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“Shot in the arm” gives boost to local Legacy

Kaylin Tlam, Photo Press Reporter - Intern

The Fairmont Opera House was one of the recent recipients of one of five million dollar checks distributed amongst the community.

I recently sat down with the executive director of the Opera House, Blake Potthoff, to discuss what it was like to receive one of these generous donations. “I’m still in shock,” he told me, “That anything like this

would happen here. You hear about donations like this somewhere else in the world, but never in your own backyard.”

The donations were the divided estate of long-time Fairmont resident, Marlin Milbrandt, who passed away at the age of 91 in January 2017. He declared in his will that his estate be given to five local organizations, including; the Opera

House, the Martin County Historical Society, Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center Foundation, Fairmont Community Hospital, and the Fairmont Salvation Army.

The Fairmont Opera House looks forward to adding this donation to their ‘Launching the Legacy’ goal to raise ten million dollars. Formerly at a goal of three to five million,



an expansion was needed to support the weight the Milbrandt donation contributed to furthering the fundraising campaign.

The proceeds will go to repairing the Opera House in terms of adding safety equipment for stage hands and actors, as well as touching up holes in the roof, and providing new LED lights for the stage. The Opera House is planning a major addition of 21,000 square feet to make room for new offices, as well as adding solar panels to create a more energy-efficient system in the house.

Pothoff looks forward to also adding ADA accessi-

ble equipment, such as an elevator for handicap accessible seating in the balcony, which would allow the Fairmont Opera House to be the first theatre in Minnesota with handicap accessible balcony seating.

‘Launch the Legacy’ was started in hopes of promoting the arts in Southern Minnesota. With these new improvements, the Fairmont Opera House hopes to become more of a community center of art and a place where the dialogue of difficult topics may take place. “The arts are a safe space where we may begin the conversation for topics not normally addressed by

the community.” The theatre offers a chance for the community to see perspectives in a different light, such as the recent show ‘Letters Home’ which focuses on the correspondence between soldiers in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, and their families they left behind.

The Fairmont Opera House wishes to honor the legacy Marlin Milbrandt has left in the community by giving back. Already, they have seen a significant increase in student volunteers from December of last year, and hope to reach a larger cast and crew as the theatre grows.

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STROM-BRAMMEIER - Douglas and Michelle Strom of Fort Wayne, Indiana announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Danielle Strom, to Justin Donald Brammeier, son of Donald and Susan Brammeier of Ceylon, Minnesota. Miss Adrienne Strom is a Production Manager, with Christensen Farms in Fairmont. Justin, a graduate from Universal Technical Institute of Chicago, is a diesel mechanic with Harrison Truck Center. The wedding is scheduled for May 19th, 2018 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Fairmont. (Submitted photo)

Century Farm applications now accepted

The Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation are now accepting Century Farm Applications.

Application deadline is April 2nd.

Minnesota families who have owned their farms for 100 years or more may apply for the 2018 Century Farm Program. Produced by the Minnesota State Fair in conjunction with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, the Century Farm Program was created to promote agriculture and honor historic family farms in the state. More than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been honored since the program began in 1976.

Family farms are recognized as a Century Farm when three requirements are met. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according to authentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by State Fair Board of Managers President Paul Merkins, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap and Governor Mark Dayton will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Century Farm status.

Applications are available online at mnstate-fair.org (click the "Recognition Programs" link at the bottom of the home page); at fbmn.org; by calling the State Fair at (651) 288-4400; or at statewide county extension and county Farm Bureau offices. The submission deadline is Monday, April 2nd. Recipients will be announced in May. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

Information on the Century Farm Program will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2018 Minnesota State Fair. A Century Farm database is also available at fbmn.org.

A free hot meal will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie Avenue on the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area of the church. All are welcome.

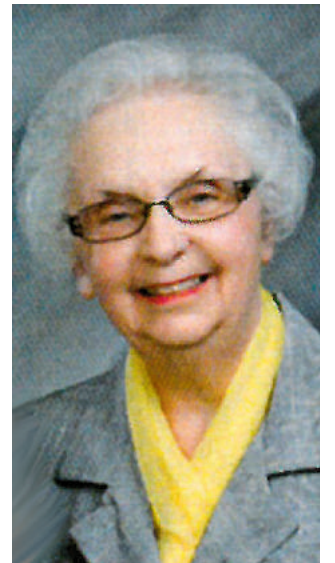
Wear your jammies and join us for **Pajama Tales!** Enjoy stories, activities and fun for the entire family. This event will be held at the Fairmont Library on Mondays at 6 p.m.: February 26th, March 26th and April 30th. This event is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.



BOLTJES' 50TH - Bill and Barb Boltjes of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 24th. They were married in Adrian, Minnesota. Cards will reach them at 203 Dorothy Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. They will be celebrating with their children. (Submitted photo)



ZIEMER 90TH - Melva Ziemer of rural Welcome will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 1st. Her children invite you to join them in wishing Melva a happy birthday by sending cards to her at 1378 120th Street, Welcome, MN 56181. (Submitted photo)



BRINKMAN 80TH - Please join the Brinkman grandchildren: Sydnea, Taylor, Makenna and Grayson in helping their grandma, Bev Brinkman of Fairmont, celebrate her 80th birthday. She was born March 1st, 1938. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 1654 Blue Jay Blvd, Fairmont MN 56031.

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Big Sisters Olivia and Lainey Garbers would like to introduce their twin sisters Violet Mae and Elise Nicole. Violet and Elise were born January 31st, 2018. Violet weighed 4lb 15oz and Elise 5lb 12oz. They are the daughters of Adam (Chief) and Stacy Garbers of Fairmont. Grandparents are Kim & Mic Garbers of Welcome, Dan & Denise Faber of Sherburn. Great grandparents are Melvin Schmidt, Marcella Brolsma, Donald Faber Sr. (Submitted photos)

Kids Against Hunger food pack sets new records

The Kids Against Hunger food pack held last Saturday at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont set a number of new records.

A total of 42 teams took part in the pack, which was in its 10th year in Fairmont. Around 11 a.m. that morning, the group packed the 1 millionth

bag of food for the Fairmont pack in the 10 years of existence.

By the end of the day, the total meals packed on Saturday was 136,512

(which beat the previous record of 128,300) and over \$30,000 was raised, beating the goal of \$25,000.



Kids Against Hunger Food Pack-Fairmont committee members



A packed St. John Vianney School gymnasium during the third shift of the day.



Peterson-Anthony Insurance, food pack sponsor and one of 42 teams taking part.

Concert Association presents J. Mark McVey

The Fairmont Concert Association will present J. Mark McVey on Thursday, March 1st at 7 p.m. at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center.

McVey is a Broadway star/pianist and made his debut in "Les Miserables"



as Jean Valjean and was the first American to perform Valjean in London's West End. He has performed over 3,000 performances as Valjean in "Les Mis".

Concert members are reminded to present their tickets at the door.



Part of the Fairmont Area JV Fairmont Dance team stops for a photo op after their last intermission performance recently. (Submitted photo)



Collin Steuber, a Fairmont High School senior, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Collin is the son of Mike and Heidi Steuber and he has two brothers, Cale and Cooper. During high school Collin has enjoyed participating in football, wrestling, baseball, band, Target, and Cardinal Leadership Council. After graduation, Collin will attend a four-year university. He is still deciding on a major. (Submitted photo)



1590 "Kids Just Want to Have Fun" is happy to announce the Grand Opening of the Indoor Playground at Five Lakes Centre! A celebration with an open house and ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, February 20th at the mall.



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast February 4th at the KC Hall. At the February 6th membership meeting a check for \$1,078.80, representing the proceeds, was presented to Fairmont Area Catholic Radio. Pictured (L to R): Frank Winzenburg, KC Event Chairman; Steve Landsteiner, President of Fairmont Area Catholic Radio & KC Member; Chad McGowan, Grand Knight of the Fairmont KC Council and Mike Murphy, KC Fundraising Chairman. (Submitted photo)



Blake Pothoff (left) Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House holds a check presented by John Edman, representative of the Marlin Milbrandt estate.

MCW Dollars for Scholars class offered

Martin County West Dollars for Scholars is offering a class on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school computer lab to discover how Dollars for Scholars evaluates applications. The class also offers help to those beginning their applications.

