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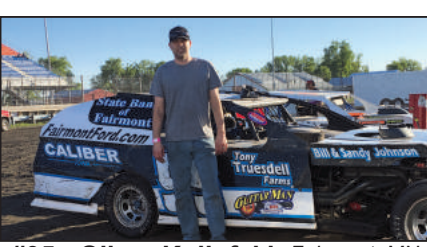
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HAUGEN-PAULING - Jacquelyn Haugen and Lyle Pauling announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents are Bruce and Jeannette Haugen of Sherburn and Lynda Hatland of Emmetsburg, Iowa and the late Lyle Pauling, Sr. and Sue Pauling. Jacquelyn graduated from Presentation College in Fairmont with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She is employed at Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont as an RN. Lyle is employed with Hogslat in Fairmont as a service technician. A September 23rd, 2017 wedding will take place at Mini-Wakan State park in Spirit Lake, Iowa.



BLAKE - VETTER - Lacy Blake and Josh Vetter announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Chris and Cherish Blake of Portland, Oregon and Jeff and Renae Vetter of Fairmont. Lacy graduated from American Musical and Dramatic Academy Los Angeles with a degree in Performing Arts. She is employed as a Drama Teacher for Drama Maniacs. Josh also graduated from AMDA with a degree in Studio Acting. He is employed at Universal Studios Hollywood as an Improv Character Actor. An October 7th, 2017 wedding is planned in McMinnville, Oregon.



Temperance Lake Ridge Assisted Living in Sherburn recently held an event called "Weddings around the World", which featured guests modeling wedding dresses from different countries and also had a wedding cake competition. The 2017 Weddings Around the World Silver Spatula winner was Marjorie Dollen (at right) with her exquisite cake from Fareway Foods! The cake was chocolate with a taste of cherry in a thin fruit layer with white frosting and fondant. (Submitted photos)



STENSLAND-BASS - Deb and Larry Stensland of Granada and Jeff and Missy Bass of Hills, Minnesota announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Stephanie Stensland and Colton Bass. Stephanie graduated from SMSU in Marshall and is employed as an elementary education teacher at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School. Colton graduated from SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota and is a pharmacist at Lewis Drug in Luverne. The wedding will take place July 29th, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

The Welcome Historical Society will be open Saturday, July 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. If you would like to visit the museum when it is not open, please contact Marsha Williams at 507-236-2034.

The Disabled American Veterans and its Auxiliary will hold its annual picnic on Thursday, July 6th at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont National Guard Armory. Members are requested to bring their own dinnerware, a dish to pass and a dessert. Chicken and coffee will be furnished.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ will offer a free community meal, served by the East Chain 4-H Club. The meal will be Wednesday, June 28th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes pork patties, corn, salads and bars. The church is located at 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.



Fairmont American Legion Post #36 Adjutant Ken Ringeisen (right) recently presented Russell Peterson with a 60 year continuous membership certificate. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont American Legion Post #36 recently presented 50 year continuous membership certificates to two members. Pictured L to R: Corey Walter, Commander, Arlo Sager, Roger Oelke and Ken Ringeisen, Adjutant. (Submitted photo)

The Armstrong Betterment Club invites you to

Celebrate Independence Day

in Armstrong, Iowa
Friday, June 30th through Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

Friday, June 30 • Starting off the Celebration
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Pump-N-Run Registration, Packet Pick-up & Pump Portion - NU High School Weight Room
Brooke Nelson 515-709-2387 Online registration <http://pumpnrun.zaparent.com>
Proceeds benefit NU Cross Country

Saturday, July 1
8:00 a.m. Pump-N-Run 5K begins at Nazareth Lutheran Church
7:30 a.m. pump portion, registration and packet pick up, online registration <http://pumpnrun.zaparent.com>
Brooke Nelson 515-709-2387 Proceeds benefit NU Cross Country

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Vendor/Craft Show - Community Center
Coffee, rolls, & lunch available
Kristin Baum 712-260-6554

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Supper - Quasqui Fundraiser south side of City Park
6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Human Foosball \$5/person in City Park
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Beer Garden south side of City Park
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Street Dance - FARM ROCK south side of City Park

Sunday, July 2 • The Celebration Continues
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Breakfast • Post Prom fundraiser Community Center
4:00 p.m. Little Miss/Miss Armstrong Pageant Armstrong City Park
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Supper North Union High School • Contact Janine Kinnander 712-363-1546
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Human Foosball \$5/person entry City Park

Tuesday, July 4 • A Day of Celebration in Armstrong, Iowa
7:00 a.m. Ecumenical Church Services Armstrong City Park Shelterhouse, by Armstrong Ministerial Assoc.; Everyone Welcome! Bring your own chairs
7:00 a.m. Country Greens Golf Course open all day
8:00 a.m. VFW Track & Field Events for pre-school through 6th graders at High School Track, sponsored by Armstrong VFW Post #8322 Loren Lock 712-260-9306
8:00 a.m. Punt, Pass & Kick at the High School football field. Sponsored by NU football team • Matt Ernster 641-420-1309
9:00 a.m. Bench Design Contest Begins City Park, register at raffie ticket table.
9:00 a.m. Heritage Museum Open until 3:00 p.m. Closed for parade. Celebrating 27 years! You are invited to enjoy the many exhibits.
9:00 a.m. 3 on 3 Basketball City Basketball Court • Joann and Nathan Eaton 712-264-3169
9:30 a.m. Basketball Bean Bag Tournament Benefit Steven Anderson Scholarship, 11:00am. Kim Anderson 712-363-1131, via Facebook or email: Kimberlyanderson1989@outlook.com
10:00 a.m. Registration begins for Classic & Custom Car, Truck, and Antique Tractor Show
10:00 a.m. Soap Box Derby Races will be held at nursing home hill, Dan Morpheus, call 515-707-1913 for additional information
10:30 a.m. Dunk Tank NU Dance Team • Closed from 12:30 until after the parade
11:00 a.m. Big Wheel Races on west side of city park, Rhonda Eisenbacher chairs the event
11:30 a.m. Petting Zoo - North side of Park • Sponsored by Armstrong Journal
1:00 p.m. **PARADE** - KIDDIE PARADE & MAIN PARADE
* Vickie Rooney, Chairman, 712-868-4020, 868-3681 • Kiddie Parade starts at south east end of high school and ends at 1st Ave; Parade route begins at football field, turns at 1st Ave and ends at football field
After the Parade:
Horse and Wagon Rides til 4 p.m. Sponsored by GKN
Tom & Lisa Hansen
Free Swimming Armstrong City Pool
Watermelon Feed south side of Park
Face Painting from 2-5 p.m. City Park
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull west side of Armstrong City Park
Local Entertainment city park-bring your lawn chairs!!
3:00-6:00 p.m. Daybreak Band at Dale's Recreation
3:00 p.m. Winners of Bench Contest Announcement/Bench Auction
Winners of ABC Drawings & Parade Winners
Announced Every 15 minutes • Armstrong City Park
3:15 p.m. Announce Winners of Car Show Catholic Church Parking Lot
3:30 p.m. Firemen's Water Fight Located: NW corner of City Park, Register at 2:30 p.m.
10:00 p.m. Fireworks Large display of fireworks ends a great July 4th celebration.
Display will be set off north of Armstrong by Armstrong Fire Department
Event times are subject to change. www.armstrongiowa.net Facebook: Armstrong, IA - City

FOOD
July 4th
Give the cook the day off & eat in the park on July 4th
VFW AUXILIARY BREAKFAST at VFW starting at 6:30 a.m. through 10 a.m.
CATHOLIC CHURCH FOOD STAND at the southwest corner of City Park, serving most of the day
METHODIST FOOD STAND in the east center of City Park, serving from 9 a.m. on
NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH 860 Park, Sandwich, Hot Dogs, Pie and Ice Cream, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
FLOATS and POPCORN Armstrong Area Bible Campers
MINI DONUTS and CARAMEL APPLES on the south side of Armstrong City Park
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*** Parade Information:**
Main Parade Prizes: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$75
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Two Special Float Awards
Floats will be pre-judged before parade for these two awards
Courtesy of: GKN Armstrong Wheels Inc. Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. Thank you from ABC Club
Kiddie Parade Prizes: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$20, 3rd-\$15, all others \$5
All Entries Welcome for the Kiddie & Main Parade;
For more information contact: Vickie Rooney, Parade Chairman 712-868-4020 868-3681

Yard Games
Bean Bag Toss Tournament Benefits Steve Anderson Scholarship
Sponsored by area businesses & individuals
Inflatables in the Park 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. West side of City Park



IRMITER 50TH - Julius and Barbara Irmter will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 8th. They were married July 8th, 1967. They will be celebrating with their family. Cards will reach them at 603 Third Street, Armstrong, IA 50514.



FIVE GENERATIONS: With the birth of Kinsley Grace Johnson, this Fairmont family celebrates five generations: Standing left to right: Jordan Johnson (father), Sonja Fortune (grandmother), Charlotte Breitbarth (great grandmother), sitting: Beatrice Hugoson (great-great grandmother) Submitted photo

Fairmont City Band's 4th of July concert

The Fairmont City Band will perform its fourth summer concert Tuesday, July 4th, at the Sylvania Park Band Shell at 8:00 p.m. This will be the patriotic concert in honor of the July 4th Holiday.

The band will perform marches, show tunes, and standard concert band literature. Our special guests will be the Blue Earth Town and Country Players performing selections from their summer play "Suessical" for intermission entertainment.

City Band is always looking for new members so if you have completed the 10th grade please consider joining us. For more

information contact Bev Tenney at 507-235-3479 or Dianne Bittenbinder at 507-236-7794.

All rehearsals are held at the Sylvania Park Band Shell at 6:15 p.m. In case of rain both the rehearsal and the concert will be cancelled. Cancellation will be announced over local radio stations beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Interlaken Heritage Days Committee will again be operating the concession stand on concert nights. A variety of items will be available for sale with proceeds going toward expenses for IHD activities.

Armstrong 4th of July car, truck and tractor show

A part of the annual 4th of July Celebration in Armstrong will be a classic and custom car, truck and antique tractor show. The show will be at the Catholic Church parking lot (404 5th Avenue) on the north west side of town.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per vehicle. Line-up for the parade is at 12:30

p.m. (optional).

There are gifts for the first 50 entrants and voting will be by popular vote by entrants, spectators and judges. The awards, at 3 p.m. will be for best street rod (top 2); car and truck awards (top 6); best original unrestored (top 2); tractor awards (top 3); plus the Terry Steinkuehler Memorial Award.

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Marriage License Applications

Gina Michelle Carroll and Brent Allen Root

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MN VETS QUILTS - Recently Carl and Jo Smith delivered quilts to the Luverne, MN Veterans Home. The quilts are made by the Fairmont United Methodist Fireside Quilters. They are a group of women who meet at the church every Tuesday afternoon to make quilts and lap robes for facilities that need them. One of the residents of the home enjoyed watching the action. (Submitted photo)

Fairmont's Fourth Of July Fireworks

The Fairmont Fireworks display is the largest in south central Minnesota and is shot from the west side of Lake Sisseton, across from Ward Park in Fairmont. The display will start at approximately 10 p.m. or when darkness/conditions permit. Beginning at 6 p.m. a salute will be shot every hour on the hour as a reminder.

