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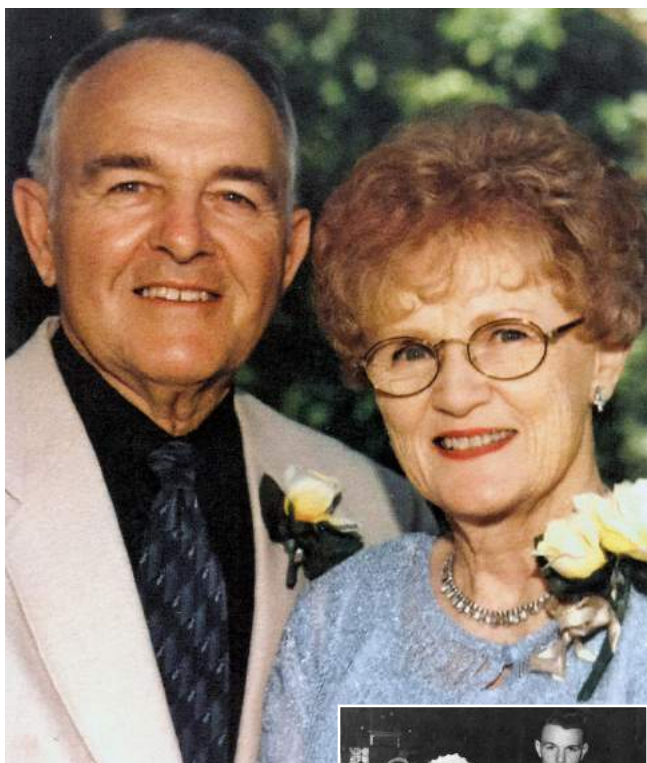
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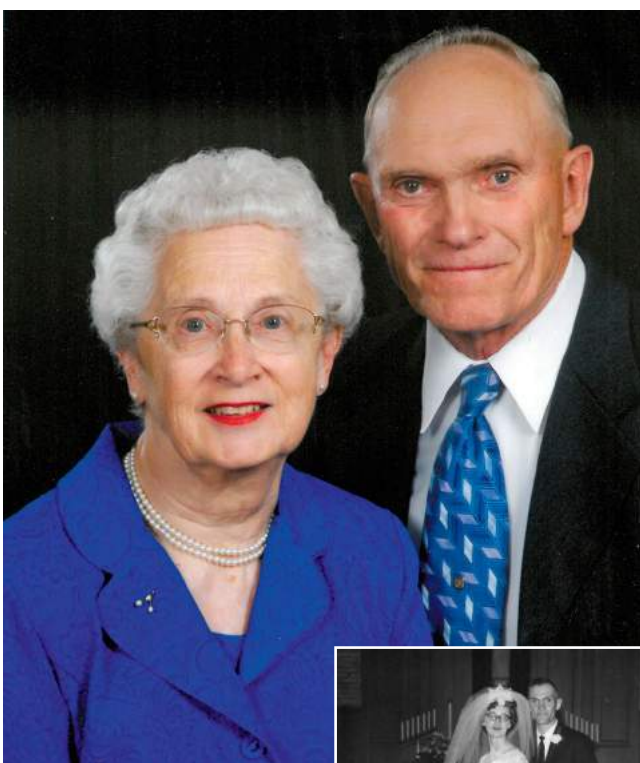
SKOW-COLE - Derrice Skow, and the late Dr. Daniel Skow, of Fairmont, announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Zephania Fanchion Louise Skow to Matthew Kevin Cole, the son of Kevin and Marla Cole, also of Fairmont. Zephania is a 2006 graduate of Fairmont High School, a 2010 graduate of Augustana College, now Augustana University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a 2013 graduate of the College of Chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University with a doctorate in chiropractic. She is a doctor of chiropractic and owner of Align Chiropractic & Acupuncture, PLC in Fairmont. Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Fairmont High School and a 2010 graduate of Iowa State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is a civil engineer at Bolton & Menk Engineers & Surveyors in Fairmont. A June 11th wedding is planned in Fairmont. *Photo by Megan Bennett of Daniel Dinsmore Photography in Mankato.*



RUSCH 65TH - Ken and Marilyn Rusch of Fairmont will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 9th, 2016. They will celebrate with their family at a later date in May. The couple was married April 9th, 1951.



GLIDDEN - JANACHOVSKY - Bethany Glidden and Todd Janachovsky announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Bethany is the daughter of Ron and Denise Glidden of Fairmont. Todd is the son of Norma Janachovsky and the late Ray Janachovsky of Lucan, Minnesota. Bethany graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall and is employed by Schwan's Shared Services, LLC. in Marshall, Minnesota as an Instructional Designer. Todd is a carpenter and is employed by Rick Slagel Construction in Marshall. The couple will be married on Lake Shetek in Slayton, Minnesota on July 16th, 2016. A reception will be planned at a later date in the Fairmont Area.



GARBERS 50TH - Marvin and Roberta Garbers of Sherburn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn on April 17th, 2016 from 2 to 5 p.m. They were married on April 17th, 1966. Cards will reach them at 105 North Lake Street, Sherburn, MN 56171.



RIENHARDT BIRTHDAYS - Robert and Bessie Rienhardt of Dunnell will celebrate their birthdays with an open house Saturday, April 16th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dunnell Community Hall. Robert will be turning 85 and Bessie will be 80 years old. Join them as they celebrate their birthdays!



An open house Come and Go Bridal Shower will be held for **Emily Anders** (daughter of Nathan and Amy Anders), bride to be of **Scott Boes** at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17th at St. Paul Lutheran Church lounge in Fairmont. The couple is registered at Walmart and Target.

There will be a Come and Go Bridal Shower for **Danielle Sandberg**, bride-to-be of **Tyler Brolsma**, on Saturday, April 16th from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. There will be a short program at 10:15 a.m. Danielle's parents are Mark Sandberg and Linda Sandberg of Sherburn. Tyler's parents are Scott and Mary Brolsma of Sherburn. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's and Sterling Drug.

Marriage License Applications

Mackenzie Kaye Risk and Justin Patrick Mulvihill

Cody Allen Roberts and Morgan June Moeller

Sara Marie DeBoer and Steven Nicholas Weis

Baby Buzz

Zander John Wagner, the son of Amy and Cory Wagner, was born March 21st, 2016 at Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville. He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Zander has a big sister, Coralyn. Grandparents are Richard and Judy Botzet of Fairmont and Russ and Julie Wagner of Apple Valley. Great grandparents are Roy and Pat Fulsas of Ridgeway, Iowa and Gene and Donna Wagner of Stacyville, Iowa.

Cayson Conrad and Taysom Gene Bottorf, sons of Lacy and Steve Bottorf of Elgin, Nebraska were born February 29th, 2016 at Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Grandparents are Brenda Siems and Joyce Bottorf, both of Elgin. Great grandparents are Larry and Barb Schmidt of Ceylon.

bridal registry

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Bon Jovi Tribute Band to play at the Fairmont Opera House

"Is that Jon Bon Jovi?" Patrons of the Fairmont Opera House may be asking themselves this question on Friday, April 8th. That's the night when "Slippery When Wet - The Ultimate Bon Jovi Tribute" will take the stage of the historic theater. "They're going to blow the roof off this place," said Jonas Nissen, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House. "And their front man, Jason Morey, is a dead ringer for Jon Bon Jovi."

"Thanks to a sponsorship from HyVee, we are very happy to be bringing this great show to our community at such a reasonable price," said Nissen.

The group was formed in 2003 by Morey after answering many inquiries of "Are you Jon Bon

Jovi?" Most notably comedian Dave Chappelle invited Morey backstage following one of his comedy shows thinking that he was the New Jersey icon. It was then that Morey knew he had to take advantage of the resemblance.



Members of the band have taken exact live arrangements from Bon Jovi's 2000's Crush tour, 2002's Bounce tour, 2005's Have a Nice Day tour, 2008's Lost Highway tour

and 2010's The Circle tour to form what Morey refers to as an "Arena-Club Show." He said, "Slippery When Wet has the power to turn a 600-1500 capacity club into a 20,000 seat arena for 2 1/2 hours."

Tickets for the show are available at 507-238-4900, at www.fairmont-operahouse.com, or at the box office Friday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.



Reverend Robert Trueblood, pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop, speaks with a KEYC Television reporter in front of the burned out remains of the church last week. A lightning strike early Wednesday morning started the blaze, which destroyed the church sanctuary and also damaged the church school gym and classrooms. Students are attending classes at Martin Luther High School in Northrop while cleanup and repairs take place on the school building.

There will be a **Hymn-fest at the Red Rock Center for Performing Arts** on Sunday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome!

The **Welcome Historical Society** will hold their Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion. Anyone is welcome to come and join the Welcome Historical Society. Membership is \$10. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck supper, which will be held following the meeting.

East Chain United Methodist Church will host the **Community Coffee Party** on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. They will be serving rolls, donuts, coffee, tea and juice. Free will offering.

Relay for Life Team Bravo is sponsoring an **All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Feed** on Friday, April 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Northrop American Legion. There will also be meat raffles and carry-outs are available. There is a charge and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The Martin County Humane Society will have a **Bake Sale** on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fleet & Farm in Fairmont. All proceeds will be used to care for the homeless animals at the Martin County Humane Society.

