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Continue to Remember

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



Sometimes deep feelings are hard to put into words. Seeing or hearing something of magnificence brings out the desire to CONTINUE TO REMEMBER. This happened when we attended another of the Immanuel Lutheran of Dunnell, MN, Christmas concerts. The street in front of the church was lined with cars. We watched as the crowd approached the tall, white-colored church that was built on a hill of the small prairie town. The church has the well-known shape of Scandinavian influence. The high steeples seem to be reaching into the prairie sky. Some early Swedish pioneers of the Southern Minnesota prairie

formed a congregation and built this church of beauty. It has become a tradition. The church sponsors a Christmas concert for the public each year. The concert features Glen Henriksen, a farmer/musician. He shares time with some other musicians who bring variety to the afternoon of pleasure. The seats of the church soon fill with people from a wide area. The music of Christmas is something that the people want to hear. It ranges from music of the church to classical. The music is offered without looking at printed music. We entered the church remembering the first such concert that we attended sev-

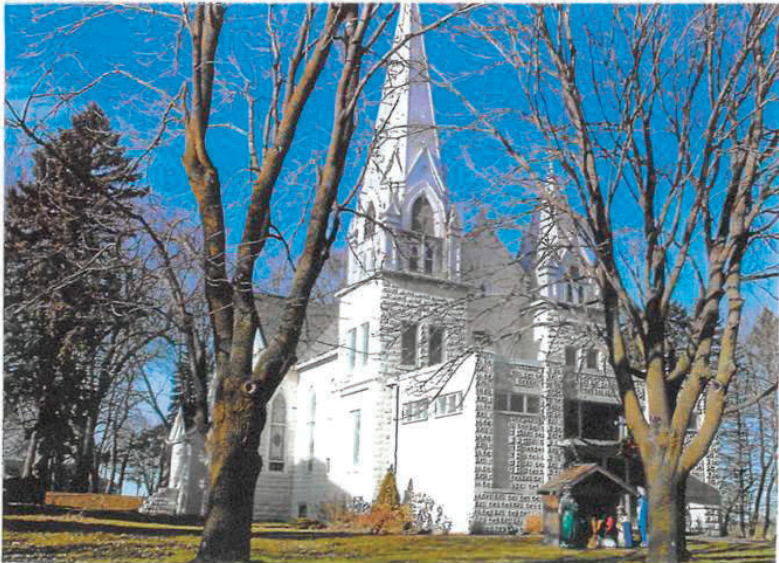
eral years ago. We had arrived just before the concert began that year. An usher told us that there were still "seats in the balcony". We climbed the switch-back stairs into the balcony. There were only two empty seats and they were in the front row on the far side. What we quickly noticed was that they were probably the best seats in the church as they offered a panoramic view of the entire front of the sanctuary. We followed the same routine this year. Once again the three tall arches that stood in strength before the altar had been wrapped with greens and white lights. Two large candle holders containing many candles stood waiting.

The Swedish custom of a St. Lucia bringing light at Christmas followed. Five girls walked slowly down the center aisle and then entered the altar area. They were dressed in white and carry lighted candles and cookies. St. Lucia wore a round crown of lighted candles. The candles had been placed within an authentic St. Lucia crown. St. Lucia then lit all the candles at the altar. The bringing of light brought true significance to Christmas once again. It also spoke to the rich heritage of the church.

Immanuel Lutheran has been blessed with something of special grandeur. The many large and beautiful stained-glass windows offer

the soft light of comfort. The forms of the many bible characters within the window seem to be watching and listening. Each window has a written message at the bottom. It states who gave the window at the time it became a part of THEIR church. It was as though these people had made it possible for those who attend to enjoy such music and message in the soft light of the afternoon.

He finished the concert and the crowd moved to the lower level where "Christmas goodies" were being served. We stayed upstairs just a little longer than most hoping for what might happen. The organ began to sound with his returned to the sanctuary. He began playing my favorite classical music, Toccata in D. Was it played for me? Maybe so!



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CHRISTENSEN-KUHLERS - Jeff and Doreen Christensen of Springfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Christensen to Anthony Kuhlers, son of Dana and Sandy Kuhlers. Emily is a Program Director for REM Heartland, Inc. in Fairmont and Anthony is employed at CHS as a Process Technician. The wedding is set for August 25th, 2018 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springfield.

Give blood during National Volunteer Month

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April. Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference.

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions. Donors of all blood types are needed to help meet patient needs this spring.

Local blood donation opportunities include:
Thursday, April 26th from Noon to 5 p.m. at Cutting Edge Fitness in Fairmont, 1130 Spruce

Street.
Monday, April 30th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in Northrop.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. All those who come to donate from April 9th to May 13th, 2018 will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply) For more details, visit redcrossblood.org/Lets-do-more.

Green Touch Spruce Up Day at Kilen Woods

Minnesota's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including Federated Rural Electric in Jackson, have joined together to help spruce up our State Park system.

A spring clean up day is set for Saturday, May 5th, when electric cooperative employees, customers and the general public will set aside a work day in various parks throughout the state. Volunteers will clean picnic shelters, fix existing structures, brush trails and pick up litter.

Locally, Federated Rural Electric employees, customers and the general public are invited to Kilen Woods State Park, northeast of Lakefield from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A FREE hot dog lunch will be served by Federated.

Volunteers will:
• Paint amphitheater seats & sign posts
• Pick up litter on hik-

ing trails and trim branches.

- Clean picnic shelter and office building
- Scoop out campfire pits
- Pick up fallen branches
- Rake tent sites and campground area
- Scrape and paint picnic tables

You do not need to be a Federated member to volunteer. Volunteers need to RSVP by noon May 4th. Call or e-mail Federated at 847-3520, 728-8366, 1-800-321-3520 or info@federatedrea.coop. This ensures that lunch is ordered for all volunteers. Ask for Andrea. Green Touch volunteers receive free access to the park on this day.

Federated is a rural electric cooperative serving 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.



NEUSCH 98TH - Lucille Neusch of Fairmont celebrated her 98th birthday on Sunday, April 15th. She would enjoy getting birthday cards sent to her at Lakeview Health Services, 610 Summit Drive, 2nd floor, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Invasive Species update for SW Minnesota

Do you know the terrestrial and aquatic invasive species that are in Minnesota and are in our area? Learn more about these pests at the Invasive Species Update, Tuesday, April 24th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (920 East 10th St.) in Fairmont. This program is free and open to the public.

Herbaceous weeds such as Canada and Bull Thistle, Teasel, Creeping Charlie, Purple loosestrife, Garlic mustard, Leafy spurge, Reed canary grass, Spotted knapweed and Wild parsnip will be discussed. Woody invasive species, Buckthorn, Oriental bittersweet, and other woodys will be highlighted. Aquatic Invasives (Curley-leaf pondweed, Eurasian Watermilfoil, Zebra Mussel, and Invasive Carp) and insect pests (Emerald ash borer, Spot-

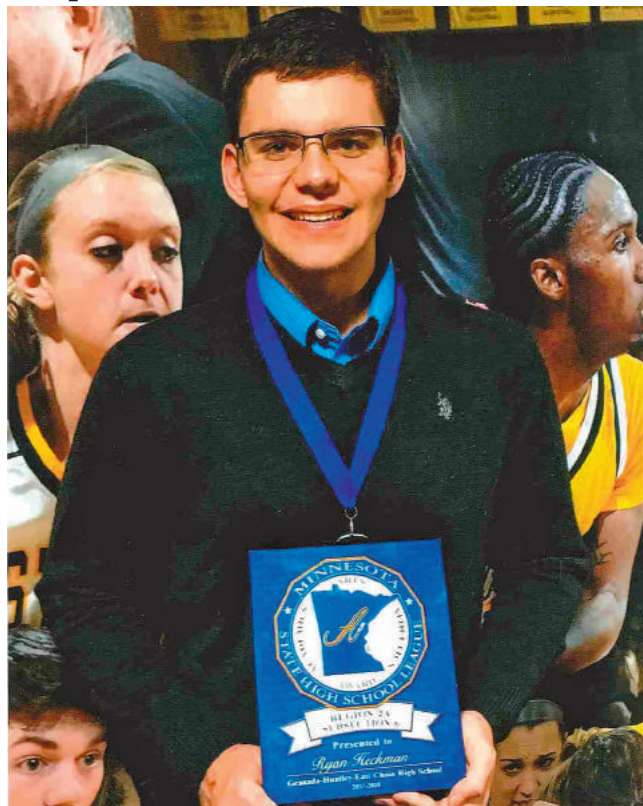
Marriage License Applications

Kaitlin Marie Bloomgren and Sinjin Thomas Bell

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There will be a **What's Next? Fair** on Thurs., Apr. 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Fairmont High School commons area for transition age students and their parents. There will be 20 + resource booths available to answer questions about life after high school. This event is being sponsored by the Community Transition Interagency Committee. Also, come hear Matt Nielsen talk about the PAES Lab at 5:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Heckman awarded Triple A Award



Ryan Heckman recently was awarded the Sub-Section Triple A Award at Gustavus Adolphus College recently. The Triple A Award is given to senior students who excel in the Arts, Athletics and Academics.

Ryan is a senior at Granada-Huntley-East Chain (GHEC) High School and lives in Fairmont. He has been involved in band, choir, Honor Band, Honor Choir, speech, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, theater, class officer, S.A.D.D., football, soccer, basketball and golf. He was inducted into the GHEC National Honor Society and MN West Phi Theta Kappa and has attained high honors all throughout high school. Ryan's current GPA is around 4.3 and will be graduating from MN West with an A.A. degree on May 2nd after completing 60 PSEO college cred-

its and will also graduate on May 27th from GHEC with his high school class.

Outside of the classroom, Ryan has been on the Martin County Teen Court for four years, Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, became an Eagle Scout in 2017 and volunteers when he can at the local food banks. He continues to help out with the local scout group his brothers attend.

Ryan stated in his essay "It doesn't matter what level of athlete or musician you are at, but what does matter is that you are participating and trying new things."

Ryan plans to attend Brigham Young University in Utah or the University of Minnesota-Morris in the fall to double major in Biochemistry and Mathematics. Ryan is the son of Jenny and Mike Heckman of Fairmont. (Submitted photo)

The Fairmont High School Class of 1962 spouses & friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20th at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Acres. The public is welcome.

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Wed., April 25th
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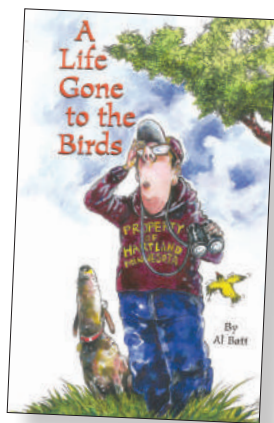
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National Foster Care Month during May

May is National Foster Care Month. Faribault and Martin Counties Human Services (FMCHS) would like to recognize the foster families throughout our communities for all that they do for the children in their care. Foster families play a vital role in our communities, by providing basic needs to children, working as a team with human services, and following licensing requirements. In fact, they do all this and much more! Check out the child foster care county webpage to learn about foster care, http://www.fmchs.com/child_foster-care.php.

FMCHS has 21 county (non-relative) foster homes between both counties: nine in Faribault county; 12 in Martin county. Faribault and Martin

counties also has several relative foster homes, who care for specific children. The services provided by foster families is greatly appreciated, therefore, the whole month of May is dedicated just to them on a county, state and even federal level. Please, take a moment to thank any foster families you know. Now is the perfect time to give back to those who are continuously giving to others.

FMCHS is always looking for individuals or couples who are interested in becoming a county foster home. There is always a shortage of foster homes and unfortunately this also a state wide concern. To learn about becoming a foster home, contact the licenser, Bethany Jobe, at 507-526-3265 or Bethany.Jobe@fmchs.com.

The Fairmont Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group will meet Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Mayo Clinic Systems - Fairmont Hospital at "The Classroom". Speaker will be Mary Beth Smart a Clinical Oncology Nurse to speak about the drug Darzalex (daratumumab). Come hear the latest, there will be time available to answer questions you may have on any topics and visit with other myeloma patients. All patients, family, caregivers and friends are invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. each Wednesday at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street, Fairmont. This week they will serve chicken 'n biscuits. Next Wednesday will be fish fillets, mashed potatoes and cabbage cole slaw. All dinners include peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, jello, donated desserts and beverage. A \$2 donation is suggested.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop National Honor Society will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, April 30th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. To make your appointment, call the school office at 507-436-5249.

Community Food and Fellowship Tuesday

Community Food and Fellowship (also known as "Holy Hotdish") will take place Tuesday, April 24th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1200 N. North Avenue in Fairmont.

The event, hosted by Parochial Ed Families and Friends, will feature bacon-wrapped pork fillet, baked potato, green bean almon-

dine, dessert and a beverage. They also have a "kid-friendly" food option of hot dogs available.

Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 children age 12 and under.

