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Marriage License Applications

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There's a very special lady who doesn't appreciate winter with its cold and snow, so let's "Blizzard" her with cards for her birthday on February 20th. Send to **Audrey (Ruby) Obbink**, 506 Colombian Blvd, Armstrong, IA 50514.



ANDERS 75TH - Gerald and June Anders of Fairmont will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary Tuesday, February 27th. They were married February 27th, 1943. Cards will reach them at 2811 Roland Avenue, Apt 205, Fairmont, MN 56031.



NELSON 50TH - A 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Stan and Sandi Nelson of Sherburn will be held Saturday, February 24th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 212 N. Prairie Street, Sherburn. No gifts please.



Baby Buzz

Corynn Mae Beitlich, daughter of Brandon and Ciara Beitlich of North Mankato, was born Thursday, December 21st, 2017, 2:28 p.m. at Mayo Health System in Mankato. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 20¼ inches long.

Grandparents are Kip and Lynn Jessen of Fairmont and Chuck and Peg Beitlich of New Ulm. Great grandparents are Jean Jessen of Armstrong, Iowa and Dale and Sharon Rasmussen of Fairmont.

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Jesse and Kelsey Murphy of Welcome announce the birth of their daughter, Myla Mae Murphy, born February 5th, 2018 at 2:11 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is welcomed by Lydia, who is 6, and Henry, who is 3. Grandparents are Pat and Prudie Murphy, and Dorie and the late Robert Schwieger all of Fairmont. Great grandfather is Howard Dunn of Lakefield.

Family Fun Fair exhibitor registration begins

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation and Early Childhood Family Education are organizing the 33rd Annual Family Fun Fair. The Fair will be held on Friday, April 6th, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Fairmont Elementary School.

The purpose of the Family Fun Fair is to assemble local agencies which are advocates of families with young children. The Fair will give the public an opportunity to see the numerous educational, economic, health and support services available to families in this area. Exhibitors provide an exciting variety of hands-on activities for young children.

ACME Magic Factory and Remarkable Reptiles will be featured attractions of this year's Family Fun

Fair. Family Entertainer Brian Richards will present two interactive performances of his ACME Magic Factory featuring magic, humor and fun for children and families of all ages. Remarkable Reptiles will bring several living reptiles (all harmless) including a friendly boa constrictor and assorted artifacts. The Fairmont Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Board will sponsor the food service fund-raiser and assist with set up and clean up.

Groups interested in being exhibitors at the Fair are invited to contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office (507-235-3141) or Early Childhood Family Education (507-235-6205) for more information.

St. John Vianney youth healthy food choices

St. John Vianney Catholic preschool students learned all about making healthy food choices last week from Carol Koskovich, Clinical Dietician at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.



The preschoolers learned how many suckers are equivalent to the amount of sugar in a

bottle of Coke, Mt. Dew, Gatorade and Sunny D juice.

Did you know a bottle of Coke is equal to 12 suckers?

The preschoolers learned how much fun it is to drink fruit infused water instead of these sugary drinks!

(Submitted photos)



Fairmont UMC youth fundraiser Sunday

Fairmont United Methodist Church Youth will have a Winter Wonderland Themed dinner as a fundraiser Sunday, February 18th from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

A dessert auction will follow the meal. The meal will include: pork loin, hash brown casserole, green beans, bread stick,

jello salad and beverage. Carry outs available.

All proceeds support the youth program, fun activities, trips and youth mission trips.

Pre-sale tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. They are available at the church. Tickets at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Pomeranke receives Leaders Circle status

Atlas Insurance Brokers announced that Tyler Pomeranke of Pomeranke Insurance has achieved Leaders Circle status in 2017. Leaders Circle honors top agencies for their hard work in 2017.

Atlas Insurance President Vance Prigge stated, "Tyler is a strong partner committed to providing top-tier service and expertise to clients. It's been a pleasure to see their business grow and thrive."



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FOUR GENERATIONS (Left to right) Aiden Michael Maurer with his great grandmother, Mildred Miller of Welcome. Aiden is held by his mother, Melissa Miller. Aiden's father is Michael Maurer, right front. Aiden's grandparents are Connie and Randy Miller of Fairmont (top row).

Prairieland Antique Tractor Association will hold their monthly meeting at McDonalds in Fairmont on Thursday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

The Fairmont Trails Committee will meet Thursday, February 15th, 4:30 p.m. at the CER Office in the Fairmont Elementary School building. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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Sommer Outdoors for helping with the
weigh-in.

The contest was a success, because of the above
businesses. The maximum of 150 fishermen were
signed up, with a waiting line of 20 or more. Watch for
our next fishing contest the week after the spring
fishing opener. Follow the Fairmont Lakes
Foundation on Facebook.



fairmontlakesfoundation.com



Quilters to meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will meet this Monday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell.

The Navajo Code Talkers Quilt along is continuing work on the project - just a month or two left until assembly of the blocks into a quilt starts. Signup for the Faribault County Mini-quilt Challenge will continue. These projects are to be completed for the EXPO in August.

Julie Post will collect blocks for the Granny Square Block Lotto and draw for a winner. This was postponed from the January meeting. Trash-to-Cash is planned for the April meeting. Brainstorming for the Faribault County Fair (July 25th-28th, 2018) and 35th Annual Upper Midwest Woodcarvers and Quilt

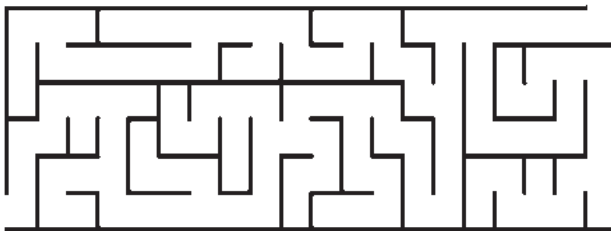
EXPO (August 10th-12th, 2018) will take place.

Linda Bakken will tell about the new Woolies group, as well as present a short demonstration on how to add woolwork to your quilting. As always, there will be time for questions and answers.

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 quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. Those who are interested may stay after the meeting for the Block-of-the-Month project.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. For more information contact Mike Ellingsen at 507-526-5808.

Kids' Maze



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singers and songwriters Shawn Fisher and Jordyn Jackson. To describe their sound, they have coined the term "Harmonic Alternative Folk." Anchored by Fisher's unique guitar playing, Flagship Romance compositions are centered around and feature the couple's unclassifiable vocal blend.

Advance tickets are available at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or the online box office at www.red-rockcenter.org

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$2 more. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Toastmasters of Fairmont Speaker Series starts Monday, February 19th with Fairmont Mayor Deb Foster. The public is welcome to join us from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center, 610 Summit Drive. Go to www.facebook.com/fairmonttoastmasters for more details.

The Truman Lion's Club **Burger Bash** will be held at Truman Community Building on Saturday February 17th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes burgers, beans, chips, condiments and beverage.

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Martin County's Poor Farm

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

What was Martin County's "Poor Farm?" While reviewing its history in newspaper accounts, it was especially interesting to see both the evolution of the facility as well as the colorful language reminiscent of the time used to describe the events and individuals associated with the "Poor Farm."

The April 7th, 1914, Martin County Sentinel stated the following: "County To Have Home For Poor." The county commissioners of that era planned for a building to be erected about three miles north of Fairmont to accommodate the less fortunate. It would be a modern building for its time, consisting of a basement, a 30 square foot cistern, and a coal room. There would also be twelve rooms on



Poor Farm - front view.

the second floor. The first inhabitants of the facility, referred to as "inmates," moved in November 24th, 1915.

As time passed, the cost of the "Poor Farm" became a concern for the citizens of the county due to the expenses associated with its operation. In 1926, the county paid the cost of tobacco for the inmates, which amounted to \$22.75 for a fourteen month period. A 1928 newspaper article stated that the facility cost the county \$4,776.00 the previous year. The breakdown of expenses shows that the "Poor Farm" costs were as follows: maintenance of the property was \$4,828; the keeper's salary was \$1,750.00; interest on the investment was \$2,000.00; therefore, the total expenses were \$8,578.00. Subtracting the \$3,802.00 income determined the county's cost to be \$4,776.00. The article further states that "the figures were without error because they were pronounced correct by county officials." Apparently the calculations of public officials were less likely to be scrutinized at that time in our history.