Trimont Covenant Church is hosting a **Pork Chop Dinner** on Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church to support the six youth going on a Ecuador Mission Trip. Watonwan Pork Producers will be grilling. A free will offering will be taken.

Ceylon American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ceylon American Legion Post #529 hall.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

United Methodist Church in Armstrong is having their **Spring Luncheon** Thursday, April 7th. The bake sale starts at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at 11:00 a.m. We will be serving hot beef sandwiches, potatoes and gravy, pasta salad, coleslaw, pie, dessert and beverage. There is a charge. Everyone is welcome.

All-you-can-eat Soup Luncheon will be held Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC Church in Fairmont. They will serve chicken noodle, bean and ham, and vegetable soups - all homemade. Also serving bread, bars and beverage, all for \$5.00. Soups to go 16 ounce container is \$2.50.

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Thursday, April 7th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, April 8th 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 9th (Bag Day) 8:00 a.m. to noon.

MOSS will have our monthly meeting this Thursday evening, April 7th at the Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:00 p.m. Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend, please join us and make a difference in our community!

Arc Family and Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. Join us to find out what's happening in the lives of people with disabilities. For any questions, call the Arc office at 507-235-8580 for further details.

Early Childhood Screening for Truman Public Schools will take place on Tuesday, April 12th at the Truman Public School. Screening is for ages 3 to 5 years by April 12th. For more info, call 507-776-2111 and ask for Shirley Rohman.

The smallest butterfly, the Dwarf Blue from Africa, has a wingspan of only 1 1/2 inches (1 cm).

The **Disabled American Veterans Post 32** and its auxiliary will meet Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Fairmont. All members are encouraged to attend as they will hold elections and discuss donations.

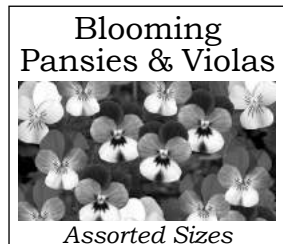
Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus will have a **Pancake Breakfast** Sunday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the KC Hall in Fairmont. Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Martin County Historical Society.

MCW indoor swimming pool in Sherburn is now accepting registrations for spring and summer swim lessons. Registration forms are available at any MCW school or on the school website. Contact elizabethviesselman@mcwmavericks.org for information.

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Contact Rob Stauter or Joyce Peterson at CREST, Fairmont: 507-235-3833. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.

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Probiotics: Some Pros,
Some Cons

Guest Columnist

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

One of the most popular supplements these days is probiotics. Probiotics were first used in the 50's on swine, and then on humans in the 70's. But they really gained popularity with the renewed interest in nutrition over the last 10-15 years. Suddenly everyone is taking them, and last year America spent over a billion dollars on probiotics. Unfortunately much of the money spent was wasted due to using too little or too much, or just using the wrong kind. Remember that over 80% of your immune system is found in your gut, so the kind of bacteria you are sharing your insides with is important.

You see, you have more bacteria in your gut than you have cells in your body. These little guys can help you digest, make vitamin B12, give off histamine, break down histamine, and help you lose weight (but you have to use the right ones!). They can also make you gain weight, give you indigestion, bloating and gas, and destroy your health if you take the wrong kind. It has been known for years that eating yogurt will restore some of these bacteria and that we are ingesting bacteria all the time. We are also sharing it with our families and friends without even knowing about it.

Many people have tried probiotics and really not seen any difference. Here is why... Most folks know the name Lactobacillus, and some even know the most common kind, lactobacillus acidophilus. Some might even recognize the lesser known ones like Bifidobacteria lactis, Saccharomyces boulardii (the only yeast probiotic), and even Streptococcus. Wait, strep? Isn't that the one that gives you throat infections? Actually it is a good example of a little knowledge being dangerous. People who have heard of probiotics usually don't know a lot about probiotics. By the way, there is a strain of Streptococcus that puts out lactase, so it has been known to help people with lactose intolerance. (If you want to know the right one contact our office.) So it isn't enough to just stop by the "Health" aisle at your local grocery store and pick up Brand X Probiotics. You need to check what strains it contains, how many bacteria per serving (10-15 billion per serving is usually a good amount), do they last better in the fridge or a drawer? Here's a tip for you, avoid ordering through the mail; extremes of hot and cold temps can destroy the bacteria rendering them useless or dangerous.

So which kind do you use? Here's your first tip, if you think buying the cheapest one will save you money you are wrong. If you wouldn't shop around for the cheapest brain surgeon in town you shouldn't shop around for the cheapest anything when it comes to your family's health. Quality probiotics cost more. And make sure your advice is coming from a health care professional, not someone selling supplements made by the latest multi-level marketing company. They often rate lowest in quality and absorbability. Second tip; ask a professional who knows what they are talking about. That leaves out anybody who doesn't have specialty training in this area. You would not ask your OBGYN about brain surgery, and you wouldn't ask your orthopedic surgeon about contact lenses. This leaves out the checkout girl at the pharmacy, your friend selling multi-level marketing vitamins, and your Aunt Fern who heard about probiotics on Dr. Oz. It's your health, so treat it like it is something important.

Finally, monitor your results. Even the most thorough functional medicine specialist will miss the mark if they haven't properly assessed important things like methylation markers, nutritional deficiencies, and organ imbalances like thyroid and adrenal fatigue. Probiotics can be an amazing part of your wellness plan, but only when used the right way.

Dr. Scott Burtis is an integrative health specialist who practices in Fairmont, MN.

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Conservation volunteers honored for Volunteer Week

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is celebrating National Volunteer Week April 10th-16th, 2016 by thanking and honoring its Earth Team volunteers for their service to conservation.

Earth Team is the agency's volunteer workforce, and nationally, in fiscal year 2015, more than 23,800 people donated 294,306 hours of service to NRCS valued at over \$6.8 million.

"Volunteers work closely with our staff, and they play an important role in conservation work at the local level in the field offices across Southwest Minnesota," said Gary Watson, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Marshall. "In the 14 Southwest counties alone, over 250 people volunteered 2,894 hours of time in 2015; that is nearly \$67,000 in value from our volunteers."

"Volunteers assist with education and outreach events, organizing office files and implementing conservation practices. In some of our field offices, high school and college students gain valuable experience for their careers while working as a volunteer," said Stephanie McLain the Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator for the NRCS offices in Southwest Minnesota.

Earth Team is a program that partners volunteers with NRCS employees. It was created in 1985 and offers many opportunities to individuals 14 and older who are interested in volunteering to improve the nation's natural resources. Earth Team volunteers help NRCS conservationists provide private landowners and others a range of services from conservation technical assistance to teaching and generating awareness about conservation through community projects.

Earth Team Volunteers allow NRCS to stretch available resources and help put additional conservation practices on the ground. Volunteer efforts help improve land and wildlife habitat and contribute to cleaner water and air for everyone. The Value of Volunteer Time to the Agency is \$23.07/hour as established by the Independent Sector and utilized by the Federal Interagency Team for Volunteerism.

Learn more about the Earth Team Volunteer Program online at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/earthteam> or by calling (toll-free) 888-526-3227. For more information on NRCS visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Diabetes support group presentation on eye health

Anna Kitzmann, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System ophthalmologist, is providing a special presentation during the monthly Mayo Clinic Health System community diabetes support group meeting Tuesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

Dr. Kitzmann will discuss the connection between diabetes and eye health.

The event is free of charge, and preregistration is not required. Call 507-238-8500 or visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org for more information.

Come see the new Emergency Department

Visit the new Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Emergency Department during our public open house. The event will feature a variety of activities, including:

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Cream Cheese Rhubarb Bars

Spring has Sprung!

Finally a nice warm day today! I checked my rhubarb and it's sprouting through the good earth! I have some in the freezer from last year, so I am going to make these rhubarb cream cheese bars later this week. My friend Anita Galkin brought them as a birthday treat to our exercise group and they were a real hit. Everyone wanted the recipe so I told everyone I would share it in "What's Cooking." I hope you enjoy them too!

Cream Cheese Rhubarb Bars

Crust:

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup butter

Rhubarb Layer:

2 cups chopped rhubarb, if frozen measure while frozen, thaw and drain
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp sugar

Cream Cheese Filling:

2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs

Glaze:

2/3 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

1. Combine crust ingredients, spread in 9x13 inch pan and bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes.

2. Toss together ingredients for rhubarb layer and pour over crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes.

3. Mix together cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat egg in one at a time. Pour mixture over the rhubarb and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

4. Mix glaze ingredients and spread over bars as soon as they come out of the oven. Cool and cut into bars. Store in refrigerator. Enjoy! Have a great week!

South Central Gobblers annual banquet Saturday

The South Central Minnesota Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its 18th Annual Membership Banquet this Saturday.

The banquet will be on Saturday, April 9th at Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth. Social starts at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner will be at 7:00 p.m.

Banquet tickets are \$45 each and couples are \$65.

For ticket information, contact Joe Dubke of Fairmont at 238-4959, Tim Juba of Blue Earth at 526-2161 or David Lein of Blue Earth at 526-7361.

Prairie Star Quilters to meet in Fairmont

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild next meeting will be Monday, April 11th, at the Fairmont Covenant Church. There will be an open sew to work on the President's service project starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's project from President Deb Wallace is to make duffle bags (using the Ginormous Beach Bag pattern) for kids entering the foster care system.

