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A Tribute to Robert C. King

October 12, 1921 – January 20, 1988

By Annette R. King, his youngest child

October 12, 2021 is the 100th anniversary of my father's birth. I have now lived half of my life without him but his presence is still a driving force in my life. He was my dad, my mentor, my hero and my friend.

Dad was born and raised in Fairmont. His mother was widowed with three young sons; Dad was the middle child. His mother never remarried so it was her influence and that of respected father figures throughout his life that helped shape him into an honorable man and wonderful father to four children.

He loved being outdoors on the farms that he rented out to various farmers. He loved white faced Hereford calves and watching the planted fields grow. We went for a Sunday ride in the car via country roads so we could enjoy the fields and pastures of Southern Minnesota and Iowa. His ancestors were farmers and he had profound respect for those that raise the food that feeds our nation.

He taught me about business at Bob's, his department store in Mapleton, where I grew up. My first job, at age seven, was making bows for holiday gifts and wrapping brown paper packages tied up with string. Later I helped customers and made certain the money balanced correctly at the end of the day. It was there that he taught me, his insecure and gawky little girl, to engage with people and become self-reliant.

He and my mother entertained often in our home. New teachers and preachers often enjoyed my mother's fine cooking. We laughed at lot and Dad shared his and listened to other's words of wisdom and funny stories. Young married couples who were raising families were particularly important guests. He and Mom enjoyed becoming surrogate parents and grand-



parents to various families through the years. He was never mean and hated bullies of any kind. He believed in being accountable for our thoughts and our actions. He repeatedly advised me to grow a "thick skin" as defense against our predictably unkind world.

Dad took great satisfaction in working hard. He was modest in appearance and action. Always well-groomed whether in a white shirt and bow tie at the store or in jeans and western boots in his pickup truck on his day to talk with farmer renters. He wanted his children to learn to be classy not flashy. We had no showy cars, clothes, toys or jewelry. Our home, the store and the farms were always neat and tidy to show respect for ourselves and for our neighbors.

He never took what we had for granted and he expected that we always show proper appreciation when we received a kindness from others. He was habitually generous but preferred to remain anonymous. He did not accumulate meaningless stuff and was never greedy. He shared his time and resources freely with those in need whether family, friends or strangers.

He was a veteran of World War II but rarely if ever spoke to me about his war experiences. He was unwavering in his love of God, family, friends and his country. He was proud to be an American by birth and was a patriot by choice.

My favorite memories are of discussing my job- and business-related matters with him at home in Mapleton. We cultivated a wonderful father daughter relationship that lives inside me and guides me always. I am forever grateful for my mentor, my hero and the exceptional man that I called Dad.

HOMAN-PETSCHKE – Kathryn Homan and Christian Petschke were married on August 14th, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato, with Fr. John Kunz and Fr. Jim Berning officiating. Parents of the couple are Doug and Mary Homan, Mankato and Jeff Petschke and the late Tamara Petschke, Fairmont. Matron of honor was Karina Hested, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids included Catlin Frederick, Karissa Nickels and Meghan Blaine, friends of the bride. Flower girls were Kaia Black, niece of the groom, Mabel Frederick and Sylvia Nickels, friends of the couple. Best man was Jordan Petschke, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Lucas Hested, Jacob Portz and Levi Becker, friends of the groom. Readers were Katie Petschke, sister of the groom, and Jake Homan, the bride's brother. A reception after the wedding followed at the Schroeder Farm, Lake Crystal, MN. Kathryn teaches kindergarten at Mankato Loyola and Christian is employed by Wakefield Pork. The couple is at home in Madelia.



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Spice of Life Meeting

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"Spice of Life" will take place on Thursday, October 21st from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the CREST office, which is located at 820 Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont. This month will feature Halloween activities. You will enjoy coffee, a snack, laughter, and a time to relax and visit with others. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are encouraged by calling the CREST office at 235-3833.

CREST To Host "A Matter of Balance"

CREST will be presenting the class "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning on October 26th and concluding on December 14th at the CREST offices, located at 820 Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont.

This 8 session class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. It includes an exercise program and identifies our fears and finding options for overcoming them. We also check our homes for safety/falling issues. This curriculum is good for planning ahead to still do the things we like to do. Anyone having concerns about falling or wanting to improve their balance, flexibility, and strength is encouraged to attend.

Registration is required in order to provide the needed materials and a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration deadline is October 22nd. If you have questions or would like to register for this class, please call the CREST office at 235-3833.

St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn

will be serving coffee and rolls on each Tuesday morning in October, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Fairmont United Methodist Church

plans free drive-up meals on November 3 and November 10. These meals will be served from 5:00-6:00pm or until the food is gone. Please drive through from the front of the church at 119 E. 2nd St, Fairmont. The menu for November 3 is Taco Mac Casserole, fruit and dessert. Menu for November 10 is Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, fruit and dessert.

Everyone is welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PIE thank you

To the Editor:

On September 24, 2021 Fairmont Partners in Education held the Homecoming Tailgate at Mahoney Field. We would like to thank all those who came out in support of Partners in Education and also the Cardinal football team. The proceeds will be used toward teacher grant requests for needed things in their class-rooms or opportunities for their students.

We would like to thank our two sponsors - Minnesota Motor Bus, Inc. and Rosen's, Inc. We would also like to thank the following businesses that also supported the PIE tailgate in some way: Culligan Water, Rosen's Diversified, Inc., Hy Vee, Fareway, Welcome Meats, Olson Rentals, Dr. Paul Carlson, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Fairmont Schools Employee Federal Credit Union, Minuteman Press, McDonald's and Bob's Biffys. We were thrilled that we were able to hold this event in 2021.

