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The Guy From Just Around the Corner
By Al Batt

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

“Everything is nearly copacetic. I’m still getting all my table utensils at Wendy’s. The whole political scene thing is something. I haven’t seen such a ruckus since Hiram sat on the gopher trap down at the hardware store. I never talk politics with friends because most of them are morons. I haven’t done that since I ran cross country in high school. I should have started with a smaller country.”

“Squirrels breathing had I listened hard enough. Squirrels in winter’s bluster. I would have heard if there was a murder caused by the rubbing of tree squirrels in the yard—red, fox, and gray. The red is the smallest and the fox the largest. As you have already deduced, the gray squirrel is the middleweight entry of the three. The quiet was disrupted by the sound of a murder of crows feeding on a raccoon carcass. It wasn’t death most foul. It was death by Kia. Folklike says that crows gather to decimate the capital fate of another crow. Crows are scavengers, but the term “murder of crows” reflects a time when collective nouns of animals had colorful and poetic names.

I shovelled snow and considered how parts of Minnesota are blessed or cursed by more or less snow. According to Current Results, which uses weather data collected by the NOAA National Climatic Data Center, Albert Lea receives 37.8 inches of annual snowfall. Indoor, while searching for something else, I came across some seed packets. I wondered if the seeds were still viable. Seed viability varies depending on the plant and how they were stored. They should be stored in well-sealed, watertight containers in cool (50°), dark locations. I could conduct a ragdoll test. The ragdoll is a rolled tube of a moistened paper towel containing the seeds to be checked for germination, placed in a plastic bag, and stored in a warm place for several days. I’d assess the number of seeds germinating over the next few days. If the rate was less than 75%, I’d be better off buying new seeds. If the rate was between 75-90%, I’d use them but plant more seeds per planting.

Q&A

“How good is a turkey’s eyesight?” Wild turkeys have excellent vision during daylight hours. Turkeys see color, have a wide field of vision, and generally, their eyesight is about three times better than ours. You might not see them, but they see you.

“How many kernels on an ear of corn?” The number of kernels per ear of field corn can vary from 500 to 1,200. A typical ear has about 400 kernels. Much of the field corn plants are bred to develop just one large ear. This approach usually yields better production. A bushel of shelled corn weighs 56 pounds.

“How do dogs turn in circles before lying down?” Robert Benchley observed: “A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.” I’ve been told that it’s an act of self-preservation in that a dog may inadvertently know it needs to position itself to check for threats and to ward off possible attacks. Others have told me wolves sleep with their noses to the wind so they could detect a threatening scent and circle to determine wind direction. Still others think circling is done to roost vermin or to discover any stones or prickly vegetation that might prove uncomfortable. I think the theory that is most credible is dogs are creating a nest for themselves by trampling down grass or perceiving grass before settling down for a nap.

Keep an eye and an ear out for:

1. Starling bills are dark in winter but begin to turn yellow as the breeding season approaches. They are chang- ing now.
2. House finches singing their exuberant, tumbling song.
4. Wild turkeys gobbling.
5. Red-tailed hawks perching close to one another. This is a sign of Valentine’s Day.

From the Mailbag

Regarding a photo of a pen pheasant with wattles, Lucas Eichenberger wrote: “The picture isn’t real clear but it almost looks like the turkeys are blenders that a game farm puts on them to keep them from picking on each other.”

Thanks for stopping by.

“The point of life is to help others through it.” - Peter Matthiessen, “In Paradise”

“The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.” — Robert Frost

Do good.

Al Batt 2020

Rosebud

Valentine’s & Tax Ads Pages 9-11

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Twin Kennedy to appear at the Red Rock Center

Twin Kennedy, blending styles from country to classical with outstanding sibling vocal harmonies and high energy, comes to the Red Rock Center in Fairmont Friday, February 21st at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Hy-Vee in Fairmont and the redrockcenter.org online box office.

Join the Kennedy’s for a FREE Master’s Class Thursday, February 20th at 7 p.m. This 1.5 hour workshop will cover performance skills, practice skill and encouraging teaching style. Open to children and adults, this class is ideal for anyone who presents any genre, instrument, vocals, theatre and speech at any level. The class is free and space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling the Red Rock at 507-215-9362.

City council discusses rates and roundabout

Roundabouts and utility rates were the main topic of discussion at the Fairmont City Council meeting on Monday night. After some initial discussion, the Fairmont City Council (minus Bruce Peterson, who was absent from the meeting) unanimously approved a water rate increase and a wastewater increase, according to City Finance Director Paul Hoye, will be mostly earmarked for capital improvements in the water system. The last rate increase for that was in 2013.

The issue creating the most talk around town was the discussion taking place on the proposed mini roundabout at the corner of Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza (or at the corner of the Fairmont Opera House and El Agave Restaurant). The study on the proposed roundabout is coming into play mainly for two reasons: 1. It is potential part of the Lake Avenue Reconstruction project and 2. The State of Minnesota will no longer pay for traffic light replacements at that intersection.

City Councilor Randy Rubenow brought up concerns that he has heard from many of constituents surrounding the pedestrian safety if a mini roundabout is put into place. Councilor Tom Hawkins also said he has been contacted by a number of citizens with the same concerns.

According to Fairmont Public Works Director Troy Nemmers, the cost to replace the stoplights at that intersection would be approximately $200,000, of which the City of Fairmont would be responsible for that cost. If a mini roundabout was built, the projected cost would be $4.8 million, according to Nemmers, but it would have a portion of the cost be state-funded.

Nemmers stated that Bolton & Menk is working on updating a presentation of the proposed mini-roundabout that will be provided to council members and city staff that data on studies and project costs will be released to the public through the city website, media outlets and general communication from city staff in the coming weeks.

The state is not mandating this be done, however state funding is tied to this project. Councilor Randy Rubenow brought up concerns that he has along with some of his constituents surrounding pedestrian safety if a mini roundabout is put into place. Councilor Tom Hawkins also said he has been contacted by a number of citizens with the same concerns.

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CREST Lunch and Learn to focus on U.S. Presidents

Which U.S. President was never married? What American President has won a Grammy award? Which Presidents passed away on July 4th? The answers to these questions and much more will be revealed at the "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST. It will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, located at 61 Apple Street East in Trimont. The program this month will look at interesting facts and trivia about our U.S. Presidents. Following the presentation, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served with brownies for dessert. Donations are welcome to defray costs. Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.

Do you like to read?

We need people to help read the short story: The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy. This tale will be read to the public at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont next month, March 2020. Practice sessions are happening now. For information, please call the Tolstoy Reading Committee of Fairmont at 507-848-4414 or 507-236-7413.