There will be a noon potluck meal. The executive board will meet at 1:30 p.m., followed by a general membership meeting at 2:30 p.m. - this is a change from the time listed in the newsletter. Roxy Brummond, the PSQG librarian will report on magazines and books that have been added to the guild library since the March meeting.

One of the projects for this year is to "up-cycle" a used garment a la Project Runway. Karen Lester is the creative force behind this project. Members are

reminded to take a photo of the original garment before tearing into it! These garments will be featured in the September Style Show "Spread Your Wings." Past President Mike Ellingsen is collecting blocks for his President's Quilt. The program will be presented by Yvonne Cook, also known as the clothesline lady, who will speak on Civil War patterns. The evening group will meet at 5:30 p.m.

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild meets on the second Monday of each month at the Covenant Church at in Fairmont. There are daytime and nighttime meetings of the guild. Membership is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. Information and photos can be found on Facebook at Prairie Star Quilt Guild. For more information, call Deb Wallace at 507-436-5635.

Fairmont named Tree City USA

Fairmont was named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Started in 1976, the Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

Fairmont achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand,"said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

martincountylibrary.org

CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Spring Storytime has just started at the Fairmont Library...and it's not too late to join in the fun!

Join us for Family Storytimes on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Open to families of all ages, come and listen to stories and engage in other fun activities and projects! Lapsit

Storytimes, for ages birth to 2 and an adult caregiver, are held on Thursdays at 9:30 am. Bring your littlest learners and engage in books and fun to help build those early literacy skills!

All storytimes are free and no registration is required. Come to as many sessions as you'd like...we hope to see you there!

Storytimes will end just before Memorial Day, but new sessions will begin in June as part of our Summer Reading Program!

As always, all library events are posted on our website at www.martincountylibrary.org.

Noon Lunch with the Arts returns to Red Rock

Noon Lunch with the Arts returns on Tuesday, April 12th at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. It will feature Chelsea Hansen, granddaughter of Marilyn and Ken Rusch of Fairmont.

Chelsea is a senior at MSU-Mankato working towards a music degree in piano performance. She began playing the piano at the age of 6, and with great promise she began teaching others at the age of 17. Chelsea also writes and composes her own pieces.

The program will feature a variety of classical and easy listening pieces. Bring a sack lunch if desired, coffee provided.

Registration starts for 2016 Children's Theatre workshop

Registration forms for the Fairmont Opera House 2016 Children's Theatre Summer Workshop and Play will be coming in your child's Friday Folder.

The workshop is for students finishing 3rd through 8th grades. Younger grades will perform "The Reluctant Dragon" while older grades will perform "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Non-speaking and a limited number of tech roles will be available.

The workshop is a one-week program that runs from Monday, August 1st to Saturday, August 6th. Performances will be Saturday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 7th at 2:30 p.m. Attendance at daily workshops and performances is mandatory.

Look for a registration form in your child's Friday Folder or stop at the Fairmont Opera House to pick up a registration form.

Registrations can be mailed to Dawn Lopau, 3815 Cedar Creek Court, Fairmont, MN 56031. or email info to: fohchildrenstheatre@gmail.com.

Registrations must be received by April 29th in order to participate.

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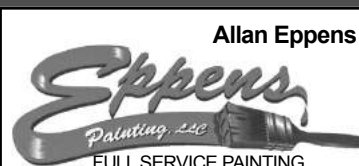
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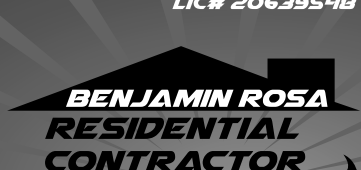
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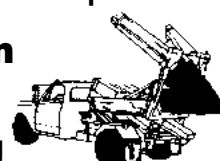
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The Minnesota House of Representatives has taken the first step towards REAL ID compliance, which would permit Minnesotans to legally board a commercial airplane beginning in 2018.

Minnesota is one of few states that does not comply with this guideline. The federal government gave us a break a few months ago, so now it's important that the legislature take needed action.

Due to privacy concerns, Minnesota had previously approved a law barring Minnesota's Department of Public Safety from even discussing REAL ID compliance with Homeland Security.

Minnesota then received a reprieve in January when the Department of Homeland Security said it needed to develop REAL ID-compliant licenses by 2018.

The legislation approved by the House will remove the no-discussions ban between the state and federal government. I expect legislation that addresses actual REAL-ID compliance to be debated later this session.

This first step is necessary because without it, Minnesota would never be able to start the REAL-ID conversation. But as it stands today, Minnesotans can be at ease

knowing the Legislature is working to resolve this issue, and there is no need to worry about boarding commercial aircraft with their current identification.

Bob Gunther,
Rep. District 23A

The Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts would like to thank all the parents, individuals, businesses, and organizations who supported the girls in their recent cookie sale. A big thank you goes out to Judy Botzet, as Service Unit Product Program Chair, and to all the Troop Cookie Chairs for organizing, collecting and keeping track of the cookies.

Thank you to Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Shopko, Perkins, and Fareway Foods for allowing our troops to hold booth sales on their premises. Thank you also to those churches, businesses, and organizations that worked with individual troops on their booth sales.

Thank you for the continuing support of the community: Grace Lutheran Church, where the girls held their Cookie Rally, Gemini Studios for promoting on the local access TV, First Farmers and Merchants for use of their electronic billboard, CER for assisting with the

use of the City of Fairmont Community Events Calendar, KSUM/KFMC Radio Station for promoting on the local radio station, and the local newspapers: the Sentinel, the Photo Press, Martin County Star, and Truman Tribune for all their publicity on the cookie program.

Finally, big thank you to all of our customers! The girls sold 22,420 boxes of cookies this year. Selling cookies plays a vital role in supporting our local troops, camps and facilities, along with scholarships from council to the girls.

We appreciate your continuing support and hope to see you next year!!

Karen Munsch
Service Unit Cookie
Program Publicity Chair
Jennifer Nielsen and
Judy Botzet
Unit Co-Managers

I am disappointed in that I believe that Fairmont is once again still the last to recognize that we need to get rid of the old stop and go lights and put in roundabouts.

Most of the towns around us have done so with good results. I could give all the reasons why to change but that would take up to much room in this letter.

We now have a perfect opportunity to do so with a major resurfacing of State Street taking place next year. Come on Fairmont, get into the 21st century!

Bob Krause
Fairmont, MN

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 10, 1991

Zanke's Sporting Goods, 445 Lake Avenue, was holding its 11th annual Fishermen's Day, with special prices on Berkley and Shimano products. Zanke's would respool your reel with new Trilene Line for one cent per yard.

Dale Splinter was named to the Pontiac Motor Sales Guild for five consecutive years and Randy Sippel was named to the guild for four consecutive years. Both men were employed by Sheppard Motors.

The Martin County VFW Post 1222 and Auxiliary presented American Flags and Minnesota state flags to the Fairmont city council chambers and Friendship Village and Fairmont Senior Citizens' Nutrition Center.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 10, 1966

Fairmont's fledgling Summer Theatre picked "Guys and Dolls" for their first production of the season, with "You Can't Take It With You" as the second vehicle. Dates had already been set. The group had previously picked "The Matchmaker" for its second play, but discovered it

was unavailable.

James Berg was installed as Exalted Ruler of the Fairmont Elks Club. Other officers were Bruce Brammer, leading knight; Douglas Schaaf, loyal knight; James Kelly, lecturing knight; John Murtha, tiler; Klelm Smith, secretary; Isadore Wishnick, treasurer; Bill Tourville, Sam Larsen, F. E. Ennis, Warren Bishop and Lowell Joerg, trustees. Installed to appointive posts were Tom Schaefer, Ernie Brewster and John Flynn.

DEATH notices

March 27 - Eldor E. Pfeil, 90, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
March 28 - Kathaleen L. Malo, 68, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
March 29 - Diane S. Gerhardt, 58, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
March 29 - Marilyn J. Cox, 84, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home
April 2 - Lillian A. Westphal, 97, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

March 31 - Betty J. Cordes, 89, Bemidji, Minnesota (formerly of Granada)
April 1 - Margaret E. Krugler, 81, Fairmont
April 2 - Dewaine L. Gilbertson, 86, Welcome
April 5 - Wayne L. Barber, 89, Sherburn

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

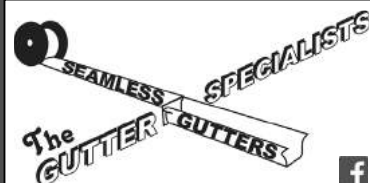
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OBITUARY notices

Diane S. Gerhardt, 58



A Celebration of Life service for Diane S. Gerhardt, 58, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont with burial at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Diane passed away Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato.

"She was our rock," "she could do anything," "she told me I could make it," "she said she was proud of me," "She did so much for me." These are just some of the first words uttered by family and friends upon learning of Diane's passing that tell us so much about her living.

Diane was born in Minneapolis to Tom and Ele (Korolewski) Sherry on March 9th, 1958. At age 4, the family moved to what would become the Sherry Farm just outside East Chain. Being of modest means, and as the second oldest of 6 children; hard work on the farm and caring for others came natural to Diane. She excelled in school, became active in high school band, cheerleading, school newspaper and was voted homecoming queen. Upon graduation, she moved to an apartment in Fairmont and took a position with Sound Incentives in the mall. In 1980, she relocated to Minneapolis and worked for an electronics company.

