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Only good news

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This Winter, Fairmont teens have
BETTER THINGS TO DO than drink alcohol.



WATCHING MOVIES 
READING  **HIBERNATING** 
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SNOWBALL FIGHTS 
SHOPPING  **MANI-PEDIS** 
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING 
VIDEO GAMES 
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MOST Fairmont teens would rather **NOT** drink
when hanging out with their friends.



MEYER - Jack and Dorie Meyer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on February 5th, 1955. Cards will reach them at 2443 Stella Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.



ABEL - A family celebration honoring Carolyn Abel's 90th birthday will be held Saturday, February 7th. Carolyn was born February 6th, 1925. Cards will reach her at 620 Summit Drive, Apt 202, Fairmont, MN 56031.



SCHULTZ - Join the family and help Loren Schultz celebrate his 90th birthday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome on Sunday, February 15th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cards will reach him at 1492 100th Ave, Welcome, MN 56181.

Profinium promotes Mitch Nelson to Director of Credit



Mitch Nelson had been promoted to Director of Credit at Profinium according to Marques Doppler, Profinium CEO. "As Director of Credit, Nelson will lead the staff of the credit department. Mitch

is responsible for all credit department initiatives, policy oversight and development. The Director of Credit is the highest ranking credit officer in the Bank reporting directly to the Chief Operating Officer.

Mitch is a key member of the Profinium Leadership Team having contributed greatly to the overall success of the organization. His passion, commitment and expertise provide our staff and clients with invaluable resources and exceptional service, all of which make it possible for us to Achieve Dreams Together."

Oren returns to Profinium Bank



Recently, Marques Doppler, CEO of Profinium, announced that Ove Oren has returned to the bank to serve Ag and Commercial clients in Truman. Ove is an experienced banker with a demonstrated history of helping our Truman clients realize Amazing results. He is dedicated to help our Truman community "Achieve Dreams Together."

According to Ove Oren, "I started almost 30 years ago in Truman and now

I am back! I am looking forward to working with both old and new customers for the next few years. I left Profinium in 2008 to do some bank consulting which I retired from in July of last year. Recently Profinium approached me with an opportunity to do something I really enjoy a few days a week, and the offer was too tempting to pass up! I look forward to serving customers in the Truman community and being part of the Profinium team again."

Profinium has four locations in Southern Minnesota (Fairmont, Truman, Owatonna and Mankato), and has grown to be over \$420 million in assets under management. The organization has been serving Southern Minnesota since 1875 and offers banking, mortgages, insurance, trust and investments.

AAUW scholarship applications

The Fairmont Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has applications available for a post-graduate scholarship. Any woman who has a four-year college degree, is interested in continuing her academic studies, and is a resident of Martin County may apply.

The scholarship may be used for a graduate degree from any accredited college or university or for further undergraduate work. Applications are available from Judy Beckman, 507-238-4902, via mail or e-mail. The deadline for all applications is Friday, April 10th, 2015.



Louis John Madsen was born January 19th, 2015 at Fairmont's Mayo Clinic Health System. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces. He is the son of Marty and Carey Madsen of Fairmont.

Grandparents are John and Glenda Madsen, Henry Smith and Theresa Smith of Fairmont.

Louis has two brothers, Logan and Paxton.

Dean and Donna Grotte of Fairmont and Mary Shuman of Coon Rapids, Minnesota are happy to announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Brynn Louise Grotte. She joins four grandsons in the family.

Her parents are Mark and Jennifer Grotte of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Brynn was born December 30th, 2014 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Due to illness, the **Speaking of Health presentation "Pain Management"** has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 5th at 7 p.m. in the main classroom at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Call 507-385-4706 if you have questions.

Fairmont High School Class of 1954 and spouses will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 10th at the Green Mill in Fairmont.

Nassen Detert American Legion Auxiliary will meet at Ceylon Legion Post home on Tuesday, February 10th at 7 p.m.

The Compassionate Friends of North Central Iowa will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Algona Public Library at 210 N Phillips Street in Algona, Iowa. Enter by the south door and follow the signs to the meeting room. We are a support group for parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age and from any cause. We are a national organization and more information can be found at www.compassionatefriends.org. For questions or more information call Joanne at 515-320-1072 or Jet at 515-341-6024. In case of inclement weather please listen to KLGA Algona Radio 92.7FM for cancellations.

The Christian musical duo "Lost & Found" will be in concert at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Monday, February 9th at 10 a.m. as part of their 2015 Farewell Tour. Michael and George combine Christian music with a healthy dose of comedy. Everyone is welcome. Admission is a free and donations are welcome. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or www.speedwood.com.

Arc Family and Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, February 9th at 6 p.m. For questions regarding the group and/or meeting, call the Arc office at 507-235-8580.

MOSS will meet Thursday, February 5th at the Fairmont Holiday Inn. Social is at 5:30 p.m. with supper and meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

Family Play Day at Cedar Park

Have fun in the snow and trails at Cedar Creek Park on Saturday, February 7th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The afternoon will include snowshoeing (weather permitting) or hiking on the trails with a Prairie Ecology Bus Center naturalist, looking for wildlife, animal tracking, learning bird calls and more. Free cocoa and snacks.

Pre-registration is requested to ensure adequate snacks and supplies. Snowshoes are provided- please reserve your snowshoes at time of pre-registration.

This special event is made possible through a grant from the Martin County Youth Foundation. Special thanks to MCYF, City of Fairmont, and CER for making this free family event available. For more information, contact 507-235-3141, Fairmont Community Education and Recreation located at Fairmont Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont MN 56031.



The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation recently held the Council of County Presidents meeting on January 27th in St. Paul. Attendees heard from state legislators, as well as Minnesota Water and Soil Resources officials. Pictured left to right: David Engelbrecht, Watonwan County Farm Bureau president; Rochelle Krusemark, Martin County Farm Bureau president; Representative Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont), Stanley Whitney, Faribault County Farm Bureau president; Linda Whitney, Faribault County Farm Bureau and Rachel Daberkow, Jackson County Farm Bureau president.

Kinship GALA GOWNS GO GREEN

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Arts scholarships awarded to two Martin County youth

"The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Youth Scholarships of \$29,100 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund have been awarded to 97 students in grades 7-12 throughout the region. Youth Scholarship recipients live in twenty-two different communities representing nine counties," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. "We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in." The Youth Scholarships of \$300 will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, take lessons, or perform with a youth arts organization. The Arts and Cultural Heritage fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in November 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts.

Two students in Martin County were each awarded a \$300 scholarship;

Cameron Hainy and Eric Head from Fairmont.

Students will be involved in a variety of activities including: dance classes at the Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota, Fine Arts School of Ballet and Mankato Ballet Company; music lessons at Mankato Suzuki School of Music and New Ulm Suzuki School of Music;



participation in Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band and Mankato Children's Chorus; figure skating lessons from independent instructors; and a variety of music lessons in flute, cello, piano and violin lessons from independent instructors. There is one deadline per year for the Youth Scholarships grades 7-12 and the next date is October 1st, 2015.

In addition to these scholarships Prairie Lakes awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to students

in grades 3-6 as part of a pilot program this year. These scholarships were funded by a grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, Rochester. The thirty students that received \$200 scholarships were in grades 3-6 and resided in fourteen communities in seven different counties. The Youth Scholarships of \$200 will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist during 2015.

Prairie Lakes provides grants for arts activities including dance, music, theater, literature, and visual art classes and exhibitions. February 1st and March 1st, 2015 are the next deadlines for up to \$2,500 grants for Small Arts Projects by community groups and Arts-In-Education school residencies. Grant program information and applications are available at www.plrac.org or contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director, at the PLRAC office in Waseca, 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net for information. The PLRAC serves a nine county area in south central Minnesota.

St. Paul's Lutheran Celebrates National Lutheran Schools Week

St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont celebrated its 120th year of operation during National Lutheran Schools Week, which was scheduled from January 25th-31st. True to its mission, Christ's love and the gospel were shared through chapel services, classroom devotions, and a major service project. Wednesday was a special day of prayer, as students, staff, families, church members and families of former students gathered in the church throughout the day to pray for the school, the students and the prayer requests which the students submitted.

One of the highlights of the week was the Penny War. Students brought pennies for a classroom jug and were invited to "sabotage" other classrooms' jugs by putting in larger denomination coins and bills. A total of \$2,000 was collected. The winning class was the eighth grade, with a net total of \$46.06. The first grade class collected the most money (and also the most saboteurs). Proceeds from the project will be used to buy prepaid gas cards

for oncology patients who travel for treatments. The cards are given in honor of a St. James Lutheran - Northrop student who is currently being treated for cancer.

The fourth through eighth grade students increased their knowledge and showcased their academic skills as well. Fifth through eighth grade students participated in a Civil War re-enactment program at Martin Luther High School, while fourth through eighth grade students participated



in a regional spelling bee runoff and geography bee competition. Karalyn Closs was the winner of the spelling bee. She will represent our school at the Scripps National Spelling Bee regional competition in Mankato on February 17th. The winner of the geography bee was Lydia Steinhaus. Other contestants were Kambria Steinhaus, Kolton Fritz, Katie Mueller and Cayden Fischer for the spelling bee and Jacob Taylor, Jakob Fischer, Kimberlee Reed, Ryan Singleton, Karalyn

Closs, Kelly Chen, Isaiah Johnson, Nick Eversman and Alex Kallemeyn.

Each classroom decorated posters to show their school spirit and commitment to Christian service. Our panel

of judges awarded first place to Miss Warnier's second grade class, with a tie for second place between first and sixth grades.

Opportunities for fellowship among all students included a trip to the Fairmont Theater for a special showing of "Paddington" and a picnic in the gym on Friday. Seventh and eighth graders added to the festivities with dress-up days throughout the week.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund of Fairmont would like to thank the following for contributing \$10,696.00 for the 4th quarter of 2014:

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Red Rock Center Artist of the Month

Red Rock Center the Arts of Fairmont is pleased to announce the February Artist of the Month, Lisa Renae Carnet of Fairmont. A Meet & Greet Artist Reception will be held Sunday, February 8th from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments while visiting with the Lisa and viewing the exhibit.