County library offering meditation workshop

Join the Martin County Library for a workshop on various forms of memory and other mindfulness based practices. This workshop takes place Thursday, February 20th at 2 p.m. at the Trimont Municipal Building and again at 5:30 p.m. at the Martin County Library in Fairmont.

Sukalski announces candidacy for Dist. 23A

Michael Sukalski of Fairmont has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for District 23A in Minnesota. The position, long held by Bob Gunther of Fairmont, is now open. Gunther is retiring. Sukalski will have an open house on Monday, February 17th from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. Members of the public will have the opportunity to meet Sukalski and get the chance to share their ideas and discuss the issues facing the local district. More information can be found on www.sukalskiformn.com.

Health care career scholarships available

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont is awarding two scholarships to local students pursuing health care careers. The deadline for application is April 15th. The program is made possible by the voters of the county and surrounding areas. The deadline for this year is one of being awarded the scholarship. Application and additional information are available through area high school counselors or online at mayoclinichs.org. On the home page, type “Blanche Kind-Strom Scholarship” in the search bar at the top of the page.

CREST to launch “Spice of Life”

by Joyce Peterson, CREST Coordinator

The challenges of living with memory loss can be social barriers at any time when that is needed most. Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia have in the past had a “stigma” attached to it. It was not talked about, and those living with the disease and their care partners were often excluded from social settings, leading to isolation and increasing the downward spiral of both persons. Fortunately, this is changing in our society today.

In the Netherlands in 1997, Dr. Bere Miesen worked on a new concept that he called a “Memory Café” to break through the stigma associated with various forms of memory loss. CREST is undertaking this new venture. On February 20th, the first "Spice of Life” event will be held at the CREST office in Fairmont from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is a social event in a safe, welcoming place, where those living with memory loss and their care partners come together and enjoy the planned activities and company of others in similar situations. It is not a place to drop off your loved one, but rather a place where you can come together to enjoy activities and break from your normal routine. There is no charge for these monthly events and the Spice of Life is open to anyone in the county and surrounding areas.

Watch for more details in the Photo Press and shared at churches. If you have any questions or want to sign up for the program, call CREST at 235-3833.

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Miss Martin County of 1949

Guest Commentist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

What was life like in 1949? Society has evolved significantly since then. Some examples of what things cost in 1949 are as follows: the average cost of a new house was $7,450.00; average wages were $2.95/hour; and a new car cost $1,390.00. According to accounts documented in the Pioneer Museum, Martin County was celebrating the Minnesota Territorial Centennial in 1949. There were luncheons, parades, speeches, contests, and more in honor of the occasion. A committee made up of county residents headed up the planning of these events. Perhaps the most exciting of these events involved a local person and a nationally known individual. The local celebrity was Miss Martin County of 1949, Truman native Joan Williams. Of national prominence was Miss America of 1948, Miss BeBe Shopp, who was visiting Martin County for the celebration. Miss Shopp was the first Miss America to be crowned from the state of Minnesota.

Of additional interest, a midshipman from the U. S. Naval Academy, who also happened to be the captain of the Navy Football Team, was in Fairmont. He was in Fairmont to serve as Miss Shopp’s escort. It was obviously quite a festive time in Martin County during that July of 1949. There were a number of costuming events scheduled. One included four of the “oldest women” in the audience wearing sunbonnets. They were selected by the “whisker patrol,” with one of those selected declared the winner. Also, a prize was given for the oldest life-long resident of the county. Participants were selected from what was referred to as the “advanced age group.” The two winners were 72 years old and 56 years old. Apparently 52 and 72 was “really old” by 1949 standards. It would seem best not to mention anyone today in that age category as being in the “advanced age group.” Comment might spark some unintended fireworks.

The July day that witnessed the arrival of the Shopp family was described as “sweltering” as the temperature approached 96 degrees F. Mr. and Mrs. Shopp’s parents were in a room at the Augusta Hotel in Fairmont trying to keep cool. BeBe was in the process of selecting her wardrobe for the subsequent events and preparing for a musical recital. As an accomplished Harpist, she took painstaking pride in her recitals. The Shopp’s were described as being quite humble and very proud of their daughter’s accomplishments. They were to visit the Summer Scott’s home on Hazelmere to meet Phil Ryan, who was to serve as the official escort for BeBe Shopp. As previously mentioned, Ryan was a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy and was also the Captain of the Navy Football Team.

Included in the festivities that were to follow was a dinner party for Miss America and Martin County with the Augusta Hotel. Another individual attending the dinner party was the Palomino Queen and Miss America who was to visit the Sumner Hotel and show beautifully decorated riding costume. After the dinner party, there was a Palomino show followed by a private dinner at the Oaks at the Minneapolis Aquatennial. It was, obviously, quite an honor to be included in that event. The recollection of that year, 1949, will likely stir up fond memories for those that lived during that era. However, for those too young to remember, it may be difficult to envision a true concept of the “way it was” in 1949.

Society, culture, and values have evolved during the decades that have since passed. Detailed newspaper accounts of personal information regarding contestants in beauty pageants or participants in other events would be preserved much differently today, or not at all. Descriptions of “old” or “advanced” age groups would not be tolerated. There was a description of an event, such as the Minnesota Territorial Centennial, which would likely be portrayed much differently in today’s media.

For more information, to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont, or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs.

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont receives 4 stars in CMS rating system

Thirty hospitals across Mayo Clinic re- ceived a CMS rating system from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2019. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont received 4 stars out of 5, up from 3 stars last year.

Six of Mayo Clinic’s 13 hospitals earned five stars—the best score possible. The national average is 3 of 5 stars.

The star rating provides patients with information about multiple dimensions of quality in a single score. Star ratings are assigned based on a hospital’s composite score of 51 quality metrics from inpatient and outpatient quality rating programs.

“Congratulations to all Mayo Clinic hospitals that received excellent CMS star ratings,” says Henry Ting, M.D., Mayo Clinic’s chief value officer. “This award reflects the very best of Mayo Clinic’s total commitment to patient care, the extraordinary depth and breadth of Mayo’s medical practice, and the remarkable impact that each and every Mayo Clinic employee makes every day.”

“We’re so proud of the commitment our staff has to providing the best care to our patients all across our communities, and the CMS Overall Hospital Quality ratings offer one recognition of the hard work of so many every day,” says Bobbie Gostout, M.D., president, Mayo Clinic Health System. “All ten of our health system hospitals that meet ratings criteria ranked above the national average and received four and five stars, with our hospitals in Eau Claire, La Crosse and Menomonie, Wisconsin, receiving the top rank of five stars.”