Those interested should create a partial student profile on mcw.dollarsforscholars.org prior to the class. They also should make sure they have the needed information to access an

email account during the class (email address and password.)

This class is for MCW juniors, seniors, and graduates who plan on completing a Dollars for Scholars application. Parents are welcome to attend.

While pre-registration for the class is not mandatory, it is helpful to ensure there are enough computers available. Register by calling or texting Deb Schwager at 507-236-5213.

Sweet Financial - an advisor to the advisors

The inaugural Elite Wealth Advisor Symposium aka EWAS was held in South Beach and attended by some of the leading names in financial planning from across the United States. The advisors attending manage in excess of \$50 billion dollars for clients globally.

For two and a half days those attending heard presentations from more than twenty speakers on topics ranging from state-of-the-art technology for serving clients to behavior psychology for optimizing teams.

The conference was the brainchild of Bryan Sweet and Randy Carver, both registered Principals with Raymond James Financial Services. With 70 years of experience between the two of them, Bryan and Randy are in the top 1% of Raymond James Independent advisors* and have a great deal of expertise in wealth planning for their clients.

"We wanted to bring together some of the leading folks in the financial services industry along with leaders in a wide range of fields to discuss how to best serve clients and develop multigenerational practices," commented Carver. The event was an invitation only event so that those attending would be able to interact on a very personal level. "Many conferences are huge affairs where it's hard to connect with other

attendees or presenters on a personal level or really discuss details," commented Bryan Sweet.

"The key to building a successful business, regardless of what industry you are in, is to be in the business of helping people. If you help others get what they want out of life with the purest of intentions, the opportunities that will be put in front of you are endless." Bryan states when talking on how he has built his business.

Being thought leaders in the financial services industry, Bryan and Randy both enjoy the honor and privilege of being "advisors to the advisors". The Elite Wealth Advisor Symposium was such a success that Bryan and Randy are already working on the next opportunity to bring together like-minded wealth planners from across the US to continue the momentum and excitement from an event focused on growing the practices of elite advisors.

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The Importance of
a Tax Professional

Guest Columnist

Sara Pierce, Pierce Accounting & Tax Services

With the 2017 filing season officially upon us taxpayers are faced with different options for filing. It is important that each option be evaluated to ensure everything is filed correctly and nothing is missed. For some, the online programs may work but for many this is not the best option and you may be missing out on many tax saving opportunities. This is especially true this filing season with all the changes in the tax law to help plan ahead for the 2018 filing season. If you have more than just a single W2 to file it is always advised to make an appointment with a tax professional and ask questions, any questions, you may have regarding your current and future situation. These conversations help the tax preparer get to know you and what other tax advantages you may have that were never thought of. The more a professional gets to know you the more they can help you save in taxes and prevent mistakes.

One big advantage of going to a tax professional

rather than an online program is you typically will get at least two professionals reviewing your return. With this expertise you could get extra tax savings, larger refunds, and avoid penalties and "surprise" taxes later. A tax professional can review your current situation and look into what you have coming up. Are you planning on moving? Are you retiring? Are you making a career change? A tax professional can help you in these situations and take advantage of some possible tax deductions regarding these major (and minor) life changes.

Taxpayers need to be aware that refunds are once again being held longer to be reviewed more closely and many refunds will not be released until after February 21st. These returns will be for individuals claiming the Earned Income Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit. These credits are based on income and how many dependents an individual (or married couple) claims on their return. The IRS has become very strict on the

rules for claiming these credits. Tax preparers have been asked to go through training and follow a strict checklist with each return to be certain the credit is correctly figured. This credit is also one that many individuals do not realize they may qualify for. For example, did you know you do not necessarily have to have a child to qualify for the Earned Income Credit?

Retirement planning is a discussion that is never too early to begin having. Do you know how much you can give now and what type of fund is best for you? When it comes to retirement planning your tax advisor can work directly with your financial advisor to determine what your options are now into the future. By having both a financial advisor and a professional tax advisor review your options you can make smarter, better informed decisions regarding your financial future. As an example, a common question asked at tax time is whether or not it is a good idea to roll funds from a traditional IRA to a

Roth IRA in order to avoid paying tax on the distributions. A professional tax preparer can look at both the history and future projections of your income to determine if this is a good option for you. Your tax professional can then collaborate with your financial advisor to determine the ideal amount to roll over and possibly set up a schedule a few years in advance. This planning can result in major tax savings, especially if you plan earlier.

Health Insurance and its requirements continue to change and is certainly something you should discuss with your tax advisor. Do you receive a health care subsidy, in turn changing your income? Do you know you may have to pay this back? In the new tax law the shared responsibility penalty may go away for 2019 but do you know the possible implications? Before making changes to your health insurance situation you should discuss this with your tax preparer to help avoid surprises.

Another common mistake is the idea that if you do not have the money to pay your taxes you should wait to file until you do. This is wrong - you should still file your return on time to avoid a late filing fee. The IRS will still

charge you interest on the amount due and that interest begins accruing the day after the tax return is due, regardless of when the return was filed. By filing on time you avoid additional penalties which at times can be substantial.

Significant changes to the tax brackets and rates have been made for 2018. Do you know where you land? This has significant impact on all tax and retirement planning. If you have a sudden change in income, whether it be an increase or decrease you should consider meeting with a tax preparer to talk about what options and possible tax breaks or penalties you may be facing. Some penalties and issues can be avoided if they are handled before the end of the tax filing year. A drop in income can create new tax breaks and tax planning options when it comes to retirement planning, deductions, and credits.

Identity theft continues to be a major issue and can be devastating. The IRS is continually trying to combat this and take preventative action to help taxpayers avoid this. One item that will be used more for the 2017 filing season is requiring identity matching. Some states are requiring driver's license validation as a measure to help prevent identity theft. Minnesota is not among the states currently with this requirement, but will be in the future. Tax preparers will begin gathering this information for the 2017 filing season. Do not be surprised if your tax preparer requests a copy of your driver's license or state issued identification card.

There are some tax savings actions that can be taken in 2018 that will help your 2017 tax year. Many individuals have the opportunity to pay money into a retirement plan or a health savings account and reduce their tax bill. Visiting with a preparer earlier in the year can help determine if you should work with an insurance agent or financial planner to take advantage of this strategy.

Tax laws are constantly changing. The 2018 tax bill is the biggest tax bill since 1986. Tax preparers are now required to do more research and attend more courses than ever before to keep up with these changes to best inform the taxpayers. As these changes continue it is important that you sit down with a professional and ask questions to determine if and how any of these changes may affect you.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** through the season of Lent from 5 to 6 p.m. This week they will serve potato dumpling and vegetable beef soups and a breadstick. Next Wednesday, February 28th it will be chicken alfredo tortellini and tomato soups along with a grilled cheese sandwich. Meals come with homemade dessert and a beverage. A \$2 donation is suggested.

A **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Sunday, February 25th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Menu includes Homestyle Chicken Noodle, Beef Spaetzel and Creamy Cheddar Baked Potato Soups, Ham and Egg Salad Sandwiches, assorted cupcakes, samples of "Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream (which has sold for \$900/gallon at the "OH! What a KNIGHT!" Dinner Auction), lemonade and "This is Most Certainly Brew" gourmet coffee. Cost is a free will donation with proceeds benefiting the Student Tuition Aid Fund for the 2017-2018 school year.

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by Linda Thistle

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

No Carb Breakfast!

I think breakfast/brunch is my favorite meal to prepare and to eat! I have many good egg dishes. Many of them aren't low carb, so I was excited to get one that was. This recipe came from my granddaughter Samantha. I made it for my son and granddaughter this weekend when they visited and it was a hit! I made them the day before and reheated them in the microwave. That worked out well too. I do like recipes that I can make ahead of time!

Egg Cups: Ham & Cheese!

1 cup shredded cheese
8 oz. smoked sliced thin deli ham
6 stalks green onion, diced
3 Tablespoons heavy whipping cream
8 large eggs
Salt and pepper for taste

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray muffin pan with non-stick spray. The recipe suggested silicone muffin pans - I used regular ones and they worked just fine. Line muffin pan with two slices of ham.

Add diced onion and cheese to each muffin tin.