By 1937, the county decided to abolish the "Poor Farm." The farm, consisting of 116 acres, was rented and a tenant occupied the house. However, part of the house could still be used to house poor people from the city who asked the county for living quarters. Some reasons cited for its abolishment were that "old age pensions" and other kinds of "poor aid" would take care of the current inmates. Newspaper accounts stated that the twelve inmates of the farm were properly provided for by the commissioners. The six persons over 65 would be given pensions, several more had been placed "here and there" by the commissioners, and two of the young-

er inmates were asked to "shift for themselves" by working on farms or finding jobs in the city.

The next phase in the continuing evolution of the "Poor Farm" was in 1938, when it was being considered as a girls' school for the NYA, National Youth Administration. The current theory of the time was that it would provide an opportunity for training in household arts, health education, social and economic problems, recreation, and individual counseling for girls from eight counties in this part of the state. It was set to open on January 15, 1939, with the commissioners agreeing to accept rent of \$35.00 monthly. Selection of applicants was limited to girls eligible for NYA employment, in good health, able to profit from an educational program, able to adjust to group living, and who presented no unusual problems of mental or physical health. The enrollment was limited to thirty.

The school seemed to progress fairly successfully with the girls learning washing, sewing, ironing, mending, and repair work around the house. The girls were ready for temporary placement in homes and businesses by May 15th of 1939. Their work week would consist of a maximum of ten hours, and they were to be paid no less than twenty cents per hour.

In October of 1941, the NYA School that had been in operation for less than two years was closed. The reasons cited were that it must be sacrificed for government military defense measures and that it was not a profitable venture. The Martin County School had twenty-five girls, and it was said by officials of the time that 70 were needed to make it a profitable project.

The building then became empty and a posed concern for the citizens of the county. One suggestion at that time was that it might be a good site for evacuees in the event large cities on either coast were bombed during WWII. Eventually, in 1943, it would become chartered as a "Youth Hostel" and would operate from May through October.

In 1949, the "Poor Farm" became the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, a home devoted exclusively to the care of the elderly. When remodeling was completed, the facility held 28 persons. Mother Lucia was the manager of the home and she was assisted by four Catholic Sisters. A new addition was added in 1956. In 1971, after twenty-two years, the St. Joseph Home closed its doors. The "Poor Farm" was once again empty.

In 1973, the evolution of the "Poor Farm" completed its next stage and became the Chain of Lakes Halfway House. The first director was V. H. "Rocky" Baum and it served mainly residents of Martin, Jackson, and Faribault counties.

The final chapter in the ever changing landscape of the "Poor Farm" was in 2004, when the Chain of Lakes Halfway House went out of existence. The site of the original "Poor Farm" was in operation for nearly 100 years in a variety of capacities. It changed frequently over the course of time to meet the changing needs of the residents of Martin County and of the surrounding area.



Poor Farm - rear view.

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

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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

A Reminder of Hope

Hope is often the first casualty in our crisis-hyped, media-filled world. Every day, news floods us about all the conflicts and divisions erupting. In the face of all these conflicts, we are tempted to give up on hope and retreat to some false place of individual isolation. And we are tempted to think that no other generation has encountered such shocks to their sense of hope and self-confidence.

But we have an inspirational example from the past, and we are reminded of this example during the month of February, when we commemorate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Lincoln is perhaps the most celebrated of America's heroic and brilliant leaders. But his life was

entire presidency was absorbed with the worst war of America's history. Daily reports of human carnage barraged his desk in the White House. The first battle of the Civil War saw his Union troops retreat in a panic. Until late in the war, he couldn't find a general who could beat the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee. In the presidential election of 1864, Lincoln was even challenged by one of his former generals.

Lincoln also suffered from personal sorrows. In the midst of all the defeats and setbacks of the war, Lincoln lost his beloved son Willie to a premature death from fever in 1862. His wife drifted into indifference and depression, and Lincoln personally suffered from what was then known as melancholy.

Abraham Lincoln had countless reasons for giving up hope. But he refused to do that. He led the nation through its most threatening crisis. Despite his own troubles, he cared deeply for the wellbeing of

his soldiers. Many a night he spent sitting at the telegraph office, anxiously awaiting news of the current battle, and he walked often to the military hospitals to visit the injured soldiers.

Lincoln endured so triumphantly through his own struggles and setbacks that he gave the nation its most famous and inspirational of all political speeches, the Gettysburg Address.

But Abraham Lincoln's lessons to us do not end with his speeches, they live on through the example he gave us. Over the course of

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VARIOUS CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

MOWING PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals for mowing various City owned properties, and other properties as directed by the City. A nuisance property list between 5 and 35 lots of various sizes and conditions will be provided to the contractor throughout the year. These properties will be in varying conditions and grass will be in excess of 6 inches in height in violation of the City's nuisance ordinance. The City will arrange a schedule for continued care on these properties if required.

PROPOSALS SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

City owned properties to be mowed the entire growing season are listed here:
1446 Larson Lane
1330 North Avenue N
509 East Sixth Street
614 North Orient

- Nuisance properties shall be mowed the first time within 48 hours of a call from City Staff.
- Properties must be mowed and all hard surfaces cleaned of grass clippings.
- Grass must be mowed to a height of 3 inches.
- All structures, posts, outbuildings, sidewalks, and driveways to be trimmed.
- Proposals shall be based on cost per individual property for each mowing operation. Note: lots will vary in size.
- Proposals must include a certificate of liability insurance.
- Proposals must include a list of equipment that will be used for the completion of the work.
- If employees are used a certificate of workers compensation insurance shall accompany the proposal.

City Properties Excluded from this request are Southern Minnesota Education Campus, Burton Lane, Poetters Circle Townhouses and Fairmont Business Development Center.

Proposals will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on February 23, 2018.

Proposals will be review by City Staff and awarded by March 15, 2018.

For questions or concerns contact:
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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Happy Valentine's Day!

I thought today's recipe would be perfect to make for Valentine's day but I should have submitted it last week. If you get the Photo Press early in the afternoon, it's fast and easy so maybe you could whip it up for dinner. It would be good anytime, file it away for next Valentine's day! My friend Faye Miller served this one time when I was a guest in her home. Her daughter Sheri made it for us. She used a gluten free cake mix as she is on a gluten free diet. It was delicious, but a regular cake mix would be equally good. Sheri did say that if you want it to be gluten free use pure vanilla. Years ago I made a from scratch Red Velvet cake. This is just as good and much faster to mix up. I hope that you enjoy it too.

Red Velvet Cake

1 regular size yellow cake mix
1 pkg. (3 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
2 Tbsp. of unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup water
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)
3 large eggs
1 Tbsp. vanilla
3 1/4 tsp. red food coloring

Put all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix according to cake mix directions. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan, cupcake pan or 2 layer cake pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees. 18-20 minutes for cupcakes, 25 minutes for 9x13 inch pan or until a tooth pick comes out clean.

Frosting:


1 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
1/2 stick butter, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Beat together cream cheese and butter, add vanilla, the beat in sugar until fluffy, frost cooled cake.


Have a great Valentine's day and stay warm!


Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Area College Student News

MSU, Mankato releases fall honor rolls

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced.

