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Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, April 3rd they will serve meatballs. On April 10th it will be chicken wild rice soup and chili. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.



BALCOM 80TH - Judy Balcom of Fairmont will celebrate her 80th birthday on Friday, April 5th. She was born April 5th, 1939. Feel free to give Judy a call and wish her a happy birthday. Cards can reach her at 1029 W. Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.



ALM 90TH - Arlene Alm of Fairmont will be celebrating her 90th birthday with an open house at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont on Saturday, April 6th from 1 to 3 p.m. The open house will be held in the fellowship hall. Cards can reach her at 620 Summit Avenue, Room 320, Fairmont MN 56031.



SCHWIEGER 50TH - Doyle and Carol Schwieger of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 12th. They were married April 12th, 1969 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Cards will reach them at 1624 N. North Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

IHD sets "Holy Hotdish" meal schedule

Interlaken Heritage Days has set the meal schedule for its "Holy Hotdish" series.

The weekly event is scheduled to take place:

- April 9th- Grace Lutheran Church (Menu: gluten free chicken & wild rice hotdish, salad, dessert and beverage) Fundraiser is supporting the youth mission trip this summer.

- April 16th- Immanuel Lutheran Church (Menu pending)

- April 23rd - St. John's UCC (Menu: Swedish meat-

balls, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, jello salad, Dinner Roll, Assorted cakes, coffee, milk and lemonade)

- April 30th- St. Paul's Lutheran Church

- May 7th- Fairmont United Methodist Church

- May 14th- St. John Vi-anney Catholic Church

- Our May 21st date is still available at this point, so this date is tentative.

All meals are served from 5-7 pm, Prices are same as last year as well; \$8/adults, \$5 children 12 & under.

Pomeranke achieves Leaders Circle status

Atlas Insurance Brokers is proud to announce that Tyler Pomeranke has achieved Leaders Circle status in 2018, which honors Atlas Agents for their hard work and excellence.

Atlas Insurance President Vance Prigge stated, "Congratulations to Tyler Pomeranke on qualifying for the Atlas Leaders Circle in 2018. Tyler works hard to provide top-tier service and value to clients and deserves this recognition."

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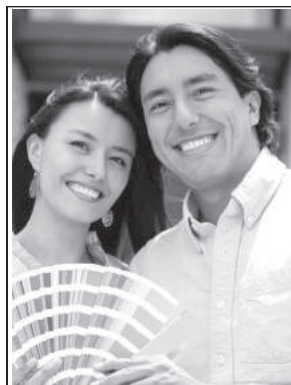
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Concessions will be

available - grab some lunch!

Featuring area small and home-based businesses. Perfect timing for Mother's Day and Easter shopping!

For more information, call 507-764-7491.

Garden club to meet

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet Friday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Osborn in Fairmont. (NOTE: this is a change of date and time)

There will be a business meeting followed by an informative presentation on "Vegetables: Trends in Gardening (2017 and 2018).

The meetings are open to visitors and new members, but please RSVP your attendance to Myrtle

Heifner at 235-8535 so adequate accommodations can be made.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month. May's garden club meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1st at 12:30 p.m. The presentation topic for the meeting will be "Vegetables: peas".

For more info or if you would like to become a member, contact Myrtle Heifner at 235-8535.

Arc Family and Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. Questions, please call the Arc office at 507-235-8580 for further details.

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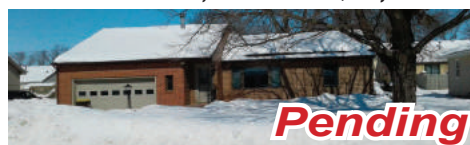
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Tuesday, April 9th - **Noon Lunch with the Arts** program will feature guitarist Bruce Boldt of Windom, accompanied by Kristen Kuiters of Jackson on the piano. Bruce is the founder of Unsung Songwriters and enjoys participating in music festivals across the country and area jam sessions to meet other talented musicians. Kristen has a music degree from St. Olaf College. She has taught k-12 grade music and is currently a freelance church musician specializing in piano and vocals. Bring a sack lunch if desired, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Free admission, everyone's welcome.

Jeff's Jottings!



The Fairmont Class of 1953 will meet Friday, April 5th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

Who's talking to your kids about money?

TV, movies, websites, friends - they all can affect your kids' attitudes about life - and money.

Find out how to talk to your kids about influences, choices and responsible money habits.

Join Thrivent for a free educational workshop called "Parents, Kids and Money Matters". This workshop is designed specifically for parents and their children ages 6 to 10. The workshop will help you:

- Reflect on values you want your kids to learn.
- Teach your kids about money and values.
- Learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun.

The workshop will take place Tuesday, April 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church basement in Fairmont. Scott Fuhrman, your Thrivent Financial Representative will be there to answer any of your questions.

Brats and hot dogs, along with salads and beverages will be served. Please wear your favorite baseball team jersey or hat. A drawing for door prizes will be completed at the end of the event.

This workshop is free. To register, sign up at the St. Paul Lutheran School office or call Carol at 235-9877.

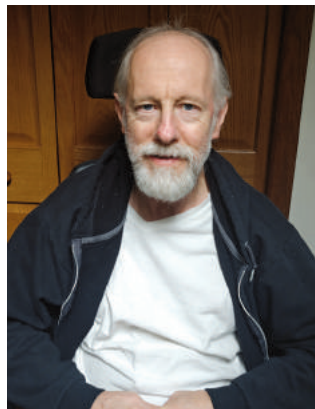
Knights of Columbus to hold Bittenbinder benefit

The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a breakfast benefitting the Jim Bittenbinder family.

The event will be held at the KC Hall in Fairmont on Sunday, April 7th from 9 a.m. to noon. They will serve pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee for a free will offering.

Bittenbinder, who is a lifelong resident of Fairmont, was cutting a limb in his backyard, which had broken as a result of the September 20th storm. While cutting the limb, Jim lost his balance and fell about 20 feet.

He was airlifted to Rochester and underwent a 9-hour surgery on his back. Jim was in intensive care for two weeks, after which he remained hospitalized at St. Mary's unit the first part of December.



Jim was then transferred to a rehab center at Red Wing and remained until the first part of January. Jim is now living at home, confined to a wheelchair, being paralyzed from the chest down.

The KC's are sponsoring the event in order to provide moral, as well as financial support for the Bittenbinder family. All proceeds from the April 7th event will be donated to Jim and his family.

The support of the Fairmont area community is requested in order to ensure the success of the event.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, checks can be sent to the following address:

Bittenbinder Benefit
1028 North Elm Street
Fairmont, MN 56031

The Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will be having a **community spaghetti supper** Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

April is National D.E.A.R. month - drop everything and read! Elmore Public Library will be having a gift basket drawing. For each book checked out at their library, your name will be entered! This will run from now through Friday, April 12th.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, April 3rd is a Lenten supper with chicken wild rice and tomato soups, and grilled cheese sandwiches. Next Wednesday, April 10th it will be beef stew, fresh baked bread and dessert bars. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Kids in grades 3 to 6 are invited to join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for **"Sweet Treats and Reads"** on Monday, April 8th at 4 p.m. They will have treats, book-related activities and will talk about new books that are exciting to read. This event is free and no registration required.

The **Fairmont Chapter 254 Korean Vets** members and spouses will meet for lunch at Pizza Ranch on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at noon. For more information contact Gary Schwiager at 507-238-1675.

Two students selected for \$1,000 Federated/Basin scholarships

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, congratulates the two local students receiving the 12th annual \$1,000 Federated/Basin Scholarships. This is the ninth year that two students were selected.

Anna Rose, Alpha, receives a \$1,000 Basin/Federated scholarship. Rose is a freshman at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. Rose is majoring in business with a focus on communications and public relations. She is the daughter of Mark and Kerri. Rose graduated from Jackson County Central High School.



Trenton LaCanne, Windom, receives the \$1,000 Federated/L&O/Basin Scholarship. LaCanne is a sophomore at South Dakota State University in Brookings; he is majoring in pharmacy and minoring in biology. LaCanne is the son of Jeff and Jeanna. He graduated from Windom Area High School.



"These scholarships come from two of our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota; and L&O Power Cooperative in Rock Rapids, Iowa," stated Scott Reimer, Feder-

ated's general manager. "We are members of both cooperatives since 2008. Basin awards 136 of these scholarships to local electric cooperatives. Federated is excited to award the \$1,000 scholarships to Anna and Trenton."

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

These scholarship applications were judged by retired school personnel Carol Carlson, Lakefield; and Bob Roesler, Sherburn.

Truman Historical Association dinner

The Truman Historical Association is having a turkey dinner on Sunday, April 7th.

Serving hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. Nancy Jo's Catering will be catering the dinner.

This is both a fundraiser and a membership drive for the association.

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults; children age 6-12 are \$5 and age 5 and under are free.

A one year membership is \$10 per person per year. Membership is very important for the Truman museum to continue to be open. Museum hours are Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Friday, April 5 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 6 • 8 a.m. - Noon

Saturday Clearance: \$2/grocery bag

**Martin Luther High School
Northrop, MN**

Trimont United Methodist Church will have a **Rummage Sale** Friday, April 5th from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring: RADA Cutlery, greeting cards, dishcloths, assorted baked goods and on Friday night they will have a light supper for a nominal fee. Saturday is a bag sale and Saturday morning coffee. Proceeds go toward missions.

The **Huge Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, April 4th from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 5th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 8 a.m. to noon. (Bag day). Volunteer assistance before and during the sale is welcome and appreciated.

Don't forget to make your 2018 IRA contribution.



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Dr. Burtis' tax tip: Vitamins can be deductible

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center



One of the biggest challenges I have faced as I guide people down the functional medicine pathway is making sure people get professional quality supplements. Many people have told me they like my articles and follow my advice. But when I mention I haven't seen them in our office, they somewhat sheepishly confess that they bought their supplements at a big discount store or pharmacy. I have been given many reasons for this. Cost is usually the biggest one, although very few of these people have actually stopped by and compared prices. There is just this assumption that they will be cheaper at a big discount store. (Not always true; more on that later.)