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St. John Lutheran Church confirms 13



Thirteen youth were confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburne on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Pictured front row (L to R): Jesse Potts, Kylee Rowen, Alex Finke, Christina Knight. Middle row: Ella Meyers, Owen Runkle, Sway Buchmeier, Evan Roben, Morgan Curtis. Back row: Daryl Hoewisch - St. Johns DYE, Lillian Krogman-Gibson, Paul Troe, Paige Anderson, Marriah Salisbury and Rev. Steven Wilson. (Submitted photo)

Genesis Classical Academy Honor Roll

Genesis Classical Academy of Winnebago has announced its third quarter 2017-2018 honor roll.

Headmaster's List:
(90% and higher in all core subjects)

3rd Grade -
Drake Engelby
Gavin Greiner
Ariel Sahr
4th Grade -
Jacob Stensland
5th Grade -
Ruby Ziegler
6th Grade -
None

A Honor Roll:
(87% and higher in all core subjects)
3rd Grade -
None

4th Grade -
None
5th Grade -
Abigail Murphey
6th Grade -
Carter Gunzenhauser

B Honor Roll:
(77% and higher in all core subjects)

3rd Grade -
None
4th Grade -
Madison Enger
Isaiah Slater
5th Grade -
Emma Lawrence
6th Grade -
Levi James
Wesley Meyer
Ben Noy
Elijah Slater

Classic Car/Motorcycle Roll In April 28th

There will be a Classic Car and Motorcycle Roll In on Saturday, April 28th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Fairmont.

The event will be held at Royal Car Wash, 1205 Hwy 15 South, Fairmont. This is a fund raiser for

Autism. Entertainment will be provided by Butch & Friends Karaoke/DJ. The food will be provided by Martin County Pork Producers.

For more info contact Todd 507.920.5675

April is Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and the Photo Press is publishing poetry submitted to us by Ed Brekke-Kramer of Fairmont.

This week's poem is:
"Spring comes with high

hopes
while death comes for everything
Old man plants a tree
No one knows to what great lengths
some may go to serve their strengths"



Come join the Adventure of Scouting! Sign up at the Youth Activities Expo Thursday, April 19th from 5-7 p.m. at the Fairmont Area Elementary School Gym. Visit Pack 57's Cub Scout booth for more information about scouting. Begin building your own adventure! (Submitted photo)

Due to weather concerns, The **OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction** scheduled for last Saturday, April 14th at Martin Luther High School, Northrop has been POSTPONED to this Saturday, April 21st. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for auction preview with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information call MLHS at 436-5249. To view pictures of items on the auction go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

The **Martin County Genealogical Society Annual meeting** will be held Saturday April 21st at the Pioneer Museum, 304 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont, at 9 a.m. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served and plans for upcoming Guest Speakers will be discussed. For more information call Dona at 507-236-0996 or Carol at 507-236-2599 or email mcgs@frontier.com.

East Chain Sportsman's Club will hold their trap shoot Sunday, April 22nd starting at noon. They will hold practice rounds, 16 and 25 yd., oakleys, jeopardy, boondocks and more. The grill will be on all day. The club grounds are located 1/2 mile north of East Chain on 254th Avenue.

Truman Public School's Prom will take place on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Truman High School Gymnasium. The theme for this year's prom is "Footloose".

FSBOs not always a good idea

Guest Columnist

Gillian Tunnell, Realtor Century 21 Northland Realty



Home owners who decide to sell their home themselves (FSBO's), generally do so because they want to save money. However, according to the National Association of Realtors, this is not how it always works out. In addition, there are other reasons why FSBO's are not always a good idea, and why it makes sense to have a realtor guide you through the process. For example:

Not all homeowners know how to prepare their home for sale. Often, it is easy to overlook small jobs that would have a big impact on saleability and

appeal. A realtor can give advice on how to make the most of a home's assets, both inside and out. It only takes about 8 seconds for a prospective buyer to form an impression of the home once they enter the door, so it's important to make those seconds count!

Pricing the home accurately can be tricky as sellers do not always have an objective, realistic view of their home's value. However, realtors are familiar with the local housing market, and when listing a home will compare the subject home to those currently on the market, and others that have sold

recently. Taking into consideration location, condition, and quality, a realtor will present these findings to the seller, and suggest a price range.

A FSBO seller may not know that a Minnesota statute requires them to fully disclose the condition of the home, including any problems that have occurred, and how they were handled. If there are ongoing issues after the sale has been closed that were not detailed fully, the seller could be subject to a lawsuit from the buyer. A realtor is familiar with the laws of disclosure, and other document require-

ments.

With a for sale by owner sign out front, a FSBO seller is subject to random people knocking on the door and asking for a tour. This is not only risky re personal safety, but time-consuming, with the seller having no idea whether the people are really qualified to buy a home, or just looky-loos. Alternatively, a realtor will vet the people he/she brings to the listed property, making sure that they are serious about buying. Realtors will arrange showings in advance, and time them for when it is convenient for the sellers to be gone. Buyers will be franker with their realtor than they would with the actual seller, which has the advantage of getting real feedback from them.

It is easier for a professional realtor to talk to prospective buyers about

their finances rather than the seller directly asking personal questions. Using a realtor, the homeowner never has to deal with the buyer directly, since realtors also handle price negotiations and any other issues that arise. Although they have the common goal of selling/buying the home, both parties are at cross-purposes - the buyer wanting the price as low as possible, and the seller wanting to net a higher figure - this can sometimes be tricky! It takes a professional to assist in coming to an agreement satisfying to both buyer and seller.

Generally, FSBO's take longer to sell as they do not have the wide exposure that comes with a listing on a Multiple Listing Service. If there is a current mortgage, the homeowner still needs to make the payments during the

months it takes to sell. Whereas, according to the West Central MLS, the average time for listed home to sell in Martin County, so far this year, is 41 days from list date to contract date, and the average time from sale date to closing is 47 days.

In addition, the parties to a FSBO sale have the expense of having an attorney complete the paperwork for them, whereas a realtor is licensed to do this as part of the transaction.

Taking all these points into account, a FSBO does not necessarily save the seller money or time, while listing the property with an experienced realtor will provide the security of knowing that he/she has been through the process many times and knows the requirements and pitfalls along the way.

Financial Focus



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Keep Your Investment "Ecosystem" Healthy

April 22nd is Earth Day. First observed in 1970, Earth Day has evolved into an international celebration, with nearly 200 countries holding events to support clean air, clean water and other measures to protect our planet. As an investor, what lessons can you learn from this special day?

Consider the following:

- Avoid "toxic" investment moves. Earth Day events show us how we can help keep toxins out of our land, air and water. And if you want to keep your investment ecosystem healthy, you need to avoid making some toxic moves. For example, don't chase after hot stocks based on tips you may have heard or read. By the time you learn about these stocks, they may already have cooled off - and they may not even be appropriate for your goals or risk tolerance. Another toxic investment move involves trying to "time" the market - that is, buying investments when they reach low points and selling them at their peaks. It's a great theory, but almost impossible to turn into reality, because no one can really predict market highs and lows - and your timing efforts, which may involve selling investments that could

still help you - may disrupt your long-term strategy.

- Reduce, reuse, recycle. "Reduce, reuse, recycle" is a motto of the environmental movement. Essentially, it's encouraging people to add less stuff to their lives and use the things they already have. As an investor, you can benefit from the same advice. Rather than constantly buying and selling investments in hopes of boosting your returns, try to build a portfolio that makes sense for your situation, and stick with your holdings until your needs change. If you're always trading, you'll probably rack up fees and taxes, and you may well end up not even boosting your performance. It might not seem exciting to purchase investments and hang on to them for decades, but that's the formula many successful investors follow, and have followed.

- Plant "seeds" of opportunity. Another Earth Day lesson deals with the value of planting gardens and trees. When you invest, you also need to look for ways to plant seeds of opportunity. Seek out investments that, like trees, can grow and prosper over time. All investments do carry risk, including the potential loss of principal,

but you can help reduce your risk by owning a mix of other, relatively less volatile vehicles, such as corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. (Keep in mind, though, that fixed-rate vehicles are subject to interest-rate risk, which means that if interest rates rise, the value of bonds issued at a lower rate may fall.)

- Match your money with your values. Earth Day also encourages us to be conscientious consumers. So, when you support local food growers, you are helping, in your own way, to reduce the carbon footprint caused in part by trucks delivering fruits and vegetables over long distances. Similarly, you might choose to include socially responsible investing in your overall strategy by avoiding investments in certain industries you find objectionable, or by seeking out companies that behave in a manner you believe benefits society.

Earth Day is here, and then it's gone - but by applying some of its key teachings to your investment activities, you may improve your own financial environment.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which gospel does not contain the Olivet prophecy? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? Shem, Edom, Tabor, Nebo
4. Who said "Rabbi," and kissed Jesus? Alexander, Mark, Mordecai, Judas
5. David was what relation to Boaz? Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson
6. Who was Nun's son? Jehoshaphat, Joshua, Zacchaeus, Meshach

ANSWER: 1) Old; 2) John; 3) Edom; 4) Judas; 5) Great-grandson; 6) Joshua

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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Due to the weather last weekend, the Open House Wedding Shower for **Taryn Tumbleson and Cody Carlson** will now be held on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 at 12:00 noon at Trimont United Methodist Church. Lunch will be at noon with a program to follow at 12:30 p.m. The couple is registered at Target.

Aktion Club Theatre, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, Apr. 26th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Any questions, about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580.

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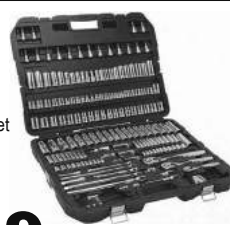
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Is it spring yet?

My only motivation on snowed in days are to cook, eat or read! Not good for my waist line. I need warm sunshine to get me in the spring cleaning mood!

Last week when my friends and I visited the Twin City Live tv show, two of their guests were a young couple promoting their recent vegetarian cookbook entitled "Pretty Simple Cooking". They demonstrated one of their dishes, preparing a sweet snack. Since I have a sweet tooth and the ingredients looked fairly healthy, I made them last Saturday. I won't be able to make them too often as I couldn't eat just one!

Bliss Bites

6 Tbs. coconut oil, divided
6 Tbs. peanut butter, divided
5 Tbs. pure maple syrup, divided
1/4 cup cocoa powder
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
1 cup plus 2 Tbs. oatmeal (I used quick oatmeal)

Place small cupcake liners into a 24-cup mini muffin pan. Make the bites: in a small saucepan over low heat, whisk together 5 tablespoons coconut oil, 2 tablespoons peanut butter, 4 tablespoons maple syrup cocoa powder and salt. When combined and melted together, add vanilla take off heat and stir in oatmeal. Mix well. Spoon about 2 tablespoons in each cupcake liner. Freeze while making top layer.

Top Layer: wash the saucepan, return to stove. Over low heat whisk together 1 tablespoon coconut oil, 4 tablespoons peanut butter and 1 tablespoon maple syrup until fully combined. Spoon warm mixture over top of chocolate mixture and return to freezer for 15 minutes until bites are set, or refrigerate until serving.

Have a great week!

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution April 28

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, Minnesota on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby's Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby's Pantry is in its

eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month. For more information please see their website at www.rubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 507-236-4653.

Truman Lion's Club Burger Bash will be held, Saturday, April 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. They will be serving burgers, beans, chips, condiments and beverage for a charge.

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CITY OF TRUMAN HIRING!

The City of Truman is now accepting applications for the position of

City Administrator/Clerk Treasurer

As Chief Administrative Officer, work involves planning, organizing, directing and coordinating municipal activities as authorized by the City Council. Qualified candidates will possess a bachelor's degree with coursework in finance, accounting, public administration, business, or related, and public sector administrative experience preferred. Requires good communication and interpersonal skills.

Job application forms and detailed position description can be requested by emailing info@trumanmn.us, obtained from the City Clerk's office, 101 East Ciro, Truman, MN 56088, or call (507) 776-7951.

Send a cover letter, resume, professional references and a completed application to:

City of Truman, P.O. Box 398, Truman, MN 56088

Application deadline is April 27, 2018 or until filled.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to think about flowers

Although ol' man winter doesn't see to want to give up this year, the members of the Focus on Fairmont/Project 1590 flower and banner committee have been thinking about flowers for a few months now.

The hanging flower baskets which you will see along Blue Earth Avenue and Lake Avenue in Fairmont this summer have already been planted and are growing nicely at Janzen's Greenhouse. We are also working on a few new designs adding to the street banners we purchased last year. Soon the banners will be placed along Highway 15/State Street as well as Blue Earth Avenue and Lake Avenue. Our goal is to have banners on each light pole that has an existing bracket and eventually expand even further.

We continue to raise funds for this project and new this year, our committee has offered to oversee the downtown flower planters as well. Jon Janzen has graciously volunteered to assist us with the choice of flow-

ers and planting. Thank-you Jon, we are confident they will be gorgeous!