With the display being shot from the west side of Sisseton Lake in the immediate vicinity of the bike/walking trail, the trail will be closed beginning at approximately 10:00 the morning of the Fourth. It

will be closed following the last participants in the 5K walk/run. Due to federal regulations, safety of the public and wiring which runs across the bike/walk trail, citizens are asked to stay off the trail or police will be called.

Boaters are asked to keep wakes at a minimum starting at 8:30 the evening of the Fourth due to fireworks which are set off near the shore and on the lake adjacent to the rest of the display.

Questions can be directed to Roger Carlson, fireworks chair, 236-5056.

Upcoming CREST sponsored events

Join us for a Lunch and Learn at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5th at the Senior Citizen's Center in Sherburn. The topic this month is "Cooking for One" presented by Anne Sheppard. She will give tips on cooking cost effective, nutritious meals in smaller quantities. Following the topic, a lunch featuring pork loin and fresh fruit will be served. CREST sponsors this fun

day, and invites anyone in the area to attend. There is no charge for the event.

Caregiver Support Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 10th in the Fireside Room at Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont. Note change of date. All caregivers in the area are invited to attend. This is sponsored by CREST.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960 will meet Tuesday, July 11th for lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont. This is a change of week because of the 4th of July holiday.

Friday, June 30th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 1st, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Community Covenant Church in Huntley** will host its annual Bake and Rummage Sale. Saturday will be Bag Sale Day. There will be baked goods, housewares, toys, clothes, all kinds of treasures. Proceeds will go to the mission field and youth group.

Fairmont High School Class of 1987 is planning their 30th Class Reunion for July 28th at 6pm at the Channel Inn and July 29th at the Yacht Club during the afternoon for swimming and reminiscing. The main event (adults only) will begin at 6 p.m. that evening at the Yacht Club. Please contact Jenny at jpuumala@sio.midco.net for details and to RSVP before July 17th.

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Ingham Okoboji is gearing up to celebrate their 30th annual quilt auction fundraiser on **August 4th and 5th.**

A super cool car quilt made by Ruth Ann Beckendorf of Fairmont will be on display at the Okoboji Classic Car Museum 810 Jeppeson Rd. Milford, Iowa

Fri., June 30th through Wed., July 5th

30th Anniversary Quilt Auction

REMEMBER TO "SAVE THE DATE"

Bid on your favorite quilt to help support the camp. Watch for more information!

Portrait of a Veteran: Dennis "Denny" Theesfield

Guest Columnist

Joseph Kreiss, Portrait of a Veteran Project

Iowa native Dennis Theesfield was 24-year-old farmer working the family acreage when he was drafted into the U.S. Army July 2nd, 1968. They shipped him out to Fort Lewis in Washington State for basic training, then on to Fort Benning, Georgia to attend NCO school.

After a stint in Fort Polk, Louisiana, the Army sent him back to Fort Lewis to wait out his orders to ship out. He headed to Vietnam in 1969 arriving at Cam Ranh Bay with an E-6 rating. He was stationed at Cu Chi Base Camp (also known as Cu Chi Army Airfield) in the Cu Chi District northwest of Saigon in southern Vietnam. Theesfield had only been in 'Nam about three months when, on October



Dennis "Denny" Theesfield, combat wounded Vietnam Vet. Dennis was born in Fenton, Iowa in 1945. He lives in Armstrong, Iowa with his wife Sharon. (Photos courtesy of JK Photography and Portrait of a Veteran Project)

25, 1969, while leading a squad of soldiers with the 32 Bravo Infantry, he was critically injured after a landmine exploded where he and another soldier

were walking.

"We should have died," he recalls. He and the other soldier were airlifted out, strapped into a stretcher hanging from

the outside of a medivac helicopter and taken to a Quonset hut field hospital. "It's was just like you see on (the television show) M*A*S*H. He survived, but was left paralyzed from his injuries. He still carries a piece of the mine's shrapnel lodged in his spine.

He received a medical discharge from the Army in May of 1970 and came back home to the farm and community he was born and raised in. Theesfield soon was back working at the local hardware store and back on the tractor, even though confined to a wheelchair. "I farmed for 24 years out of a wheel chair," Theesfield states matter-of-factly. With the help of neighbors and friends, Theesfield devised ways to lift himself off his wheelchair and up into the tractor seat using an electric winch, chain and straps. Others helped adapt the controls of the tractor and combine to allow him to operate them without help. Nowadays,

his wife Sharon and his nephews help farm and maintain the heritage 80 acres.

"I loved the service," Theesfield says proudly. "I'd go back again right now if I could." But, he adds, the U.S. politicians "wouldn't let us fight," a common complaint voiced by many Vietnam veterans. "There was a lot of things we couldn't do over there. That war would have been over a lot sooner if we could have fought it they way we should have," the wounded warrior says.

Theesfield is still actively involved with the Armstrong, Iowa Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and a member of many other veteran's groups and organizations.

Please take a moment with me to honor this local American Hero.



If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who is from Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, please let me know. I would like to honor as many our area vets as I can with a portrait session. The pictures will be included into a photographic image collection that I hope to turn into a book honoring those who have served - our area military heroes. There is no cost involved for our veterans, other than an hour or so of their time.

josephkreissphotography@gmail.com

Another Lesson of July 4

by Michael G. Garry

July 4th marks the birth of our nation. But it also marks an inspiring story of personal friendship and forgiveness that serves as a model for us and our country, just as much as the Declaration of Independence serves as a model for our national ideals.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were two of the most significant founders of our nation. Adams led the fight for independence and became America's second president. Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence and defeated Adams to become the third president. They both died July 4th, 1826, exactly 50 years after signing the Declaration of Independence. They became friends early on when they both served in the Continental Congress and were an unlikely pair to become strong friends.

Adams was from the North and was short and paunchy, while Jefferson was from the South and tall and thin. Although they had strong political differences, they did have a common purpose in pursuing independence. Unfortunately, they also had the egos to match that vision. Ultimately that friendship fell apart. During the time Adams was president,

Jefferson became a vocal critic of Adams. Jefferson formed a new political party, the Democratic-Republican Party, to oppose Adams and his Federalist Party. Jefferson prevailed in the election of 1800. Adams retaliated after Jefferson was elected with some midnight appointments of judges who could obstruct Jefferson's policies. For the next eleven years they didn't speak or exchange letters.

A mutual friend named Benjamin Rush, a physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence, put a lot of energy trying to get these two men to reconcile. But in doing so, Rush had prosperity in mind. He knew that future generations would benefit from a renewed friendship of the two.

The ice gradually melted for Adams first. He told Rush that he held no resentment toward Jefferson and soon sent a short note to him, who eagerly replied. They went on to exchange one hundred and sixty letters over the next 12 years and some historians regard this as the greatest correspondence between prominent statesmen in our history.

This reconciliation teaches us something

about ourselves in our darkness; a darkness that we often create. It also teaches us something about how God has lead us to where we are, guides us and continues to call us back into relationships. We also learn about who makes the first move when our friendship with God falls on hard times. If no reconciliation had occurred between these two of the greatest collection of leaders ever assembled for our country, we would never have had these inspiring letters they wrote to each other.



This summer's welding class at Fairmont High School is underway! Pictured L-R, Row 1: Jaryd Johnson (BEA); Ivory Vlieger (FMT); Zoe Bladzick (BEA); Braden Daschner (FMT). Row 2: Instructor Robert Bonin, Jr.; Logan Enger (BEA); Conner Franklin (BEA); Cole Linse (FMT); Anna Nordstrom (FMT); Cameron Kroon (FMT); Oliver Mohwinkle (BEA); Robert Bonin, Sr. Row 3: Mitch Winter (BEA); Adam Carstensen (FMT); Dayton Enger (BEA); Riley Clarey (FMT); Jacob Lempkie (BEA). Not pictured: Carver Moore (FMT) and Max Skauge (FMT) (Submitted photo)

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A tropical Salad!

Today I am wondering if a tropical salad recipe is appropriate with our cool temperatures. I'm back to wearing my flannel pajamas! At least the sun is shining and Saturday was a perfect day for the Moss garden tours. I hope many of you were able to attend. It always amazes me how gardeners can refurbish unlikely containers to use to plant flowers in, who would think to use no longer used chicken feeders for instance! There are a lot of creative people out there.

Pina Colada Fluff

1 3.4 oz. vanilla instant pudding mix
1-20 oz. can crushed pineapple (do not drain)
1 8 oz. container cool whip, thawed
1 tsp. rum extract (optional, can use coconut flavoring or vanilla)
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup shredded sweetened coconut
1/2 cup chopped nuts (your favorite) I like pecans.

Combine pudding mix and the entire can of crushed pineapple in a large bowl. Stir until completely combined. Fold in cool whip, extracts, marshmallows, coconut and nuts. Chill until ready to serve.

Have a great week!

City of Lakes Garden Club to meet July 5

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Park Shelter in Fairmont.

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 shall be to encourage all forms of horticulture in the home and community and to increase the pleasure derived therefrom."

The theme for 2017 is "Herbs - Their Uses in Our

Lives". There will be a business meeting followed by a presentation on Mint/Peppermint; the Herb of the Month.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, becoming a member, or would like more information about the Garden Club, please call Myrtle Heifner at 507-235-8535. New members are always welcome - we invite you to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. If you like what you see, then please join our garden club!

Ambassador Committee offers scholarship

The Ambassador Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Martin County student in a business related field entering their Junior or Senior post secondary year in a four-year college or their final year in a technical college.

The scholarship will be awarded after a review of grades to confirm achieve-

ment of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Applications are due at the Chamber office by July 14th, 2017.

Fairmont Area Newcomers And Neighbors is hosting our next main event on Thursday, June 29th, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Chain of Lakes Yacht Club has agreed to be our host for the evening. Their address is 405 Interlaken Road, Fairmont. Please like us on Facebook and sign up for the upcoming events. www.facebook.com/fairmontsnewcomers. During the beginning

of the program, we do a brief introduction of who's who in our community to help people distinguish their connections or networks. It is an opportunity to make people feel welcome and to recognize a new face. The Yacht Club is offering boat rides on the lake for the remainder of the evening. Contact David Adams at 236-7040 or the CER office 238-3141 for more information.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36 of Fairmont has cancelled their July meeting.

The Fairmont Lakes Foundation's monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5th, at 5 p.m. Note change of date because of the Fourth of July. The meeting will be in Room 102 of the SMEC Building, 115 South Park Street. Enter through the southeast corner of the building.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to all the blood donors that answered the call to donate. Here are the results from the June blood drive:

Tuesday, June 6
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Wednesday, June 7
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Thursday, June 8
68 units collected with a goal of 75 units

In total 272 units were collected on the goal of 318.

•Thanks to all the long time volunteers and the new volunteers who have answered the call for greeter and canteen volunteers. Anyone interested in vol-

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•Thanks to the Sentinel and Photo Press for the advertising.