In a medium bowl whip together the eggs and heavy cream. Add salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into the muffin tins.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or until egg is no longer runny. This made 12 muffin size egg servings for me in standard-sized muffin tins.

Enjoy, stay warm and safe!

Area College Student News



Mikayla Soelter of Fairmont has been named to the President's List at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. This academic honor is achieved by earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average during the Fall 2017 semester at Drake.

The following students from the area have received the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin Chancellor's Award for the fall 2017 semester.

Fairmont

Hayley Jones, BS Health Wellness & Fitness
Jordyn Junkermeier, BFA interior design
Shantel Quist, BFA interior design

Trimont

Sarah Jacobson, BS art education

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska will host a themed recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 18th in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus.

Nineteen students, including Mason Koeritz of Northrop, will perform in the recital. Koeritz, a senior, will perform on the organ. The program comprises a variety of music written for vocals, piano,

organ and brass.

The Iowa State University College of Human Science's Dean's List honors students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the fall semester of 2017.

Local students who made the list in the spring of 2017 include:

Parker Monsen of Fairmont, majoring in kinesiology and health.

Whitney Smith of Sherburn, majoring in kinesiology and health.

Riverland Community College of Austin announces two Fairmont students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2017 fall president's and dean's lists:

Kelsy Junkermeier, President's List

Lydia Kerekes, Dean's List

President's List - To be eligible for the president's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 4.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Dean's List - To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.99 on a 4.00 scale.

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man, a senior in elementary education, was named to the Fall Honors List for the 2017-2018 academic year at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Levi Eppens of Fairmont, Bachelor of Science, Geography Major: Geographic Information Science Concentration, completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in December. The 53rd

annual Midyear Commencement was held at the La Crosse Center on Sunday, December 17th.

Wheaton College student Julie Fleming of Fairmont was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

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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.

Thrivent, a not-for-profit membership organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously, announced that it has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the 2018 **World's Most Ethical Companies**. Thrivent has been recognized with this honor since 2011 and is one of only five honorees in the financial services industry, underscoring a commitment to leading with integrity and prioritizing ethical business practices.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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Doolittle's
CARPET & PAINTS



Jeff's Jottings

I came home last Saturday night and just collapsed into my recliner. I told Karis I was completely wiped out, but it was the best feeling I had in quite some time. I was lucky enough to have been part of the 10th annual Kids Against Hunger food pack at St. John Vianney School in Fairmont. We set a few records on Saturday, including the most meals packed in one day



(136,512) and also packed our millionth bag of food in the 10 years in packing at Fairmont. A total of 42 teams took part in Saturday's food pack and it was amazing watching the production lines and the bags filling up all day long. We had a great committee who were kept "hopping" by all the flurry of activity that day. The Fairmont food pack is one of the larger remote packs that the organization, based out of Sioux Falls holds each year. Some of the food that was packed yes-

terday goes to local food shelves in this area, while the remaining boxes of bagged food are shipped overseas to Haiti.

Ran out of "What is it?"

Over the past six or eight months I have been featuring many different items that readers bring in to me as part of our "What is it?" portion of my column. It has proven to be quite a conversation piece as many of the items create a number of "guesses" as to what it is. There were times when I would have 2 or 3 items waiting to be featured in this column. It is hard to believe, but I have presently run out of items to feature and the winter weather has stopped my efforts to dig in my grove at the farm, trying to find new items to feature myself. So, until more items start coming in, this portion of my column will be in hiatus.

If you have an item you would like to have readers try to identify, either stop in to the Photo Press and we can take pictures and a description, or email some photos to me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com along with some measurements and a description of the item. Maybe it's time to go to a different type of column. Any ideas?

Enough already with winter!

I know I said last week that I was giving up loving winter for Lent. Winter had other things in mind in the week since then. The latter part of the week last week was actually pretty nice, but early Saturday morning we had snow, then it warmed up and Sunday morning really proved to be a driving challenge as the wind picked up and blew the new snow across roadways, causing it to freeze to the roads. Driving home from church Sunday proved to be a real adventure! Then early Monday morning it starts to drizzle, but not rain, instead it was

freezing drizzle, which really messed roads, streets and sidewalks up! Then to top it off, you add some more new snow and the whole thing becomes one big slippery mess. I realize that there are businesses that rely on winter and it's "messes", but I for one am more than ready for spring!

Hot meals and more!

Even though many of us wish the cold weather would come to an end, that cold makes the hot meals we eat taste that much better! Here are some events that are taking place around the area in the next week that will give you some opportunities to enjoy those hot meals. The Wednesday evening meal at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on February 21st. They will serve potato dumpling and vegetable beef soups for a donation. Next Wednesday's meal will be chicken alfredo tortellini and tomato soups with breadsticks. The meals include peanut

butter and jelly sandwiches, homemade bars and a beverage. Also, on Sunday night, February 25th, Hope Cafe at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, will have their free hot meal for the public at 6 p.m. that evening. All are welcome!

Congratulations goes out to the Red Bulls Wrestling team from MCW/Fairmont who qualified for the state wrestling tournaments after their matches last week. Also, congratulations to Martin County Area magic freshman gymnast Sabrina Segar, who qualified for the Minnesota State Gymnastics tournament on the floor exercise. Good luck to the Red Bulls and Sabrina at state!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - remember your local food shelves!

- 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 having one of those days where it was hard



to get going. I started off slowly and then tapered off. I did manage to exceed the feed limit at breakfast. Ma fed me as if she were fattening me for market. Pop tries to see some good in everyone, but his eyesight isn't what it used to be. Pop had the cataracts removed from both his eyes. He'll

have double vision until they heal, but it will be 20-20, 20-20. He told me I should have invested more in taxes years ago. If I'd done that, I'd be rich today like my brother Croesus who lives in the Twin Cities. I figure anybody can be a success in a big city. It's harder to make good in a small town where everyone is watching."

Naturally

Red-tailed hawks adorned trees, fence posts and traffic signs. This beautiful raptor weighs around 3 pounds. Skittish small birds feeding along roadsides flew at the approach of my car. I soaked it all in as if I were a thirsty squeegee.

I kept my eyes on the road, but recalled past en-

counters with nature.

I paddled the Missouri River in Montana. I yelled. My voice ricocheted back at me. It was an echo-friendly place.

I stayed in a cabin alongside a northern Minnesota lake where a pine kept me awake one night. It wasn't the wind whistling through its boughs, it was its chewing. The pine was a porcupine. It was in a nearby tree chewing on twigs and bark. I've talked to a couple of people who said that porcupines had gnawed on their canoe paddles.

I had the pleasure of petting a porcupine at a wildlife rehabilitation center in Alberta. I petted it very careful-

ly while telling it that I wasn't a canoe paddle.

On a day of nature travel in both the present and the past, I was thankful that February days warm the interiors of cars parked in the sun and that starling bills are turning yellow as a sign of an approaching spring.

Nongame Wildlife Program

Tax-deductible donations to the Nongame Wildlife Program are matched by state conservation license plate funds. The Nongame Wildlife Program receives no money from the state's general fund for its efforts to support a wide range of animals that aren't hunted -- from eagles to loons to turtles to butterflies. It receives no funding from hunting and fishing license fees, lot-

tery proceeds or sales taxes. It relies almost entirely on voluntary donations to support its work.

That work includes research to understand how creatures fit within functioning ecosystems, managing habitat, providing nature education and assisting with recovery efforts for rare species. Over the program's 41-year history, it has played an important role in the recovery of bald eagles, trumpeter swans, eastern bluebirds, peregrine falcons and other species.

Q-and-A

"Do birds fly upside down?" Sort of. Your question reminds me of the song "Little Birdie" from "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" where this was sung about Woodstock, "Little birdie,

why do you fly upside-down? It's amazing at the way you get around." Geese whiffle by twisting their bodies to turn upside down while keeping their heads upright and still, in order to brake before landing. I've seen ravens and hummingbirds fly upside down briefly. They do that when there is nothing worth pooping on. Bald eagles can do a flip or barrel roll. I'm sure there are other birds that do this, too, but none make it their primary way to fly.