Barb Iverson
Fairmont Partners in Education secretary

HOPE CAFÉ

is serving a free October meal in person on Sunday, October 24th at 5 p.m. All are invited to join us at St. John Vianney church, 901 S. Prairie Ave. If you are unable to join us in person due to lack of transportation, please let us know so we can see about delivering meals to those who can't join us in October. Call Bridget at 235-2451 with your name and address

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Heritage Acres meets October 28

The final Heritage Acres member meeting for the year will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th at the Chapel meeting room.

After a light supper, treasurer's and secretary's report, Jerry Simon will give a preliminary report on the recent Fall Festival, needed activities to close down the buildings and accomplishments for the year. All members and the public are invited.

"A Christmas Carol" reading

Do you like to read? Can you say: "Bah! Humbug!"

We need volunteer readers for a community reading of "A CHRISTMAS CAROL."

Hope to see you at the first practice reading on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park Street, Fairmont.

This is the third annual community reading of the story by Charles Dickens. This performance will not be the play, but a community reading of the story itself, as written by Charles Dickens in 1843. The book, in its entirety will be read to the public the second week in December.

Questions? Please call: 507 848-4414

MCW's "Never Give Up" Night

Mission Statement

Martin County West in cooperation with the volleyball parents is recognizing Monday, October 18, 2021 as "NEVER GIVE UP" night. This initiative is designed to recognize cancer awareness and raise funds for The Oncology Center at Mayo Clinic -Fairmont Community Hospital (Chemo Fund) and Relay for Life.

Dress Blue Day

On October 18th all students, staff, and the community are encouraged to dress in ROYAL BLUE to recognize "Cancer Awareness for ALL cancers."

Survivor Recognition

At the volleyball match on October 18th all interested volleyball players grades 9-12 will be introduced with a cancer survivor of their choice. This will take place immediately following the B-squad match. Cancer survivors will be admitted to the volleyball match free of charge.

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale at the volleyball game on October 18th. Volleyball players 7-12 will provide a bake sale item to be sold that night. This will be a free will donation for bake goods.

Silent Auction

There will be a silent auction at the volleyball game on October 18th that will include the following:

1. Numerous gift certificates
2. Maverick gear and punch passes
3. Hand crafted items from local talent and MUCH MORE!

Volleyball Serving Competition

After the volleyball match on October 18th, fans will be encouraged to participate in a serving skills challenge with the chance to win a number of different prizes.

T-shirts

Will be sold prior to home volleyball games to raise money and promote cancer awareness.

Raffle

GIVE A TEACHER A DAY OFF RAFFLE. Winner will receive MCW Maverick clothing and a Live Fit punch pass. The winning ticket will give one teacher the day off.

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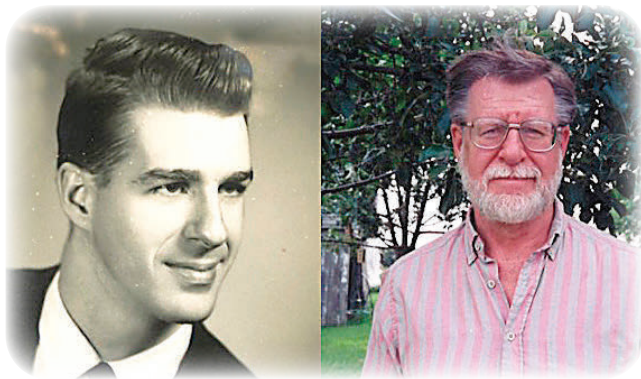
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Obituary Notices



Michael D. Oltman, 73

Memorial Service for Michael D. Oltman, age 73, of Granada, MN was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Private family burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Michael passed away Monday, October 11, 2021 at his home in Granada. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the fa-

mily with arrangements.

Michael DuWayne was born February 2, 2021 to Adolph and Irene (Wenzel) Oltman in Fairmont. Growing up he attended school in Fairmont and was a member of the 1966 graduating class from Fairmont High School. Following his high school graduation, he attended Mankato State College where he earned his degree.

Michael drove city bus for Mankato City lines and later for Chicago Nor-

th western R.R. until his retirement. He was united in marriage on September 17, 1967 to Donna Whitman. The couple later divorced.

After his retirement he returned to the Huntley area where he had a hobby farm. Mike is remembered for model railroad collecting and gardening for the farmers market.

Michael is survived by his daughters, Jodi McDonough of Eagle Lake, MN and Dawn (Brian) Edberg of New Prague,

MN; grandchildren, Ethan, Evan, Everett and Eleanor McDonough, and Luke and Dylan Edberg; siblings: Ronald (Carol) Oltman of Fairmont, Jerry Oltman of Idaho, Jack (Peg) Oltman of Arizona, Norma (David) Cartwright of Granada; nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents.

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Lenagene Prafke, 83

Funeral Services for Lenagene Prafke, age 83,

of Parker Oaks in Winnebago, MN, formerly of Fairmont, MN were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Lenagene passed away Monday evening, October 11, 2021, at United Hospital District in Blue Earth, MN. Memorials are preferred to Parker Oaks Auxiliary in Winnebago, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lenagene (Swanson) Prafke was born on December 24, 1937 to Oscar and Viola (Newton) Swanson in Estherville, IA. She received her education in Granada, MN.

On March 1, 1955, Lenagene was united in marriage to Merlys Del "Bub" Prafke. They made their home in Granada for a short time and moved to Fairmont in 1956. In 1980, they moved back to Granada and lived on the Swanson family farm until 2010 when they moved back to Fairmont. Lenagene worked as a

Quality Control Manager at Fairmont Foods and retired after 50 years in 2006.