Of course, none of this would happen without the generous support we receive from our local businesses, city employees and our community members! Thank you! We feel this project enhances the beauty and pride within our community and presents a nice welcome to our visitors during the spring and summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in working with us on this project, we are always looking for more to join in our efforts.

All contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Focus on Fairmont, P. O. Box 705, Fairmont, MN 56031 or contact one of our committee members. Don't forget to like our Facebook page!

Angela Gregory with
Tammie Hested,
Heather Hawkins,
Nancy Johnson,
Judy Leiding and
DeAnn Eversman

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Disappointed in H.F. 3722

As a parent and advocate for people with disabilities, I've worked for much of my adult life to reduce barriers that prevent people with disabilities from being included in the community. So, I was greatly disappointed to see a bill at the Minnesota State Capitol that would create a new barrier for them.

The bill, H.F. 3722, would require Medical Assistance (MA) recipients to prove they are working in order to continue to receive MA's health care and support. Some individuals with disabilities are exempt from these requirements. But 20,000 Minnesotans with disabilities, who have accessed Medical Assistance through the expansion of MA cover-

age, are not.

I know first hand how much work it is to get the services that my sons and others with developmental disabilities, who have accessed Medical Assistance through the expansion of MA coverage, are not.

I know firsthand how much work it is to get the services that my sons and others with developmental disabilities need so they can live independently, work and participate in the communities of Martin County. However, this bill will force other individuals with disabilities and their family members to spend time on unnecessary paperwork instead of the supports needed to get and keep a job. Here in rural Minnesota we don't

have a lot of resources as it is. We should focus these resources and energies on serving people, not filling out and submitting forms.

The House Ways and Means Committee is the next stop for this bill. I urge Representative Bob Gunther, a member of that committee, to vote "No" on H.F. 3722.

In addition, we would like to thank Rep. Gunther for his past support for people with disabilities, for the time he takes to meet with us at the Capitol each year, and for his visits in the community.

Lee Ann Erickson,
Regional Director
The ARC Minnesota
SW Region

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Thank you from Girl Scouts

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 all the Troop Cookie Managers for organizing, collecting and keeping track of the cookies.

Thank you to Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Shopko, 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 for the use of their facility for Cookie Delivery Day and Cookie Rally, the Gibson Family for their help with cookie pickup, 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 during the cookie program.

Finally, big thank you to all of our customers!! The girls sold 24,035 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 see you next year!!

Kayla Green and
Karen Munsch
Service Unit
Cookie Managers
Jennifer Nielsen
Service Unit Manager

Area College Student News



Concordia University, Nebraska's Cantamus Women's Choir and Concordia's Male Chorus will perform a joint spring concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Staplehurst, Nebraska.

Local students who will be performing include:

- Rachel Krome of Fairmont
- Rebekah Rusert of Truman

About Concordia University, Nebraska

Concordia University, Nebraska, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Nebraska, that currently serves more than 2,700 students. Concordia offers more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in an excellent academic and Christ-centered community that equips men and women for lives of learning, service and leadership in the church and world. For more information, visit

cune.edu.

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South Dakota State University's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing, inducted 29 students March 28th in Rapid City and 41 more individuals into its membership April 5th in Brookings, South Dakota. Graduate students from the local area included in those inductions included:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice: McKenzie Terfehr, Fairmont, Minnesota.

Sigma Theta Tau International is the nation's second-largest nursing organization and was founded in 1922. Sigma Theta Tau is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

BELLE is a young dilute tortie. She is a friendly girl who likes to play and explore.
FALLON is a brown tabby with orange highlights. We think she is just under a year old. Fallon loves to hang out in our office and help with paperwork. She is great at dusting, but our pens seem to keep disappearing.

SIMBA is an orange tabby with a distinct bullseye pattern on his side. He is a mellow, middle-aged guy.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

JERICO is an Australian Shepherd mix. This boy is black and tan with a full coat and pointed ears. Jericho is energetic and eager to please.

PALMER is a tan shepherd mix. He is a young guy at about 1-2 years old. Palmer enjoys relaxing with people and going on walks.

Due to "The Storm" our Bake Sale has been rescheduled to this Saturday 9am-1pm at Fleet and Farm. You know it will all be delicious!

Public to comment on statewide deer plan

Minnesota's new deer plan sets a new statewide harvest target, increases citizen participation in deer management, and outlines ways to keep the population and habitat healthy.

The Department of Natural Resources is taking online public comments on the new plan now through Wednesday, May 9th. Also, the DNR will hold 35 public meetings in April around the state so people can talk to wildlife managers, ask questions and provide input.

Part of the plan outlines strategic ways the DNR will prioritize its resources and activities to meet the plan's

eight key goals, which range from keeping Minnesota deer healthy to ensuring biological and societal factors are considered in management decisions.

The plan establishes an annual statewide harvest target of 200,000 deer. Although only one of several performance measures outlined in the plan, the harvest target will help communicate how the DNR is meeting overall population goals through time.

In general, annual harvests less than 200,000 will indicate a need for more conservative regulations to rebuild deer popula-

tions. Harvests greater than 200,000 will suggest hunting regulations need to be liberalized so more deer are harvested to reduce populations.

The plan doesn't address the details of specific regulations or operational issues, but rather plots a long-term strategic direction for managing the herd.

For more than a year, a 19-member citizen's advisory group helped the DNR draft the deer plan. The group's members had knowledge of deer management, interests related to deer and familiarity with different areas of the state.

Public can now comment on new plan

The public can comment on the proposed plan on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/

deerplan.

A questionnaire asks people to indicate their level of satisfaction with the purpose, mission, vision and goals of the plan and provides opportunity for people to give additional feedback on whether the plan reflects the conversation and public input over the last few years.

Also, the DNR's 35 open-house meetings in April will help people understand the deer plan.

There will be no formal presentation at the meetings. Instead, local wildlife staff will provide handouts explaining the deer plan and process and will talk with attendees individually and in small groups. All meetings are scheduled from 6-8 p.m. and people can arrive anytime during



the two-hour time frame. A meeting is scheduled at the following location:

- Windom, Thursday, April 26th, Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr.

For those who can't make the meeting, DNR is encouraging the public to contact their local wildlife manager for additional in-

formation or to address any questions they may have about the deer plan. A list of area wildlife offices is available online at mndnr.gov/areas/wildlife.

Information about the deer plan, scheduled open houses, background information and a link to submit online comments are on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/deerplan.

Map It! A farm site map could save time, money or lives

It's another typical day on the farm, until: fire breaks out, grain entrapment occurs, or a tornado rips through the yard.

Any of these or many other unpredictable incidents can occur on the farm. While there's no way to predict when, where or what type of emergency may erupt, there are ways to prepare a response plan that can help ensure the best possible outcome.

Purdue Extension Disaster Specialist and Steven Cain, says providing family members, all employees and emergency responders with a layout of the farm can provide everyone with an advantage when an emergency occurs.

"A simple sketch of the farm layout can identify buildings and key points in the surrounding environment to help locate any hazards that might be encountered, like chemicals," Cain says. "Those details enable responders to determine the best way to tackle the problem."

Information about the farm layout and surrounding areas can also help identify and assess vulnerable areas outside the farmstead - such as a creek or wetland - that could be negatively affected in an emergency.

The sketch can also assist farmers in identifying assets for insurance and reporting purposes and help identify crops and fields vulnerable to agro-

terrorist activities.

"This type of map can be drawn up in about an hour," Cain says. "For emergency responders, who have just seconds to implement a plan for dealing with an explosion, crime or biohazard on the farm, the map can prove to be invaluable."

The map shouldn't be complicated, but should include areas like creeks, wells and wetlands.

"Taking time to put a map together helps farmers when they're in the middle of responding to an emergency, too," Cain says. "They don't have to immediately recall what chemicals are stored in which buildings and what areas of the farm may complicate an emergency response."

Producing a map of the farm helps farmers become more aware of areas that are vulnerable to intruders, pollution or other types of threats.

"That kind of assessment can help you see where you might want to install additional locks, sensors, security lighting or gates," Cain says. "We encourage farmers to consult emergency responders as part of the map-making process to obtain their insight on the types of information they'll need if they have to manage an emergency at the site."

A farmstead map should include:

- The farm name at the

top of the page.

- Directional legend to indicate north, south, east, west

- The location of each building: house, barns, equipment sheds, chemical storage facilities, etc. Include the name the family uses to refer to the building.

- Number each building to further enhance the ability to identify each one.

- Distinguish clearly between larger and smaller buildings so responders can easily determine which building they're addressing.

- Include any landmarks that help responders orient themselves to the farm site - i.e. silos, grain bins, etc.

- Include road numbers and names (top right)

- Indicate proximity to nearby communities and facilities such as schools, hospitals, etc.

- Show access lanes to the farmstead and indicate impassable areas during wet weather (middle right)

- List load limits for farm bridges

- Mark the distance to the nearest fire hydrant or water source, if any

- Clearly mark wells, swimming pools, open ditches, ponds, rivers, creeks and lakes that could serve as water sources or be at risk for contamination from chemical spill or runoff

- Show prevailing

winds directions

- Identify experimental or developmental plots that may be potential targets for anti-biotechnology groups

- Label the locations of irrigation systems that have been modified with fittings to allow fire department use

- Indicate the type and location of all fences

- Show gate openings and list all gate widths

- Identify the location of septic tanks, outdoor tile drains, all active or abandoned wells and cisterns

- Include the directional slope of the land to indicate drainage patterns

- Show pesticide and fertilizer mixing and loading areas

- Indicate storage areas for hazardous materials (i.e. liquid propane, fuel, anhydrous ammonia tanks, etc.). Label each tank, stating its contents and capacity.

- Clearly mark livestock buildings that contain waste pits because of the falling hazard they present to firefighters or rescuers.

- Mark underground sewer, electrical, water and gas lines.

- Indicate emergency disconnect sites and switches for gas, water and electricity as well as above ground electrical service drops. List the height of overhead power lines and include the name of each utility along with their emergency phone number.

- Clearly mark low power lines.

- Show where electric fence switches are located.

- Note the number displayed on the electric pole or box.

- Indicated your designated "congregation point," where family and employees know to meet in the event of an emergency. This crucial step allows for an accounting of all family members as the emergency unfolds.

- Include emergency numbers for yourself and a neighbor or employee who might assist emergency responders.

- In the event that local lines are busy or out of service, include a long-distance contact number to solicit help.

A permanently installed, well-hidden mailbox can serve as an emergency information box. It should contain the detailed map of the farm, a list of emergency contact persons and their phone numbers and the locations and amounts of hazardous chemicals stored on the farm. Material safety data sheets (available from your dealer or on the Internet) should be included for each chemical. The box should also hold a list of the major contents of each building on the farmstead.

"This mailbox can be very important in aiding first responders in an emergency," Cain says. "But only you and authorities should know where it's located. That information can be entered into the computer database of your local 911 dispatch

center. You can also personally inform your local fire and police chiefs."

It's recommended that all information in the mailbox be stored at a second site on the premises, such as the farm house, farm office or an outbuilding.

The map should be updated after any remodeling or major inventory change, especially inventory of farm chemicals.

Additional preparation involves making sure your farmstead is easily identified by emergency responders. U.S. postal mailboxes should bear an easily readable address on both sides. Make sure the address isn't too small to read and would be legible in the dark.

911 posting should be boldly displayed in 3-inch reflective numerals on both sides of the mailbox.

"Giving some serious thought to emergency preparedness can allow responders to quickly, efficiently and effectively deal with any emergency on your farm," Cain says. "The more information you provide for them, the better prepared they are to reduce risk and minimize further damage to your assets."