Among 3,235 students, a total of 764 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,471 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

Ceylon
Zachary Bremer, Senior, High Honor List, Automotive Engineering Technology

Dunnell
Jennifer Petersen, Senior, Honor List, Art Teaching

Fairmont
Ashten Atzenhoefer, Senior, Honor List, Nursing
Micah De Boer, Junior, Honor List, Law Enforcement
Nicholas Frisch, Junior, Honor List, English: Creative Writing
Styles Johnson, Senior, Honor List, Computer Engineering Technology
Dayton Meacham, Senior, Honor List, Marketing
Cameron Militello, Sophomore, Honor List, Biol: Biomedical Sciences
Rylie Scheff, Senior, Honor List, Alcohol & Drug Studies
Sierra Schultz, Senior, Honor List, Finance

Kersten Shantz, Senior, Honor List, Nursing
Aleythia Slaughter, Junior, Honor List, Spanish Teaching
Dustin Slaughter, Senior, Honor List, Elementary Education
Kane Tews, Freshman, Honor List, History
Zachary Vicenti, Junior, Honor List, Computer Information Technology
Melissa Viesselman, Senior, Honor List, Nursing

Northrop
Noah Johnson, Senior, Honor List, Computer Engineering

Trimont
Alisa Russenberger, Junior, Honor List, Art Teaching

Welcome
Cara Behrends, Sophomore, Honor List, Nursing
Emily Schultz, Freshman, Honor List, Interdisciplinary Studies

Christian Cleberg of Alpha has been named to the Deans' List/Explore Center List of Distinguished Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year. Cleberg, a junior business administration and accounting major, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Business.

Martin County Library events

Did you know the Martin County Library has three library branches? Located in Sherburn, Trimont and Truman, each branch has many things to offer its residents. Branches are open in the afternoons and have books, movies, audiobooks and more for checkout. They also checkout mobile wireless hotspots (take the wi-fi with you!) and also family backpacks, with themed activities that you can take on the go! For use within the library, they also have: Play and learn kits, with themed activities that rotate each month and iPads with early literacy games. Each branch also has public computers with Internet access and word processing and printers too. Wireless Internet access is also provided, so connect with your tablet, smartphone or laptop while visiting! And last but not least, all branches have material delivery: Request books, movies, music, kits and more from other libraries and have items delivered to your branch library. Deliveries occur multiple times per week! If you haven't had the chance, checkout your local branch library today!!

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 1993

King Logan Christensen and Queen Sarah Johnson were crowned at the Fair Malls Beautiful Baby Contest. Logan, 7½ months was the son of Sherri and Craig Christensen and Sarah, 10½ months, was the daughter of Kris and Stan Johnson.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 1968

Central Telephone Co. which maintained its district office in Fairmont, announced a \$2.3 million construction budget for its six districts in Minnesota during 1968. A. E. Lindekugel, vice president and division manager, said the 1968 expenditure is \$372,000 larger than that of the previous year. A total of \$413,600 was allocated for the Fairmont-Sherburn district, which included Ceylon, East Chain, Fairmont, Lewisville, Northrop, Sherburn, Trimont, Truman and Welcome.

Seeding of five teams who would skip the District 5 sub-district tournaments included Wells, Sherburn, Fairmont, Blue Earth and Kiester.

Amber C. Lintelman of Fairmont was chosen as an Outstanding Young Adult by the Minnesota Women of Today. Lintelman had been active in community events and made many contributions to the welfare of the community.


Harmony Junction Barbershop Chorus presented "What's Up Doc?," featuring The Salty Dogs, RFD Special Delivery, Full Cord Express and State of The Art.

The Northrop Legion and Auxiliars Poker Run had stops at Channel Inn, Imogene Inn, Granada Legion, Truman Legion, Northrop Lounge, Northrop Legion and MT's Truman.

Dave Vogel, Executive Director of the Fairmont

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

BLACK CAT PARADE - Superstition, fact or coincidence? Approx 1/4th of the cats currently at the MCHS are black! There are people that due to old superstitions won't adopt a black cat. There is a belief among animal shelter people that black animals are slower to get adopted. Is it one of these reasons or is it just coincidence that out of all the colors possible among cats there just happen to be a lot of black cats at the shelter right now. We don't know, but what we do know is that they all need homes.

SABLE is the wild child of the group. He's a little over half grown and very playful. If you get too close to his cage, he will reach out and try to pull you in to play.

MAMA is probably the oldest of the group. She isn't a senior, but is a more settled and calmer middle-aged girl.

SHADOW is the most timid of the group. He likes to hide under his blankets where it is nice and warm. He will come out for attention, but likes his security blanket.

ERIN & EVIE are the youngest of the group. These sisters are about 3-4 mo. old.

ONYX is the "just so" guy of the group. He isn't shy, but he isn't demanding. He is playful but also cuddly. Onyx isn't a kitten, but not yet middle-aged. He is an easy-going, well balanced guy.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

ANDY is a friendly lab and shepherd mix. He is just under a year old and has the coloring of a darker yellow lab. He loves people and play time.

ANNIE is Andy's sister, but looks much different than Andy. She has markings that are similar to a black and tan shepherd. Annie had an injury to her tail and the last third or so was amputated. She is playful and good with people.

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his four and a half years as president, he almost single-handedly kept the United States of America united as a nation. So when we celebrate his

birthday in 2018, we really celebrate the lessons of hope he provided us more than one hundred fifty years ago.

Michael G. Garry
Fairmont

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Dollars for Scholars dinner

For the first time in Fairmont Dollars for Scholars history (that any of us on the board can recall, anyway), we had to postpone our fundraising dinner due to inclement weather. "Inclement" seems so tame to describe our 16-inch snowfall! Yet, despite the one-week delay, we had such a great turnout on a clear but cold night

for our chicken dinner fundraiser on January 29.

Thank you to the community for your continued support of our organization and our students! Thank you also to: the 31 Fairmont seniors who helped serve the meal; Pizza Ranch's Lisa DeBoer and Lori Stubbe for the great food and smooth set-up for our service; the

Knights of Columbus for hosting and specifically to Jack Newville and Ray Rosa; First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Fairmont Sentinel, Fairmont Photo Press, KFMC/KSUM and area churches for helping publicize the event; and Thrivent for additional financial support.

Thank you also to our anonymous donor who

covered the meal for the students serving, and to the board for helping make the evening run smoothly and their involvement throughout the year in helping provide financial support for area students pursuing post-high school studies.

Liz Wheeler
Fairmont Dollars for
Scholars
executive secretary

Local healthcare stories

Here are three health care related stories from people who live in Fairmont.

Recently one friend's physician gave him a month's supply of Invo kana to try (a type of dia-

betes medication). When he went to get the next month's prescription, his copay cost was ... 180 dollars.

The next story is also about a person with diabetes. He usually pur-

chased (and needs) a three month's quantity of the drugs Humalog and Lantus. His cost: two hundred dollars. Overnight the copay cost doubled to ... 400 dollars.

Finally, a friend went to an appointment at the Mayo Clinic for serious digestive issues. The doctor prescribed Anucort HC. His insurance refused to cover the cost of the medicine. My friend paid ... 300 dollars.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL MINNESOTA (HCAMN) is a state wide grass roots organization that has one goal: to stop the cruel and senseless financial burdens placed on people daily by the cur-

rent health care system as exemplified in these stories. HCAMN members work to support legislation that will put people over company profits. No insurance company will dictate arbitrary price increases. HCAMN supports universal health care coverage for everyone with no "copays" and no "deductibles." Monthly meetings of the Martin County Chapter of HCAMN are held at the local library on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm.

Next meeting: March 5th.

Peter Engstrom
Fairmont

Ask A Trooper: Breath test refusal



by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: If the results of a PBT reading cannot be used against a DWI suspect in court, why is a suspect charged with refusing PBT if that's what they choose?

Answer: Under state law, a preliminary breath test (PBT) is authorized when a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that a person has violated DWI laws. There are certain situations where the PBT can and will be used for charging certain offenses. You can refuse

field sobriety tests and the PBT, but if the officer has reason to believe that you are impaired, you can and will be arrested.

