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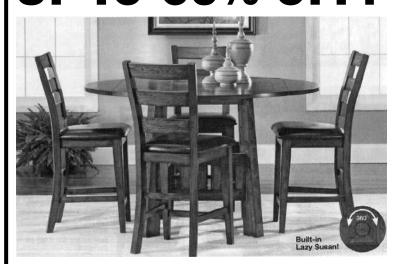




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GRATZ-GRAIF - Alyssa Gratz and Foster Graif are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bruce Gratz & Lenita Struck of Mankato. She graduated from Bethany Lutheran College in 2014 with a degree in Psychology and is currently working in downtown Minneapolis. The groom-elect is the son of Greg and Cindy Graif of Truman. He graduated from Minnesota State University in 2012 and is currently working towards his masters and doctorate degree in Mathematics Education at the University of Minnesota. The wedding is planned for June 10th, 2016.

There will be a bridal shower for Natalie Kellev, bride to be of Mikal **Brown** on Sunday, April 24th at 2 p.m. at East Chain Evangelical Free Church in rural East Chain. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and also JCPenney. All family and friends are welcome.

A Come and Go Bridal Shower for Kayla Arm**strong** of Fairmont, bride to be of Rod Olson of Trimont, will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn. There will be a short program at 4 p.m. Kayla's parents are Tammy and Phil Armstrong and Robert and Lenore Olson. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's and Mills Fleet

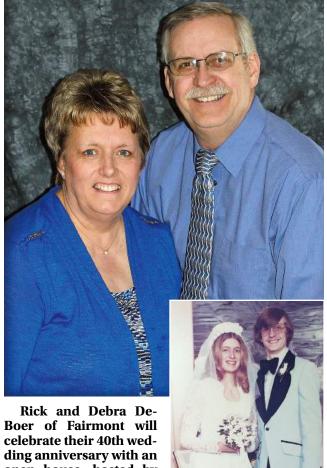
Drawing winners at Culligan Water Conditioning's Annual Salt Sale Sale and Customer Appreciation Day, held on Saturday, April 9th, include: Brenda Zehnder of Truman, Lori Calkins of Blue Earth, JR Pooley of Fairmont, Joel Grabinoski of Armstrong and Kim Kreiss of Fairmont.

The Genesis Classical Academy of Winnebago, MN will hold its 1st Annual GCA (Genesis Classical Academy) Tea, Fashion Show & Silent Auction on Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This event ers organization "CREST" will be held at Dikkers Hall at Genesis Classical Academy. We are currently taking silent auction donations at GCA.

Student Tickets are \$10 and are available at Roerig Hardand Genesis Classical Academy, all of Winneba-

Trinity Lutheran Church of Welcome will have a **Turkey Dinner** on Sunday, April 24th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a charge.

High School, Northrop working for tips at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont on Wednesday, May 4th beginning at 5:00 p.m.Come and enjoy pizza while supporting their project.



open house, hosted by their children, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fair-

mont on Sunday, April 24th, from 3 to 5 p.m. They were married April 24th, 1976 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ceylon. Cards will reach them at 1321 North Elm Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

The volunteer caregivwill host the Carlson Pilon Thursday, April 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Cov-Scholarships. be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized and fluffed for a charge while you wait. You ware, First Financial Bank can also drop your pillows off at the site and come back to pick them up later in the day. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will go to benefit the volunteer caregiving services of **CREST** in Martin County.

There will be a **shrimp feed** on Friday, April 29th from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Martin Luther the Northrop American Legion. All you can eat yearbook staff will be shrimp, baked potato, cole slaw and bread. Adults \$13 and Kids 12 and under are \$6. Proceeds from the meal go to support the Martin County Humane Society.

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The National Honor Society will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, **low Cleaning Service** April 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. To schedule an appointment All proceeds from ticket enant Church, located at call 507-436-5249 or go to sales and silent auction 901 Woodland Avenue www.redcrossblood.org items will go to the GCA in Fairmont. Pillows will and enter the code ML-HSMN.

> The St. Paul Lutheran Fairmont Silent/Live **Basket Auction Fundrais**er is Sunday, April 24th! Join them for lunch immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service and the silent/live auction will start at 1 p.m. in the school gymnasium.



EISENMENGER 85TH - Eunice Eisenmenger of Fairmont will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Saturday, April 30th. Please help her celebrate by sending birthday card wishes to 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt. 412, Fairmont, MN 56031.

The Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myaloma Sup- sions will hold their anport Group will meet Sat nual Spring Luncheon urday, April 23rd from 10 and Silent Auction on a.m. to Noon at Mayo Clinic Health Systems Hospital 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the -Fairmont in the class- fellowship hall at Grace room. Coffee and Donuts Lutheran Church in Fairwill be available. All patients, family, friends and caregivers are welcome to use the parking lot enattend. The topic will be trance. several Dr. Durie presentations and plenty of time to talk with each other.

Community Food and Fellowship (also known as "Holy Hotdish" continues Tuesday, April 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Menu is bacon-wrapped pork fillet, baked potato, green bean almondine, dessert and beverage.

There is a charge. Proceeds go towards the Parochial Education Fund.

Grace Lutheran Mis-Saturday, April 23rd from mont. Program will be the "Brothers In Grace". Please

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will meet at Heritage Acres on Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

A free hot meal will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie Avenue, on the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome.

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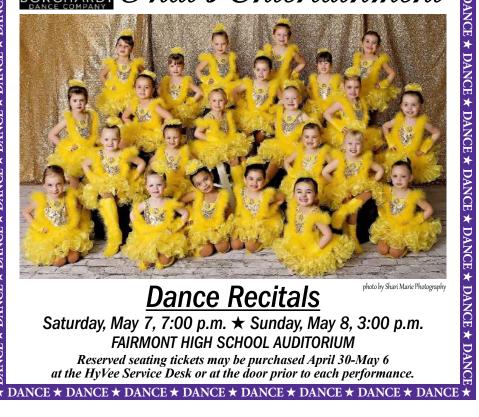
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Gold Cross to hold new building groundbreaking

quarambulance/crew

The new building is and the community." planned to be built on

Gold Cross will be October 2016. In a recent holding a special ceremo- press release, Gold Cross nial groundbreaking event stated that they "are proud next week at the site of of the plans for their new their new planned new home - it's an investment in Fairmont that will help us better serve patients

The location for the new the west side of the Mayo facility also represents in-Clinic Health System in tegration with Mayo Clinic Fairmont. It will have four Health System and perambulance bays and also haps an opportunity for



Artist rendering of the new Gold Cross Ambulance/Crew Quarters building.

an attached building that further collaboration. will house the Gold Cross crew quarters will contain spaces for a kitchen/dining area, storage, training, living room, data and office space and call rooms for the staff.

Planning for the project, which carries a \$1.6 million budget, began in March of 2015. This new facility will be the largest investment in a construction project since Gold Cross became part of Mayo Clinic in 1994 and is scheduled to be completand vehicles by the end of clement weather.

Local contractor Tech Ambulance crew. The Builders of Fairmont has been retained to build the new facility. Many of the subcontractors and businesses involved with the project are located in the Fairmont region.

groundbreaking event will take place on Garry wins top honors in was especially close, as Thursday, April 28th at the site of the planned new facility, west of Mayo Clinic novel "Blind Spots" was Garry's "Blind Spots" was Health System in Fairmont at 800 Medical Center Drive.

An alternate location inside in the classroom at ed and ready to accom- Mayo is planned as a conmodate team members tingency in the event of in-

Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group in Sherburn

Temperance cility in Sherburn will be on the fourth Wednesday hosting an ongoing sup- of each month at 1:30 port group for Alzheim- pm. ers and Dementia caregivers and family.

The meetings are called "Memory Cafe" and the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 ed to attend. There is no p.m. The support group cost for these meetings.

Lake meetings will continue Ridge Assisted Living Fa- monthly and will be held

> Caregivers and anyone who has a loved one that is affected by Alzheimers or Dementia or those interested in learning more about it is invit-



Graffiti Barn inches closer to opening day



Workers added the drive-up window lettering and put finishing touches on the exterior of the building.



The sitting area inside the coffeehouse awaits the arrival of customers on opening day.

Fairmont native wins national award

Fairmont native Patrick among mystery novels



for Best Mystery of the Year in the 2015 Feathered Quill Book Awards Program.

Seamless, suspenseful, thoughtful and thoughtprovoking, "Blind Spots" is a powerful crime novel informed by the author Patrick Garry's immense knowledge of the judicial and political systems.

According to Ellen Feld, founder of Feathered Quill entries. The competition eBook editions.

the Feathered Quill Book there were numerous wor-Awards. Garry's latest thy contenders. Patrick awarded the Gold Medal a standout, as it exemplifies everything we look for in a winning book—strong writing, excellent plotting, and a storyline that will get readers thinking. "Blind Spots" is an extraordinary read and it is our great honor to name Patrick Garry recipient of this year's award."