Lisa grew up in Fenton, Iowa, and spent 5 years in Alamogordo, New Mexico before moving to Fairmont 30 years ago. Although she has no formal training, living in New Mexico gave her an idea and inspiration for her current artwork.

Colors inspire her - its passion, beauty, acceptance, forgiveness, and value. She wanted to create something refreshing, colorful, and unique. Finding her medium was a struggle until she saw a paint stick and wondered what she could do with it. After some trial and er-

ror, she found a way to use them to make her vision a reality.

She finds peace in painting and using color. Her artwork allows creativity and variety through different themes - hunting, a baby, and teenagers. The possibilities are endless. Who would have thought there was such beauty in painting a paint stick?!

The gallery is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Furniture: Mid century modern hutch and dinette, high boy dresser, vintage chairs and end tables, parlor tables, lift chair, recliner, 2 vintage tin cabinets, desk, 2 corner Etageres, black iron patio set, lamps, pictures, TV trays, vintage linens, quilts, handwork, tablecloths, craft supplies, flats of fabric, sewing and quilting supplies, sewing machine, knitting supplies. **Dishes, Glassware & Pottery:** McCoy, Haeger, Royal Windsor, Redwing, Depression Glass, silver rimmed water set, vintage chicken dishes, Napco, Lefton, lots of dishes & glass, vintage Christmas decor and Disney Beanie Babies, lots of vintage chicken decor. **Household:** Small electronics, new in box Sunbeam mixer, Black and Decker food processor, Tupperware, pots, pans, dishes, canning jars & supplies, suitcases, bassinet, cookbooks. **Garage Items:** Lawn & garden tools, lawn & garden decor, lrg. cast iron cauldron, vintage advising, flower pots, leaf blower, weed trimmers, lawn mower, tools, 2 sets of golf clubs w/bags, fishing poles/equip. **Crocks:** Redwing 15 and 6 gal. crocks, Redwing 5 gal. butter, Western 6 gal. water cooler.

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The Many Benefits of Fish Oil

Guest Columnist

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

If you aren't taking fish oil by now you at least know someone who is. When I mention nutrition to new patients I always suggest three or four main supplements that are vital to people who want the best for their family. Fish oil is always one of them. It is important in so many ways, most importantly as a natural anti-inflammatory and anti-aging component. Studies have shown that the omega-3's in fish oil help with arthritis, dementia, and cardiovascular disease just to name a few.

A good test of quality is to freeze your fish oil capsules. If they stay clear, you have high quality product.

Fish oil is mentioned in over 23,000 research studies on PubMed, most of them positive. There have been a few studies which questionable results, and as you may have noticed, they are the ones that get the press. But it is commonly accepted health knowledge that fish oil is good for your blood lipids, so those of you risking the side effects of Lipitor now have a safer option. It has been shown to decrease brain inflammation and benefit those of you with dementia including Alzheimers, so those of you who have been told there is nothing you can do can now do something. It has been shown to improve inflammatory arthritis so

those of you taking over the counter anti-inflammatories like Tylenol can stop damaging your liver (the number one cause of liver failure in the U.S. is taking acetaminophen!!). Fish oil has also been shown to be effective in decreasing the severity of depression so those of you taking prescription anti-depressants (which have many side effects including suicidal thoughts) have a better safer option.

Some people have tried fish oil and quit due to two main reasons; it "didn't work", or the infamous "fish burps". Both of these can be linked to the same problem which is low quality fish oil. Just like anything else, you get what you pay for. If you are getting the burps, you know you just bought cheap stuff, and it is probably already going rancid. A good test of quality is to freeze your fish oil capsules. If they stay clear, you have high quality product. If it gets cloudy or solid, throw it out! You can pretty much guess based on where you bought them if they are high quality as well. People don't go to discount stores to buy high quality anything, especially health care products.

Look for the words "pharmaceutical grade", "filtered", and look for a "GMP" seal that shows it has been certified by an outside agency. And don't look for price. When is the last time you shopped around for the best price for chemotherapy? You certainly wouldn't bargain shop for the cheapest surgeon, would you? You want what is best for your

family and the same line of thinking should go into

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buying the supplements that can make such a difference in the health of your family.

Some people question whether krill oil isn't a better option. While some experts favor krill oil, the risk of rancidity is higher, and the purported advantages are actually pretty minimal. The ability to control the quality of fish is much higher than krill, and fish oil tends to have a better shelf life and less oxidation.

At Burtis Chiropractic Center we are continuously searching for the highest quality supplements like Metagenics and Biotics that have the best absorption, the most purity, and pharmaceutical grade standards. We refuse to sell a number of brands that are still carried at other facilities in Martin County. Remember, you get what you pay for. And when it comes to your health, cheap just costs too much.



Project 1590 seeks public votes

For more than six months, a grassroots group called "Project 1590" has been asking Fairmont city residents for input on how to improve livability and the quality of life in Fairmont. The group has been able to collect over 1,600 suggestions from city residents.

Project 1590, whose name refers to the intersection of State Highway 15 and Interstate 90, has set up a steering committee and hired Hannah Rybak as a temporary employee recently. Rybak collected all of the ideas and organized them into 80 different categories.

Now the committee is

asking for the public to become involved in the next step of the process and vote for the top 15 ideas that they would like to see become reality for the city of Fairmont. The voting began a couple weeks ago and almost 700 people

have cast their choices to this point. If you haven't cast your votes yet, you can do so by going to the Project 1590 website at: www.project1590.com and then click on a link to take you to the Survey Monkey site, which is conducting the survey. The voting will continue through the month of February.

After the voting ends, the top 30 choices will then face a final round of voting

by the public, who will be asked to narrow the list to the top five to ten ideas.

Voting for the final round will run through the end of April, after which the final top ideas will be revealed to the public sometime in mid-May.

Project 1590 committee members are also in the process of raising start-up funds for the project. About \$11,000 is needed, with about half of that amount raised to this point.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project or about Project 1590 itself, the steering committee meets at noon on Thursdays in room 112 at the SMEC campus.

project 1590



Ask A Trooper: What is Black Ice?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

Question: Trooper Troy, what is black ice, how does it form?

Answer: Black ice may form when light rain falls on pavement that is less than 32 degrees, or when roadways are wet and the temperature plummets. Black ice is common early in the morning and late at night when the roads are cold. Beware of bridges and overpasses, which are often cooler as a result of air circulating both above and below elevated surfaces. It is also important to be aware of black ice near bodies of water, where increased moisture in the air can be a factor.

Black ice can be very difficult to detect, so there are several precautions that are necessary when driving in these conditions. Headlights or fog lights are a helpful tool in spotting black ice. Look for glossy patches on the road during the day; glaze may be a good indicator. Monitor the air temperature, if it is near freezing you should reduce speeds and never use cruise control. It is also important to be aware of proper tire pressure and tread.

When you are driving on black ice it is important to stay calm, take your foot off the gas pedal and never

slam on the brakes as this will cause you to lose control. If you lose control of your vehicle, look for areas on the roadway that may help you regain traction. These may include areas with heavy sand or salt.

Once you have regained control of your vehicle, take a moment to compose yourself and continue your travels. If there is a great deal of black ice it would be wise to stop in a safe place and wait for MnDOT to treat the roads. This will reduce your risk of crashing.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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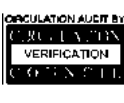
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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Legendary Mandarin Salad

A favorite lettuce salad!

Since this issue is focused on good health, I am sharing one of my favorite salad recipes. I like to serve this when entertaining. It's from the *Minnesota with Love* cookbook. I use all romaine lettuce because it's what I prefer and I add 1/2 tsp of poppy seeds to the dressing. So healthy eating! I hope you enjoy this recipe!

Legendary Mandarin Salad
1/2 cup sliced almonds
3 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 head iceberg lettuce
1/2 head romaine lettuce
1 cup chopped celery
2 whole green onions. sliced thin
1-11 ounce can mandarin oranges, drained

Dressing:
1/2 tsp salt
Dash of pepper
1/4 cup olive oil or other vegetable oil
1-2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp vinegar
Dash of Tabasco sauce

In a small pan, cook almonds and sugar, stirring until almonds are coated and sugar dissolved; spread out on tinfoil and cool. Mix lettuces, celery and onions in salad bowl; refrigerate. Mix all dressing ingredients together, whisk or shake in small jar and chill. Just before serving, add almonds and oranges to lettuce, toss with dressing.

Have a great week and stay warm! Hopefully it will warm up in a few weeks!

MLHS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

The following students have earned through academic achievement, Honor Roll status (3.0) for the 2nd Quarter of the 2014-2015 school year at Martin Luther High School, Northrop.

10th Grade
Isaac Creech*
Sadia Zafar*
Rachel Nemanic*
Carter Wille*
Deborah Watt*
Lindsey Miles*
Renae Wallace
Hanna Geistfeld
Ethan Hurn

11th Grade
Rachel Krome*
Matthew Trueblood*
Savanah Krenz*
Jakub Goldschmidt

12th Grade
Brian Nemanic*
Rebekah Rusert*
Anna Meyer*
Tyler Wiederhoeft*
Alex Weihe
Colton Greiner
Kailey Michels
Kayley Shoen
Shelby Quinn

9th Grade
Marissa Steinhaus*
Madison Johnson*
James Schrunck*
Tristan Taylor*
Ethan Jordi*
Macy Quinn*
Alex Schuder*
Sidney Visser*
Reece Riegel

*Honor Roll with Distinction (3.5 or higher)

Students are listed in alphabetical order according to quarterly grade point average

Prairie Star Quilters meet February 9th

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild will hold the second meeting of the year this Monday, February 9th, at the Fairmont Covenant Church. Starting at 9 a.m., members will work on quilts for CADA (Committee Against Domestic Abuse) which is President Mike Ellingsen's service project for this year. The pattern is "Pick Six Plus One" - one of Mike's patterns. Guild members and a number of local quilt shops including Old Alley in Sherburn, Michele's in Blue Earth, Wooden Thimble in Esterville, Calico Hutch in Hayward and River City Quilts in Mankato have donated fabric for the quilts. Workers will break for a potluck lunch at noon.