According to the law, the PBT test results cannot be used in any court action except the following:

(1) To prove that a test was properly required of a person;

(2) In a civil action arising out of the operation or use of the motor vehicle;

(3) In an action for license reinstatement;

(4) In a prosecution for

a violation of driving while impaired; test refusal;

(5) In a prosecution or juvenile court proceeding concerning a violation of section underage drinking and driving, or underage alcohol consumption;

(6) In a prosecution for an alcohol-related school or Head Start bus driving, limited license; or

(7) In a prosecution for a violation of a restriction on a driver's license, which provides that the license holder may not use or consume any amount of alcohol or a controlled substance

In addition to the PBT, law enforcement officers are trained to look for clues of impairment by indicators such as driving

conduct, slurred speech, bloodshot/watery eyes, odors and other types of evidence. The officer will have the driver perform a series of standardized field sobriety tests such as a walk and turn, one-leg stand and checking the eyes for indicators.

The best situation for a driver and for the safety of others on the road is to commit to a sober ride.

•Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab or public transportation, or stay at the location of the celebration.

•Speak up — offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere. If you see an impaired person about to

get behind the wheel, get them a safe ride home.

•Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.

•Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Chris-

tianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)



New Tax Deduction

by Jerome Gerdt, Gerdt CPA, Ltd.

A significant new tax deduction is taking effect in 2018 under the new tax law, called the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Act).

This deduction should provide a substantial tax benefit to individuals with "qualified business income" from a partnership, S corporation, LLC or sole proprietorship. This income is sometimes referred to as "pass-through" income.

The deduction is generally equal to 20% of your "qualified business income" (QBI) from a partnership, S corporation, or sole proprietorship, defined as the net amount of items of income, gain, deduction, and loss with respect to your trade or business. The business must be conducted within the U.S. to qualify, and specified investment-

related items are not included, e.g., capital gains or losses, dividends, and interest income (unless the interest is properly allocable to the business). The trade or business of being an employee does not qualify. Also, QBI does not include reasonable compensation received from an S corporation, or a guaranteed payment received from a partnership for services provided to a partnership's business.

The deduction is taken "below the line," i.e., it reduces your taxable income but not your adjusted gross income. But it is available regardless of whether you itemize deductions or take the standard deduction. In general, the deduction cannot exceed 20% of the excess of your taxable income over net capital gain. If

QBI is less than zero it is treated as a loss from a qualified business in the following year.

Rules are in place to deter high-income taxpayers from attempting to convert wages or other compensation for personal services into income eligible for the deduction.

These rules involve "thresholds," i.e. taxable income of over \$157,500 (\$315,000 for joint filers). If your taxable income is at least \$50,000 above the threshold, i.e. it is at least \$207,500 (\$157,500 + \$50,000), all of the net income from a specified service trade or business is excluded from QBI. (Joint filers would use an amount \$100,000 above the \$315,000 threshold). For taxable incomes that are between the threshold amounts and the \$207,500/\$415,000

amounts, the exclusion from QBI of income from specified trades or businesses involving the performance of services in the fields of health, law, consulting, athletics, financial or brokerage services, or where the principal asset is the reputation or skill of one or more employees or owners.

Additionally, for taxpayers with taxable income more than the above thresholds, there is a limitation on the amount of the deduction that is based either on wages paid or wages paid plus a capital element. Here's how it works: If your taxable income is at least \$207,500 (\$415,000 for joint filers), your deduction for QBI cannot exceed the greater of (1) 50% of your allocable share of the W-2 wages paid with respect to the qualified trade or busi-

ness, or (2) the sum of 25% of such wages plus 2.5% of the unadjusted basis immediately after acquisition of tangible depreciable property used in the business (including real estate). For taxable incomes that are between the threshold amounts and the \$207,500/\$415,000 amounts, a phase-in of the limitation applies.

Other limitations may apply in certain circumstances, e.g., for taxpayers with qualified coopera-

tive dividends, qualified real estate investment trust (REIT) dividends, or income from publicly traded partnerships.

Obviously, the complexities surrounding this substantial new deduction can be formidable, especially if your taxable income exceeds the thresholds discussed above. If you have questions on how this tax change may affect you, contact your tax professional, who can discuss it with you.

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"What is it?" revealed

Last week we featured a "What is it?" item brought in by Randy Musser of Fairmont. The item was a cast steel item that had two moving pivots and looks like it mounted on something. We had a couple guesses on the item, but none matched the description that Randy had given me as to its use. Randy said that it actually is an old gate latch, mounted on wood fence posts on the farm to allow you to latch a gate. The pivot would allow the gate to be pushed in from one side, but the other pivot would stop the gate from continuing and it would then be "latched" between the two pivots. You would then be able to open it by pushing up on one of the pivot points to release the gate. If you have an item that you aren't sure what

it is or you think would be good for a future "What is it?", bring it in to our office or send me a picture or two of the item, along with a description of size and so on.

Fox Lake Ice Fishing Contest Saturday

This Saturday, February 17th the Fox Lake Conservation League will be hosting their 8th annual Fox Lake Ice Fishing Contest from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fox Lake, north of Sherburn. Registration will be from 8 to 11 a.m. and MN fishing rules and regulations apply. Also taking place that day is the 3rd annual Kids FREE Tourney from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for kids age 12 and under. Ice Fishing gear will be supplied for the kids by the organization and all kids must be accompanied by an adult. The day will also feature a raffle with proceeds helping to pay for expenses for this big day on Fox Lake. Come on out and bring your kid to the Fox Lake Ice Fishing Tourney this Saturday!

Giving up winter

This Wednesday is not only Valentine's Day, but

it is also Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Each year I try to think of something to give up for Lent. In the past it has been chocolate, fast foods, coffee, etc. This year I saw a funny post on Facebook that I think I will do. For Lent this year, I am giving up winter. After Punxatawny Phil said we would have six more weeks of winter, I think I have had enough of the cold weather and snow - it's time for spring to begin!

FFA Week, soup and more!

The week of February 17th - 22nd is National FFA week. This area has a number of FFA groups and they all perform well when they compete at state and regional competitions. Our FFA students do a great job of representing this area each year (see our special FFA section this week). Here are some other events that are taking place around the area in the next week. Wednesday evening meal at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on February 14th. They will serve tomato florentine and chicken wild

rice soups for a donation. Next Wednesday's meal will be potato dumpling and vegetable beef soups. On Friday, February 16th Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont will have their Valentine Fundraising Dinner at 5 and 7 p.m. Advance tickets are encouraged. Money raised will help offset travel costs for the ELCA Youth Gathering in June. On Saturday, February 17th is the Fox Lake Ice Fishing adult and kid contests near Sherburn and also the Kids Against Hunger Food Pack at St. John Vianney in Fairmont. On Sunday, February 18th the Fairmont United Methodist Church Youth will have their Winter Wonderland Fundraiser Dinner from 10 a.m. to noon at the church. A dessert auction will follow the meal. Funds go towards the youth program.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Honor FFA members this week!

- Jeff



The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I'm a little stiff and sore. I had a free coupon to the Fitness Center for the Clueless. It's hard to pass up something free, so I joined an exercise class there. I grunted and groaned almost as much as I sweat. Now I feel a tad tired and achy."

"Well, you're only as old as you feel," I say.

"That's not true. You're only as old as you feel the day after your first exercise class."

Nature by the yard

A neighbor said that it was a good day to stay inside out of. It was blustery, but the trees of the yard did what they could to offer protection from the wind.

There was a hint of skunk smell in the air. As Pepe Le Pew said while swimming without an oxygen tank, "When you are a skunk, you learn how to hold your breath for a long time. 'Skunks aren't true hibernators. They go into torpor. Their varied diet makes it easier for them to find food in winter when needed. Thanks to at least one being out and about, my nose experienced a fetid odor."

The feeders were being visited by a scurry of squirrels. Fox squirrels

are large squirrels. Red squirrels are not. Fox squirrels are feisty, but their feistiness puts them in the amateur ranks when compared to red squirrels. There was an encounter under a feeder. It wasn't so much a battle as it was a chase. One squirrel chased the other into a squirrel cave in the snow. The bigger animal won, but not without protest. It wasn't long before the vanquished, the red squirrel, emerged from its snowy hole, twitched its tail and scolded the victor.