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Happy Valentine’s Day!

Just think, on Valentine’s day this month will be half over and spring will be that much closer! I re- member getting ready for Valentine’s day when I was a child, always decorating a shoe box in school that was our Mail boxes to receive those cards. Then working in the evening writing out the valentines for my class mates trying to pick just the right one for each of them, and being careful not to pick a too mushy one for the boys. Then the years I helped my four children make out their cards around the table and then helping my granddaughter Samantha with hers. I would usually bake a heart shaped cake for dessert for our Valentine’s day supper! Fond memories for sure.

I’m sharing a red velvet cake recipe that I received from my friend Faye Miller, that I think is appropriate for the holiday. Its also easy, I actually used to make a red velvet cake from scratch when I was a newby but I have gotten smarter with age!

Red Velvet Cake:
1 yellow cake mix (a gluten free cake mix works too)
1 3 oz. pkg. vanilla instant pudding mix
2 Tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
1 cup water
1 stick softened butter
3 large eggs
1 Tablespoon vanilla
3/4 tsp. red food coloring

Mix all together, beat 2 minutes, pour into a greased 9x13 inch cake pan or make into cupcakes. Bake in a 350 degree preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, for cupcakes 18-20 minutes, until a tooth pick comes out clean when inserted into the center. Cool and frost with the following frosting:
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/2 stick softened butter
3 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Beat together the cheese and butter until smooth and fluffy, then add sugar and vanilla.

Have a great week!

Kids Against Hunger Pack

The Annual food hunger pack for Kids Against Hunger will be Saturday February 15th from Fairmont National Guard Armory.

We are in need of volunteers for the food pack, we can use any and all to help on Saturday. If you would like to participate but are unable to be there Saturday, financial assistance is always welcome.

When Fairmont Kids Against Hunger first came to the area I was curious about the pack, I just didn’t take the time to help and knew that it was something I wanted to know about. Last year, Rotary, which I am a member of, decided to have a team at the pack. I signed up and was surprised at how fast our shift went. Two hours can fly by when having fun!
A little friendly competition is always fun, we wanted to pack as many meals as we could and do it accurately! We helped reach the goal and even went beyond that!

Our goal this year is to pack 125,000 meals and raise $25,000 to pay for the meals and shipping. Donations can be sent to Kids Against Hunger in c/o Sue Homan, 921 Hengen Street, Fairmont MN 56031.

I urge the KAH committee and have been amazed at the impact these packs have on those who help and how many are helped globally and locally with the food.

If you would like to help please find us at www.kahfairmontmn.org !

Thank you for your sincere consideration in helping this year’s pack achieve our goal.

Jodie Whitmore
Fairmont

Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilting Festival will hold its 3rd annual meeting of the 2019-2020 year this Monday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building.

Planning for this summer’s Quilting classes will be discussed. This will include choosing a new name as the Woodcarvers are no longer a part of the show. Linda Bakken will present the program.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilting related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. The Blue Earth Valley Quilters is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting. Quilters of all skill levels are welcome!

Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.

Ruby’s Pantry food distribution

Ruby’s Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on February 7th, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 907 290th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the $20 cash donation per participant for opera- tional costs. Please bring two large boxes or laun- dry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby’s Pantry is in its eleventh year of serving rural communities with the goal of helping people fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

More information please see their website at www.rubyspantry.org, or call 507-236-4653.

Fairmont Blood Drive next week

Fairmont will be the host site for the blood drive on Tuesday, February 18th through Thursday, February 20th in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room.

Ruby’s Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain on Friday, February 21st from 10-11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 907 290th Avenue.

Save lives, celebrate lives, help to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. And there’s no better time than now to start!

February is National Cancer Prevention Month. Please help reduce your risk of cancer by making healthy choices like eating healthy, practicing healthy habits and eating foods that are rich in fiber. For more information go to cancer.org! Ruby’s Pantry is in its 50th year of serving rural communities with the goal of helping people fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month. For more information please see their website at www.rubyspantry.org or call 507-236-4653.

Check it out!

@ the Martin County Library

You may have heard that reading aloud to chil- dren is a great thing to do. It helps build vocabulary, language and narrative in those young brains! Here are a few more tips to go the extra mile with our read aloud experience:

1. Let the child pick the read aloud book. They will absolutely be engaged in a title they selected. They’ll be afraid of wordless picture books! Children will use their imagination to make up the story out loud from the pages, even without words.

2. Be creative with your voice! Make it fun. If you can hear the reading, the more fun it will be for the child who will have listen-

3. “Read it over and over again if you’d like, repetition helps build those liter- acy skills!”

4. “Explain the big words, if they’re uncertain of the meaning give them a clue to the context of the story!”

5. “Read aloud to kids pool! Even if they can read on their own, it’s still great to read to old kids!”

Martin County Relay for Life

The Martin County Relay for Life is planning our 2020 Relay for Life. There are many ways to participate and be involved in Relay. There’s no participation trophy, but the feeling of being involved matters.

You can join an existing team, start your own team, or volunteer at the event. Every one of us was touched by cancer in some way. Friends, relatives, caregivers, and survivors - we all use our special passion to help the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. And there’s no better time than now to start!

February is National Cancer Prevention Month. Please help reduce your risk of cancer by making healthy choices like eating healthy, practicing healthy habits and eating foods that are rich in fiber. For more information go to cancer.org! Marsha Williams Martin County Relay for Life
In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

January 30 - Susan K. Gersch, 62, Fairmont
Zaharia Family Funeral Home
February 3 - Golda G. Schwab, 93, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 5 - Daniel A. Sandven, 85, Hill City, SD (formerly of Fairmont)
February 5 - Dennis H. Ziemann, 88, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 5 - Gerard M. Kass, 92, Vernon Center, Zaharia Family Funeral Home
February 5 - Lisa B. Uhlig, 52, Minneapolis
Kramer Family Funeral Home
February 7 - Thomas B. Treider, 73, Fairmont
Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

Regina Boese, 88

Regina Boese was born December 17th, 1931 to Marvin and Emma (Hiebe) Schultz in Tenhassen Township, Martin County. She graduated from Fairmont High School in May 6th, 1954 and married August 21st, 1954 to Martin and Emma (Hiebe) Schultz in Tenhassen Township, Martin County.

Regina was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church. She made many doughnuts, jam, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, hardanger, oil paintings, homemade soap and candles. Regina was a member of Bethel Seminary students and missionary work, and she raised money to clean the water jar project of the ELCA. Regina was a member of the ELCA and was at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, WY.

