The Guy From Just Around the Corner
By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by. “How are you doing?” I ask.

“Eh ... I’ve been trying to get a handle on my weight,” he said. “I walk from wherever I’ve parked my car to wherever I want to go. I eat whatever I want and hope it all goes away. I’m on a new diet. I can’t seem to lose any weight. I have my sweatpants on all the time. I’m wearing a gym membership, but one I never use. I have a scale to weigh myself. I tried weighing myself before and after meals, but it didn’t make a difference.”

“Have you tried going for a walk?” I asked.

“Yeah, but my friends all have other interests,” he said. “I’ve found it helps if I lower my standards each day. I need to take off my weight some winter weight. It takes miles on him. I’ve found it helps. I feel better. My birthday has passed. I feel better. My life has taken a turn for the better.”

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A bridal shower will be held for Veronica Johnson, bride-to-be of Lucas Stofel on Saturday, April 27th from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Sherburn.

CREST Pillow
CREST of Martin County will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on Thursday, May 2nd from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the upper level of the Evangelical Covenant Church, 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont.

A “Town Hall Conversation” April 25th
More than 19,000 folks in Minnesota have told us they are concerned with the increasing size and scope of our federal government. Find out why they support Convention of States by attending an informal meeting to discuss current events, ideas and potential remedies. There will be a “Town Hall Conversation” in Fairmont on Thursday, April 25th at 7 p.m. at the Martin County Library in Fairmont.

A free hot meal will be served at St. John Vi-anney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, April 28th at the hospitality area. All are welcome!

Ruby’s Pantry food distribution
Ruby’s Pantry has a food distribution in East Chain, Minnesota on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Church, located at 507 290th Avenue.

SCHWEISS 45TH - Ken and Luci Schweiss of Wel-come will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 30th. They were united in mar-riage April 30th, 1974 at Japanese Martyrs in Leav-enworth, Minnesota. Cards will reach them at 1192 120th Street, Welcome, MN 56181.
Give blood during National Volunteer Month

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Upcoming blood donation opportunities locally include:

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What's Cooking
with Kathy Lloyd

A beautiful Easter!

So nice to have warm weather for Easter, we even got most of my flowers uncovered, so now I am ready for an April shower. I do hope it holds off until after midnight. My mother-in-law always said that if it rains on Easter it will rain for 8 consecutive Sundays and it holds pretty true.

A friend of mine called last week and said she had looked through my recipes and was unable to find one for pound cake for Easter. I haven’t made a pound cake for a long time but I do have one which I gave her, she reported that it turned out perfect. It was a long time ago but I think the recipe came from my friend Pat Rose. If I am wrong she will let me know!! I hope it turns out for you too!

Pound Cake:
3 sticks butter (1 1/2 cups)
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 cups sugar
6 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. coconut flavoring
1/4 tsp. almond flavoring
3 cups flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter and cream cheese until fluffy, add sugar then eggs, beat well, add flavorings then flour and Baking Powder, beat well. Bake in prepared Bundt pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15-20 minutes. I have discovered that the Pam spray now comes with flour added. It cuts the amount of flour needed. It is orange in a blue can next to the regular Pam, it works great, cool in pan for 8-10 minutes then turn out and cool. I like to serve it with raspberry sauce and whipped topping, recipe follows also from Pat:

Raspberry sauce
100z. frozen thawed and drained, saving juice.
Add water to saved juice to make 1 cup
1 Tablespoon cornstarch
Dash of salt
2 tsp. lemon juice

Combine in small sauce pan, cook until thick, cool and serve with cake, real whipped cream makes it really good!!

The Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Community Service Project Day is coming up on Friday May 17th (rain date is May 24th). Fairmont Student Huddle Groups are looking for service projects to work on! There are 46 Huddle Groups with an average of 15 students (grasses 7-12) per group that are looking to help others in our great community. During past service days, groups of Fairmont students have worked on projects such as yard work, landscaping, garbage 0r/and basement cleanup, wash windows, and basic home improvement.