I will use this analogy as I have in the past because it works so well: If you were told your child needed surgery would you call around to get a better price, if you called

around at all? (Very few people compare surgeons for any reason, much less to save money.) Of course not; you would want what's best for your child. The same thing should apply to the vitamins and supplements we put into our bodies. Please do not think they are all the same. Be especially concerned about vitamins manufactured outside the USA, as their manufacturing standards are much lower. As I have often said, the highest lead content of any vitamin is a children's chewable that looks like a cartoon character. Can you guess which one? It may be one in your household right now. Your child may have had one this morning! Yikes!!

What about all those gummy vitamins? Kids (and adults) seem to love those, and sometimes that's the only kind they will take! Have you ever wondered why they taste

so good? Look at the ingredients list. High fructose corn syrup, sugar, artificial colors and flavorings. The very things most health-conscious people try to avoid in the first place! Add to this the fact that most of the cheap vitamins are synthetic versions of the real thing. Most synthetic "B" vitamins are manufactured from coal tar. Still sound yummy? A good example of a reason for concern is this: synthetic folic acid has been shown to increase the risk of prostate cancer and does not lower the risk of birth defects, like the naturally occurring forms that come in higher quality vitamins do.

Hopefully by now I have you convinced to buy your vitamins and supplements based on quality and not cost. But let's face it - cost is an issue. Money is the reason that a lot of folks bypass the best care and go for

cheaper versions. It's the same reason a lot of folks will pass on buying organic. Thankfully there is help for many of you. While Obamacare forced many of us to buy higher deductible health insurance, the high deductibles mean many people qualify for HSAs and FSAs. HSA stands for Health Savings Account and FSA stands for Flexible Spending Account. Thankfully, most vitamins and supplements that are prescribed by a doctor ARE deductible. If you buy them on your own, they are not. You can't deduct supplements bought for any old reason; they have to be prescribed by a doctor for a specific condition. IRS Publication 502 explains all this if you want all the details and fine print. The main benefit is that the supplements and vitamins you buy are effectively 20-40% off depending on your tax bracket. So now you can buy the quality you deserve (and your children need) without worrying about the cost. Thanks to Uncle Sam, you can make a healthy choice AND save on April 15th.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transition

I first heard about Transition back in the 80's. As the parent of a student in Special Education, it was suggested that we plan for where we wanted to see our child in the next five years and on. My first reaction was I just want my sons to get on the bus tomorrow, I can't think beyond that, much less five or 10 years away. And I never did plan for what would happen five years away. What I did do was take advantage of every workshop I could find just to hear what other people were doing that might fit into our life. I never planned for it, but attending these workshops gave me the information I needed when I needed it. And it worked together into a successful transition plan.

When Ted was six years old, I enrolled him in kindergarten. Six weeks later, I was called into the principals office and told Ted could no longer go to school because, with his disability, he could not keep up with the class and there were no special education classes at that time. There didn't seem to be a future for my two sons with disabilities in our

community.

However, the next year a special education class was available in a neighboring school and Ted and Jim started the education process. And opportunities started developing. Both boys had graduated and were working at MRCI when I first heard about semi independent residential services and the opportunity for home ownership at an Arc workshop. Today, the student who could not attend school because of his disability is now living in the home he just paid for with his brother in the best neighborhood in Fairmont, especially when it comes to neighbors.

Transition will happen whether we are ready for it or not. Families of transition age students have the opportunity to attend the PACER workshop, ABC's of the IEP for Transition-age students on Thursday, April 11th, 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, hosted by the Fairbault-Martin County Transition.

Please register at PACER.org/workshops or call 800 537-2237.

Lee Ann Erickson
Fairmont

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
APRIL 6, 1994

A special center section in the Photo Press highlighted the Grand Re-opening of the Fairmont Opera House after a major renovation that included cleaning, painting and reupholstering the 499 seats, restoring the auditorium chandeliers and repainting and restoring the auditorium walls, ceiling and stage to its 1927 splendor.

Former Fairmont Tamper employee Daryl "Hoot" Schultz was the recipient of a four-wheel bicycle, presented to him by

former co-workers Ralph Stanton, Dan Thiesse, Mike Krumholz and Ron Fritz. Daryl had been severely injured in a fall from an elevator on his farm in October of 1985, which resulted in him only being able to walk for short periods of time. His only form of transportation was to walk or ride a bike. The co-workers decided to purchase the bike for Daryl to allow him an easier time of getting around to visit friends and family.

Photos of the winners in the Borderline Cruisers Car Show at the Fair Mall in Fairmont were featured. Winners included:

People's Choice- 1st: Jim Larson of Armstrong, 2nd: Wayne Lubenow of Armstrong, 3rd: John Burgeson of Armstrong. Kids' Choice was Troy Tonneson of Fairmont, 2nd: Wayne Lubenow of Armstrong, 3rd: Jon Askevold of Fairmont.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
APRIL 6, 1969

Dairy Princess candidates to appear at the "Share the Fun" 4-H program were Kris Breneman, Teryl Dickinson, Janice Mayhem, Lola Kean, Karen Meier, Pat Nepl and

Ruth Ann Sickler.

Fairmont's three banks had announced revised opening hours to take place immediately: Main bank Friday hours would be extended to run continuously from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be closed all day Saturday. Monday through Thursday main bank hours would remain unchanged, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fairmont National Bank walk-up window

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Masons Spaghetti Supper thanks

On behalf of Chain Lake Lodge 64 Martin County Area Masons, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the area businesses, sponsors and patrons for their donations, services and attendance this year and also for making our 25th

Annual Spaghetti Supper Scholarship fund raiser a success.

Had we not received those generous monetary donations and the community support we

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A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

RUSTY is a husky/coonhound mix who has lots and lots of energy. He gets along with male and female dogs, and seems to love all humans! This handsome boy has one blue eye and one "chip" eye (brown with a chip of blue). At 60-65 pounds, Rusty is ready for his very own family!

ARLO can be hesitant to new people, but he warms up quickly. At 40-50 pounds, this longer haired black lab mix loves to play!

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A lent recipe!

Today I am sharing a recipe for fish especially for my Catholic friends who eat fish on Fridays during lent! I love fish, I could eat it every week, luckily Pa Lloyd usually has pretty good luck fishing so I am ready for fishing season to open and needless to say so is he! Of course he can't supply all my need for fish, I have to get some at the grocery store on occasion. The recipe today calls for Tilapia. If you use a thicker fish you would have to increase the cooking time!

Broiled Tilapia Parmesan:

4- 8 oz. portions of Tilapia fish
1/2 cup parmesan grated cheese
1/4 cup butter, melted
3 Tablespoons of mayonnaise
2 Tablespoons of fresh lemon juice
Old Bay seasoning (optional)
1/4 tsp. dried basil, 1/4 tsp. black pepper, 1/4 tsp. onion salt and 1/4 tsp. of celery salt

Preheat broiler, grease boiler pan or line with tin foil. In small bowl combine cheese, butter, mayo, lemon juice, basil, onion powder, celery salt and pepper. Arrange fish in single layer on pan, sprinkle with Old Bay seasoning, broil for 3 minutes a few inches away from heat, turn fish, sprinkle that side with Old Bay seasoning and broil another 2-3 minutes. Top fish with cheese/mayo mixture and broil another 2 minutes until topping is browned and fish flakes easily. You can sprinkle with parsley to serve.

Have a great week and think SPRING!!

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wouldn't have been able to achieve our goal. This year with the assistance of matching funds up to \$3000 from the Minnesota Masonic Charities Community Scholarships Program, we will be awarding six \$1000.00 scholarships to Martin County Area High Schools seniors pursuing higher education after graduation.

A huge thank you goes

out to the staff and congregation of the Grace Lutheran Church for again donating the use of their wonderful kitchen / dining area to prepare, cook, and serve, our community scholarship fund raiser and appreciation meals March 12th and 13th, 2019.

Mason's Scholarship Committee
Chain Lake
Lodge #64, Fairmont

martincountylibrary.org

CHECK IT OUT!
@ the Martin County Library

Are you looking for something good to read? Well, look no further! Here are some of the hottest titles in 2019! Stop by the library or go online and request to be added to the list for these great reads!

*The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides: A psychological thriller about

a woman who commits murder and then refuses to speak.

*Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid: A fictional tale of the ups and downs of 70s rock.

*An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks: A psychological thriller involving a morality study and murder.

*On the Come Up by Angie Thomas: An homage to hip hop from the author of The Hate U Give.

*The Huntress by Kate Quinn: Historical fiction featuring two people on the hunt for a Nazi war criminal.

Area College Student News



Rachel Krome of Fairmont will be performing during the annual One-Act Play Festival at Concordia University, Nebraska, running April 4th-6th. The festival begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in the Music Center on campus.

The festival is a component of Concordia's play production course in

which the students direct short plays. They each select a play, conduct auditions and rehearse with the cast, culminating in a weekend of their plays. This year's directors chose a light-hearted comedy and a western which was written and directed completely by Concordia student Eric James.

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The Concordia University, Nebraska Symphonic Band will perform its spring concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9th, in the Cattle Conference Room in the Janzow Campus Center on Concordia's campus.

Local graduates performing in the concert include:

• Hannah Watt of Fairmont
• Cora Olson of Tri-

Concordia University, Nebraska, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Nebraska, which currently serves more than 2,500 students.

Hugoson Pork to hold hands-on experience

Hugoson Pork will be hosting a career event, including a hands-on pig experience on Wednesday, April 10th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont.

Everyone will have a

chance to pet and hold a piglet, as well as learn about opportunities and careers within the pork industry. This event is great for kids and adults alike!

The public is invited to attend.

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would be open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 4:30, Friday from 8:30 to 7:00. First National Bank drive-up window, 9:00 to 4:00 both Monday and Friday, 9:00-4:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Martin County Bank drive-up 9:00 to 4:00 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 7:00 Friday.

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LOCAL

The **Welcome Historical Society** will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. They will also be cleaning the museum that day. If anyone is able to help with the cleaning, please come to the museum at 2 p.m. Your help would be appreciated!

Jeff's Jottings!