Arlene Kjar of Northfield asked if opossums hibernate. Opossums don't hibernate. Surviving our winter is a great challenge to them. Opossums often alter

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

YOUR ATTENTION is called by the Fairmont City Council to a public hearing to be held on February 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairmont City Hall Council Chamber, 100 Downtown Plaza, in the City of Fairmont to take public input on the topic of:

SNOW REMOVAL

All persons interested are invited to attend the public hearing to offer their comments related to this topic. Written comments can also be submitted to Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk, Fairmont City Hall, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031.

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Monday, February 26: Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

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FEB 22 - 28

THUR: Chicken wild rice soup, ham sandwich, broccoli, peaches.
FRI: Italian dunkers, green beans, pears, cupcake.
MON: Softshell taco, grapes, jello cup.
TUE: Chicken noodle hotdish, carrots, bread, applesauce.
WED: Sloppy joe, fries, coleslaw, strawberries.

TRUMAN AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

FEB 22 - 28

THUR: Tator tot hotdish, breadstick, spinach salad, carrots, apples, oranges.
FRI: Max sticks, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, applesauce.
MON: Turkey wrap, potatoe salad, peas/carrots, fruit.
TUE: Hot chicken sandwich, fries, veggies, applesauce.
WED: Veggie soup, PB sandwich, spinach salad, carrots, fruit.

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LUCKY and WILLOW were surrendered together and would do well adopted together. Lucky is a calico (orange, white, and black) and Willow is a brown tabby. These two would like a quiet home to share.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

BOO is a high energy, high octane kind of girl! At about 7 months old, she is an on-the-go girl who needs a home where she will be exercised and mentally stimulated. Boo is 3/4 lab and 1/4 German Shorthair. Her docked tail and slightly more slender build and face show the German Shorthair background, with the lab showing in her coloring. If you want friendly energy, you will love this girl.

HERSHEY is a chocolate lab and shepherd mix. He is good with most other dogs. Hershey is about 3 years old and is a friendly guy.

REBEL is a 4 year old spaniel and lab mix. Rebel grew up with a small child and did great with the child. He also shared a home with a cat, who was his best friend. Rebel is a happy dog that will be a good fit in most homes.

Sherburn Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 4 • 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Martin County West High School Cafeteria

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FEB 22 - 28

THURS: Tator tot hotdish, peas & carrots, beet pickles, yellow with fruit.

FRI: Lemon pepper fish, red skin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding

MON: Beef stroganoff, corn on the cob, eclair.

TUE: Chicken cordon bleu, hashbrown bake, brussel sprouts, jello.

WED: Hamburger, tri tator, baked beans, angelfood with whip topping.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

SOUP LUNCH Schedule

Serving time is from 11:00am until 1:00pm

Friday, March 2, 2018

Benefitting
Heaven's Table
Food Shelf

Friday, April 6, 2018

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Martin County
Animal Shelter

FAIRMONT AREA

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Breakfast menu can be found online.
FEB 22 - 28

THUR: K-6: Roasted turkey, gravy, dinner roll, turkey & swiss on pretzel roll, mashed potatoes, cherry tomatoes, oranges, peaches.

JR/HS: Ckn & cheese quesadilla, rice, refried beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, orange, applesauce.

FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, blueberry muffin fun lunch, fries, corn, apple, pineapple tidbits. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, carrots, caesar salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: Italian meatball sub, tator tots, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, carrots, celery sticks, banana, cocktail. **JR/HS:** Gen-

eral tso's ckn, rice, peas, spinach & cranberry salad, celery sticks, banana, pears.

TUE: K-6: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, orange, pears. **JR/HS:** Ckn wings, mashed potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll, coleslaw, broccoli, orange, peaches.

WED: K-6: Pepperoni pizza, pasta bake, breadstick, ham & cheese sandwich, corn, celery sticks, blueberries, pineapple tidbits. **JR/HS:** Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, celery sticks, pepper strips, grapes, peaches.



St. John Vianney students learn about germs and being healthy

Roger Drahota, R.N., Infection Preventionist from MCHS in Fairmont, talked to the St. John Vianney Preschool Students about germs and

how to stay healthy. The preschool room was able to be tested for cleanliness and the test showed that the preschoolers are learning in a "clean" environment. The students also learned how to we keep ourself from getting sick; washing our hands, drinking water, and getting lots of rest.



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Lauretta Walker, 98



A memorial service for Lauretta Walker, 98,

of Armstrong, was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church's Social Hall in Swea City, IA on Saturday, February 17th, 2018. Lauretta passed away on Sunday, February 11th, 2018 at the age of 98 years at Valley View Care Center in Armstrong. Henry-Olson Funeral Home of Armstrong handled arrangements for the family.

Lauretta was born December 30th, 1919 on the family farm near Bowbells, North Dakota to Jens Peter Neve and Anna Olson Neve. She graduated from Bowbells High School. Lauretta came to Ringsted, IA in 1937 and

worked in Ringsted, Swea City, and Fairmont areas. She married Ralph H. Walker, Jr. (John) June 4th, 1948 in Milford, IA and lived on the Walker family farm near Swea City that was recognized as a Century Farm in 2003. She was employed by the Swea City Herald.

Lauretta was active in community affairs and many organizations throughout North Central Iowa and recognized for her services as Ambassador for the Governor's office by Governors Branstad and Vilsack and earned the President George W. Bush's Vol-

unteer Service Award. She was the first Iowan to receive the Fifth Century Award for advanced reading through Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) in 2007 during her 38-year membership with General Federated Woman of Iowa. She was active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and enjoyed visiting with residents of neighboring care centers and sharing home-made Scandinavian treats.

Lauretta was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Swea City and served on various committees including chairing the annual Scandinavian

Fare in its early years. She received her 50-year pin from Girl Scouts of the USA in 2012. She was a lifetime member of the Kossuth County Historical Society and the Patient Pending Players and received recognition for her activities in Kossuth County 4-H Leadership; the former North Iowa Girl Scout Council, American Cancer Society; and the North Kossuth Schools. She was the 2004 Grand Marshall for Swea City Fun Days.

Lauretta is survived by daughters Janet Hein (Don), Iowa City, IA; and Dori Kostka (Jim) North-

wood, IA; granddaughters Sheri Taylor, (Wade), Ceylon, and Angela Larimer, Iowa City, IA; great-granddaughters Amanda Wohlford (Jerit), Zumbrota, MN; and Bethany Taylor, Bryon, MN; great-great-granddaughter Dakota Wohlford; and great-great-grandsons Aiden Wohlford, Ryker Wohlford, and Corbyn Iverson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph (John) Walker; daughter, Reta Farland; son-in-law Lowell Farland; her parents and twelve brothers and sisters.

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Alison A. Lutterman, 40



Mass of Christian burial for Alison A. Lutterman, 40, of Fairmont, was held

Monday, February 19th, 2018, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial followed the service in Calvary Cemetery. Alison passed away Monday afternoon, February 12th, 2018, at her childhood home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Alison Ann Lutterman was born on April 11th, 1977, at the hospital in Fairmont, the daughter of Gary and Linda (Maday) Lutterman. Alison received her education attending school in Fairmont and graduating from Fairmont High School

with the class of 1995. She would go on to further her education attending the University of St. Thomas where she graduated Cum Laude in 2001 with a Biology Major.

Alison loved science and that love led her to a job with MedTronic in Minneapolis where she worked as a scientist. While there, Alison worked in research in the Cardiology Dept. working on medical devices for surgery and was granted a patent for a medical device she helped to develop. Alison then went on to work for Wuxi App. Tech. in their research labs for medical equipment.

After receiving a diagnosis of brain cancer, Alison worked throughout the Twin Cities as an optometry assistant while undergoing cancer treatments.

Despite living with cancer, Alison wasn't one to let life pass her by. She began lifeguarding at Gomsrud Park in Fairmont as well as the indoor pool in high school. In her college years, she was a lifeguard at St. Thomas College pool in addition to spending multiple summers in Alaska working at a salmon cannery in Dillingham as well as working at a resort in Denali Park. Alison loved to travel and brought back many fond

memories of her trips to Italy, Germany, and Australia where she studied abroad and got to deep sea dive the Great Barrier Reef. Closer to home, Alison could be found camping, hiking, and backpacking. She loved to help others, and enjoyed volunteering with homework programs. Her zest for life and love of adventure will be greatly missed by those that loved her and called her a friend.