The next blood drive will be September 12th, September 13th and September 14th. Please contact Red Cross for appointments 1-800-RED CROSS.

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American Red Cross

The Relay for Life Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the 25th year of Martin County Relay for Life.

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Marsha Williams
Relay for Life Committee

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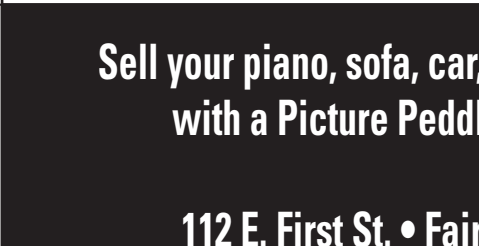
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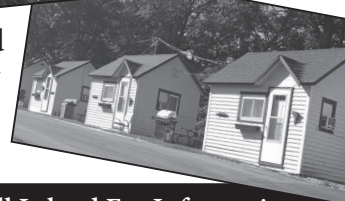
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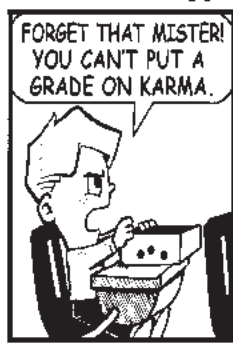
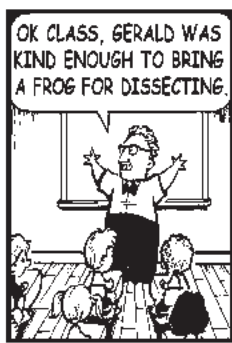


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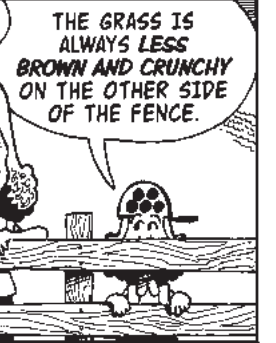
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Real Estate Market Gone Wild!

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Cavers Realty



The real estate market is a little bit crazy this summer in southern Minnesota and across our country. I have talked with people interested in the real estate market outside of our region and in other states too, and we all are saying the same things:

1. For new listings this summer, it's a seller's market. What does a "seller's market" mean? Remember your high school economics lesson about supply and demand? A "seller's market" means the demand for houses is high and the supply is low, which usually means the price of houses goes up. And that's exactly what is happening in southern Minnesota. If a new listing is in good condition and priced right, the houses don't stay on the market very long this summer. And several houses in our market have had multiple offers in the first

few days! This is a dream come true for sellers. If you've thought about selling recently, now is the time to list your home! But for buyers, it's a different story.

2. When you're a buyer in a seller's market, you need to be prepared financially and you really don't have time to ponder your purchase. Since there's so much competition for houses right now, many buyers are having to submit an offer immediately after the first showing. And every offer needs a pre-approval letter from the bank if you're planning on financing your purchase. If you're paying in cash, you also need a letter from the bank, but your letter will state you have sufficient funds to purchase the home in cash. Without these letters from the bank, you may lose the house you really want to make your next home. If

you have love at first sight during your showing, get ready to place an offer!

And remember your offer not only needs a letter from the bank, you also need a personal check for earnest money. Earnest money lets the seller know you're serious about the purchase of their home. You decide the amount you'd like to submit with your offer. The earnest money gets applied to the purchase price of the house at closing. It will be deposited in the selling broker's trust account for safe keeping until closing. Keep in mind, when it's deposited it into the trust account, it means the amount of the check will be taken out of your checking account, up to three days after an accepted offer.

Here are a couple more reminders as you begin your search for a new home:

1. Pick one realtor and work with them throughout the entire process. You will get the best service from them because they will learn your likes and dislikes, and wants and needs, through all the showings. All Minnesota licensed Realtors can help you purchase any house in the State of Minnesota.

Example: If Bobbie from ABC Company has her name on the sign in the yard of the house you want, but you've been working with Ann from XYZ Company up to this point, keep working with Ann. Ann will schedule your showing with Bobbie so that she can show you the house at a time that's convenient for both you and the seller.

2. Be flexible with your wants and needs. Finding the "perfect" home is like finding a needle in a haystack. Every home will need a project here and there. Some houses more than others. But you will end of doing many little projects to personalize the house to make the house your home.

3. Search for homes on Realtor.com. Realtor.com

is the most reputable real estate website for listings since they pull listings from the MLS and refresh the listings every 15 minutes. It's a one stop shop for all the listings on the MLS.

When you find a property you like, jot down the address and let your Realtor know that you'd like to see the house in person (after you get your letter from the bank). If you don't have a realtor, you can search for a local realtor on the website, too. Do some research and look at each realtor's recommendations, reviews and profiles to find one that you'd like to help you through the house buying process.

If it's your summer to look for a new home, do your due diligence and be prepared ahead of time. Stay calm and patient too. When you finally see your (near) dream home, you'll be able to jump into action and call your Realtor to schedule a showing as soon as you see it listed on Realtor.com!

Former FHS student to attend Texas A&M

Bailey Dulas will be studying Chemical Engineering through the Honors Engineering program at Texas A&M University next fall. Bailey is the daughter of Heather Dulas, a former Fairmont Area High School teacher. Bailey's grandparents are Leon and Jayne Dulas of Fairmont. Bailey is a 2017 graduate of Comfort High School in Comfort, Texas.



neering field has many different intriguing pathways. Through a career unit in STEM class, Bailey began researching post-secondary education programs which led her to visit Texas A&M University during spring break of her eighth grade year.

As a freshman at Fairmont Junior-Senior High School, Bailey was very active in Cheerleading, Golf, Student Council, Band, Jazz Band, Trap Shooting, and 4-H Shooting Sports along with being President of the Silver Lake 4-H Club.

Prior to Bailey's sophomore year in high school, she and her mother made the tough decision to leave everything they had known and move from Minnesota to Texas in order to establish residency and pursue Bailey's goal of attending A&M.

Bailey encourages younger students to take a look at all the opportunities offered through their schools and communities to find at least one area to get involved.

Have a Great 4th of July Weekend and Summer Vacation Season!

Celebrate safely as you get together to visit with family & friends for reunions, festivals & county fairs!

The best tips of all: leave early, give yourself plenty of time to arrive and don't speed!

Area College Student News



Allison Zoch Levy recently graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and is beginning her 3-year residency at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in the Twin Cities in Internal Medicine. Allison was a 2006 graduate of Fairmont High School and received her Bachelor of Science Degree at George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Dr. Levy is the daughter of Steve and Gayle Zoch of Fairmont.

Resources, PGA golf management.

Alpha: Christian Cleberg, junior, College of Business, business administration.

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Area students were recently named to the Dean's List for Spring 2017 semester at Buena Vista University. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the two terms, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework. The students include:

Elizabeth Kim and Emily Kim of Fairmont; Matthew Tennyson of Truman

More than 4,400 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year.

The following area students earned designation on the Dean's List:

Welcome: Cordell Weber, senior, College of Agricultural Sciences/Natural

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Jeff's Jottings

Despite the cool weather we have had lately, my garden is doing very well! I have heard many comments from people who attended the MOSS Garden Tour in Fairmont last weekend and how nice the gardens and yards looked for the tour. Now I know that our farm is not up to the same level as the garden tour homes, but our garden is doing exceptionally well, taking into consideration the type of year we have had this year. As you can see, the potatoes are already in full



bloom and the mammoth sunflowers are almost head high. All but two of the hills of gourds, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash and more have come up and are starting to spread out. Within the next week or so, I should be able to pick some radishes and start enjoying the "fruits of my labors".

"What is it?" revealed
Last week's "What is it?" proved to be a good challenge for the readers. I only had one answer come in to us on the item. Ken Svoboda of Fairmont emailed in his answer stating that the item was a tool to set a "220 or bigger Conibear Trap". I had no idea what a conibear trap was, so I Googled it and it is a very heavy duty trap and the tool to set it looks

very similar to the item we featured last week. So, congrats Ken on your response! This week we have a small item that Marv Tall-edge of Fairmont brought to me. It is made of cast iron and has a wood han-



dle. The item measures 10 inches in length and appears to be quite old. The one end has a cup to it, so I am not sure what it is for. One of the employees at the Photo Press thinks they have an idea what it is. Do you think you know what this item is? Let us know what you think and we will reveal the answer in next week's column. You can email your guess to: jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com. You can also call us at 507-238-9456 and leave your name and phone number with your guess. Good luck!

City band worth the listen!
My acappella quartet, SonGQuesT, had the op-

portunity recently to perform during intermission at the Fairmont City Band concert at Sylvania Park. I have to admit, this is the first city band concert I have attended in quite some time. Not only was

I impressed with how well the Sylvania Park band-shell works for these performances (you can hear every single note from the entire band because of the great acoustics!), I was also very impressed with the performance of the band itself. I want to pass along my kudos to director Bev Tenney (my former choir and band teacher at Ceylon High School) and all the members of the Fairmont City Band. Their members travel from a 50-mile radius on Tuesdays during the summer to practice for a time before the 8 p.m. performance each week. The music selections performed by this group were very good

and enjoyed by all who attended that concert. The band will put on a special 4th of July concert in Sylvania Park next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. They will feature many patriotic selections that night. Their special guests will be the Blue Earth Town and Country Players, performing selections from their summer play "Suessical" for intermission entertainment. If you have never heard the Fairmont City Band play, be sure and do so next Tuesday at Sylvania Park!

4th of July happenings
Before I go, I wanted to pass along a few activities that are taking place in the week ahead. First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont will have a free community meal, hosted by the East Chain 4-H club on Wednesday, June 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. Also on Wednesday, June 28th from 7 to 9 p.m. Glenn Henriksen will host a variety show at the Inn at Okoboji. Glenn will have guest performers Millie Kittleson, Billye Jane Kruse, Mark Kurseth and a

host of others to perform with him that night. Next Tuesday, July 4th will be a flurry of activity in Fairmont with the Heritage Acres 4th of July Music Festival beginning from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of great entertainment, food, demonstrations and more at Heritage Acres that day! The Fairmont City Band plays patriotic music at Sylvania Park at 8 p.m. and the big fireworks display will take place at dusk that evening, so be sure and take in all the great events in Fairmont that day! Armstrong, Iowa is also having their annual 4th of July festival that day with lots of great events, a parade and of course, fireworks that night, so you have two great choices in this area for events that day.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Be safe on the water and around fireworks on the 4th!

- Jeff

Despite the rain, Sherburn Festival a success

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Why Enroll Now? The Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)

What is MN CREP?
MN CREP is a voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science-based approach to target environmentally sensitive land.

Landowners will enter into a 14-15 year Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract administered by the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), and a Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve perpetual conservation easement administered by the Minnesota Board of



Soil and Water Resources (BWSR).

Reasons to consider MN CREP

There are many reasons to consider MN CREP now, based on the long-term goals of the landown-

er. Some of these include:

Fair compensation – Payments for the land retirement portion of MN CREP are based on current CRP rental rates and RIM rates that approximate 90% of the value of the land.