I saw raccoon tracks in the snow. The word "raccoon" was adopted into English from the native Powhatan term as used in the Virginia Colony. It was recorded on Captain John Smith's list of Powhatan words as aroughcun and on William Strachey's similar list as arathkone. Either way, it meant "one who rubs, scrubs and scratches with its hands." The adaptability of raccoons has allowed them to thrive in urban areas.

The wind acceded to my wishes. It stopped suddenly and completely. It was cold, still and quiet as I replenished the suet in a feeder, I heard an odd whooshing sound overhead. It whooshed this way and that way. I turned this way and twisted that way in order to see the cause. It was a whirling flock of birds. A graceful movement of starlings called a murmuration.

ration.

Q-and-A

"Someone told me that I could tell the hunting habits of an owl by its eye color. True?" The color of an owl's eyes is a vague indicator of the time of day it prefers to hunt. It's not an accurate indicator. I've read and heard often that owls with yellow eyes hunt during the day (diurnal), owls with dark eyes hunt during the night (nocturnal) and owls with orange eyes hunt at dusk or dawn (crepuscular). As an example of the exceptions to those guidelines, barred owls have dark eyes and will hunt during the day.

"What are some popular musical groups named after birds?" This is certainly not a comprehensive list and there are some stretches, but here are a few: Black Crowes, The Byrds, Counting Crows, The Eagles, Fabulous Thunderbirds, Flock of Seagulls, The Jayhawks, The Old Crow Medicine Show, The Orioles, Charlie "Bird" Parker, The Sandpipers, Swans and The Yardbirds.

"Where do native ladybugs go in winter?" The lady beetles overwinter under leaf litter, fallen tree bark, firewood and similar locations. Extremely cold temperatures, temperature fluctuations and the snow cover depth can impact their survival. The legend is that the name "ladybug" was coined by European farmers who prayed to the Virgin Mary when pests were eating

their crops. After ladybugs wiped out the invading pests, the farmers named them "beetle of Our Lady." This was eventually shortened to "lady beetle" or

"ladybug."

The problem with this legend is the insect is called a ladybird beetle in the U.K. It's more likely to have been named be-

cause of its seven spots, which were believed to symbolize the seven sorrows of the Virgin Mary.

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MARTIN COUNTY WEST JUNIOR HIGH FFA - FRONT ROW (l to r): Cash Owens, Ben Matejka, Evan Roben, Zach Forsberg, Kiley Bettin, Odessa Stade, Kelley Bettin, Nick Bittner; **SECOND ROW:** Jacob Fiala, Tanner Sinn, Isaac Striemer, Nick Matejka, Brice Oechsle, Sydney Flohrs, Sydney Anderson, Taylor Elliott, Hailee Schuett, Carter Lyon, Kain Sanders; **THIRD ROW:** Noah Schettler, Hannah Wohlhuter, Zoie Thate, Lauren Borchardt, Lilly Krogman, Dawn Garbers, Zander Helmers, Jamesson Forsberg; **FOURTH ROW:** Lucy Larson, Kari Matejka, Brianna Morrow, Sarah Fisher, Thea Anderson, Hayden Jahnke, Raef Omvig, Riley Cole, Zach Anderson; **FIFTH ROW:** Sydney Borntrager, Bella Lange, KayLea Truesdell, Aspen Kosbab, Anna Bachenberg, Miah Olson, Sway Buchmeier, Morgan Curtis, Ivy Koruda, Chase Corona (Photo courtesy of Lori Peters)

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MCW FFA members at the National FFA Convention in 2017.



MCW FFA members doing their Christmas shopping for the Christmas Shoppe this past season.



MCW FFA members and advisors took part in the Old Town Escape in Mankato a couple months ago.



MCW Food Science team. MCW Advisor Stephanie Wohlhuter (left).



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Fairmont FFA Chapter highlights

•Jazlyn Meyer and her rabbitry placed first at the 2017 MN FFA Convention in the Small Animal Production and Care Proficiency Award category. Jazlyn will also be earning the State FFA Degree at the 2018 State FFA Convention.

•Andrew Moeller is the 2018 Region VII Poultry Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award winner. He raises chickens and sells the eggs to earn money for college.

•Derek Missling, employed by Jon Meschke, placed fifth with his 2018 Proficiency Award application, in the area of Diversified Agriculture Production Placement.

•Mark Kotewa, employed by Bettin Trucking, placed second with his 2018 Proficiency Award application in the area of Agricultural Mechanics, Repair and Maintenance.

•Mason Kotewa, employed by Neusch Farms, placed eighth with his 2018 Proficiency Award application, in the area of Diversified Agriculture Production Placement.

•Fairmont FFA members Lance Becker, Andrew Moeller and Camren Saxton taught a lesson on lawnmower safety at the Farm and Home Safety Day.

•Every year, the Fairmont FFA chapter packages and donates jars of premade soup to Heaven's Table Food Shelf. This year, members packaged 108 jars, which is equivalent to over 400 meals.

•The Fairmont FFA cleaned up ditches for the Fairmont FFA Adopt-A-Highway program.

•The Fairmont FFA General Livestock team placed 3rd at the regional level, and will advance to state competition in April. Team members are Lance Becker, Nick Thate (5th individually), Andrew Moeller and Camren Saxton (6th individually).

•The Fairmont FFA Horse Evaluation Team placed 8th at the region

level and will advance to state competition in April. Team members are Jazlyn Meyer, Madison Moeller, Mason Kotewa and Matt Kotewa.

•FFA members Carson Johnson, Tyler Davis, Carter Leiding, Trenton Vlieger, Anna Sundblad, Hannah Neusch and Natalie Tonne, participated in the Region VII Greenhand Day, where they learned more about the opportunities that FFA has to offer.

•Fairmont FFA members who attended the 2017 State Convention

included Leyton Becker, Camren Saxton, Andrew Moeller, Lance Becker, Holly Petrowiak, Chloe Graif, Nick Segar and Andrea Thate.

•Fairmont FFA members created and presented make-and-take activities for elementary children at the Martin County Fair.

•Fairmont FFA members Adam Carstensen, Riley Clarey, Levi Buhmann and Tanner DeWar placed 7th in the Region VII Ag Mechanics contest.



Fairmont FFA members for 2017-2018 school year.



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Larissa Becker became the first Fairmont FFA member to earn the American FFA Degree, which is the highest award an FFA member can earn. Larissa was accompanied by her brothers (L to R) Lance, Luke and Levi.

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TRUMAN FFA MEMBERS. BACK ROW: Derek Shoen, Brett Davis, James Hodge, Derek Davis, Mitchell Steuber, Micah Hudson **MIDDLE ROW:** Eden Studer, Parker Stevens, Tallin Cook, Clay Gieseke, Quintin Greier **FRONT ROW:** Kylee Bentz, Ainsley Brummond, Chloe Hartman, Lydia Studer, Karson Davis, Matthew Steuber, Colby Brudellie, Payton Franzen, Louis Bowers. (Photo by Ryan Brudellie)



Truman FFA member Lydia Studer showing her sheep at the Martin County Fair.



Truman FFA member Derek Davis (center) competing in the Fish and Wildlife Contest.

Upcoming National FFA Week events in Truman

Truman FFA members will be having a couple events taking place next week in Truman:

The annual Truman FFA Animal Day will be held on Thursday, February 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Truman High School shop. Animals that are scheduled

to be there that day will be lambs, alpacas, pigs and dairy calves. Elementary students will have the opportunity to come and have a "hands-on" experience with these animals and more that day. The public is also encouraged to attend.

On Friday, February

23rd, the Truman FFA will have their annual pancake breakfast from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the ag shop in the Truman High School. This is a fundraiser for the Truman FFA as part of the National FFA week activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Truman FFA member Parker Stevens (center) participating in the Fish and Wildlife Contest held in Belle Plaine in October.



Truman FFA members Tallin Cook and James Hodge at the National Convention in Indianapolis.