There will be an officers meeting at 1:30 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting at 2:30 p.m. Past President, Charlene Merz will present her President's block. A report on the upcoming bus trip to the Kalona Quilt Festival in April will be given. The 3-D Challenge will continue - a chance to finish up some of those projects hiding in the closet.

This will be followed by show-and-tell - always a beautiful and inspiring part of the meeting. The evening group will meet at 5 p.m. to continue work on the service project.

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild meets on the second Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at the Covenant Church at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome, a short business meeting, show-and-tell, a quilt related program and a few minutes to talk with other quilters over lunch. There are daytime and nighttime meetings of the guild.

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild presents a Style Show in September of even numbered years and a Quilt Show in September of odd numbered years. Membership is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome! For more information contact newsletter chair Deb Wallace at 507.436.5635.

Red Rock Center to present "A Home Town Love Letter"

Red Rock Center for much of her professional the Arts will present "A life singing with Anne Murray. In addition to singing beautifully, she is an All-State violinist. Mike and Sue Ellingsen are active area musicians; Mike on keyboards and voice, Sue on clarinet. Jolene Krusow is a violinist with the Mankato Symphony, as well as being a gifted pianist. Lill Robinson is a beloved local actress and interpreter.

All five are familiar faces in productions of the Blue Earth Town & Country Players, both on stage and in the pit orchestra.

Advance tickets are available at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or online at <http://redrockcenter.ticketleap.com>.

Debbie Ankeny spent

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Area College Student News

Kate Murphy of Fairmont was named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. Murphy is majoring in Journalism. The College of St. Scholastica would like to commend Murphy for honorable academic achievements.

Murphy graduated Summa Cum Laude from The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth on December 13th, 2014 in a commencement ceremony at the Reif Gymnasium on campus.

Murphy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

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FEB 5 - 11

THURSDAY: Chicken Cordon Bleu, hashbrown bake, brussel sprouts, bar, bread and butter, milk.

FRIDAY: Honey Mustard Fish, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes and zucchini, frozen yogurt, bread and butter, milk.

MONDAY: Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, assorted pie, bread and butter, milk.

TUESDAY: Pork Chops, rice, corn, spiced apple rings, blueberry crisp, bread and butter, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, harvard beets, cherry cheesecake, bread and butter, milk.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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TUESDAY: Lasagna, pears, beans, garlic bread, milk.

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FAIRMONT AREA

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FEB 5 - 11

THURSDAY: Breakfast K-6:

Apple Cinnamon Muffin, string cheese, orange, milk. JR/HS:

Fruit and Granola Yogurt Parfaits, Cocoa Puffs and yogurt, PB & J,

peaches, OJ. **Lunch** K-6: Beef

Softshell Taco, salsa, deli combo

sub, carrots, peaches. JR/HS: Pizza

Casserole, breadstick, green beans.

FRIDAY: Breakfast K-6:

Cheerios Bar, cinnamon graham

cracker, apple, tangerine juice,

milk. JR/HS: Sausage, Egg, Cheese

Bagel Sandwich, Cinnamon Toast

Crunch, apple cinnamon muffin, PB

& J, mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Lunch K-6: Popcorn Chicken,

dinner roll, cheese sandwich,

mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots,

pineapple tidbits. JR/HS: Chicken

Fajitas, peppers, onions, corn.

MONDAY: Breakfast K-6:

Golden Grahams Bar, sunflower

seeds, orange, apple juice, milk.

JR/HS: Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon

Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin,

PB & J, pears, apple juice. **Lunch**

K-6: Turkey Mini Corn Dogs, ham

and cheese, baked beans, celery

sticks, pears. JR/HS: Turkey Corn

Dog, potato wedges.

TUESDAY: Breakfast K-6:

Trix Bar, goldfish, banana, apple

juice, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on

Stick, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt,

PB & J, applesauce, OJ. **Lunch**

K-6: Macaroni and Cheese, bread-

stick, turkey and cheese, broc-

coli, side salad, applesauce. JR/

HS: Cheese Stick, pizza sauce,

green beans. **WEDNESDAY:**

Breakfast K-6: Cocoa Puffs

Bar, goldfish, apple, tangerine juice,

milk. JR/HS: French Toast Sticks,

syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string

cheese, PB & J, raisins, apple juice.

Lunch K-6: BBQ Chicken, blue-

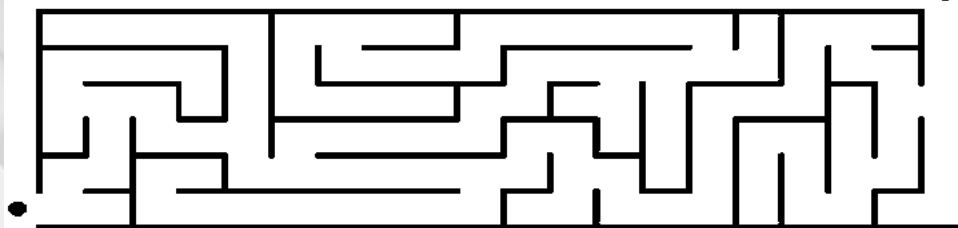
berry muffin/yogurt/string cheese,

baked beans, carrots, mandarin

oranges. JR/HS: Roast Turkey, gravy

dinner roll, mashed potato, gravy.

Kids' Maze



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FACT SHEET: Health coverage and Federal income taxes

The 2015 tax season is the first time individuals and families will be asked for some basic information regarding their health insurance on their tax returns.

While the vast majority of tax filers – over three quarters – will just need to check a box on their tax return indicating they had health coverage for all of 2014, people who purchased coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplaces, or decided not to enroll in coverage, should be aware of the additional steps that will be a part of the tax filing process starting this year.

Consumers will have questions about this new process and the Administration is committed to providing the information and tools tax filers need to understand the new requirements.

Individuals and families with non-marketplace coverage for all of 2014.

Most tax filers – over three quarters – will just need to check a box on their tax return to indicate that they had coverage all year. These people met the Minimum Essential Coverage requirement, which means that they had the basic health coverage necessary to meet the Affordable Care Act's standards. These individuals and families will not receive any new forms in the mail and they will not be required to fill out new forms when they file their 2014 income tax returns.

What consumers need to know:

When you file your

tax return, you'll need to check a box to indicate that you and your family had health insurance for all of 2014. Types of health coverage necessary to meet the Affordable Care Act's standards (Minimum Essential Coverage) include:

Most job-based plans, including retiree plans and COBRA coverage

Medicare Part A or Part C

Medicaid

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Most individual health plans you bought outside the Marketplace, including "grandfathered" plans. (Not all plans sold outside the Marketplace qualify as minimum essential coverage.)

If you're under 26, coverage under a parent's plan

It's important to note that filing electronically is the easiest way to file a complete and accurate tax return. Last year, approximately 85 percent of taxpayers e-filed. Electronic Filing options include free Volunteer Assistance, IRS Free File and professional assistance.

Resources available to help:

Learn more about taxes if you had 2014 health coverage from another source

IRS Resource Guide: Health Care Law: What's New for Individuals & Families

Individuals and families who had a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace in 2014.

Last year millions of people purchased quality, affordable coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, and

most benefitted from a tax credit to lower the cost of their monthly premium. Now that tax season is here, individuals and families enrolled in a health plan through the Marketplace will need to provide some basic information about their health insurance when they file their taxes. All Marketplace consumers will receive a new statement – called a Form 1095-A – that includes all the information they need about their coverage to file their return.

What consumers need to know:

• You will receive Form 1095-A in the mail from the Marketplace by early February. In most states, you can also download a copy of your statement through your Marketplace account starting in late January or early February.

It's very important to wait for your Form 1095-A to arrive before you file your taxes. If you haven't received a Form 1095-A by early February, you should contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.

When you get your Form 1095-A, you should check the information on your form – such as the number of people in your household – for accuracy.

If you find an error on your Form 1095-A, you should call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 to find out how to get a corrected form.

You should keep your Form 1095-A with your other important tax information, like your W-2.

If a tax credit lowered your monthly premiums for health insurance in 2014, you will use your Form 1095-A to input some basic information when you file your taxes.

When you signed up for

health insurance, you had to estimate your income for 2014. Your estimated income determined the size of your tax credit.

Now that tax time is here, you need to compare your estimated income with your actual income – and this could impact the final amount of your tax credit.

If your income or household size changed throughout the year, it could impact the final amount of your tax credit.

You may see a smaller refund or owe money back if you underestimated your

income.

You may also get a bigger refund if you overestimated your income.

If you owe money back, there are several repayment options available. For example, if you are unable to pay immediately, you may be eligible for a payment plan or an installment agreement.

If you did not receive a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums in the Marketplace, you can visit HealthCare.gov/taxes/tools/ to get information you'll need to enter into your tax forms to see if you

might qualify.

If your Marketplace coverage started partway through 2014 and you were uninsured earlier in the year, or if you were uninsured for only a short period of time during the year, you may be eligible for an exemption from the requirement to have health coverage.

You can claim the exemption on your tax return when you file. The process is fast and easy. You'll simply select the exemption that applies to you and enter the corresponding code.

Tax deadline tips for the procrastinator

by John Poltonowicz

Here are some important tax deadline tips for the procrastinator, as the April 15th tax deadline is just around the corner:

EXTENSION: All taxpayers are granted an additional six months to prepare and file a tax return. Individual taxpayers must file IRS Form 4868. The IRS extension can be filed electronically or through the mail. An extension to file, is not an extension to pay the IRS. Taxpayers are required to pay 90 percent of their prior year tax liability by April 15th tax deadline.