On Easter of 1988 she met Dick Gerhardt and by New Year's Eve of the same year they were married in the Grand Cayman Islands. The newlyweds made their home on a modest yet serene farm on the west edge of Fairmont, overlooking Dutch Creek. They were blessed with two sons, Matthew and Reid. Diane relished in her children's success, Matthew on the organ and Reid on his motorcycle. Diane felt fortunate after living with all men for 22 years, to have Matt's beautiful wife Rachel join the family. In 1995, Diane became a founding partner of Dutch Creek Custom, a pork production company that over time would become a recognized force in the pork industry.

Diane possessed a re-

lentless energy for life, was a woman of deep faith and left countless organizations, events, charities and individuals better for knowing her. Foremost, she was a proud Grace Lutheran Church member and was active as Sunday School teacher, Church Council member, Christian missions' supporter, Gracetime adult education leader, Alter Guild and Communion Server, Confirmation mentor, Coordinator of The Last Supper Portrayal and regular caregiver to many elderly and disabled church and community members. She was also an active Women's Community Bible Study leader since 2007. Diane successfully ran for Fairmont School board, where she served 8 years, became President, sought excellence in education for all students and championed a significant capital referendum for the school district. In addition, she was a 4H leader, board member at Rose Lake Golf Course and Partners in Education, Band Booster and a lead organizer of the Fairmont Triathlon.

Her sisters affectionately called her "BBP" (Bossy Big Pants) for her tendency to take charge of every situation. Other family simply called her "The Velvet Hammer." She enjoyed decorating, attending Fairmont High School sporting events with Dick, supported her boys in every endeavor and memorized other people's license plates—just for fun. She took painting lessons in her 50s and was most recently advancing in violin lessons. She overcame breast cancer, practiced the discipline of early morning exercise and completed many area running events. Diane loved to brag of her running medals and wore them proudly—particularly those that only recognized her participation.

Diane will be deeply missed by her husband, Dick Gerhardt of Fairmont; sons, Matthew Gerhardt and wife, Rachel, of Bloomington, Indiana, and Reid Gerhardt of Aberdeen, South Dakota; parents, Tom and Ele Sherry of Fairmont; five siblings, Steve Sherry and his wife, Anita, of Dodge Center, Bill Sherry of Apple Valley, Sue Lauwagie and her husband, Kevin, of Winthrop, Lori Tiedemann and her husband, John, of Bloomington, Julie Torkelson and her husband, Bruce, of Maple Grove; parents-in-law, Albert and Gladys Gerhardt of Fairmont; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Alan and Audrey Gerhardt of Minnetonka, Tim and Pam Gerhardt of Schaumburg, IL, Jack and Shelley Gerhardt of Fairmont; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Diane was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Stanley and Frances Korolewski; paternal grandparents, Richard and Catherine Sherry; nephew, Joshua Lauwagie; uncles, Percy Korolewski, Bernard Baker, Dave Gauthier.

Memorials are preferred to Grace Lutheran Missions, Fairmont Area Dollars for Scholars, Partners in Education, Susan G. Komen (breast cancer research) or The American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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Marilyn J. Cox, 84



Services for Marilyn J. Cox, 84, of Fairmont, will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th, 2016, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at a later date at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th, 2016, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Marilyn passed away Tuesday, March 29th, 2016, at Ecumen Pathstone Living Center in Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marilyn Jeanette (Peterson) Cox was born on March 15th, 1932, in Trimont, MN, the daughter of Axel and Esther (Johnson) Peterson. She attended school in Trimont and graduated from Trimont High School. Following her graduation, Marilyn attended Business School in Mankato receiving her degree in Bookkeeping. She would go on to work at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis for a couple of years.

On October 15th, 1955, Marilyn was united in marriage to Melvin R. Cox at the Covenant Church in Trimont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont, where they were blessed with three children, Marlae, Todd, and Tami.

Marilyn worked for U.S. Bank for 40 years as an internal auditor. Following her retirement, Marilyn needed something to keep her busy so she began working part-time at Profinium Bank officially retiring in 2011. Marilyn and Melvin lived in Fairmont their entire lives until moving to North Mankato in the fall of 2015.

Marilyn was an accomplished musician and found joy in playing the piano and organ. In her spare time she enjoyed working on crossword puzzles and word searches. In her younger years, Marilyn and Melvin enjoyed being active members of the Blizzard Snowmobile Club, Card Club and Dance Club. She looked forward to meeting with the Friday Night Group and treasured having lunch with friends. Marilyn was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and also a member of the Red Hat Society.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Melvin of North Mankato; children, Marlae Cox-Kolek and her husband, Mike of St. Peter, Todd Cox and his wife, Tammy of Fairmont, and Tami Vogt of Fairmont; grandchildren, Matt Kennedy and special friend, Shannon Schwenn; Lindsey Kolek and fiancé, Mike Hanson, Lukas Kolek, Cody Roberts and fiancé, Morgan Moeller, Parker Cox and special friend, Alexis Johnson, Justin Roberts, Hunter Cox, and Katayah Larson; great grandchildren, Braxtyn Roberts, Bentley Roberts, Lauren Kennedy and Colin Hanson; brother-in-law, Daryl Cox and special friend, Jennifer; sister-in-law, Lucinda Peterson; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law, and mother-in-law, Leo and Mildred Cox; two brothers, Harry Peterson and Maynard Peterson and his wife, Anne; as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and good friends.

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Lillian A. Westphal, 97



Services for Lillian A. Westphal, 97, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9th, 2016, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. Burial will follow the service in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wilbert. Visitation will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 8th, 2016, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. Lillian passed away Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Crema-

tion Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lillian Amanda (Laue) Westphal was born on July 15th, 1918, in rural Fairmont, the daughter of Adolf and Minnie (Tennov) Laue. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert and received her education from District 47 country school.

On October 6th, 1940, Lillian was united in marriage to Art Westphal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Together the couple made their home on the family farm in rural Fairmont. To this union, three children were born: Wayne, Sandy, and Sharon.

Lillian was a wonderful cook and she loved to share her baked goods with family and friends. After making sure all of the duties around the house were taken care of and everyone was well fed, Lillian enjoyed tending to her garden where she raised many items to can. Lillian also took great pride in her flowers and looked forward to spring and summer and the bright colors of the various flowers that she grew. Lillian was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Sandy Anderson and her husband, Gary of Dunnell, and Sharon Gorham and her husband, Dave of Darwin, Minnesota; daughter-in-law, MaLora Westphal of Seymour, Iowa; grandchildren, David Westphal, Denise McCoy, Danny Westphal, Todd Anderson, Jason Anderson, Tammy Kearney, Cory Broich and Tim Broich; twenty great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Art; son, Wayne Westphal; sisters, Dora Speckmann, Margaret Reiman, and Luella Reiman; and brothers, John Laue, Adolf, Laue, Dick Laue, Elmer Laue, Bill Laue, Fred Laue, and Clarence Laue.

The family requests memorials be given in Lillian's name to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

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Kathi L. Malo, 68

Services for Kathi L. Malo, 68, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 8th, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow the service in the Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 7th, 2016, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church. Kathi passed away Monday, March 28th, 2016,

at Tennova Health Care Center in Clarksville, TN. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kathleen Lenore (Wolf) Malo was born June 5th, 1947, in Hutchinson, MN. At the age of 3 months, Kathi was adopted into to the loving Wilbert and Eleanor (Cowing) Wolf family and was brought home to Fairmont. She had her baptism reaffirmed and was later confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont where she was a lifelong member. Kathi attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School. Following her graduation, Kathi then began attending Business College in St. Paul before returning to Fairmont.

On May 18th, 1968, Kathleen was united in marriage to Ronald Malo at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three children: Holly, Jill, and Kane.

Kathi worked the majority of her career with 3M working a variety positions before retiring after 35 years of service. Following her retirement, Kathi and Ron enjoyed traveling south in the winter months and cherished the chance to see her grandchildren during those trips. Over the last four winters, they looked forward to sunny days in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. In her younger years, Kathi taught Sunday School and was also Sunday School Superintendent. Her spare time was spent out on the golf course and reading. While her kids were in school, she enjoyed watching them participate in their various sporting events and collected Jonathon David figurines. Kathi will be greatly missed by those that loved her and called her their friend.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Ronald Malo of Fairmont; children, Holly Feemster and her husband, Bernard of Hickory Grove, SC, Jill Gibson and her husband, Steve of Clarksville, TN, and Kane Malo and his wife, Andrea of Austin; mother, Eleanor Wolf of Fairmont; four grandchildren, Samantha, McKenzie, Sadie, and Theo; brother-in-law, Brad Malo and his wife, Janet of Fairmont; two sisters-in-law, Pam Larson and her husband, Leland of Burnsville, and Andrea Wolf of Houston, TX; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Kathi was preceded in death by her father, Wilbert Wolf; brother, Charles Wolf; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Raymond and Doris Malo.

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What a gorgeous day Sunday was! It truly felt like spring that day and Karis and I took advantage of the day to work outside all afternoon and enjoy the sunshine. We gave the lawn mower a lot of exercise that day, picking up all the branches that had blown down over the winter, then cleaning out the cat droppings that were scattered in the barn this winter and hauling them out in the field for "fertilizer". I was tempted to start tilling up the garden plots to get ready for planting, but chose not to do that since I heard the weather forecast for this week and decided it would not be a good thing right now. With Karis and I on our new "change in lifestyle" diets, we decided not to plant potatoes this year, since we eat very few of them anymore. So, since it is too early to plant many of the

other things that will go in our garden this year, I am in no hurry to work it up.