Rights retained – Landowners maintain ownership, including the right to control access to the land covered by the MN CREP CRP contract/RIM easement.

Returns on marginal cropland – MN CREP prioritizes and targets marginal cropland that is often



Wetland restorations are a priority of the new CREP. Wetland restorations provide water storage during large rain events and help improve water quality by allowing sediment and pollutants to settle. Wetland restorations also provide habitat critical habitat for many species. Photo by: Jill Sackett Eberhart, BWSR

associated with buffer areas and drained or altered wetlands. These lands often produce less than average crop yields, and are less profitable even when crop prices are high.

Impact on water quality and habitat – MN CREP focuses on both water quality and wildlife habitat. Enrolled land will deliver multiple benefits to ground and surface water, as well as provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

MN CREP versus CCRP – Land enrolled in MN CREP will receive additional CREP Incentives beyond what the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) provides. Based on current analysis, MN CREP total payment rates are at least 30 percent higher than CCRP payment amounts.

Option for re-enrolled CRP – Lands that are currently enrolled in CRP and eligible for re-enrollment during a MN CREP sign-up period may be eligible. This can result in seamless

coverage of CRP annual payments and may allow for the existing vegetation to stay in place.



Buffers are a priority of the new CREP. Vegetated buffer areas help prevent sediment and nutrients from entering waterbodies. Roots from the vegetation within the buffer will also help stabilize the stream bank thus reducing in stream erosion. Photo by Martin SWCD

Volatile land prices – According to the University of Minnesota and other sources, farm land prices have declined over the past two years and appear to still be on a declin-

ing trend.

Uncertain future of the next Farm Bill – The Federal Farm Bill is up for renewal in 2018. It is uncertain at this time what changes could occur to conservation programs, including CRP.

Quality native restoration – Restoration of the enrolled land will follow state and federal standards, and focus on native plant species. One hundred percent of these restoration costs will be covered by the CRP and RIM programs, leaving no out-of-pocket expenses to the landowner.

Enrollment

Enrollment for the MN CREP is underway and will continue until funds are exhausted or the 60,000 acre goal is reached. For more information, or if you would like to begin your application, please stop

and see Martin SWCD. We are located at 923 North State Street, Suite 110, Fairmont, MN 56031. You can reach us by phone at 507-235-6680.





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Cover crop use has increased drastically in recent years. Many producers are still in the trial stage and are learning how to integrate cover crops into their system.

Trial and error can be an effective way to learn about cover crops. The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) is offering up to \$37.50 or 75% cost-share, whichever is less, to assist with the fi-



Program Overview

The Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)

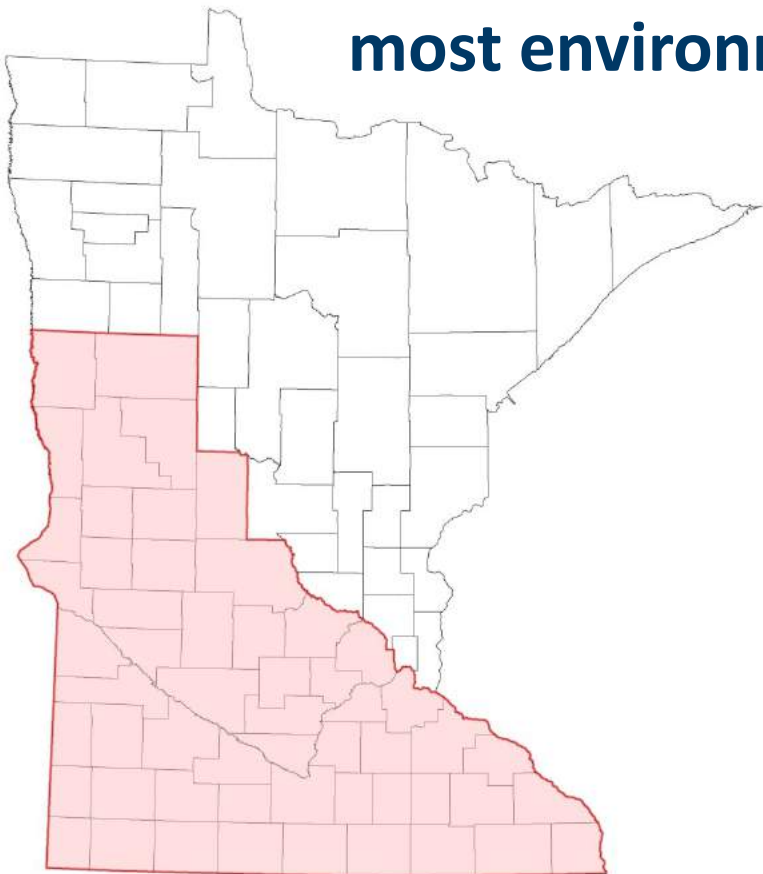
What is MN CREP?

MN CREP is a voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science-based approach to target environmentally sensitive land. Here's how it works:

- Landowners enroll in the federally-funded Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 14-15 years.
- CRP is administered by the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA). It uses agricultural land for conservation benefits, rather than farming or ranching.
- The same land is also enrolled into a state-funded perpetual conservation easement through the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve program, administered by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).
- Private ownership continues and the land is permanently restored and enhanced for conservation benefits.
- MN CREP is a \$500 million program, that includes \$350 million in federal dollars and \$150 million in state dollars.



MN CREP is voluntary, locally driven and targets the most environmentally sensitive acres.



MN CREP Objectives

MN CREP will protect 60,000 acres of the highest priority areas across 54 counties. It will:

- Target riparian areas and marginal agricultural land
- Restore hydrology, increase infiltration and provide flood mitigation
- Provide habitat for wildlife, non-game species and pollinators
- Reduce nitrate loading in drinking supplies

nancial burden of this trial and error process. Martin SWCD is available to receive and submit applications.

We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to try cover crops this fall. It is a great way to improve your soil productivity and protect our waters at the same time, a win-win! If you have questions please let us (Martin SWCD) know, we can help

get you the resources you need or put you in touch with Martin County residents that are already using cover crops.

Thank you for your consideration. To apply, please visit Martin SWCD at 923 North State Street, Suite 110, Fairmont, MN 56031.



Cover crops emerging after corn harvest.



Species selection is important when considering cover crops. This picture shows how radish can decrease soil compaction.

Spring Conservation Update...Martin County Conservation Club

We had our fifth annual MCCCCI fundraising banquet on February 25th, 2017 with approximately 400 people attending. It

for helping county youth trap shooting teams (Fairmont, Truman and 4H), Let's Go Fishing for Seniors, Fairmont Lakes

of our sponsors, donors, and those attending the banquet. Our sixth annual banquet is still in the planning stages but likely will be in February, 2018.

The MCCCCI donated the two new purple martin houses at Gomsrud

Park this spring with maintenance-free aluminum housing with startling resistant doors and poles with winches for easier lowering and cleaning. The old houses were showing their age and maintenance was a real

tage and most of the houses went home with them. Several very nice donations were made and we appreciate them as well. Thanks to Jim Grotte and Steve Maurice for all of the hours they put in cutting the pieces and also to the volunteers who helped assemble and paint them.

with "Thanks" to all of the financial support of our members and the public!

Our RIM land on N. Silver Lake was prescribed burned in late April. Burning off the accumulated residue of prairie grasses and flowers is recommended to rejuvenate the restored prairie and



was a great success resulting in comparable financial results of the previous banquets from the raffles, drawings, and auctions.

Net proceeds from these banquets are used

Foundation, Martin Soil and Water projects, Dollars for Scholars, financial matches for DNR projects, and the Harry Stewart Environment Day to name just a few. Thank you to all



We are in the paperwork process of our acquisition of 85 acres in Center Creek township which was approved in late 2016 by the Conservation Partners Legacy committee. This unit is adjacent to two other units of the Center Creek WMA which we got the ball rolling on in 2014 with funds from Wally Pach's estate. It is exciting to be a part of the many projects happening in Martin County in the past few years with partners like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Fox Lake Conservation League, and the Martin County Soil and Water District. Again

reduce invasive trees, etc. Next fall the prairie will be taller and thicker than before providing winter habitat for wildlife.

Youth Habitat Day was held at the Eagles Club partnering as sponsors. About 80 wren and robin nesting platforms were assembled with the youth.

Club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at our park on N. Silver Lake, April through October and Tami's on the Ave, November through March. All members and the public are welcome. Memberships are available at meetings and Summer Outdoors.

challenge and not very frequent. A new martin house was also installed at Pierce Park near the public fishing dock. All three houses are occupied by martins already.

In April, we held our annual wood duck, bluebird, and wren house give-away at our park on N. Silver. Many people took advan-

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Minnesota's new buffer law

Minnesota's Buffer Law establishes perennial vegetation buffers along public waters and public drainage systems. The intention of the buffers is to reduce the amount of pollution entering Minnesota's waterways via runoff. Studies by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency show that buffers are critical to protecting and restoring water quality and healthy aquatic life. Perennial vegetation buffers will reduce the amount of phosphorous and nitrogen entering the waterway. It is important to note that both phosphorous and nitrogen are naturally occurring in an aquatic ecosystem. However, human activities have increased the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous entering the aquatic ecosystem. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus in the water causes algae to grow faster than ecosystems can handle. Significant increases in algae harm water quality, food resources and habitats, and decrease the oxygen that fish and other

aquatic life need to survive.

The Buffer Law has divided our waters into two classifications: Public Waters and Public Drainage Systems. Each have their own requirements and timeline.

Public Waters

In general, public waters are lakes, streams, creeks and rivers. Public waters require an average of a 50-foot buffer with a minimum of 30 feet. So, some areas may have a 75-foot buffer and others may be 35, that is compliant if the average is 50 feet or greater and none of the buffer areas are less than 30 feet. Buffers need to be planted by November 1st, 2017 on all public waters. Martin SWCD recommends planting native grasses along these buffers as they have a deep, substantial root system that will help prevent erosion and take up nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous. A couple good choices would be: Big Bluestem or Switchgrass, though there are many more na-

tive perennials that could be used as each site will provide different ecosystem types. Martin SWCD offers custom seeding for a \$150 minimum charge or \$25/acre, whichever is greater. Likewise, we also offer a drill rental for a \$50 minimum charge or \$8/acre, whichever is greater. If you would like help measuring and flagging your buffers, please call us at 507-235-6680 and ask for Jesse Walters or visit us at 923 N. State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Drainage Systems

Public drainage systems require a 16.5-foot (1-rod) minimum from the top of the ditch bank. These buffers need to be planted by November 1st, 2018. If you are unsure if the waterbody on your property is a public water or public drainage system, please call or visit us.

Landowners may use federal Farm Bill resources, such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP, and the Environmental

Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to get buffers installed. State resources include the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easement program. The new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (a mix of CRP and RIM) is also a good resource to consider.