Other projects that have been worked on by Fairmont students are cleaning the downtown area, cleaning the city parks, going to nursing homes to spend time with the residents, going to the Humane Society and helping at local bus lines. As students, we see our Service Project Day as a day where we can give back to the community that has given us so much.

If you are an individual or a business that has a need for some extra help this spring, please consider filling out an application for a service project. Applications can be picked up through Mark Homes by emailing him at mhernes@fairmont.k12.mn.us or calling the High School office at 507-238-4411.

Grace Higgins and her Kayla’s Chambers National Honor Society Fairmont Area Jr./Sr. High School

Area College Student News

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It may be hard to believe, but summer is right around the corner! This year our Summer Reading Program for kids is themed to “A Universe of Possibilities.” So let us explore space, planets, stars and more! Each of our libraries will have six exciting events during June and July and we hope you will take advantage of these fantastic, no cost programs. Our goal for this summer is to check out 40,000 items in Martin County! That’s a big number and we will need everyone’s help to get us there! If it checks out, it counts and that number includes electronic check outs along with physical items from the library. So keep us on your radar screen and let all the adventures we have in store!

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Following is what the proclamation read:

"WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Winnebago have dedicated themselves to the promotion of good will among mankind and to the advancement and betterment of mankind in this city and community in which they exist, and,

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows this year commemorate their 200th Anniversary on the North American Continent, their 166th Anniversary in the State of Minnesota, and their 148th Anniversary in the City of Winnebago, and,

WHEREAS, The Officers and Members of Winnebago City No. 30 Odd Fellows lodge and Starlight No. 11 Rebekah lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, have assembled with the coordination of the Winnebago Area Museum, a historic display of mementos and artifacts for public viewing, and,

WHEREAS, The Officers and Members of said lodges have requested that the day of April 26th, (the date of April 26th having been the date of the birth of this Great Fraternity 200 years ago), as Independent Order of Odd Fellows Day. NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Honorable Jeremiah Schutt, Mayor of the City of Winnebago, do hereby proclaim the above day as Independent Order of Odd Fellows Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Winnebago, this, the 9th day of April, 2019.

WINNEBAGO CITY #30 ODD FELLOWSHIP

The first Odd Fellows lodge in Minnesota was in Stillwater in 1849. The first five lodges located and established the Grand Lodge of Minnesota on May 4th, 1853. From those first few lodges, Odd Fellowship continued to spread into the new communities as Minnesota grew.

The Sioux Railroad rolled into Winnebago City in 1870 and allowed an influx of people. Winnebago City #30 was instituted January 13th, 1871 and has met continuously to carry on the business of the lodge. Starlight #11 is the sister Rebekah lodge that was established in 1894. Both lodges follow a general agenda which includes an opening ceremony, general business activities, and “Good of the Order” criteria. They establish programs, contacts, and friendships that develop into the duties to perform the commands of the Order: “to visit the sick, bury the dead, relieve the distressed, and educate the orphan.” There is something different going on all year long, but the general concept is to promote charity and benevolence among its members and the community.

The lodges meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Winnebago Municipal Center.

KIDS’ MAZE

A “Lunch & Learn” event sponsored by B & R will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

This month’s topic will be on Elderly Fraud and will feature Sherburn/Welcome Police Chief Brad Hughes.

A baked potato bar will follow the program with a free will donation to defray expenses.

Anyone from the area is welcome to enjoy the presentation, lunch, and some visiting.

Fairmont Area Let’s Go Fishing Fundraiser

Fairmont Area Let’s Go Fishing with Seniors Veterans and Disabled will be the beneficiary of a breakfast fundraiser this year.

This fundraiser will take place Sunday, May 5th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont.

Free will donation. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with proceeds going to Fairmont Area Let’s Go Fishing.

For more information, call 507-448-5069 or visit www.fairmontkfcws.com.

High school art exhibit at Red Rock Center

Celebrate the creative talent on display at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, from students at four area high schools.