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OBITUARY notices

Marvin M. Borkenhagen, 92



Marvin Martin Borkenhagen, 92, of rural Amboy, passed away Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 after an accident that occurred

a few days earlier on his farm as he was clearing ice from a drainage ditch.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 1st, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman with Pastor Nathan Rusert officiating. Interment with military honors was at Vernon Center Cemetery, Vernon Center. Zaharia Family Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Marvin was the youngest of eleven children and was born in Pleasant Mound Township March 5th, 1927 to Gustav Jr. and Mathilda (Salfisberg) Borkenhagen. He attended grade school at Fieldon, high school at Amboy, and the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture. He served in the United States Navy aboard the USS New Jersey in World War II. After the war, the Borkenhagen Brothers, (Ervin and Mar-

vin) farmed and shelled corn. Marvin married Dorothy Mae Rice March 9th, 1952 at Faribault. They were married for 63 years. Marvin farmed in Pleasant Mound as did his parents and grandparents. At rural Amboy, Dorothy and Marvin raised their three children: Brad, Bruce, and Beth. Marvin and Dorothy's family farm corporation included Gopherland Cob Products which flourished under Marvin's dedication and direction. The farm became a century farm in 1990 and the fourth and fifth generations will carry on its operation. Marvin was a proud member of the Madelia VFW and the Lewisville American Legion. Marvin was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran in Truman. He enjoyed his family, especially during the summer at the family cabin near Alexandria.

Marvin Borkenhagen accomplished a lot in 92 years. He might have given you a job, loaned you some money, bought you a Grain Belt, dealt you a winning hand (often using the "Borkenhagen rules"), told you a darn good joke, shelled your corn, picked up your corn cobs, cooked you some bacon, gave you a ride somewhere, brought you along to a Vikings game or gave you tickets, shared his vegetables with you, talked politics, helped you land the fish that got a way, hunt a deer, or track a moose. He most likely gave you flack, told you to sleep it off, shot trap with you, he might have cleaned your clock if you were in the boxing ring with him—or you cleaned his, you might have gotten a ride on the snowmobile he made with his brother Erv or you used an auger they engineered. You

might have gotten a big hug, you might have gotten a story about M&M Mountain, shot off a cannon with him, you might have learned the correct way to pull a weed or put the dock in, chop off the head of a chicken or clean a fish. Perhaps you got a whisker rub, got caught and tickled in the Grandpa trap, seen the twinkle in his eye, maybe you said a prayer with him or sat in the same pew at church, perhaps you benefited from all his knowledge and agricultural skills that he shared and practiced, taking care of the land, his family, and his neighbors right up to the last day he lived upon the earth.

Marvin's family is thankful for all assistance that came from the community and law enforcement, with special thanks goes to Todd Boesch for his determination and

success in recovery efforts.

Marvin is survived by son, Brad (fiancé Cheryl); daughter, Beth Sieg (Lee); grandsons Jeff Sieg (Carmen), Brian Borkenhagen and Matt Sieg; granddaughters, Amy Lene Borkenhagen-Fuller, Jeni Salazar (Danny) and Brooke Borkenhagen (Ian); great-grandchildren Jorge Olea, Nick Sieg, Bryce Borkenhagen and Chance Salazar; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; one son, Bruce; and ten siblings, Walter, Alvin, Clarence, Herbert, Viona, Ervin, Edwin, Arnold, Arlene and an infant sister.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Martin Luther High School in Northrop or the Lutheran Hour or Prayer.

zahariafamilyfuneral.com

Shirley A. Bissonette, 73



Funeral Service for Shirley Bissonette, age 73, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, at the Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church with interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Shirley passed away on Wednesday evening, March 27th, 2019, at her home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Shirley Ann Bissonette was born on July 27th, 1945 to Harold and Virginia (Dibble) Bissonette in Fairmont. She worked for

over twenty-nine years at STEP, Inc. where she did community jobs including cleaning offices in her younger years. Shirley was a member of ARC Minnesota. She enjoyed shopping, going on walks, attending church and being around people.

Shirley is survived by her COR house family, Deb, Mary, Roxy and Candy and many other friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Virginia Bissonette.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Verna M. Slinger, 89



Verna M. Slinger, age 89, of Truman, Minnesota, formerly of Pipestone, Minnesota, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Seasons Health Care Center in Trimont, Minnesota.

A visitation was held Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at the St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, March 30th at the St. Leo Catholic Church of Pipestone. Burial will be in the St. Martin Catholic Cemetery in Woodstock, Minne-

sota. Arrangements for the family were made with the Hartquist Funeral Home - Pipestone Chapel.

To read Verna's life history and sign an online registry, please go to www.hartquistfuneral.com.



Debra F. Tino, 59



A Celebration of Life Visitation for Debra "Debbie" Faye Tino, 59, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Military honors were provided at the funeral home by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222. Debra passed away on Friday afternoon, March 29th, 2019, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. The Lakeview

Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Debra Faye Tino was born on November 22nd, 1959 in Stratton, NE to Clyde Anderson and Marilyn Barnett. She received her education from Trenton High School and then attended college for her R.N. degree. Debbie served in the United States Navy.

On August 14th, 1982, Debbie was united in

marriage to Dennis Tino in New Orleans, LA. This marriage was blessed with four sons, Dustin, Devin, Dion and Del. She worked as an R.N. at Mayo Clinic Health Systems and Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. She also ran her husband's business Dennis Tino The Computer Guy.

Debbie enjoyed gardening, but most of all spending time with her grandchildren. She en-

joyed doing many activities with them including, art and craft projects, buying and reading books, hiding and finding treasures, and watching them play at the park. Most of all she loved spoiling them with hugs and kisses.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Tino; four children, Dustin Tino and his wife Betsy, Devin Tino, Dion Tino and Del Tino; five grandchildren, Dominick, Delila, Audrey, Kiaus and Luke; parents,

Clyde Anderson and Marilyn Barnett; daughters of the heart, Brittney and Cecelia; siblings, Tommy, Dottie, Ricky, Micky, Terri, Bobbi, and Bradley; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Deanna.

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James T. Barringer, 92



Memorial Services for James T. "Jim" Barringer, 92, of Fairmont, will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019, at Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont with inurnment in Lakeside Cemetery in

Fairmont. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service at the Evangelical Covenant Church. Jim passed away Friday morning, March 29th, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

James Thomas Barringer was born August 19th, 1926, in Atlantic, IA, the son of Thomas D. and Evelyn (Woolsey) Barringer. He attended school in Atlantic and graduated from Atlantic High School. Following his graduation, Jim drove taxi for his uncle at Barringer Taxi. It was during this time that Jim would meet the love of his life, Arnetta "Fern"

Kinnison. Jim and Fern were united in marriage September 28th, 1952, and were blessed with 60 years of marriage.

In 1957, Jim and Fern moved to Fairmont, and then to Omaha, NE. Jim would then be offered a job as a USDA Inspector and the family packed up once again and returned to Fairmont where they would raise two sons, Rod and Rick.

Jim retired young at the age of 50 and after a short time, and the encouragement of his wife, he returned to the workforce, working for Fairmont Foods as a Label Consultant.

Jim was a man of integrity and believed in working hard. He loved

adventure and made many special memories with his family on trips to Hawaii, Yellowstone and many other places. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. Jim also enjoyed his trips to the casino to see what he could win. Family was especially important to Jim and he cherished spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Rod Barringer and his wife, Jennifer, of Fairmont, and Rick Barringer and his wife, Jody, of Prior Lake, MN; five grandchildren, Adam Barringer and his wife, Gina, of Shakopee, MN, Ashley Barringer of Minneapolis, Seth Barringer of Jordan, MN, Ashlee

Castano of Jordan, and Megan Barringer of Des Moines, IA; four great grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Archie Kinnison and his wife, Lois, of Gledale, AZ, Vernon Kinnison and friend, Sharon, of Wiota, IA, Larry Kinnison and his wife, Lucia, of Oakland, IA, and Keith Kinnison and his wife, Denise, of Iowa City, IA; as well as many beloved nieces,

nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Fern Barringer; sisters, Virginia Bolz and her husband, Ken, June Martin and her husband, Harry, Nancy Armstrong, and Joan Weirich; and brothers, Bill Barringer and his wife, Connie, and Jerry Barringer.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."

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"Ruth Gleaning" by R.F. Babcock (19th century)

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Roger W. Solberg, 80



Funeral services for Roger Wayne Solberg, 80, were held Wednesday morning, April 3rd at

United Lutheran Church in Ringsted, Iowa. Burial will be held at a later date at Armstrong Grove Cemetery in Armstrong, Iowa. Roger passed away Friday, March 29th at his home in Armstrong. Arrangements were made for the family by Henry Olson Funeral Home.

Roger Wayne Solberg was born January 15th, 1939, in Emmetsburg, Iowa to Edward and Marjorie (Johnson) Solberg. He received his education and graduated from Ringsted High School in 1957.

Following high school, he worked for Hodgman's Construction in Fairmont, Minnesota. In 1969, he

started his career with Rohlin Construction. He served as Vice-President and retired from Rohlin Construction in 2005 after 37 years.

On February 18th, 1973, Roger married Pauline Paulson in Armstrong, Iowa. The couple made their home in Armstrong. Roger enjoyed Iowa State Cyclones Football and Basketball, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, raising cattle, tinkering in his garage and spending time with his grandchildren.

Roger was a member of United Lutheran Church in Ringsted.