FILE ELECTRONICALLY: Filing electronically is the easiest and safest way to file a tax return. The IRS will either accept or deny the tax return, usually within 24 hours. Rejections are usually for minor errors such as incorrect date of birth or social security number. IRS acceptance of a tax return will acknowledge its filing date, unlike filing a return through the mail, in which verified acceptance can only be established through Certified Mail. Filing electronically will also mean receiving a refund quicker. Usually

9-15 days for direct deposit and up to three weeks for a check.

OWE MONEY: One of the biggest mistakes taxpayers make is not filing when they have a balance due. This mistake will subject taxpayers to additional penalties. The taxpayer who has a balance due should file the tax return and attach an Installment Agreement Request, IRS Form 9465. This form can also be filed electronically.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: The IRS has three years to audit a taxpayer's return. The statute of limitations runs three years from April 15, 2014 to April 15, 2017, for a 2013 tax return that is filed timely. Taxpayers who file extensions or file late will give the IRS additional time to examine or audit their tax return. Therefore, if a taxpayer files their 2013 tax return on August 16th, 2014, they will give the IRS until August 16th, 2017 to audit their tax return.


FUND IRA OR HSA ACCOUNT: The IRS allows funding of individual retirement accounts (IRA) or Health Savings Account (HSA) until the April 15th, 2015 tax deadline for 2014. Maximum contributions for IRAs are \$5,500

and \$6,500 for taxpayers over age 50. HSA maximum contributions are \$3,250 for individuals and \$6,450 for families. Therefore, a taxpayer in the 25 percent tax bracket, with a balance due of \$655, could contribute \$3,000 towards an IRA, and would turn a balance due of \$655 into a refund of \$95. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, individuals covered under these plans would benefit by combining an Obamacare plan with a Health Savings Account (HSA).

FREE HELP: Taxpayers with incomes under \$52,000 or less may qualify for free tax preparation and electronic filing from IRS certified volunteer tax preparers under the VITA program or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA Locations Locator. Tax counseling for the elderly is also available through AARP. The IRS also has a free tax filing program for taxpayers with incomes under \$58,000. This is geared for taxpayers who like to file their tax returns on their own and electronically file.

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Jeff's Jottings

It has been quite a while since I have run a "What is it?" portion in this column. I had a gentleman stop in our office last week and he had a smaller piece of equipment in his hand. He asked me if I knew what it was, but after studying it for a little while, I could not figure out what the piece was. It had no markings on it or patent numbers that I could see. He said that it had been mounted to this piece of wood and in his garage for a number of years and he has never used it. It is made of cast iron and is painted all black. It measures approximately 2 feet in length and

the "jaws" of the device are serrated, or have grooves in the surface. At first you would think it would be a clamp, but when the arm is



in the down, or closed, position, the two jaws do not run parallel to each other, but actually in the shape of a narrow "v". I contact Lenny Twedten at the Martin County Historical Society and he

contacted rural Fairmont resident Randy Musser to try to see what it was, but neither one knew for sure what the device was or what it did. So, now I am asking you, the reader, to see if you know what this piece is. I have included two photos of the device, one when it is in the "open" position and the other in the "closed" position. If you think you know what it is, contact me via email at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or stop by the office and submit your response. Let's see what our readers can come up with on this old piece.

Hello Mr. Winter...

We had a pretty good form of an old-fashioned blizzard around the area



on Saturday night and Sunday when strong winds blew around 6-plus inches of snow that formed hard drifts in many farmyards and in towns around the area. I spent over an hour on Sunday afternoon pushing snow that had drifted in our yard to make new snow fences for the next big blow. I was surprised at how hard that snow was from all the wind! It made for some interesting driving for some of those who went to their super game parties on Sunday evening. Whenever the wind blows from the Northeast, many farms are packed in with snow since they have little protection from the wind in that direction. Then when I came in to work Monday morning, I was surprised at how big the snow piles were in Fairmont, which made for some interesting driving - especially at intersections! I heard also that the groundhog saw his shadow

on Tuesday, which is supposed to mean that we are in for six more weeks of winter. I am hoping that this prediction is about as accurate as some recent meteorologist predictions of snow and that it is actually much shorter than the prediction! Minnesota Public Radio is saying that the Midwest climate has been changing over the past few decades and that the storms are more frequent and more violent than in the past - what do you think?

What to do this weekend

Before I go this week, there are a few of activities coming up to let you know about. On Saturday, February 7th there will be a Fairmont Area Elementary Cheer Clinic from noon to 4 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary - main gym. Future cheerleaders will perform at the Thursday, February 12th girls basketball game at halftime. This clinic is open to any K-6th grade student who wants

to learn to become a cheerleader. There is a cost for the clinic. Saturday night, February 7th there will be a Pork Loin Supper and Silent Auction at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, Iowa. The auction runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and the supper from 5 to 7 p.m. There is a charge. Then next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be a Fairmont Community Blood Drive at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Hours are Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m., Wednesday from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Blood donations are always needed, so make sure to take the time to donate!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - donate blood!

- Jeff

Nature through a window

By Al Batt

"Mornings are when I am awake and there is dawn in me," wrote Henry David Thoreau.

The cats are glued to the window, watching feline TV. They stared as humans do when a blizzard is approaching. At times, the cats look at things that I cannot see, but I suspected they were watching birds. I was 79.8 percent certain of that.

A group of cats is a clowder. Do two cats make a clowder? I'm not sure if we have a clowder, but I know that we have two cats that have never set a paw outside and that enjoy birding through glass. They also enjoy squirreling from that location. Birds flying past are like the best of motivational speakers when it comes to drawing the cats' attention.

I thought of shinrin-yoku, Japanese for "forest bathing" or "forest therapy," which advocates using a walk in the woods to increase cerebral blood flow and immune defense, as well as improving mental health.

It's nothing new. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote this long ago, "It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air, that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit."

For contemplative stress relief, sharing a star-

ing out a window with two cats might have been the best I did that day.

Q-and-A

"What kind of bird is a seahawk, as in the Seattle Seahawks?" It could be a nickname for an osprey or perhaps a skua. The football team's bird mascot is an augur hawk or augur buzzard that is native to Africa.

"Why doesn't a duck's quack echo?" The quack does echo, but it is often too quiet to hear. When we want to hear an echo, we yell or produce another loud noise to make sure the echo could be heard. The belief that a duck's quack doesn't echo is a persistent myth. Maybe ducks don't spend enough time hanging around echo points.

"What is the Checkoff Fund?" Minnesota residents can contribute to the DNR's Nongame Wildlife Checkoff Fund. The donations are used to protect and manage the state's nongame wildlife species,

more than 700 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, butterflies and invertebrates that aren't traditionally hunted or harvested. The money helps with land acquisition and easements

to protect and manage habitat, and to fund educational programs. Contribute to the Nongame Wildlife Checkoff Fund on the Minnesota tax form or online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/nongame/donate/index.html. The donations are matched by funds from conservation license plates.

"What bird has the biggest wingspan?" The largest wingspan ever recorded was 11 feet 11 inches on a wandering albatross. It is capable of gliding for several hours without flapping its wings and to sleep while flying.

"What eats acorns?" Many species of wildlife eat acorns. The list includes wild turkeys, blue jays, mallards, woodpeckers, squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, brown thrashers, voles, tufted titmice, wood ducks, common grackles, mice, rabbits, deer, foxes, crows, eastern towhees, opossums and white-breasted nuthatches.

"What is an earworm?" It's not as creepy as it sounds, unless it's a particularly atrocious song. An earworm, sometimes known as a brainworm, is a piece of music that continually repeats through a person's mind after it's

no longer playing. I often hear someone say, "I have a song stuck in my head." Such a looping can leave one loopy.

"Birds at my feeder look fatter in cold weather. What gives?" Birds fluff up their feathers, creating more air space that serves to provide better insulation. This makes for a warmer bird.

Nature lessons

According to a study published in "The Journal of Wildlife Management," a nationwide estimate of avian road kill showed that 89 million to 340 million birds suffer fatal injuries from vehicle collisions an-

nually. Previous research had believed bird deaths from vehicles to be in the 60 million to 80 million range.

When English-speaking settlers first saw the North American robin they named it for a bird that they knew in Europe. The two robins are unrelated. The European robin is an Old World flycatcher. The American robin is a thrush. Robin redbreast could refer to either bird.

Some of Oregon's larger blueberry growers have enlisted the help of falcons to keep invasive birds away. Starlings can descend upon the fields and damage fruit crops. They

work with Oregon-based B-1RD, which provides similar services to grape growers in California.

Biologists tracked a white-crowned sparrow migrating up to 300 miles in a single night.

Thanks for stopping by

"Half the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important."--T. S. Eliot

"Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark."--Rabindranath Tagore

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

Char Kahler



Char Kahler joined the Early Risers in 1989. (First woman in Early Risers, yippee!)

Char has been married to Wayne Kahler for 47 years. They have two grown children. Daughter Chantill is a Civil Engineer with Bolton & Menk, is married to Tom Royer and they

have two daughters, Elizabeth and Kim. Elizabeth gave us our first great grandchild, Lillianna. Son Logan is VP at Kahler Automation and lives in Fairmont with wife Jen.

Char's past careers include advertising manager for five Wallace's stores; owner of Char Commercial Art; manager and designer of stain glass for churches with Fairmont Art Glass Studio; Researcher, Constituent Services & Media for MN House of Representatives and Director of Fairmont Area Kinship.

Char was a Martin County Commissioner from 1992-98. She's been on numerous boards in past and is currently serving on Fairmont Triathlon, AAUW & Substance Abuse Prevention boards.