If you would like to see how a waterbody is classified, please visit us or find the information online at: dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html

New Buffer Information

Recently there was a waiver introduced into the buffer law. The waiver allows for a possible later compliance date for public waters. If a landowner is having difficulty estab-



The photo above shows Martin SWCD staff flagging a buffer area for a landowner.

lishing their buffer due to but not limited to reasons such as flooded or frozen ground this fall, they can meet with their local SWCD to establish a plan. The latest possible date with a waiver agreed upon between landowner and SWCD is July 1st, 2018. If you believe you will be in need of a waiver, please get in touch with us at Martin

SWCD. Our phone is 507-235-6680 and our address is 923 North State Street, Suite 110, Fairmont, MN.

Alternative Practices

There is now guidance on allowable alternative practices to the buffer law. For more information on these alternative practices please contact Martin SWCD.

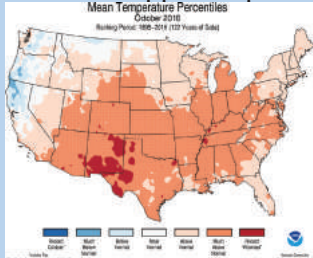
Climatology Update

by Pete Boulay, State Climatologist Office

May 2017 was the first month since August 2015 where the statewide average temperature was below normal. Winnebago was 1.1 degrees below normal with 3.83 inches of precipitation which was just about two tenths of an inch below normal. Soil moisture readings at Lamberton in Redwood County lost two inches in the profile from May 1st to June 1st and by the start of June soil moisture was .69 inches short of the historic averages.

June began with summer-like conditions with much above average temperatures and scant rainfall. Winnebago had the second warmest June 1st-14th average temperature on record going back to 1899 with 74.1 degrees, the only warmer

start to June was in 1988. Winnebago reached a max temperature of 90 degrees or above five times through June 14th. Precipitation for the first half of June was hit or miss, with some heavy rains on June 3rd-4th which dropped up to



three inches of rain in southeast parts of Martin County with two inches of rain reported just east of Fairmont. The northern part of the county remained dry until a line of storms rolled eastward across I-90 during the early afternoon of June 12th. Amounts in Martin County ranged from 3/4

of an inch up to two inches from this event.

Statewide, moderate drought was introduced in north central Minnesota on June 6th and expanded a bit on June 13th. The last time there was any dryness category in Minnesota was in August 2016. Abnormally dry conditions were present in north west and part of west central Minnesota in mid-June. This was in response to the very dry May and the hot and dry start to June. Then the skies turned stormy in northern Minnesota on June 13th and provided some relief.

The outlook for July from the Climate Prediction Center issued on June 15th shows a tilt toward above normal temperatures for July and equal chances for below, normal and above normal precipitation.

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Martin County Pheasants Forever Conservation Update June 2017

Submitted by Bryan Gregor, Martin County Pheasants Forever

The Pheasants Forever Chapter located here in Martin County has been busy over the past year. After another success-

ful banquet in March, the group continues to seek out conservation projects supporting the county. Last November with the help of a first grade class a one acre pollinator parcel was dormant seeded. Those efforts have sprout-

ed this spring and as time goes on will develop into a widely diverse wild flower area for viewing, studying, and enjoying.

In that regard, another more ambitious pollinator plot will be planted again this fall. With the help of

a Schmeekle Foundation Grant, more school children will be involved with in class demonstrations, projects, and hands-on seeding of a 4-acre plot on land recently purchased by Pheasants Forever. An additional 195 acres directly east of the existing Gruven Wildlife Management Area will be added to that parcel after seeding this fall after the crop is taken. This additional purchase was made through Pheasants Forever and will be donated to the Minnesota Department of Natural

Resources for future management. Your local support helps raise the funds needed to purchase these additional lands to hunt, view, and hike just out our backdoors.

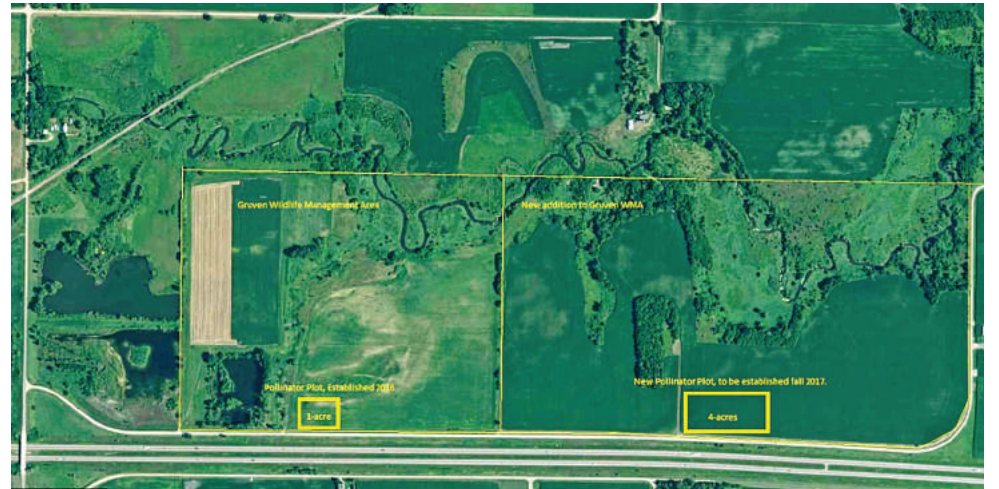
A Pheasants Forever Trap Shoot was held June 17th at the Fairmont Trap Club when participants were treated to a free 50 round event, a youth Pheasants Forever membership and lunch. Local high school trap shooters from the area used this opportunity as one more practice chance before

competing at the state shoot in Alexandria, MN. It is part of Pheasants Forever "No Youth Left Indoors" initiative.

A youth pheasant hunt is also planned for this fall. This event will allow youth, that may not otherwise have the opportunity, to hunt with mentors behind trained bird dogs. There will also be games and outdoor learning experiences as part of the day. Watch the Photo Press for future details.



Students from Mrs. Walters' 1st grade class from Fairmont Elementary School along with Martin County Pheasants Forever members. The group recently converted 1-acre of land to a pollinator plot on the Gruven Wildlife Management Area.



Pictured above: Pheasants Forever recently acquired critical habitat to be permanently protected as a Wildlife Management Area. Also, Martin County Pheasants Forever has established a 1-acre pollinator plot and will be establishing a 4-acre pollinator plot on the newest addition to Gruven WMA.

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Meet our new intern

Hello! I am Alyson Eversman, the Martin Soil and Water Intern for the summer of 2017. I am lucky enough to be able to go through this internship program again with Soil and Water as you may have recognized that I was the intern last year as well. This fall I will be a junior at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, where I am currently a double major in Ecological Science and Writing and Rhetoric.

I am very honored to be working under the Conservation Corps' Apprentice Academy where

my job as an intern comes from. They are an organization that encourages young people to learn more in hands-on train-



ing about the environment and conservation practices. Having the opportunity to be able to do another summer internship through them, along with Martin Soil and Water will help me with my Ecological Science major. I will also be doing a little writing here and there to improve my skills for my other major. This summer I'm looking forward to advance my knowledge from last year and gain more from this year's training I am receiving to assist with conservation practices, or another career along these lines, when I graduate in a couple of years.

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Addition to some Boat launches in Martin County

How do we know if there is an aquatic invasive species in Martin County? Early detection is important. In order to know what's present in the lakes we need to be checking lakes on a regular basis. Throughout the summer we will inspect launch sites and track what we find, or do NOT find.

Our plan for monitoring, after getting permission from the boat launch site manager, will be to install a zebra mussel sampler and inspect the site for aquatic plants. In this photo, our 2017 Conservation Corps intern Allyson Eversman is holding a sampler being installed. The purpose of the zebra mussel sampler is to inspect for them once they have attached to the structure. Samplers are placed near high boat traffic areas under the dock. They will not interfere with any recreational activity and will

most likely go unnoticed. You are welcome to check these out, just please leave them in place so we can periodically inspect them. There is no guarantee that zebra mussels will attach to the sampler. This can easily be pulled from the water to inspect and put it back. If a mussel attaches to a dock or other water equipment, they go unnoticed until the end of the season when it's removed from the water for storage during the winter months. By the end of the summer a population could be established if not detected. If an infestation does occur in an area we want to know as soon as



possible. Smaller populations are easier to manage. Boat launch access sites are the first places invasive species are usually found. They hitchhike on boats, trailers, water equipment, or in water as a veliger. It is very important that everyone is inspecting all equipment before and after going into the water; removing any plants, mud, and water.

Zebra mussels are small freshwater mussels that are not native to Minnesota. Adults range from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches long and have yellow and brown striped shells. Females can produce 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year. These de-

velop into microscopic free living and free floating larvae called veligers. After two to three weeks the veliger's settle and attach to any firm surface using tiny fibers called "byssal threads". Unlike native mussels, zebra mussels attach themselves to hard surfaces in the water.

Why don't we want zebra mussels in our lakes? Zebra mussels can be a costly problem for cities and power plants when they clog water intakes and other pipes. They also cause problems for lake-shore residents and recreationists, they attach to boat motors and hulls reducing performance and efficiency. They attach themselves to docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and ladders where swimmers can cut their feet on the sharp shells. They filter out tiny particles in the water that is the food source for larval fish and other animals. Also they will cause more aquatic vegetation to grow as a result of increased water clarity. For a small mussel they have too many negative impacts on our water resources, let's keep them out. Currently only 5% of Minnesota's 11,842 lakes have an aquatic species.

If you suspect that you have found an aquatic invasive plant or animal and want verification, you should contact the MN Department of Natural Resources. You are not allowed to transport aquatic plants, animals or water, so the best procedure is to take clear photos and write down the exact location of the area you are at. You could also give Martin Soil and Water Conservation District a call at 507-235-

6680 or stop in our office at 923 North State Street in Fairmont. We work closely with the MN DNR and have contact information to reach the right person for our area.

Have a safe boating season and let's prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in our lakes and streams.

New Executive Director at Martin County FSA



Travis Winters began his duties with the Martin County FSA Office on January 23rd, 2017.

Travis may be new to Martin County, but he is

no stranger to FSA.

He spent 17 years as a Program Technician at the Cottonwood County FSA office before becoming a County Executive Director (CED).

Travis was born and raised on a farm in Cottonwood County, and he still operates a crop and livestock farming operation there.

He has a strong passion for agriculture and FSA and looks forward to meeting you and working with you.



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Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



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Fairmont Chain of Lakes...An Update

by Michael J. Katzenmeyer,
Chair, Fairmont Lakes
Foundation, Inc.

Have you seen the number of people scurrying around the lakes on their daily walks/ runs? Have you noticed the number of people utilizing the fishing piers, docks, and public access to our lakes for an attempt to catch one of the many varieties of game fish we have in our lakes? It has to lift one's spirits after the dreary winter and absence of spring. There is, however, a darker side to these daily observations. As fishing season moves into full motion, and our shorelines become more active, we cannot forget our stewardship responsibilities. Litter is more than the discarded paper and plastic that is so unsightly...and illegal to leave behind. If one of those undesirable rough fish is brought to shore,

it is illegal for it to be discarded on shore without proper disposal. Please be considerate of the rules and of other people enjoying our lake assets.