Lenagene was a member of the Fairmont United Methodist Church and the Women's DAV Auxiliary. Lenagene will be remembered as a hard-working matriarch of her family. Family was very special to Lenagene and she loved playing cards with them, especially spoons. She helped raise a lot of her grandchildren. Besides playing cards, Lenagene enjoyed sewing.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two daughters, Pam (Craig) Olson and Patty (Mike) Sohn; son-in-law, Mert Kutnink; grandchildren, Colby Olson, Kacey (Jim) Kasel, Travis (Becky) Cyphers, Amanda (Joey) Flohrs, AngaLena Cyphers, Aaron Traver, Tabitha Jeffries, Helena (Mike) Zea, Michalia Cyphers, Patrick (April) Prafke, Andrew Kutnink, Christopher Kutnink, Nicole Kutnink, Jason Kutnink, and Kelsey (Kutnink); twenty-two great-grandchildren; and

other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Viola Swanson; husband, Merlys Prafke; daughters, Cheryl Traver Cyphers and Lori Kutnink; and great-granddaughter, Kasey Scheff.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Parker Oaks Senior Living and United Hospital District for their compassion and care.

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of October 9, 1996

"An Evening of Music" was to be presented by Gary Gjerstad, with proceeds going to Dollars for Scholars. Special guest performers were to be Millie Kittleson and Joyce Schultz. For Gjerstad, who has been blind since birth, this will be his 13th annual benefit concert.

Summer Klug, a 1966 Fairmont High School graduate, completed basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. She would now enter an eight-week

Cryptologic Technician Administrative School in Pensacola, Florida.

Calvin E. Stewart of Fairmont received his Purple Heart belatedly at a ceremony at the Martin County Courthouse. Pfc. Stewart was escorting a supply convoy when he and 10 others were wounded and four were killed by a grenade thrown during an ambush on July 29, 1946 near Peiping, China.

FHS Class of 2008 first graders were presented \$500 by Bank Midwest, which would be placed in a savings account. In their senior year, the class treasurer will be given the \$500 plus accrued interest. The senior

class, with class advisor, will determine the money's use.

Week of October 16, 1996

Fairmont Mayor Donna Holstine signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 13-19 as the Week of the Family Child Care Provider. Pictured with the mayor were Martin County Licensed Child Care Association officers Kateri Wellman, Association President; Vice President Stephanie Johnson and Brock; secretary Ardell Ehlers and Treasurer Staci Bonin.

Fire departments from Northrop, Welcome, Granada, Fairmont and Truman battled a smoldering blaze in a dryer at the WFS Grain Company in Northrop.

Cherlynn M. Brum-

baugh of Fairmont was one of ten teachers nationwide to be recognized for outstanding teaching and commitment to students with learning disabilities. Brumbaugh was a teacher at the Fairmont Middle School for the Southern Plains Educational Cooperative.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of October 9, 1971

A South Central Conference winning streak of 36 games came to an end when the Blue Earth Bucs toppled the Fairmont Cardinals 24-8.

Francis (Fritz) Krumholz, 63, died at his home in Blythe, California, in his sleep. He and his wife, Ardell, were the parents of three sons and four daughters. His failing

health had prompted the family's move three years previously when Mrs. Krumholz took a teaching position in Blythe.

Myrtle Nelson and "Fuzz" Graham were retiring from Fairmont Railway Motors after a combined service record of 71 years.

Week of October 16, 1971

Fairmont won its homecoming game 44-12 over Glencoe. JoAnne Larsen was the reigning homecoming queen.

Holdover 4-H Council members were Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Brandt of rural Truman and Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson of East Chain, according to

County Agent Floyd Belin.

The Veterans Service Office, located in the courthouse, was to be moved into offices in the Small Building at the corner of South Main Street and West Blue Earth Avenue. The move came about when it was decided to expand the Welfare Department.

Mary Metag had a column in the Madsen Super Valu ad giving helpful hints for packing a nutritious and interesting lunch for school children.

The Sweet Shop was featuring live entertainment nightly at the piano bar with Donna Donahue and Joe and Suzi Bunting, local musicians.

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October 11 - Lenagene Prafke, 83, Winnebago (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 11 - Michael D Oltman, 73, Granada. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 13 - Raymond A. Rosa, 79, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 13 - Mary L. Rulison, 78, Truman. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

October 14 - Arthur E. Miller, 86, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

October 15 - Beaulah D. Erickson, 90, Sherburn. Kramer Family Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO

October 6 - Allen D. Scheef, 77, Racine, WI

October 9 - Dorothy M. Dunker, 66, Fairmont (formerly of Jackson).

October 10 - David N. Gratz, 58, Fairmont.

October 12 - Kenneth J. Washa, 84, Fairmont.

October 12 - Chris Mielke, 53, East Chain.

Sharing HIS STORY RODGER TAYLOR

Everyone has their own cancer story. Mine began a little over 20 years ago. As a 35-year-old father of three young children, I must admit it was not something you want or expect to hear. After doctoring for several years for a variety of symptoms because there was something that was just not right, I was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. The diagnosis I received was really not on the doctor's radar, no family history and it was cancer typically found in men over seventy. Secondly, I already had a sigmoidoscopy that did not reveal the tumor. They believe the tumor had been there, but because of the way the colon and digestive system are designed it was hidden. A colonoscopy finally revealed the tumor in May of 2001.