Additional resources to aid in farmstead map development can be found at: anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8062.pdf

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 - MOUNTAIN LAKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION. At Mountain Lake, MN. Food Concessions & Auction Inspection opens at 5PM. Live auction begins at 6:30PM. **DAR HALL & ALLEN KAHLER AUCTIONEERS.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 - **RESCHEDULED AUCTION FROM APRIL 14th** MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL WHAT-A-KNIGHT DINNER & BENEFIT. At the Sherburn Legion. **CARSON, CHRIS & ALLEN KAHLER AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 @ 10 A.M. - BUD & JOANN PLUMOFF AUCTION. Nice Antiques & Household items. At fairgrounds in St. James. **DAR HALL & ASSOCIATES.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M. - DICK SONNECK - Large Auction of Artistic Metal Sculpture, Antique Truck Farm Equipment & other items. Located at 24501 470th Ave. Mapleton, MN. **HALL & KAHLER AUCTIONEERS.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018 @ 5:15 P.M. - GARY & ROSIE ALTENBURG. Evening Retirement Auction including JD 4955, JD 4640, 4440, 4020 & IH 84 Hydro Tractors, 1660 Combine, Tri-Axle Truck, plus full line of well-cared for equip. Sale location: 14004 494th Ave, Vernon Center, MN. Full listing & pics at www.auctioneeralley.com **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M. - MILO THORSON ESTATE - Butterfield MN. Tools & Household. **DAR HALL & ASSOCIATES AUCTIONEERS.**

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 @ 10:00A.M. - DENNIS & GARLA ANDERSON & LARRY & DIANE DANNEN OWNERS- Farm Machinery Retirement Auction including JD 8300, JD 7800, JD 4010, JD 4020 Tractors, JD 9400 Combine, Volvo Semi Tractor, AgriLite Hopper, S185 Bobcat, '99 Volvo Semi Tractor, CIH 1250 Planter & Much More! Sale to be held at 2387 70th Avenue, Odin, MN. **HARTUNG, KAHLERS, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 @ 3:30 P.M. - PHYLLIS WEDEL ESTATE LARGE ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION to be held at Martin County Fairgrounds at Fairmont, MN. **KALLEMEYN, HALL, PIKE & KAHLER AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018 - PERRY ALLEN ESTATE AUCTION. Petersburg, MN Jackson County. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

THURSDAY AUGUST 9, 2018 @ 10:15A.M. - KEITH & KAREN WORTHLEY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST - Large Retirement Machinery Auction including: CIH 500 Quad Trac, CIH 310 Magnum, CIH Puma 170, JD 520 & Farmall Super M Tractors, CIH 7130 Combine, CIH 2608 Cornhead & CIH Terra Flex 3162 Draper, 2009 IH Conv Semi Tractor, '99 Volvo Semi Tractor, CIH 1250 Planter & Much More! Sale to be held at 328 100th St, Sherburn, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - TOM AND ANITA DAVIS. Large retirement farm equipment auction including: '05 CIH STX 325 Tractor, 1997 CIH 8920 Tractor, 2000 JD 9550 Combine, JD 925 Flex Head and much more! Sale located at 1161 50th Ave. Sherburn, MN. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - JAMES & KATHRYN FLANTZ. Large retirement machinery auction including: CIH 245 Magnum, CIH Steiger 9330, CIH 150 Puma Tractors, CIH 8830 Swather, CIH 2366 Combine, CIH 1020 Flex Head & CIH 1063 and much more! Sale located at 43577 330th Street, Gaylord, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE.**

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Carol J. Cress to Park Street Properties, LLC, PT Lots 6 and 7, Block 22, Original Plat of Fairmont

Amber Murra, Jason Murra to Jane Gustafson Roberts, Bret Roberts, Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, Maple Leaf Addn, 30-101-30

City of Fairmont Economic Development Authority to Karrie Michelle Lane Eckels, William Victor Eckels, Lots 15 and 16, Block 1, Whitetail Ridge

Overland Properties LLC to SGSHM001 LLC, PT & EXC S33' w/easement, SW¼, 6-102-32

Dawn Willner, Douglas A. Willner to Anthony J. Orr, Victoria Orr, PT SW¼, Govt Lot 3, 20-102-30

Lynn Findley, Michael Findley, Lynn Preuss to Alvin Thoreson, SE¼NW¼ EXC PT CEMETERY, 23-103-29

Bruce H. Schwager, Nancy J. Schwager to Bruce H. Schwager, Nancy J. Schwager, N100', Lot 12, Block 1, Southside Addn Sherburn

James Schulte to Galena Genetics, LLC, PT Lot 12, Lots 13,14,15, Block 2, Original Plat Triumph

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Cathy Jensen to Michael Jensen, PT NE¼SE¼, 20-104-29

Constance Teske, Richard Teske to Yolanda Teske, Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Original Plat Truman

Jeff Wikre, Kimberly Wikre to Jeff Wikre, Kimberly Wikre, PT SW¼ 12-104-29, SE¼ PT NE¼ 35-104-29

Robert E. Gerhardt, Doris J. Gerhardt to Doris J. Gerhardt, PT NW¼ 18-101-31, PT NE¼ 25-102-32, NW¼NW¼ 18-101-31

Randy T. Morgan Trustee, Randy T Morgan Trust to Randy T Morgan 2018 Irrevocable Trust, SW¼ 4-104-33

City of Welcome to Rhonda L. Oechsle, Todd A. Oechsle, PT Lot 11, Block 6, Lot 12, Block 6, Original Plat Welcome

D DEED

D. Roger Harris Estate, Jason Harris Per Rep, Roger Harris Estate to Smith Rental Properties LLC, Lot 10, Block 22, Original Plat of Fairmont

CONTRACT FOR DEED

Russell D. Olson to Perfecto Martin Ramirez, Lot 1, Block 1, Stokes 2nd Addn; PT Lots 9 and 10, Block 3, Goulds Addn

TRUSTEE DEED

Crystal M. Melsha, Joseph P. Melsha, Crystal M. Melsha Revocable Living Trust, to Lee Beemer, Lot 13, Block 1, Interlaken 2nd Subdivision

Brian Wassman, Gary Wassman, Ervin M. Wassman Irrevocable Trust to Barbara A. Johnson, PT NE¼, 3-104-32

Brian Wassman, Gary Wassman, Thelma B Wassman Irrevocable Trust to Gary L. Wassman, NE¼ 1-104-32

Steven Olson, Thorvald Olson and Lucille Olson Revocable Trust to Norma Olson, Steven Olson, PT NW¼ 7-104-31

PERS. REP DEED

Linda Ruch Per Rep, Daniel Lynn Sweet Estate to Linda Ruch, Lot 6, Block 3 Stades Addn to Hazelmere

Diana S. Gerhardt Estate, Diane Gerhardt Estate, Dick Gerhardt Per Rep to Dick Gerhardt PT SE¼ 4-102-32; PT SW¼ 18-102-30

NOTICE TO ALL LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS IN LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

Right-of-way is maintained by the township for the purposes of snow control, drainage and field of vision. This right-of-way along township roads is 33 feet from the center of road. The township's main purpose is to keep the traveling public safe and in order to do this, the township board has to control the right-of-way.

Lake Belt Township has placed/will be placing right-of-way markers in areas of encroachment of the township right-of-way. Crop ground encroachment will be required to be corrected before the 2018 planting season.

The fine for encroaching in the right-of-way is \$500 per half mile (as voted upon by residents at the annual meeting) as well as any cost incurred by the township to correct right-of-way damage or encroachment in accordance to MN Statute 366.015.

If the landowner continues to encroach, actions will be taken by the township board to permanently correct the issue and costs will be assessed to the landowner.

If you have trees, brush, stones/rock, object/debris or any other objects addressed by the statute, you have until **July 15, 2018** to remove these objects or the landowner will be assessed the \$500 fine per half mile as well as the costs incurred by the township to correct the issues.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE
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Week of April 21, 1993

The Ville de Lacs Art Gallery, located at the Bank Midwest Building on Downtown Plaza in Fairmont featured the Folk Art and Watercolors of artist Paul Peters of rural Sherburn.

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The Minnesota Offices of Volunteer Services in St. Paul recognized two Martin County youth groups for their outstanding community service during National Volunteer Week. The two groups included the East Chain 4-H Club and the Fairmont High School Student Council.

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The Trimont Nursing Home announced the completion of their chapel. An open house was planned and a dedication ceremony for the new chapel was to be held prior to the open house. That year marked the 30th anniversary for the Trimont Nursing Home.

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Faimont's C.A.R.E. (Community Awareness Recycling Event) Week-end was set for May 1st and 2nd, 1993. This was a chance for Fairmont residents to clean out their basement, attic, closets and garages of their unusable items and leave them at the end of their driveway or front yard for others who may need them to come pick them up.

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The Borderline Cruisers Car Club was seeking applicants for the "Golden Wheel Award", which

was to be awarded at the car club's June Car Show on the Downtown Plaza in Fairmont.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE
PHOTO PRESS**

Week of April 21, 1968

Attorney Arthur Edman, who was president of the Martin County Historical Society, was shown with a couple of glass milk bottles which the society was collecting for the museum in Fairmont. At that time, local creameries were selling milk in quart bottles with the creamery name printed on the glass.

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L.H. Coult, acting manager of the Chamber of Commerce; LeRoy Schultz, city administrator and Lloyd Alsworth, manager of the Fairmont Airport, attended sessions of a conference on Airport Development, Operation and Management in St. Paul.

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The Hat Box, which had been doing business on North Avenue, advertised it had lost its lease and was closing out. Discounts of 40 to 70 percent were offered.



• On **April 30, 1933**, Willie Nelson is born into a family of Texas musicians. He penned his first song at age 7. Years later he wrote "Funny How Time Slips Away," "Night Life" and the Patsy Cline classic "Crazy" all in one week.

• On **May 5, 1944**, Bertha Benz, the wife of inventor Karl Benz and the first person to drive an automobile over a long distance, dies in Germany. In 1888, Bertha drove 65 miles to her mother's, over unpaved roads. She refueled the car with Ligroin, a detergent then used as fuel. When the car's fuel line clogged, she unclogged it using one of her hairpins.

• On **May 2, 1957**, Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) succumbs to illness exacerbated by alcoholism and dies at age 48. McCarthy had been a key figure in the anticommunist hysteria known as the "Red Scare" that engulfed the U.S. after World War II.

• On **May 1, 1963**, despite running out of oxygen, James Whittaker of Redmond, Washington, becomes the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.

• On **May 4, 1977**, British journalist David Frost interviews former President Richard Nixon. In the televised interview, Nixon admitted that he had not thought the White House tape recordings regarding the Watergate scandal would come out.

• On **May 3, 1980**, 13-year-old Cari Lightner of Fair Oaks, California, is killed by a drunk driver while walking along a quiet road on her way to a church carnival. Cari's tragic death compelled her mother, Candy Lightner, to found the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

• On **May 6, 2004**, the familiar theme song ("I'll Be There For You" by the Rembrandts) heralds the final original episode of NBC's long-running comedy series "Friends." The show had debuted in 1994 and ran for 236 episodes.



They say that Midwesterners are hearty people. They say it is because we have to put up with such harsh conditions in the winter time (and spring!). After last weekend's "historic blizzard", I saw lots of evidence that many turned to humor when talking about it. I think they did it because if they didn't they would surely crack under that strain of the "winter that will never end". A gentleman in Fairmont informed me Monday morn-



There has to be a garden around here somewhere!

ing that he had been keeping track of the snowfall in Fairmont since it started on December 5th, 2017. As of Monday morning, he had recorded 101 inches of snow in Fairmont. He said the last two years only had 53 inches of snow each. Well, after spending two hours blowing out the sometimes shoulder deep snow from our farm yard on Sunday, I told my wife Karis that I had come to the conclusion that spring would never arrive this year and that we were going to go from winter right to summer. It's hard to get into the spirit of even wanting to plant a garden when the garden plots are under 6 feet of snow. Maybe the plots will just lay fallow this year!

"What is it?" unsolved

Our "What is it?" item from last week



went unanswered by our readers. The answer lies in the card it was attached to when Bob Brolsma of Sherburn brought it in to me. The answer to last week's mystery is that they are "Roller Bearing" Rein Supporters for horses. Thanks Bob for the challenging item! This week we have an item that is uniquely designed. It measures about 16 inches long. It is made of plastic, except for the dark grey piece, which is made of polished steel and the metal part is cupped outward on both sides. So, what is it? And



even more so, what is its purpose? You can email me your guess at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call our office at 507-238-9456 and leave your guess along with your contact info. If you have an interesting item you think would be good for a future "What is it?" either stop at the Photo Press so we can take pictures and get information, or email photos to me with a description.

Ceylon Days take two!

For the first time in its 82 year history, the Ceylon Community Day Sale was postponed. It will now be held Saturday, April 28th. The original plan was to delay it to April 21st, but a forecasted storm Wednesday forced the move to

April 28th. By delaying it, this allows the sale to get even bigger as the auctioneers have more days to take in auction items. It will prove to be a challenging day getting around town on the 28th but that hasn't stopped bidders and spectators alike in the past and it won't that day either. The streets of town are guaranteed to be mud-crusted by the end of the day because it is pretty much a guarantee that it will be a muddy mess that day. Take in all of the garage sales, food vendors, and of course the auction itself that day, but make sure to bring along your 5 buckle boots!

Pancakes, dinner auction and a burger bash!

There are a number of events that are taking place around the area in the next week: this Wednesday April 18th, Fairmont United Methodist Church will have their Wednesday Evening Supper from 5 to 6 p.m. They are serving chicken 'n biscuits for a \$2 donation. Friday, April 20th from 5-8 p.m. at the Northrop

American Legion the St. James Lutheran School Shrimp Feed takes place. Donations and proceeds will go towards funds for a new school bus. On Saturday, April 21st, Martin Luther High School will have their rescheduled "Oh, What A Knight!" dinner and auction starting at 4:30 p.m. in Northrop. Also on Saturday, the Truman Lions Club will have their Burger Bash from 5-7 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. On Sunday, April 22nd the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast at the KC Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will benefit the Martin County Historical Society. On Tuesday, April 24th from 5-7 p.m. Holy Hotdish will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Lots going on in the coming week!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - NO MORE SNOW PLEASE!

- Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



and you can bring the eggs out."

It was a neat experience, as I hadn't done that since I was a little kid. The hens breast feathers were soft and warm, as was the area underneath where she sat upon her eggs. One black and grey speckled hen pecked at my hand when I tried to get her eggs. I jumped back.

The farmer laughed. "She won't hurt you. Not all of the hens will let you take their eggs without a bit of a fuss." He said, explaining, "Just ease your hand under her..."

To find out how the chicken responded, go to Fairmontphotopress.com and check out Tom's column archives.

Tom Palen can be reached at [facebook.com/tom.palen.98](https://www.facebook.com/tom.palen.98)

The screen prompted me, "Review the details." I did as instructed, then grinned as I hit "Submit Payment." Feeling a bunch of weight lifted from my shoulders, I sat to ponder the moment. It was bittersweet.

A moment later, my phone beeped. An incoming text from my daughter, Annie. "Thank you, Dad. I love you!" Immediately, a second text from Annie; "How did it feel to pay your last bit of tuition ever?!" I smiled, thinking, "Pretty good!"

It seems impossible that she'll be graduating from college already, just two weeks from now. I began to daydream about her future and reflect on the past.

It was the summer

of 2013. Melissa, Annie and I had toured different school campuses. She considered the University of Northern Iowa, in Waterloo, the University of Minnesota in Duluth, and Winona State University in southern Minnesota.

When we visited WSU, we stayed at Heaven's Valley Lodge, a bed and breakfast just outside of the city. It was a small hobby farm, organic in nature, nestled in the beautiful valley amongst the hills and bluffs surrounding Winona.

We stayed in an apartment above the garages, where the tractors and implements were stored. The owners lived here while they built their house on the property.

Although we had to

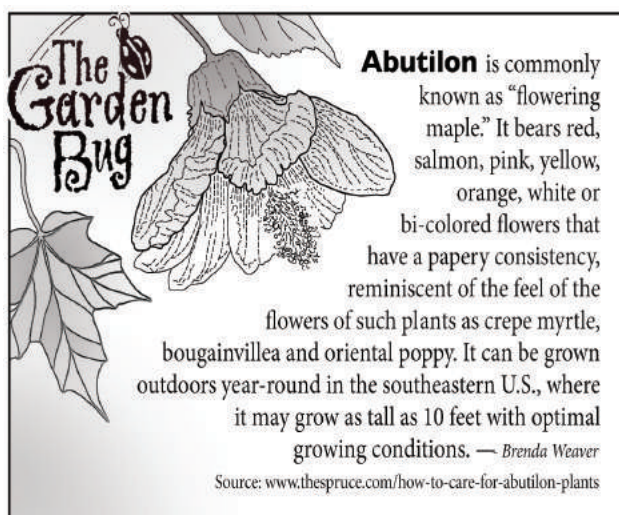
make our own breakfast, the hosts were very accommodating. Breakfast items were left in the kitchen, along with a note inviting us to gather our own farm fresh eggs from the hen house. They also left an egg carton with a separate note, "Please feel free to take a dozen eggs home with you."

Annie and I headed for the hen house with a medium size kitchen bowl that was provided. Melissa said she would be along shortly.

The farmer showed us how to get in securing the gate behind us so the hens couldn't get out - and predators didn't get in. Then he instructed us, "To get the eggs, you just slide the back of your open hand gently under the hen. She'll lift a little,



St. James Lutheran School, Northrop recently completed its "Smile Drive 2018" project, collecting tooth care items for children in need. The project is a national organizational drive. A total of 152 toothbrushes, 171 tubes of tooth paste, 107 mouth wash bottles, 44 floss containers and 23 bags of floss picks were collected by the students. (Submitted photo)



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Brenna Cutler, a Fairmont Area High School senior, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Brenna is the daughter of Nick and Courtney Cutler. She has a twin sister, Claire. Brenna's list of activities during high school has kept her very busy and includes volleyball, basketball, track and field, school musicals, band, student council, FCA, Cardinal Leadership Council, FFA, and Trig Star. Brenna plans to pursue a career in teaching and will attend the University of South Dakota or South Dakota State University. (Submitted photo)



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THUR: K-6: Turkey, gravy, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, turkey & swiss pretzel roll, tomatoes, orange, peaches. **JR/HS:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tator tots, green beans, broccoli ranch salad, cucumbers, orange, pineapple tidbits. **FRI: K-6:** Pepperoni pizza, yogurt & graham cracker fun lunch, fries, corn, apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Chicken strips, dinner roll, baked beans, caesar salad, carrots, orange, fruit cocktail. **MON: K-6:** Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, ham & turkey chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, fruit. **JR/HS:** Meatball sub, tator tots, corn, tomato & cucumber salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.

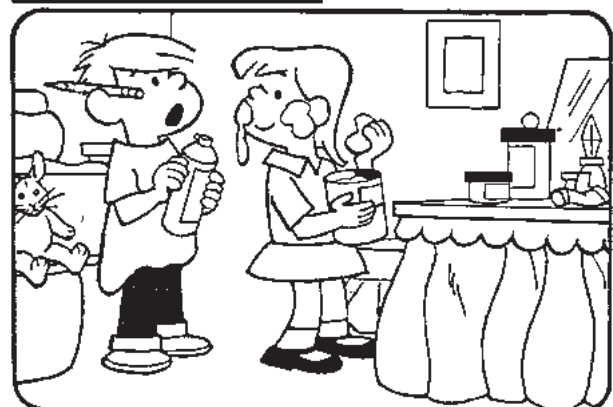
TUE: K-6: Mini turkey corn dogs, dinner roll, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, fries, broccoli, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Sloppy joe, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, cucumbers, banana, pineapple tidbits. **WED: K-6:** Chicken fajitas, rice, refried beans, sunbutter & grape sandwich, tomatoes, orange, peaches. **JR/HS:** Chicken alfredo, breadstick, broccoli, pea salad, celery sticks, grapes, peaches.



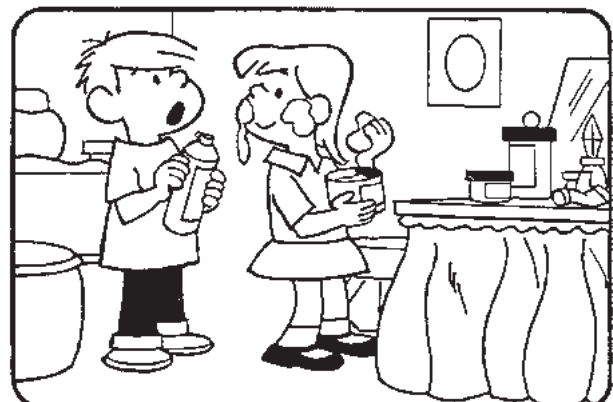
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THUR: Grilled cheese sandwich, tator tots, green beans, broccoli ranch salad, pineapple tidbits. **FRI:** Chicken strips, dinner roll, baked beans, carrots, orange. **MON:** Italian meatball sub, tator tots, corn, carrots, banana. **TUE:** Sloppy joe, baked beans, coleslaw, cucumbers, pineapple tidbits. **WED:** Chicken alfredo, breadstick, broccoli, celery sticks, grapes, peaches.

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. 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 19 - 25

THURS: Roast turkey, dressing, gravy, squash, rice. **FRI:** Shrimp poppers, hashbrown bake, winter mix veggie, ice cream. **MON:** Bean soup, cornbread, applesauce, twinkie dessert. **TUE:** Pot roast, red skin potatoes, gravy, carrots, custard. **WED:** Chicken ala king, biscuit, beet pickle, lettuce salad, brownie.

Trimont City Wide Garage Sales

**Thurs., April 19
through
Sat. April 21**

Maps: Casey's and Town Center

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Karen Toupal 507-773-4547.

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THUR: Tacos, rice, refried beans, corn, fruit. **FRI:** Pulled pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, carrots, strawberry cup. **MON:** Pizza, green beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits. **TUE:** Hamburger, fries, baked beans, pears. **WED:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, spinach salad, carrots, fruit.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

APR 19 - 25

THUR: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, broccoli, bread, peaches. **FRI:** Sloppy joe, baked beans, lettuce salad, applesauce. **MON:** Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, banana. **TUE:** Soft shell taco, refried beans, mandarin oranges. **WED:** Pancakes, ham, green beans, strawberries, rice krispie bar.

STEP Inc., Finding the right job for the right individual

Kaylin Tlam, Photo Press Reporter - Intern



The landscape of employment for people with disabilities is changing, and STEP Inc hopes to be one of the leading examples of their new track to making employment accessible to all people. Domonique Berg expressed how his job has changed since his addition to STEP in 2003.

Through what is called 'Customizable employment', STEP finds a way to facilitate not only jobs that help individuals find steady employment, but also jobs that they would find fulfilling. Their process begins with a simple interview with the client, who lists their interests and goals, as well as their dislikes. From there, STEP goes out into the community to find a job that would fit with these interests. For example, if a client expressed an interest in computers, STEP would likely find them a career in data entry, or a place on an assembly line where

computers are manufactured. STEP tries to find not only a job that will fit the needs of the individual, but their personalities as well.

Much of the success of the customizable employment comes from the STEP Active Team, a

group of individuals out in the community who have farther ties to different employment opportunities than the STEP team, alone. They assist in helping STEP find those jobs that better carve out the most fitting job for clients. The jobs themselves have changed, as well. In the past, there were only certain jobs available for those who qualified for STEP help. Now, STEP and employers allow clients to shape jobs into the right fit for their needs, including carving off bits of a more difficult task to better fit their needs. Individuals are also free to receive vacations, holidays, and benefits from the companies they work for. This includes allowing individuals to work on the company schedule and not simply when STEP is available to assist them.

Along with customizable employment, STEP also provides the necessary job coaching and training for individuals to succeed. They also include full-time help for those who require more assistance in their employment. For those who cannot go out and work, STEP also provides in-house employment as well as leisure activities to allow clients to maintain a social life.

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Support, Training & Employment



Well system parts vital for good water quality

(NAPSI)—If you ever get water from a well, you should know there's more to it than just, well, a well. In fact, a water well is really a water well system because it consists of numerous components—many of which can affect water quality if not well maintained.

What's In A Well

These components are designed to protect water from contaminants that are harmful to health or adversely affect the water's appearance, taste or odor. They include:

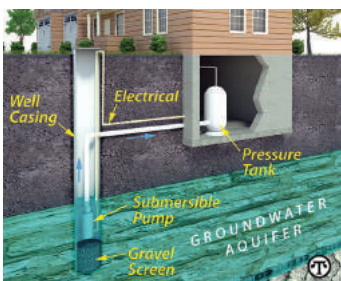
- **The Well Casing:** This is the tubular structure that is placed in the drilled well to maintain the opening. Along with grout, the casing confines the groundwater to its zone underground and can prevent contaminants from mixing with the water.

The most common materials for well casings are carbon steel, plastic (most commonly PVC), and stainless steel.

Different geologic formations dictate which type of casing can be used. Residents in some areas have a choice between steel and PVC, both of which have advantages.

PVC is lightweight, resistant to corrosion, and relatively easy for contractors to install. However, it is not as strong and not as resistant to heat as steel. Steel, though, is susceptible to corrosion, can have scale buildup, and can cost more than PVC.

If the casing is sufficiently corroded or breaks, or if the grouting fails, contaminants could enter the well and com-



promise your water quality. Your best protection is to get a periodic water well

system inspection to identify any such problems.

- **The Well Cap:** This goes on top of the well casing. It should fit snugly so debris, insects or small animals can't find their way into the well system. The well cap should be bolted or locked so it cannot be easily removed.

Well caps are usually aluminum or thermoplastic and have a vented screen so the pressure difference between the inside and outside of the well casing will be equalized when water is pumped from the well.

A cracked or loose well cap could allow outside contaminants, including bacteria via insects or vermin, into the well. Well owners should visually inspect their well cap from time to time and contact a water well system professional if a problem is detected.

- **The Pitless Adapter:** This connector is used in places where freezing occurs. It's installed underground below the frost line to provide a sanitary seal between the well casing and the water line running to the house. If this seal is compromised, it could allow bacteria or other contamination into the well. A water well system contractor can determine whether a faulty pitless adapter is contributing to such water quality problems.

- **The Well Screen:** This prevents excess sediment from entering the well. The screen attaches to the bottom of the casing, letting water move through the well while keeping out most gravel and sand.

There are assorted styles of screens, and a water well system professional can determine which type is best suited to your well. The wrong type of screen or a deteriorated screen could allow sediment, sand and gravel into your well and your water.

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) advises household well owners to maintain their well systems, including these important components, to protect drinking water quality and health.

Learn More

For further information about well systems, water quality, and groundwater protection, visit www.WellOwner.org.

Tips to protect birds in your yard and garden

(StatePoint) One of the best parts of backyard living in the warmer months is all the potential for bird watching that comes with it. You may have even installed a bird-feeder in your garden in an attempt to attract more birds to your property.