Char was the Early Risers Chairperson from 1994-95. Char "does whatever is needed:" Koats for Kids, Pancake Supper (best "flipper" ever (-:), Roadside Pickup, Success Academy, Bingo, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Ring-the-Bell, Jump Castle at Interlaken Heritage Days, Bike Rodeo, Read Books to Kids and Fishing Derby.

Bill Krumholz



Bill Krumholz joined Kiwanis in 1989.

Bill and his wife Chris have seven children: Willis, Kellie, Katie, Anna, Steven, Theodore and Sarah.

Bill is co-owner of Day Plumbing, Heating & Cooling. He was president of the noon

club in 1994 and transferred to the Early Risers in September, 1999

Bill is involved in Koats for Kids, Fishing Derby and the Pancake Supper.

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant.
Uptown Kiwanis meets every other Tuesday at 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.

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

Cardinal Speech quarter and semi finalists at the Marshall Speech Spectacular

The Cardinal Speech Team competed at the Marshall Speech Spectacular on January 30th-31st. The Cardinal speakers who advanced to quarter finals were Kaitiana Fischer in Extemp Reading, Peter Nielsen and Kaitlyn Cihoski in Great Speeches, Emilee Moeller in Poetry, and Ben Hernes in Prose.

Those speakers who

advanced to the Semi-final round were Lexi and Katiana Fischer in Duo, Julia Okerman in Extemp Reading, Anagha Komaragiri in Original Oratory and Informative speaking, and Shantel Quist in Informative speaking. The team was awarded 1st place in the Class A school category. The team travels to Apple Valley on February 7th.



Back Row: Julia Okerman, Kaitlyn Cihoski, Lexi Fischer, Katiana Fischer, Peter Nielsen. **Front Row:** Emilee Moeller, Shantel Quist, Anagha Komaragiri, Ben Hernes.



Martin Luther High School, Northrop has nominated two outstanding students for the Minnesota State High School League Triple "A" Scholarship Awards. These awards seek to honor high school students who excel in academics, arts, and athletics. Martin Luther High School is proud to nominate two exceptional seniors, Rebekah Rusert and Tyler Wiederhoeft. These students have achieved academic excellence and, at the same time, put forth the time and effort to participate in MSHSL athletic programs and fine arts activities. Both Rebekah and Tyler have demonstrated commitment to excellence and made contributions to our school and our community during their high school careers.

St. James Lutheran, Northrop second quarter honor roll

A Honor Roll
*=with distinction
*Hayden Clabaugh (5); *Emily Sokoloski (5); *Alyssa Wiederhoeft (5); Lincoln Becker (4); Sutton Bohlsen (4); Wyatt Luhmann (4); Lance Stevens (4); Brianna Petrowiak (3); *Katelyn Scheff (3)

B Honor Roll
Dalton Fette (8); Kimberlie Scheff (7); Paige Roiger (5); Daniel Martinez (4); Bethany Petrowiak (3); Colby Leiding (3)

St. John Vianney School 2nd quarter honor roll

GRADE 5 High honors
Justine Eisenmenger, Briana Joseph, Libby Totzke

"A" honor roll
Lauren Borchardt, Aili Lockwood

"B" honor roll
Skye Dobie, Adam Heckman, Anika Jensen, Rayah Quiring, Hannah

Sanvig, Hailee Schuett, Maggy Totzke

GRADE 6 High honors
Ameya Komaragiri, Jacob Melsha, Bryn Miller

"B" honor roll
Faith Heille, Maddie Maakestad, Jaclyn Reischl, William Saari, Acacia Schmidt, Jackson Utermarck

Ray Rosol Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament held

St. John Vianney's 6th grade boys basketball team placed first in the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament held Saturday, January 24th at the St. John Vianney Gym.

Matt Heckmann's 37 points and Jackson Utermarck's 32 points led SJV in scoring. SJV defeated St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont 37 to 17; St. Paul's Lutheran of Truman, 50 to 15; and GHEC 41 to 32 in the

championship game. GHEC placed second in the tournament with Owen Wolter and Cael Juskulke leading in scoring with 47 and 27 points respectively. St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont finished third and St. Paul's Lutheran of Truman finished fourth. SPL of Fairmont was led in scoring by Kolton Fritz with 20 and Steven Schrunck's 46 points led SPL of Truman.



CHAMPIONS - Members of the St. John Vianney 6th grade boys basketball that finished first in the Ray Rosol Memorial Tournament.

Coaches are Chad Lutterman, right, and assistant coach Jim Utermarck.



RUNNER-UP - Members of the GHEC 6th grade boys basketball team that finished second in the Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Coaches are Tyler Bovy and assistant coach T. J. Pytleski



THIRD PLACE - Members of Fairmont's St. Paul Lutheran 6th grade boys basketball team that finished third in the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Coaches are Rich Johnson, right, and assistant coach Matt Singleton.



FOURTH PLACE - Members of St. Paul's Lutheran of Truman boys basketball team that finished fourth in the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament. Coach is Robb Schrunck

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LEANER IN THE LANE - Cardinals Walker Tordsen floats past St. Peter's #10 Jack Olinger and Antoine Williams for two of his 11 points in the Cardinals 58-41 win vs the Saints last Thursday night. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

The Gathering/CER results

Standings	W-L	Pt Diff	February 2nd results
Anytime Fitness	4-0	147	T Town 52, Kallenbach 33
The Winners	4-0	85	The Winners 74, Schmidt 62
Bank Midwest	2-1	94	Bank Midwest 81, B Team 43
Wrecking Crew	2-2	-17	Anytime Fitness 71, Wrecking Crew 55
Schmidt	1-2	-7	
KILR Bees	1-2	-8	
T Town	1-2	-30	
B Team	1-3	-55	
Kallenbach	0-4	-211	

GIRLS BASKETBALL		
Big Goals - East	BMC	REC
Winona	7-1	15-3
St. Peter	4-4	13-4
Falmouth	9-5	13-6
Blue Earth Area	4-4	11-6
Near Lake	4-5	11-8
St. James Area	3-8	6-12

Big Goals - West	BMC	REC
Marshall	9-1	17-2
Rockwood Valley	9-2	15-4
Washington	6-3	11-4
Plymouth Area	4-7	9-9
Jackson Co. Central	5-7	8-10
Lurline	1-9	4-14
Winona Area	1-10	2-16

BOYS BASKETBALL		
Big Goals - East	BMC	REC
Winona	9-0	18-2
Falmouth	10-5	13-7
St. James Area	5-7	8-11
St. Peter	3-6	7-12
Blue Earth Area	2-7	5-13
Near Lake	3-5	4-14

Big Goals - West	BMC	REC
Marshall	10-1	18-2
Rockwood Valley	9-2	15-4
Plymouth Area	7-4	11-7
JCC	6-5	13-6
Winona Area	3-10	9-12
Lurline	2-9	7-12
Washington	1-9	4-14

BOYS HOCKEY		
Big Goals - East	BMC	REC
Lurline	12-1-0	18-4-0
St. Peter-LHTCU	11-3-0	16-5-0
Near Lake	11-3-0	13-7-2
Marshall	11-4-0	14-8-0
Winona	6-7-0	12-8-1
Rockwood Valley	5-9-0	7-13-0
Winona Area	3-16-0	7-15-0
Falmouth	2-12-1	4-15-1
Washington	1-13-1	2-17-1

GIRLS HOCKEY		
Big Goals - East	BMC	REC
Near Lake	13-1-0	17-8-0
Lurline	12-2-0	17-6-0
Marshall	9-5-0	12-11-0
Falmouth	9-6-1	11-9-1
St. Peter-LHTCU	7-6-1	8-15-1
Winona	5-9-0	6-18-0
Winona Area	3-13-0	4-15-0
Washington/Fulton	0-16-0	0-18-0

WRESTLING	
Big Goals - East	REC
Washington/Fulton	17-5
BEA	15-6
JCC	15-6
Rice Falls	10-3
Rockwood-RV	10-9
Winona/Lake	8-6
Winona	8-6
St. Peter	9-17
Plymouth	7-10
St. James	6-8
Near Lake	6-21
Lurline	4-8
Marshall	1-19



TIPPED BALL - The Fairmont traveling six grade teams played at halftime of the Cardinals vs. St. Peter game last Thursday night. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



KEEP AWAY - A wrestle for the ball during play between the six grade traveling teams. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



MUSTANG DRIVE- Granada Huntley East Chain's #23 Hannah Johanson hits an off-balance shot over the Cardinals Sierra Schrader. Johanson had 7 points in the game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



PULL UP JUMPER - Cardinals Alex Christianson hits a jumper in the lane over the Mustangs #51 Rachel Shumski. Christianson had nine points in the Cards 72-35 victory over Granada Huntley East Chain on Monday night. Shumski scored 10 points for the Mustangs. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BASELINE DRIVE - Cardinals Sierra Schultz drives baseline for 2 of her 16 points scored against the Mustangs. GHEC's Kenlie Pytleski blocks out on the play. Pytleski had 15 points for the Mustangs. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



CLOSELY GUARDED - Cardinals Sierra Schultz guards the Mustangs #11 Mariah Jensen during a non-conference matchup Monday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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"I've had the opportunity to see my mentee grow into a beautiful young adult and pursue her ambitions. It has been a blessing to be part of her life." Carol Bulfer



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"Kinship has given me the opportunity to enlighten a child's life. We learn from each other and help each other grow with new experiences!" Erica Berhow



"Spending time with my mentee is great. We always find a way to laugh and to have a fun time away from school and our everyday lives. Kinship is a great program and it really changes your life." Allison Rowe

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VALENTINE'S SPECIALS

Cupid Showers Americans with Jewelry, Candy this Valentine's

WASHINGTON - Cupid has some tricks up his (non-existent) sleeve this year with plans to shower Americans with jewelry, candy and a special night out. According to the National Retail Federation's Valentine's Day Consumer Spending Survey conducted by Prosper Insights and Analytics, the average person celebrating Valentine's Day will spend \$142.31 on candy, flowers, apparel and more, up from \$133.91 last year. Total spending is expected to reach \$18.9 billion, a survey high.*

"It's encouraging to see consumers show interest in spending on gifts and Valentine's Day-related merchandise - a good sign for consumer sentiment as we head into 2015," said NRF President and CEO Matthew Shay. "Hoping to draw in eager shoppers, retailers will offer unique promotions on gifts, meal options at restaurants and even experiences."