Original works in all media—from painting and drawing to photography, ceramics to three-dimensional assemblage—will be on view. Participating schools include: GHEC, Blue Earth, Fairmont and North Union.

Student artwork will be on display at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont, April 23rd—May 1st.

Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

All are welcome and free admission. A closing ceremony will be held Thursday, May 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Activities Expo

Healthy Youth and Fairmont Community Education and Recreation (CER) are co-sponsoring the 13th annual Youth Activities Expo.

The theme for this year’s Youth Activities Expo is “COME TO THE GREAT ESCAPE AND UNLOCK YOUR SPARK!” The expo will be held on Thursday, April 25th, 2019, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fairmont Elementary School Five Lakes (Main) Gym.

Free admission and a free light meal will be served to all who attend.

The purpose of the Youth Activities Expo is to assemble local organizations which serve families with Youth in Elementary and Jr. High. The Expo will give youth and families an opportunity to learn about the numerous educational, social services, arts, outdoor and recreational organizations which provide positive growth opportunities to youth.

Special features of the 2019 Youth Activities Expo include the Grades K-2nd “Celebrating Mexico” Art Show and the OREO Orchestra Recital by grades five and six in the Cafeteria. Youth participants will also have the opportunity to register for a door prize drawing of a Family Pass to the Fairmont Aquatic Park sponsored by Healthy Youth and the Fairmont Aquatic Park.

For more information contact CER at 235-3141.

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Dr. Ronald W. Kost, 85

Memorial service for Dr. Ronald W. Kost, 85, was held Monday, April 22nd, 2019 at Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center in Fairmont. Inurnment will be in Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont at a later date. Dr. Kost passed away Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, at Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center in Fairmont.

Ronald was born January 21st, 1934, in Scotland, SD. He was the son of Emil and Vera (Hansen) Kost. Ronald graduated from Selby High School in Selby, SD. He then furthered his education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, before completing his Doctorate of Optometry at the Southern School of Optometry in Memphis, TN.

Ronald enlisted in the U.S. Air Force October 9th, 1957, where he served as an Air Force Optometrist. He served at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, TX, until earning his honorable discharge October 8th, 1960.

On April 24th, 1958, Ronald was married to Margaret Blanche Hillmer in Uvalde, TX. Ronald and Charlotte resided in Del Rio, TX and later moved to Watertown, SD and Chamberlain, SD, before moving to Fairmont, in 1971.

Ronald helped care for his wife, Helen, who passed away July 7th, 1989. Helen was buried with her sons under an oak tree.

Ronald was a member of the American Optometric Association, Rotary Club. During his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, as well as camping and vacations with his family. More recently, Dr. Kost enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially Twins baseball.

Dr. Kost was a member of First United Methodist Church in Fairmont. He was also a member of the American Optometric Association, Rotary Club. During his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, as well as camping and vacations with his family. More recently, Dr. Kost enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially Twins baseball.

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I watched our oldest granddaughter, Addison, as she chased Edgar, the cat, around the house. We tried explaining, "The cat is never going to come to you as long as you keep chasing him." Being impatient, she didn’t want to wait and continued her hunt. From the living room, through the dining room, into the kitchen then back into the living room; around and around they went in circles, one lap after another, the sleek black cat was always in the lead.

Occasionally Edgar would double back by running around the dining room table, reversing the direction of travel. Addison kept with him, staying in hot pursuit. She tried to outsmart Edgar by stepping in the opening between the living room and dining room. She waited for Edgar to come, then she would head off and pretend on him. But Edgar never came. Reversing her direction again, Addison ran counter-clock-wise in an attempt to find the elusive feline. In vain, she pressed on but couldn’t find Edgar hiding under the corner booth in the kitchen watching as she sprinted by looking for him.

As a spectator, I was amused by the chase. A chase that was only possible because we live in a "circle house." Circle houses provide a natural race track by having at least two doorways in different rooms connecting them together and creating the "circle." I suppose such houses were built for convenience, allowing people to move through the structure more efficiently; saving steps. But sometimes they caused more steps to be taken.