> A native of Minnesota, Patrick Garry received his law degree and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. After practicing law in Minneapolis for nearly 20 years, Garry joined the faculty at the University of South Dakota School of Law. A former newspaper reporter, Patrick Garry is the author of twelve nonfiction books about law and history, as well as eight novels. Patrick Garry lives in South Dakota.

Published by Kenric Book Reviews, "This year's Books, "Blind Spots" is awards program yielded available where fine books a number of excellent are sold in trade paper and

Two Martin County groups awarded arts grants

grants of \$105,550 from the Fund have been awarded to eighteen arts organizaand schools in the region.

This fund was created 2008, created new resources for land conservaparks and the Arts.

In Region Nine these grant funds were awarded to organizations to in- Community Groups and crease their artistic of- Schools will be accepted ferings and to provide a twice a year and the next variety of activities includ- Arts & Cultural Heritage ing: arts classes, art exhi- deadline is August 1st, bitions, cultural festivals, 2016.

The Prairie Lakes Re- dance performances, mugional Arts Council is sic concerts, public art, pleased to announce that theater performances, etc.

Two Martin County or-Arts and Culture Heritage ganizations received arts grants totaling \$9,500. Cornstalk Festival in Duntions, community groups nell received \$1,500 and will present their art and music festival, includby the people of Minne- ing a children's theater sota to support the arts activity, June 21st, 2016. and preserve our heritage. Fairmont Opera House The Clean Water, Land received \$8,000 and will and Legacy Amendment, sponsor Rhythmic Circus passed by the voters in from Blaine, Minnesota performing their "Red and Green Show" for the Subtion, water conservation, scription Performance Series, December 9th, 2016.

> Applications from Nonprofit Arts Organizations,



(Left to Right): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Jonas Nissen, Fairmont Opera House; and Margo Powell, Cornstalk Festival, Dunnell

Red Cross requests blood donations this spring

tals across the country.

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cially those with types O, (1-800-733-2767)

The American Red A negative and B nega-Cross encourages eli- tive. Whole blood can be gible blood donors to donated every 56 days, donate blood this spring up to six times a year, to ensure a sufficient and double red cells may supply for patients at ap- be donated every 112 proximately 2,600 hospi- days, up to three times per year.

Martin County

Monday, April 25th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Martin Luther High School in Northrop.

To make an appointtransfused by hospitals ment to give blood, and must be used within download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, Donors with all blood visit redcrossblood.org types are needed, espe- or call 1-800-RED CROSS



St. James Lutheran Church & School, Northrop Saturday, April 23rd Serving 4-8 p.m. Free Will Offering



This is not a Silent Auction, however gift cards and baked goods will be for sale on a "cash and carry" basis. Baked goods are a free will donation. Gift cards will be sold at face value.

Event is sponsored by area churches and the community Location: Martin Luther High School, Northrop Phone: 507-436-5249

www.martinlutherhs.com Supplemental funds provided by Fairmont Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Please make donations to: St. James Lutheran, PO Box 315, Northrop, MN 56075

you to the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club, The Marina Lodge,

To everyone who attended and/or contributed to the Ryan Mortensen Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament & Silent Auction: We were overwhelmed by the love, support and generosity we were shown. A special thank

Sommer Outdoors and to all the businesses and individuals who sponsored and donated to the event.

It was a wonderful day to honor Ryan's memory and it showed us clearly how many people were touched by his kindness, friendship and love.

Sincerely: Tonya & Brynlee Mortensen, The Mortensen Family, The Carlson Family The Tournament & Auction Committee Members

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7 smart financial moves for new parents

of the most important in the world. first steps. Choosing a guardian for your children helps make sure they are ance. Consider increasraised by someone who you think will share the same values. A contingent trust helps ensure that the money your child receives from all of your hard work and planning is distributed according to your wishes instead of giving them complete control over everything the minute they turn 18.

Update beneficiary forms. Make sure you double check all of your retirement plans and insurance policies so something doesn't fall through the cracks. Many accounts with beneficiary designations never pass through your will, so it is important that these are also updated. Especially if you have a blended family (2nd marriage/loss of spouse etc...)

Begin saving for col**lege.** There are various options available. You should consult a tax advisor and financial advisor to help determine what is best suited for your family's financial situation. Consider opening a 529 for your children. The money

Create a will and con- at almost any accredited nies have these plans in tingent trust. This is one higher education institute

> Purchase life insuring the amount of life insurance you have as your family grows and incomes increase. Perhaps a combination of term and permanent insurance could make sense to cover the total amount you need at a purposes only and is not a price you can afford.

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small Consider a whole life insurance policy. Consider a policy for your minor children. This accumulates tax-free savings and has a guaranteed purchase option, which gives them the option to purchase additional insurance when there are Prior to making an investadults, regardless of their ment decision, please conhealth at that time.

Look into a dependent *vidual situation.* in this plan can be used care FSA. Many compa-

place and they are a way to pay for some of your childcare costs with taxfree money. It is a "use it or lose it" design, so you want to make sure you will be spending at least the amount you elect to have withheld.

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Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$2,382 in memorials during the month of March, 2016. These were given in memory of:

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Rhubarb Dump Cake

Spring is here!

What a beautiful weekend to work outdoors! It felt so good to get out and scratch around in the good earth. I managed to get all of my backyard flower garden cleaned. It looks much better and it was good for my soul. It makes me feel close to our creator when I'm working in my flowers. I also got the feeders ready for the orioles. They usually come the first week in May but since so many birds came back early, I want to be ready for them just in case. I love to watch them.

I have a correction to make for the rhubarb bar recipe I put in two weeks ago. Under the rhubarb layer it should read 2 Tablespoons of flour instead of sugar. I hope that if you tried it, you figured it out. I'm sorry for the mistake. I do try to proofread the article after typing it but seems I still goof up!

I have another easy rhubarb dessert recipe for you today. I hope you will like it!

Rhubarb Dump Cake:

- 1 pound cut up rhubarb, 3-4 cups
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1-3 oz. pkg. strawberry jello
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x13 inch pan. Spread rhubarb evenly on bottom, then sprinkle sugar and jello over top. Next, sprinkle dry cake mix over and then pour the melted butter and the water over cake mix. Do not stir. Bake for 45 minutes. May serve with whipped topping or ice cream.



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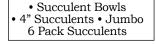
- All Cabbage
- Kohlrabi
- Broccoli
- Strawberries
- Brussel Sprouts

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Raspberries

Asparagus

Rhubarb



Tropicals!



Heritage Acres to hold April membership meeting

of the year for members day, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Acres.

held in the chapel or the Prairieville building depending on the weather. There will be a light supper followed by the business meeting. The monthly meetings will be held each month.

Please bring rakes, trimming shears and cleaning to be cleaned and every- 507-764-3531.

Heritage Acres will have thing inside the buildings their first monthly meeting need to be cleaned. Our new display building is up and the public on Thurs- and as soon as the electrical work is done, we can begin moving things in The meeting will be from some other buildings. We are still taking monatary donations to be put towards this building. Donations can be mailed to Heritage Acres, PO Box 401, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Our annual meeting on the fourth Thursday of will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Let-Thursday work days will ters will be going out to begin on May 5th starting the members June 1st. For at 9:00 a.m. until noon. more information, please contact Jerry Simon at 507-236-1257. For rental supplies. We appreciate information on the chaany volunteers that want pel or Prairieville building to help. All buildings need contact Norma Brolsma at

Truman Historical Association Memorials

The Truman Historiacknowledges receipt of the following memorials for the period January 1st, 2016 through March 31st, 2016:

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In Memory Of: Don-Bryce & Kathy Huemoeller

Jones, Larry & Elaine Armstrong, Floriene Nolte

Jones

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lyn Boesch - Eldor & De-Lores Pfeil

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fun counting book with ten pigs and a wolf too!

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This event is free and open to the public. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions!

As always, visit our April 23rd at 10:30 am to website at www.marcelebrate the book "Ten tincountylibrary.org for a complete schedule of son. "Ten Pigs" is an epic library events and activi-

Mock crash event Friday at Fairmont High School

and the Martin County Sheriff's Office will conparking lot.

The mock crash event is intended to send a hardhitting reminder to students and parents of the dangers and consequences of unsafe driving behaviors - such as drinking and driving, driving while disspeeds and not buckling crashes. up - prior to prom season year.

out roles as crash victims. in real-time.