While most (53.2%) plan to buy candy for the sweet holiday, spending a total of \$1.7 billion, one in five (21.1%) plans to buy jewelry for a total of \$4.8 billion, the highest amount seen since NRF began tracking spending on Valentine's gifts in 2010.

Additionally 37.8 percent will buy flowers, spending a total of \$2.1 billion, and more than one-

third (35.1%) will spend on plans for a special night out, including movies and restaurants, totaling \$3.6 billion. Celebrants will also spend nearly \$2 billion on clothing and \$1.5 billion on the gift that keeps on giving: gift cards.

The survey found nine in 10 (91%) plan to treat their significant others/spouses to something special for the consumer holiday, with plans to spend an average of \$87.94 on them, up from \$78.09 last year. Additionally, 58.7 percent will spend an average of \$26.26 on other family members and \$6.30 on children's classmates/teachers.

A record one in five (21.2%) say they will include Fluffy and Fido in their Valentine's Day plans, looking to spend a mere \$5.28 on average - which equates to a whopping \$703 million on pint-sized gifts of all varieties.

"It's great to see consumers coming out of their shell this year, looking to spend discretionary budgets on those they love once again, though I fully expect many to continue to look for ways to cut costs where they can," said Prosper's Principal Analyst Pam Goodfellow. "While many will splurge, some will still look for simple and affordable ways to show their appreciation for friends and family and celebrate in a way they are

most comfortable with."

Discount (35.2%) and department stores (36.5%) will be among the most visited locations for those looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift, as will specialty stores (19.4%) and florists (18.7%). One-quarter (25.1%) say they will shop online and 13.3 percent will shop at a local or small business to find something unique for their loved one.

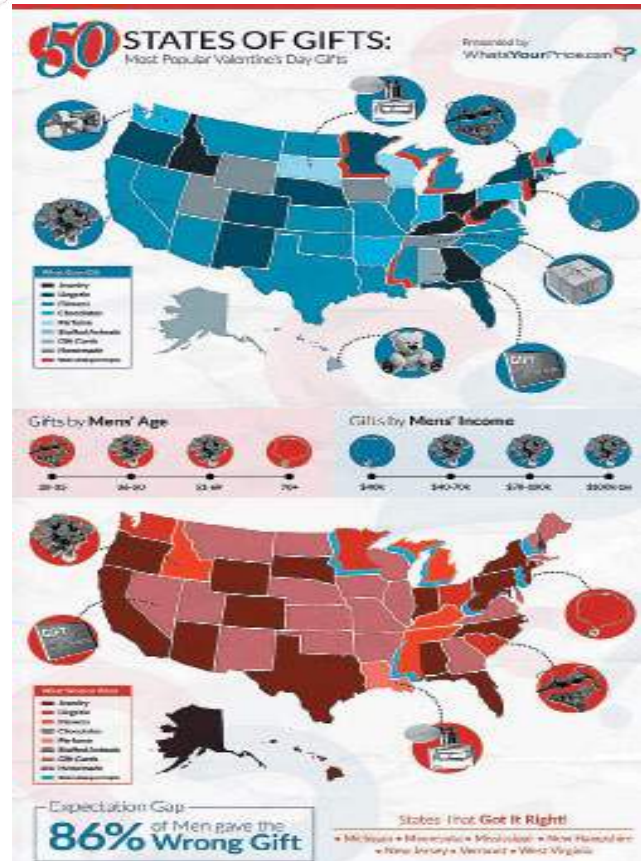
It seems women are in for the biggest treat this Valentine's Day. Men will spend nearly double what women plan to spend (\$190.53 versus \$96.58 on average, respectively.) Additionally, adults 25 to 34 will outspend other age groups at an average of \$213.04; 35 to 44 year olds will spend an average of \$176.21 and 18 to 24 year olds will spend an average of \$168.95.

About the Survey

The NRF's 2015 Valentine's Day spending survey was designed to gauge consumer behavior and shopping trends related to Valentine's Day. The survey was conducted for NRF by Prosper Insights & Analytics. The poll of 6,375 consumers was conducted from January 6-13, 2015 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.3 percentage points.

NRF is the world's largest retail trade association, representing discount

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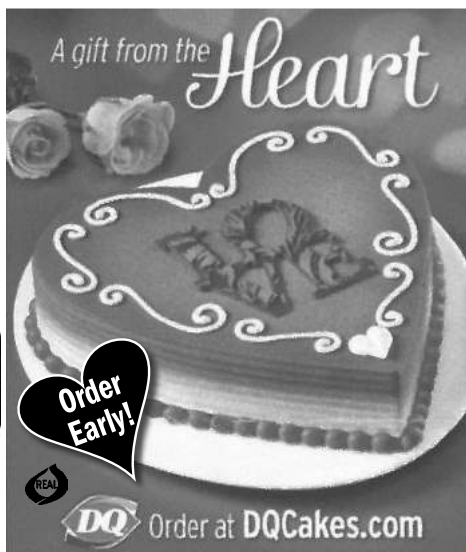
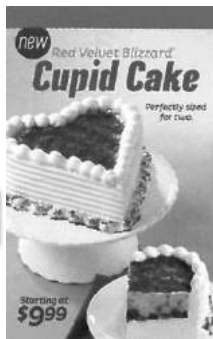


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oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
(The following was presented to the Fairmont City Council at their meeting on January 21st, 2015.)

We, the undersigned, are writing in support of the letters written by Kate and Heather Hawkins. We join them in the quest to be included in gaining an

understanding of the recent closures of two businesses in Fairmont. We are concerned about the apparent nonchalant attitude of our elected and hired leaders who professed to be "surprised and shocked" particularly about the closing of Fairmont Foods Company. The BP service station did not even rate a comment

from any of them who sit at the helm of our City. We suppose that the photograph in the newspaper was considered enough. And, there was an article in the Sentinel about the closing of On The Wall (a local 30-year business)? Are these examples of the level of care for the citizens of this community who pay for such slipshod

leadership? WE THINK NOT!!

We need answers about why our leaders seem unfazed by the progressive downsizing of our City. It is obvious to us that the Leadership has chosen an avenue to be tight-lipped (secretive) about the happenings in Fairmont. This is not a casual accident of a successful, growing, pro-

gressive community; but rather, a purposeful denial of not paying attention to the climate of a community. You leaders know who you are! You were hired/elected to do a job—to guide and help businesses of Fairmont grow and prosper. It is TIME to step up to the plate and make sure that the current SURPRISES do not continue

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to be the norm. Get Busy! Panic and Fear are waiting in the wings! We need to witness some positive efforts on the part of the Leadership...ALL of YOU! Make a plan to regularly be in touch/meet with each business, and follow-through with the schedule. Listen (and HEAR) what is being said to you. Create some tools to assist/help when some of these businesses ask/seek help. Anticipate their needs when the signal of STRUGGLE rears its ugly head (damage control). AND, make sure to keep the entire community abreast of the goings-on (both positive and negative). You Leaders may be surprised that some of us who elected/hired you may have useful ideas. Remember we pay taxes, serve on community organizations and boards, own businesses, care for your families, teach/coach your children, etc. – so tap into our ideas/dreams/solutions. We are available, BUT you Leaders drive the ship that is FAIRMONT!

Keep ALL of us in this loop!

Finally, and most importantly, remember that WE suffer/fear/panic when the climate of our community is falling apart. We expect to celebrate and cheer when the community is successful. It is YOUR JOB to make it happen for the all of us who trusted you enough to elect or hire you to keep Fairmont – our City; our Home – on a positive track of growth and prosperity. GET BUSY NOW!

Alice M. Maday, Ph.D.,
Fairmont (with ten others)

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To the Editor:

(note: this letter was read to the Fairmont City Council at a recent meeting and has been edited somewhat due to length)

I am writing in response to the recent announcement from Fairmont Foods. It saddens me to think of the stress and uncertainty experienced by the employees and their

families who depended on their jobs for their livelihood. I am hopeful that there will be other companies willing and interested in picking up where the journey ends for Fairmont Foods. It is uncomfortable for the entire community to think about the loss that the closing will have on the local economy. It occurred to me what the closing of just one company can cause the potential loss to grocery store sales; gas stations; and all of the merchants in our town. And, this is to say nothing about all of the homes/apartments potentially empty if people have to move, plus the increased need for public assistance dollars. I believe we are in a unique position in rural Minnesota because we enjoy the benefits of a small, close, familiar community. But, we pay for this unique privilege. I know that I pay nearly the same taxes and living costs that my sister, who lives in the Twin Cities; and, sometimes, I must pay more

for items because I do not have the selections offered in larger communities. It is not "cheaper" to live in rural Minnesota!

After watching/listening to people's responses, I think that part of the stress experienced has to do with poor communication between the Fairmont City Leaders and the businesses and the community as a whole. No one wants to hear that their elected officials had no idea (were, in fact, were shocked/surprised) that any business/plant is closing. Now the rumblings of damage control have become the conversations throughout the community. The unsettled unrest in the community begs the questions, (1) Who is in charge? (2) Who is in charge of the vision for our town? (3) Who is supposed to be sitting down and meeting with all businesses in our City, county, and region to ensure a plan is in place to survive a major bump such as the Fairmont Foods closing? (4) What else is going

on that we do not know about? Are other companies experiencing signs of stress such as changing of benefits and staffing. Has anyone been in contact with local businesses to maintain a relationship so we are not surprised?