What is it?

We have a new "What is it?" for this week. Ed Wessel of Fairmont stopped in the office on Monday and brought in this heavy iron



item that was formed in a spiral. It is made of solid metal rod and as you can see in the picture, compared to the quarter next to it, is fairly large in size. So, what is the item? Drop me an email with your guesses and I will reveal

the answer next week.

Anew from the Ashes

The community of Northrop has been the subject of many area news items in the past week after a lightning strike



early Wednesday morning started a blaze that destroyed the St. James Lutheran Church sanctuary and damaged the adjoining school gymnasium and classrooms. My sister Larissa and her family are members of that church and I couldn't believe the pictures that she sent me early Wednesday morning. I'm sure that it was very hard for Reverend Trueblood and the congregation members to watch their church building burn out of control that morning and the loss of the structure has for-

ever changed the east side of Northrop's view from State Highway 15. Many items of irreplaceable value were lost in the fire, but there were also some "treasured finds" that were removed from the rubble in the cleanup afterwards. The church bell was located, the large iron cross was recovered, although twisted by the heat of the fire, some of the communion service items were found, as was a small replica of the church built by Dennis Kosbab for the church centennial in 1990. Martin Luther High School has graciously offered their building for the church to hold Sunday services and for St. James Lutheran School to hold classes until cleanup and repairs can be done on the school building. Last Sunday, the church met in the MLHS gymnasium for their service and at the front of the event was the straightened up iron cross and the cornerstone that had been removed from the last corner left

standing of the building. Many congregation families, friends and special guests were in attendance, as were a number of service dogs from Lutheran Church Canines that were provided to church members and school students to comfort the many that were affected by the blaze. There is a planned fundraiser benefit for the St. James Lutheran Church Congregation on Satur-



day, April 23rd at Martin Luther High School in Northrop, so keep watching for more details in the coming weeks. During this challenging time for Pastor Trueblood and the St. James Lutheran members, one important thing to remember is: the fire may have destroyed your

church sanctuary, but it will never destroy the church (its congregational family).

What to do this weekend

Before I go this week, just a few events to point out for the coming week: Friday, April 8th the Relay for Life Team Bravo is having an all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner at the Northrop American Legion from 5-8:00 p.m. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. On Saturday, April 9th the Martin County Humane Society is having a bake sale at Fleet & Farm Supply in Fairmont from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday is also when the South Central MN Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is holding their membership banquet at Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth. Social is at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Support St. James Lutheran!

Jeff

BY
HENRY BOLTING

Thompson Haugen Jewelry celebrates 20 years

They say when one door closes another one opens. That's how Thompson-Haugen Jewelers got its start. When the door closed on the

believe that opening their own store might be possible.

Seeking financial advice from Allen Struck and Ernie Nuss, they started to



jewelry store Mindy and Peg worked at they wondered "what now"? With encouragement from customers and salesmen and support from Chuck and Russ, their husbands, they started to

put together a plan. Things gradually fell into place and with a business plan in hand, they and their husbands went before the FEDA board to apply for a low interest loan to help with start up expenses.

The rest is history. With the relocation of the Midwest Vision Center there was an empty bay in the Five Lakes Centre (at the time it was called Fairmall Shopping Center) for rent. With help from Peg's brother Bob, a contractor, they designed a store and went to work demolishing the site, doing the work themselves.

Bob then started the rebuilding process. Their opening date was April 12th and they were putting on the finishing touches just hours before opening. It took two months from start to finish.

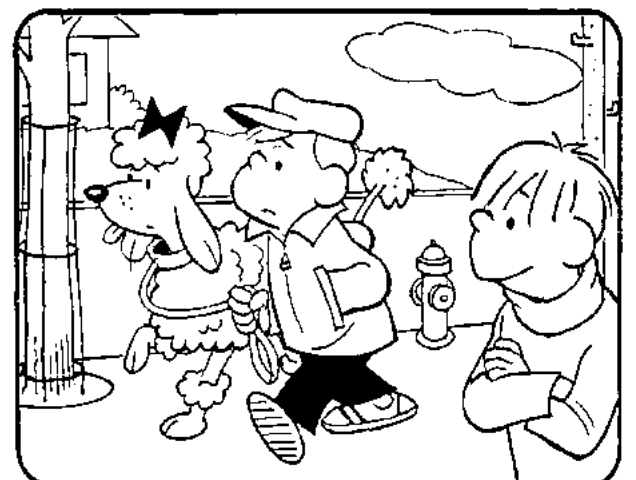
Fast forward 20 years. The jewelry business has changed over the years with the internet and department stores selling jewelry. Where do you go to have your ring or watch sized

after purchasing it on the internet? Thompson-Haugen provides that service for all the jewelry they sell and purchases made elsewhere.

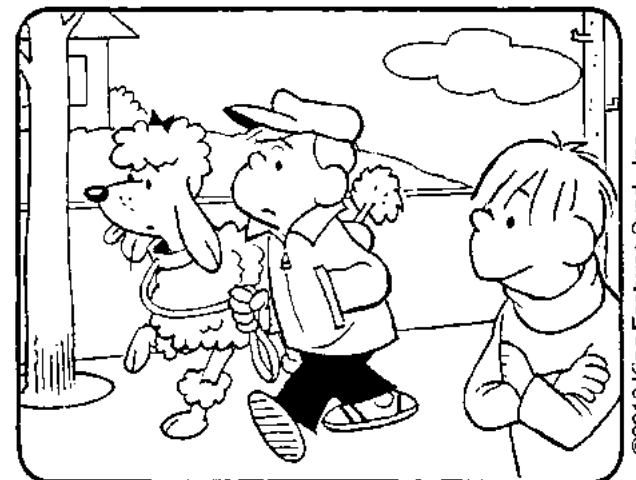
Peg and Mindy are celebrating their 20 year anniversary still at the mall - and still friends. Peg commented "Many people have said that it is very rare for a partnership to last 20 years, and we can truly say we have never had a disagreement." Compromise is very important and mutual respect for each other and their ideas. They have been lucky to have wonderful employees through the years who have supported them.

In appreciation for all their customers through the years they invite you to stop in and register for many prizes to be given away. Refreshments will be served on Saturday, April 16th.

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BEAHS Knowledge Bowl Season ends with honors

A solid but not stellar showing at the 2016 Senior High Knowledge Bowl Regional Tournament ended the Blue Earth Area squad's season.

Competing in Mankato on Tuesday, March 9th, 2016, the Blue Earth Area Ruby team with Ben Backstrom, Bryan Karp, Bennett Petersen, Hunter Rock and Jacob Willette, started with an uncharacteristically low written round score - an area that has been a strength all season. They moved up steadily throughout the day, finishing in 14th place with a score of 93 points, short of

a trip to the State Tournament - only the top 5 teams advance. Lucas Determan was pocket box operator for the day. During the Regional meet, the adults who serve as readers and judges watch the students and look for the highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship. The BEAHS Ruby team was awarded the Team Spirit Award for the 2016 tournament - a great honor. Senior High Knowledge Bowl has been coached by Mike Ellingsen since the program began in 1984. Since that time the team has made 14 trips to the

State Tournament - 1985, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011 and 2013, with the 2005 team finishing fifth, and the coveted Heritage Spirit Award going to the Blue Earth Area squad twice, both in 1990 and 1999. Members of that first team (which qualified for State in 1985) were Darien Gray, David Katzke, Joel Krueger, David Miller and Chris Richter. This year Will Howieson has served as Ellingsen's assistant; next year he will assume the duties of head coach, with Ellingsen assisting him.



2016 Blue Earth Area Knowledge Bowl Ruby (Left to Right) Lucas Determan, Hunter Rock, Bennett Petersen, Ben Backstrom, Jacob Willette, Bryan Karp.

HyVee's Kinship cooking class

Kinship kids had a blast learning new recipes, making crafts and healthy snacks, and learning about nutrition at three recent cooking classes taught by Jill Smith at Hy-Vee.

At the Christmas cooking class the kids made banana snowmen with strawberry hats, reindeer sandwiches, and trail mix. Mentees had a picture taken with their mentors and got to

create a cute picture frame to take home! At the Valentine's Day cooking class mentors and mentees made chocolate cherry milk, mini heart pizzas, and fruit cup googly-eye creatures. The most recent cooking class for St. Patrick's Day featured green smoothies, spinach wrap roll-ups, and fruit kabobs with Pot o' Gold fruit dip. The kids made leprechaun hats and beards and even got to take home gift bags!

Each class was exciting and taught mentees that they can make delicious, healthy snacks themselves. Kinship is grateful to Jill Smith for teaching such fun, creative classes and for demonstrating that good nutrition can be fun! We are also grateful to Hy-Vee for hosting the classes and allowing Kinship kids to use their meeting space.



Little Miss/Mister Fairmont competition underway

Interlaken Heritage Day's Little Miss and Mister Fairmont competition is underway!

This is not a talent competition and any child between the ages of four and nine years is invited! The winners will be the Grand Marshals in the Kiddie Parade taking place before the main parade on June 11th!