The doctors in Fairmont informed me that I would need surgery and that they could perform it in Fairmont. However, they chose to send me to the best in Rochester at the Mayo Clinic. I began a hurry-up and wait process.

The timing was not the best, an understatement. We were down to 2 weeks left in the school year. My wife (Jill) also teaches. We had an 8-year-old (Alyssa), a 3-year-old (McKenna), and a 1-year-old (Maia). All of this, not to mention my wife was in the middle of getting her Masters degree.

The process seemed to take forever but looking back it did go very quickly. I was assigned Dr. Navitvong, the number 2 doctor in the United States for this type of cancer. He was outstanding. I did manage to keep

my sense of humor and asked if he had pictures on his wall of all his patients' butts like pediatricians hang baby pictures. His plan included 6 weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, traveling from Trimont to Rochester every weekday, followed by a recovery time before performing surgery. Once the surgery was complete I would again be allowed recovery time followed by another six weeks of chemotherapy.

Among the many appointments and things that were done a few stand out. I had a pic-line placed in my arm and one of my clearest memories is sitting with my wife watching Family Feud as they ran a wire through a vein in my arm to just above my heart. This would drop the chemo directly into my system. I also had three little pen mark tattoos placed so that the radiation would be administered to the exact location. A mold was made so that I could not move during the radiation treatments. Having a BB placed near the tumor was also an experience that I will not forget.

I experienced some side effects that come from chemo and radiation. One particular side effect was the continual metal taste in my mouth. I would use ice and Dum Dum suckers to try and mask that taste. To this day, I don't eat hard can-

dy!

I then eventually made it to surgery day where I had 12 inches of my colon removed along with lymph glands and blood vessels around the colon. I was fortunate that

of the year and did not coach that season of basketball.

Some final variety of comments, Memory loss is real when dealing with Chemo. Being that my kids were younger they

out the entire process. The staff at both Fairmont and Rochester were fantastic. Words cannot express the thankfulness and blessings and all of the thoughts, prayers, and cards that we received from so many. The numerous angels that helped us starting with driving me to Rochester, watching our children, helping around the house and yard, bringing meals, or just letting us know they were there if we needed anything. My wife was and is the biggest blessing of all! Her strength helped to carry me and our family through.

In closing my standard statement was and is this. I felt a peace and have said on many occasions "I knew it was going to be alright and if it wasn't it was still going to be alright."

"God has blessed my family and me throughout the entire process."

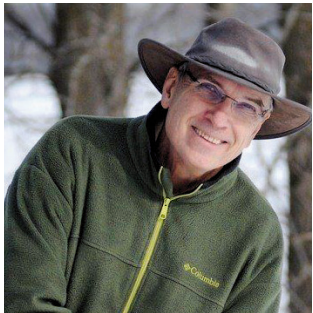
- Rodger Taylor

they did not need to place a colonoscopy bag as the treatments were very successful.

Due to the fact that my surgery was at the end of August and I spent 8 days in the hospital, I was not able to begin the school year. I missed the first half

do not remember much or any of this part of our lives. However, my girls will have colonoscopies starting at the age of twenty-five and repeated every five years as a precaution.

God has blessed my family and me through-



Naturally By Al Batt

Red oaks show rich reds and browns. Red asparagus berries are evident. There was a red-breasted nuthatch in my yard on Oct. 12. Another milepost of a year. Skunk and raccoon carcasses litter the highways. Many are those of young animals unaware of the dangers found there.

I watched a kettle of turkey vultures surfing on the wind over New Ulm. They performed an aerial ballet. Earlier, I'd seen a HAZMAT team (called a wake) of vultures working on removing a dead raccoon from the road. It's a job that pays them all they can eat.

I saw a belted kingfisher fishing at the edge of a lake. A kingfisher has a heavy bill that serves as a

fishing spear. The species is sexually dimorphic—meaning the males and females look different—and the usual pattern is for males to be more colorful than females. The female belted kingfisher is bigger and more colorful than the male. This is called reverse sexual dimorphism. She displays an additional rust-colored patch across her belly. She has the belt. My wife says that means she wears the pants in the family. I'm not one to argue.

From the mailbag

Bob Hargis of Riverton, Wyoming, wrote about my hand-feeding a Canada jay. Bob said his father-in-law was holding his hand clutching a PBJ sandwich out a car's window. A camp robber (Canada jay) grabbed onto the sandwich and held on even when the PBJ was brought into the car. His father-in-law became a reluctant birder by inquiring, "What is that bird?"

Q&A

Harvey Benson of Harmony asked why the birds had disappeared from his feeders. Cone, berry, seed and insect abundance change from season-to-season and year-to-year, causing birds to move

about to take advantage of food and to escape areas with shortages. The dietary needs of birds change during the year, so they may move away from your feeders seasonally. Fewer birds at feeders during late summer and early fall occur as there is plenty of natural food available. Just like Arnold Schwarzenegger, they will be back.

"Are great-tailed grackles found in Minnesota?" Yes, but most of this rare (in Minnesota) species have been documented in southwestern Minnesota counties. Breeding has been confirmed in Jackson County, where the species has been found repeatedly over the years. The long-legged birds are extending their range northward. I see and hear them everywhere in Texas. They sound like everything from a squeaky door hinge to radio static to rusty machinery to laughing whistles. Food trucks in Austin attract them and an acquaintance calls them tacoraptors.

"Where do the vultures in Minnesota winter?" Turkey vultures are wonderfully adapted to the life of a scavenger. They winter in the southern U.S.,

Mexico, Central America and South America.