Regina knew that just one person could make the world a better place and because of this she made many quilts in 2019

Survived by husband Dennis H. Ziemann; sons, Dan Idso Boese, granddaughters, Kays of Thief River Falls, MN; grandson; Jon Kays (Kailyn) of Madison WI and grandson; Brian Kays of St. Paul MN; preceded in death by parents Martin and Emma Schultz, daughter; Di- anna Kays, sisters; Kays of Thief River Falls, MN; brother. They were at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, WY.

Registration to play 2020 Spring/Summer Soccer for birth years 2002-2009 is open. Registration fee is $15 until February 1st, $30 until February 15th. After the 15th fees increase to $165. To sign up go to www.fairmontsoccer.org or check out the Fairmont Soccer Association Facebook page for more information. If you have questions, please email mtfsasportcord@gmail.com

A Kiosk Club Theatre, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, February 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. For any questions about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580.
The public is invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

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MCHS-Fairmont Community Update

As we settle into a new year and new decade at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, it’s important to reflect on how far we’ve come and underpinning the success of community health care improvement company. The Hospital Quality Index measured by the Hospital Quality Index in 2020: the organization.

the needs of our patients System offers in Fairmont care to Fairmont committed to providing have remained constant.

how far we’ve come and important to reflect on year and new decade

Joshua Baldus of Fairmont has been named to the Deans’ List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall 2019 academic year.

Kirkwood Community College has released its Deans’ List for the fall 2019 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

The following students have been named to the dean’s list for academic excellence after the fall 2019 semester in South Dakota State University. To earn this list distinctions in SDSU colleges, students must have maintained a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a 4.0 GPA. Small Colleges:

SFAHS – College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences
SAHSS – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
SEHS – College of Education and Human Sciences
SNS – College of Natural Sciences
SNURS – College of Nursing
SPAH – College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions

Minnesota:

• Amanda Steven Tusa Alpha, MN, SAFES
• Whitney Alexis Hoff

The Regional Worship Center will host a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast on Monday each week from 8 to 10 a.m. at the church, located at 2 Crossroads Drive, across from Kum and Go in Fairmont. All are welcome to join them.
The arrival of the new phone book was always an exciting day for people. Upon visiting the phone book company, we went through the pages until we found the one with the family’s name. Oh well, I guess every-thing can’t be answered. This week we have an item brought in by Carl Becken-dorf of Fairmont. It is made entirely of metal and measures 3 inches long when it is retracted and 4 1/2 inches long when fully extended. It is cylindrical in shape, but has a button you push and a V-shaped metal piece comes out the end one and it has measured ‘stop’ on the cylinder to extend to different lengths. It was patented in 1943. So what is it? If you know the answer or want to guess what it is, email me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call us at 507-238-9456 with your answer.

This weekend is the big food pack! Well, it is hard to believe a year has gone by, but this weekend is the big Fairmont Kids Against Hunger food pack. It is the 12th annual food pack for Fairmont and has been a big contributor to families in need around the world and also in the local area, where 8,208 meals stayed locally from last year’s pack. The venue has re-turned back to the Fairmont National Guard Armory on the west side and will take place during the day this Saturday, February 15th. Teams have signed up for a two hour shift and have also helped collect contributions toward the cost of the food that is packed that day. It is definitely a worthwhile proj-ect, so if you aren’t signed up yet and want an experience you will remember, stop in that day and we will find a team to place you with!

Waffles, soup and a pop-up pantry

Here are a brief list of some of the events happen-ing in the coming week: Wednesday, February 12th is the open door and community meals at both Grace Lutheran Church and Fair-mont United. Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Grace holds the meals from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and the Method-ist Church in the morning from 9 to 6 p.m. Check out this week’s paper for details on the meals. • Thursday, February 13th Shepherd’s in will be serving free hot soup at the Blazer Bar Hall on Downtown Plaza in Fair-mont from 5 to 7 p.m. • Friday, February 14th is Valen-tine’s Day, so check out this week’s special section for food and gift ideas! • Saturday, February 15th, is the Kids Against Hunger Food Pack at the Fairmont Ar-mory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday, February 16th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is the Fairmont High School Waffle Feed at the gym in Northrop. Proceeds will help fund the class of 2022’s trip to Washing-ton, D.C. • Monday, February 17th is the pop-up Farm’s Pantry at Regional Worship Center in Sherburn from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. $20 cash donation. Have a great week with all the fun activities going on.

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - eat, play, shop local - spoil your Valen-tine!

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an open door meal Wednesday even-ings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, February 12th they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham. On February 19th it will be tacos. All meals include fruit, veg-gies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and juice. For a free meal donation.

The Ceylon High School Reunion Com-mittee is planning for the next Ceylon High School All-School Re-union, which will take place June 27th, 2020. Make sure you save the date! Do you know of any family members with address changes since the last reunion? If so, contact committee member Jim Plunkoff at 507-632-4368.

The East Chain 4-H club met at the Red Rock Center on December 8th, 2019. Roll call was “Name one thing you did over winter break? We had two January birthdays. We vot-ed on the banner and disc-ussed a new T-shirt idea. The club went ice skating and had a lovely lunch.”

The next meeting will be at the East Chain ac-tivity center at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Addison Barrick
Coming to the Fairmont Opera House...

The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT 7:30PM
When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But when rivalries both old and new threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system.

Valentines Day Special

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Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.
FEB 13 - 19
MON: Cheese, tomatoes, orange, pineapple, mixed veggie, cream pie.
TUE: Mini turkey corn dogs, hash-brown patty broccoli, mixed veggie, cream pie, orange, pineapple, mixed veggie.
WED: Turkey, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggie, cream pie.
THUR: Cheese, turkey & cheese sandwich, broccoli w/ cheese, cucumbers, orange, mandarin orange & pineapple.
FRI: Cheese, pepperoni, mixed veggie.
SAT: Chicken, mixed veggie, cream pie.
SUN: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Menus subject to change.
FEB 13 - 19
MON: No school.
TUE: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
WED: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
THUR: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
FRI: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie, orange, pineapple.
SAT: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
SUN: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.
FEB 13 - 19
MON: No school.
TUE: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
WED: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
THUR: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
FRI: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
SAT: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.
SUN: Cheese, mixed veggie, cream pie.