Left to cherish her memory is her mother, Linda Maday of Fairmont; father, Gary Lutterman of Truman; brothers, Chad Lutterman and his wife, Chrissy of Fairmont and their children, Brycen,

Brock, and Belinda; Eric Lutterman and his wife, Tracy of Racine, WI, and their children, Ellie and Cole; and Alan Lutterman of Fairmont; grandmother, Irene Lutterman of Sherburn; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and a host of friends.

Alison was preceded in death by her grandparents, Donald and Grace Maday and Robert Lutterman; and one uncle, Charles Maday.

The family requests memorials be made in Alison's name for scholarships to be set up in her memory.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Opal R. Hagedorn, 91



Memorial services for Opal R. Hagedorn, 91, of Fairmont, were held Saturday, February 17th, 2018, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Blue Earth. Opal passed away Tuesday morning, February 13th, 2018, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Opal R. (Christian)

Hagedorn was born on January 11th, 1927, in rural Blue Earth, the daughter of Orville and Regina (Thompson) Christian. At the age of five, she moved into Blue Earth with her parents. She was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church and graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1945.

In 1947, Opal was united in marriage to Darrel Hagedorn and they lived in Blue Earth until 1954 when they moved to Fair-

mont. Together the couple was blessed with over 70 years of marriage.

Opal worked at 3M from 1955 to 1987 when she then retired and helped Darrel with their plumbing business. She was a member of the V.F.W. Post #1222 Auxiliary. In her spare time, Opal loved to read and work on jigsaw puzzles.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Darrel Hagedorn of Fairmont, MN; daughters,

Shirley Jensen and her husband, Virgil of Plymouth and Sheryl Rolling and her husband, Dan of Truman, MN; son, Steven Hagedorn and his wife, Jan of Rochester, MN; grandchildren, Lisa Jensen, Lori Jensen, Melissa (Eric) Erstad, Elizabeth (Mike) Miller, Nathan (Sarah) Rolling, Sam Hagedorn and Joe Hagedorn; great-grandchildren, Cody, Braden, Trey, Kyler, Sawyer, Levi, Meredith, Owen, and Norah; brother,

Charles Christian and his wife, Sylvia of Blue Earth, MN; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Regina Christian; infant son; brothers, Joel Christian and Arlean Christian; and a sister, Mavis Ogilvie.

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Shirley G. Doolittle, 82



Memorial services for Shirley G. Doolittle, 82, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 23rd, 2018, at United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date at the Basey Methodist Church Cemetery rural Winnebago. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22nd, 2018, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour

prior to the time of service at the church. Shirley passed away Saturday evening, February 17th, 2018, at her home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Shirley Glee (Hemingway) Doolittle was born on March 17th, 1935, in Winnebago, the daughter of Frank R. and Hazel M. (Brown) Hemingway. She began her education attending Basey Country School and continued at Winnebago High School.

On November 28th, 1952, Shirley was united in marriage to Raymond Earl Doolittle at the Basey United Methodist Church in rural Winnebago. Together the couple made their home in Winnebago before moving to Blue Earth. In 1960, Shirley and Earl opened Doolittle Decorating in Winnebago and in 1974 the couple moved their family and business

to Fairmont where their two sons joined them in the operation. Following Earl's retirement in 1997, Shirley and Earl sold the business now called Doolittle's Carpet and Paints, to their son Jack. In her "retirement" Shirley still stayed active taking care of the bookkeeping duties as well as helping as needed in the business.

Shirley enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, playing golf, traveling, playing the piano and socializing with the Tuesday night Wild Bunch. She loved getting together with her sisters as often as possible. One of her biggest joys was spending time at the cabin in northern Minnesota with family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Denny Doolittle and his wife, Sandra of Brainerd, Debbie Smith of Hilliard, OH, Jeff Doolittle and his wife, Tamra of Bozeman,

MT, Jack Doolittle and his wife, Jeanne of Fairmont, and Tim Doolittle and his wife, Krista of Chaska, MN; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Ramona Crawford, Roberta Foster, Dorothy Gage, and Mary Jackson; as well as several in-laws, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Hazel Hemingway; husband, Earl Doolittle; granddaughter, Christina Wensel; three sisters, Kathleen Deedrick, Anita Gilreath, and Helen Boesch; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Raymond and Esther Doolittle.

The family requests memorials be left in Shirley's name to United Hospital District (UHD) Hospice or to the donor's choice.

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Robert "Bob" L. Staloch, 61



Mass of Christian Burial for Robert "Bob" Leo Staloch, 61, of Winnebago, was held Friday, February 16th, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Winnebago, with Fr. Peter Klein officiating. Interment took place at First Lutheran Cemetery in Trimont. Robert passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 12th, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Roch-

ester. Arrangements were handled for the family by Spencer-Owen Funeral Home, Winnebago.

Bob was born August 12th, 1956 to John and Jean (McCormick) Staloch of Winnebago. Bob attended school in Winnebago and graduated in 1974 from Winnebago High School. After high school, he worked at, and eventually managed, Duncanson Lumber, which became Winnebago Lumber, Inc. Bob also worked at True Value in Fairmont, Home Depot in Mankato, and Vets Glass of Winnebago.

Bob enjoyed hunting, learning how to fly fish, and most of all, spending time with his children and grandchild. He loved getting together with family and friends. Bob was a proud member of AA.

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Bob is survived by his best friend and significant other, Caroline Olson; children, Kate (Ted) Stenzel, Dan (Amy) Staloch, Betsy (Andrew) Ritzer; grandchild, Josie Stenzel; siblings, Mike Staloch, Margie Hanenberger, Kathy Kuhns, Mary Barker, Patty (Jason) Gullord; brother-in-law, Terry Walters; and many other loving nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Teresa Walters and brother, Peter Staloch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.

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DEATH notices



February 12 - Violet V. Wiederhoeft, 83, Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
February 12 - Alison A. Lutterman, 40, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 13 - Opal R. Hagedorn, 91, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 15 - Dolores D. Schwab, 79, Granada. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
February 17 - Shirley G. Doolittle, 82, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

February 12 - Douglas L. Nelson, 64, Fairmont
February 14 - Oliver W. Garlick, 85, Fairmont
February 17 - Alvin F. Thompson, 77, Welcome
February 17 - Anna Mae Iverson, 88, Fairmont (formerly of Ceylon and Dolliver)
February 18 - Louis L. Petrowiak, 95, Fairmont

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their foraging habits during winter, coming out during the day when it's warmer rather than at night. It's not uncommon for opossums to suffer frostbite, particularly to their tails. I have

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read that if the temperature rises to 28 degrees, an opossum can remain active all night. Opossums first arrived in Minnesota, in the southeastern part of the state, around 1900. They weren't equipped for our winters. They still aren't.

"How long does a vole live?" The meadow vole, the most widespread and common vole in Minnesota, often called a field mouse or a meadow mouse, lives up to two years, but most survive less than a year. The University of Minnesota says that a female vole is capable of having five to ten litters each year with three to five young in each litter. Voles have a population boom every three to five



A starling's bill begins to turn yellow as spring nears. Photo by Al Batt

years.

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Is a Managed Account right for you?

As an investor, you'll face many decisions over the years. How much should you invest? Where should you put your money? When is it time to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others? Some people enjoy making these choices themselves – but not everyone. Consequently, the type of investor you are will influence your thinking about whether to open a managed account.

As its name suggests, a managed account – sometimes known as an “advisory” account – essentially is a portfolio of stocks, bonds and other investments chosen by a professional investment manager who makes the buy and sell decisions. Typically, each managed account has an investment objective based on your goals, and you may have some voice in investment choices – for example, you may be able to request that the manager avoid certain investments.

Or, you might still work with a personal financial advisor who can help you identify and quantify your goals, define your risk tolerance, and track changes in your family situation – and who can then use this information to help guide the investment manager's choices.

Beyond this basic structure, managed accounts can vary greatly in terms of administration, reporting, fees and minimum balance.

So, assuming you meet the requirements for a managed account, should you consider one? There's really no one right answer for everyone. But three factors to consider are cost, control and confidence.

•Cost – Different managed accounts may have different payment arrangements. However, it's common for a money manager to be paid based on a percentage of assets under management. So, if your manager's fee is 1% and your portfolio contains \$100,000, the manager earns \$1,000 per year, but if the value of your portfolio rises to \$200,000, the manager earns \$2,000. Because the manager has a personal stake in the portfolio's success, this arrangement could work to your advantage. Be aware, though, that other fees may be associated with your account.