A special thank you B&K Auto Salvage, Richard's Auto Repair and

Officials from the Fair- Towing, Gemini Studios, mont Police Department, and Mayo Clinic Health Fairmont Fire Department System for Mayo 1 participation. Also thank you to the Fairmont Police Offiduct a mock crash event. cer's Association and the The event will be Friday, Fairmont Fire Department April 22nd, 1:30 p.m. at for monetary donations the Fairmont High School and to AAA for grant fund-

Traffic crashes are the second leading cause of death for Minnesota teens due to inexperience, risk taking, distractions and poor seat belt compliance. Each year, an average of 25 teens are killed, and tracted, driving at unsafe nearly 3,000 are injured in

The state's "Not a Drop" and the end of the school law says drivers under age 21 cited for consuming The mock crash uses any amount of alcohol will real crashed vehicles set lose their license from 30 up on school grounds and to 180 days, and face up student participants to act to \$100 fine and up to 90 days in jail. A citation of The school's 9th through this nature will also stay on 12th graders will watch the driver's record for 10 demonstration and learn years. There are more than how emergency respond- 1,300 drivers under age 21 ers conduct rescue efforts arrested for DWI annual in Minnesota.

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Ruby's Pantry food distribution Saturday

have a food distribution and goods to fight hunin East Chain on Satur- ger and disease. It proday, April 23rd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at East Chain food for distributions di-Evangelical Free Church, rectly to families in 46 rulocated at 507 280th Avenue.

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Ask A Trooper: **RV Triple Towing** by Sgt. Troy Christianson,

Minnesota State Patrol

the requirements for RV hicles being towed; triple towing in Minnesota?

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A recreational vehicle combination may be operated without an overlength type permit if:

does not consist of more than three vehicles, and the towing rating of the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is equal to or greater than combination are connect-

Question: What are the total weight of all ve-

- 2. the combination does not exceed 70 feet in
- 3. the operator of the ner, we are sure to see combination is at least 18 years of age;
 - 4. the trailer is only carrying watercraft, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain 1. the combination vehicles, motorized golf carts, or equestrian equipment or supplies, and meets all requirements of

5. the vehicles in the

ed to the full-size pickup full-size pickup truck or a hitch laws; and

not operated within the it a trailer. And (b) For purseven-county metropoli- poses of this subdivision, tan area during the hours a "kingpin and fifth-wheel of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. coupling" is a coupling and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. between a middle vehicle on Mondays through Fri-

need a special driver's limind the statutory definition of a "Recreational Vehicle Combination" vehicles consisting of a following distance.

truck or recreational truck-recreational truck-tractor tractor and each other in attached by means of a conformity with the trailer kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling to a middle ve-6. the combination is hicle which has hitched to and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational The driver of a recre-truck-tractor. Please note ational vehicle does not that a simple ball hitch for the first trailer does not cense, but please keep in meet the legal require-

Please make sure that Combination" all trailers are properly found in M.S.S. 169.011 secured, safety chains Subdivision 62 (a). The law are attached and lights states that a "Recreational are properly working. When towing, reduce your means a combination of speeds and increase your

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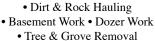


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THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon round, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple muffins, PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Beefy nachos, turkey and cheese wrap, refried beans, caesar side salad, orange, apple. JR/HS: Italian dunkers, carrot broccoli ranch salad, cucumber slices, grapes, cinnamon apple slices.

FRI: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon texas toast, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Ham and cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk. Lunch K-6: Cheese dunkers, pizza bagel lunch, green beans, carrots, apple, mandarin oranges and pineapple. JR/HS: Orange chicken, steamed Quinoa, lemon glazed carrots, dark crunch salad, red pepper strips, orange, peaches.

MON: Breakfast Breakfast pizza, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, mandarin oranges, apple

Lunch K-6: Chicken patty, salad,

dinner roll, tator tots, celery sticks, apple, pears. JR/HS: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, corn, caesar salad, carrots, apple, pears.

TUES: Breakfast K-6: Cocoa Puffs, graham cracker, orange applesauce, milk. JR/HS: Vanilla yogurt, berries, granola bar, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk. Lunch K-6: Pizza pasta I casserole, breadstick, turkey and cheese sandwich, green beans, carrots, orange, applesauce. JR/ HS: Beef hard shell taco, rice, fixings, kidney bean salad, jicama sticks, orange, applesauce.

WED: Breakfast K-6: Pancake on a stick, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB&J, pineapple tidbits, apple juice, milk. Lunch K-6: Cheeseburger, sunbutter and grape jelly sandwich, three bean salad, red pepper strips, banana, peaches. JR/HS: Spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, broccoli, apple, peaches.

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THURSDAY: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rice pudding.

FRIDAY: Golden broil fish, creamed potatoes, beets custard.

MONDAY: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pumpkin dessert.

TUESDAY: Chicken strips, potato salad, green beans, cake.

WEDNESDAY: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, cherry crisp.

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April 26: Immanuel Lutheran

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TRUMAN AREA

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APR 21 - 27

THUR: Breakfast: Sausage links, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice. **Lunch:** Grilled ham/cheese, tator tots, spinach salad, applesauce. FRI: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, salsa, fruit, juice. Lunch: Hot dog, potato salad, veggies, fruit cup.

MON: Breakfast: Cereal bar, string cheese, fruit, juice. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, calico beans, veggies, pears. **TUE: Breakfast:** Waffles, blueberry fluff, fruit, juice. **Lunch:**

Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, broccoli/carrots, fruit.

WED: Breakfast: Bagel, PB, fruit, juice. Lunch: Meatball sub, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mixed fruit.

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APR 21 - 27 | THUR: Hamburger gravy, |

mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread. FRI: Mock pizza, peaches,

peas, PB brownie.

MON: Popcorn Chicken, I ranch fries, strawberry cup,

TUES: BBQ pork, mixed

fruit, broccoli. WED: Tortilla, meat, fixings, pineapple chunks, carrots.

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Five short bird stories

By Al Batt

There was a brief quiet between prayer and song as I sat at a funeral.

The departed was a good g u y w h o d i e d



t o o young. The hush was broken by the call of a Eurasian collared-dove, an oft-repeated "koo-KOOkook." I found it comforting. The dove abides.

My wife and I were on our way in the car when three deer ran across the road in front of us. A crow was following them. I suspect the crow was herding them to a busy highway into the path of a large truck. That would result in dinner served for a hungry crow. Fast food.

I led a bird walk. As I marveled at how the binoculars turned the unfamiliar into the familiar, we saw things. Miles of redwinged blackbirds, yards of dark-eyed juncos and a few feet of Brewer's blackbirds made for smiles of binocular toters.

I was sacking up some recycling--newspapers and garden catalogs. People who think they are in charge, should plant a garden. If I don't whine about the winter, I get lemon-colored goldfinches to delight me in the spring. Sandhill cranes were heard - echoing calls bugling across the fields. Canada geese, constantly having a cow, sounded as if they were angry callers to talk radio. Spring announced itself.

I visited Rochester, Minnesota. Each time I do that, I stop at Silver Lake. There are Canada geese there. I need to at least step near, if not into, some Canada goose poop. It's part of the Rochester experience.

O-and-A

Tom Christenson of Alare so many crows. Crows in the dark than do crows. congregate in roosts large Artificial light aids crows enough to remind people of Alfred Hitchcock's movie "The Birds." Many bird Crows roosts are primarily done in fall and winter. Most breeding crows sleep on territories during the breeding season and join ing apples, many berries, roosts afterward. Crows canola, melons, peppers, spot that offers protection from predators and the elements. It's a crow hotel. pollinators are asters,

Some scientists spec- goldenrods, giant hys-

owls take adult and nestin watching for owls. The crows have nightlights.

"What can I plant to species roost in groups. help pollinators?" The Minnesota Department of Agriculture says that 1/3 of our food production requires pollinators, includcongregate in a favorable pumpkins, squash and Wildflowsunflowers. ers with a high value to There is safety in numbers. bergamot, Culver's root,



A common grackle flock has posted a sentry. Photo by Al Batt

ulate that information sop, leadplant, milkweed about fruitful foraging areas is transmitted by down on its luck to follow successful crows to a good food source. The best roosting sites have food available the first and abundant sources might be landfills, composting facilities or farm fields. Before roosting, crows gather away from the final roosting site, usually an hour or two before darkness, and vocalize, chase and tussle.

Why roost in a city? The Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 regulates the hunting of crows and there is a prohibition on the discharge of firearms within city limits. Cities are warmer than rural areas and offer large trees. Great horned owl popula-

(common, swamp, butterfly weed, etc.), partridge allowing an individual pea, penstemon, prairie clover, spiderwort and sunflower. Others nearly as good are blazing stars, compass plant, fireweed, gentians, Joe Pye weed, last thing in the day. Such lobelia, lupine, mountain mint, obedient plant, pur-

> "How much sap does a maple tree produce? Maple (including box elder) trees are most commonly tapped, but birch and walnut trees can be. I often see birch syrup in Alaska.

> ple coneflower and wild

tions should be lower, the The volume of sap produced during one season bert Lea asked why there ling crows. Owls see better varies from 10-20 gallons per tap, depending on the tree, weather, length of the season and method of collection. A single tree could have more than one tap, depending on the tree's size and health. It takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup.

