faribault, MN 55021. Hartung, Kahlers, Wedel & Associates

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - HOWARD STADE ESTATE 191.93 Acres +/- in Section 21 of Galena Township, Martin County, MN. Sale to be held at Triumph Hall at 546 Main Street East, Trimont, MN. Hartung, Kahlers, Wedel & Associates

Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - ROALD & RAMONA REVNE- 74.05 Acres +/- in Section 20 of St. James Township, Watonwan Co., MN. Sale to be held at the St. James American Legion at 620 1st Ave S, St. James. Hartung, Kahlers, Wedel & Associates

Saturday Evening - April 9, 2022 @ 6p.m. Martin Luther Highschool Dinners & Auction of many items. The annual "What a Knight!" Auctioneers; Dylan Kallemeyn, Dustyn Hartung, Chris & Allen Kahler.

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Migrant & Seasonal Head Start positions are open until filled. For questions about any of the positions at the Winnebago Head Start center, contact Randi Rieffer at 800-569-1379 or randi.rieffer@tvoc.org.

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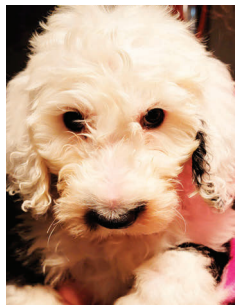
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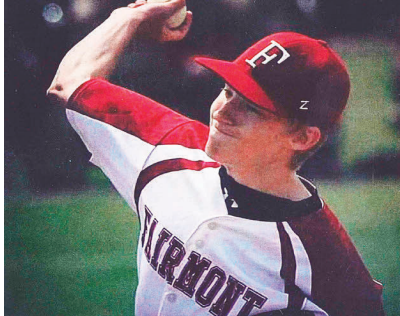
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