Roger is survived by

his wife, Pauline of Armstrong; sons Jeff (Janet) Solberg of Omaha, Nebraska; Chad (Betsy) Solberg of Ankeny, Iowa; grandchildren, Ben and Beka Solberg; Ethan and Bailey Yale; Lauren and Harper Solberg; uncle, Gerhard Vorland of Minneapolis and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Gary Solberg and Orlin (Barb) Solberg; and sister Sheryl Jacobsen; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard (Betty) Paulson, Ernie (Mary) Paulson and Marian Paulson.

henryolsonfuneral.com

DEATH notices

March 26 - James "Jim" L. Mathiason, 84, Granada Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 March 26 - Marvin M. Borkenhagen, 92, rural Amboy Zaharia Family Funeral Home
 March 27 - Shirley Bissonette, 73, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 March 27 - Verna M. Slinger, 89, Truman (formerly of Pipestone) Hartquist Funeral Home
 March 28 - Bettyann Bradley, 97, Welcome Kramer Family Funeral Home
 March 29 - Debra F. Tino, 59, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 March 29 - James T. Barringer, 92, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 March 29 - Roger W. Solberg, 80, Armstrong, Iowa Henry Olson Funeral Home

In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

March 27 - Gerald G. "Jerry" Jenkinson, 88, Sherburn
 March 30 - Shane V. Sundeen, 39, Fairmont
 March 30 - Yvonne R. Teske, 90, Chesapeake, VA (formerly of Truman)
 March 31 - Dennis L. Garbers, 64, Fairmont
 April 2 - Dennis E. Odom, 77, Fairmont
 April 3 - Margaret "Peggy" Heinrich, 74, Fairmont

What's New at The Pioneer Museum?

by Lenny Tvedten, MCHS Executive Director

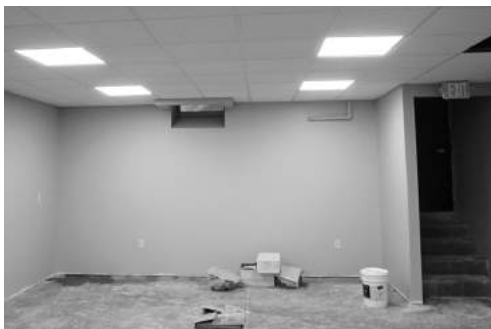
People often ask, "What's new at the museum?" It's an ironic ques-

County Area Foundation, the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation, Avangrid

Several years ago the Ag Room in the museum experienced significant



The former ag room before (left) and the newly completed archive room (right)



The former shop before (left) and the shop area work in progress (right)

tion, because most of the items are old, some are really old. However, thanks to the generous bequest of the Marlin Milbrandt Estate and the funding from a number of grantors, there are actually some very new aspects to the Pioneer Museum.

As previously mentioned, the bequest received from the Marlin Milbrandt estate coupled with grants from Martin County, the Martin

Renewables, Federated REA Operation Roundup, The Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, and the Martin County Youth Foundation, the Martin County Historical Society has been able to both maintain and move forward with a number of projects that will prove valuable and interesting to the public visiting the Pioneer Museum or accessing its vast store of research materials.

water damage. As a result, the board determined it to be in the best interests of the displays to relocate them and renovate the space to become what is now known as the Archive Room. The agricultural displays in that room were either relocated to an improved space in the Carlson Room or to Heritage Acres, where signage clearly identifies them as being on loan from the Martin County Historical Society.

The Heritage Acres display includes many of the larger items such as a plow, saws, and two tractors.

The former Ag Room, now known as the Archive Room, stores those documents that were previously housed in various locations throughout the museum. Some of those items include chamber of commerce scrapbooks, blueprints, FHS Echos, records and minutes from many of the country schools in Martin County, and much more. A computer and copier/scanner are available for those conducting research in the room.

Another room that is undergoing extensive remodeling is the Ray Kesler, Jr. Shop. It was determined that that space would be much more functional as a combination of display and storage space. Consequently, the room has been sheetrocked, insulated, will have vinyl flooring installed, and LED motion lighting has been installed. One of the primary displays intended for this space will be to relocate all of the Fairmont Railway Motors items around the museum and placing them adjacent to the Fairmont Railway Motors "Birth Record Room." This will then provide visitors interested in Railway Motors items the advantage of being able to see everything available in one location rather than three separate

disconnected areas. That room will also provide additional display and storage space as needed.

The plans for the Brodt Room, after the Railway Motors items are moved, is to create an interactive room. This will be a room with displays that can be safely handled and manipulated by both adults and children. Although it is common for museum displays to be fragile and to avoid handling them, this room will provide a contrast in that touching and handling those displays will be encouraged.

During our annual furnace servicing, it was determined that three of our four furnaces had CO readings above acceptable levels in addition to having reached their maximum life expectancy. Consequently, coupled with a grant, a buyback from the furnace manufacturer, and electric and gas rebates, it seemed prudent to replace them.

The final significant enhancement to the holdings in the Pioneer Museum is the digitizing of our microfilm collection of county newspapers dating back to the mid-1870s.

This process will serve to preserve our microfilm holdings, provide word searchable access, and allow off-site searching for those holdings in the public domain. This will prove advantageous to both staff and the public in conducting research.

In addition to digitizing microfilm and the physical changes in the museum, we have recently published a book and are continuing our school visitation program, power point programs, and veterans' programs. By coupling grants with a portion of the Milbrandt bequest, we have been able to stretch our dollars in addition to providing an enhanced experience for those visiting the museum or conducting research there.

So, with the excellent work of our local contractors, we hope to have these improvements completed by this summer. Please consider this to be your invitation to visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont to see exactly "what's new" in the museum.

Weather spotter training April 22nd in Fairmont

Local officials and the National Weather Service will be conducting Weather Spotter Training on Monday, April 22nd from 7 to 9 p.m. at Fairmont Area Elementary School in the Budd Room.

Skywarn volunteers will receive training in severe storm identification and evolution, and when severe weather threatens, they become "storm spotters", reporting information in real-time to the local National Weather

Service office. Their information, when combined with sophisticated technology such as Doppler radar, satellite and lightning displays, helps NWS meteorologists in their primary mission, the issuance of warnings and advisories for the protection of life and property.

For more than 60 years, storm spotters have been the Nation's first line of defense against deadly storms. Working with their local communities

and with the local National Weather Service office, spotters provide invaluable assistance and critical information to decision makers when hazardous weather threatens. Countless lives have been saved because of this unique partnership between volunteer's storm spotters, emergency management and the National Weather Service.

To RSVP for this training, contact Abby Nesbit, Martin County Emergency Management by calling 507-238-3193 or email her at abigail.nesbit@co.martin.mn.us.





Jeff's Jottings

When Karis showed me some pictures she had taken last Friday by the lakebottom that is near our place, I got all excited when I saw two of them. She had taken pictures of some of the wildlife that has moved into the deeper waters of the lake bottom, which is fairly deep this year from all the snow. Here I thought that Punxatawny Phil had tried to "blend into the surroundings" by leaving Pennsylvania and moving to Minnesota to avoid all the press. I was bound determined that I was go-



ing to catch him and then hang him by his toenails as punishment for his horrible prediction of an early spring on Ground Hog's Day. If you look at the picture in the lower left, it does kind of look like him, doesn't it? Anyway, after venturing down to the lake bottom, I was disappointed to find that it wasn't Phil, but just two active beavers swimming in the waters, searching for reeds, sticks and other objects to start building their hut. We have seen quite a bit of increased animal traffic at the Hagen farm since our dog passed away last year, including deer, pheasants, rabbits, squirrels and even had a huge barn owl try to grab a

rabbit in the door yard late one night last week. At least the coyotes that I hear in our lake bottom haven't tried coming up on our place at night - yet.

"What is it?" answered!

Last week's "What is it?" item didn't take long for a reader to contact me with the correct answer. Terry Haris of Armstrong, Iowa emailed me on Thursday, saying that the item was mounted on a piece of old machinery and you set your oil can in it. That is the answer provided by Bob Kosbab, who brought the item in. Bob said he remembers it being mounted to the wooden pole on the grass mower or binder.



Terry for your answer and to Bob for bringing the item in! I don't have any new items for our "What is it?" column, so if you have an item you think would be a good piece for this column, stop in to the Photo Press!

An update on Larissa

Last week I wrote about my sister Larissa and the many guardian angels she had around her the night of her accident when her horse reared up and went over backwards, falling on top of her. The good news is that she was well enough to be discharged from Rochester last Thursday afternoon and was able to return back to her home in Northrop for recovery. She faces a long road ahead for recovery, but with the help of her friends and family, she will at least be able to recover at home. Her 12 broken ribs are slowly healing, her broken tibia and femur in her left leg are healing with the aid of a leg brace. Her ligaments and tendons around her knee are in pretty bad shape, so she may face knee replacement surgery in the near future. She has lots of black and blue marks on her legs and torso, but at least the swelling has gone down on her leg and arm. Thank you to all the people who said prayers for her and who have been helping her and Chris out with chores!!

Food, crafts and rummage sales!

Here are a few things before I go this week: • The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature chicken wild rice and tomato soups and grilled cheese sandwiches. A \$2 donation is suggested. • Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont continues its Open Door Meal Wednesday, April 3rd from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving meatballs. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. • The Wednesday night community spaghetti suppers have begun again at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn. Serving is from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • Thursday, April 4th, Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th will be the rummage and garage sale at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. • Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th at

Trimont United Methodist Church will be a rummage sale. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Saturday, April 6th will be a spring craft and vendor show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the KC Hall in Fairmont. • Also Saturday, April 6th is the 21st Annual South Central MN Gobblers Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation Hunting Heritage Banquet at Holiday in Fairmont. Activities start at 5 p.m. • Be sure to get your tickets for the Sherburn Lions Club Prime Rib Supper, which is this Saturday, April 6th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. There are still a few advance tickets here at the Photo Press. The cost at the door (if any tickets remain) will be \$3 more than advance tickets. Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - a little prayer goes a long way.

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"Keith's Café"

It was close to 7:00 p.m. when I snuck into the radio station the same way a teenager sneaks into the house at two or three in the morning, when they were supposed to be home by 11. I was hoping and praying not to get caught, which would give me until the next morning to come up with a good alibi. I knew I would have some explaining to do.

Dad's office was the first inside the front door and his lights were off - that was a good sign. My office was all the way down the hall, in the back of the building next to the production room. Since Dad's lights were off, it seemed the coast was

clear. I breathed a sigh of relief and walked freely to my office, inserting the key in the door. Dad stepped out of the production room. Wearing his long beige dress coat with the belt tied around the waist and plaid, wool Stetson hat, he didn't look, nor sound happy. "Where have you been all day?" He demanded.

I always liked that Stetson hat on Dad, but strongly suspected, this was not the time to offer flattering comments on his apparel. Not having the luxury of waiting until the next morning, I had to think on my feet. "Well... Dad..." I cleared my throat and stammered, "I was

seeing a new potential client. I think they might be spending a lot of money advertising with us in the future." His arms were folded across his chest. He looked at me with strong skepticism as I continued to explain.