Nature on the radio

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A spring clean up day

7th, 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

Locally, Federated Rucustomers and the general 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 hiking trails and trim branches.
- Clean picnic shelter and office building
- Pickup fallen branch-
- Rake tent sites and campground area
- Scrape and paint pic- the park on this day.

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"GreenTouch is one is set for Saturday, May way Touchstone Energy



shelters, fix existing struc- Cooperatives demonstrate tures, brush trails and pick up litter. community," stated Scott Reimer, Federated's generral Electric employees, al manager. "We're proud of the way our members public are invited to Kilen and employees have shown their cooperative spirit by volunteering to spruce up our state parks, but we're not surprised by their generosity. It comes naturally to them."

You do not need to be a Federated member to volunteer, but you do need to RSVP by noon, May 5th. Call or e-mail Federated at 847-3520, 728-8366, 800-• Scoop out campfire 321-3520 or info@federatedrea.coop. This ensures that lunch is ordered for all volunteers. Ask for Andrea. GreenTouch volunteers receive free access to



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as a stray with her daughter Samantha. The two are happy together, but would be fine adopted separately. SAMANTHA is a svelte tortoiseshell (black and orange). Samantha

is a friendly girl, who is probably about 10-12 months old. She enjoys exploring and checking out what is going on.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

BRUNO is a blue-eyed boy. He is definitely a mixed breed, but the guesses vary from the extra large breeds of Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and St. Bernard to the medium/large breeds of border collie, husky Australian Shepherd, lab, and more! Whatever the breed mix truly is, he is a handsome guy with black and white medium length hair weighing about 70 pounds.

WHISTLER is a neutered coonhound. He is tricolored and has the typical hound voice. Whistler likes people and seems ok with most other dogs. While very sweet, he does have the strange habit of spinning ir circles when in a small kennel or when tethered

Shrimp Feed at the Northrop Legion on Friday, April 29th. The cost is \$13 for adults & \$6 for children. The hours are 5 pm - 8 pm.



meeting "hero", whether that person is someone in sports, an iconic figure, or maybe at Niki's apartment near a person who has had a the Mall of America when big influence on your life. there was a knock at her Well, last week my dad door. She opened it, and

e all have given to my dad as gifts dreams that he treasures. Due to some conflicts, Tony was our not able to join them at the game that day, but after the game my parents were





had the opportunity to here was Tony Oliva standmeet someone he considers his "hero" for many years. My cousin Niki invited him and my mom up to the Minnesota Twins game last week as a present from her to my parents. The interesting part was that they were supwith Dad's baseball "hero", former Twin and Hall of Fame member Tony Oliva. Tony played for the Twins in the 60s and 70s and still calls the Twins games on a Hispanic radio network each season. Niki is a friend of Tony's son and has had some opportunities to meet Tony before and has secured a few signed items that she has thing be the "What is it?"

ing in the doorway! Of course, he was invited in to spend time visiting with them. Needless to say, Dad was just like a little kid at Christmas and as you can see in the pictures, he had a hard time containing his excitement. We don't posed to spend the game always get the chance to meet our "heroes" in person, but last week, for one day, Dad met his. Thanks Niki for creating such a great memory!

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a bird...

We have had a number of items for our "What is it?" column before, but we have never had a living



item. This week we have a bird that showed up in a back yard in Fairmont it is, so we have a real live "What is it?" this week. this picture in after his parents, Bob and Bonnie hedge in their back yard in Fairmont. Rob thinks it may possibly be an American Bittern, but isn't sure. So, we are posing the question to our readers and to our bird specialist Al Batt - for an answer to the question. Let me know answers to me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com

Rummage around for a good deal!

Area Kinship is hosting their 2016 Industrial/ Rummage Commercial Sale/Auction at the Martin is the 13th annual auction/sale and the dates are April 28th, 29th and 30th in the Industrial Building at the fairgrounds. This is a chance for area businesses and groups to get rid of things that are just taking up space around your business, including tory, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, supplies, parts, fixtures and office equipment/items.

Businesses can deliver the items for the event to the fairgrounds this Thursday through Saturday, April 21st - 23rd from 9 a.m. to noon and next Monday and Tuesday, April 25th and 26th from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can either donate or consign the items. They will be sold rummage sale-style the first two days and will be auctioned off on the final day (April 30th). All the proceeds benefit Kinship and are tax deductible.

It's a food-filled weekend.

Before I go, there are a number of events to bring to your attention in the coming week. On Saturday, April 23rd, there will be a Spring Salad Lunthat we are not sure what cheon and Silent Auction for missions at Grace Lutheran Church in Fair-Rob True of Fairmont sent mont from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also on Saturday, the "Anew from the Ashes" True, called to say they Hog Roast Benefit for St. had a winged visitor on the James Lutheran Church and School in Northrop will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. There will be a free will offering, hog roast, bake and gift card sale. All proceeds will go toward the recovery from the devastating fire what you think it is and is at the church and damit a common visitor in this age to the school. On Sunarea? You can email your day, April 24th, the Ceylon American Legion will have their Shrimp Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ceylon Legion Hall. Also on Sunday, Trinity Next week Fairmont Lutheran Church in Welcome is having their Turkey Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. And on Tuesday, April 26th, the next Com-County Fairgrounds. This munity Food and Fellowship (or Holy Hotdish) will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont from 5 to 7 p.m. Lots of great events going on

Have a great week!

around the area this week!

Drive safely - visit a obsolete or unused inven- shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local -Honor our "heroes"!





Kiwanis International celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2015 and in observance of this event, we are spotlighting Fairmont area's two Kiwanis Clubs and their members.

ALLEN CORE



Allen Core rejoined Kiwanis in December of 2015.

Allen is a returning member of our Early Risers Kiwanis Club. He and his wife Carol have been married 40 years and have two children and two grandchildren who all live in Fairmont. Allen

has worked at Bank Midwest for 31 years. Previously, his work commitment required him to travel on our meeting days, but now he has rejoined after his work assignment changed, allowing him to be available for the meeting times. He and his wife enjoy youth athletics, golf and family activities.

As a former member, and now as a current member, Allen has been involved in, and has an interest in, many Early Riser Kiwanis projects, such as Meals on Wheels, Lakeview Bingo, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Feed My Hungry Children and Ditch Pick-Up. He has also been an active participant in Kinship, Fairmont Booster Club, Junior Achievement March of Dimes and Post Prom Party.

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday :30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant. **Uptown Kiwanis** meets every other Tuesday t noon at Tami's on the Ave

For more information or to become a member, contact: Uptown Club President Louise Hendricks, 235-3090; Early Risers Club President Mike Katzenmeyer, 235-9534.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

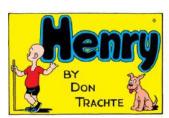
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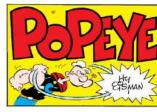


























FHS Speech Team competes at State Tourney

Of the five returning

gold medalists, only two schools with two gold succeeded in winning an medals. Cannon Falls also event again this year at captured the inaugural the 2016 Minnesota State team championship with



FHS Speech Medal-winners (left to right): Lexi Fischer, Anagha Komaragiri, Ben Hernes, Austin Becker.

High School League Class its nine medalists and 43 A State Speech Tourna- points. ment held last week.

Anagha Komaragiri

Cannon Falls led all of Fairmont was the only competitor to strike gold for a third consecutive year. She claimed her third consecutive title for Informative Speaking. It was also her third medal overall. Other Fairmont Area medalists were:

> Lexi Fischer - 2nd in Creative Expression

Austin Becker and Ben Hernes - 5th in Duo Interpretation.

With medals awarded to as many as eight top finishers, 53 schools were represented by students awarded medals for their 2016 state tournament performances.

There were 101 Class A teams represented at the tournament. There were 192 Class A teams that competed in speech statewide this year.



Girls' Softball:

informational An meeting for Girls' Softball will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at Fairmont Area Elementary School Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional league for girls entering grades 2 and over. Practices/ Games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. June 6th - July 13th. Deadline to register is Friday, May 13th.

T-Ball:

informational An meeting for T-Ball will be 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Fair- grades 1- 3 this fall. Prac-

mont Area Elementary School Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional league for girls and boys ages four (as of January line to register is Tues-1st, 2016) to entering grade three. Practices/ games Adult volunteer are held on Tuesdays and coaches are needed for Thursdays, from 6-7 p.m. June 7th-July 14th. Deadline to register is Friday, May 13th.

Flag Football:

An informational meeting for CER Flag Football will be held on Monday, April 25th, at 7:30 p.m. at Street in Fairmont. Fairmont Area Elementary School Cafeteria A(3-6). This is an instructional visit us at our website: held on Monday, April league for boys and girls in fairmont.k12.mn.us/cer.

tices/ games are held on Mondays and Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. August 29th-September 27th. Deadday, August 16th.

all three organizations!