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.pack small with doorways into the dining and living rooms.

Back then, my Dad was the general manager of KTVO-TV. The station aired a show called Candelays. Kids were invited to be on the show where they sat in little bleach chairs and read their poem or asked questions of the host. The host would play games, tell stories and provide other such entertainment. Every kid left with a toy or prize. You could get something small like a coloring book or a paper hat; if you were lucky, you might get a certificate for a free cone at Grahams Cream. Usually, the prizes were kind of cheesy, but everyone was happy to get something.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

Fairmont Eagles
1223 Lake Ave - 238-2550

Thursday, April 25 • 5-7pm:
Bake & Turkey Commercial Supper
Burger Night
Burgers $5

Friday, April 26 • 5-7pm:
Months Burger:
Bacon Bourbon Burger

Sunday, April 28 • 4-6pm:
Steve Lang & Bob Petrovick Show

Monday, April 29:
Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

Reservations: (507) 238-4900 or fairmontoperahouse.org

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Trinity Lutheran Church
Welcome, MN
Sun., April 28th serving 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetable, dessert.
$5 age 13 and up; $5 age 6-12; 3 and under free.

Preceds For Stained Glass Fund

St. Paul Lutheran Church's Charity Chili Lunch
Serving from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
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St. James Lutheran School

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Commercial Supper
Beef & Turkey Burgers $5
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Breakfast menu can be found online.

FAIRMONT AREA

March 21 - May 31

THUR: K-6: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, herb broccoli & cauliflower, Caesar salad, carrots, mandarin orange and pineapple, watermelon.
FRIDAY: K-6: Cheese pizza, pizza, April fun lunch, corn, Caesar salad, orange wedges, applesauce.

Jr/Hs: Italian meatball sub, Caesar rolls, peas, corn, spinach and cranberry salad, apple, pineapple chunks.

Tues: K-6: Grilled cheese, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, tomato soup, carrots, apples, peaches.

Jr/Hs: BBQ shredded pork sandwich, Caesar roll, corn, coleslaw, cucumbers, orange wedges, baked apple slices.

MONDAY: K-6: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, ham, cheese, and lettuce wrap, mashed potatoes, gravy, tomatoes, orange wedges, peas, carrots.

Jr/Hs: Tater tot Caesar salad, dinner roll, peas, corn, and cranberry salad, apple, pineapple chunks.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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Ormsby, MN
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Lawn equipment: Keep safety in mind

(NAPS)—When spring is on its way, home owners are often eager to get outside and spruce up their yards. It’s important when doing so to keep safety in mind.

“Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw, pruner or any other piece of outdoor power equipment this season, it’s important to refresh yourself on building and safety procedures,” said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

“We’re all eager to get outside and enjoy the living landscape after a long winter, but take the time to do basic maintenance now to ensure your equipment operates safely for the season and is ready to get the job done.”

These six tips can help:

1. Read your owner’s manual. Follow all guidelines for your outdoor power equipment and familiarize yourself with the controls. If you need to lose your manual, look it up online (and save a copy on your computer for easy reference in the future).
2. Inspect equipment. Check for loose bolts and missing or damaged parts. Replace any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative for servicing.
3. Drain old fuel. Never use fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol in small engine equipment designed not to use in small engine equipment.
4. Store fuel safely. Label fuel with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put “old” gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don’t know the date of purchase, dispose of the fuel in the can safely and buy fresh fuel. Always store fuel out of the reach of children and pets and in approved containers.
5. Clean equipment. Remove any dirt, oil or grass stuck to it. Clean equipment will run more efficiently and last longer. "Now is also a good time to assess your outdoor power equipment needs,” adds Kiser. Whether you’re needing battery, gasoline-, propane-, diesel- or hybrid-powered equipment, there is a product to fit your unique needs that can handle any job.”