Have you had a chance to see the kayak launch that has been recently installed on the south end of Amber Lake? Connor Madsen, an Eagle Scout, came to the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. board, making a proposal for the launch project as one that would satisfy, in part, the requirements for receiving his Eagle Scout Award. Connor secured financial backing for materials included in the project from Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc., the City of Fairmont, as well as site preparation from Nick Lardy and the park department, and installation assistance from members of Troop 56. The success of the project can be measured, in part,

by the number of kayakers that continue to utilize the launch as they venture through the south end of Amber Lake, into Mudd Lake and Bardwell.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. continues to promote the stewardship of our lakes, by facilitating another lake clean-up. This one was held on June 17th, 2017, convening at Gomsrud Park at 8:00 a.m., and ending at 11:00 a.m. A call was sent out to all volunteers for their assistance in this effort, asking them to bring their kayaks, canoes, boats, pontoons, and waders. The City of Fairmont provided a truck to assist with the removal of gathered debris. The resulting collection of debris demonstrated, once again, the need for all of us to step up in taking ownership of our stewardship responsibilities...if you see it and know it does not belong there...take the action necessary to get it out of our lakes or off the shore, or ask for help. Ignoring it will not make it go away.

As the weather heats up and the algae blooms arrive, we offer this word of caution: Carefully moni-

tor the water conditions for these blooms. Some areas may develop a blue green hue and they can prove toxic if ingested...especially in small children.

You may notice additional "official looking" vehicles around this summer. These vehicles bring staff from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to our area as they monitor and test the waters of our watershed. Our watershed drains an area which covers 400 square miles and drains through the Fairmont Chain of Lakes, eventually reaching the Minnesota River, the Mississippi River, and flows into the Gulf of Mexico. This monitoring and testing is a small part of our stewardship responsibilities for water quality.

Water quality does not just happen...we play a major role in it with our lawn care, lake shore maintenance, chemical usage, or neglect. Let's all make a pledge to be better stewards....many hands make light work.

Have a great summer.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

Martin County Water Plan

The Martin County Water Plan was updated in 2016. The 10 year plan was adopted by the County in January and is expected to remain in effect until the new One Watershed - One Plan approach is adopted.

While a lot of attention has been placed on buffers, most of the water quality and quantity work needs to happen on cropland. Soil health is the main focus of the current water plan. By building soil organic matter, more water can be infiltrated and stored in the soil. Less runoff results in less soil leaving the field and less bank erosion once the water reaches ditches and streams.

Tying up carbon in the soil reduces the amount of carbon dioxide cycling through the atmosphere. Annual tillage reduces soil carbon reserves by releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere where it promotes larger rain events which drives soil erosion from cropland and creek banks.

An Agricultural Research Scientist from Marshall discovered that bare soil releases carbon in the form of carbon dioxide much faster than soil covered by residue. Using cover crops helps tie up nutrients that can be utilized by future crops. By planting cover crops while the current crop is still growing, and leaving them until the next crop has emerged, maximizes the nutrient uptake and minimizes nutrient loss to erosion or leaching. This is referred to as "continuous living cover". This continuous living cover helps build soil organic matter, improves infiltration and reduces both wind and water erosion.

We will not reach water quality goals or effectively manage water quantities with annual tillage. But by farming in a manner which builds soil health, we will need less land set aside for water storage. More cropland can remain in row-

crop production.

Voluntary conservation practices have been the primary implementation strategy for water planning and that is expected to continue under the new plan. While it takes funding to implement practices regardless of the water planning format or who is doing the planning, a lot of the work can be accomplished by doing what is best for our soils.

Precision conservation, putting the right conservation practices in the right locations to accomplish water quality and water quantity management goals will continue to be important. The idea of keeping the raindrop where it falls - applying the soil health initiative, cover crops and continuous living cover on annually cropped lands is expected to make the biggest impact to both water quality improvement and water quantity management under the new plan. With additional agricultural drainage to improve cropland, water storage will continue to become increasingly important throughout the landscape. But before we plan what may become unneeded supplemental practices, let's see what soil health practices can do for us on these working lands before we take land out of production.

For water planning to be effective, continued voluntary citizen participation will be critical across the watershed, both rural and urban. Cooperation between agencies and the programs offered will continue to go a long way toward providing the land occupiers with the tools they need to make a difference. We need to plan for the larger rain events as climate change is driving the need for intensified planning!

It doesn't matter if our soil disappears as a result of one large storm event or several smaller ones, when it is gone, it is gone.



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Conservation Reserve Program

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is used for conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers"), to control soil erosion, improve the water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Continuous enrollment contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration.

The Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized CRP. The program is also governed by regulations published in 7 CFR, part 1410. The program is implemented by FSA on behalf of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

BENEFITS

CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. The vegetative covers also make CRP a major contributor to increased wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

ADMINISTRATION

FSA administers CRP while technical support functions are provided by:

- USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS);
- State forestry agencies;

- Local soil and water conservation districts; and
- Other non-federal providers of technical assistance.

CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Under continuous enrollment authority, environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices can be enrolled in CRP at any time. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Unlike CRP enrollments under general enrollment authority, offers for continuous enrollment are not subject to competitive bidding during specific periods. Producers submitting CRP offers for any continuous enrollment practices, except CREP, will have the option to:

- Request a contract effective date of Oct. 1st, 2017; or
- Pending availability of acres, request a contract with an effective date during fiscal year (FY) 2017.

Producers who request a contract effective date deferral of Oct. 1st, 2017, will be approved upon the completion of the conservation plan. Producers who request a contract with an effective date during FY 2017 will be accepted on a non-competitive first come, first serve basis in batches as FSA determines that acres are available. If acres do not become available during FY 2017, contracts on the wait-list will be offered an Oct. 1st, 2017, effective date before the end of the FY.

If the acres are now under CRP contract and are within one year of the

scheduled expiration date, the effective date is Oct. 1st following the expiration date.

CREP enrollment is ongoing and is unaffected. Contracts can be approved at any time. To offer land for continuous enrollment, producers should contact the Martin County Farm Service Agency.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS

A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or
- The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

ELIGIBLE LAND

Land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the previous six crop years from 2008 to 2013, and is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument)

in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Certain marginal pastureland that may be devoted to riparian buffers is also eligible.

ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

The land must be eligible and suitable for any of the following conservation practices:

- Riparian buffers;
- Wildlife habitat buffers;
- Wetland buffers;
- Filter strips;
- Wetland restoration;
- Grass waterways;
- Windbreaks and shelterbelts;
- Living snow fences;
- Contour grass strips;
- Constructed wetlands;
- Restoration of aquaculture wetlands;
- Flooded prairie wetlands;
- Wildlife habitat restoration within approved State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) projects;
- Land with an erodibility index of 20 or more;
- Pollinator habitat;
- Longleaf pine;
- Bottomland hardwood trees;
- Salt tolerant or salinity reducing vegetation; or
- Shallow water areas for wildlife.

Land within an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-designated public wellhead area also may be eligible for enrollment on a continuous ba-

sis.

PAYMENTS

FSA provides CRP continuous enrollment participants with annual rental payments, including certain incentives and cost-share assistance:

Rental Payments

- In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides annual rental payments to participants. FSA bases rental rates on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average dryland cash rent or cash rent equivalent as guidelines.

- The per-acre annual rental rate may not exceed the calculated rate determined in advance of enrollment. While continuous enrollment acceptance is not determined by a competitive offer pro-

cess, producers may elect to receive an amount less than the maximum payment rate.

Cost-Share Assistance and Incentives

- Cost-share of 50 percent of the cost of establishing the practice is provided.

- Some practices may be eligible for an upfront signing incentive payment (SIP) that will be made after the contract is approved and all payment eligibility criteria are met.

- A practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation costs for eligible participants who enroll certain practices. The one-time PIP will be issued after the practice is installed, eligible costs are verified and other payment eligibility criteria are met.



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CRP Participants Must Maintain Approved Cover in CRP and Farm Programs

CRP participants are responsible for ensuring that their CRP acres are properly maintained through the contract period, as agreed to in the CRP contract (CRP-1 Appendix) and its conservation plan of operations (CPO). FSA encourages participants to regularly visit and evaluate the condition of their CRP acres, to ensure:

- The vegetative cover and conservation practice that was agreed to in the CPO is being properly maintained to adequately control erosion, protect air and water quality and en-

hance wildlife habitat.

- Undesirable weeds, invasive plants, insects, pests and rodents are being controlled on the entire CRP acreage covered by the CPO, as determined by the FSA County Committee (COC), so that the existing CRP cover, as well as surrounding landowners, air and water quality, or wildlife habitat, are not adversely impacted.

Note: FSA has authority to determine that a violation has occurred when any portion of the CRP acreage is infested, degraded, destroyed or

otherwise compromised to the point that the established conservation practice no longer functions as intended.

- The CRP acreage is in compliance with the State noxious weed law as determined by the State or local noxious weed commission.

Failure to adequately maintain CRP acreage may result in a compliance violation. FSA randomly spot checks CRP acreage; if the acreage is found to have areas not in compliance with the CPO, a viola-

tion will be determined by the COC. However, FSA is not required to notify participants of potential areas of violation on their CRP acreage. When a violation occurs, the participant will either be assessed a payment reduction on the affected acres or the affected acres may be terminated and payments refunded.

CRP maintenance activities may be conducted anytime outside the established primary nesting and brood rearing season, without FSA approval; **however, spot treatment of specific areas in criti-**

cal need of maintenance may be conducted at anytime with prior approval by FSA. To request approval of spot treatment of your CRP acres, please contact the local FSA office.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control, or for cosmetic purposes, is prohibited at all times.

Additional Responsibilities

CRP participants have additional responsibilities during their CRP contract period including, but not limited to the following:

- Certify your CRP acreage with FSA when applicable.

- Not disturb the CRP acreage during the primary nesting and brood rearing season, except when prior approval by FSA has been granted to conduct spot maintenance treatment in the immediate area of infestation. Participants should contact their local office for their primary nesting season dates.

- Conduct applicable

management activities listed in the CPO as scheduled.

- Request approval from FSA in advance of conducting any acreage management not scheduled in the CPO, such as burning, light disking, managed haying and grazing, etc.

- Notify FSA of any changes that may affect CRP payment eligibility or interest in the CRP contract acreage such as transfer of ownership, establishment of trusts or entities, etc.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is also available to assist you with advice and recommendations on how to best establish and maintain the vegetative cover on CRP acreage.

Please review your CRP-1 Appendix for details on your responsibilities as a CRP participant; if you do not have a copy of the applicable Appendix, please contact your local FSA office to receive one.

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Nitrogen Smart Conference in Fairmont

There will be a Nitrogen Smart Conference to be held Tuesday, August 29th from 9AM to Noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. (920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN 56031). Lunch will be served, compliments of the Martin County Corn Growers Association.

fertilizer in recent years. Remote sensing, crop growth models, in-season soil testing and variable rate application technology have all drawn significant interest for the potential to add profit, while reducing environmental impact. Farmers have had to work diligently to de-



Nitrogen Smart focuses on fundamentals for maximizing economic return on nitrogen investments and minimizing nitrogen losses. Each workshop is tailored to fit that specific region of the state.