But did you know,

your home poses dangerous risks to the birds that visit your yard and garden? Window strikes are common among many species of migrating birds, and millions of wild birds are killed annually flying into windows.

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Whether you are an avid amateur ornithologist or just a casual observer of feathered friends in flight, by taking precautions your home need not be part of the problem.

Take advantage of the fact that birds can see certain light frequencies that humans cannot to make windows visible to birds in a way that won't obstruct your own view. Doing so can be a simple home project completed in just an afternoon.

Try applying UV decals and UV liquid to your home's windows and sliding glass doors. Those from WindowAlert, for example, have been proven to effectively alter the flight path of birds to prevent window strikes. While the coating will look like etched glass to the human eye, it will look

very visible to a bird. As UV reflectivity may fade over time, it's important to replace the decals and liquid every four months. Application techniques can be found by visiting WindowAlert.com.

"Turning your home into a refuge for birds is a simple way to save lives and protect the creatures that beautify your yard and, in the case of hummingbirds, pollinate your garden," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert.

Schock also recommends planting trees, shrubs and flowers that provide birds with nourishment and shelter, as well as paying attention to pet cats when they are outdoors, to ensure they don't hunt the birds that visit.

This season, be a better friend to birds by taking a few simple measures in your home and garden.

Are your home furnishings good for the planet?

(StatePoint) More consumers are interested in selecting products that are good for the planet and their families, than ever before. While many understand what organic food is, confusion still exists when it comes to home furnishings. Simply put, what you bring into your home directly impacts the health and welfare of your family in terms of exposure to chemicals of concern, indoor air quality and comfort.

With the deluge of products claiming to be environmentally sustainable, it's important to know what to look for when furnishing your home. Here are some considerations to bear in mind.

- Does it contain harmful chemicals? While the EPA has phased out the use of some of the most potentially harmful chemicals, some chemi-

cal variations continue to be used in upholstery and fabrics. To get a sense of what's good and what may be bad, consult resources like the U.S. EPA's Chemicals of Concern List and the Living Future Institute's Red List. Remember that while some degree of chemical treatment may be needed to make fabrics fire-retardant or stain-repellent, in many instances, green manufacturers employ minimal chemistry or have found natural solutions to achieve these results.

- Am I considering all the options? Fortunately, top fabric and furniture manufacturers have developed more sustainable alternatives. For example, Milliken & Company recently launched Breathe by Milliken, an eco-elegant collection of fluorine-free performance fabrics available in both natural and recycled polyester fibers. Furniture retailers are offering sustainably-sourced, locally-made, and organic furniture and fabric options, while big box retailers like Target have developed sustainability scoring requirements on products to help educate and empower consumers.

- Where does it come from? A sofa made from natural materials may not be a truly green choice. Consider the supply chain, too. Are natural raw materials sustainably



grown and harvested? Are they made by companies with reputations for environmental stewardship according to green manufacturing principles?

- What's it made of? Select natural fibers or materials like cotton or wood whenever possible. However, if you prefer man-made fibers, ask about items made from recycled or post-consumer materials. For example, Breathe by Milliken polyester fabrics are made from recycled plastic, and each sofa upholstered in this fabric diverts 90-150 plastic bottles from landfills.

- How long will it last? Durability is sustainability. Whether wood, molded plastic or fabric, quality household items will remain in use, rather than in the landfill.

- What happens when I'm done with it? Opt for materials that consist of recycled or reused materials and/or those that biodegrade or can be easily recycled.

- Have green claims been validated? "Greenwashing," or making untrue or inaccurate sustainability claims, is a pervasive problem across a range of industries. Opt for brands with third-party certifications. For example, products achieving GREENGUARD Gold certification have been screened to ensure they don't contain any of the more than 10,000 chemicals commonly known to pollute the air we breathe. Earning this certification means these fabrics meet the world's most rigorous chemical emission standards, improving indoor air quality and overall health. The Sustainable Furnishings Council is another excellent consumer resource.

For more information on sustainable interiors, visit breathebymilliken.com.

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Update your home with 2018 design trends

(StatePoint) Are you planning to refresh your home but aren't sure where to start? Some of today's most popular design trends encourage mixing and matching favorite home accents within the same space.

There is no need to feel limited by fixtures or fin-

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Fire prevention tips and technology

(NAPSI)—They look like small, plastic boxes, round or square, stuck up on the wall or the ceiling—but they could save your life. They're smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Facts And Figures

On average, eight people die in a home fire each day in the U.S.—almost 3,000 people every year. While working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in

mixing fixtures with different, but complementary finishes. For example, Progress Lighting offers fixtures that feature finishes with contrasting accents, such as antique bronze and brass, antique bronze and natural brass or polished nickel with silver ridge -- adding visual interest.

• **Pendant Groupings:** Pendant groupings are commonly used in a foyer, over a kitchen island or above a dining room table. These versatile fixtures can be mixed and matched to create a custom cluster design for a

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"I like to design areas that are so inviting, people don't want to leave," says Susan Wilson, designer and founder of Susan Wilson Interiors. "When a home features accents and lighting that work together seamlessly, it makes the spaces throughout memorable and relatable."

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half, roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

As for carbon monoxide detectors, more than 200 people die from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the U.S. annually. Several thousand more are treated in hospital emergency rooms for CO poisoning. Yet an estimated 70 percent of U.S. homes are not protected by a working CO alarm. CO is created when common fuels such as natural gas, oil, wood or coal burn incompletely. This odorless, colorless, tasteless gas is often called the "silent killer" because it is virtually undetectable without the use of proper technology. You can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over

a longer time as well as by a large amount over a shorter time.

What You Need To Know

For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that they all sound if one sounds. Manufacturers are now producing battery-operated alarms that are interconnected by wireless technology.

Combination smoke alarms that include both ionization and photoelectric alarms offer the most comprehensive protection. An ionization alarm is more responsive to flames, while a photoelectric alarm is more responsive to a smoldering fire.

Hardwired smoke alarms with battery back-

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- Install smoke alarms at least 10 feet from cooking appliances to reduce the possibility of false alarms.
- If possible, alarms should be mounted in the center of a ceiling. If mounted on a wall, they should be six to 12 inches below the ceiling.
- Avoid locating alarms near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows or ceiling fans.
- Test your alarms every month by pressing the TEST button.
- Replace the batter-

ies at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" or "beeps" to indicate low batteries, replace them immediately.

• Occasionally dust or lightly vacuum the exterior of the alarm.

• Replace the alarms in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, but at least every 10 years.

• Never paint over an alarm.

• If you have difficulty hearing, you can get alarms with low-pitched sounds or vibrations.

Learn More

For further facts and tips on how to stay safe from fire, by the experts at Electrical Safety Foundation International, the premier nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace, visit www.esfi.org.

Innovative new looks for your Kitchen

(StatePoint) Renovating your kitchen? Think about making updates that will add beauty and

functionality to one of the most important rooms in the house. Here are a few innovative new looks and

ideas to consider including in your plans.

Add Geometry

Geometric tile designs can create a bold modernized look in your kitchen, whether you're adding a backsplash or redoing the flooring. Get creative by adding a mosaic design as trim around the perimeter or as a central point of focus.

Create Your Focal Point

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Three trims -- brass, bronze and chrome -- give homeowners even more options when creating a look for the kitchen that is truly their own. For more information, visit ilveappliances.com.

Get Cozy

Create a lounge in your kitchen with some fur-



functionality and green energy features of a modern appliance with the charm of old-world design. If you want an opportunity to tailor this look to your own specifications, consider those from ILVE. Known for their hand-crafted Italian appliances, they have added even more ways to customize their ranges with a new, traditionally inspired solid door option for the ILVE Majestic Collection. Completely windowless, this model features a decorative country-style hand-rail on the oven door(s)

niture that lets you kick back and relax. A nook that contains a loveseat or couch, along with a small bookshelf and side table, may become your new favorite place to look through cookbooks or read a few pages of a novel while you're waiting for the dough to rise. If possible, create this area in a sunlit corner of the kitchen that's convenient to where the main cooking action takes place, so that those giving the chef a little company will have a comfortable place to sit and chat with their host.



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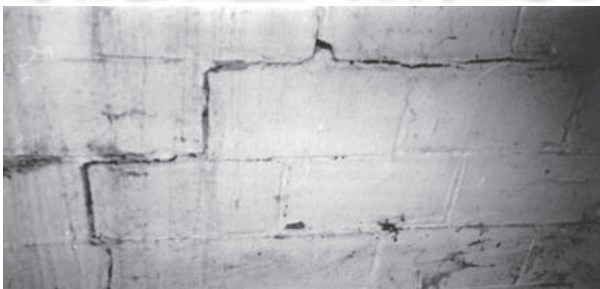
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OBITUARY notices

John J. Meyer, 66



Funeral Service for John J. Meyer, age 66, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, April 14th, 2018 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Private Family Burial was held at Fairview

Memorial Park in Fairmont. John passed away Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, surrounded by his family, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

John Joseph Meyer was born June 14th, 1951 to Amby and Leola (Cogdal) Meyer in Fairmont. Growing up John attended grade school at Saint John Vianney Catholic School and High School at Fairmont High, where he was a member of the 1969 graduating class.

On May 16th, 1970 John was united in marriage to Janice K. Brockman at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. This union was blessed with three sons: Jason, Shane and Josh.

John worked at Carlisle Plastics, Stokely's and Swift before his employment at Weigh Tronix, where he worked up until his retirement. In his spare time John liked to work on small engines, and ride his motorcycle and four-wheeler with his boys. John often would build ramps for his kids to race their bikes on, and helped build the BMX Track in Fairmont. John was the neighborhood go-to man if anything needed to be fixed. He had a humble heart and gentle soul. John loved his family unconditionally and took great pride in spending time with his granddaughters. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Janice Meyer of Fairmont;

children: Jason Meyer, Shane Meyer, and Josh Meyer, and his wife, Elisa, all of Fairmont; grandchildren: Joslyn and Liv Meyer; brother, James (Judy) Meyer; sisters: Jan Barnes, Joyce (Dean) Maschoff, JoAnn (Tom) Goldnick; brother-in-law, Bill Brockman; sister-in-law, Lynda Tungland; nephew, who was loved like a son, Troy Tungland and his wife, Robyn, and their children: Tanner and Josh; many other nieces and nephews; other extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Meyer; sisters: Judy Hahn and Jean Hansen; and in-laws, Glen and Joyce Brockman.

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DEATH notices



April 9 - Arlene B. George, 92, Sherburn.
Kramer Family Funeral Home
April 10 - John J. Meyer, 66, Fairmont.
Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
April 10 - Marlan C. Anders, 87, Fairmont.
Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
April 10 - David J. Anderson, 72, Truman, formerly of Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
April 11 - Richard E. Olson, 78, Trimont.
Kramer Family Funeral Home
April 13 - Lillian M. Kuhlman (Greiner), 93, Lewisville. Zaharia Funeral and Cremation Service
April 14 - Margaret E. Paulson, 97, Dunnell.
Kramer Family Funeral Home
April 14 - LaVonne F. Rosenberg, 80, Trimont.
Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

April 8 - Nina M. Dienhart, 93, Fairmont
April 10 - Marilyn M. Duderstadt, 82, Truman
April 11 - Jonathan L. Hovick, 51, Plymouth
April 14 - Curtis T. Anderson, 93, Ceylon
April 15 - Douglas Ringnell, 76, Sherburn
April 17 - Lee C. McDonald, 80, Fairmont

Marlan C. Anders, 87



Funeral Service for Marlan (Marlie) C. Anders, 87, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, April 14th, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

Burial was at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Marlan passed away Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Marlan Charles Anders was born April 10th, 1931, to Carl and Anna (Harms) Anders in Fairmont. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. He received his education from Northrop District #73 Public School. Marlan's fa-

ther was injured so Marlan left school after 8th grade to help with farming. Marlan served in the United States Army from February to October of 1957.

On February 9th, 1958, Marlan was united in marriage to Nola Nelson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome. This marriage was blessed with three children, Carmen, Natalie and Nathan. Marlan and Nola made their home and farmed north of Fairmont where they raised grain, cattle and chickens; retiring in 1993. In 1988, Marlan helped Nola start up Anders' Country Carpets on the farm. He also worked as a grader operator in Rutland Township

for forty years.

Marlan was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. He enjoyed gardening, farming and fishing. Marlan enjoyed snowmobiling with his family and helped set up the snowmobile trail system north of Fairmont with the Blizzard Snowmobile Club, of which he was a member. He was very proud of his "straight out of the field" tractor pulling for many years. Marlan built a summer lake home on Fox Lake from the old Northrop Depot and enjoyed time spent there with family, boating and fishing. He was also a member of the Fox Lake

Association. He will be remembered for his love of fixing or building anything and everything. His mind was always working.