Valentines Day is goodnewsfairmont.com
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All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry
Friday, February 14, 2020
starting at 5:00 p.m.
$12 Fish, Fries
& Coleslaw

Fairmont Eagles
1228 Lake Ave - 238-2595
Burger Night
Burgers $6

Sunday, February 16 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry
Burger Night
Burgers $6
Minnesota 4-H held the Southwest BLU leadership retreat on February 1st at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall for 86 youth from across our region. The Southwest BLU leadership retreat was one of five 4-H events offered this month to Minnesota youth in grades 6-12, said Karen Beranek, Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development. “4-H uses these retreats to help youth learn valuable leadership skills they can apply in their communities and make connections with people from other counties. In addition to the youth teaching youth component, participants learned more about life post-high school as they explored the SMSU campus, including campus tours, a Q&A session with current college students, and the dining center. All youth also had the opportunity to learn more about a specific program at SMSU: Agriculture, Performing Arts, Calinology and Business. A huge thank you to SMSU faculty and student organizations for leading those sessions.”

BLU – Building Leadership and Understanding – is an annual leadership retreat offered regionally across Minnesota. This year’s theme, Unmask Your Inner Leader, encouraged youth to discuss their strengths, leadership styles, and the characteristics of great leaders. Youth participants engaged in a variety of activities throughout the event, including small and large group discussions, team-building activities, personal awareness experiences, and informational sessions. The leadership retreat was facilitated by Minnesota youth in grades 6-12, and Minnesota 4-H’er and Ambassador program student, Alyx Stahl, Kaylee Sukalski, Callie McCorkell, Ellie Rose Nelson. Back Row: MN 4-H Ambassador - Liz Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Ryellyn Forsberg, Shanna Amborn, Anika Jensen, Chaperone - Lori Jensen, Chaperone - Jessica Fisher, Chaperone - Tiffany Landi. (Submitted photo)
St. John Vianney School memorials

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $3,724 in memorials during the month of January, 2020. These were given in memory of:

LEONARD CAMPE: By Allen and Lorna Bremner, Bill and Paula Bulfer, Pat Burns, Joan Campe, Ken and Gloria Carlson, Dean Dwyer, Dale and Linda Eisenmenger, Richard Gaul, Mike and Marcie Garber, Linda Gruber, Rod and Helen Hager, Maynard and Audrey Johnson, George and Marion Janette Loe, Dennis and Connie Katzenberger, Mike and Kay Kimmel, Janette Lee, Dennis and Judy Meyer, Eleanor Mueller, Jack and Rosalie Nevillie, Tom and Jane Palmer, Audrey Povers, Bill and Paula Bulfer, Jim and Carol Bulfer, Pat Burns, Kevin and Patricia Cole, Scott and Lisa Dahl, Dr. Jim and Carol Dick, Martha Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly and Kandi Memme, Steven and Mary Edman, Darlene Eisenmenger, Dr. Bart and Helen Erikson, Stan and Betty Felker, Doug and Marilyn Forstrom, Scott and Carol Fuhrman, Pat and Mary Garry, Patrick and Mary Ann Getzin, Kristen, Gilbert and Lisa Grzegorzz, Ebe, Rod and Helen Hageman, Patricia Hardt, Health and Human Services, John and Janet Judd, Helen Mary Kasch, Bob and Connie Katzenberger, Mike and Kay Kimmel, Kenneth Klug, Bonnie Krah, Krahman Law Firm, Joe and Mary Beth Kurztn, John and Judi Lambers, Kathy Langer, Dennis and Barbara Lindell, Janette and Kent Logan, Brian and Beth Meyer, Betty Mohry, Mary Jo Molten, Steve and Virginia Drew, Paul and Diane Oddan, Valerie Omvig, Jeff and Donna Paris, Gregg and Kathryn Rasmussen, Byrd, becca Phillips, Chris, and Amy Pierce, Larry and Peg Peterson, Phillip, Nora and Owen Rickie, Virginia Riedesel, Ken and Marilyn Rusch, Dan and Mary Margaret Scattarella, Leon and Ardis Schleining, Ken and Joyce Schulte, Martha Schultz, Paul and Lynn Steinhaus, Norma and Paulson Skordahl, Dr. David and Randa Strom, Charles Sullivan, John and Mary Sullivan, Bryan and Mary Beth Sweet, Sally Trembley, Reid and Barbara Van Brunt, Michael and Kay Weckworth, Frank and Kate Winzenburg, Alice Wycklendh, Other Relatives and Friends.

DONALD MEYER: By Loren and Irene Kleven

STAN MOSLOSKI: By Vivian Denton, Loren and Irene Kleven

STASIA SWORODA: By Jim and Carol Bulfer

BARBARA WIMMER: By Darrell and Muriel Klein

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $602 in general contributions, given during January, 2020, by the following:

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If you’re fortunate, you’ll live independently and in good health throughout your retirement years. However, if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home, would you be financially prepared?

To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

• Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

• The average cost for a one- year nursing home is about $100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about $50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you felt you were truly financially prepared, you could “self-insure” against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you’ll likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save up to 20 years, or longer, to fund these expenses associated with retirement.

Long-term care insurance – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from your own pocket to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care premiums for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in.

You’ll want to shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you’ll want an insurer that has demonstrated financial stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here’s one thing to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you’re interested in this type of coverage, don’t wait too long to compare policies.

• Hybrid policy – A policy that combines life insurance with a long-term care/chronic illness rider. This type of policy combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you were to buy a hybrid policy and you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to the beneficiary you’ve named. Conversely, if you ever do need long-term care, your policy will pay benefits to help cover those expenses. And the amount of money available for long-term care can exceed the death benefit significantly. Hybrid policies can vary greatly, and so, again, you’ll need to do some research before deciding which one you should pursue.

Ultimately, you may decide you’re willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you feel you could benefit from having a hybrid policy and rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There’s no one right answer for everyone – but there’s almost certainly one for you.