"The goal of these sessions is to help farmers gain a better understanding of how to manage nitrogen more effectively," says Brad Carlson, University of Minnesota Extension educator and workshop presenter. "It's an opportunity to talk through the data and

termine the value of these technologies, all while keeping water quality issues in mind.

Nitrogen Smart is a new educational program designed to provide the information necessary to evaluate nitrogen fertilizer options. The program is being offered through a partnership between the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Corn Growers, and Martin SWCD. Attendees will receive "Nitrogen Smart" designation, which will



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research, and use that information to help reduce environmental impacts and reduce costs for the farmer."

Farmers have been exploring new and creative ways to manage nitrogen

be good for three years. There is no cost to attend due to generous support from the Minnesota Corn Growers.

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2016 corn ARC-CO payment estimates increase

Guest Columnist

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Most crop producers in the Upper Midwest are enrolled in the county yield-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program choice on their corn and soybean base acres for the 2014 to 2018 crop years. Given the decrease in the corn and soybean market prices in the past few months, many farm operators and ag lenders are now wondering what impact that may have on potential 2016 ARC-CO payments, which are scheduled to be paid in October, 2017.

For the 2016 corn and soybean crop, producers in counties that had very high corn and soybean yields in 2016, relative to their benchmark yields, were likely already projected to get a zero 2016 ARC-CO payment, which will not change in most of those counties. Producers in counties that had 2016

corn yields that were very near or below the 2016 benchmark yields will likely get the maximum, or close to the maximum, 2016 corn ARC-CO payment. However, producers that had 2016 corn yields between 110% to 122% of their 2016 benchmark yield, and were previously projected to receive a 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, will likely now see their 2016 ARC-CO payments increased from earlier estimates.

The 2016 Market Year Average (MYA) prices for corn and soybeans, which are used to calculate potential 2016 ARC-CO payments, are the U.S. average farm-level prices from September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017. The 2016 MYA prices will be finalized on September 30th, 2017. As of June 1st, 2017, the estimated 2016 MYA prices are \$3.35

per bushel for corn, and \$9.55 per bushel for soybeans, which represents a decrease of \$.05 per bushel for both corn and soybeans from the MYA estimates on March 1st, 2017. The downward adjustment in the projected corn MYA price will have a positive affect the estimated 2016 corn ARC-CO payments in many counties across the Upper Midwest; however, there will be virtually no affect any potential 2016 soybean ARC-CO payments.

Based on June 1st, 2017 estimates, many counties in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, as well as some counties in Eastern South Dakota, that were already anticipating a 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, will now see the ARC-CO payments in October increased by \$7 to \$9 per corn base acre. A much smaller percentage of counties in Central and Northern Minnesota, along with Eastern North Dakota, were previously scheduled to receive corn ARC-CO payments; how-

ever, those counties that are scheduled to receive payments will see the 2016 corn ARC-CO payments increase by \$6-\$7 per base acre from the earlier figures.

Approximately six new counties in Minnesota, and two new counties each in Northern Iowa and Eastern South Dakota, are now scheduled to receive a small 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, after being previously projected to receive a zero payment. Five counties in Minnesota and nine counties in Eastern South Dakota are now expected to receive the maximum 2016 corn ARC-CO payment, based on the June 1st MYA corn price estimate.

Even following the small decline in the projected 2016 soybean MYA price, all counties in Minnesota, Northern Iowa, and the Eastern Dakotas are still not likely to receive a 2016 soybean ARC-CO payment. This is due to the record actual 2016 soybean yields in many counties in the Upper Midwest. Even if the 2016 MYA price drops another \$.05-\$.10 per bushel by August 31st, 2016, there still would likely be a zero 2016 soybean ARC-CO payment in nearly all counties in the region. Any further small

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downward adjustment in the final 2016 corn MYA price between now and August 31st would further enhance the level of estimated 2016 corn ARC-CO payments in many counties in the Upper Midwest.

The MYA price for a given crop year is used to calculate any potential payments for the PLC, ARC-CO, and ARC-IC programs. The historical MYA prices are also used to determine the "benchmark revenues" for both the ARC-CO and ARC-IC program options. The MYA price for a given commodity is not based on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) commodity prices, or any specific local or terminal grain prices. The MYA price is the 12-month national average price for a commodity, based on the average market price received at the first point of sale by farm operators across the United States. The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) collects grain sales data on a monthly basis, which is then "weighted" at the end of the year, based on the volume of bushels sold in each month.

USDA updates the av-

erage MYA price estimates for a given marketing year on a monthly basis in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate (WASDE) Report. The WASDE Report is usually released around the middle of each month, and provides a pretty good price estimate for potential ARC-CO payments. USDA also publishes monthly and season-average estimated market prices for various commodities, which are available on the FSA farm program web site at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/season-average-price-forecasts.aspx>. Some Universities also update projected MYA prices on a monthly basis for selected crops. Kansas State University offers one of the best monthly updates of MYA prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat. The Kansas State web site is at: www.agmanager.info/crops/insurance/risk_mgt.

It is important to remember that the 2016 corn and soybean ARC-CO payment levels are still estimates, which are based on the 2016 NASS County yield estimates and the current MYA

prices. The final payments could vary depending on the final MYA price levels on August 31st, 2017, or any adjustments made by USDA 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 will be paid in October, 2017, similar to adjustments made in the 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO payments.

Producers must be enrolled in the 2016 ARC-CO program for corn and soybeans in order to be eligible for any 2016 ARC-CO payments. Producers are required to enroll in the 2017 ARC-CO program at local FSA offices by August 1st, 2017, to be eligible for 2017 ARC-CO payments, which will be paid in October, 2018. Given the current projected corn and soybean price levels for 2017-18, along with likely increases in 2017

benchmark yields in many counties, there could be a possibility of 2017 corn and soybean ARC-CO payments in many areas, especially if the 2017 crop yields return closer to average yield levels.

Previous county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops, benchmark yields and revenues, ARC-CO payment levels, and other farm program information are available on the FSA ARC-PLC web site, which is at: www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. Kent Thiesse has prepared an Information Sheet titled: "Estimating 2016 Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments", along with "2016 ARC-CO Payment Estimate Tables" for most counties in Minnesota and Northern Iowa, as well as for Eastern North and South Dakota, which were all updated after the June 1st, 2016 MYA price estimates. To receive a free copy of the Information Sheet and Tables, send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com.



At the June 6th KC Membership meeting a check for \$1,226 was presented to the local CREST Program. The check was as a result of a benefit breakfast held during the month of May and sponsored by the local KC Council. Pictured left to right: Ben Landsteiner-KC Event Chairman; Chad McGowan-Grand Knight of the local KC Council; Rob Stauter-Director of CREST; Brian Hartwig-KC Event Chairman. (Submitted photo)

Area Veterans Tribute project progressing

By Kay Pope, Trimont

Have you seen the Area Veterans Tribute in Trimont recently? It is wonderful to see all the names that are up - and we have received more than 20 more to be sent in for the next series of plaques. Thank you all so much for your interest and support. Don't forget the dedication July 6th at 10 a.m. in the park!

You will notice that there are many, many families that have several members that served in the military. Included among the many 'families' is the Martin and Mabel Hartke family. All three of their sons were in the service. LLOYD HARTKE MM2 Navy, served in Oakland, California shipyards during WWII from 1943-1945. His brother DONALD HARTKE served in the Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. He was stationed in Germany for a great deal of that time. His wife, Jeanette, was able to join him there for a time. Their youngest brother ROBERT HARTKE, PFC, was in the Army from 1957-1959 during peacetime. We received some photos and other information from his widow, Joan.

Robert had basic training in Fort Smith and Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, and advanced training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He spent 18 months in Hanau and Garmisch, Germany. He drove trucks in helping to rebuild the roads in Germany. While there he purchased an Opel Oly car and was able to see a lot of Germany on weekends when he had liberty. Bob Hope and Jerry Colonna entertained the 5,000 troops in Hanau during Robert's time there. Robert was discharged in 1959 - married

Joan Buchan in 1960.

We have several father/son veterans. LTJg (DR.) LOWELL CARLSON (Triumph's town dentist) entered the U. S. Navy Dental Corps March 15, 1944. He was trained and then shipped to Hawaii April 1945, from San Pedro, California. He earned the American Theater Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, and Expert Pistol Shot Medal. He served as a Navy dentist in Hawaii until he was discharged March, 1946, at Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois. His son, LTCdr (DR.) FRED CARLSON, also a dentist, served in the Navy from 1964-1966 during the Vietnam war.

Another father/son combination - CPL PHILIP ANDERSON served in the Marines in Twenty-Nine Palms area in California. He was there during the Korean War from 1952-1954. His son, COL DOUGLAS P. ANDERSON, Air Force, served thirty years in many places around the globe. His last service was in the Persian Gulf. He has retired and lives in Texas.

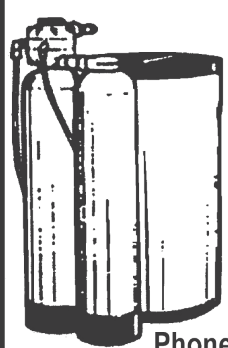
There are so many people to thank regarding our Trimont Area Veterans Tribute - for all the support the community has given - monetarily - physically - the use of equipment - we don't know where to start and we definitely don't want to forget or leave someone out. The contractors were great - every one of them was so cooperative and prompt and did fantastic jobs - and, indeed, were generous. Above all, it has been a beautiful experience to see the entire community so enthusiastic about a project.



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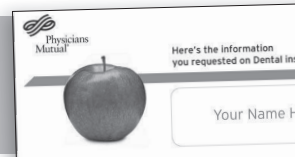
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OBITUARY notices

Alice L. Gilbaugh, 91



A Celebration of Life service for Alice L. Gil-

baugh, 91, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, June 27th at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Alice LaVange (Carlson) Gilbaugh went to her heavenly home Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 surrounded by family.

Alice was born to Tankred and Ruthe (Nettleton) Carlson March 13th, 1926 in Armstrong, IA. She attended a one room schoolhouse and then Armstrong High School, graduating in 1945. While in school, Alice met the love of her life, Clyde Gilbaugh.

On June 24th, 1946, Alice and Clyde were united

in marriage at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. They made their home in Fairmont. In 1953, they moved to an acreage south of town, where they raised their three daughters. They returned to Fairmont in 1977, where they would reside until December of 2014. At that time they moved back to their hometown of Armstrong to live at the Valley Vue Care Center.

As a young bride, Alice worked at J.C. Penney and later became a full time homemaker to raise her daughters. She then worked at Fairmont Foods and retired from the Fairmont Community Hospital where she was a nurse's

aide.