"Was Woody the Woodpecker based upon a pileated woodpecker?" As happens in cartoons, the creators used artistic license to develop Woody. For years, I thought he was based on a pileated, but some reports claim he was inspired by a noisy acorn woodpecker that disrupted his creator, animator Walter Lantz's honeymoon by persistently calling and drumming on the couple's cabin. I've heard the collective noun for acorn woodpeckers is a bushel. That might have been said in jest. One of the acorn woodpecker's commonly heard calls is a loud, repeated waka-waka, but a case could be made that Woody sounds more like a pileated woodpecker. Woody once said he was a "Campephilus principalis." That's an ivory-billed woodpecker. One episode showed a picture of an ivory-billed and it looked like Woody. It's safe to say Woody is a generic woodpecker and not an exact representation of any one species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declared the ivory-billed woodpecker extinct. Woody is doing

OK.

"What is digging up my lawn?" It may be the guys replacing your septic tank. Or raccoons and skunks tearing up the lawn night after night, pulling back chunks of turf in search of grubs to eat. Raccoons roll up a lawn while searching for grubs and other larval insects. Skunks make small individual holes when they search for insect larvae. Squirrels dig holes when they bury food during the day.

Thanks for stopping by

"A mature person is one who does not think only in absolutes, who is able to be objective even

when deeply stirred emotionally, who has learned that there is both good and bad in all people and in all things, and who walks humbly and deals charitably with the circumstances of life, knowing that in this world no one is all-knowing and therefore all of us need both love and charity."—Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Just before the death of flowers, and before they are buried in snow, there comes a festival season, when nature is all aglow."—Emeline B. Smith.

Do good.

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It's hard to miss a great-tailed grackle with its lengthy tail and an even longer repertoire of sounds. Photo by Al Batt

"Gratitude"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



We wanted an open feeling, plenty of daylight, and the ability to watch wildlife and view the beauty of the woods from inside our home. To attain this setting, we have large picture windows in our living room and three-seasons room. With these windows, it's not uncommon to be sitting in the house and hear a thud when birds fly into the glass.

To protect our feathered friends, we've put plants and things on the window sills. We have dreamcatchers, stained glass flowers and such hanging in the windows. But, despite our efforts, birds still fly into the glass.

One day a grouse

flew over our deck and smacked into the glass on the back door, which has a mullion between the glass panes. That's when I concluded; not all birds are equally smart; as a matter of fact, some are just plain dumb. So how could he not see the window? Still, I feel bad whenever a bird hits the glass.

One morning I was standing in the living room, drinking my coffee while watching the birds on the front porch feeder. It was a colorful array of chickadees, finches and nuthatches. Each bird would fly in, land on the feeder, take a sunflower seed in their small beak, then fly off to a tree to enjoy their find.

Others would land on

the railing, waiting for a perch on the feeder to come open, then flutter and jump up to claim their place. Some birds would spill or drop seeds, but nothing went to waste. Instead, blue jays, chipmunks, and red squirrels gathered on the deck and on the ground below to clean up seeds that fell. It's a whirlwind of activity and mesmerizing to watch them.

As I stood there speculating, a small bird flew straight at me, crashed into the window, and fell to the ground. Even though I saw it coming, I jumped, spilling a little of my coffee. There was no time to clean up; I set my cup in the bay window and rushed outside. When I opened the

front door, the flock of birds flew away to nearby trees; squirrels scattered to the lilac bush, and the chipmunk scurried to the woodpile.

When a bird hits the glass, you only have a short time to try to help them before a raven, or another critter, comes along, seizing the opportunity for an easy meal. Nothing goes to waste in the north woods.

I ran down the steps and found the fallen bird lying in the grass under the window; he was still breathing. Gently lifting the dazed animal, I whispered to him, "It's going to be okay, little fella." I cupped my hand to keep him warm as he laid with his breast upon my palm and his head resting on my thumb.

Within a few minutes, the bird lifted his head and opened his eyes to a small slit. He was confused, so I kept talking to

him, assuring him he'd be okay. He was wobbly but stood for a moment, then laid back down. Soon he stood again, this time steady on his feet. He continued to gain strength as he sat cradled in my hand.

I opened my hand a bit more so that he wouldn't feel trapped. I wanted him to know he could fly away whenever he was strong enough to return the flock.

As I watched him in my hand, I thought how grateful I was that he would trust me to help in his time of need. I'm sure he, too, appreciated receiving a helping hand.

Suddenly the little guy seemed very alert. He sprang out of my hand, onto my upper arm, almost to my shoulder. He sat there watching me, "Well, you certainly look like you're feeling better," I said to him.

He continued to look at me as if to say, "Thank you, good sir. Your assis-

tance was much appreciated."

"No problem at all, my little friend, we all need a helping hand now and then. I'm honored to have been here for you." It was a very special time for me; I felt very much at one with nature - but maybe I was reading the moment wrong.

The little bird took a small hop, turning his back to me. He pooped on my shirt, then flew away laughing, "See you next time, sucker!"

I looked at the tiny racing stripe on my shirt, "Well, how's that for gratitude?" I laughed with him and called out, "You're still welcome to come back anytime for some seeds and to visit."

Ah, nature...

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The importance of routine vehicle maintenance



Owning a car is a big responsibility. Drivers who plan to keep their vehicles for the long haul must emphasize maintenance if they want to keep adding miles to their odometers. In fact, the automotive information site CarAdvice says that routine maintenance may be the most important thing drivers can do for their vehicles.

A vehicle needs consistent care if it is to run

efficiently. Maintenance also reduces the risk of roadside breakdowns and costly repairs. Here's a look at some of the benefits of staying on top of maintenance.