The truth is, I was out selling advertising, as I was supposed to be. Because it was an unusually nice day in the early spring, I was riding my motorcycle on sales calls. It was a brand new, dark blue 1981 Kawaski, KZ1100. She was fully dressed with the fairing and windshield; saddle bags and a trunk, not to mention a cool sounding stereo system complete

with a cassette tape player. My dog was working with me. I had recently finished teaching Harry to ride on the motor cycle and he was with me most of the time - even when I went to work.

We stopped at a gas station just before noon to fill the tank, where we ran into a couple of friends, Gary and Donna Ware; they were filling up their bike as well. "Beautiful day for a bike ride, isn't it?" I said to them. Donna, sitting on the back seat, agreed, "It sure is." Gary added, "It's a great day for riding the bike." "You guys just bombing around town?" I queried. "Nope," Gary answered, "We're going to ride to Keith's Café for a lunch. Have you ever been there?" "I've never heard of it. Where is Keith's?" I asked. "Memphis, Missouri." Gary said, "About an hour and

a half from here. They've got the best steaks in the whole Midwest." "That sounds like fun." I said.

The thought of going with them was sure enticing, but I had to work. I had clients to see yet that day, commercials to write and record and I was way behind on paperwork. Besides, I wasn't invited and asking to tag along just seemed wierd.

Gary offered, "Were going down with a few other couples, you're welcome to ride along." Being 21-year-old at the time, I didn't always make the wisest decisions. "I don't have much to do today," I said, "we'd love to go along with you." I nodded toward my dog who was sitting patiently on the seat, "Is it okay if Harry goes along as my date?" Gary laughed. "Sure, why not? He's a lot better looking than you are." We shared

a good laugh over that, then planned to meet at their house where the other couples were waiting for us.

They rode off. With a scornful eye, Harry warned, "You're going to get in trouble for this, you know." "You worry too much, Harry. Sometimes you just gotta live a little. Besides, we're going to be back in three hours." Harry and I rushed home...

...His motor cycle was wobbling from side to side...I backed off not knowing if he was going to hang on, or lay it down right there on the highway...

For the rest of this story, visit our website at fairmontphotopress.com or you can request a paper copy of the full story by contacting us at 507-238-9456 or via email at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com.



Martin County veterans joined other Minnesota veterans participating in a rally at the state capital rotunda with Governor Walz and met with their elected state legislators for "Veterans Day on the Hill" Wednesday, March 20th. Pictured (L to R): Paul Sheeley-DAV (Disabled American Veterans), John Schaefer- DAV, Doug Landsteiner-Martin County Veterans Service Officer, Steve Fosness-American Legion Post 36 Commander, Representative Bob Gunther, and Merlin Oddan-DAV. (Submitted photo)



Early Risers Kiwanis and Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School recognize the following students as February Students of the Month. Students recognized are front row (L to R): Dominic Blazejak, Hope Klanderud, Caden Lebert, Corene Moeller, Laura Thompson, Noah Tenney. Back row: Anna Nordquist, Josh Heinze, Shelby Fogelson, Ciara Cowing, Connor Artner. Not pictured: Dustyn Vandever. (Submitted photo)

Dining and Entertainment

Fairmont Opera House
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 Go to
fairmontoperahouse.org/childrens-theatre/
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Sherburn Lions Club Prime Rib Supper

Saturday, April 6th • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 at the Sherburn American Legion
 Cost (per person): \$17 (presale)
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Tickets may be purchased from Lions members,
 Bank Midwest Sherburn, Amborn Lumber in
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THUR: K-6: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, blueberry parfait, roasted potatoes, frozen strawberries, banana. **JR/HS:** Chicken fajitas, brown rice, carrots, jicama sticks, broccoli, apple, mandarin oranges.

FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, turkey and cheese sandwich, broccoli with cheese, caesar salad, cucumbers, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Cheesy french bread pizza, corn, carrots, kiwi, pears.

MON: K-6: Turkey hot dog, turkey, cheddar and bacon ranch wrap, fries, tossed salad, orange, pears. **JR/HS:** Ham and cheese flatbread, tator tots, peas, carrots, cucumbers, peaches, pineapple chunks.

TUE: K-6: Beef nachos, brown rice, egg salad sandwich, black beans, pico de gallo, carrots, apple, pineapple chunks. **JR/HS:** Goulash, dinner roll, corn, pea salad, cauliflower, orange, baked apple slices.

WED: K-6: Spaghetti, dinner roll, ham and cheese sandwich, corn, caesar salad, banana, baked apple slices. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, broccoli salad, celery sticks, banana, peaches.

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Girl Scouts celebrate 107 years

The Girl Scouts celebrated their 107th birthday the week of March 10th-16th, 2019, and continue to build girls of Courage, Character, and Confidence, who make the world a better place.

Our "G.I.R.L. Agenda" is a nonpartisan initiative to inspire, prepare, and mobilize girls and those who care about them to lead positive change through civic action.

This is our moment

to come together, lift our voices, and take action on issues that matter to girls. As a Girl Scout, each girl is also a G.I.R.L.: Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, and Leader.

The Martin County

troops participate in fun and educational activities and events, support the community through their service projects, and continue to earn the highest awards in Girl Scouting! (submitted photos)



Daisy/Brownie Troop #37834 learned first aid and CPR skills recently and earned their First Aid badge. Pictured are: Skylar Pascual, Ava Taylor, Stella Diaz, and Shelby Kitzerow.



Girl Scout Seniors earned their "Car Care" badge with the assistance of Auto Shop instructor, Bob Bonnin. With permit tests and drivers licenses in their near future, they wanted to be prepared for taking care of their families' vehicles.



Brittney Lopau and Elsa Thompson, members of Cadette Troop #34353, are shown getting water for their unit at day camp in August, 2018.



Harlee Fastnacht and Charlotte Robbins, members of Brownie Troop #37924, are hard at work at the recent Kids Against Hunger food pack. The Girl Scouts have been active and continuing volunteers at the packs over the years - with their troops, family or other organization.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

APR 4 - 10

THUR: Hamburger, fries, peas, strawberry cup.

FRI: Pork chopette, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pineapple.

MON: Soft shell taco, fixings, apple wedges.

TUE: Chicken noodle hot dish, green beans, bread, mixed fruit.

WED: Ham & egg english muffin, broccoli with dip, hashbrown patty, blueberries.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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APR 4 - 10

THUR: Cheeseburger, fries, jicama sticks, mandarin oranges.

FRI: Cheesy french bread pizza, corn, carrots, kiwi wedges.

MON: Ham and cheese flatbread, tator tots, carrots, pineapple chunks.

TUE: Goulash, dinner roll, corn, coleslaw, baked apple slices.

WED: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, celery sticks, peaches.

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday.

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LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

APR 4 - 10

THURS: Roast turkey, dressing, gravy, winter mix veggies.

FRI: Shrimp poppers, hashbrown bake, mixed veggies, ice cream.

MON: Bean soup, cornbread, applesauce, twinkie dessert.

TUE: Pot roast, red skin potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, rice pudding.

WED: Chicken ala king, beet pickle, lettuce salad, brownie.

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LOCAL

Spring craft and vendor show at KC Hall

There will be a 2019 Spring Craft and Vendor Show this Saturday, April 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many crafters and vendors will be

on hand.

Come see the new items to choose from - start your spring and Mother's Day shopping!

Food will also be available.

HOME SHOW

Spring is here - time for new barn quilts!

Spring is finally here and now it is time to start cleaning up, raking, planting and beautifying your property.

You may have heard about the project "Walk Our Blocks". The plan is to form a barn quilt trail within the town of Truman.

Some residents and businesses have already put theirs up. Barn quilts are generally durable and maintenance free. They come in all sizes, and the design can be your own or



chosen from a larger selection. Barn quilts can be displayed on fences, buildings, your house and even a garden stake.

Two area businesses

that make barn quilts are Designing Signs (west of Fairmont) and they can be contacted at 507-238-2112 and the other is Remillard Signs and Barn Quilts of Spencer, Iowa. They can be

contacted at 712-260-1906. You can also check out their website at: remillard-signsandbarnquilts.com.

The Truman area trail map is being updated and will be out soon.

More bang for your buck with home improvements



(StatePoint) The thinking about home warmer weather improvement projects. means it's time to start Whether you're getting

your home in tip-top shape for your own enjoyment, or getting it ready to put on the market, not all home improvement projects are created equal when it comes to return on investment (ROI). Here are top areas on which to focus:

Interiors

The kitchen is the heart of the home and it's one of the best areas to renovate in terms of ROI,

according to Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report, which puts the price tag of the average minor kitchen remodel at \$22,507, with 80.5 percent of the cost recouped upon resale.

To give the kitchen an updated appearance, replace the flooring, countertops, sink and faucet. A fresh coat of

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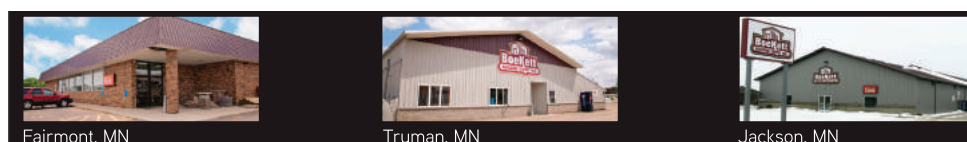
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paint in a trendy shade, such as Living Coral, Pantone's Color of the Year, can add a vibrant pop of color to energize

any kitchen. Not looking to go that bold? Consider an accent wall, or stick to a classic palate of gray and white in terms of cabinets and countertops. White on white is also a popular

new style for kitchens and bathrooms.

Other features home buyers are paying close attention to are laundry rooms and such energy-saving elements as Energy Star appliances and windows, according to the survey "What Home Buyers Want in 2019" by the National Association of Home Builders.

Curb Appeal

The popularity of outdoor projects remains strong and it's for a good reason. According to the Cost vs. Value Report, the biggest bang for your buck in 2019 will come from replacing a garage door. The report says the average price is \$3,611, and 97.5 percent of it is recouped when the house is sold.