Great grass ideas

(NAPS)—For a lawn that turns the neighbors green with envy, heed these four hints:

1. Water well: Water your lawn early in the morning when temperatures are cool to cut down on diseases and destructive insects.
2. Feed it: Use fertilizer that provides nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.
3. Mulch it: Mulch prevents evaporation and weed growth, helps drainage, encourages root development and cools the soil.
4. Mow wisdom: Cut the grass early in the morning or in the evening, not during the heat of the day. Cut off no more than a third of the grass blade.

Want to make mowing easier and still get a beautifully groomed lawn? Consider a robotic mower. Models like the Honda Miimo, powered by a high-performance lithium-ion battery, do the mowing for you. Because a dealer-installed boundary wire is around the area to be mowed, the mower detects the electric field and stays within it, monitoring its own charge and returning to its docking station at need. Independent 360-degree sensors and a floating cover detect solid contacts. And, if Miimo comes too close to a person or pet, the lawn mower stops, turns, and moves in a different direction.

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Ten easy ways to get a dose of vitamin N(ature) in just ten minutes

(NAPS)—A growing body of scientific evidence proves that being outside (i.e., being an “outsider”) is good for our health and well-being. Exploring and appreciating nature in our own backyards, community parks and school yards—reduces stress, improves memory, boosts heart health, and offers a host of other benefits for our minds and bodies.

“Having a living landscape of grass, trees, shrubs and flowering plants is good. Using this outdoorscapes concept, you'll experience the health benefits. It offers even better,” said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), whose Foundation created TurfMutt, an environmental education and outreach program that teaches the value and importance of environmental education (OPEI), whose President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), whose Foundation created TurfMutt, an environmental education and outreach program that teaches the value and benefits of the outdoors. “Getting outside, even for just 10 minutes, can do much to boost your mood, productivity, and quality of life!”

On its 10th anniversary, TurfMutt shares 10 easy ways you can enjoy nature in under 10 minutes.

**Take a walk.** Lace up your athletic shoes and head out for a walk around the block or to your neighborhood park. While you’re out, commit to turning off your cell phone and enjoying the natural setting around you (it’s just 10 minutes, after all!).

**Take a nap.** Finding a quiet corner at home or an office park, lie down and close your eyes to rest your mind and body.

**Get your kids moving.** A rousing game of tag or hide-and-seek in the family yard is a great way to counter computer and screen time.

**Play with your dog.** A dog’s favorite “room” of the house is your family yard. Take inspiration from your pooch and spend a few minutes outside playing Frisbee or fetch.

**Clean up your outdoor living room.** Make simple work of yard chores by breaking them up into smaller chunks. Five minutes is enough time to put a serious dent in weeding a flower bed, sweeping off the back patio, or picking up debris from your lawn. Plant something. It is spring planting season, so take 10 minutes to dig a hole and introduce a new plant or get started on your vegetable garden or flower beds.

**Dine al fresco.** Taking a meal outside is one of the easiest—and most nourishing—ways to enjoy the outdoor space around you. Have breakfast with the backyard birds. Lunch at a park near your office. Enjoy your coffee break under a shade tree.

**Study or read a book.** Take break the “work” of yard work homework by moving study or reading sessions to your backyard or community green space.

**Sit back and relax.** Sometimes, the best thing to do is absolutely nothing at all. Spend some time in a hammock, spread a blanket out on the grass, or take a meditation break outside to soak up the natural environment around you.

**Learn More**

For more information on the benefits of our living landscapes and how to be an outsider, visit www.SaveLivingLandscapes.com.

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**Swing (duct) cleaning**

Two out of three American homes get a thorough cleaning at least once a year, reports the American Cleaning Institute, often in the springtime.

‘A Problem That can be a healthy thing to do, but there’s one place even the most fastidious families can forget: the air ducts. This can be a problem in homes with pets, plants, Continued...
Roofing solutions to environmental concerns

(NAPS)—More and more Americans are calling the nation’s cities home. According to 2010 Census data, an estimated 80.7 percent of Americans now live in urban areas—up from 79 percent in 2000. Not only does this urban population increasingly tax the country’s infrastructure, but it is also having an effect—both directly and indirectly—on the environment.