I believe the city leaders need to start "inviting the community (citizens, employers, employees) in" and ask what they want; get ideas; listen (and HEAR) everyone's suggestions. We have several seasoned businesses that could offer suggestions to the city leadership as to how to attract and manage the changing business community. I guarantee there will be some things we do not want to hear and some we would be pleased to hear. I agree with statements with regard to the positives in our community but we need to build on them not rely on them to be our mainstay. Being realistic is not being negative; it is the sign of positive leadership. If we envision and work towards a

positive, healthy, growing community we will be so but "nothing changes if nothing changes."

Sincerely,
Kate Hawkins, Fairmont



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OBITUARY notices

Mildred "Millie" I. Carlson, 86



Mildred "Millie" I. Carlson of Fairmont, formerly of Armstrong, IA passed away Tuesday, January 27th, 2015 at her home in Fairmont.

Funeral service was held Saturday, January 31st at the United Methodist Church in Armstrong, Iowa. Burial followed at the Armstrong Grove Cemetery in Armstrong.

Mildred Irene (Barney) Carlson was born on December 20th, 1928 on the family farm near Armstrong, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Lea (Kessler) Barney. She attended country school near the MN-IA border in Kossuth County. After her father's death in 1944, they moved to Fairmont and Mildred graduated from Fairmont High School in 1946. She married Oscar Carlson on October 7th, 1946 at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont and they farmed near Armstrong. Oscar passed away January 9th, 2001 and Millie moved to Fairmont in 2007.

They were members of the Armstrong United Methodist Church where Millie was involved in many of the activities, including United Methodist Women and helping to organize an after school Kid's Club. She and Oscar served as chaperones for the MYF youth summer trips for several years. Millie and Oscar were lifelong farmers and Millie liked to be involved in the livestock care and land operations. Millie and Oscar enjoyed camping and belonged to a club called "Adventures Camping Club." Millie enjoyed cooking, baking and crocheting. Millie worked and helped out at her son's studio, Roger Carlson Photography, for over forty years. She dearly loved her grandchildren and when they were young they enjoyed coming to the farm.

Millie is survived by her son, Roger Carlson and his wife, Pam, of Fairmont; grandchildren, Jodie Carlson of Nicollet, Minnesota; Ben Carlson and his wife, Ashley, of San Antonio, Texas; J.J. Carlson and his wife, Alisa, of Austin,

Texas; and Scott Carlson of Fairmont; great-grandchildren, Kerry Caldwell of Ojai, California; Jaysen Hohn of St. Clair, Minnesota; Jolissa Hohn of Nicollet, Minnesota; and Taylor Burma of Nicollet, Minnesota; sister, Joyce Grev and her husband, Ellsworth, of Concord, North Carolina; brother-in-law, Larry Warriner of Northrop; sisters-in-law, Doris Carlson of Armstrong, Iowa and Alice Gilbaugh and her husband, Clyde, of Armstrong, Iowa; brother-in-law, Dave McLaughlin of McAllen, Texas; adopted son, Ronald Carlson and his children and grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Millie was also a special grandmother to six Slovakian exchange students hosted by Pam and Roger, especially Mira Sotak.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Arlene Warriner; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mick and Margaret Carlson, Maurice Carlson, and June McLaughlin; and nephew, Steven Grev.

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Phyllis M. Pierce, 99



Memorial Service for Phyllis M. Pierce, 99, of Fairmont, was held on Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Phyllis passed away on Sunday morning, January 25th, 2015, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements.

Phyllis Marie (Claude) Pierce was born on April 6th, 1915 to Harrison and Eunice (Wanless) Claude on a farm in Delavan, Minnesota, Barber Township, Faribault County. She moved to Albert Lea, Minnesota at the age of nine with her family. She graduated from St. Theodore's Catholic School in 1934.

On August 6th, 1942, Phyllis was united in marriage to Lyle Charles Pierce. This marriage was blessed with three sons, Charles, David and Thomas. Phyllis worked at Ben Franklin stores, a bakery and two nursing homes. Lyle passed away on April 20th, 1997.

She is survived by three sons, Charles Pierce of Mankato, David Pierce and Thomas Pierce of

Fairmont; two grandchildren, Uriah and Heather Pierce; one sister, Lucille Pritchard of Albert Lea, Minnesota; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Paul and John Claude; and sisters, Elizabeth and Teresa Claude.

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Mary Nutt, 86



Memorial service for Mary G. Nutt, 86, of Fairmont, was held on Wednesday, February 4th, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery near East Chain. Mary passed away Thursday, January 29th, 2015 at the Truman Senior Living Center in Truman.

Mary G. (Heutinck) Nutt was born July 20th, 1928 in Milbank, South Dakota, the daughter of George and Maria (Borgyink) Heutinck. Shortly after Mary was born her mother passed away from complications from giving birth. Her father moved the family to Missouri for several years before moving to Sioux Valley in Jackson County, Minnesota. Mary attended grade school and then continued on to high school in Lakefield, graduating in 1946. She married Leo Konradi in 1946 and they lived near Jackson for several years then moved to Alpha, Minnesota. Mary worked at Campbell's Soup Co. and then drove truck for several years. Mary and Leo were later divorced.

On November 27th, 1965, Mary was united in marriage to Gerald Nutt and they lived in Fairmont. In 1980, they moved to an acreage northwest of Fairmont. Mary enjoyed working at the Melody Grill and then the Toot ~n~ Tell. She also worked at Aerospace in Fairmont and Madsen's Café in the mall. After her retirement, Mary enjoyed being a hostess at Hardee's in Fairmont. In July of 2010, Mary entered the Truman Senior Living Center.

Mary was a charter member of the Fairmont Eagle's Club where she was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary. She also enjoyed bowling and going to the races to watch her son Dave race. Mary was a member of St. John's

United Church of Christ in Fairmont.

Those who will cherish her memory include her husband, Gerald Nutt of rural Fairmont; three children, Jim Konradi and his wife, Roberta, of Lowell, Indiana, Carol Konradi and her significant other, Frank Rezac, of Dolliver, Iowa, David Nutt of Fairmont; grandchildren, Todd, Michelle, Melissa, Jeff and Victoria; 9 great grandchildren; 5 brothers and sisters, Loretta Heutinck of Columbus, Ohio, Edward Heutinck and his wife, Kathy, of Lawton, Iowa, Theresa Leopold and her husband, Rod, of Minnesota, Dorothy Wagner and her husband, Leo, of Westbrook, Minnesota, Joe Heutinck and his wife, Chris, of Lakefield, Minnesota; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Diane and Ken Vonnahme of Buffalo Center, Iowa; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother, father and step-mother; one son, Ronald Konradi; three stillborn children; sister, Jeanette Behrens and brother, Leonard Heutinck.

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Luella L. Mahlman, 90



Funeral service for Luella L. Mahlman, 90, of Fairmont will be 11 a.m. Saturday, February 7th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with burial following at Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lakeview Funeral Home.

Luella passed away on Sunday, February 1st, 2015, at the Truman Senior Living.

Luella Louise "Lou" (Hartman) Mahlman was born on August 23rd, 1924 in Rutland Township, the daughter of Martin and Martha (Lemke) Hartman. She attended St. James Lutheran Country School and on June 22nd, 1942 she was united in marriage to LaRene (L.W.) "Buster" Mahlman in Austin, Minnesota. Buster and Luella first lived in Northrop and then moved to Fairmont. She was a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid and Rose Lake

Golf Course. She was very active with many hobbies and interest: softball, volleyball, hunting and fishing, sewing, needlepoint, crocheting and quilting, gardening and golfing.

Those that will cherish her memory include her children, Judy Duffin and her husband, Dan, of Leavenworth, Kansas, Gary Mahlman of Fairmont, Ron Mahlman of Fairmont, Charlie Mahlman and his wife, Marcia, of Rochester, Minnesota; six grandchildren, Jeff Jaqua (Karen) of Overland Park, Kansas, Julie Lesniak (John) of Leavenworth, Kansas, Tammy Armstrong (Phil), Melanie Mahlman, Amber Mahlman, all of Fairmont, Lisa Lawrow (Ian) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; ten great grandchildren, Lauren and Ryan Jaqua, Alexandria Lesniak, Kayla Armstrong, Rylie and Corbin

Gerald L. Greischar, 87

Memorial service for Gerald L. Greischar, 87, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 6th, 2015 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be in the Lakeside Cemetery with full military honors by the Martin County Veterans of Foreign War Post #1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 of Fairmont. Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Gerald passed away Monday, February 2nd, 2015, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is in charge of the arrangements.

Gerald Leonard Greischar was born on March 3rd, 1927, in St. James, MN, the son of Leonard E. and Alice Irene (Ludvigson) Greischar. He attended school and graduated from St. James High School. Following his graduation, Gerald enlisted with the United States Navy. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Gerald went back to college where he earned his Industrial Arts Degree from the University of Stout in Menominee, WI and later his Master's Degree from Mankato State University.

On August 4th, 1950, Gerald was united in marriage to Joyce Marie Dahl at the East Chain Lutheran Church in East Chain. The couple was blessed to celebrate 60 years of marriage prior to Joyce's passing in 2010. Gerald and Joyce made their home in Swea City, IA, and later Fairmont, and were blessed with three sons, Jeffrey, David, and Paul.

Gerald worked as a teacher in Swea City, IA,

Scheff, Avery and Allyiah Mahlman, Sierra and Anara Lawrow; sister, Arlene Shoemaker; two sisters-in-law, Lovilla Hartman and Janice Hartman; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and parents-in-law, Luella was also preceded in death by her husband, L.W. "Buster" Mahlman; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Mahlman; infant twin great grandchildren; siblings, Irvin Hartman (Betty), Helen Norris (Melvin), Lawrence and Alvin Hartman.

Lou and her family so appreciated the staff at the Truman Senior Living who provided her friendships and loving care for the past 17 months.

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before moving to Fairmont and working as a teacher in the Fairmont School District for 29 years, retiring in May 1985.