For more information contact Rachel Greeley at rach020@yahoo.com



2015 Little Miss/Little Mister Fairmont.

Conservation Club birdhouse annual giveaway April 9

The Martin County Conservation Club is holding its annual giveaway of birdhouses on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

offering for free, 25 each of Wren, Bluebird and Wood Duck houses plus 10 Robin nesting shelves that are ready to install. These houses are made

The conservation club has made a few different houses for demonstration. They are a Bat, Northern Flicker and Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk) houses. Also offered for sale are handcrafted Wren houses in both traditional and unique designs. They are easy to install and clean.

Earlier this month, the club donated Wren houses to the first graders at Granada-Huntley-East Chain and Truman Public Schools. They will decorate the house to personalize them and then bring them home to help them learn about birds.

Come and visit the Martin County Conservation Club and they will answer your questions on installation and maintenance of nest boxes.



Bird houses that will be given away at the club.

To get to the park, take Highway 15 approximately seven miles south of Fairmont, turn right on County Road 8, then go 1 1/4 miles west, just past Hand's Park.

This year, the club is

of salvaged wood primarily donated by Hertzke Construction and Gordy Luckow. Most of the paint came from Martin County's paint recycling program. Donations are encouraged.

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Jackson student wins D.C. trip from Federated Rural Electric

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, salutes the winners in its 2016 Youth Tour Contest.

Winning the grand prize was Jessica Christoffer, Round Lake; she won Federated's free trip to Washington, D.C. June 11th-16th. Christoffer is the daughter of Dean and Andrea Christoffer. She is a sophomore at Jackson County Central High School. She will be among 1,500 teenagers from across the country participating in Youth Tour, which is sponsored by electric cooperatives. Christoffer will tour the D.C. memorials and sites, witness Congress

in session, visit with legislators and enjoy an evening dinner theater, while learning about cooperatives.

Second and third place awards of \$150 and \$100 were awarded to Courtney Zaharia and Coretta Hedstrom. Zaharia received second place. She is the daughter of John and Teresa Zaharia of Truman. She is a junior attending Truman High School. Hedstrom is a home-schooled senior. She is the daughter of Dale and Mary Hedstrom of Lakefield.

The other two finalists were Ally Ringeisen and Logan Potthoff. Ringeisen is a junior at Jackson Coun-

ty Central High School and is the daughter of Betty and Dave Ringeisen. Logan is the son of Neal and Dawn Potthoff of Dunnell. Potthoff is a sophomore at Martin County West High School.

"Federated is proud to sponsor this contest," said General Manager Scott Reimer. "It's an investment in our youth and future. This trip gives local teens exposure to our industry and government in action. These are our future leaders and I'm happy to report that we are in good hands."

Federated, your local Touchstone Energy partner, is a cooperative that

provides electric service to 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

(Seated L-R): Jessica Christoffer, Round Lake, won Federated's free trip to Washington, D.C. in the Youth Tour Contest. Courtney Zaharia, Truman, won second place and \$150. (Standing): Other finalists were (back, L-R): Logan Potthoff, Dunnell; Coretta Hedstrom, Lakefield, who earned \$100 for third place; and Ally Ringeisen, Sherburn.



The Respect Team at Fairmont Elementary has implemented "Character of the Month". In March the character trait focused on Fairness. These students show great "Fairness". Front row (left to right): 2nd grade Lauren Voss, 1st grade Carter Byers, kindergarten, Alex Fitzloff. Back row (left to right): 6th grade Tyler Gronewald, 5th grade Allison Janssen, 4th grade Elayna Anderson, 3rd grade Caleb Stibbe. The students received a pizza courtesy of Jake's Pizza. There were 70 other students in the drawing that received a treat courtesy of Rick DeBoer Signs.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Gifts

Thank you to the following for their gifts of \$1,768.40 for the first quarter of 2016 to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund:

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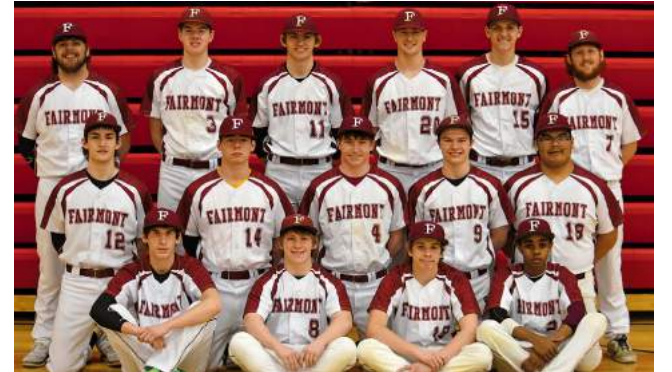
Fairmont Cardinals Softball: front row (left to right): Taylor Crissinger, Jordan Ehlert, Sarah Tschumperlin, Tierny Arens and Courtney Williams. Middle row: Hailey Meyers, Jaiden Leiding, Kassandra Lopez, Taylor Nuss, Whitney Scott, Allison Johnston and Sydnea Brinkman. Back row: Madison Moeller, Mariah Gochanour, Lexus Wojtanowitz, Ana Krause, Sydney Hainy, Ericka Kim and Mallory Gochanour. Not pictured: Carmen Martin, Mallory Mosloski and Abby Fitzgerald.

Fairmont 2015-2016 Baseball
THU, APR 07, 5:30pm at JCC
SAT, APR 09, 9:00am
MCW Invite
TUE, APR 12, 5:30pm
Worthington
THU, APR 14, 5:30pm at
St. Peter
FRI, APR 15, 5:00pm at
Belle Plaine
TUE, APR 19, 5:30pm at Waseca
THU, APR 21, 5:30pm at
Blue Earth Area
SAT, APR 23, 1:00pm St.
James Area
TUE, APR 26, 5:00pm Marshall
THU, APR 28, 5:30pm New Ulm
FRI, APR 29, 5:30pm at
Worthington

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TUE, APR 26, DH 4:00pm at
Marshall
THU, APR 28, 5:30pm at New Ulm
FRI, APR 29, 5:30pm Worthington

Martin Luther/GHEC/Truman 2015-2016 Baseball
FRI, APR 08, 4:30pm at USC
MON, APR 11, 4:30pm vs.
St. James
TUES, APR 12, 5:00pm at St. Clair
FRI, APR 15, 4:30pm at MCW
MON, APR 18, 5:00pm vs.
Alden-Conger
TUE, APR 19, 5:00pm at
Loyola Catholic
FRI, APR 22, 4:30pm at
Mt. Lake Area
SAT, APR 23, 11:00am
Lyle-Pacelli Invite
MON, APR 25, 4:30pm vs.
Blue Earth Area



Fairmont Cardinals 2016 Baseball: front row (left to right): Carter Lloyd, Cody Freese, Jacob Tennyson and Christian Engeman. Middle row: Dylan Gerken, Cory Lyons, Carter Lloyd, Nate Kallenbach and Mark Washa. Back row: Nathan Gillis, Sam Schwieger, Tyler Tennyson, Jack Waletich, Kale Fritz and Clayton Maakestad.

TUE, APR 26, 5:00pm vs.
Alden-Conger

Martin Luther/GHEC 2015-2016 Softball
THU, APR 07, 2016 vs.
Alden-Conger
FRI, APR 08, 4:30pm at USC
MON, APR 11, 4:30pm at JWP
THU, APR 14, 4:30pm at Medford
THU, APR 21, 5:00pm vs.
Cleveland

MADELIA-TRUMAN 2015-2016 Softball
TUE, APR 05, 4:30pm MVL
FRI, APR 08, 4:30pm LCWM
THU, APR 14, 5:00pm MCW
THU, APR 21, 4:30pm LCWM
FRI, APR 22, 5:00 pm
Alden-Conger
SAT, APR 23, 10:00am
Morris Invite
MON, APR 25, 5:00pm Cleveland
THU, APR 28, 5:00pm St. Clair
FRI, APR 29, 4:30pm
HL-Okabena

MCW 2015-2016 Baseball
FRI, APR 08, 5:00pm at JCC
SAT, APR 09, 9:00am MCW
Invitational
TUE, APR 12, 5:00pm
Alden-Conger
FRI, APR 15, 5:00pm Truman
TUE, APR 19, 5:00pm
Redwood Valley
THU, APR 21, 5:00pm at Nicollet
FRI, APR 22, 4:30pm at
Maple River
THU, APR 28, 4:30pm at JWP

MCW 2015-2016 Softball
SAT, APR 09, 10:00am MCW
Invitational
THU, APR 14, 5:00pm
Madelia-Truman
TUE, APR 19, 5:00pm
at Alden-Conger
FRI, APR 22, 5:00pm
Mankato Loyola
THU, APR 28, 5:00pm Nicollet

Notice to Farmers of Martin County

Please be advised that **planting and plowing within the highway right-of-way** as well as depositing field rocks is in violation of Minnesota Statute 160.27, as is removing, injuring or displacing right-of-way markers.

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A lady beetle joined me in my office. I watched as it took a walk on the walled side.

I sat comfortably, drinking a cup of tea while observing that insect and looking out the window at the birds at the feeders. I call it multitasking. The birds seemed happy to be there. They were singing, telling all who listened that it's a brand new day.

From the mailbag

Here are a couple of fine reports received from friends that were too good to keep to myself.

Joyce Tabor of Askov wrote that her father had taught her this,

"Spring's here," said the robin.

"Where?" asked the crow.

"Here," said the robin.

"Oh," said the crow.