Truman FFA member Karson Davis teaching kids how water filters through the layers of soil at the Martin County Fair.

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MCW FFA had an OUTSTANDING day last week at the proficiency/state degree judging. Here are some of the results: 40 total proficiency apps judged and 34 will be moving on to state from MCW. 16 1st place proficiency apps; 13 second place proficiency apps; five 3rd place proficiency apps. 17 members earned their State Degree. Star in Production Placement: Emelia Melson. Star in Agriscience: Jordan Stahl. Newly elected region president: Nic Potthoff.



MCW FFA members doing their Christmas shopping for the Christmas Shoppe this past season.



MCW FFA members at the FFA State Convention.



MCW FFA members working on the soil evaluation competition.



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Ag Scholarships offered to high school seniors

The Agri-Business Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce and the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) offers graduating Seniors of Martin County high schools that plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture or an area of study that services agriculture, an opportunity to apply for two \$4,200 scholarships.

Past scholarships have helped out many youth from this area. AFA recently provided a "snapshot" of how this area ranks with other programs and whether the students use services after their first Leadership Conference:

In 2016, two area students were on the AFA student advisory team (elite group of 10 students that helps plan the annual

conference).

All Community Applicants (programs in 8 states):

- 2015 and 2016 - Martin County had more applications than any other one county based scholarship program that AFA partners with.

- 2017 - Martin County had the 3rd most applicants out of all county based scholarship programs.

Applicants in Minnesota:

- 2015 and 2016 - Martin County had double the amount of applicants than any other county based program in the state of Minnesota.

For more information, contact the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at fairmontchamber.org/apply-for-scholarships/.

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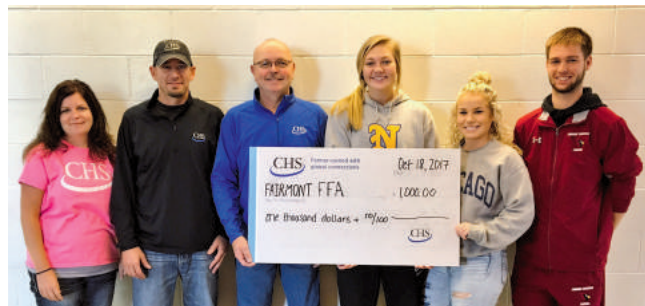
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Matt Kotewa, employed by Bettin Trucking, placed second with his 2018 Proficiency Award application, in the are of Agricultural Mechanics: Repair and Maintenance.



Fairmont FFA attended the 2018 National FFA Convention in October. Pictured (L to R): Holly Petrowiak, Mallory Mosloski, Hannah Johnson, Chloe Graif and Lance Becker.



Fairmont FFA received a donation from CHS of Fairmont to improve chapter activities.



Carter Davis, Nick Segar and Lance Becker, with their Make-And-Take Activity booth at the Martin County Fair.



2017-2018 Fairmont FFA Officer Team (L to R): Andrew Moeller, Treasurer; Holly Petrowiak, Reporter; Lance Becker, President; Chloe Graif, Secretary; and Camren Saxton, Vice President.



Lance Becker, employed with LB Pork, is the 2018 Region VII Swine Production Placement Proficiency Award winner. He raises show pigs in addition to managing hog sites.



Hannah Johnson, senior, served as an Agriculture Education Ambassador at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center at the Minnesota State Fair. She worked closely with the public, educating them on animal agriculture.



Jazlyn Meyer and her rabbitry placed first at the 2017 MN FFA Convention in the Small Animal Production and Care Proficiency Award category. Jazlyn will also be earning the State FFA Degree at the 2018 State FFA Convention.



Trenton Vlieger, Carson Johnson and Carter Leiding, running the food stand at the Fairmont Homecoming Fair and Feed.

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FFA Week: Full of Activities, Dress-up, and a Special Guest

By Lindsey Bettin

February 17th through the 24th is National FFA Week this year. FFA Week is the time where our school is full of FFA pride. All FFA members lockers will be decorated, music will be turned up, and our FFA family will be making memories each and every day.

Throughout the week, we will have various activities going on! We are going to be doing some new activities as well. One of these new activities will be playing "Name that Tune" game, which we will play everyday and participants are all Martin County West Students, both FFA and non-FFA students.

Another new activity we will be doing is a Poster Contest. In this contest, each of our members are able to create their own poster explaining what their favorite FFA activity is all about, why they like it, how this experience will help their future careers, etc. The activity they choose may be based upon a Career Development Event(CDE) that they

are in, a Supervised Agricultural Experience(SAE), or anything else they feel passionate about. These posters will be a chance for our school to really explore what each FFA CDE, SAE, or activity is all about while throwing a little competition in between our FFA members.

Starting off the week on a high note, all FFA members will receive a treat during lunch time on Monday! The dress up day for Monday is pajamas. On Tuesday, we will determine which "tractor brand" is MCW's favorite. In order to determine this debate, everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite tractor colors. Our FFA members will get ready to represent FFA by wearing their official dress on Thursday, or be wearing Corn Gold and National Blue colors! Friday, we will be seeing our FFA members bringing out their home-grown roots of dressing up like Rednecks!

Since each day we are dressing up to a different theme, we will have different events to go along with

them. On Monday, FFA members will be able to vote on their favorite CDE poster. On Tuesday, we will kick it back with Ag Olympics during the school day. On Wednesday, the winner of the CDE poster contest will be announced. Then on Thursday, it is the early bird that gets the pancakes! Thursday is our annual pancake breakfast where FFA members and their parents, school staff, along with invited businesses/sponsors will be able to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast compliments of the chapter.

We also have a very special guest coming Thursday, February 22nd. She comes all the way from California just to speak to our FFA chapter and community. Our guest is the National FFA President, Breanna Holbert! As a chapter and community we have a great opportunity as she will be hosting a workshop for area officer teams at 8:15 a.m. Breanna will also be giving a keynote address at 9:05 in the MCW Jr/Sr high school gym. Please join us for this awesome opportunity!

MCW FFA Chapter is so excited for FFA Week to show our true FFA colors... so as we prepare to mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and above all, be honest and fair in the game of life.

FFA: Living to Serve

The FFA motto is: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. Every day members across the country live out the FFA motto, and the Martin County West FFA members are no exception. Knowing the importance

of giving back, MCW FFA members strive to make their community a better place through various activities throughout the year.

The MCW FFA chapter actively works with groups like Project 1590 to carry out different events

and projects in the area. Members set up for and served food at the summer Banquet in the Field event that Project 1590 sponsors. Additionally, members could be spotted working at/running benefits for people in our community, volunteer-

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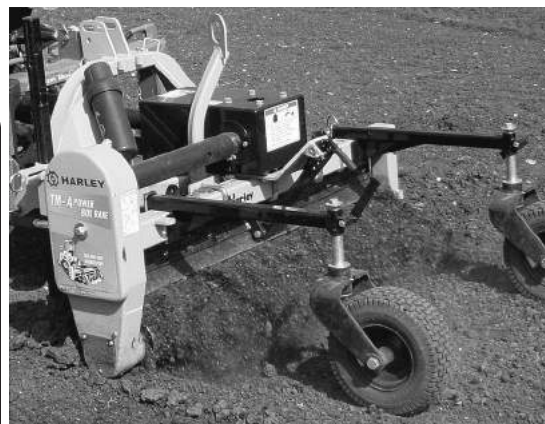


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ing in booths at the fair or various other events throughout the county.

The annual kids gardening program is run by MCW FFA members that dedicate every Wednesday morning in the summer to teach kids about gardening. There were 24 kids in grades 1-5 that participated in the kids gardening program last summer. Alyssa Williamson was the main instructor for the program. Advisors Stephanie Wohlhuter and Jessica Daberkow assisted the FFA members in running the program.

Another service project that Martin County West FFA members carry out includes the community garden. We shifted the focus of the community garden this year. Members planted and maintained the garden and produce was donated to Heaven's Table Food Shelf.