- **Saves money:** Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance schedule can save big bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less

than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a tow and tire replacement.

- **Improves performance and efficiency:** Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter

changes and fluid top-offs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of breaking down and adversely affect vehicle performance, diminishing fuel economy and leading to a sluggish ride.

- **Identifies safety issues:** Routine inspections and work performed by reputable service stations help drivers stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

- **Maintains a maintenance record:** When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of routine maintenance indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was

well cared for.

- **Keeps compliance:** Vehicles covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence to factory-recommended maintenance schedules. This ensures that the vehicle is in compliance and will be

covered in the event of a warranty claim.

Routine vehicle maintenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the road.

Drivers delaying vehicle maintenance

Many drivers recognize the importance of vehicle maintenance, but a significant percentage of drivers are putting off taking timely care of their cars and trucks. IMR Inc. surveys 25,000 households each quarter, asking participants how they have serviced and maintained their vehicles. In the first quarter of 2020, much of which occurred prior to the declaration of a global pandemic, nearly 18 percent of respondents indicated they had delayed vehicle repairs or maintenance. IMR classified "delayed maintenance" as repairs and maintenance that vehicle owners intentionally put off despite knowing the vehicles needed them. That conscious decision to delay maintenance and repairs could prove costly in the long run, as adhering to

a routine maintenance schedule is a great way to ensure cars stay on the road longer. In addition, adhering to manufacturer-recommended maintenance schedules is a great way to discover minor issues before they escalate into larger, more costly concerns.



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What to do when your vehicle breaks down

Knowing what to do when a car breaks down can make such unfortunate situations much less stressful for drivers. Smartphones and wifi networks may make it less stressful to cope with broken down vehicles. However, wifi networks are not always accessible in remote locations, so drivers would be wise to revisit these tips for handling broken down ve-

hicles, courtesy of Esurance, in advance of their next road trip.

- Turn on hazard lights. Hazard lights inform other drivers that something is wrong with your vehicle, and the sight of hazard lights typically compels fellow motorists to give drivers a wide berth and facilitate their moving off of the roadway.

- Attempt to get off the highway. After turning on their hazard lights, drivers who know or suspect something is wrong with their vehicles should try to get off the highway. Move into the right-hand lane as soon as possible, ultimately trying to get onto the shoulder. Avoid the left-hand shoulder if possible, as the left lane is a passing lane and motorists likely won't be expecting vehicles in this area of the highway.

- Turn the steering wheel away from the road. Broken down vehicles are unpredictable, and drivers may not have the luxury of pulling over onto flat road surfaces. Turning the steering wheel away from the road prevents it from rolling into traffic if drivers are forced to pull over on an incline.

- Be especially careful before exiting the vehicle. Exiting a broken down vehicle can be very dangerous, especially when drivers are forced to pull over on busy highways.



Drivers who have pulled over into the right shoulder should wait to exit the car until there is ample time for them to get out and safely make it to the shoulder. If necessary, crawl across the front seat and exit using the passenger-side door. All passengers should exit the vehicle on the passenger-side if the car has been pulled onto the right shoulder.

- Call for help. Only after they have safely gotten their vehicles off the

highway should drivers call for help. Passengers may want to avoid calling until the car is off the road as well, as it can make for faster relief if callers wait until they know their exact location to call for help.

- Set up flares or triangles behind the vehicle. If it's safe to do so, set up flares or triangles behind the vehicle. If the flares or triangles are buried in the trunk, drivers can ask a passenger to serve as

lookout and warn them if they need to get away from the vehicle.

- Pop the hood. An opened hood is another indicator that a vehicle is broken down and can be especially valuable to drivers who do not have flares or triangles.

- Wait for help. Do not attempt to fix the vehicle on the side of the highway. Doing so leaves drivers vulnerable to oncoming motorists.

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Vision greatly affects driving ability

Driving is a multi-sensory experience that requires careful coordination and mastery of a wide array of skills. Understanding the rules of the road and having sufficient practice are only part of the equation. Be-

ing able to see the road and react to obstacles, signage and more is crucial. Drivers should not downplay the importance of visual acuity when they turn their ignition keys.

Acceptable vision is involved in all components

of driving. Motor vehicle operators need to have clear vision to read gauges and operate the controls of the car. Distance vision also is essential to identifying road hazards and seeing other cars on the road. The health resource All About Vision says aging and visual changes at any age can affect a person's ability to see moving objects while one is in motion — as is the case while driving a car or truck. In addition, changes in peripheral vision can increase blind spots while driving and affect reaction time.

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Tire maintenance keeps drivers safe

Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that, in 2017, 738 fatalities occurred because of tire-related crashes. Many of those crashes were no doubt preventable, and that only highlights the importance of maintaining tires and monitoring their performance.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. The automotive group AAA notes it is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sounds. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

Tire pressure: The NHTSA says only 19 percent of consumers properly check and inflate their tires. Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.

Rotation: Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.

Balancing: AAA says balancing also helps minimize uneven wear

and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

Alignment: Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan.

Did you know?

Improved performance and reliability has increased the life expectancy of many vehicles. As a result, many drivers are keeping their cars and trucks in excess of 10 years. According to an IHS Markit study, the average age of vehicles in the United States is a record 11.6 years, with the average length of ownership at 79.3 months, or nearly seven years. Even after an owner has relinquished his or her new vehicle, that used car or truck can go on to provide many more years of utility for its next owner. Certain models top the charts among the longest kept vehicles, according to iSeeCars, an automotive industry group. These include the Toyota 4Runner, Chevrolet Corvette, Mercedes-Benz SLK, Porsche Boxster, and the Toyota Land Cruiser, which is the longest kept vehicle and also is the automaker's longest-running SUV. This vehicle is held onto for an average 10.6 years after being bought new. To hold on to their vehicles as long as possible, drivers should follow maintenance schedules, keep their cars and trucks clean and make repairs promptly. When it comes time to get a new vehicle, upkeep can go a long way toward improving resale value or getting back more on trade-ins.