"Cool pavements" would decrease urban temperatures, which in turn could offset some or all of the projected future warming trends. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a cool roof is one that has been designed to reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat than a standard roof. Beyond the building itself, cool roofs can also benefit the environment by:
- Reducing local air temperatures;
- Lowering peak electricity demand, which can help prevent power outages; and
- Reducing power plant emissions, including carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury.

In order to help protect the environment and meet increasingly stringent ordinances calling for cool roof technology, 3M developed Cool Roofing Granules. These granules are used in shingles that can be energy efficient, solar reflective and economically friendly. This technology can reduce urban heating as well as lower energy consumption in climates with year-round cooling needs. In addition, many of the shingles that contain Cool Roofing Granules meet Energy Star requirements, making them the green choice for green building.

Another problem in urban areas is smog pollution, caused by a build-up of nitrogen oxides in the air. An estimated 10 in Americans currently live in counties with unhealthy levels of particle pollution. To combat this growing concern, 3M recently launched Weathered Year-Round Granules, which help remove smog pollution in shingles that can be energy efficient, solar reflective and economically friendly. This technology can reduce urban heating or cooling a home is wasted.

When analyzing effective UHI mitigation strategies, scientists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory determined that widespread deployment of "cool roofs" and man-made surface area in urban areas. Continued from page 12

people with allergies. Dirty filters let dust, dander, allergens and mold spores in. So do leaks around duct joints. In a typical six-room home, up to 40 pounds of dirt— including dangerous chemicals and other pollutants—is created annually through everyday living. The contaminants cause the heating and cooling system to work harder, use more energy, and wear out faster. That can cost you money—the U.S. Department of Energy says 25 to 40 percent of the energy used for heating or cooling a home is wasted.

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Higher limits available on USDA farm loans

Higher limits are now available for borrowers interested in USDA’s farm loans, which help agricultural producers purchase farms or cover operating expenses. The 2018 Farm Bill increased the amount that producers can borrow through direct and guaranteed loans available through USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) and made changes to other loans, such as microloans and emergency loans.

“As natural disasters, trade disruptions, and persistent pressure on commodity prices continue to impact agricultural producers, farm loans become increasingly important to farmers and ranchers,” FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. “The 2018 Farm Bill provides increased loan limits and more flexibility to farm loans, which gives producers more access to credit when they need it most.”

Key changes include:
- The Direct Operating Loan limit increased from $300,000 to $400,000, and the Guaranteed Operating Loan limit increased from $1.429 million to $1.75 million. Operating loans help producers pay for normal operating expenses, including machinery and equipment, seed, livestock feed, and more.
- The Direct Farm Ownership Loan limit increased from $300,000 to $400,000, and the Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loan limit increased from $1.429 million to $1.75 million. Farm ownership loans help producers become owner-operators of family farms as well as non-traditional farm operators.
- Producers who previously had debt forgiven, as part of an approved FSA restructuring plan, are now eligible to apply for emergency loans. Previously, these producers were ineligible. Beginning and socially disadvantaged producers can now receive up to 95 percent of principal and interest on a loan, up from 90 percent.
- About Farm Loans
  - Direct farm loans, which include microloans and emergency loans, are financed and serviced by FSA, while guaranteed farm loans are financed and serviced by commercial lenders.
- For more information on FSA farm loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov or contact your local USDA service center.

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Americanisms
“Cut out all these exclamation points. An exclamation point is like laughing at your own joke.”
— F. Scott Fitzgerald

Public Auction (aka) Storage War
Monday, May 13
Fairmont Mini Storage • Fairmont • 5:00 p.m.
Unit Nos.: u1a, 40, 48, 61, 68, 77, 86, 104
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Unit Nos.: 326, 363, 410, 463
Units may be removed from auction any time up to time of auction.