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Marvelous forms

Guest Columnist
Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

A friend of mine had an idea. He visualized the MARVELOUS FORMS, the many windmills that are now a part of the landscape of our prairie. It was his vision that brought them into reality. I attended a community meeting wherein he explained his dream to his neighbors and those who were interested. He led the meeting with a confidence that we could all appreciate. He explained his idea and the others listened. He spoke with so much confidence that the people were motivated by his idea. He asked for questions at the end of the meeting. His confidence was reflected in his answers. He was able to answer the questions of even the most critical of those at the meeting. After he shared the idea it became a dream of many. The process began. The MARVELOUS FORMS became a reality this summer. Building them was divided into stages. Truck after truck hauled the gravel to fill the deep holes that had been dug. The gravel formed the base for the huge amount of cement and steel rods that were needed. The cement trucks began the huge task of hauling the loads of cement. The three huge cylinders for each tower were hauled to each site by a semi, one at a time. Each of the three great blades and the heavy transformer were delivered to the individual sites. The components of the MARVELOUS FORMS were ready. A dream was becoming a reality. A giant crane lifted the dream into place piece by piece. When one windmill was finished the crane moved to the next site. Its huge tracks moved the crane across the fields on a prepared path. We watched as it happened. One by one the MARVELOUS FORMS could be seen from a great distance. Visitors came to the community to witness his dream. All showed the same reaction. They marveled at the size and complexity of the MARVELOUS FORMS. They watched in anticipation. They waited for the day when they could see them turn in the prairie wind. The MARVELOUS FORMS were connected together with a series of underground cables. These would carry the electricity to the main transmission line. The miles of cable, buried deep within the ground, would be the unseen connector of power. The project was getting close to completion. The MARVELOUS FORMS were no longer a dream. They were started. The tall blades reached into the sky and caught the wind. They had been designed to make their dream come true. It happened! They began producing electricity. I took one of my grandchildren out to see them. I wanted him to understand the concept of how a dream can become a reality. We stood under one of the MARVELOUS FORMS. It was one of the sixty-even that dot the prairie in an organized manner. I explained how plans are being made to expand the windmill farm. We looked up along the side of its tall body to something wonderful. At its very top was the secret of the dream. Even though I knew better, it looked like a small box at the top of the tower. The blades turned its center, it produced electricity. The winds of the prairie were no longer being wasted. The three blades of the windmill turned with a hard-to-believe quietness. The blades adjusted to the winds by changing their pitch. They allowed the windmill to turn at the same speed, neither too fast nor too slow. The windmill was making electricity from a free source of power—the wind. This was the idea of one but the dream of many.

February is American Heart Month

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Be an American Heartsaver! Help save lives.
East Chain Activity Center received $223 from the Federated Rural Electric Trust Board. President Marlys Runge presented the check to Bob and Lori Calkins. The check is courtesy of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will go toward a stainless-steel table for concession stand and food prep.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $500 check to Rob Stauter from the Caregiver Response Effort & Service Team (CREST), Fairmont. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money goes toward 20 “Healthy Aging” handbooks for senior citizen classes.

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Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $279 check to MCW Indoor Pool, Sherburn. Dianne Armbrust accepted the check. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will buy two new rescue tubes and new regulation/rules signs.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $500 check to the Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont. Lenny Tvedten and Jim Marushin accepted the check. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will go toward replacing an old male and female mannequin to display military clothing.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $615 check to Di-anne Armbrust from MCW Preschool/ECFE. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money goes toward replacing old, outdated toys for free choice play.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $800 check to Autumn Welcome from MCW High School Science Dept. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will buy two new microscopes.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $265 check to the Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont. Lenny Tvedten and Jim Marushin accepted the check. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will go toward replacing an old male and female mannequin to display military clothing.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $850 check to Cindy Vesel from Fairmont High School Robotics. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will buy power tools used for building a robot for competition.

Federated Rural Electric Trust Board President Marlys Runge (right) presented a $500 check to Beth Clymer representing the Boy Scouts of America, Sherburn. Runge presented the check on behalf of Federated members participating in Operation Round Up. The money will go toward 10 cots for outdoor camping.
Is Market Timing a Smart Investment Strategy?

You may have heard that timing is everything. And in many walks of life, that may be true — but not necessarily when it comes to investing.

To understand why this is so, let’s look at three common mistakes investors make:

- **Selling investments and moving to cash when stocks are predicted to drop.** If you follow the financial news on cable TV or the internet, you’re eventually bound to discover some “experts” who are predicting imminent, huge drops in the stock market. And on rare occasions, they may be right — but they’re often not. And if you were to sell some of your stocks or stock-based investments based on a prediction and move the money to cash or a cash equivalent, you could miss out on future growth opportunities if the prediction was wrong. And the investments you sold still could have played a valuable part in your portfolio balance.

- **Selling underperforming assets in favor of strong performers.** As an investor, it can be tempting to unload one of those “hot” ones you read about that may have topped one list or another. Yet there’s no guarantee that investment will stay on top the next year, or even perform particularly well. Conversely, your own underperformers of today could be next year’s leaders.

- **Waiting for today’s risk uncertainty to disappear before investing.** Investing always involves risk and uncertainty. Instead of waiting for the perfect time to invest, you’re better off building a portfolio based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

All these mistakes are examples of a risky investment strategy. Trying to “time” the market. If you try to be a market timer, not only will you end up questioning your buy/ sell decisions, but you also might lose sight of why you bought certain investments in the first place. Specifically, you might own stocks or mutual funds because they are appropriate for your portfolio and your risk tolerance, and they can help you make progress toward your long-term financial goals. And these attributes don’t automatically disappear when the value of these stocks or funds has dropped, so you could end up selling investments that still could be doing you some good many years into the future.

While trying to time the market is a difficult investment strategy even for the professionals, it doesn’t mean you can never take advantage of falling prices. In fact, you can use periodic dips in the market to buy quality investments at more attractive prices. Suppose, for example, that you invested the same amount of money every month into the same investments. One month, your money could buy more shares when the price of the investment is down — meaning you’re automatically a savvy enough investor to take advantage of price drops. While your money will buy fewer shares when the price of the investment is up, your overall investment holdings will benefit from the increase in price.

Buying low and selling high sounds like a thrilling way to invest. But in the long run, you’re better off by following a consistent investment strategy and taking a long-term perspective. It’s time in the market, rather than timing the market, that keeps portfolio returns moving in the right direction over time.

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The Lake Belt Cemetery Association is accepting bids for 2020 mowing and spraying of the cemetery.

Please send bids to Lake Belt Cemetery Assn, % Joyce Schultz, 402 E Main St. Ceylon, MN 56121. Bids must be received by Noon on Thursday, February 13th, 2020.

Any questions, phone 507-230-0207.

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**MARTIN COUNTY NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS**

Election of Officers and Annual Meetings will be held on:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020. (In case of inclement weather, the meetings and Elections will be postponed to March 17, 2020.)

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5 TO 8 P.M.**

(Unless otherwise stated.)