Stephen Ingraham of Kennebunk, Maine wrote, "I hung a new thistle feeder, one of those long white socks full of seed things, with a bright yellow cap, but the finches still seem to prefer the labor of shelling black-oil sunflower seeds...tough breed of finches we have here in Maine. I saw my first finch on the sock today, but the other finches, from their perches on the sunflower feeder, were clearly looking askance...I think they might have been making mockery of thistle feeding finches in general, and

that pioneer finch in particular. I think, I'm pretty sure, in time's sweet time the whole flock will become sock acclimated...thistle does go down a treat (so I hear, and if you are a finch) even in rugged Maine. I can wait. I already paid for the feeder."

Q-and-A

"When is the breeding season for squirrels?" Gray squirrels mate twice a year, typically December to February and June through August. Two to four babies are born hairless and weighing 1/2 ounce. Fox squirrels also mate twice a year, typically December to February and June through July. They have two to three babies, born hairless and weighing 1/2 ounce. Red squirrels mate in February or March. Like the other tree squirrels, they are born hairless, but are even smaller, weighing about a quarter of an ounce. The red squirrel

gives birth to one to eight babies, usually three to four. The young of all three species are completely independent by 12 weeks of age. The gestation times are approximately 44 days for the gray squirrel, 45 for the fox and 35 for the red. A study found that only 25 percent of squirrels survive one year.

"I love my window bird feeder, but the suction cups are going bad. Is there anything I can do until I find replacements?" Placing the suction cups in boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes could return some elasticity. This makes the plastic more flexible. Wash the window thoroughly. The cups adhere best to clean, warm windows. Mount the feeder onto a window that had been warmed by the sun or use a hair dryer to warm the glass. Don't use water in an effort to improve the suction. Instead, rub a little vegetable oil on the suction cups to enhance the suction. Burp the cups by pressing down on them to remove air.

BBRP Expo

The Bluebird Recovery Program (BBRP) Expo

will be held in Byron at the Middle School located at 601 4th Street NW on Saturday, April 16th. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be presentations, a live owl, vendors, exhibits and helpful advice. The BBRP's mission statement reads, "To encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of bluebirds and native cavity nesters." To register, go to <http://bbrrp.org/homepage/expo/>

Good Earth Village

An open house will be held on Sunday, April 24th from 2 to 5 p.m. at Good Earth Village. The local camp and retreat center invites all ages to explore the 500 acres at no cost, participate in camp activities and meet the staff.



There's no bird like a snowbird. Photo by Al Batt

Good Earth Village is located at 25303 Old Town Drive near Spring Valley.

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Spring clean your car: tips to get your car in great condition

(StatePoint) For some, spring cleaning is a time-honored ritual, which doesn't just apply to your house. Remember that your car is likely in desperate need of some attention after the winter months.

"A car that's well-maintained is safer, cheaper to run, more reliable and can be worth more money at resale time," says Brian Moody, executive editor of Autotrader.

To help, Autotrader editors are sharing "Simple Spring Car Care" tips to get

your car in tip-top shape for the busy driving season ahead:

- Wash and wax your car thoroughly. If you can afford it, have it professionally detailed. However, if you do it yourself, be sure to use a pressure nozzle in order to rid your car of any leftover road salt or sand from the winter. Direct sunlight can cause a car's finish to become dull, but a thorough washing and waxing can also help keep your car's paint and



clear coat looking good.

It's tempting to run the car through an automated car wash, but those big revolving brushes can dull the finish over time. If you're not allowed to wash your car at home due to regional laws or neighborhood rules, seek out a good drive-thru wash and hand wax instead.

- Check and set your car's tire pressure to the level specified in your owner's manual or on the

driver's door sill. As temperatures warm up, the air in your tires can expand and that might impact the way the car handles.

Be sure not to over-inflate the tires. While low tire pressure can cause the tire to heat up if it's not rolling down the road properly, extreme over-inflation can cause a blow-out in high temperatures. If you're not comfortable doing this yourself, take your car to your local tire or repair shop.

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Fairmont Ford announced plans to conduct a "Test Drive Fundraiser" with money to be donated to the Fairmont Area Schools.

For the first 300 people to take a no obligation/no pressure test drive of a Ford product, \$20 will be donated to the Fairmont Area Schools.

The test drives will

take place at the Fairmont High School on Wednesday, April 27th from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Up to \$6,000 is available. When you take the test drive, you can designate where the money goes: Activities, clubs, athletics, academics or fine arts.

Get out there and Test Drive for Funds!

Gas-saving tips for your auto

While it is always wise to conserve natural resources, the recent price of gasoline has made even the most wasteful people think twice.

Whatever your motivation, here are some gas saving tips from the pros at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

Monitor tires. Under inflated tires or poorly aligned wheels waste fuel by forcing the engine to work harder. (Let the tires cool down before checking the air pressure.)

Out-of-line wheels, as evidenced by uneven tread wear, should be aligned by a professional.

Remove excess weight. Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle. Store only essentials in the trunk. Less weight means better mileage.

Consolidate trips and errands. Some trips may be unnecessary. Also, try to travel when traffic is light so you can avoid stop-and-go conditions.

Avoid excessive idling. Shut off the engine while waiting for friends and family.

Observe speed limits. Speeding decreases your miles per gallon.

Drive gently. Sudden accelerations guzzle gas.

Anticipate traffic patterns ahead and adjust your speed gradually.

Use windows and air conditioning wisely. Your mileage should improve if you keep the windows closed at highway speeds, since air drag is reduced. This is true even with the air conditioning on—assuming that the system is in good working order. But turn the air conditioning off in stop-and-go traffic to save fuel.

Keep your engine "tuned up." A well-maintained engine operates at peak efficiency, maximizing gas mileage. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Re-

place filters and fluids as recommended; have engine performance problems (rough idling, poor acceleration, etc.) corrected at a repair facility. Given today's high-tech engines, it's wise to have this type of work done by auto technicians who are ASE certified in engine performance.

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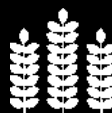
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Top 10 Spring car care tips

Fact: 2,600 deaths a year occur from neglected vehicle maintenance. - *National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration*

Each and every year cold temperatures, snow and ice, road salt, potholes, frost heaves, batteries, tires, brakes and suspensions put our vehicles to the test. While most new vehicles have "smart" computer systems that can alert us about this and that there can be some components that can make our

vehicles unsafe if left unattended.

Add A Checkup To Your Spring Cleanup

Spring is the time to "thank" our hard-working vehicles for their great winter performance with a maintenance overhaul. There are plenty of things you can do yourself to help your vehicle get back to 100%. A spring checkup can help uncover winter damage but there may be some components that are

harder to check without requiring a skilled technician to pinpoint the problem. You should have your engine analyzed by a competent technician and determine the if any of your vehicles components are in need of servicing.

Batteries, Plugs & Wires: All of these components give the spark to your your vehicle and they work extra hard when it's cold. Winter stress can compromise their performance up to 60 percent. Test and replace old or weak batteries, plugs and wires, especially those more than three years old. It will certainly be cheaper than a tow and replacement down the road.

Tire Pressure: Cold weather can reduce tire pressure, so make sure all tires, including the spare, are properly inflated and balanced. You can check the inside of your car door to find out what the proper air pressure should be.

Belts and hoses: Inspect and replace worn or cracked belts, as well as hoses that are blistered, brittle or too soft. Belts and hoses older than five

years, even if they look intact, might need to be replaced.

Brakes: After a season of snow and ice it is advisable to inspect the brake system, including lines, hoses, parking brake and brake fluid for proper level. We rely on our brakes and something as simple as a brake pad change can help put an end to any worries about brake safety.

Suspension & Wheel Alignment: Deep potholes aren't friendly to shocks and struts. An inspection to determine wear or leaks can alleviate bigger issues down the road. Also having your wheels properly aligned after a season of tough conditions can help keep you on the road in a safe direction.

Fluid Levels: There are lots of things to check but don't skip over any of them: engine oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze/coolant and, yes, even windshield washer fluid. Commonly a brake fluid flush can get your sluggish brakes working as good as new and because this is recommended once a year there is no better time to get it done.

Engine Air filter: Changing out the engine air filter is a quick job that can be done during any

oil, brake or transmission fluid change.

Windshield Wipers: Check them for wear and cracks and replace them if necessary, think about doing this each spring and fall.

Clean the interior: It's easy to use your car or truck as a storage area for all kinds of things (including useless junk and garbage), especially in the cold months when you don't feel like cleaning your car in the freezing cold. Take the time to declutter your car, losing the extra weight can significantly increase your gas mileage too. It's worth it.

Clean the exterior: Take special care to address the undercarriage where road salt can eat away or corrode the metal. A thorough cleaning at a car wash should do the trick.

100,000 mile maintenance: The average family drives about 12-15k miles which means that it is around the 7-10 year mark and time for a little more than your average overhaul. If you keep up with seasonal maintenance and the major maintenance benchmarks then there is no reason that you can't see your vehicles odometer go to 200,000 miles and beyond.



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Surprising March 31st USDA Reports

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On March 31st, 2016, USDA released its "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 increases in U.S. corn and soybean acreage in 2016, and the potential for even larger increases in USDA estimated grain stocks in the coming year. 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. This is the time of the year when 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 in the Spring months, from April until June.