•Control – With any managed account, you will give up some, or perhaps all, of your power to make buy-and-sell decisions. If you have built a large portfolio, and you're busy with work and family, you may like the idea of delegating these decisions. And, as mentioned above, you can still oversee the “big picture” by either working through a financial advisor or, at the least, having your goals, risk tolerance and investment preferences dictate a money manager's decisions. But you will have to decide for yourself how comfortable you are in ceding control of your portfolio's day-to-day transactions.

•Confidence – It's essential that you feel confident in a managed account's ability to help you meet your goals. And the various elements of a managed account may well give you that assurance. For example, some managed accounts include automatic rebalancing of assets, which, among other things, can help you achieve tax efficiency. Other features of a managed account – such as the experience and track record of the manager – also may bolster your confidence.


Ultimately, you'll need to weigh all factors before deciding whether a managed account is right for you. In any case, it's an option worth considering.


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Coaches vs. Cancer event




Leeann Welchlin, Deb Heinrich and Kelly Quiring successfully completed their 5th Coaches vs Cancer event January 19th at Fairmont High School!







NuWay Cooperative now shows their support for Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon on their propane trucks. Pictured (L to R): Connor O'Sell, Haley Ammann, Corey Blazejak, Riley Schwieger, John Becker, Tamara Plumhoff, Steve Flohrs, Tom Zender, Dan Krumwiede, Jack Zoback, Dan Schmidtke, David Anderson, Becky Mulso. (Submitted photo)



Ron Runkle of Welcome donates blood at last week's American Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Ron has a three-gallon donor pin.

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1	9	3	5	4	7	6	8	2	5

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Jeffrey Bolen (left), parent of a Martin Luther High School student, was the winner of the 2018 Chili Challenge held by The Martin Luther High School Class of 2021. There were eight entries in the contest. He is pictured with Sarah Shane, Class President and Rebecca Oerman, Class Advisor. (Submitted photo)



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Your guide to reducing the prom price tag

(StatePoint) Prom is a time-honored tradition and a rite of passage for teens. Originally inspired by graduation celebrations and debutante balls, prom today is now an extravagant, defining moment in a teen's life, bearing little resemblance to prom-enades of the past -- especially when it comes to cost.

All of this indulgence unfortunately comes with a price tag, and prom expenses can put a large dent in your wallet. Teens are spending nearly \$640 on prom hair and makeup, outfits, tickets and rides, according to Yahoo Style's

"2017 Prom Across America" survey -- and that doesn't take into consideration any pre-prom expenses, such as the promposal, which, according to Visa's annual prom spending survey, adds another \$324!

The Promposal

In recent years, teens have upped the ante, finding elaborate -- and often public -- ways to ask someone to prom.

What are some popular promposal tactics? Spelling "prom" with pastries, creating giant duct tape posters, decorating lockers and bedrooms, and popping the question on the jumbotron at a sporting event.

Fashion First

When proms first became common, teens were encouraged to wear their "Sunday best" -- implying a nice dress or suit they already owned. Not so anymore. For girls, prom is all about the dress, and finding the perfect one at the right price is no easy task. "Seventeen Magazine" reported that girls spend \$231 on average for a dress, \$45 on shoes, \$23 on a handbag, \$32 on jewelry and \$118 on hair, nails and makeup.

While guys typically spend less on prom clothing and accessories, they're still shell-ing out for a tuxedo, corsage and other accessories.

Cut Costs, Save for College

The steep prom price tag is leading teens to look at alternatives, such as ditching typical outfits and making their own. One example is Duck Tape formal wear. Over the



last 17 years, the Duck brand Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest has attracted more than 7,000 entrants and awarded more than half a million dollars in

scholarships to teens who crafted their Duck Tape prom attire.

Now in its 18th year, the contest will once again help offset the skyrocketing costs

of college by helping teens save on prom and by awarding creative makers for their unique promwear designs, offering two individual \$10,000 Grand Prizes: one in the Dress Category and one in the Tux Category, totaling \$20,000. For more information, visit stuck-atprom.com.

Other ways to cut the prom price tag? Hair, makeup and other accessories can cost more than \$200, so skip the salon and opt for online tutorials for hair and makeup inspiration. Also, DIYing accessories, such as jewelry, a clutch or flowers (i.e. Duck Tape roses), can add a personal touch, and keep money in your wallet.

Setting a budget and looking for opportunities to save money can help ensure prom is an amazing night that doesn't break the bank.

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What to wear? Prom timeline

When to Shop

In order to find that dream dress that perfectly fits your bod and budget, time is your best friend. As you narrow down your options keep this time line in mind to help guide you on your way!

5 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

Start looking in magazines and online.

Save your faves.

4 months before Prom: Information Gathering

Check your saved favorites for trends that suit you. Are they all short? Are they all green? If yes, then you are most likely looking for a short, green dress. Knowing this in advance will save you tons of time at the stores.

If you're still unsure about what you're looking for, check with a bestie for advice or input.

Check your school's dress code to see if there are certain styles you should avoid before you spend your money.

3 months before Prom: Time to Shop!

Check out dress boutiques, department stores, second-hand shops and the internet.

Try it on. Not only will you get an indication of your size, but you may find green is not your color after all, or your legs

look frightful in a short dress. Remember, it is easier to alter a dress that is too big, than one that is too small.

If you've found a dress that fits your budget and makes you feel beautiful and confident, buy it!

2 months before Prom: Alterations vs. Returns

If your dress is too big in some areas, but fits perfectly in others, you may want to consider alterations. Most dress stores offer this service or you may prefer a tailor.

If your dress is too small or way too big, you'll probably want to return it for a different size.

Hair, Makeup, Nails

Time Line Guide

Now that you've picked out your dress, you can start putting together the rest of your look.

Whether you decide to invest in the salon option or gather your supplies and your girls, make sure to figure it into your budget.

Other Beauty Services

Cosmetology

4 months before Prom: Preliminary Shopping

Start looking through magazine and online.

Save your faves.

3 months before Prom: Book It

Call a few salons for pricing and services. You

may want to get your hair, makeup and nails done at the same place.

Schedule a practice appointment for your hair and makeup. Bring pictures of your favorite styles.

If you're happy with your practice appointment, book an appointment for the day of Prom.

2 months before Prom: DIY Shop & Play

If you are going to do your own hair, makeup and nails, start shopping for materials and practice. It might help to enlist the help of a friend.

2 weeks before Prom: Confirm

Confirm your appointment with the salon.

Purchase what you need to do your hair, makeup and nails.

Tanning

Try a spray tan or self tanner. Practice before the big night.

If you use a tanning bed or the sun, start 6 months before Prom and be sure to use sunscreen.

Waxing

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At a glance prom planning checklist

- 8 months before Prom
- Create your Prom budget.
- 5 months before Prom
- Start preliminary dress shopping.
- Start preliminary transportation shopping.
- 4 months before Prom
- Gather dress information.
- Book transportation.
- Start preliminary shopping for hair/makeup.
- Start making dinner decisions.
- 3 months before Prom
- Purchase dress.
- Book hair, makeup and nail appointments.
- Gather restaurant information.
- 2 months before Prom
- Purchase Prom tickets.
- Bring your dress in for alterations or exchanges.
- Shop for hair/makeup/nails if your doing them yourself.
- Make dinner reserva-

- tions.
- Shop for accessories.
- 3 weeks before Prom
- Confirm transportation reservation.
- Coordinate your group for picture-taking.
- 2 weeks before Prom
- Confirm salon appointments.
- Confirm restaurant reservation.
- Order boutonniere for your date.
- 1 day before Prom
- Charge your phone and camera.
- Pack your purse.
- Get spray tan and/or waxing.
- Try everything on to make sure your look is complete.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Prom Day
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Do some light exercise.
- Get ready!
- HAVE FUN!!!

Fairmont Area High School announces first semester honor rolls

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Vendors include the above, plus hair salons, make-up, floral, jewelry

and more prom vendors. Miss Minnesota will be present on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. She will show her Miss America competition wardrobe.

Event hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Worthington Event Center is located at 1477 Prairie Drive, just off I-90 in northeast Worthington.