The Martin County Fair is one place FFA members are sure to be spotted. They helped with a scavenger hunt last year, bringing many smiles to local children. Kids would go around to multiple stations and receive stamps, after participating in an educational activity. Educating children about

agriculture is very important to Martin County FFA members.

The Corn Drive allows MCW FFA members to collect grain and cash donations to fund a variety of community projects and donations. In 2017, over \$14,000 was donated by local farmers and businesses. Pairs of excited FFA members drove grain trucks to local farms or businesses and asked them to donate bushels of corn or money. The money raised was used to fund Maverick Christmas, a donation to Camp Courage, a donation to the Fairmont Area Adventure Playground, and many other projects.

Maverick Christmas, as mentioned above, is funded by the Corn Drive. Each year, there are families that may need help making ends meet around Christmas time. Martin County West FFA members want all children in their community to experience the Christmas magic that comes from opening up a present from someone who loves them. This past December, high school FFA members split into two teams; one team went to Walmart, and the other team went to Shopko. At their respective stores,



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members picked out gifts for children, and spent a total of over \$3,000 on Christmas gifts. Junior High FFA members enjoyed wrapping the gifts before they were sent to families.

Whenever someone is

Learning to Do

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve". The Martin County West FFA chapter actively seeks to involve its' members in Supervised Agricultural Experiences, the projects that allow students to learn by doing. These independent projects are completed outside of the school day and include placement (working at an ag-related business), entrepreneurship (the student runs his/her own business), research (conducting an experiment related to agriculture), exploratory (learning more about an agricultural topic), or home/community improvement (taking on a project that improves the quality of living in an area).

Students complete the projects and keep records on an online record-keeping site called the Ag Experience Tracker. In January of each year, students have the opportunity to complete a Proficiency application and/or State FFA Degree application to be rewarded for the time spent on their project, their record-keeping abilities, and the skills they have developed. These applications are often more than twenty pages in length and take several hours to complete! This year, MCW has 17 students applying for their State FFA degree and 39 Proficiency Award

in need, FFA members are ready to help out. They truly believe that they are "living to serve" others. By doing this they are continually improving their school, community, and themselves.

applications. The applications were reviewed on January 31st and the students will interview for their awards on February 8th.

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their SAEs, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

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The MCW FFA chapter continues to learn by doing every day and that will never change. Proficiency and state degrees are just one way that MCW FFA members fulfill this part of the FFA motto. FFA members are constantly learning from the actions that they make today and tomorrow whether it is in the classroom atmosphere, work setting, or just as a hobby.

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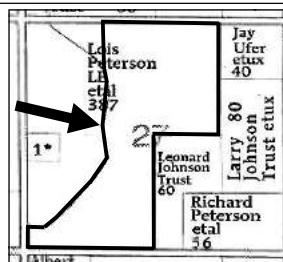
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The familiar children's rhyme "Ladybug ladybug (ladybird, ladybird), fly away home. Your house

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is on fire, your children do roam," referenced the burning of hop vines in England following harvests that cleared fields, but also killed ladybird beetles.

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FLCL Ice Fishing Contest Saturday

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The ice fishing contest will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the kids portion of the tourney (for ages 12 and under) will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ice

Fishing gear will be supplied to the kids by the FLCL.

The adult ice fishing contest costs \$10 per person, registration is from 8 to 11 a.m. MN fishing rules/regulations apply.

For more info or changes, visit their Facebook page Fox Lake Conservation or their website at foxlakeconservation.com.



Fairmont Hy-Vee Donated \$200 to Miss Driscoll's 5th Grade Class to help jump-start their fund-raising efforts for Kids Against Hunger. The Fairmont Elementary School is currently hosting a Money drive to raise funds for the organization Kids Against Hunger, which provides food packs that nourish whole families for just 23 cents. Their drive started Monday, February 5th and runs through Thursday, February 15th. (Submitted photo)



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Section 199A of the new tax law

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For the most part, farm operators and farm businesses were satisfied with the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" that was passed by Congress and enacted into law late last year. There were provisions to lower individual and corporate tax rates, provisions to extend depreciation deductions, as well as a provision to double the Federal estate tax deduction. However, as time has progressed since the implementation of the new tax law, the part of the legislation that has been garnering the most attention in agricultural circles is the new "Section 199A" provision, which creates a pass-through tax deduction for income to and from qualified business entities.

The Section 199A deduction applies to income earned by pass-through business entities, such as sole proprietorships, partnerships, S-corporations, etc. The income earned by these types of entities is not taxed directly; however, it is passed through to the tax returns of the

individual owners, such as Schedule F for Federal tax returns filed by farm businesses. The intent of including Section 199A in the recently passed tax law is to ensure that farm businesses and other business entities, which are not C-corporations, receive similar tax benefits through the legislation as those received by the corporations. The tax law reduced the maximum tax rate for C-corporations from 35 percent to 21 percent.

The Section 199A provision also retained a deduction for cooperatives that was eliminated when the previous Section 199 was removed during the drafting of the new tax law. The provision provides a 20 percent deduction on "qualified cooperative dividends". Typically, these would be thought of as the patronage dividends by cooperatives to their membership, which will now again be covered by the new legislation. However, the new legislation also now covers the payments made by coopera-

tives for grain and other agricultural products, which was not part of any previous tax legislation.

Under normal circumstances, if a farm operator sells grain or farm products, the farm business entity can take a 20 percent tax deduction of the net profit (gross sales minus qualified expenses) when calculating their taxable income. This provision will still be in place under the new tax law on the proceeds for grain or agricultural products that are received from a grain warehouse, processing plant, or other farm business that is not a cooperative. However, under the new Section 199A provision, grain and agricultural products that are sold through a cooperative will receive a 20 percent tax deduction on the gross sales, rather than on the net profit. The Section 199A provision applies to grain and agricultural products sold by farm business entities that are set up as sole proprietorships, partnerships, and S-corporations,

but not to farm businesses set up as C-corporations.

An example of how this could affect an independent grain farmer with gross sales of \$500,000, total expenses of \$450,000, and net income of \$50,000 for a given year, would be as follows:

- If the grain is sold to grain firm, processing plant, ethanol plant or livestock producer that is not cooperative, there would be a tax deduction of \$10,000 (\$50,000 net income times 20 percent).

- If the grain is sold through a cooperative, the total potential tax deduction would be over \$100,000 (\$500,000 gross sales times 20 percent), plus 20 percent of the cooperative dividend.

Many professionals in the grain industry feel that the new Section 199A provision creates an unfair incentive for cooperatives in the grain procurement industry. However, some farm organizations and others have pointed to the significant corporate tax reduction that was included in the new tax law as a major benefit to corporations that is not available to other types of business entities. Some members of Congress have been working on drafting legislation to make corrections Section 199A language, citing

that the current language exceeded the intent of the legislation. The two-year budget deal recently passed by Congress did not include any provisions to correct or adjust the Section 199A provision.

Most tax experts feel that eventually the Section 199A provision will be adjusted by Congress; however, it is not known what that adjustment may look like, or when it will take effect. Some farm operators have been selling grain to cooperatives since January 1, 2018, which raises some questions regarding 2018 Federal income tax calculations: Will those grain sales qualify for the Section 199A as it now stands, or will any adjustments be retroactive back until the beginning of the year? Also, what will be the impact on grain that is now being forward priced now cooperatives for future delivery later this year? It may be a while before we know the answers to those questions.

Farm operators are encouraged not over-react to the Section 199A provision when comparing various grain bids. First of all, the potential added tax deduction available by selling grain through a cooperative, if it occurs at all, is only a benefit to a farm business entity that

has a high enough taxable income level to utilize the deduction. It may not be worth sacrificing a higher price quote from an ethanol plant or processing plant just to receive the added tax deduction available by selling the grain through a cooperative at a lower price.