Other outdoor projects with high ROI include adding manufactured stone veneer to the exterior (94.9 percent), adding a wood deck (75.6 percent) and replacing siding (75.6 percent). Looking for a simpler way to make an impact? Sprucing up the landscape by planting flowers or bushes or

even just clearing the yard of debris will make a big statement.

No matter what updates you end up making, it's always a good idea to notify your insurance agent. "Certain upgrades may change the value of a house, so homeowners need to make sure they're properly covered," says Bob Buckel, vice president of product management, Erie Insurance. "There are a few things to look for. Ask your agent about guaranteed replacement cost policies that can cover the cost to rebuild a home in today's dollars following a covered loss."

Some upgrades may also make you eligible for discounts, Buckel adds, especially if they make the home more secure. "For example, Erie Insurance offers certain safety discounts such as for installing smoke alarms or an automatic sprinkler system."

Now you have a checklist of DIY projects to focus on this spring. Before you start, take a moment to assess which ones are worth your time and money.

Ways to boost your home's curb appeal



(StatePoint) When it comes to your home, you only get one chance to make a great first impression -- and that takes place before anyone ever steps inside, making curb appeal upgrades an effective way to beautify your home while boosting its value.

Here are some great ways to enhance curb appeal that will give you a great return on investment, according to Remodeling Magazine's 2019 Cost Vs. Value Report.

Garage Door Replacement

Whether you want your garage door to take center stage or provide a demure complement to your home's overall exte-

rior, the right selection will make a great visual impression. Luckily there are a growing number of ways to personalize a garage door. New color options, which include two-tone combinations, are growing in popularity, and an expanding array of panel designs can help you work in harmony with your home's architectural style.

But know that this is not just any cosmetic upgrade. A new garage door has the potential to improve your family's safety and comfort, providing safety features not found in older models, while reducing heat and cold transfer for lower energy bills.

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Add some excitement to outdoor entertaining

Veneer

A manufactured stone veneer project can enhance the aesthetic appeal of any space, indoors or out, and can be customized to suit your needs and style. When applied to a home exterior, this project has an impressively high return on investment at 95 percent, according to the 2019 Cost vs. Value Report.

Maximize this upgrade by opting for high-quality materials that look like authentic stone, even upon careful inspection. For example, the choices available from ProVia are molded and colored to produce a realistic, dramatic effect, mimicking stones from unique geographic regions in a range of cuts. Their online resources, which can be found at provia.com, include design ideas and tools for selecting harmonious color groupings, helping you make the best choices for your home.

Siding Replacement

Of all the home updates that will boost your curb appeal, new siding has the third highest return on investment, according to the report. When making this upgrade, consider materials wisely. Thanks to its overall low cost, ease of installation, minimal maintenance required and long-term durability, vinyl is the most popular home siding material. Whether you opt for insulated, traditional or decorative siding, this can be a great way to give your home a high-impact facelift that's well worth the cost.

To add beauty and value to your home, start with curb appeal, selecting projects that offer a great return on investment.



(StatePoint) It's time to take the party outdoors. Here are some fun ideas for entertaining on the balmy days and nights ahead:

- **Cool Spread:** Host a potluck in your backyard, setting up a long picnic table for guests to display their dishes. You can make things more interesting by adding a theme or challenge. Whether it's to incorporate a specific seasonal ingredi-

ent into every dish or to only bring dips, the possibilities are endless. Use online tools to help you organize, such as perfectpotluck.com, which gives guests an opportunity to sign up for a specific item ahead of time so there are no duplicates.

- **Outdoor Movie Night:** It's easy to turn the backyard into an outdoor cinema. Grab some lawn chairs and blankets and host a movie

night outdoors under the stars. You can be sure you get a clear, crisp picture with a projector designed to automatically adjust its brightness relative to ambient light. For example, the XJ-F210WN, part of Casio's Advanced Series line of projectors, combines a laser and LED light source and uses an Intelligent Light Control feature to ensure viewers get great visuals. Powered on and off in as fast as

five seconds, this mercury-free, energy efficient choice is right for hosts who don't like to make their guests wait.

- **Decorate:** Your decora-

tions should evoke the spirit of the season. Think garlands, fresh flower centerpieces, paper lanterns and vibrant colors.

- **Make Music:** No party is complete without music. Whether you're hosting a jam session or karaoke night, take advantage of the season by taking the musical fun outdoors. A versatile portable keyboard, such as the CT-X700, can help you get the party started. It comes with the AiX Sound Source, which faithfully reproduces the sound of acoustic instruments such as guitars, wind instruments and more, as well as 100 built-in songs, 600 tones and 195 rhythms. It also includes a class-compliant USB-MIDI port that connects to most devices with no drivers or installation needed, making it a good choice for an outdoor set-up.

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Buyer Beware

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House hunting and showings are fun but can be overwhelming.

Prepare for your showings in advance by asking your real estate agent to provide you with a listing flyer for each home which will include a description of the property, the year the house was built, total square footage, how many bedrooms and bathrooms, the sizes of the rooms, interior and exterior photos of the home, and a lot more. The listing flyers are also a great way to review and narrow down your house choices once you get home. You can also find this information on the

internet on reputable websites like www.Realtor.com.

Upon entering a home for the first time, quickly gather a first impression. Real estate agents usually provide 15-20 minutes for the first showing of each house. The first showing is your chance to get a feel for the layout of the house, the size of the rooms, and the overall condition of the structure of the home.

If you're a first-time buyer, I would suggest you recruit someone to come with you for the first showing for an extra set of eyes, whether it's your spouse, significant other, parent, or friend. In

the past when my husband and I have looked at homes to buy, I looked at the room sizes and tried to figure out where all our "stuff" would go, while he looked at the structure of the house. We each had a task during the showing. Your real estate agent will be yet another set of eyes as well, as they may point out visual material facts about the home. Material facts are items that could make you change your mind about buying the home or the price you would be willing to pay for the home. Example, evidence of water damage.

During the first showing, you may be tempted to focus on the cosmetic items of a house. Sometimes you'll detest the wall color, but don't let the color of walls deter you from a house. Wall color is one of the simplest (and most affordable)

changes you can do in a house once you move in.

Your focus during each first showing should be the overall condition or structure of the home. You'll want to put on your Sherlock Holmes hat and become an investigator. Watch for foundation red flags including severe cracks in the walls or ceiling, unlevel floors, doors not fitting right, cracks in the basement concrete or in the foundation itself. If you find any of these items, your real estate agent will urge you to hire an inspector to give a professional opinion on what it will take to fix everything if you decide to submit an offer on the house.

In addition to the foundation, you'll want to check the condition of other items that can be expensive to fix, replace, or repair including the roof, siding, windows, furnace, water heater, and central air unit.

Stay grounded and focused while house hunting. And, always remember Caveat Emptor ("Buyer Beware!").

HOME SHOW

The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I'm working my library card overtime. I'm reading a book on the history of gravy."

"How is it?" I say.

"Stirring. Naturally"

I watched the snow line retreating in the

fields. I kept an eye out for a mourning cloak, a dark brown butterfly that overwinters here an adult and is usually the first butterfly I see each year.

The time of my life has been measured in grackles -- when they come and when they go. Mourning doves are doing hula-hoop calls. Red-winged blackbirds sang, "Look at me," from perches. The first baby birds arrived -- great horned owlets. I spotted sandhill cranes, song sparrows



A starling's yellow bill points to spring. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, "A birdie with a yellow bill, Hopped upon my window sill, Cocked his shining eye and said: 'Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head!'" Photo by Al Batt

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and an American woodcock (bogsucker, timberdoodle). The cocker spaniel was named for its specialty of flushing woodcock.

I saw evidence of where rabbits had fed above the snow line. Rabbits don't dig much.

I'm saddened by the death of Bill Thompson III. This wonderful editor/publisher of "Bird Watcher's Digest" was a friend I dearly miss. The birds had no better friend or a more influential voice on their behalf. He'd hoped to be able to see the warbler migration in May. I've always said that there is no crying in birding, but there is. As a gifted musician, Bill would want everyone to take a sad song and make it better.

I saw dog statues near a school. I was told they were there to keep the Canada geese away. I asked as to their effectiveness and was shown a photo of one

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statue surrounded by the big birds. Geese are smart.

I'm sure you've been thinking, "I wish I had a cat that could predict the weather." Folklore says cats are capable of weather prognosticating. When a cat sneezes, it's a sign of rain. Bad weather can be expected when a cat licks its fur against the grain. A snoring cat foretells foul weather. I'll add a caveat: A dog of my acquaintance tells me that all cats are liars.

Q-and-A

"What are the chances a monarch butterfly egg will become a butterfly?" Studies show that 97 percent fail to become butterflies. A single female monarch could lay up to 500 eggs, one egg at a time.

"I raise ducks. I found one of them headless. What did that?" There are a number of predators that could be the culprit, but typically it's the work of a great horned owl.

"Where do woolly bear caterpillars spend the winter?" The woolly bear caterpillar goes into quiescence, hiding under leaf litter and remaining dormant until temperatures rise. They could wake in nice weather. They're equipped to survive by producing glycerol, which keeps their cells from rupturing when they freeze. In spring, woolly worms become active, form cocoons and metamorphose into the Isabella tiger moths.

"Any predictions as to mosquito populations?" A wet spring could lead to serious mosquito pressure. Maybe. If you

want more skeeters, put out some automobile tires for raising them. It's difficult to drain all the water from a tire.

"Do trumpeter swans migrate?" They are short-distance migrants. The majority of Minnesota's breeding population migrates only as far south until they find open water and food. Two power plants offer viewing sites for Minnesota's wintering swans: Xcel Energy's Monticello Nuclear Power Plant along the Mississippi River and Otter Tail Power Company, a coal-fired power plant in Fergus Falls, along the Otter Tail River.

"I'd like to start watching birds. When is the best time to start?" Today would be the perfect day.

"Where could I see a northern saw-whet owl in Minnesota?" Most anywhere, depending upon the season. This owl, the size of a soft drink can, might take a lot of looking and good luck to see. It's most common in the northeast part of the state during its breeding season. Northern saw-whet owls have distinctive too-too song, an insistent series of whistled notes on roughly the same pitch, which sound

like a vehicle's back-up warning signal. The tiny owl's name comes because the "skew" alarm call it makes has a resemblance to the whetting of a saw.