Pre-registration with payment is requested at Fairmont Community Education Recreation, located at Five Lakes Elementary School, 714 Victoria

For more information, contact 507-235-3141 or

Youth Activities Expo at Fairmont Elementary

The 8th Annual Youth Activities Expo will be held May The Fun Be With You" on Thursday, April 21st, 5 to 7 pm, at Fairmont El-Gym, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont.

This FREE event for families with school-age youth offers opportunities to register for summer activities and learn about the numerous educational, social services, arts, outdoor and recreational organizations which provide youth positive growth in our community.

Kiwanis Baseball, Gymnastics, Tennis-Track-Boat Safety, Vacation Bible Society Exhibit. Schools and much more. Enter through Door 21 at Expo is sponsored by the Fairmont Elementary Healthy Youth and Fair-School off Victoria Street.

tary School 5th & 6th

Join us for "Star Wars- Grade OREO Orchestra Recital will be held in the and register for Soccer, Cafeteria with solos begin-T-ball, Girls Softball, Flag ning at 5 pm. Weather perementary School Annex Football, Summer Camps, mitting, see the Sheriff's Boat Patrol in the Parking Lot. Sign up for Little Miss Basketball-Junior Sports & Mrs. Pageant, Minne-Camps, Summer Reading, sota Sings and other IHD Fairmont Summer Run, events. See Puppies and/ Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts, or Kittens at the Humane

> The Youth Activities mont Community Educa-The Fairmont Elemention and Recreation (CER).



2016 FHS Speech Team



A groundbreaking ceremony for Granada-Huntley-East Chain Schools new gym and classroom addition was held recently. School Board members, administration and students helped throw the first dirt.



GHEC Board Members (left to right): Amy Maday, Bob Garry, Tim Pytleski, Chris Pytleski, Troy Jensen, Bryan No-



Fleet & Farm Customer Appreciation Day winners



Joel Meyer of rural Fairmont was the winner of the free wheelbarrow drawing during Fleet & Farm free bike drawing during Fleet & Farm Supply Fair-Supply Fairmont's Customer Appreciation Days in mont's Customer Appreciation Days in March. March.



Tracy Dejaynes of Fairmont was the winner of the







Fairmont Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) parent/child classes took a field trip to Goldfinch Estates. The residents and ECFE families had a wonderful time visiting with each other and doing crafts.



Stephanie Johnson, coordinator of Fairmont Substance Abuse Prevention (FSAP) attended the April 12th Fairmont Area School board meeting with several high school YOCO members (YOuth COalition). They shared the many ways in which YOCO is working to encourage students to live a healthy, chemical free life. Superintendent Joseph Brown read a proclamation declaring April, 2016 as Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Standing, left to right: Students Laura Hartke, Crystal Morton, Madeline Mathiason, and Emily Lubenow; coordinator Stephanie Johnson.





football player Brady Jensen has been chosen to play in the 43rd annual Minnesota Coaches Association's All Star football game. Jensen will play for the South team Saturday, June 25th at St Cloud State University. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

Fairmont Cardinals

Area College Student News



Concordia the campus Music Center. conducting.

Participants in the recital include Mason Koeritz, played has different ina senior from Northrop.

has been heard before. performed throughout the The student compos- recital.

Music composed by ers create the music, re-University, cruit performers for their Nebraska students will works and organize their be featured in a recital on rehearsals, and many are Wednesday, April 20th, at participating in their own 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall of pieces as performers or

Each piece that will be strumentation, so numer-None of this music ous musical styles will be



Cardinal catcher Tieryn Arens catches Sarah Tschumperlin's peg to the plate and tagged out St Peter's Maranda Sorensen. The Cards (4-0) edged the Saints 1-0 in nine innings last Thursday.



Cardinal pitcher Jordan Ehlert fires to the plate against a St James' batter. Ehlert gave up one hit and struck out 11 in the Cards nine inning 2-1 win. Abby Fitzgerald had the game winning RBI. Ehlert also struck out nine in the Cards win over St. Peter. Photos courtesy fairmontsports.com



Relief pitcher Kale Fritz helped the Class AA #6 ranked Cards defeat Worthington last Tuesday. Fritz held the Trojans scoreless over the final four innings while the Cards came back from a 4-2 deficit and won 7-4. Courtesy fairmontsports.com





7 simple steps for summer lawn prep

(BPT) - If you're a part of the nearly 90 percent of important to have a wellmaintained yard, you and your backyard will appreciate these seven simple steps for tending to your natural turf lawn with minimal effort.

According to Grass Seed USA, a coalition of American grass seed farmers and academics, investing a little repair time in early spring and a small household items. amount of maintenance time in summer will pay off with a lush lawn ready for all your summer activi-

1. Test your soil. Good Americans who believe it's soil is one of the essentials of a healthy lawn. A soil test is simple, inexpensive and provides valuable information about current pH levels. Simple amendments like lime or sulfur can be added to neutralize overly acidic or alkaline soil and help grass thrive. Find a soil test kit at a local garden store or make your own using common

> **2. Aerate.** Older or heavily trafficked lawns can suffer from soil compaction. A core aerator

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with hollow tines will pull small plugs of soil out of the ground, allowing increased movement of water, nutrients and oxygen. Aeration can also increase the soil contact with new seeds and promote new growth. You can rent an aerator or hire a professional to do the work for

3. Seed. According to Grass Seed USA, the ideal lawn planting season is April through the mid-to-end of October, depending on where you live. Turf specialists at a garden store or local university extension office can help select the right seed for your area and usage, pointing you toward the seed closest to existing grass or suggesting alternatives for problem areas. After seeding, water lightly but regularly, keeping the reseeded areas damp until the new grass grows in.

4. Control weeds. Healthy lawns essentially control weeds by squeezing them out. However, if

invade, herbicides may help. Consult a garden mind herbicides can kill it, specialist about which herbicide is right for your lawn and how to use it. Applying a pre-emergent herbicide in the spring before weed grass emerges can reduce problems

crabgrass or dandelions down the line. If you've so use a product that will broadleaf herbicide may be applied.

5. Water as needed. applied seed, keep in On average, a lawn needs about 1 inch of water per week, from rainfall or irnot affect new growth. For rigation. Letting the lawn dandelions, digging them dry out completely beup is often effective, but a tween waterings will encourage the grass to grow stronger, deeper roots as it searches for water deeper

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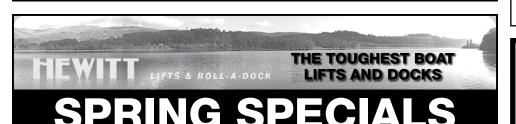


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money if you receive 1 inch of rain in a week.

6. Fertilize naturally. Don't break your back trying to bag lawn clippings. If you mow frequently (about once a week during the growing season) and don't remove too much height (only one-third of the blade), you can leave can be quick and easy, and the grass clippings on the lawn. They contain the same nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as commercial fertilizer - and

7. Mow to the right great, grassy outdoors. height. Wait until your

they're free.

in the soil. Put a rain gauge grass is 3 inches tall before on your porch to measure mowing and then cut it to rainfall; skip the watering 2 inches in height. By only and save your irrigation trimming one-third of the blade length, you will avoid stressing the grass while leaving enough leaf to protect the roots from the sun - helping you create a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant lawn.

> A lawn doesn't need constant pampering. Ongoing lawn maintenance the reward is a beautiful, environmentally-friendly setting for outdoor activities of many kinds. So, fire up the grill, hang up the hammock and get busy enjoying your personal

Tips for cleaning your kitchen

find joy in the comfort as apricots, green beans foods of winter, spring and broccoli all provide provides a chance to embrace a fresh approach to your eating habits. The following tips will put a duce this spring. spring in your step and get you ready for this temperate season:

- Out with the old. is the chosen season associated with ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation and renewal. What better way to refresh your food choices than by cleaning your pantry and fridge? and donate the shelf-stable goods you no longer tastes of spring. want to a worthy cause.
- Celebrate color. Spring ushers in fresh new produce that adds a variety of flavor and

(NAPS)-While many nutrition. Produce such a pop of color that helps ensure you are enjoying the best seasonal pro-

- Get organized. Eliminate cluttered bags of rice or pasta by placing them in glass jars to There's a reason spring make searching for pantry staples a breeze. Visit for all things related to the grocer's bulk aisle for cleaning. It's the season a variety of snack staples such as nuts and seedsgreat for that afternoon craving.
- Springtime beverages. Swap the hot and Toss expired products rich drinks of winter for the lighter, fruit-infused

Prepare your air conditioner for summer

months away, it's never necessary repairs. too soon to begin preparing for them. This includes taking a few simple steps to make sure your air-condiproperly cool your home.

Begin by clearing the area around your outdoor removing compressor, leaves, twigs and other add insulation around airdebris that may have accumulated over the winter. The space around and conditioned spaces, such above the unit should be clear and uncluttered.