Alice had many hobbies. She and Clyde enjoyed square dancing with the Fair Squares and attended estate sales and flea markets. She loved to collect and display her cups and saucers, salts, eye cups, butter pats and various antiques. As a member of the Fairmont United Methodist Church since 1946, Alice was involved with the Rachel Circle, prayer chains and many other church activities.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband, of 71 years, Clyde Gilbaugh of Valley Vue Care Center, Armstrong; three daughters, Bryce

(Vern) Pankratz of Crosby, MN, Joleen (Larry) Sheeley of Brookings, SD, JoAnn (Mike McChesney) Gilbaugh of Brooklyn Center, MN; 6 grandchildren, Shayne (Trista) Pankratz, Kayla (Scott) Johnson, LaRay (Bert) Behrens, Joey (Sara) Sheeley, Tom (Jennifer) Sheeley, Alec Luna-Gilbaugh; 13 great grandchildren, Kimberly (Chris Hinsz) Hawkins-Pankratz, Jared and Wyatt Pankratz, Tanner and Tegan Johnson, Samantha and Alexander Behrens, Dillen, Nolan, Corbin and Avery Sheeley, Rylee and Ryan Sheeley; 2 great great grandchildren, Kole Hawkins and Ben Hinsz; brother-in-law, Dave (Car-

olyn) McLaughlin; many beloved nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents, Tankred and Ruthe Carlson; parents-in-law, Clyde and Susan Gilbaugh; brothers, Maurice (Doris) Carlson, Mick (Margaret) Carlson, Oscar (Millie) Carlson; sister, June McLaughlin; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Gladys and Earl Jensen, Ardeth and Kenneth Halverson; son-in-law, Dean Schmidtke; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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Dorothy E. Kollofski, 98



Funeral service for Dorothy E. Kollofski, 98, of Oak Park Heights, MN formerly of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, June 27th, at

Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial followed the service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Dorothy passed away Friday morning, June 23rd, 2017 at Oak Park Heights Senior Living in Oak Park Heights.

Dorothy Elizabeth Kollofski was born May 17th, 1919 in Tallula, IL, the daughter of George Richard and Bertha C. (Lucht) Wiseman. Dorothy grew up on a farm near Estherville and graduated from Estherville High School in 1937.

Dorothy married Dr. H.J. "Jerry" Kollofski on April 15th, 1950 at the United Methodist Church

in Estherville. They lived in Fairmont where they raised their family. Dr. Kollofski passed away on May 22nd, 2006. Dorothy moved to the Oak Park Senior Living in Oak Park Heights in 2011.

Over the years, Dorothy enjoyed square dancing, golfing, playing bridge with friends, needlework and gardening.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Nolte and husband, Jerry, of Brainerd, MN, Cindy Kollofski of Portland, OR; son, John Kollofski and his wife, Allison, of Houlton, WI; daughter-in-law, Jane Kollofski of Fairmont; Dorothy's special

friend, Alfred Shamble of Oak Park Heights; eleven grandchildren and their spouses, Diana, Rick, Paul, Vale, Mark, Randy, Erin, Kiera, Oliver, Logan and Isaac; eight great grandchildren, Zach, Nathan, Josh, Paige, Lorenzo, Valentina, Jace and Van; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Bertha Wiseman; husband, Dr. H.J. "Jerry" Kollofski; two sons, George Richard Riggs and Kevin Kollofski, one son-in-law, Ted Schroeder.

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DEATH notices

June 19 - Ronald M. Shoen, 91, Truman.
Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
June 20 - Roger Shumski, 73, Fairmont.
Lakeview Funeral Home
June 22 - Leona A. Kuehl, 100, Kansas City, Missouri (formerly of Ormsby). Kramer Funeral Home
June 22 - Alice L. Gilbaugh, 91, Fairmont.
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June 23 - Dorothy E. Kollofski, 98, Oak Park Heights (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral Home
June 25 - Irene J. Tyson, 93, Fairmont.
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In Memoriam
One Year Ago This Week
June 20 - Alive V. Hakel, 90, Fairmont
June 21 - Helen N. Sands, 96, Alpha
June 23 - Ferne E. Nelson, 101, Dunnell
June 26 - Wendell E. Holm, Dunnell
June 27 - Roland W. Hansen, 88, Trimont

The family of Lowell E. Tilbury, formerly of Fairmont, invites you to join them in a celebration of life. Lowell passed away December 29th, 2016 in Harvey, ND. The celebra-

tion will be held Saturday, July 1st at 4 p.m. at the Fairmont Eagles, a place very important to Lowell. Please come and share stories and food with family and friends.

A Celebration of Life honoring Dennis A. Ricard will be held Saturday, July 1st, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Roland Wendt Farm, 42525 - 830th Ave-

nue, Truman, MN 56088. A graveside service for Dennis Ricard will take place on Sunday, July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Nashville Cemetery, rural Truman.

Big South announces All-Conference Teams

The Cardinals Sam Schwieger was named to the Big South Conference Baseball All-Conference Team. Card Collin Steuber and Jordan Wolter were named Honorable Mention.

Cards tennis players Carter Klanderud, Andy Hagen, Tyler Head, and Connor Madsen were named to the All-Big

South Conference Team. Tony Joseph, Blake Hagen, and Tyrell Zieske were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Card Courtney Williams, Taylor Nuss, and Jordan Ehlert were named to the All Big South Conference Softball Team. Mallory Gochanour was also named Honorable Mention All-Conference.



1 to r: Schwieger, Steuber, Wolter

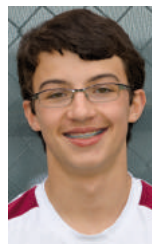
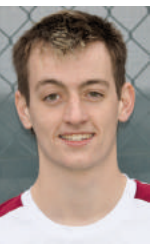
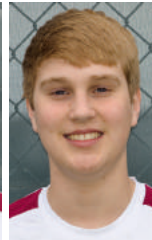


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Clockwise: Klanderud, Joseph, Madsen, Head, Hagen, Zieske, Hagen

Hawks vs. Buffalos

The Hawks needed to come home bad. They haven't played in Truman since May 13th. Saturday night proved to be a perfect night to get back to winning. Three plays in and the Hawks defense proved why they're one of the top defenses in the SPFL. Kolten Barker took an interception back 47 yards for a touchdown giving the Hawks the early 7-0 advantage following a successful P.A.T. attempt by Abel Chavez.

The next time the defense got on the field Mike Waller forced a fumble and LaRoy McGee fell on it in the end zone for his first touchdown of the season. This put the Hawks up 14-0. The defense continued to play lights out the entire game giving up the only score late in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks offense was able to work out their

kinks as well. QB Greg Gainey was 6 of 9 for 201 yards passing and 2 touchdowns. Seth Bass was the leading receiver with two receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown. The leading rusher was Gainey with 6 rushes for 58 yards and a touchdown. The Hawks were able to come up with the 53-6 win officially eliminating the Buffalos from the playoffs.

This Saturday's final regular season game is in Truman at 5 p.m. against the Dakota Bulldogs. This should be a great game as the Bulldogs have improved immensely since their 33-0 loss against the Hawks on May 20th. There's no doubt they are ready to try and upset the #2 seeded Hawks before the playoffs begin next week. Come out and watch two of the best teams the SPFL has to offer.

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COED SLO-PITCH	W	L	GB	PCT	STR
Hawkins Chevrolet	7	0	-	1.000	7W
Fabers Plumbing	8	1	1	.889	2W
Demand Pork	6	1	1	.857	4W
Whiskey Biscuits	6	3	3	.667	2W
Blazer Bar	5	4	4	.556	4W
Royalty Rides	3	5	5	.375	2L
A-1 Concrete/Gack Agency	3	5	5	.375	2L
Hitman Bail Bonds	3	5	5	.375	3L
Octane Sports	3	5	5	.375	1W
Montanna Tree/Northrop Bar	3	5	5	.375	1W
Dairy Freeze	2	5	5	.285	3L
Shenanigans	2	7	7	.222	2L
Blue Earth Legion	2	7	7	.222	2L

Whiskey Biscuits 20, Hitman Bail Bonds 7
Octane Sports 14, Royalty Rides 13. Good close game!
Whiskey Biscuits 13, A-1 Concrete/Gack Agency 9. Bad Boys for lite!
Fabers Plumbing 29, Blue Earth Legion 3. Fretty diving catch... just kidding!
Demand Pork 14, Royalty Rides 13. Trent with dinger!!
Montanna Tree Service/Old Northrop Bar 8, A-1 Concrete/Gack Agency 7.
Well played on both teams parts!
Blazer Bar 18, Shenanigans 6. Good effort.
Hawkins Chevrolet 13, Dairy Freeze 6

MENS SLO-PITCH	W	L	GB	PCT	STR
Blazer Bar/Steel Wheel	6	0	-	1.000	6W
B & S Farms	5	0	-	1.000	5W
Rookies	4	1	-	.800	1L
Edie's Restaurant	3	2	2	.600	1L
Ambiance on Albion	3	3	3	.500	1L
Troy Jensen Seeds	2	2	3	.500	1L
Hecht Taxidermy	3	4	4	.429	2L
Green Plains	1	4	4	.200	1L
Fairmont Ford	1	5	5	.167	1W
Legends Pub/LuLaroe	1	6	6	.142	3L

Edie's Restaurant 18, Hecht Taxidermy 12. Penn HRI!
Ambiance on Albion 17, Green Plains 0
Troy Jensen Seeds 11, Edie's Restaurant 4
Rookies 15, Hecht Taxidermy 0
B & S Farms 11, Ambiance on Albion 4
Blazer Bar/Steel Wheel 19, Troy Jensen Seeds 7
Fairmont Ford 25, Legends Pub/LuLaroe 14
B & S Farms 14, Rookies 7

A perfect day for MOSS Garden Tour

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Leave fireworks to professionals this year

Thousands of accidents each year underscore the dangers of fireworks. In 2014, 11 people died and an estimated 10,500 were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the U.S. Statistics show the typical victim of a fireworks injury is a 25- to 44-year-old male.

In an effort to reduce these preventable injuries, optometrists and ophthalmologists at Mayo Clinic Health System encourage families to attend their local fireworks displays instead of using fireworks at home.

"When playing with fireworks, injuries to the head, eyes and hands are all very common," says Anna Kitmann, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont ophthalmologist. Dr. Kitmann advises to never pick up, touch or look at a firework that didn't detonate. She notes 19 percent of fireworks-related injuries affect the eyes.

In the unfortunate event you end up with an eye injury during your fireworks show, Dr. Kitmann offers these tips:

- Seek medical attention immediately. Call 911 or get a ride to the emergency department right away.
- Don't rub. Rubbing your eye may increase bleeding or worsen injury.
- Don't rinse. Attempting to rinse out your eyes can be even more damaging than rubbing.
- Don't apply pressure. Keep your hands away from your eyes - you could cause more injury by touching your eyes.

Although illegal fireworks, bottle rockets and Roman candles account for the majority of injuries, seemingly harmless sparklers also cause numerous injuries each year. Because these sparklers can be found at just about every Fourth of July celebration, they're responsible for the most injuries to children under the age of five.

"Fireworks are dangerous, so it's best to attend a professional fireworks display," says Dr. Kitmann. "Simply put: Don't purchase or use any type of fireworks."

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