Thanks for stopping by
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"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe is as good as dead. His eyes are closed." -- Albert Einstein

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Tulip Story

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Tulips are refreshing as they carry the power of seeing something of

Most people smile when they see the first tulips of spring. Seeing such color

lifts the spirits of those who have "lived the long Minnesota winter".

I learned a story about the persistency of tulips a few years ago. The story has a special interest to me as the TULIP STORY is a story of family. My wife's uncle and aunt, Albert and Caroline Peterson, settled on a farm in Cedar Township of Martin County, Minnesota in the early settlement of the community. Their

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beauty in the early spring. Most tulips appear each spring as a mystery. A year has gone by since they were last seen. Many people sometimes forget just where they are located.

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Ask A Trooper: Common violations

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

Question: What are the most common vehicle equipment violations you see?

Answer: I have witnessed and investigated numerous equipment violations over the course of my

career as a Minnesota State Trooper.

The most common violations I have seen are:

Window tint violations: Law prohibits tint on the front windshield. Passenger

cars are limited to 50 percent on all side and rear windows. Pickups, vans, and SUV's are limited to 50 percent on the front side windows. Pickups, vans, and SUV's are not limited on the rear side and rear windows.

Headlight/taillights out: All motor vehicles, other than a motorcycle, must be equipped with at least two headlamps and two tail lamps.

Cracked taillight lens/displaying white light to the rear: Vehicles must display red lights visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

Suspended objects from the rearview mirror: Objects suspended between the driver and the windshield are prohibited. This includes parking and handicap permits. Be sure to take them down when the vehicle is in motion.

Cracked windshield: A windshield that is cracked or discolored that limits or obstructs proper vision.

Bumper height violations: Bumpers shall not exceed a height

of 20 inches on any passenger automobile, station wagon, or 25 inches on any four-wheel drive multipurpose type vehicle.

Loud exhaust: Every motor vehicle must be equipped with a muffler in good working condition. It must blend the exhaust noise into the overall noise of the vehicle. No person shall use a muffler cutout. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

License plate lights out/plates unreadable: A white light is required for the rear license plate to be legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear.

Unsecured load: Driver must secure their load to prevent any leaking, blowing, shifting or dropping.

No seat belt use: Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly

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son and his wife, Albert John Peterson and Dolores Peterson, followed the parents on the land. They are now followed by a grandson and his wife, Craig and Marianne Peterson. Therefore, no one can be sure as to who planted the tulips. The tulips of this essay had always been in a pasture area. Part of the pasture area was fenced off a few years ago. It was the following spring when it happened. The TULIP STORY became a reality. Craig Peterson's mother, Dolores Peterson's favorite flower was the tulip! Shortly after Do-

lores's passing red and yellow tulips began to appear within the grass of the fenced-off area. Such awakening beauty brought happiness to a time of sorrow. The TULIP STORY continues when Craig and Marianne decided that they wanted to preserve the tulips. They moved some of the bulbs to a flower bed near the house. This awakened another mystery of the TULIP STORY. The bulbs near the house did not grow.

However, the remaining tulips within the grass continued to grow. Did the tulips continue to appear for some reason? Have these tulips awakened a family mystery?

— low and snug across the hips, and shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back

No headlight/use in reduced visibility: Headlights must be on from sunset to sunrise when it is raining, snowing, sleeting or hailing; or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or conditions that obstruct visibility.

Other common violations include speeding, no proof of insurance, expired registration, only

displaying one Minnesota license plate, distracted driving, expired driver's license, driving without a driver's license and crossing over the center or fog lines.

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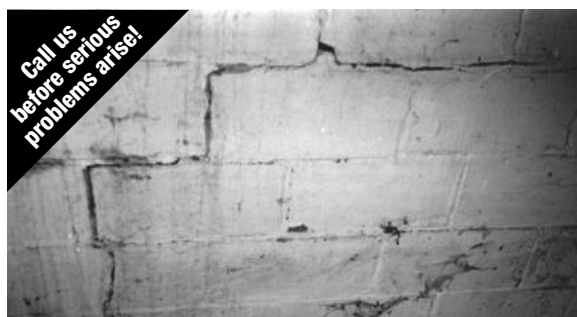
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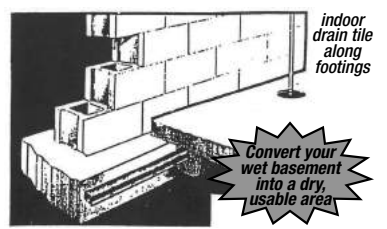
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Originally from Jamestown, North Dakota, Dr. Kamnitz received her medical training from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She completed her residency

in general surgery at the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education in Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. Kamnitz is certified by the American Board of Surgery. Prior to transferring to the Surgery Department in Fairmont, she was a general surgeon at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, South Dakota.

"I love the variety and the ability to make a rapid and positive impact on patients' lives," says Dr. Kamnitz. "For me, it's most rewarding to find out what is important to the patients and their goals - to find out where I can make the best impact on their care and in their lives."

Dr. Kamnitz is experi-

enced in endoscopy and laparoscopic surgical techniques and has a special interest in breast surgery. Endoscopy is a non-surgical procedure used to examine the digestive track using a flexible tube, with a light and camera attached, that is passed through the mouth and esophagus. Laparoscopic surgery uses a thin tubu-

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"One of the reasons I am excited to be joining Mayo Clinic Health System is the opportunity to capitalize on multiple professionals' knowledge and expertise, as well as

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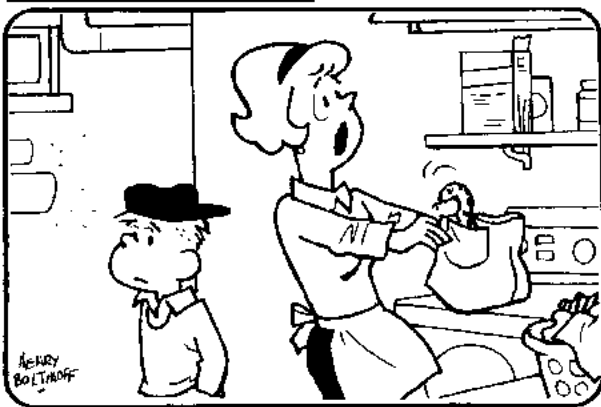
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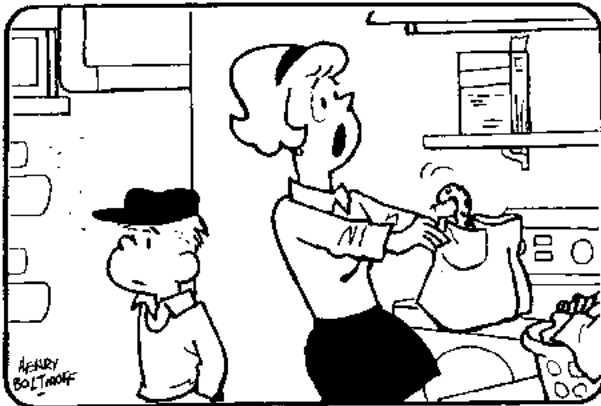
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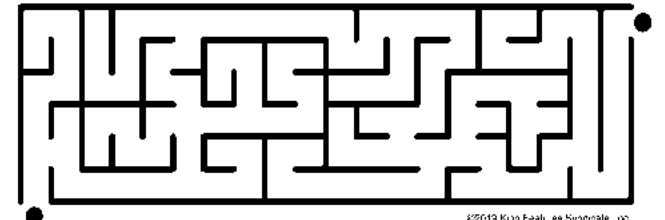
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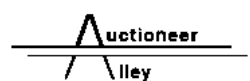
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Brother Ken Rose (left) of Masonic Chain Lake Lodge 64 serves up noodles during the Masons 25th Annual Spaghetti Supper Scholarship fundraiser Tuesday, March 12th at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Photo courtesy of Jason Sorenson

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MSU Showcase Meet

Top Cardinal placers at the MSU Mankato Showcase indoor meet held last Saturday: boys 4x400 relay team smashed the Card indoor school record finishing second. The team of Hudson Artz, Andrew Moeller, Jordan Wolter and Dylan Kennedy ran 3:36.36 to break the old record of 3:39.6 held by Matt Reeve, Jesse Walters, Jake Peymann and Jeff Jansen that they set in 2007. The 4x200 relay team ran 1:38.80 finishing 11th for a Card indoor school record. Members were Caden Baarts, Dylan Kennedy, Hudson Artz and Nick Thate. The old record of 1:39.2 was by Paul Mallory, Jon Abel, Mike Wubena and Jake Peymann in 2004. Andrew Moeller ran a Card indoor school record finishing first in the 800 with a time of 2:01.35. The old record stood since 2002 by Marc Hanson in 2:02.9.

Other results: Hayden Berhow 8th high jump 5-10 and 10th in triple jump 39-1; Dylan Kennedy 6th 400 54.55; Caden Baarts 12th 200 24.05; Jacob Rahn 26th shot put 40-0; Savannah Baker 10th high jump 4-10, and 9th in triple jump 32-87.5; High Jump - Hannah Linse 25th 4-6, Bethany Linse 19th 4-8; Girls relay 4x400 7th - Joni Becker, Corene Moeller, Carissa Saxton, Laura Thompson 4:30.47; Girls relay 4x200 16th Grace Higgins, Jenna Gustafson, Rayah Quiring, Joni Becker 1:57.77; Ellie Hernes 8th triple jump 32-11.75. Joni Becker 11th 400 1:04.8; Laura Thompson 14th 800 2:35.8; Grace Higgins 42nd 60m dash 8.78; Natalie Tonne 25th shot put 27-2. White Bear Lake Area won the boys division and Edina won the girls division.

(track pics courtesy Greg Abel)



INDOOR RECORD HOLDERS - Cardinals 4x400 relay team of Jordan Wolter, Dylan Kennedy, Hudson Artz, and Andrew Moeller ran 3:36.36 to break the old FHS indoor record of 3:39.6 at the MSU Mankato Showcase meet held last Saturday. (Submitted photo)

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FUTURE FALCON - Taylor Crissinger announced she will further her education and basketball career at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. (Submitted photo)



Peter Erickson FHS grad, won silver as he anchored the 4x100 in a field of 21 college teams at the spring Hamline Track Meet. Erickson also had personal best in the open 100. Erickson is the son of Donna and Dr. Jon Erickson.