The voters will elect:  
**ONE SUPERVISOR for a 3-year term**  
**ONE CLERK for a 2-year term**

(* certain townships may have different positions up for election and those notices will be posted separately*)

**TOWNSHIP** | **LOCATION** | **MEETING TIME**
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Cedar | Cedar Town Hall | 8:01 PM
Creek | Deer Creek Town Hall | 8:01 PM
East Chain | East Chain Activity Center/Old School | 8:00 PM
Eilm Creek | Trinton Fire Hall | 4:00 PM
Fairmont* | Fairmont Elementary School Cafeteria | 8:01 PM
Fox Lake | Fox Lake Township Hall | 4:08 PM
Fraser | Welcome City Hall | 8:01 PM
Galena | Galena Township Hall/Grader Shed | 8:01 PM
Jay | Regional Worship Center | 4:00 PM
Lake Belt* | Lake Belt Grader Shed/Town Hall | 4:00 PM
Lake Fremont | Lake Fremont Grader Shed | 4:00 PM
Manyaska* | Fox Lake Township Hall | 8:15 PM
Nashville | Nashville Township Hall | 4:00 PM
Pleasant Prairie | Township Hall/Municipal Building (Election 4-8) | 3:00 PM
Rolling Green | Rolling Green Township | 8:06 PM
Rutland | Rutland Township Hall | 8:15 PM
Silver Lake | Boy Scout Camp/Iowa Lake MCI Hwy 4 | 4:00 PM
Tenhausen* | Tenhausen Township Hall | 4:00 PM
Waverly | Waverly Township Hall | 4:00 PM
Westford | Westford Grader Shed | 4:00 PM

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**PERSONAL REP DEED**

Estate of Elaine Ficken, Paul D. Ficken, Darrel Ficken  
Personal Rep to James M. Ebeling Trust, James M. Ebeling Trust, PT UND ½ INT in S½ and PT UND ½ INT in NE¼, PT UND ½ INT in SE¼, 32-103-32

**D DEED**

Home Point Financial Corporation to Sandra Frederickson, Lot 2, Block 2, Smiths Additon

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**Ask A Trooper: Snow on vehicles**

**By Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol**

Question: I see many vehicles driving down the road with ice and snow coming off of them. What is the law about clearing ice and snow from your vehicle prior to driving?

Answer: The law states that no vehicle shall be moved on a roadway, unless the load is secured to prevent any leaking, blowing, shifting, or falling of debris, ice or snow that may fall from a vehicle could be considered an unsecured load.

Drivers should always take the time to remove all snow and ice from the vehicle so it does not become a hazard on the roadway. It is also important to always clear all frost, snow and ice from all windows so vision is not obstructed. Drivers should be aware of civil liability they fail to take reasonable steps to remove snow and ice that result in property damage or injuries from a crash.

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Jeff's Jottings:

**What is it?**

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP

No. 18 is given to the qualified voters of Rutland Township, Martin County MN. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Rutland Town Hall, 1448 St. Hwy 15. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 years 
(1) CLERK/TREASURER - 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet following the election to certify the official election results. The meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. to conduct any business prescribed by law. Published by order of the Township Board.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Roxane Wedel, Clerk

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Alix, Chamberlain is a woman who gets what she wants and has made a living showing other women how to do the same. She is shocked when her babysitter, Emira Tucker, is confronted, while watching the Chamberlains’ toddler one night, walking the aisles of their local high-end supermarket. The store’s security guard, seeing a young black woman out late with a white child, accuses Emira of kidnapping two-year-old small crowd gatherings, a bystander films everything, and Emira is furious and humiliated. Alix resolves to help. At about twelve, she is about to lose her health insurance and has no idea what to do with her life. When the video of Emira unearths someone from Alix’s past, both women find themselves on a crash course that will update everything they think they know about themselves, and each other.

One of Us Is Next by Karen McMasn
In the sequel to One of Us Is Lying, a ton of copycat gossip apps have appeared since Simon died. But in the year since the Bayview Four were cleared in his shocking death, no one seems to be able to keep his legacy alive, with a whole new set of rules.

Financial management strategies for 2020

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst; VP, MinnStar Bank

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Projected profit margins for crop production in 2020 are likely to be at or below “break-even levels” for many farmers. Costs for some crop inputs, such as fertilizer and fuel, have increased slightly in the past couple of years, while crop revenues for many producers have remained relatively flat. This trend that is also likely to continue will have an impact on how farms can become more profitable.

First, it is important to look for “profit margins” in the livestock sector improved somewhat in late in 2019, but were lower during these highly uncertain times. Some high-risk” financial businesses that are in a “higher-risk” financial position.

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The City may assess the cost of removal to abutting lots or record cost of such removal.

Public Nuisance.

Snow and ice remaining on the sidewalk after 24 hours is a snowfall.

Sidewalks are for everyone’s safety. Please do your part and help keep them clean.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

January 21, 2020, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the hire of Madison Geerdes as part time Administrative Highway Maintenance Specialist position. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve new Park Caretaker/Highway Maintenance Specialist job description through January 31, 2021; and reflects a per hour wage rate increase from $9.65 per hour to $10.00 per hour. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize the posting of the new Canovas Highway Maintenance Specialist position. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve an amendment to Ordinance 2019-01 of the City of Fairmont, Kansas, to extend the public hearing, the City Council of the City of Fairmont approved Ordinance 2013-03 of the City of Fairmont relating to the public utility wastewater rates.

The complete copy of the ordinance may be viewed on the City of Fairmont’s website or at the City Clerk’s office.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the Prosecution Contract as proposed with the City of Dunnell for the required annual real estate loan principal and interest payments, along with vertical extraction into the annual cash flow planning for the farm business.

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Fairmont Squirt B Hockey

The Class AA #3-ranked Martin County Red Bulls won the Valley Conference Tournament last Tuesday. The Red Bulls dominated the tournament with wins over Melodila/Truman/Martin Luther 72-0, St. Clair/Loyola 72-0, and Litchfield. The Red Bulls also claimed the Big South Conference Title with a 2-1 win over Class AA #8-ranked Marshall last Thursday. The Red Bulls (15-2) compete at the state tournament 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Sherburn with the finals Saturday noon at Marshall.


Red Bulls Win Conference Championships

LAMP LIGHTER - Cardinals Carson Kuhl scored the lone goal in the Cards 4-1 loss to Waseca. The Cards (5-19) await the section seedings for who and where they will start the playoffs. Courtesy.fairmontsports.com

HOKEY MOM - Carson Kuhl and mother Lisa celebrate their winning the Senior Night Family Shoot-out held after the Cards win over La Crescent. Courtesy.fairmontsports.com

BLOCKING PUCK - Eli Anderson deflects the puck over Card goalie Tyson Geerdes. Anderson recorded his 49th, 50th and 51st career point Saturday in the Cards 5-2 win vs La Crescent-Hokah. Card defensemen Carter Olson scored his first varsity goal with an empty netter at the buzzer. Courtesy.fairmontsports.com

PLAYOFF UPSET - The Section 3A #7-seeded Cardinals girls hockey team and senior Joni Becker upended the #3-seeded Mankato West 2-0 last Thursday. Becker and Alexis Nevile had the Card goals. The Cards lost to the #3-seeded Mankato West 5-0 Saturday. The Cards finished their season with an 8-16-2 record. Courtesy.fairmontsports.com

A rarity anymore

I have a close personal friend named Robert Smith. His three sons have inherited his love. They are fishermen with the ability to seek out and catch fish in their own way. Most fishermen fish the lakes of Minnesota, which they sometimes do, but it seems to me that these fishermen prefer the river. The river in which they fish runs through the community of their youth. They all learned to fish the river. The father, three sons and uncle considered the river a special place. The river was more than a place to fish. It was a place of extreme importance. It was a place of solitude and serenity.