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Ten gifts for automotive enthusiasts

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driving is not a good idea. However, many people use their phones as GPS devices. Holding a phone while navigating is dangerous, but a phone mount near the dash can keep the phone visible without compromising the safety of drivers and their passengers.

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and wax may not be possible. Drop Wipes are a product made from a neutralizing acid that destabilizes stains or bird droppings for an easy cleaning.

4. Magazine subscription: A wide selection of publications are geared to auto enthusiasts. They provide plenty of pertinent information, and some car lovers like to collect and display certain issues. Yearly subscriptions are affordable and can make ideal stocking stuffers.

5. Racing experience gift certificate: Research racing car schools and experiences where you live. Chances are you can find an opportunity for an automotive enthusiast to get behind the wheel of a race car with professional drivers offering tips for navigating the course at high speeds.

6. Car cleaning kit: Taking care of a ride means making sure it is clean inside and out. A quality car cleaning kit can ensure the job is done effectively and the car or truck always looks its best.

7. Personalized leather keychain: Ensure that a person can drive and keep their keys handy in style with leather keychains engraved with a driver's name or initials.

8. Racing video games: A love for the open road may not end when cars pull into the driveway. Modern racing games and consoles produce incredibly realistic graphics and action that mimics real life.

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Tips to ensure holiday road trips are safe and stress-free

After a 2020 holiday season in which the pandemic forced the postponement or cancellation of festivities, families are planning to get together once again in 2021. Many people will head home for the holidays this year, and the vast majority will take to the highway to do so.

The U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics says the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday periods are among the busiest for long-distance travel. The highways will be busy with motorists criss-crossing the country to visit loved ones. Holiday travel may require covering a long distance in a limited amount of time. Finding ways to be efficient in regard to time management can reduce stress and improve safety.

Travel at night

If you can safely manage it, you may experience considerably less traffic in the evening hours than during other times of day. In addition, if kids are in tow, they may sleep much of the way, helping to reduce the number of times they ask, "Are we there yet?" Share driving responsibilities with another person so that each driver can take a break to prevent drowsy driving.

Get a vehicle maintenance check

No one wants to get stranded on the side of the road with a car filled with gifts and treats. It's well worth the investment to have a mechanic give a vehicle a checkup prior to leaving. Get an oil change even if it's a little early to do so. Look at tire tread wear and ensure that you have the right tires for the road conditions where you'll be headed.

Plan your route

People often rely on mobile phone or dashboard GPS systems to get where they need to go. However, it helps to have a general idea of the route so that if service drops out you can still find your way. Scout out rest stops or acceptable restaurants online prior to leaving so you have a plan for making stops in safe areas.

Stock the car

While presents may be

taking up valuable real estate, pack a cooler with snacks and beverages to help reduce how many times you need to get off the highway. Also, games or other forms of entertainment can keep children occupied on long trips.

Slow down in inclement weather

The holiday meal can be reheated if you're late, so don't feel compelled to speed or drive erratically when the weather is stormy. It's not worth the risk of getting into an accident that can cause serious injuries. Travelers United, a nonprofit organization that represents all travelers, also warns that quick storms that pop up after a long dry spell can immediately make road surfaces extremely slippery. Use caution.

Planning and preparation are essential to getting home safely this holiday season.



How to recognize potential brake problems

Maintaining a vehicle is more than just a way to protect one's financial investment. Vehicle maintenance can protect against accidents and make the road safer for drivers and their passengers as well as their fellow motorists.

It is important that motorists learn to recognize the first symptoms of brake trouble so they can address issues before they put drivers, their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident or injury.

Unusual noises:

Screeching, grinding, rubbing, and high-pitched sounds are common indicators that brake pads, rotors and other parts of the braking system need attention. Worn pads can cause damage to other vehicle parts, resulting in more expensive repairs if they're not addressed promptly.

Pulling:

If the car pulls to one side when applying the brakes, this may indicate brake pad linings are wearing down unevenly. A brake adjustment may be neces-

sary. Pulling also may be indicative of an object or debris caught in the brake fluid.

Less responsive:

If when pressing on the brake pedal the brakes just do not seem to be as effective as they once were, or it is necessary to press the pedal harder for the brakes to engage, there may be a brake fluid leak or an air leak. Check under the vehicle to see if any fluids are pooling.

Pungent odors:

Firestone Tire Company says a burning smell may be indicative of worn out brake pads and friction on the tires. Each of these issues require immediate attention.

Vibrations:

Certain vibrations may indicate brake issues. Rotors can become warped from metal-on-metal rubbing, potentially leading to a failure of the vehicle to brake properly. Vibrations also may indicate tires are misaligned. These problems can be properly assessed by a trained mechanic.

Do not let potential brake problems go unchecked. Keeping brakes in good working order helps drivers stop more readily and avoid collisions.