Next, check the system's filters, typically located Dirty filters can block airflow and reduce system efficiency, so it's important to clean or replace them regularly, preferably every month when the system is operating.

Holes or separated joints in the ductwork can also impact airflow and efficiency, so turn your system on and make sure air is blower components to flowing properly through the vents. If you suspect a flow

(NAPS)—Although the leak in the ductwork, hire dog days of summer are a professional to make the

Use this time to caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows. This often overlooked step will tioning system is ready to help keep cool air inside your home during warm summer months and warm air outside.

It's also a good idea to conditioning ducts when they are located in unas attics, crawl spaces and garages.

Finally, contact a certified technician to do a along the return duct. preseason check of your system. An annual inspection should include the following:

- Clean indoor and outdoor coils
- Check your system's refrigerant charge and adjust it, if necessary, to meet manufacturer specifica-
- Clean and adjust provide proper system air-
- Lubricate all moving
- Inspect the condensate drain for clogs that can cause water damage, affect indoor humidity levels, and breed bacteria and mold
- Check thermostat settings and system controls to ensure proper and safe operation
- Tighten all electrical connections
- · Measure voltage and current on motors

Taking these steps to prepare your air conditioner for summer will also help to extend the life of your system and save you money by detecting small issues before they become major problems.

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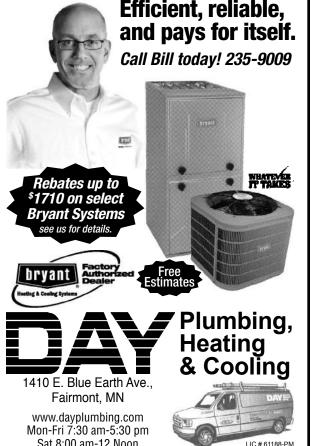
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Living landscapes bring surprising health benefits

(NAPS)—There's greenery. Living landbarbecue and backyard baseball. Green spaces are necessary for your health.

"The advantages of grass and landscaping surpass the usual physical benefits that result from outdoor activity," explained Kris Kiser, president and CEO, Outdoor Power Equipment Instipeople who spend more time outside or who are exposed to living landscapes are happier, healthier and smarter."

Researchers have studied the effect of nature on human well-being for years, but recent studies found a more direct correlation between human health, particularly related to stress, and the importance of access to nature and managed landscapes.

Here's a look at a few:

Getting dirty is actu-

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a ally good for you, accordgood—and surprising— ing to Dr. Christopher reason you may pine for Lowery, a neuroscientist at the University of Bristol scapes are an important in England. Mycobactepart of the outdoor lifestyle rium vaccae in soil stimuthat Americans enjoy but lates serotonin producthe benefits go beyond the tion, which explains why people who spend time gardening and have direct contact with soil feel more

- relaxed and happier. Living near living landscapes can improve your mental health. Researchers in England found that people moving to greener areas experienced an immediate tute (OPEI). "Numerous improvement in mental studies have found that health that was sustained for at least three years after they moved. The study also showed that people relocating to a more developed area suffered a drop in mental health.
 - Green spaces can make you healthier, too. People who live within a half mile of green space (such as parks, public gardens and greenways) were found to have a lower incidence of 15 diseases by Dutch researchers—including depression, anxiety, heart disease, diabetes, asthma and migraines.

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bolic health.

 Living landscapes can even reduce attention- ing time in gardens can deficit/hyper-activity dis- improve attention span order (ADHD) symptoms. Children gain attention and working memory benefits when they are exposed to greenery, says a study led by the Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology in Barcelona. In addition, exmay be widely effective moods overall. They also

A 2015 study found that helps you concentrate betpeople living on streets ter at home and at work. with more trees had a Charlie Hall, Ellison Chair boost in heart and meta- in International Floriculture at Texas A&M University, believes that spendand memory performance by as much as 20 percent.

• Gardening is great for the body and the soul. People who gardened for at least 30 minutes a week had lower body mass indexes, a measure of body fat, as well as higher levels posure to natural settings of self-esteem and better

found that adults demonstrate significant cognitive gains after going on a nature walk. A Stanford University study found that walking in nature, rather than in a concrete-oriented, urban environment, resulted in decreased negative affect, and produced cognitive benefits, such as increased working memory performance.

- Living landscapes help you heal faster. Multiple studies have discovered that plants in hospital recovery rooms or views of aesthetically pleasing gardens help patients heal up to one day faster than those who are in more austere environments.
- You might even be a nicer person when you spend time in nature, as it enhances social interactions, value for community and close relationships. A systematic research review concluded that "the balance of evidence indicates conclusively that knowing and experiencing

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nature makes us generally happier, healthier people."

All these benefits reinforce the importance of maintaining yards, parks and other community green spaces. Trees, shrubs, grass and flowering plants are integral to anxiety, rumination, and human health. Not only do they provide a place for kids and pets to play, they directly contribute to mental and physical wellbeing.

> photo: Studies show that green spaces and landscaping contribute to health, happiness and intellect.



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toms in children.

 Spending time around that being around plants

in reducing ADHD symp- reported lower levels of tension and stress.

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UPCOMINGAUCTIONS

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.: John & Darlene Eisenmenger Quality Antiques Auction - Includes a lot of Red Wing items. Held at the K of C Hall, Fairmont. Kahler & Associates. Tuesday, June 28, 4:30 p.m.: John Ekstrom – Household, antiques and misc. in Butterfield, MN. Dar Hall & Associates. Saturday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.: Large Successful Annual Consignment at Comfrey, MN Auction – Farm & feeding equipment, construction, truck & vehicles. Excellent market for all types of cattle equipment. Advertising deadline June 28. Contact Dan Pike 507-841-0965, Joe Wersal 507-220-5561, Tom Veerkamp 507-227-2352, or others listed below. Saturday, August 6, 9:30 a.m.: June Witte - Tools, household, misc. at St. James Fairgrounds. Dar Hall & Associates. Saturday, August 6th, 9:30 a.m. tentatively: Farmland & Line of Machinery Auction - More details soon!

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WEEK OF **APRIL 24, 1991**

On The Wall in downtown Fairmont was hosting a P. Buckley Moss show at Heritage Acres with two separate signing sessions by Pat Moss. Pat had just painted a scene of the chapel at Heritage Acres and it would be available exclusively at the Moss Show. "A Walk With Moss" would take place around Lake Sisseton. Several activities were to take place at Heritage Acres, including a quilt show in the farm house, Moss Crossstitch display in the school house and a benefit lunch at the depot.

The Fairmont Medical Clinic was holding an open house at its newly remodeled Medical Clinic. Guided tours by the Fairmont staff physicians would include the Lab and X-ray departments. Dr. Corev Welchlin of Fairmont Orthopedics Sports Medicine, Dr. Thomas J. Larson Dentistry, Neist Eve Clinic and Dentists Duane and Mark Reiter were featured in the full page ad.

Tom Hawkins was elected to the Fairmont Community Hospital Board of Trustees to fill death of Louis Donnelly.

The April meeting of Heritage Acres was to feature "Recollections of a Young Boy Growing Up in Welcome in the Good Old Days," by Harry Hartung.

Due to a lack of a maravailability of the county Fairmont

would discontinue their newspaper collection program and the truck would no longer be available for papers.

Bank Midwest's newest automatic teller machine was now available at Super America. The bank also had a machine at Gunther's Foods.

The staff of Martin County National Bank spent the weekend moving into their new bank building, located next door to the original bank. The original bank, which was built in the late 1800s would be demolished, providing space for a new parking lot.



WEEK OF **APRIL 24, 1966**

The city planned to dedicate Fairmont's new \$115,000 dredge after a "shakedown cruise" on George Lake. Alderman Louis Riegel was to be master of ceremonies, led by the Fairmont High School band and broadcast by KSUM radio, plus films by Channel 12 for telecast on its news programs.

The Fairmont Seventh the vacancy created by the Day Adventist Church announced plans for construction of a new church building at 1503 N. State Street.

The city's 135 school patrol members were to be feted at a banquet and awards ceremony, with Police Chief George ket for newspaper and the Cavers handing out the awards. Police Sergeant recycling program, the Major Jones was in charge Boy Scouts of the school patrol.

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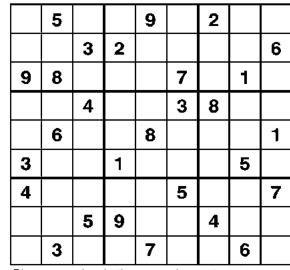
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Marilyn J. Schott, 79



Funeral services for Marilyn J. Schott, 79, of Fairmont, were held Friday, April 15th, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Marilyn passed away Monday, April 11th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center in Fairmont.