Each place could entrance back in time, back into the rich history of the area, a time when the Sioux Indians wandered the land, fished this same river and camped on its banks. Such places are A RARITY ANYMORE. All of the three brothers have grown, but the memories remain.

One of the brothers wanted to share such a place with his son. The grandfather, son and grandson returned to the old fishing location with its strips of open water and sandbars. They wanted to teach the grandson about the challenge of catching a large fish, which they knew the river held. They wanted to watch the grandson’s joy of “catching a big one”.

The grandfather, a long-time friend of mine, wanted to show me this “place on the river”. A 94-year-old man owns it. The grandfather and the owner of the land have become friends over the years. He wanted me to “feel the friendship” by visiting the elderly retired farmer. He knew that I would be interested in getting to know such a person. They are A RARITY ANYMORE.

He was in his shop when we arrived. We could hear the uneven sound of an antique stationary gasoline engine coming from the shop. I remembered such engines from my youth. Even though they were small by today’s standards, the small gasoline engines powered the fan mill, pump jack on the well, buzz saw for cutting wood, feed grinders, and provided the power for various other duties. They were the power of the farm before electricity arrived on the farms of Southern Minnesota. The 94-year-old farmer smiled when he realized that I recognized the quality of the restored engine. It was then that the real tour began. He was anxious to show me his Model “A” Ford car, over twenty other stationary engines, wagons, sleds and cutters which he made. He took great pride in telling us about the many parades that he had driven in. The tour included his showing us his beloved shop, which was heated with wood, to see the tools that had provided him with such “hands of skill”. They had made it all possible. The tools sat idle as we talked. It was like they were listening.

Our visit ended with their sitting on his outside porch visiting. This is A RARITY ANYMORE. How many of us take the time to visit? The fast-paced world has taken this from us. How many young people know what It means to visit? The visit took me back to the time when neighbors would come over to our farm in the evening “just to visit”. It was during these quiet times that people bonded in friendship. You knew them as “true neighbors - not just the people who live near you.”

I left the farm with a feeling of “time well spent” I had recaptured a few moments of time, as my father knew it. Knowing another person in such a way produced a fulfillment, which I still feel. It is A RARITY ANYMORE!

This essay was written about Robert Smith, a true man of the land, and the owner of the river land, which has provided three generations of Peterson happiness that is a rarity anymore.
2020 crop insurance decisions

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During the next few weeks, many farmers will be finalizing their crop insurance decisions for the 2020 crop year. The August 16th deadline for crop production this year remain very tight, which makes the 2020 crop insurance decisions even more critical. Producers have several crop insurance policy options to choose from, including yield protection (YP) policies, revenue protection (RP) and RPE policies, supplemental crop option (SCO), and other insurance policy options. There are also decisions with using "enterprise units" versus "optional units", as well as decisions on the use of "trend adjusted" APH yields.

Yield Protection (YP) insurance policy options provide for "yield only" insurance, based on historic actual production history (APH) yields on a given farm unit. YP prices are based on average Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of September. The final base price is calculated by the average CBOT prices for December corn futures and November soybean futures during the month of February. The YP guarantee is based on yield history and the average CBOT prices.

Revenue Protection (RP) and revenue protection with harvest price exclusion (RP+HPE) are trend adjusted plans. These options provide a guaranteed minimum dollars of gross revenue per acre (yiel x price). The base price for these insurance policies are trend adjusted, based on the average CBOT prices for the previous year, and a trend factor is applied. The trend factor is based on the percent decrease or increase in the CBOT corn and soybean futures prices between the previous year and 2020.

Producers purchase YP insurance coverage and RPE insurance coverage for "full" insurance coverage, as opposed to just a "10%" option. Both types of insurance policies are trend adjusted plans. These policies provide for full insurance coverage even in years where yields are very low. The YP and RPE policies are trend adjusted, which means that the base price and the guarantee are both adjusted for inflation.

While the quality of care continues to improve, many farm operators to discuss their crop insurance decisions, in order to save a few dollars per acre. The agriculture community needs to be confident and eager to find new ways to support the best patient experience.

New Providers in MCHC Emergency Department

The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) has hired two Nurse Practitioners (NP) to work in the Emergency Department, alongside the Emergency Department Medical Director, Dr. Michael B. Nelson. Karla Boettcher is a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner in Family Medicine, and Elizabeth Holquist is Board Certified in Nursing Leadership/Business Administration from the University of North Dakota, and has a graduate degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Elizabeth Holquist is a Family Nurse Practitioner in Family Medicine at St. Cloud, MN, and has a graduate degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

SMMPA plans to be 80% carbon-free in 2030

Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) today announced its plan to reshape its generation portfolio through the replacement of the Sherco 3 coal-fired power plant and replace it primarily with wind and solar generation.

The plan would result in a 90% reduction in CO2 emissions from 2005 levels and 80% carbon-free energy on an annual basis. SMMPA has a unique opportunity to reimage SMMPA and are excited to take the Agency in new directions said David Geschwind, Executive Director and CEO. SMMPA is taking our commitment to sustain a new level to a higher level with maintaining our legacy of reliability and affordability.

SMMPA currently owns 41% of the 900-megawatt Sherco 3 coal-fired generating unit located in Becker, Minnesota. Sherco 3 is the Agency’s majority owner. Xcel Energy, announced plans to retire the Sherco 3 coal-fired plant in 2030. SMMPA expects all its current generation resources to be retired off line in 2027.

The plan would be a significant step in reducing carbon emissions in the Midwest. SMMPA has already retired several units, including the 350-megawatt Sherco 2 coal-fired power plant in 2019. SMMPA has also retired the 275-megawatt Sherco 1 coal-fired power plant in 2018.

The new generating resources will come from new renewable resources, including wind and solar generation. SMMPA expects to achieve 80% carbon-free generation by 2030. The remaining 20% will come from new fossil fuel generation.

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