Those left to cherish his memory include his three children, Carmen (Randy) Deling of Fairmont, Natalie (Scott) Wiederhoeft of Rochester and Nathan (Amy) Anders of rural Granada; grandchildren, Dalton (Rebecca) Deling, Kelsey Deling (Cameron Meyer), Aaron Wiederhoeft, Haley (Gavin) Duden, Emily (Scott) Boes, Wendy Anders (Charles Steuer) and Rachel Anders; great-grandchildren,

Newt Boes and baby boy Steuer expected soon; sister, Evelyn Burmeister; brother, Gerald (June) Anders; sister-in-law, Lois Nelson; special friend, Marjorie McFarland; and nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Nola; sister and brother-in-law, Myrtle and Wallace Armbrust; brothers-in-law, Melvin Burmeister and Stanley Nelson; nephew, Dennis Burmeister; and his father and mother-in-law.

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Mary J. Rosenthal, 78



Mary Jane Rosenthal, 78, of East Chain, passed away Tuesday, March 27th 2018 at Waverly Gardens Care Center in North Oaks, Minnesota. Mary was born May 31st, 1939 at Fairmont hospital, daughter of August and Alice Rosenthal. Mary was a baptized and committed Christian. She attended school in Granada and graduated from East Chain High in 1957. Following graduation, Mary worked at the Martin County Courthouse. On September 5th, 1957, Mary was united in marriage to Jerome Shumski at the Holy

Family Catholic Church in East Chain. They made their home on the family farm, established in 1892. They were blessed with three children, David, Anne and Julie.

Mary was a faithful wife and dedicated mother. Mary, along with her husband, was an excellent steward of the farm. She spent countless hours in the farmhouse, fields, barnyard and grove, keeping everything up to her high standards. While raising her children, Mary was active in many school and church activities. Mary obtained

her realtors license in 1988 and became a C.N.A. in 1989 from Albert Lea Vo-Tech. Mary also traveled to Spain as a chaperone on a school trip.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." Mary was good at everything she did. Mary was an excellent accountant, cook, grand champion baker, prize winning candy maker, a talented seamstress and skilled at furniture restoration. Whatever it was, she was a good one! Mary worked hard but also enjoyed the beautiful things in life. She brought her own

special touch of glamour wherever she went.

Mary will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory are her children: David Shumski and his wife Karen of Swea City, Iowa; Anne Swenson and her husband Walter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Julie Blumhoefer and her husband Jim of Stacy, Minnesota. Grandchildren: Jeremy and Dallas Shumski of Ledyard, Iowa; Leslie Donohue and her husband Ryan of Granada; great grandchildren: Ava, Aidan, Colten and Haley Dono-

hue; sister, Clare Godwin of Ozark, Alabama; as well as extended family and friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents August and Alice Rosenthal, sisters Marcella Rosenthal and Lavonne Rosenwinkel, her brother Stanley Rosenthal as well as in laws and extended family. Jerry, her beloved husband of 58 years, passed away in 2015.

A private graveside service at Burt, Iowa is planned for June.

LaVonne F. Rosenberg, 80



A Celebration of Life

Service for LaVonne F. Rosenberg, 80, of rural Welcome will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20th, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome. Burial will be in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Welcome. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 19th, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome and one hour prior to the services at the church. LaVonne was called to her eternal rest on Saturday evening, April 14th 2018 at Mayo Clinic Health Sys-

tem in Fairmont. Kramer Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

LaVonne Faye Ratike was born January 26th, 1938 to Wilbert and Talitha (Koch) Ratike in Fairmont. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1956. On June 5, 1960 she was united in marriage to Floyd Rosenberg at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont, Minnesota. They then farmed together in Rolling Green Township. LaVonne worked at F.W. Woolworth for many years. She taught Sunday school at St. John

UCC in Fairmont for eight years, and later continued teaching at St. Paul's UCC in Welcome and was head of its funeral committee and served on its cemetery and church building boards. She was active as secretary of Minnesota Christian Womens Connection and held a position on the Martin County Christian Womens board. LaVonne enjoyed attending her grandchildren's events, mowing the lawn, crafting, playing cards, shopping, and eating out with Floyd.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband

of 57 years, Floyd Rosenberg of rural Welcome; two sons, Todd and his wife, Margaret Rosenberg of rural Fairmont and Travis Rosenberg and his fiancée, Kimberly Thompson of rural Fairmont; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Ariel Crayne and their son, Jonathon Crayne of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Sean Crayne and fiancé, Katie Perez of Ventura, California, Jacob Rosenberg of Welcome, Brian and Kristen Rosenberg and Hannah and Eleanor all of San Antonio, Texas, Jason

and Sara Rosenbeg and Lennyx of Trimont and Matthew Hansen of St. Cloud; brother, Kenneth and Barb Ratike of Rochester; brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Elaine Rosenberg of rural Fairmont, and John Fothergill of Ringsted, Iowa; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

LaVonne is preceded in death by her parents, sister, Delores Fothergill; brother-in-law, Clarence Rosenberg and other relatives.

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Richard E. Olson, 78



A Celebration of Life Service for Richard E. Olson, 78, of Trimont, Minnesota will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 19th, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Trimont.

Burial will be at a later date in First Lutheran Cemetery in rural Trimont. There will be full military honors by the Foster-Bernhardt American Legion Post #373 of Trimont, Thomas P. Saxton American Legion Post #356 of Sherburn and Sherburn Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8261 outside of the church. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at the Kramer Family Funeral Home in Trimont and one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday. Richard was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday afternoon, April 11th, 2018 at Seasons Healthcare Center in Trimont.

Richard Ervin Olson was

born February 13th, 1940 to Ervin and Eva (Ek) Olson at Mountain Lake. He received his education in schools in Triumph-Monterey where he graduated with the class of 1958. During his high school years he was employed at Temple's Grocery Store and the creamery. In 1959 he entered the United States Army serving until 1960. Richard then was employed for Cliff Ekstadt at his Skelly Gas Station. On December 29th, 1962, he was united in marriage to Joan M. Gieser at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. Richard, along with his brother, David, owned and operated Olson Oil Company on Main Street of Trimont. Richard would

care for the alley cats behind his station by feeding and caring for them. The couple was blessed with two children, Lori Sue and Scott. Richard and Joan traveled to Mexico and Hawaii through the Oil Business. Their daughter died when she was eight years old from complications of the flu during a snow storm on January 24th, 1972. In 1994, Richard had a major stroke and left unable to work. Joan cared for him at their home until on July 17th, 2002 when he became a resident of the Trimont Health Care Center.

Joan died March 16th, 2011. Richard was a life long member of First Lutheran Church in Trimont. He also

was a member of the American Legion and V.F.W. Posts. He served on the Trimont Fire Department for twenty years and was one of the founders of the Trimont Rescue Squad. Richard was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan.

He is survived by his son, Scott Olson of Eagle Lake, Minnesota; two grandchildren, Devin Olson of Mankato, Minnesota and Mariah Olson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; great-grandson, Jorden; brother, David (Karen) Olson of Fairmont, Minnesota; sister, Carole (Jack) Bursell of Fairmont, Minnesota; brother-in-law, Dale Anderson from Lynd, Minnesota and Douglas (Linda) Gieser from Yuma,

Arizona; sisters-in-law, Audrey Davey from Yuma, Arizona and Pat Gieser from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Imgard Gieser, Joanne Flom from Minnesota, Darlene Gieser of Wisconsin; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. He is also survived by two special friends, Jerry Gray and Tami Rasmussen.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Joan; daughter, Lori Sue; sister, Kathleen Anderson and other relatives.

Family prefers memorials to: Martin County Humane Society.

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Services for Sherron A. (Quiring) Pullen, 84, of East Peoria, Illinois, and formerly of Fairmont, are pending at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Sherron passed away Monday morning, April 16th at her home in East Peoria. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Mayo joins statewide cancer trials network

Patients in communities in southern Minnesota and across the state soon will have better access to new cancer treatments and enhanced care delivery, thanks to a new state-funded partnership involving the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, the Hormel Institute and several of the state's large health care providers.

As part of the Minnesota

Discovery Research and Innovation (MnDRIVE) partnership with the state of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota is launching the Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network with multiple locations across the state.

Led by the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network will improve cancer outcomes for all Minnesotans through greater access to cancer clinical trials in prevention, treatment and survivorship. These trials will originate from Minnesota's two National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers: the Masonic Cancer Center and Mayo Clinic Cancer Center,

along with the Hormel Institute in Austin.

"The Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network brings National Cancer Institute group trials, as well as trials initiated by Mayo Clinic, the Hormel Institute and the University of Minnesota, to our patients, closer to where they live," says Stephan Thome, M.D., regional medical director of Oncology for Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato, Minnesota. "Individuals facing a cancer diagnosis often travel long distances to gain access to clinical trials. This program and partnership allows Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato to help reduce some of the extra burden of travel on our patients and offer new opportunities for hope and healing locally."

Charles Loprinzi, M.D., a Mayo Clinic oncologist, will

serve as medical director for the Minnesota Clinical Cancer Trials Network. In this role, Dr. Loprinzi will lead strategic efforts of the network through application of his extensive leadership and medical experience while working together with all involved partners to ensure patients have access to potentially transformative clinical trials.

Nearly half of all Minnesotans will receive a potentially life-threatening cancer diagnosis, but 56 percent of Minnesotans have fewer options for treatment because they live more than 30 miles from a hospital or clinic that offers access to clinical trials. By bringing cancer clinical trials to those living in Greater Minnesota, the Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network will increase access to potentially lifesaving and life-changing therapies and treat-

ments, strengthen health care systems, and create more equitable access to care. And such access could improve cancer outcomes statewide.

The Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network is a collaboration among the Masonic Cancer Center, Essentia Health Community Oncology Research Program, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, Mayo Clinic Health System, Fairview Health System, Sanford Community Oncology Program of the North Central Plains, Metro-Minnesota Community Oncology Research Consortium and The Hormel Institute. In all, there will be 18 new locations across Minnesota that will participate in the Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network cancer clinical trials in the first year of the program. Additional sites across the state will be added in subsequent years.

The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. You've been after me to read books other than westerns. I don't know why I'd want to do that, but I tried reading 'A River Runs Through It.' The pages were too wet to read. I drove into Mangy Corners to the Brewed Awakening to get a cup of jitter juice. I parked in front of a 'No parking' sign. I figured it'd be OK as I'd be just a minute. As long as I was there, I bought a couple of scratch-off tickets. I scratched off the tickets and won, so I bought a couple more. I ended up \$15 ahead. I was pretty chucked until I came outside and discovered a \$20 parking ticket under my windshield wiper. Then I went to a wake at the funeral home. I paid my respects and when



it was time to go home, my truck wouldn't start. I went back into the funeral home and told Paul Bearer, the mortician, that my pickup was dead and I needed assistance. Paul smiled and said, 'Sorry, Crandall, but we don't bury trucks here.'"

Naturally

Someone told me that the seasons were too long. He was talking about the NFL, NHL, NBA and MLB, but he could have been talking about winter.

Tom Lehrer said, "Bad weather always looks worse through a window." I like his songs, but he was wrong there.

Shakespeare wrote, "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

He was wrong this year. March came in like a lion and decided to stay through April.

I heard a hawk, but it was a blue jay. Blue jays commonly mimic the calls of red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks.

I watched downy and hairy woodpeckers. The downy usually nests before the larger hairy does.

I spotted a meadowlark--not sure if it was

eastern or western. Some pioneers likened a meadowlark to quail, as they had similar builds and walks, plus that distinctive flight of quick fluttering wings followed by a short sail through the air. This earned them the nickname marsh quail.

Song sparrows and cardinals were the latest visitors to the feeders. Their appetites work long hours.

Take a look out the window and you'll be amazed at what you might see. A fox squirrel watched everything. Every day is a parade to a squirrel and nuts like me.

Q-and-A

"Do house wrens eat seeds?" A wide variety of insects and spiders makes up most of their diet, but they do eat snail shells, probably for the calcium. They will occasionally feed on peanut parts and sunflower chips.

"Was the turkey vulture named after the turkey?" The turkey vulture has a bald head so that bits of carrion won't stick to its skin as they would to feathers. The turkey vulture, with its bald red head

and dark feathers, was given its name due to its superficial resemblance to the wild turkey.

"How are chicks able to peep from inside an egg? Don't they need oxygen?" The chicks are able to absorb oxygen through the wall of the shell. An egg's surface allows gas in and out while still protecting the fragile contents. Air passes through tiny pores in the shell wall. An eggshell is made of calcium carbonate and known as a semipermeable membrane.

"How big is an ostrich egg?" It's roughly equivalent to two-dozen chicken eggs and can weigh as much as five pounds.

"Why do geese fly in a V-formation?" To let everyone know they are closed. The V stands for "vacationing."

Jim Lageson of Ellendale asked if I had anything good to say about starlings. I do, but I'll likely never get a job as their PR man in Hartland. Here you go. I think they are beautiful birds and their aerial displays done in flocks are impressive. They do eat insect pests, but they will



To a squirrel, every day is like watching a parade. Fox squirrel photo by Al Batt.

eat nearly anything. They are wonderful mimics and some people consider them wonderful pets. Mozart had a pet starling. There are places where they are seen fit for human consumption.