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HIGH HONORS- Cadence Becker, Vanessa Bliesmer, Cadence Breitbarth, Kaycie Brookens, Hayden Clabaugh, Presley Clarey, Lauren Davis, Justine Eisenmenger, Emily Frank, Jasmine Hansen, Mackenzie Householder, Jaya Johnson, Briana Joseph, Angelica Kerekes,



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City of Trimont, Village of Trimont to Seasons Healthcare of Trimont, Inc., Pt. w/utility & sidewalk easement, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-103-32

Carmen C. Willard to Cynthia A. Newcomb, Joseph W. Newcomb, Lots 31, 32, 33, Amber Lake Addn. to Interlaken

Fairmont Partners LP to MidAmerica Distributing LLC, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 5-102-30

Bart W. Clayton, Kari A. Clayton to Bradford Seifert, Shae Seifert, Lot 8, Block 1, Eastside First Addn.

McDonalds Corporation to McDonalds Real Estate Company, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 32-103-30, Pt. Lot 1, Block 1, McDonalds Addn.

McDonalds Real Estate Company to McDonalds USA LLC, Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 32-103-30, Pt. Lot 1, Block 3, McDonalds Addn.

Julie A. Schafer, Philip H. Schafer to Independent School District #2448, Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 7-102-32

Jill M. Maakestad, Jon M. Maakestad to Emily Louise Wohlhuter Fett, Ryan John Fett, Emily Louise Wohlhuter Fett, Lot 8, Block 1, Barkers Knollwood Beach Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Corinna H. Chung, Corinna H. Chung-Thompson, Eric C. Thompson to Eric C. Thompson Revocable Trust, Govt. Lots 1, 2, Exc. RR R/W, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Govt. Lot 3, Exc. RR R/W, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Exc. RR R/W, Govt. Lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, all 19-104-32

Garett Jagodzinske, Pamela Jagodzinske, Paul Jagodzinske to Garrett Jagodzinske, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-102-32

Paul Jagodzinske to Garrett Jagodzinske, Lots 7 and 8 & vacated Quarterline Street, S.78.6' & vacated Quarterline Street, Lot 9, Block 3, Campbells 2nd Addn., Welcome

James M. Hecker, Rhea M. Hecker to IBBN Properties LLC, Lot 4, W.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Lot 5, Block 1, Hemillers Addn., Trimont

Melissa Tumbleson, Stephanie M. Tumbleson, Trace J. Tumbleson, Trent W. Tumbleson to Derald Harris, Trustee, Joan A. Harris, Trustee, Harris Family Revocable Living Trust, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 7-103-32

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Todd J. Stremming, Louis M. Stremming Revocable Living Trust to Todd J. Stremming,, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. in W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 9-101-30

Derald L. Harris, Joan A. Harris, Harris Family Revocable Living Trust to Anita G. Tumbleson, Kenneth W. Tumbleson, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Exc. RR & W/100' strip, 7-103-32

CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS

Jason P. Sarazine, Kirie Rae Sarazine to Angel Campos Gonzalez, Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Block 6, Ext. to Southside Addn., Sherburn

Triumph State Bank to Michael W. Andrews, Sydney Andrews, E.10' Lot 9, Lot 10, Block 16, Original Plat Triumph

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 1993

The annual Sportsmen's Boat & Sports Show was being held at the Fairmont American Legion Hall, sponsored by KSUM and KFMC. Two fishing seminars were to be presented by Pro Fisherman Harry Stiles and Bass Seeker Member Mark Olson. Among the features were an antique lure display.

Granada-Huntley-East Chain Snow Week culminated with the crowning of Prince Ryan Prigge and Princess Alissa Murphy.

The College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, honored Lynn Becker, son of Larry and Linda Becker of Fairmont as a 1992-1993 Agriculture Merit Scholar. Becker received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Walt Welchlin and Myrtle Hilpiper were crowned 1993 Facility Representatives at the Lutz Wing.

United Hospital District of Blue Earth was holding an open house celebrating completion of a renovation project and addition of new services: new CT Scan, new mamography equipment, new in-house ultrasound and new out-patient service area.

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50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 1968

A fire in the VFW Club bar and lounge caused extensive damage to the horseshoe bar and its equipment. The fire was believe to have been started by a defective switch in the club's door-opening mechanism. Loss was estimated at several thousand dollars.

A ceremony at Fairmont Airport welcomed the inauguration of two-day Convair 440 jet flights between Minneapolis and Omaha. The North Central schedule was to be non-stop between Minneapolis and Fairmont, Worthington, Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Omaha.

Poly Film, Inc. of Fairmont was sold to UPE, Inc., a corporation wholly owned by Leslie D. Jensen of Stillwater, MN., but was to continue operation in Fairmont.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kinship thanks

I want to take a moment to brag about our community. As the newest member of the Kinship of Martin County team, each day I am learning about a new part of our organization. Yesterday, I learned about the PERKs of being a part of Kinship. Literally.

When mentors and mentees get matched and become a part of our program, one part of the information given to them is a list of PERKs, which stands for Professionals Encouraging Relationships with Kids. Several business and organizations in Martin county have partnered with Kinship, which means when mentors and their mentees are hanging out, they can go to different places in the area and receive special offers or discounts. I was aware of this program - but not aware of how extensive it is.

Twenty-eight different places in Martin county offer free meals, free games, or even free entry for the mentee when they are spending time with their mentor. This is a huge gift to our mentors, and evidence that our community understands the benefits of mentoring relationships.

Those places are: Anytime Fitness, Arby's, Bowlmor Lanes, Cardinal Athletics/Activities, Cup N' Saucer, Cutting Edge Fitness, Dairy Freeze, El Agave Mexican Restaurant, Fairmont Aquatic Park, Fairmont Opera

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Thank you from CREST

On behalf of the CREST Board of Directors and staff, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to St. Martin's Episcopal Church of Fairmont for having a Friday Soup Lunch Benefit for CREST. The funds will enable us to continue reaching out to those in need in Martin County with Live At Home Services, Caregiver

Support Services, and Volunteer Opportunities.

If you would like more information on the CREST program, please call us at 235-3833. Again, thank you to St. Martin's for their support of CREST.

Sincerely,
Rob Stauter
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THROW DOWN - Zac Ringnell pinned Marshall's Andrew Williams to help the Red Bulls win the Section 3AA championship 49-20 over the Tigers and clinch a state berth. *Courtesy Greg Abel.*



THE THRILL OF VICTORY - The Red Bulls Parker Anderson reacts after pinning Redwood-River Valley's Eric Bommersbach. The Red Bulls defeated the Badgers 54-18 in the Section 3AA semi-final Saturday in Marshall. *Courtesy Greg Abel.*



Martin County Area Magic freshman gymnast Sabrina Segar qualified for the MSHSL State Gymnastics tournament on the floor exercise. The MCA Magic competed Saturday February 17th in Luverne at the Section qualifier. The team placed 4th out of 9 teams. *Photo submitted by David Schiltz*



OFF GLASS - The Cards Nate Kallenbach watches his lay-up bank in while Waseca's #2 Malik Willingham and Ryan Dufault trail the play. The Bluejays downed the Cards 66-49 last Tuesday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



LOOSE BALL - The Fairmont youth basketball program entertained during halftime of the Cards-Bluejays game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



DUELING COLBYS - Worthington's Colby Nickel crashes into the Cards goalie Colby Kuhl. The Cards defeated Worthington 4-2 last Thursday night. The Cards traveled to Willmar Tuesday night to open the Section playoffs. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



2,500 STOPS - Lisa Kuhl holds a plaque commemorating her son's, #1 Colby, 2,500 career saves as a Cardinal goalie. The game was stopped to honor Colby during the moment. Teammates and head coach Kris Olson, left, joined in the celebration. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Fairmont Elementary fun skate

Mrs. Missling's second graders from Fairmont Area Elementary School ventured out to the Martin County Ice Arena for an afternoon of skating fun last week!



Crop prices show some strength

Guest Columnist

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Soybean prices have been a pleasant surprise during the early weeks of 2018, with both Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) futures prices and local cash soybean prices at considerably higher levels than were expected a few months ago. Many farm operators have already sold their 2017 soybean production; however, for those producers that still have 2017 soybeans in storage, this may be a good time to price some of the remaining inventory. The current price levels also suggest that it may be an opportunity to consider pricing a portion

of the expected 2018 soybean production.