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SECTION MEDAL WINNERS - Cardinals Libby Totzke & Maggy Totzke defeated teammates Ellie Hernes & Lauren Davis, 6-0, 7-5, in the Section 2A individual championship match last Wednesday at Gustavus Adolphus College. Both Cardinal doubles teams qualified for the Class A Individual State Girls Tennis Tournament on October 28-29 at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis. Hernes and Davis fended off St. James Area's Sailor Mohlenbrock and Allison Bluedorn 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in a True-second match. Cards Claire Nemmers downed teammate Briana Joseph 6-0, 6-3 in the third place match. State first round doubles action begins 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 28. The Class A #6-ranked and Section 2A champions Fairmont Cardinal girls tennis team will take Morris Area in the Class A state quarterfinals Tuesday, October 26, at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis. Pictured front l to r: Briana Joseph, Claire Nemmers, Libby Totzke, Maggy Totzke, Ellie Hernes and Lauren Davis. Submitted photo



GOAL SCORER - Cards Rayah Quiring watches her shot go past Tri City United goalie Calley Stephens. Quiring had 4 goals and an assist in the Cards 19-1 win over the Titans. Kennedy Becker also had a "Hat Trick." The Section 2A #2-seeded Cards also had two goals by Mackenzie Householder. Sami Lenort, Anna Busche, Elayna Anderson, Bailey Martinson, Anna Utermarck, Carissa Saxton, Alexis Newville, Alyssa Wiederhoeft, Selma Bleess and Abby Cihoski. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



KICK IN - Cardinals Kate Busche taps in a corner kick by Sami Lenort that pinballed off several teammates. Stewartville's Emma Rowen and Ella Quam try to defend the play. Rayah Quiring, Anna Utermarck and Mackenzie Householder scored the other Cardinal goals. The Section 2A #2-seeded Cards defeated the #3-seeded Tigers 4-1 last Thursday night. The Cards (12-4-2) will play Class A #5-ranked and #1-seeded Rochester Lourdes (15-3) for the Section 2A Championship this Thursday 7:30 p.m. in Austin. Lourdes defeated Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa 5-0. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

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ONE TWO PUNCH - Cardinals Matthew Kotewa, left, scored the game winning goal in the Section 2A #3-seeded Cards 1-0 win over #2-seeded St. Peter. Prince Lebby had the assist on Kotewa's first half goal. St. Peter (7-10) had defeated the Cards twice during the regular season 5-2 and 1-0. With the win the Cardinals (11-5-2) will play #1-seeded Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa (15-0-2) this Thursday night 5:00 p.m. in Austin for the Section 2A Championship. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



FLY OVER - Cards Armando Hernandez hurdles a sliding Cannon Falls player as teammate Eli Broomfield looks on. The Section 2A #3-seeded Cards defeated the #6-seeded Bombers 6-0 last Thursday night. Prince Lebby had two goals and an assist while Lincoln Becker, Matthew Kotewa, Sebastian Leon Lorenzo and Armando Hernandez scored the other Card goals. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



QB TO WR - Cards quarterback Zach Jorgensen left, who returned from a leg injury, threw four touchdown passes in the Cards 28-18 win over Luverne last Thursday night in Luverne. Wide receiver

Eli Anderson caught two of the passes while Levi Pooley and Hudson Artz caught the others. The Class 3A #2-ranked Cardinals (7-0) will travel to Class 2A #8-ranked Blue Earth Area (6-1) 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night. The Cards and the Bucs will play for the Little Brown Jug traveling trophy. It will be the 65th meeting between the two teams. The Cards hold a 47-15-2 advantage and won 41-12 in the last meeting in 2018. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



Laura Thompson



Macy Hanson

Girls 1st/Boys 3rd at BEA Invite

Fairmont Area Cardinals Laura Thompson topped her own 2021 FHS record she set at last week's I-90 meet at the Blue Earth Area Invite at Riverside Country Club. Thompson, Class A #5-ranked, placed first with a record time of 18:10. Cards Macy Hanson, Class A #7-ranked, bettered her personal best time coming in second with a time of 18:18. The Card girls outdistanced runner-up St. James area 24 to 52. The Card Boys finished third with Gavin Artner the top runner placing 4th with a time of 17:58. The Cards compete in the Section 2AA meet Tuesday, October 26 at Gale Woods Farms, Minnetrista, MN.

- Girls 5k Team Scores**
1. Cards 24, 2. St. James 52, 3. LCWM 64, 4. BEA 85
- FHS Individual results**
1. Laura Thompson 18:10, 2. Macy Hanson 18:18, 4. Carys Gudahl 21:24, 7. Emma Gudahl 22:10, 10. Audrina Suckow 22:59, 11. Eleanor

Hamlet 23:05, 21. Lily Higgins 24:58, 22. Kendra Blomster 24:59, 22. Rylee Maday 25:27

- Boys 5k Team Scores**
1. St James 27, 2. LCWM 42, 3. Cards 54, 4. BEA 119
- FHS Individual results**
4. Gavin Artner 17:58, 7. Will Niestrath 18:13, 11. Cooper Gudahl 22:10, 18. Selvin Forsythe 19:23, 21. Ben Moeller 19:42, 27. Landon Weber 20:21, 30. Isaac Stone 21:17, 35 Andrew Haugen 22:14



COACH AWARD - Cardinal girls assistant coach Claire Gerhardt was named Section 2A Assistant Coach of the Year.



MIDFIELD DEFENSE - Cards midfielder Eli Broomfield races past a Cannon Falls attacker. Broomfield, Carson Pomerence and Adrian Sanchez shut down the Bombers forwards and did not allow a second half shot. Card goalie Berny Rosales stopped three shots in the first half. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



FHS SOCCER ALUMNI - Lexi Kauffman left, Makayla Chambers, center, and Mikayla Stradtman are playing for Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. The Vikings are 9-5-0 overall and 6-3-0 in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. Submitted photo

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Educational Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent preferred
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