Marilyn Jean (Stade) Schott was born on July 9th, 1936 in Dunnell, the daughter of Edward and Adeline (Rost) Stade. She attended school in Dunnell until she was 10, at which time her family moved to Coleraine, MN where she graduated from high school in 1955. On June 3rd, 1958, Marilyn was united in marriage to Louis Schott at St. John's UCC and they made their home in Fairmont. Over the years, Marilyn worked for the Mallon Egg Co., Stokeley Van Camp Can-

ning Co. and Northland Beverage in Fairmont.

of St. John's UCC where she was church elder. Eagle's Club and a member of TOPS. She enjoyed making crafts, scrapple, cooking and very concerned for others. She was known for her potato salad, chocolate dessert and chocolate cake with brown sugar frosting.

Those that will cherish her memory include her husband, Louis Schott; four children, Wanda Patsche and her husband, Chuck, Richard Schott and his wife, Renee, Mark Schott and special friend, Meredith Maday, Gene Schott; grandchildren, Teresa Montgomery (Dion), Alisa Evtcheson (Marcus), Kristeena Patsche, Joshua Schott, Anthony Schott, Cody Schott, Ramona Schott, Jacquie Schott, Jessica Carey, Tiffanie Schott and Kade Schott; six great grandchildren; sisters, Sharon Diekmann and Patricia Iverson; brotherin-law and sister-in-law, Harvey and Caroline Williamson; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn is also preceded in death by one infant son; great granddaughter, Ainsley Eytcheson; sister, JoAnn Andrews; as well as other sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

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Betty Lou Marilyn was a member Krueger, 90



A Celebration of Life Service for Betty Lou Krueger, 90, of Welcome, Minnesota will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23rd at the United Methodist Church, #119 E. 2nd St. in Fairmont with Pastor Tony Fink officiating. Burial will be at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 23 in the Welcome City Cemetery in Welcome.

Betty Lou Krueger was called to her eternal rest on Thursday afternoon, April 14th at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Kramer Family Funeral Home in Welcome. Messages of Sympathy may be sent to the family online at www. kramerfuneralhome.com.

Betty Lou Meyer was born July 3rd, 1925 to Henry and Dorothy (Wolford) Meyer in Martin County, Minnesota. She attended school in Welcome and graduated from Welcome High School with the class

of 1943. She then was employed for a local grocery (Darin), Stephanie Maday store in Welcome. On (Erik Engstrand), Noel January 20, 1947, she was united in marriage to Alvin Krueger at Ceylon, Minneter), Erica Larson (Mark), sota. After their marriage they lived in the Welcome area until moving to the Andrew Schmidt and Truman area where they farmed. They moved to great-grandchildren, Mara rural Welcome in 1955 and Jo (Chris Harrison), Jared farmed the family farm and Emmie, Dylan and until retiring into Welcome in 1994. Alvin died on October 4, 1999. Betty Joe, Jay, and Hailee, Rich-Lou was a member of the ard, Cyan and Zach; sister, United Methodist Church Barbara (Robert) Clark of in Fairmont and a former Mary Jean Krueger of and other relatives. member of the United Mountain Lake, Minne-Methodist Church in Welcome where she served as sota; nieces and nephews a Sunday School Teacher

(Todd), Wendy Brockman and other relatives and friends.

Betty Lou was preceded Krueger (Anne) Elizabeth in death by her parents, Krueger, Kim Bell (Pe- Henry and Dorothy Meyer; husband, Alvin Krueger; Megan Stevensen (Josh grandchildren, Samantha Spear) and Melissa Peck, and Matthew Krueger; sisters and brother in law, Bradley Schmidt; sixteen Patricia and Donald Morrow, Rosemary and Don Keck; brother and sister in law, Marshall and Maxine Elise, Madison and Alaina, Meyer; father and mother-Thea and Aubrey, Hunter, in-law, Edward and Louise Krueger; sister-in-law and brother in law, LaMoyne and Wayne Gettler; broth-Fairmont; sister-in-law, er-in-law, Arnold Krueger

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April 11 - Marilyn J. Schott, 79, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home April 14 - Sally M. Keough, 74, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

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and was very active in her

church. She also loved

going to watch her family

in their sports and music

school activities and en-

joyed spending time golf-

ing at the Fox Lake Golf

Course and couples night

bowling. She greatly en-

joyed playing bingo. She

treasured every minute

spent with her family and

friends. Family is what

was most important to

four sons, Keith (Paula)

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Duane (Claudia) Krueger

of Elk River, Minnesota;

Darryl (Dee) Krueger of

rural Welcome; Kevin

(Cathie) of North Manka-

Schmidt (Clair Jr.) of ru-

ral Ceylon; eleven grand-

children, Kris Brockman

daughter, Joanne

She is survived by her

Betty Lou.

 Forget about that **hole-in-one.** It's every golfer's dream: a hole-inone. When you tee up on that tempting par 3, and you're feeling good, you might just want to go for it - but when you do, you could end up overshooting the green or plunkinvestors also try for a might not be right for their I doing all I can to control Financial Advisor.

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training for 36 participants on internet safety funded through a Blanawarded to Martin County to provide technology training education to its citizens. Two one-hour sessions took place on April 5th and another on April 8th. Instructor Rita Craven went over what is social networking; risks of using social networks; techniques used by predators; and safety measures you can to use to protect your personal information. The last part of each session was spent discussing a variety of useful apps such as companion apps; google maps for walking; games; sports updates; weather apps; Level Money for budgeting; food/health apps; music, camera; "any list" or " out of milk" apps for grocery shopping; and tools such as flashlight, alarm & pedometer. Individual participants also shared their thoughts on apps they frequently like to use.

Following the sessions, a few individuals commented on how much they enjoyed learning about this and would like to have similar trainings brought to MRCI Fairmont.

Craven for doing a wonderful job in communicating this informawe work with at MRCI. It was enlightening and well received by all. Kay Wrucke and Diana Scott have both been instrumental in organizing and

Recently, MRCI Work- via several Coffee Connec-Source Fairmont hosted tion events throughout three sessions of free our county with instructors John Landsteiner and Rita Craven. I am grateful and security. This was that MRCI was able to be a recipient of this recent din Foundation grant training. I also want thank Martin County and the Blandin Foundation for providing the grant that enabled people with disabilities to be included in this county-wide technology training and education project.

> Ramona Harper, Branch Manager MRCI WorkSource -Fairmont

Who knew so many individuals could come together; volunteers, students, counselors and business professionals, all under one roof, for a few short hours and make such an impact?

Eight years ago, a collaboration with the Fairmont Area Chamber of Workforce Commerce, Center, ISEEK, and other area organizations and volunteers, put together the ACE event with this mission in mind: to raise career awareness for area students so they are knowledgeable of the opportunities awaiting them in our communities when they finish their education.

The Area Career Explo-I want to thank Rita ration (otherwise known as ACE) took place at Fairmont High School. More than six hundred and fifty tion to the individuals area sophomores from Blue Earth, Butterfield-Odin, Fairmont, Granada Huntley East Chain, Martin County West, Martin Luther, Mountain Lake, North Union, Southern spreading the good news Plains, St. James, Jackson

and Truman attended the career fair where approximately 100 businesses featured local professional information and opportunities.

Fairmont High School's Performing Arts Center accommodated a game show where local young professionals shared their career path and words of wisdom with the students. Two winning schools, Fairmont and Jackson took home trophies.

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If you would like to know more about this annual event that is scheduled on April 12th, 2017, contact Kandi at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce.

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The haymow; The question

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

was reached by climbing up one of the many ladders that were fastened large webs near the high to the inside of our large barn. One ladder was in the horse barn. I remember trying to climb that THE HAYMOW remains rie. The fields reach to the ladder as a very young deep within my memory. horizon in every direction. child, but the rungs of the It was a place of huge di- It is only broken by an ocladder were too far apart. I remember trying over and covered with the chaff of shelter a farm site. We over to climb the ladder loose hay. I remember both knew that no trees as I grew. It was a sense

I remember THE HAY- and dust, and the gentle think about. I knew that a windows of THE HAY-MOW. Even though the to the farm groves on our barn has been torn down, mensions. Its floor was casional grove of trees that sweeping the loose chaff

MOW as a scary place. It coos of pigeons. It was a question from this person place of large gray spiders. would be complicated as They would weave their he puts deep thought into everything he says.

> His question related southern Minnesota praiare native to this prairie.



I could finally master climbing the ladder into I remember getting up the ladder high enough to be able to see through the hole in the floor of THE HAYMOW. It was finally seeing the huge piles of loose hay, the huge wooden beams that reached from one end of the barn to the other, the steel track in the very peak of the giant chasm and the loose hanging haymow rope as it hung over the stored

It was a place of strange seemed to echo in THE HAYMOW. There were the sounds of the owls, pigeons and cats. I can still remember the creepy feeling whenever I went the huge mow.