"Which swan has the yellow on its bill?" Tundra swans usually have some yellow on the lores, while trumpeters never do. The yellow on the tundras is extremely variable and may be completely absent. David Sibley wrote that most tundra swans have at least a small yellow spot in front of eye, about 10 percent have a large yellow spot and an-

other 10 percent are lacking yellow.

"Is burdock a native plant?" Common burdock is native to Eurasia and was introduced to North America by early settlers.

Thanks for stopping by "In order to see birds it is necessary to become a part of the silence." -Robert Lynd

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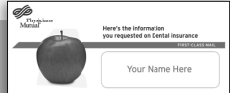
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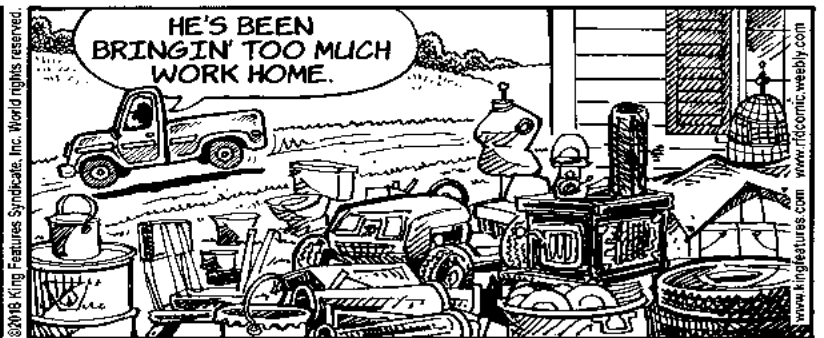
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Normally by mid-April, Midwest farmers have either begun Spring fieldwork, or are within days of the beginning of the planting season for the year. However, 2018 seems to be the "Winter that never ends," as another major snowstorm hit Minnesota and surrounding States this past weekend. Temperatures have been extremely cold during the first half of April, with soils still frozen in many locations. It appears that it could be May 1st or later before full-scale fieldwork begins in most areas of the region.

According to Minnesota State climatology data, the average temperatures in Minneapolis this year during the first 12 days of April have been the coldest since temperature records began in 1872. The 24-hour average temperature in 2018 during that time period was 27.5 degrees, colder than average temperatures of 28.2 degrees in 1920,

29.2 degrees in 1874, 29.4 degrees in 1975, or 32.1 degrees in 1939. During the first 12 days of April, there were over 120 new record low temperatures recorded at weather reporting stations across Minnesota. In addition, following the snowstorm of April 13th-15th, many portions of the Southern half of Minnesota have reached record or near-record snowfall amounts for the month of April, with more snow predicted for later this week.

Early corn planting in the Upper Midwest is usually one of the key factors to achieving optimum corn yields in a given year. Crop research by Universities and private seed companies indicates that the ideal planting date for corn in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, when soil conditions are fit, is typically from April 15th to May 10th. However, the ideal planting date for corn varies somewhat from

year-to-year, depending on soil temperatures and soil conditions. Good corn yields can still be achieved when planting dates are extended into Mid-May. For example, in 2017, following some early corn planting in mid-April, a significant amount of corn in Southern Minnesota was planted during a period that extended into mid-May, which ended with a record statewide corn yield in 2017.

Crop consultants and agronomists are encouraging producers to be patient once the snow melts and the soils thaw before initiating fieldwork. Tilling fields to early can result in poor seedbeds and result in poor planting conditions, which can lead to crop emergence problems. Even though corn planting dates may be later than desired, it may be prudent to wait a few extra days to begin corn planting, in order to allow field conditions to

reach more optimum levels. Research shows that 50 percent corn emergence will occur in 20 days at an average soil temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, which is reduced to only 10 days with an average soil temperature of 60 degrees F. Hopefully, warmer soil temperatures in May will result in improved early season growing conditions.

Based on the March 1st USDA Planting Intentions, Minnesota crop producers were expected to plant 7.5 million acres of corn and 7.9 million acres of soybeans. Iowa farmers are projected to plant 13.3 million acres of corn and 9.8 million acres of soybeans in 2018. Most farm operators will likely not switch intended 2018 corn acres to soybeans, unless corn planting dates get extended into late May or beyond. By April, producers typically have made arrangements for seed, fertilizer, and other crop inputs for the growing season, so they are likely to continue with their planned crop rotations.

2018 spring wheat acreage in the U.S is projected at 47.6 million acres, which is an increase of 3 percent

from the 2017 spring wheat acreage. Most of that increase would likely to occur in North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota. If the spring wheat planting dates are extended beyond May 1st, some of those intended spring wheat acres may be switched to soybean acres for 2018.

One piece of good news for Upper Midwest farm operators is that many portions of the region are in reasonably good shape for stored soil moisture as we head into the 2018 growing season. There are some areas where conditions are a bit drier in Western Minnesota and Iowa, as well as in North and South Dakota. Having adequate soil moisture for corn and soybean germination and early season growth should not be a problem this year in most areas of the Upper Midwest.

Historically, early planting of corn usually leads to higher than normal State average corn yields in Minnesota. In fact, in seven of the nine years that 50 percent or more of the State's corn acres have been planted in April, Minnesota has set a record corn yield. This included the

record corn yields of 194 bushels per acre in 2017, 193 bushels per acre in 2016 and 188 bushels per acre in 2015. In 2017, after some favorable planting conditions during the third week of April, the State's corn planting percentage was at 57 percent on April 30th. The corn planting completion rate in Minnesota reached 85 percent by May 7th. Given the current field conditions and Winter weather conditions in Mid-April, it may be difficult to achieve the strong corn yield levels of the past three years in 2018, unless field conditions in the State improve dramatically in the next few weeks.

Most Midwest crop producers are facing very tight profit margins in 2018. Any significant reductions in crop yields for the year below the projected yields for a given farm operation, unless there are improved crop prices, will cause major financial issues for many farm operations by the end of the year. Improved Spring planting conditions in the next 4-5 weeks will be critical to crop yields and crop profitability in 2018 for Upper Midwest farm operators.

Martin County 4-H recognizes volunteers

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Minnesota donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 15th-21st, 2018.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the University of Minnesota Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Minnesota 4-H supports nearly 11,000 adult volunteers annually who engage young people in a variety of hands-on learning experiences. Volunteers are critical to the success of 4-H programs and making a difference in the lives of youth. In Martin County 4-H, approximately 100 volunteers, serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program to service our membership of over 400 youth. Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as mentoring a child with a 4-H project, leading a project with youth to serve the community, or helping organize an event at the county fair. The Minnesota 4-H State Program Report indicates that 1,033,965 volunteer hours are given to grow true leaders in the 4-H program each year.

The work of 4-H volunteers is continuous as recognized by Martin County 4-Her, Jazlyn Geerdes, "Ev-

ery day our Martin County 4-H volunteers are helping kids do amazing things! They are making many people help their community. These volunteers are 'making the best better.'"

Volunteers not only have a hand in shaping our 4-H program, they also have a hand in shaping our area youth. According to the Search Institute, "Youth who have relationships with three or more caring adults, who are not their parents, are more likely to develop into healthy, caring, and responsible adults themselves and to be successful in college and career."

Martin County 4-H recognizes the importance of volunteers and their positive impact on our area youth. Thank you to our 4-H Volunteers for giving your time and energy. It's because of your involvement that we are able to continue to "make the best better," for not only our program, but for the community as a whole.

"We need our volunteers to teach us and guide us. 4-H wouldn't be the organization it is without its volunteers," states Jazlyn Meyer, Martin County 4-H'er.

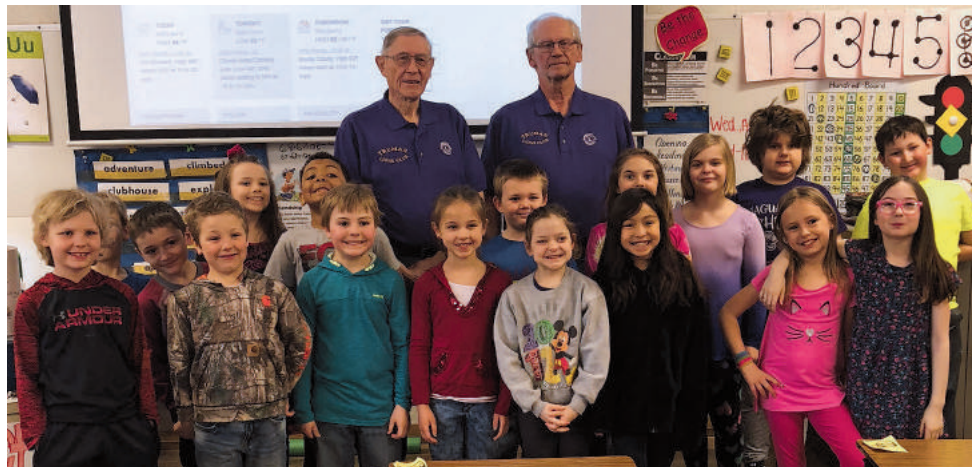
Those interested in joining the team of 4-H Volunteers are invited to contact the University of Minnesota Extension - Martin County Office at 507-235-3341, email mnext-martin@umn.edu, or visit our website, www3.extension.umn.edu/county/martin/.

Lions Club donates to Truman School

The Truman Lions Club members Jerry Tieg and Andrew Hebert recently

made the rounds at the Truman Public Schools to present donations to the

(Submitted photos)



Truman Second Graders: Front row: Matthew Hansen, Landon Schneider, Dominic Klassen, Carter Werner, Mariel Parish, Cierra Farnum, Marely Mia Perales Gonzales, Kaydum Kettunen, Annica Sathoff; Back row: Ethan Zastrow, Tarynn Hohenstein, Lord Joey Bunyan, Jerry Tieg Andrew Hebert, Duane Heckman, Lillian Woodworth, Addyson Wiederhoeft, Syllas Detloff, and Nicolas Gonzalez.



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HIGH FLYER - Cardinals Lizzy Subbert arches over the high jump bar. The Card girls won the BUC Invite, which was moved to Fairmont because of poor field conditions in Blue Earth. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BLIND HAND OFF - Cardinals Nick Thate hands off to Caden Baarts in the 4x100 relay. The Cards boys team won the BUC Invite. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



PERFECT FORM - Cards Lucas Simpson sails over the hurdle in the Shuttle Relay. Fairmont came in second to Waseca in the event. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BRAIDED HURDLER - Cards JVer Rachel O'Connor glides over the hurdles in the Shuttle Relay. The JV team came in fourth in the event. The Varsity team took first. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SNOW SERVICE - The Card Tennis courts bare of snow last Tuesday had 3-4 foot drifts after last Saturday/Sunday's blizzard. More snow is predicted for Wednesday. Advantage Mother Nature. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



NEW TRACK EVENT - Shovel Relay, the Card track team spent Monday shoveling off Bob Bonk Track. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



LONG REACH - Cards #2 singles player Ben Hernes reaches for a backhand return. Hernes won his match against Albert Lea's Josh Englin in the Cards 5-2 win over the Tigers last Tuesday on the Fairmont courts. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



FOREHAND RETURN - Cards Carter Klanderud, #1 singles, readies for a return against the Tigers Grant Herfindahl. Klanderud won his match. The Cards (2-0) also won 4-3 vs Schaeffer Academy Thursday in Rochester. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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Cardinal Speech Team qualifies for State competition

The Cardinal Speech team braved Minnesota weather once again as they traveled to the Section 2A Tournament in St. Peter. Fairmont posted a team score of 130 points, winning the Section Championship for the second consecutive year. Ten Cardinal speakers, including all five Senior captains, will be competing in the State Tournament at Apple Valley High School Saturday April 21st.

Section Champion and State Qualifier:
Eric Head-Creative Ex-

pression
Emma Koehler-Poetry Reading
Ben Hernes-Prose Reading
Section Runner-up and State Qualifier:
Lexi Fischer-Creative Expression
Bergen Senf-Discussion
Maddy Pierce-Great Speeches
Mckenna Mathews-Informative Speaking
Third Place and State Qualifier:
Kara Fischer-Dramatic Interpretation
Weston Loughmiller-

Extemporaneous Speaking
Ameya Komaragiri-Original Oratory
Fourth Place:
Izzy Munsch-Humorous Interpretation
Grace Higgins-Original Oratory
Apoorva Komaragiri-Prose Reading
Fifth Place:
Annika Wheeler-Storytelling
Sixth Place:
Emily Kerekes-Extemporaneous Reading
Sydney Hainy-Humorous Interpretation
Bethany Linse-Storytelling



FHS Cardinal Speech Team Section Team.



FHS Cardinal Speech Team State Qualifiers.



FHS Cardinal Speech Team Section Finalists. (Submitted photos)

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