Gerald was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 where he served as Commander and also was a member of the Honor Guard. Gerald spent many years volunteering his time with the Boy Scouts having earned his Eagle Scout award as a young man and was later Scout Master for Pack 56 when his sons were young. He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont and served his church on the Church Council and also teaching Sunday School. He was also a member of the Kiwanis.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Jeffrey Greischar and his wife, Susan of Fairmont, and David Greischar and his wife, Chris of Crosslake, MN; daughter-in-law, Kim Greischar of Fairmont; six grandchildren, Vana and her husband, Justin, Laurel, Shauna, Jerod, Ross and his wife, Stephanie, and Lori and fiancé, Zach Hansen; three great grandchildren, Mason, Emma, and Harper; a brother, Dennis Greischar; brother-in-law, David Dahl and his wife, Janice; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joyce Greischar; son, Paul Greischar; sisters-in-law, Henrietta Johnson, Signe Jorgensen, Leona Dahl, and Jean Dahl; and brothers-in-law, Fred Dahl, Andrew Dahl, Cliff Johnson and Hans Jorgensen.

The family requests memorials be given in Gerald's name to the Cedar Point Boy Scouts Camp.

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LEIDING - We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to family and friends who shared love and support during Elda's sickness and death. Thank you for the memorials, cards, food, flowers and time spent with us. Your expressions of sympathy, thoughts, prayers and memories of mom have given us so much comfort during this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Anthony Bertram and Pastor Thomas Fast of St. Paul Lutheran Church for the visits and prayers with Mom and our family; the wonderful care provided by Mayo Clinic Hospital staff and providers, the extra special care given by Lutz Wing staff, Dr. Slama, United Hands Hospice and Lakeview Funeral Home. A life well lived - The family of Elda Leiding. 39-1tp-1

ZIEMANN - A big thank you to all that remembered me with prayers, food, flowers, gifts, cards, and visits. My faith was strong and my trust in Dr. Flaven from Abbott Northwestern Heart Hospital was good, as he performed the emergency open-heart surgery. Thank you Pastor Fast for your enjoyable visit too. Thanks be to God, I am doing fine. Eunice Ziemann. 39-1tp-1

JOHNSON - The family of Mark Johnson would like to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed following the passing of Mark. We are truly honored to see the outpouring of love and support through cards, flowers, food and many other acts of love toward our family. Thank you all so much. The family of Mark Johnson. 39-1tc-1

TIETJE - I wish to thank everyone for the cards sent to me on my birthday. Carlean Tietje. 39-1tp-1

LARSON - Thank you seems so inadequate. Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to those who made the benefit the wonderful experience that it was. Last week our family experienced the love and support of the community like never before. To say we are overwhelmed is an understatement. We are incredibly blessed to be a

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Guest Columnist



Beth Haskins, Top 20 Committee Member

What is with people lately? They are edgy, sleepy, clumsy, impatient, grumpy. It sounds like Disney characters, doesn't it? But, what's happening to us? It seems to be everywhere we turn; the grocery store, parking lots, church, intersections. Where's the Minnesota nice?

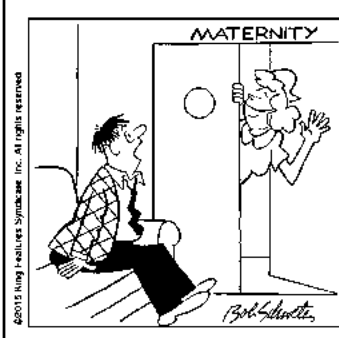
If you haven't noticed, for the last couple of months, the days have been shorter and colder. It's very typical that we should experience or witness these changes in our demeanor. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression directly related to the change of season, specifically in the

winter when there is less exposure to the nutrients we get from the sun. Symptoms start in the fall and continue through the winter months zapping our energy and causing us to be more moody. There are many treatments for SAD such as light therapy and vitamin supplements, but we need to be more conscious of a much less costly treatment. Actually, it's FREE!! It's ENCOURAGEMENT!

Encouraging others to be the best they can be and helping them bounce back above the line is one of the most efficient treatments out there. Smiling, offering to help, compliment-

ing others, acknowledging each other's strengths, skills, and good qualities are all ways to Help Others Succeed. If it's true that we reap what we sow, then we can be a circle of greatness simply by Helping Others Succeed.

Before you know it, nature will take its course. The days will be longer and warmer, the sun will shine brighter, birds will return singing, and trees will show new buds and blossoms. Spring will be here along with a fresh spring of goodness and success flowing within each of us. Keep it simple; be successful!



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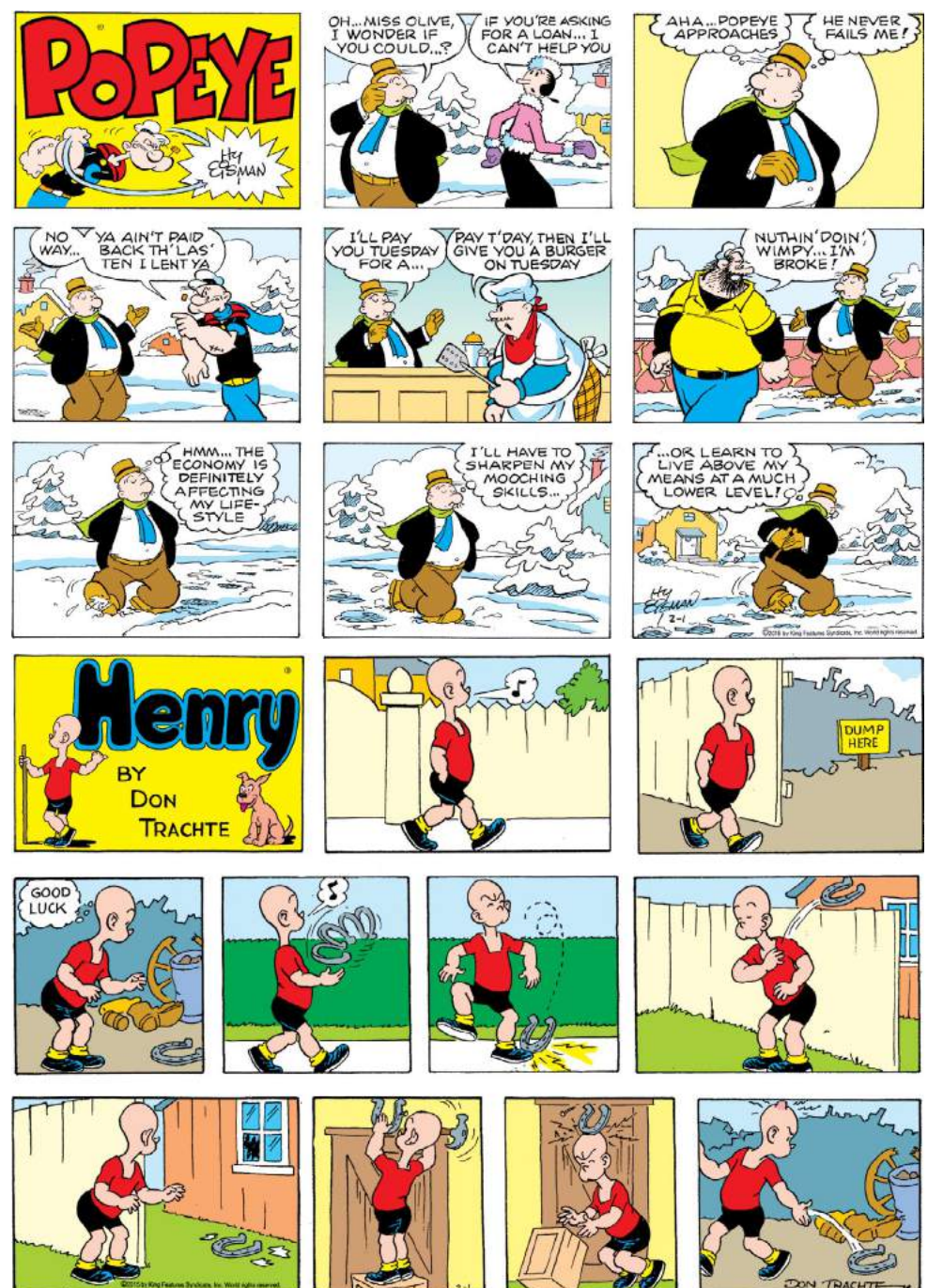
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TODAY'S WORD





As a part of the Fairmont Area School District, the Respect Team has implemented a program called "Character of the Month." In January the character trait was Perseverance. These students show great "Perseverance." Front row left to right: 2nd, grade, Ethan Pockrus; 1st grade, Markus Pitkin; kindergarten, Natalie Dodd. Back row left to right: 6th grade, Taylor Shumski; 5th grade, Alexis Newville; 4th grade, Lacie Fetters; 3rd grade, Alex Leach. Students received a pizza courtesy of Jake's Pizza.



Truman Public School Spelling Bee students: Front row: Joshua Bosshart, Kaden Moon. Back row: Della Fellows, Teanna Meyer. Champion: Teanna Meyer, Runner-up: Della Fellows, Grade-level champions: Teanna Meyer (5th), Kaden Moon (6th), Josh Bosshart (7th) and Della Fellows (8th).



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Sue Moore, right, is pictured presenting a grant to Jenny Trushenski with the Martin County Library.



The Fairmont Area School FFA Forestry Team competed at the regional competition last weekend and as a team took 2nd place. Steven Bulfer took 1st place individually and Sterlin Johnson placed 6th and will represent Fairmont Area at the state competition. Pictured are (left to right): Steven Bulfer, Hannah Olson, Sterlin Johnson and Colin Meadows.



On a sunny afternoon this past summer Gracia (left) and Faith Heille (right) of Fairmont decided to have a lemonade stand to raise funds for the Fairmont Area Dog Park. The girls recently presented the donations of \$43.46 to Sonja Fortune, FADP committee member (center).



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