Notice to all landowners/operators in Lake Benton 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 the road. The township’s main purpose is to keep the traveling public safe and in order to do this, the township board has control of the right-of-way.

Lake Benton 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 2019 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 you have trees, brush, stones/rock, object/debris or any other objects addressed by the statute, you have until July 20, 2019 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.
**HELP WANTED**

**Heavy Equipment Operator – Dunnell**

Martin County is taking applications for a full-time Heavy Equipment (motorgrader) Operator to report to the Dunnell, MN shop of the Martin County Highway Department.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school plus two years of related technical, or 3 years of related on-the-job experience. Must have a Minnesota CDL Motor Grader License and pre-employment drug test are required. At least three years of related highway maintenance experience, which includes the following skills and abilities, but not limited to: strong working knowledge of highway maintenance operations, strong working knowledge of the equipment, materials, methods, and practices used in highway maintenance operations, ability to effectively and safely perform various highway maintenance activities, ability to estimate and maintain strong working relationships with others.

The qualifications listed above are guidelines. Other combinations of education and experience could provide the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this job.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** Maintenance of aggregate surfaced roads and shoulders, laying bituminous mixture on roads and shoulders, rock work, slope grading and grading on slopes and ditches. Removes snow from county roads and highways in the winter. General maintenance on the equipment. Working with the general public with concerns about situations that come up dealing with roads.

Starting salary is $20.98 per hour. Applications should be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 to the CareerForce in Fairmont; Five Lakes Centre, 400 South State Street; Suite 180, Fairmont, MN 56031. Martin County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

BIG HEAVE - Cadence Becker finished second in the shot put with a toss of 32-2 3/4. The Cards Natalie Tonne won the event with a throw of 32-11 1/4 in triangular meet vs Waseca and Luverne last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

BACKSTRETCH - Cards Andrew Moeller splits a pair of runners in the open 800 – Moeller finished first with a time of 2:01.4 to help the Cards (81) defeat Waseca (67) and Luverne (38). Courtesy fairmontsports.com

BACKHAND RETURN - Cardinals #2-singles Ameya Komaragiri eyes a return against Chanhassen’s Kyle Remington. Chanhassen blanked the Cards 7-0 last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

FOREHAND SMASH - Cards Evan Carlson smashes a return in tennis action against Chanhassen last Tuesday night. Carlson and doubles partner Aaron Hendricks lost their match 6-3, 6-0. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

RACE LEADER – Cards Caden Baarts won the 100 – 11.5 and the 200 – 23.59 in triangular meet vs Waseca and Luverne last Tuesday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

BLIND PASS – Cardinals McKayla Chambers passes the baton to Brooklyn Meyer. Waseca (76.5) slipped past the Cards (56) and Luverne (53.5). Courtesy fairmontsports.com


Fairmont Trap Team Scores April 17 - top 30

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Opera House to feature Minnesota State Band Saturday

The Minnesota State Band will perform at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. The Opera House is located at 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.

The band follows the Sousa tradition in programming both current and at other locations. The band is on tour this spring under direction of Keith Liuzzi. In addition to the concert in Fairmont the band will also perform on Sunday, April 28th at Potter Auditorium in Chaffield. That concert is at 2:00. The Potter Auditorium is located at 405 Main Street South, Chaffield, MN.

The Minnesota State Band is the official band of the State of Minnesota and has been in existence for 121 years. The Minnesota State Band was organized in 1898. Mr. Christian Selling was recruited by Oscar Hammerstein I, and went to work for him in New York. Credit for much of the success and continuing vitality of the Minnesota State Band goes to Joseph Komun. Conductor for nearly 40 years. Band concerts frequently open with the state song “Hail! Minnesota,” written in 1904 by Mr. Truman E. Rickard. It was adopted as Minnesota’s official state song in 1945. Concerts traditionally conclude with the national march of the United States of America, “The Stars and Stripes Forever March” by John Philip Sousa.

These concerts by the Minnesota State Band are funded in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4th, 2008.