I remember it as the place that the Bantam hens would find to lay their eggs and after that hear the gentle "peeping" of the newly-hatched chicks. It was trying to get them down to the ground without being pecked by their mother.

and remember the gray-

ketball. The hard floor of the haymow on my own. THE HAYMOW provided me a place to practice.

We have a small, oldstyle horse barn on our farm. It was once a small carriage barn on a farm. We bought it and had it of the farm groves and slid across the snow in something that he had nothe winter. It was to be ticed. He wondered why the barn for our children's the trees on the outside ponies. What had been a of the groves were shorter dream to them turned into than those in the middle. a reality. The small barn He thought it should be had a haymow, two box the opposite, as the trees stalls and a tack room. Yes, a ladder was built on the inside wall that went up competition than those sounds, for everything into THE HAYMOW. Our within a grove. His eyes children are grown and narrowed as he waited for have left home, but the an answer. small barn stays. It holds some wonderful memories.

into THE HAYMOW as a recently is that my grand- sense told me that it had child. I had been told of children, much like their to relate to something in how bums would seek parents, love to go to THE nature. Were the constant them out as a place to rest. HAYMOW. It is a place prairie winds pruning the I visualized shapes and with the same quali- outside trees in a natural sounds in the darkness of ties that I remember as a way as they were taking HAYMOW recently. It had and winter winds? Were been swept clean. Some the outside trees providthings never change!

certain time we would drawing power. It is a place of themselves to protect of mystery.

ness of the giant wooden that he had something drive the countryside! beams, the smell of hay that he wanted me to

of accomplishment when to the sides in an effort to Only the trees along the get a place to practice bas- creeks, rivers and lakes were growing when this prairie was broken for farming. The tall, matted prairie grass and a periodic prairie fire kept them from taking root.

He questioned the trees on the edge would get more sun and have less

THE QUESTION posed a problem for me. I had no idea why this was happen-What I have noticed ing. However, common youth. I went up into THE the full force of summer ing protection of those THE HAYMOW has a within? Were they giving their neighbor? Probably so! Maybe this was the answer to THE QUESTION.

I drove out into the I have known him for country this afternoon. I years. He is a customer noticed that he was right. I remember it to this who is a deep thinker. He The trees of each grove day. I can shut my eyes stopped in to my office were shorter on the sides. this morning and told me Take notice when you

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Surprising rally in grain prices

expected, the corn and soybean markets showed a strong spring rally, which is what has been of weeks. Even though spring rallies in grain prices are fairly typical, the strength of spring market enhancement in 2016 was somewhat surprising. The large anticipated 2015-16 ending stocks for both corn and soybeans, along with a rather robust planting intentions report on March 31st, raised concerns about grain market improvement this year. However, the combination of crop production concerns in South America, a potential Summer drought in the U.S., and some strength in the export market, have resulted in the recent market enhancement.

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) May soybean futures had a closing price of \$9.56 per bushel on April 15th, which was the highest nearby futures closing price in over seven corn acreage at 93.6 mil- There were 670 million months. months. Since early Feb- lion acre, which would be bushels of corn and 99

About when it is least ruary, the futures price the third highest in hishas improved by nearly a \$1.00 per bushel. Cash prices at the soybean processing plants in Mankato occurring in last couple topped \$9.00 per bushel 1.86 billion bushels in the during the week of April April 12th USDA Report, 11th-15th, which was the first time at those price levels since late August, 2015. Prices at local grain elevators also saw considerable improvement, with local cash prices in a range of \$8.60-\$8.80 per bushel across Southern Minnesota. This type of rally in the soybean market was not expected, considering that the USDA estimate for sovbean ending stocks for 2015-16 is at largest amount in over a decade.

The rise in corn prices in recent weeks has not been as dramatic as the soybean price increase. CBOT corn futures closed at \$3.78 per bushel on April 15th, which was the highest closing price for nearby futures in calendar year 2016. The March 31st percent of the total corn planting intentions report stocks and 47 percent of estimated U.S. planted the total soybean stocks.

tory. Given the expected large 2016 acreage total, along with projected 2015-16 corn ending stocks of a corn price rally of any type seemed unlikely. Nearby CBOT corn futures dropped to \$3.51 per bushel following the large USDA planting intentions report on March 31st, but have increased by seventeen cents per bushel in report. Local cash corn prices across Southern Minnesota were \$3.25-\$3.40 per bushel in most areas, which is still not a very attractive price to most farm operators.

According to the March 31st USDA Grain Stocks Report there was over 4.33 billion bushels of corn and just over 727 million bushels of soybeans stored on farms in the U.S., which represents about 56

million bushels of sovbeans in on-farm storage in Minnesota on March 1st, 2016, and an estimated 930 million bushels of corn and 155 million bushels of soybeans still in on-farm storage in Iowa. Based on those figures, there is a considerable amount of 2015 corn and soybeans remaining in on-farm storage, much of which still has to be priced in the coming months.

Farm operators need to pay attention to the current grain market price rally to market any "old crop" soybeans that remain in storage, either on the farm or in commercial storage. This is the best soybean price opportunity that we have seen for the 2015 soybean crop since late Summer of 2015. the two weeks since that Given to strong soybean yields in 2015, a local soybean market price near or above \$9.00 per bushel is probably at or above the 2015 "breakeven price" for soybean production in most areas. Unfortunately, a local corn price near \$3.40 per bushel is probably still well below the 2015 "breakeven price" for most corn producers in the Midwest. However, they need to evaluate the current corn price offering against the risk of potential price declines for "old crop" corn in the coming

The local price "basis",

corn and soybeans. The local basis for corn prices has been \$.40-\$.50 per bushel at most locations across Southern Minneexcept at grain terminals, with even wider basis levels in Western Minnesota same region have been at \$.70-\$.90 per bushel, and plants. It will be hard to achieve much basis imlarge projected U.S. suptighten the basis would be development of a fairly major U.S. drought during

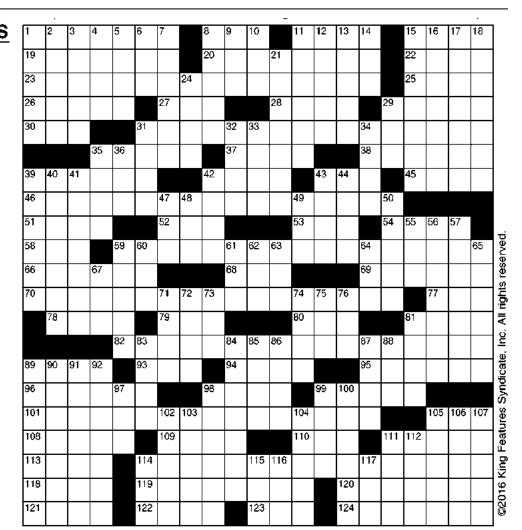
the 2016 growing season. Another reason to pay attention to marketing the "old crop" corn and soytend to decline as summer supplies. About the only exception to this in the last two decades is when we University, State

which is the difference the corn and soybean prices CBOT futures price and have increased or dethe local cash price, has creased about 50 percent remain quite wide for both of the time during May and June. However, during the months of July and August, the percentage of declining corn and soybean prices increases to sota and Northern Iowa, 60-80 percent of the time, with an average decline of about 7-10 percent.

During spring planting and the Dakota's. Similarly season many crop prosoybean basis levels in the ducers tend to put grain marketing decisions on the "back burner"; howabout \$.50 per bushel at ever, this may be a year the soybean processing to pay close attention to grain market changes during planting season. The provement in the coming soybean market appears months, considering the to be offering some very favorable pricing opporply of corn and soybeans tunities for any remainfor 2015-16. About the ing 2015 soybean invenonly scenario that could tory, as well as to begin pricing the anticipated 2016 soybean crop. While cash corn prices for the 2015 corn in storage may not be as favorable at this point, producers need to watch the market closely beans that are in storage to take advantage of price is that cash grain prices rallies, even if it means taking a slight loss on the progresses, especially in 2015 crop. There could be years with large U.S. grain some possibility of further price enhancements this summer for the "old crop" grain if drought conditions have a major drought, or develop in the U.S.; howsome other major event ever, there is also the posto cause a sudden rise in sibility of rather significant prices. According to grain price declines, if the 2016 marketing data from Iowa crop prospects look favorlocal able.

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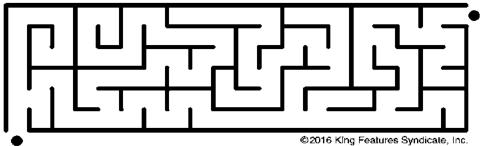




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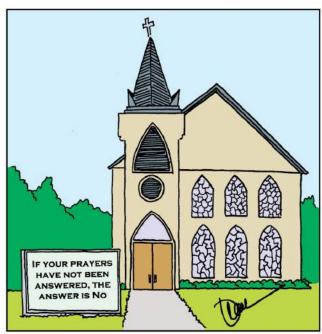


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