BSC TEAM - The Fairmont Cardinal junior Wyatt Frank (left) was named to the Big South All-Conference basketball team. Senior Dustin Schultz made the Honorable Mention team.



HOME OPENER - The Cardinals will host Jackson County Central in a double header this Thursday starting at 4:00 p.m. Pictured (l to r) front: Dan Brummond, Zach Soelter, Mario Maldonado, Carter Davis, Tyson Geerdes. Middle: Eli Anderson, Jack Hested, Cale Steuber, Dalen Keltgen, Zac Ringnell, Daniel Reiter. Back: Joey Flohrs, Jacob Johnson, Zach Jorgensen, Dustin Schultz, Blake Buntjer, Nick Eversman, Carter Reutzel, Jacob Tennyson. Cardinal co-head coaches are Don Waletich and Jerry Brooks. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



SEASON OPENER - The Cardinals softball team travels to Jackson County Central for a 5:30 p.m. game this Thursday. Pictured (l to r) front: Hanna Rieschl, Hailey Meyers, Kaitlyn Freese, Macey Bearson. Middle: Madison Moeller, Chloe Murphy, Whitney Scott, Jen Moeller, Graciela Figueroa. Back: Lexus Wojtanowicz, Cambrie Anderson, Taylor Crissinger, Sydney Hainy, Jordan Ehlert. Head coach is Hayley Loerts and Tom Seifert is the assistant coach. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



COYOYES VS GOPHERS - Coyotes Clair Gerdes spikes past the Gophers Taylor Morgan. The Minnesota Gophers volleyball team scrimmaged the South Dakota Coyotes last Saturday in Fairmont. In the NCCA tournament the #7-ranked and #2-seeded Gophers (27-4) fell in four games (25-21, 39-41, 14-25, 24-26) to #9-ranked and #3 seeded Oregon. #1-ranked Stanford (34-1) defeated Nebraska 3-2 in the championship game. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



ALL-CONFERENCE - Fairmont Cardinal basketball senior Taylor Crissinger (left) was named to the Big South All-Conference team and senior Lexi Lunn was voted to Honorable Mention squad.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —
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PHOTO OP - All-Big Ten and second-team All-American Regan Pittman poses with a pair of Gopher fans. The Gophers contacted FHS volleyball coach Haley Loerts last January to set up one of the stops on their four spring scrimmage tour events. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

USDA reports provide a pessimistic market outlook

Guest Columnist

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On March 29th, 2019, USDA released the "Prospective Plantings Report", as well as the "Quarterly Grain Stocks Report". These were very highly anticipated USDA Reports, due to the uncertainty in grain prices in recent months, the potential for adjustments in U.S. crop acreage in 2019, and the current status of likely increasing grain stocks in the coming year. The USDA estimates for intended 2019 U.S. corn acreage and current corn stocks came in well above the projections of most grain marketing analysts, which resulted in an initial sharp decline in the corn market prices.

Typically, these late March USDA Reports are very critical to farm operators and grain traders because the reports tend to have a high impact on grain market prices in the Spring and early Summer, as compared to later in the year. During the Spring months, many farm operators try to sell remaining grain inventories from the previous growing season, as well as look for opportunities to forward

price a portion of the anticipated crop for the current year. In a majority of years, corn and soybean prices usually reach their peak-price from April until June, which is why the late March USDA Reports are so important.

Following are some highlights from the March 29th USDA Reports:

Corn --- The Planting Intentions Report indicated an estimated 92.8 million acres of corn to be planted in 2019, which is an increase of 4 percent from the 89.1 million planted acres in 2018, and surpasses the 90.2 million acres in 2017. The intended 2019 corn acres are still below the 94 million acres in 2016. The USDA corn acreage estimate was about 1.5 million acres above the average grain trade estimate of near 91.3 million acres. The highest U.S. corn acreage recorded in the March USDA estimate was 97.2 million acres in both 2012 and 2013. The 2019 corn acreage is expected to increase in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Kansas, as well as in the high corn producing States of Iowa, Illinois, In-

diana, and Nebraska.

The total U.S. corn stocks on March 1st, 2019, were listed at over 8.6 billion bushels, which compares to the 8.9 billion bushels on March 1st, 2018. The March 1st USDA estimate was toward the high end of the grain trade estimates, which was bearish on the corn market.

Soybeans --- As expected, soybean acres are expected to decline significantly in 2019 from the 2018 Acreage, based on the projections in the March 29th USDA Planting Intentions Report.

According to the USDA report, producers will plant 84.6 million acres of soybeans in 2019, which is down 5 percent from 89.2 million acres in 2018, and is well below the from the record U.S. soybean acreage of 90.1 million acres in 2017. The 2019 estimate for planted soybean acres was about 1.5 million acres lower than the average grain trade estimates. The 2019 soybean acreage is expected to decrease from the previous year by 6 percent in Minnesota, as well as to decline in most other major soybean pro-

ducing States.

Soybean stocks on March 1st, 2019, were listed at nearly 2.72 billion bushels, which up about 29 percent from 2.1 billion bushels on March 1st, 2018, and is 56 percent above the 1.74 billion bushels on March 1st, 2017. The March 1st soybean stocks estimate came in very near the pre-report estimates by grain traders; however, both the estimated U.S. and World soybean stocks remain at record levels, which continues to put downward pressure on soybean prices.

Wheat --- Intended total U.S. wheat plantings for 2019 are 45.8 million acres, which is down 3 percent from the 2018 wheat acreage of 47.8 million acres. The 2018 U.S. wheat acreage would be the lowest in 100 years, since records began in 1919. Total wheat acreage exceeded 50 million acres as recently as 2016. Spring wheat acreage is expected to decline in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, with further acreage declines possible if Spring planting is delayed in the Upper Midwest.

Total wheat stocks on March 1, 2019, were listed at 1.6 billion bushels, which is up 6 percent from 1.49 billion bushels on March 1, 2018. The 2019 wheat stocks estimate was near the lower end of grain

trade estimates.

Cotton --- Intended U.S. cotton plantings for 2019 are estimated at 13.8 million acres, which is down slightly from 2018 acreage levels, and well-below pre-report estimates by market analysts.

The March USDA Grain Stocks Report indicated that as of March 1st, 2019, there were over 5.1 billion bushels of corn and 1.27 billion bushels of soybeans stored on farms in the U.S., which represents about 60 percent of the total corn stocks and 47 percent of the total soybean stocks. According to the USDA Report, there were 730 million bushels of corn and over 103 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm storage in Minnesota on March 1st, 2019. USDA does not survey the percentage of the bushels in on-farm storage that are forward priced for future delivery, as compared to bushels that are not priced. However, many private analysts feel that a much higher percentage of the corn and soybean bushels still in storage on March 1st may not be forward priced in 2019, as compared to other recent years.

On March 29th, the day that the USDA Reports were released, December corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) decreased by 13

cents per bushel from the market open, closing at \$3.84 per bushel. Both the CBOT December corn futures price and local forward contract prices in Southern Minnesota are now near the lowest levels thus far in 2019. Following the USDA Reports on March 29, CBOT soybean futures prices closed mixed, with the November futures price closing at \$9.19 per bushel, which also is near the lowest 2019 harvest price opportunities thus far since the beginning of the year.

Most grain analysts felt the dramatic reaction in the corn market was primarily due to the surprise in the USDA planting intentions and higher grain stock estimates for corn. The USDA Report was based on planting intentions as of March 1st; however, the potential for later than normal Spring planting dates in Western Corn Belt and Upper Midwest States may cause some of the planting intentions to change in the coming weeks. Producers also continue to hope for some resolution to trade negotiations with China and other countries, which could enhance export numbers for U.S. soybeans and other crops, and thus help strengthen future grain prices.

FHS students job shadow at Mayo in Fairmont

Once again this year, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont this semester for a job-shadow

program so that students can get hands-on learning time in various health care

career paths.

(Submitted photos)



Lexi Lunn learns about hematology from a blood draw in the laboratory.



Hanna Reischl and Natalie Abel learn about filling medical supplies in Supply Chain Management.



Dan Brummond tests his skills on the Dynavision board in Rehabilitation Therapy.



Makena Rodriguez has some fun with a clinical teaching skeleton while learning about hip replacements.

Gold Cross becomes Mayo Clinic Ambulance

As of April 1st, an established and respected emergency medical service in the community has both a new name and look. Gold Cross Ambulance is now Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Gold Cross Ambulance has been part of Mayo Clinic since 1994. The name change will clarify for patients and communities that Mayo Clinic provides their ambulance service, and will reflect the safe, high-quality care that continues to be available to them from Mayo Clinic paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Ambulances, uniforms and building signage will be refreshed with a bold, consistent and highly visible design that aligns with the Mayo Clinic brand. The new look will roll out throughout 2019, first in Rochester, then in the other communities served by Gold Cross in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"It will take us several months to update our entire fleet of ambulances. We have 70 ambulances serving communities across parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, so we'll take a phased approach to transitioning the fleet," explains John Wald, M.D., a member of the Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service board of directors. "For a while,

people may see both Gold Cross and Mayo Clinic ambulances in their communities - but it's always the same Mayo Clinic paramedics and EMTs caring for them."

The ground ambulance service is just one of five service lines that previously operated under the umbrella name "Mayo Clinic Medical Transport." This name now has changed to "Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service," which includes the five integrated services that Mayo Clinic provides to communities:

- Ground ambulance (formerly Gold Cross, with 15 locations in Minnesota and Wisconsin)
- Air ambulance (Mayo One helicopter and airplane)
- Emergency communications (Emergency Communications Center)
- Education and training (for Mayo Clinic paramedics, EMTs and other staff, as well as community first responders)
- Community paramedicine (physician-ordered home care, currently offered in northwest Wisconsin)

Mayo Clinic Ambulance serves more than 120 Midwestern communities, including Rochester, Albert Lea, Austin, St. Cloud, Duluth/Superior, Little Falls and others across a 16,000-square-mile service area.