Current CBOT soybean futures closed at \$10.24 per bushel on February 15th, which was slightly lower than \$10.43 per bushel at this point in 2017, but well above the \$8.79 per bushel in mid-February, 2016. Similarly, CBOT November soybean futures ended trading at \$10.23 per bushel on February 15th, which is at almost the exact level that existed at this time a year ago, and compares to near \$8.90 per bushel in 2016. The soybean market scenario thus far in 2018 has been

very similar to 2017.

Local cash soybean prices in Southern Minnesota have shown a similar scenario, with current soybean prices near \$9.35-\$9.75 per bushel, which compares to \$9.40-to \$9.90 a year ago, and \$8.00-\$8.40 per bushel at this time in 2016. Current "new crop" prices in Southern Minnesota for the 2018 crop have been near \$9.35-\$9.65 per bushel, again similar to 2017 price levels, but well below mid-February "new crop" soybean prices of near \$8.25 per bushel in 2016. In 2017, local "new crop" soybean prices at the soybean processing plants dropped from near \$9.75 per bushel in mid-February to near \$8.50 per bushel by late June, which equates to about \$65 to \$75 per acre for most producers in the region.

The latest USDA Report, released on February 9th, 2018, estimated the U.S. national market year average (MYA) on-farm cash soybean price for 2017-2018 in a range of \$8.90-\$9.70 per bushel, resulting in an average soybean price of \$9.30 per bushel. The 2017-18 USDA price estimates are the expected average prices from September 1st, 2017 to August 31st, 2018, for the 2017 crop year, and are not estimated prices for the 2018 crop year. By comparison, the final national MYA soybean prices were \$9.47 per bushel for 2016-17, \$8.95 per bushel for 2015-16, and \$10.10 per bushel for 2014-15.

The current strength in the soybean market has been driven by concerns

over 2018 soybean production in South America, especially in Argentina, which has been experiencing very dry weather conditions. Based on the February 9th USDA WASDE Report, the levels of the soybean processing in the U.S. are expected to be higher in 2017-18, as compared to a year earlier; however, U.S. soybean export levels this year are estimated to decline by 74 million bushels, compared to 2016-17. The latest USDA Report listed estimated 2017-18 soybean ending stocks at 530 million bushels, which would be at the highest level in over a decade, and compares to ending stocks levels of 302 bushels in 2016-17 and 197 bushels in 2015-16.

There are several "caution flags" with maintaining or expanding the current strength in the soybean market, with the biggest being the projected high level of soybean ending stocks and the final 2018 South American soybean production. The other big "caution flag" is the ongoing U.S. trade relations with China, Mexico, and Canada, through the NAFTA negotiations and other trade issues. Just under half of last year's U.S. production is expected to be exported in 2017-18, with China and Mexico being the two largest export markets for U.S. soybeans.

The other "wild card" in the current soybean market, especially for "new crop" soybeans, will likely be the level of 2018 planted soybean acres in the U.S. The first actual USDA estimates will be released in the March 31st Planting Intentions Report. Many private analysts are estimating 2018 U.S. soybean acreage in the range of 92-93 million acres, which compares to U.S. soybean acreages of 90.1 acres in 2017, 83.4 million acres in

2016, and 82.7 million acres in 2015. An extra 3 million acres of soybeans, would likely increase the 2018 U.S. soybean production by approximately 150 million bushels above 2017 levels, at a "trend-line" soybean yield of 49 bushels per acre. If soybean usage stays the same that would result in even higher soybean carry-over levels by this time next year. Most likely, any significant rise in soybean prices later this year will be due to a major drought or other weather problem in the U.S. in 2018.

Local cash corn prices in Southern Minnesota have not been nearly as encouraging as current soybean prices; however, corn prices have shown some improvement in recent weeks. Current cash corn prices in the region were near \$3.15-\$3.25 per bushel on February 15th, which just slightly lower than local corn prices at this point in both 2017 and 2016. Current "new crop" local corn prices for the 2018 crop have been near \$3.30-\$3.45 per bushel at many locations in Southern Minnesota, with lower levels in other areas, which again are slightly lower than "new crop" corn prices a year ago at this time. USDA is currently estimating the MYA corn price for 2017-2018 in a range from \$3.05-\$3.55 per bushel, or an average of \$3.30 per bushel, which compares to \$3.36 per bushel for 2016-17, \$3.61 per bushel for 2015-16 and \$3.70 per bushel for 2014-15.

In 2017, the local cash corn price in Southern Minnesota remained fairly constant from late January to late June, before dropping significantly to near \$3.00 per bushel by late July. Many farm operators have a significant amount of unpriced 2017 corn stored in grain bins on the farm, and need to pay close attention

to any potential late Winter and Spring rallies in the cash corn market. The fairly large level of estimated 2017-18 corn ending stocks at 2.35 billion bushels will likely limit any sustained rallies in the cash corn market beyond early Summer, unless there are growing season weather issues with the 2018 corn crop.

Similar to recent years, producers need to look at opportunities to sell their remaining 2017 corn in storage, as well as to forward price some of their 2018 corn crop, either through CBOT futures contracts or with forward cash contracts. In the past four years, the highest "new crop" corn prices have been offered in Spring and early Summer in the year that the corn was produced, and post-harvest corn prices have never topped that level the following year. The last time we saw corn prices rise to higher levels post-harvest was in 2013 following the major U.S. drought in 2012.

It is important for farm operators to develop a good grain marketing plan for both the unpriced 2017 grain that is still in storage, as well as the expected 2018 corn and soybean production. Grain price targets should be based on realistic price expectations, as well as calculated crop production breakeven levels. Producers are also encouraged have target dates that are linked to grain marketing decisions and prices, especially with the unpriced corn and soybeans that are in storage. Historically, in most years with large grain supplies, such as exist in 2018, cash grain prices for "old crop" corn and soybeans usually drop by a fairly significant level after July 1st. The price targets need to be continually reviewed and adjusted, as grain market situations change.

To the Voters of FRASER TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Welcome City Hall**
Polls open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years
ONE CLERK - 2 years

Business Meeting after 8 p.m.
Alternate Bad Weather Date is Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Published by order of the **FRASER TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Rita Garbers, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers MANYASKA TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Manyaska Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
3 Main Street, Fox Lake Village, Welcome, MN

Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 yr. term
(1) CLERK - 2 yr. term

Also on the ballot will be the following question:

"It is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or tenant to cut an 8 foot swath of grass along the road between September 1st and October 20th. If they do not, the township board will have the work done and cost billed to the landowner. Should this statement be enforced?"

The Annual meeting will be held at 8:15 p.m.

The Board of Canvass will be held at approximately 8:25 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Published by order of the **MANYASKA TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Diane Glidden, Clerk

To the Voters of TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**
at Tenhassen Town Hall.

Business Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years
ONE CLERK - 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls.

In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Published by order of the **TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Larry Simpson, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rolling Green Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

at the Town Hall, 978 160th Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

The Election Poll Hours will be open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) Supervisor - 3 year term
(1) Clerk - 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls.

The **Annual Meeting** will commence at **8:05 p.m.** to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Published by order of the **ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Dan Bebernes, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Lake Belt Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
at Lake Belt Township Grader Shed / Town Hall.

Business Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR- 3 year term
(1) CLERK - 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Published by order of the **LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Jeff Hagen, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers SILVER LAKE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Silver Lake Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
at Boy Scout Camp, North Shore of Iowa Lake.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 20, 2018.

Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 yr term
(1) CLERK - 2 yr term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls. (must meet within 2 days of the close of the election).

Published by order of the **SILVER LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Randy Musser, Clerk

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

at Rutland Township Hall, 1448 St. Hwy 15. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tuesday, March 20, 2018. 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 Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all business prescribed by law.

Published by order of the **RUTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Roxane Wedel, Clerk

Notice to the residents of NASHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Nashville Township, Martin County, Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
at the Nashville Township Town Hall

The Annual Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Meeting will end at 5:00 p.m.

Polls open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect the following:

(1) SUPERVISOR - 3 yr. term
(1) CLERK - 2 yr. term

In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Published by order of the **NASHVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD**
Mary Tomlinson, Clerk