Some farm operators have also talked of working with other farmers to form new cooperative business entities to take advantage of the recently enacted Section 199A tax provision. However, tax experts advise caution before proceeding with restructuring farm business entities simply to adjust to the new legislation, which could be changed in the future. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may offer some guidance or interpretation regarding taxation under the new Section 199A provision. The best advice for farm operators at this point is to be patient, and to consult with a certified public accountant (CPA) or tax accountant regarding the potential impacts of the new Section 199A tax provision on their farm business for 2018 and beyond.

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THUR: K-6: Alfredo pasta, chicken, breadstick, ham & swiss pretzel roll, green beans, pepper strips, orange, pineapple tidbits.
JR/HS: Sloppy joe, baked beans, broccoli salad, carrots, apple, pears.
FRI: No school.
MON: No school.
TUE: K-6: Tacos, brown rice, blueberry parfait, refried beans, jicama, apple, pineapple tidbits.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** through February from 5 to 6 p.m. This Ash Wednesday they will serve tomato florentine and chicken wild rice soups with breadstick and

next Wednesday it will be potato dumpling and vegetable beef soups. All dinners include peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, homemade desserts and beverages. A donation of \$2 is suggested.

The **Fairmont MN Area Multiple Myeloma Support Group** will meet Saturday, February 24th from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Fairmont Hospital. A short video on the highlights of the American Society of Hematology on myeloma will be presented. Plenty of updated information booklets on myeloma will be available. All patients, caregivers, friends and relatives are welcome to attend. There will be a light lunch available. For further information contact Joyce Schultz at 507-230-0207.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

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



FOUL BALL - Windom's Chase Maricle fouls the Cards Sam Schwieger. The Cards (16-5) next home game is vs. St. James (7-13) next Thursday, February 22nd. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



COLLISION COURSE - The Cards Derek Missling crashes into Windom's Ryan Franz on his way to the hoop. The Cards downed the Eagles 58-41 last Friday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



YOUNG GUNS -- The Cardinal youth basketball league provided entertainment during halftime in the Cards vs. Windom game. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



REACH AROUND - The Cards Lexi Lunn reaches back to stop the Eagles Joey Batt from scoring. The Cards travel to St. James Thursday in a Big South East match up. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



EAGLE SPLITTER - Taylor Crissenger drives past the Eagles #3 Lizzie Shaul and Ellie Bute. The Cards lost to New Ulm 70-48 last Thursday night. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



CONFERENCE CHAMPS² - The Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bulls wrestling team won the Valley Conference Championship for the third year in a row with wins over Madelia/Truman/Martin Luther 84-0, Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 71-6 and St. Clair/Mankato Loyola 75-3 last Tuesday in Madelia. (Top photo) The Red Bulls also captured the Big South Conference title with a 45-12 win over the Marshall Tigers last Friday in Marshall. The Red Bulls (22-0) seeded number one in the Section 3AA, will host the South Sub-Section team tournament Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairmont High School gym. The Class AA #6-ranked Red Bulls have nine wrestlers who made the Guillotine Class AA HS Rankings as of February 9th: #2 Lucas Jagodzinske at 106, #1 Jaxson Rohman at 113, #9 Connor Simmonds at 120, #10 Jordan Wolter at 132, #4 Payton Anderson at 138, #9 Miles Fitzgerald at 145, #9 Nate Simmonds at 152, #8 Triston Lange at 170 and #2 Collin Steuber at 182. (submitted photo)

TIERYN ARENS, a FHS alum, hosted her Midland University hockey teammates for dinner recently at the home of her parents, Ron and Cathie. Arens, a sophomore at Midland University, Fremont Nebraska, recently transitioned to a forward position and made the most of it in a sweep of the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division I Wisconsin University. Arens scored a goal in a 3-2 win and had a hat trick, her third of the season, in their 4-2 win this past weekend. Arens, in 29 games played this season, has 15 goals and 20 assists and is ranked 10th in scoring in the AHCA. MU (18-10-1) is ACHA ranked number 13 in the country. MU has players from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, California, Florida, Alberta, Canada, and Colorado. This is head coach Jason White's first season. (Submitted photos)



PUTTIN ON THE RITZ - The Cardinal Dance team performed at the halftime of the boy's basketball game vs. Windom. *Courtesyfairmontsports.com*



The 4th grade Fairmont White traveling basketball team finished as Consolation Champs at the Albert Lea Tournament. Team members include: Joe Long, Merritt Pomerence, Jordan Thompson, Logan Junkermeier, Pepper Mason, Jalin Jackson, Dakota Wiley, Tavian Harvey, Brier Lenort, coaches Jared Pomerence and Jared Thompson.

Ryan Mortensen Memorial tourney a big success

Over 100 fishermen/women took part in the Ryan Mortensen Memorial fishing tournament on Saturday, February 10th at Chain of Lakes Yacht Club in Fairmont.

The list of winners for the tournament included:

1st place - Carissa Maday	2nd place - Jacob Clow	3rd place - Arlen Buhmann
4th place - Quinton Pytleski	5th place - Miah Fitzgerald	6th place - Adam Pederson
7th place - Ryan Busch	8th place - Shaun Busch	9th place - Neil Erickson

(Submitted photos)



Tourney began with a shotgun start



Cierra Weiss with her sister Carissa Maday were the top winners in the tournament



Nylene & Beth Sparks, two of Ryan's aunts



some of the tournament winners



(Left to right): Greg Brolsma, Associate Director, Katy Gonzalez, Executive Director, Anna Garbers, retiring Executive Director, and Jen Kahler, new Associate Director.

The wonderful smell of garlic bread filled the air as people gathered in the fellowship hall at Grace Lutheran on the evening of January 31st. Kinship of Martin County held their annual Mentor Appreciation event in tandem with the Open Door weekly Wednesday night meal at Grace. The adage that 'it takes a village to raise a child' was being lived out in the room as mentors, mentees and their families gathered just across the room from those dining at the Open Door meal at Grace.

We are so fortunate to have a program that fosters such awesome relationships between the youth and adults of our county, and we are also fortunate to have a county that is supportive of that work. For years Grace has let us join in the meal, and not only is that beneficial for us -- it also provides visibility for our program and the work that is done within it. Thank you so much for your hospitality, Grace Lutheran Church!

Happy conversations filled the room as everyone gathered, and adults and kids alike jumped right in to our 'snort game' that resulted in lots of laughs as the group tried not to laugh while others snorted like pigs. Many mentors were recognized for their time spent in the program.

It was a bittersweet night as we bid 'see you later' to Anna Garbers, who stepped down as executive director last month to pursue her schooling, and the event marked the beginning of my time as the newest associate director to Kinship. Many, many thanks to Anna for all of the work she has done for Kinship in the last three years!

Finally, we are deeply thankful for our mentors and the time they pour into the lives of our children and youth. We are also grateful for our mentees and the families that share them with us! We could not make this happen without all of you!



Join Terry Thimesch, featured artist of the month at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 17th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a Meet and Greet Open House. View Terry's large collection of photographs featuring images from all around the area - all the way to Northern Minnesota. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

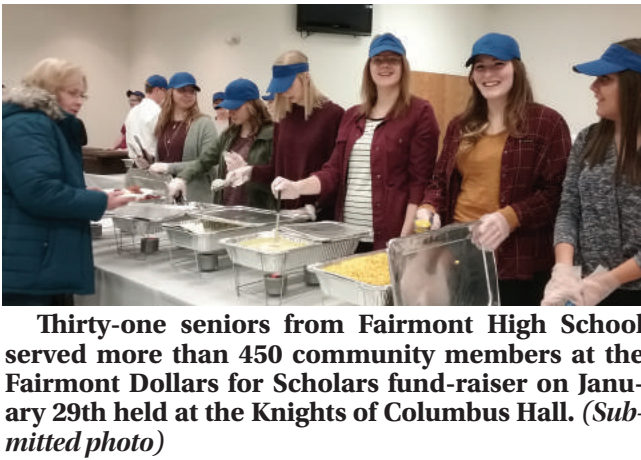
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Thirty-one seniors from Fairmont High School served more than 450 community members at the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars fund-raiser on January 29th held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. (Submitted photo)

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