Following are the key items from the March 31st Reports:

Corn - Indicated intended corn planting acres of 93.6 million acres for 2016, which is an increase of 6 percent from the 88 million planted acres in 2015. The 2016 USDA corn acreage estimate exceeded the average grain trade estimate by over 3.6 million acres, and even exceeded the highest grain trade estimate by 2.6 million acres. If achieved, the 2016 U.S. corn acreage would be the third highest since 1944, trailing only the 95.4 million acres

in 2013 and the 97.2 million acres planted in 2012. The 2016 corn acreage is expected to increase or remain steady in 41 of the 48 U.S. States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii.

The total U.S. corn stocks on March 1st, 2016, were listed at over 7.81 billion bushels, which is up less than 1 percent, compared to the 7.75 billion bushels on March 1st, 2015, but is much higher than the 5.4 billion bushels of corn stocks that existed as recently as March 1st, 2013. The March 1st USDA estimate is very close to grain trade estimates prior to the Report.

Soybeans - Indicated intended 2016 soybean planted acres at 82.2 million acres, which is down less than 1 percent from the 82.6 million acres of soybeans in 2015, and was below the grain trade average estimate of 83.1 million acres. The record U.S. soybean acreage was 83.3 million acres in 2013. Soybean acreage in 2016 to be steady or decline in 21 of the 31 major soybean producing States.

Soybean stocks on March 1, 2016, were listed at 1.53 billion bushels, which up 15 percent from 1.33 billion bushels on March 1st, 2015, and compares to under 1 billion bushels as recently as March 1st, 2014. The March 1st soybean stocks estimate was slightly below the pre-report estimates by grain traders.

Wheat - Intended total wheat plantings for 2016 are 49.6 million acres, which is down 9 percent from 54.6 million acres in 2015, and is much lower than the 56.8 million acres in 2014. Total wheat stocks

on March 1st, 2016, were listed at 1.37 billion bushels, which is up 20 percent from 1.14 billion bushels on March 1st, 2015, but was close to grain trade estimates.

Cotton - Indicated intended cotton plantings of 9.56 million acres for 2016, which is up 11 percent from 2015 acreage levels. The 2016 estimates reverse a trend in recent years of reduced cotton acres in the South being converted to extra corn and soybean acres.

The State-by-State Prospective Plantings Report for 2016 is also rather interesting. Minnesota corn growers are expected to plant 8.2 million acres of corn in 2015, which is up slightly from the 8.1 million planted in 2015. Minnesota farmers are expected to decrease their planted soybean acres by 3 percent in 2016 to 7.4 million acres, which compares to 7.6 million in 2015. Prospective plantings for 2016 in Iowa indicated 13.9 million acres of corn, which is up 3 percent from the 13.5 million planted in 2015. The 2016 planted soybean acreage in Iowa is estimated at 9.7 million acres, which compares to 9.85 million in 2015.

Prospective corn acres for 2016 in Illinois, Indiana, and Nebraska showed a 3 percent increase, as compared to 2015 corn acreage. The corn acreage in South Dakota is projected to increase by 6 percent in 2016, with a 24 percent corn acreage increase in North Dakota, compared to 2015 planted acres. Illinois is expected to have a 2 percent increase in soybean acreage in 2016,

compared to 2015 acreage, while 2016 soybean acreage in Indiana and Nebraska are projected to remain steady with a year earlier. South Dakota expects soybean acreage levels in 2016 to decline by 3 percent, as compared to 2015, while North Dakota will likely see a 3 percent increase in soybean acreage in 2016. North Dakota is expected to have 3.4 million acres of corn and 5.9 million acres of soybeans in 2016, while South Dakota is projected to have 5.7 million acres of corn and 5 million acres of soybeans.

The March 31st USDA Grain Stocks Report indicated that as of March 1st, 2016, there were over 4.33 billion bushels of corn and just over 727 million bushels of soybeans stored on farms in the U.S., which represents about 56

percent of the total corn stocks and 47 percent of the total soybean stocks. The March 1st, 2016, on-farm grain stocks compare to 4.38 billion bushels of corn and 609 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm storage on March 1st, 2015.

According to the USDA Report, there were 670 million bushels of corn and 99 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm storage in Minnesota on March 1st, 2016, compared to 580 million bushels of corn and 72 million bushels of soybeans a year earlier in 2015. In Iowa, USDA estimated 930 million bushels of corn and 155 million bushels of soybeans in on-farm storage on March 1st, 2016, compared to 910 million bushels of corn and 110 million bushels of soybeans on March 1st, 2015.

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, 2016, may not be forward priced, as compared to other recent years, due to continued low market prices since harvest in 2015. The large amount of corn and soybean bushels in on-farm storage, much of which is probably not priced, will likely make the grain market trends in the next few months very important for selling the remaining inventories, as well as for pricing the "new crop" 2016 corn and soybeans.



Ask A Trooper: Kayak extender legal?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
MN State Patrol

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\$8/adults; \$5/under 12.
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Spring Sweep CLEARANCE SALE

Final Markdowns | Bargains in the Hall

FIVE LAKES
Fairmont, Minnesota CENTRE

Spring Semi-Annual Rummage/Bake Sale

Thursday, April 7 • 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, April 8 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 9 • 8 a.m. - Noon
Saturday Clearance: \$2/grocery bag
Martin Luther High School
- Northrop, MN

Fairmont VFW
1500 S. ALBION AVE.
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Hamburger Night

Every Thursday
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hamburger or Chicken Filet and
French Fries. Open to the public.
"DINE IN ONLY"

Fri, April 8 • 5:30-Gone

STEAK & SHRIMP FRY

Grilled sirloin
steak or shrimp: **\$12.99**

Grilled sirloin
steak & shrimp: **\$13.99**

Comes with salad bar

Saturday, 5:30-Gone
All-You-Can-Eat
Spaghetti

served with
garlic bread **\$7.99**

Last one of the season!

FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather,
shortages or delays in shipping.

APR 7 - 13

Elementary hot breakfast can be found online.

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon round, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Burrito, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple muffins, PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Sweet and sour popcorn chicken, rice, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, peas, broccoli, grapes, mandarin oranges and pineapple. JR/HS: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, corn, caesar side salad, carrots, apple, mixed fruit.

FRI: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon texas toast, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Ham and cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese pizza, nacho chip fun lunch, carrots, caesar salad, orange, apple. JR/HS: Hotdish, broccoli, three bean salad, cucumber slices, orange, pineapple tidbits.

MON: Breakfast K-6: Breakfast pizza, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, mandarin oranges, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheeseburger, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, fried, caesar salad, apple, pears. JR/HS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, carrot broccoli ranch salad, celery sticks, apple, pears.

TUES: Breakfast K-6: Cocoa Puffs, cracker, orange, peach applesauce, milk. JR/HS: French toast sticks, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Corn dog, salad, dinner roll, baked beans, carrots, grapes, applesauce. JR/HS: Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, carrots, orange, applesauce.

WED: Breakfast K-6: Pancake on a stick, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on a stick, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB&J, pineapple tidbits, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Spaghetti, breadstick, turkey and cheese sandwich, green beans, cucumbers, apple, peaches. JR/HS: Max pizza sticks, peas, cranberry spinach salad, green pepper strips, apple, peaches.

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Saturday Night, April 9th

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Monday-Saturday: 11am-10pm
Sunday: 1pm - 10pm

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1502 Albion Fairmont, MN

TRUMAN AREA

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APR 7 - 13

THUR: Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Tacos, refried beans, corn, fruit.

FRI: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, salsa, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans, veggies, fruit salad.

MON: Breakfast: Cereal bar, string cheese, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, carrots, fruit.

TUE: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, syrup, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Hamburger, sweet potato fries, veggies, orange, apple.

WED: Breakfast: Omelette, salsa, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, rice, beans, corn, pears.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

APR 7 - 13

THUR: Hamburger, carrots, fries.

FRI: Cheese pizza, peaches, ceasar salad, red pepper strips.

MON: Mini corn dogs, tator tots, orange, green beans.

TUES: Spaghetti bake, pineapple tidbits, carrots, garlic bread.

WED: Deli turkey wrap, orange, CA blend, rice krispee bar.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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FKQFD WA WF FDCZ UNQOD

WF XII. — PWUU KXOCKH

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A winter cheer banquet gathering was held at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont for the Fairmont Area School cheerleaders.

Temperance Lake Ridge of Sherburn challenged Easy Automation of Welcome to a Food Drive Challenge recently to see who could raise the most food for Heaven's Table Food Bank during March, which is National Food Shelf Month. Both teams made a valiant effort but Temperance Lake Ridge pulled ahead at the final stretch. The real winners are the Food Shelf recipients as their donations were matched during the March Food Drive. Pictured is Lisa Lange (left), Executive Director of Temperance Lake Ridge and Lauren Gaalswyk of Easy Automation.



Students in Mrs. Viesselman's 3rd grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School who pass the addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and

mixed facts 6-minute timed tests are awarded a Math Whiz trophy for their efforts.

Award winners so far this year are (L-R), Front Row: Madison Pluim, Izzy Zellmer, Kat Ogden. Back Row: Hannah Okerman, Kegan Roloff, Kenlie Luniwski. Not Pictured: Oliver Thedens



Fairmont Area School Cheerleaders were one of the featured acts at the Partners In Education Talent Show held last week.

39th ANNIVERSARY SALE

'15 DODGE RAM 1500 CREW TRADESMAN



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