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## CREST Begins Caregiver Consultant Program

The volunteer caregivers organization "CREST" has embarked on a new program that will address the challenges that caregivers face today.

The Caregiver Consultant Program has been established to provide caregivers the information and resources to achieve a balanced lifestyle while

expect that lifestyles are going to change. "They are prone to frustration, anxiety and having their own physical well-being deteriorate if they have no support and ways to cope.

Caregivers need to be able to take care of themselves in order to take good care of their loved ones. One of those ways is

each month a group of caregivers for persons with Alzheimer's, Dementia and Lewy-Bodies Dementia meet at United Methodist Church in Fairmont at 1:30 p.m.

- The second Tuesday of each month a group of caregivers for persons with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy-Bodies associated with Parkinson's meet at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont at 1:30 p.m.

- On the last Thursday of each month a support group for persons with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers meets at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like more information on the CREST Caregiver Consultant program, you can call the CREST office in Fairmont at 235-3833. Also, individuals are invited to come to one of the established support groups to find out more information.



Volunteers Helping Neighbors

caring for another person. It assists caregivers in identifying their needs and finding ways to meet those needs.

According to CREST Program Coordinator Joyce Peterson, many caregivers have to face the unknown and the pros-

through support groups, which help caregivers know that they are not alone in their situation and can learn from each other.

CREST currently has three support groups meeting:

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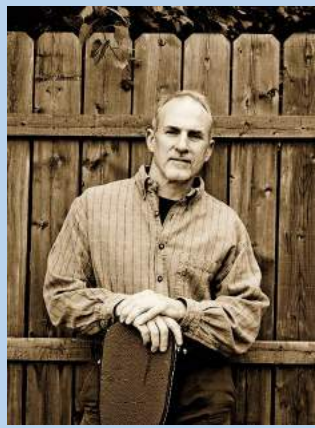
## Award Winning Christian Singer to Appear at Fairmont Church

Have you ever taken the time, while reading the bible, to count how many times Jesus says "Follow me"? According to a song by Bryan Sirchio, it is 87 times.

Christian musician and songwriter Bryan Sirchio will be leading a time of exploring what it means personally and as a church to follow Jesus. The event will take place on Saturday, February 27th to Sunday, February 28th at First Congregational UCC Church in Fairmont.

Bryan is a UCC minister who has spent over 25 years giving concerts, leading worship and retreats.

You can learn more about Bryan at [sirchio.com](http://sirchio.com).



The event will include music, reflection, sharing and fun. Participants will be able to take part during the day, spend the night at the church and wor-

ship together on Sunday morning.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and the day will include large and small group times, times to play and share and opportunities to be creative. It is an inter-generational event for both adults and children over age 10.

There is no charge for the event, but free will donations will be accepted.

Bryan will give a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday night and the public is invited. Free will donation for the concert.

For more information, contact David Adams at [david\\_ace\\_adams@hotmail.com](mailto:david_ace_adams@hotmail.com).

## 3M Fairmont Secures \$300,000 Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Grant

Employees of the Fairmont 3M plant will soon reap the benefits from a \$300,000 Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grant that was officially signed at the plant last Friday.

"3M takes great pride in investing in its employees company-wide and also here in Fairmont" stated Lora Muilenburg, Plant Manager in Fairmont.

After receiving feedback from local employees wanting to advance their skills and obtain additional training in manufacturing, Crystal Hanson, Plant Human Resources Manager in Fairmont worked

in the plant, such as training geared specifically for maintenance, production, engineers, supply chain analysts, quality, lead operators, leadership, etc. The curriculum will be offered in classroom sessions at 3M and/or the Southern Minnesota Education Center in Fairmont and also online.

Plant Manager Lora Muilenburg stated at the ceremony that "Fairmont 3M employees had expressed the desire for continued learning." The grant will include training that will result in the awarding of a number of credentials

community College, South Central College, House Representative Bob Gunther and State Senator Julie Rosen, among other guests.

According to MJSP Director Paul D. Moe, the MJSP works strategically with businesses and educational institutions to train or retrain workers, expand work opportunities and keep high-quality jobs in the state. Since 2011, the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program has awarded \$37.6 million to train 44,806 workers and has leveraged \$76.6 million in private funding.



**Representatives of the three entities involved made the grant official Friday. Left to right: Dr. Mary Davenport, Riverland Community College; Crystal Hanson, 3M Fairmont and Paul D. Moe, Minnesota Job Skills Partnership.**

## Design Contest Taking Place for Area Veteran's Tribute

The Trimont American Legion Auxiliary #363 is coordinating a design contest for a Veterans' Tribute in Triumph Memorial Park located on Main Street in Trimont.

The guidelines for the design contest are as follows:

- the area for the design will be approximately 40 feet wide and 60 feet long
- since the memorial will be on public property, no religious symbols can be incorporated into the design
- the design must include the symbols of the six branches of the military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine

- the flags of the United States, state of Minnesota, Prisoners of War (POW) and the Missing in Action (MIA) must be part of the design
- on a black background of black marble will be bronze plates with 4 lines which may include the veterans' name, rank, military branch, POW, MIA (the specific information to be included will be determined by the purchaser of the bronze plate)
- the design must include benches for sitting when people visit the tribute
- the design must include something that depicts the family of a veteran who also sacrificed while the veteran served

their country (remembering both men and women served)

- the design must be physically available to everyone

- the final approval of the design will be made by the Veterans' Tribute Committee from Trimont
- the design contest will run from February 18th through March 15th, 2016
- the person whose design is selected will be awarded \$200

If you have questions about the contest or the Veterans' Tribute, call Marianne Holtz in Trimont at 507-639-6287. You may leave a message and Marianne will return your call.

## 3M Provides Grant to St. James Lutheran School

3Mgives has donated \$250 to St. James Lutheran School, Northrop, in recognition of Pat Davis' commitment to the community.

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"3M employees and alumni generously give their time and skills to help improve lives," said Kimberly Price, Vice

3M employee volunteers 20 hours or a 3M retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year.

Since 2000, Volunteer Matches totaling over \$5 million have gone to over 3,000 schools or non-profit organizations in 50 states plus the District of Columbia. For more information on this program, please contact 3Mgives at 651-733-0144 or visit [3Mgives.com](http://3Mgives.com).

# 3Mgives

Pat Davis has donated 29 hours to St. James Lutheran School. As a volunteer, she has assisted at the school by listening to young children read, helping individuals with math and reading skills, and aiding in other areas

President, 3Mgives. "We are pleased to recognize their commitment to their communities."

As part of the 3Mgives Volunteer Match, the 3M Foundation will donate \$250 to eligible non-profit organizations for which a



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## MCHS in Fairmont Offers Weight-loss Program

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont is offering a specialized eight-week weight-loss program that uses a multi-disciplinary approach to help participants lose weight and live healthier lives. The HEALTH Program employs aspects of diet, exercise, behavior and emotions to identify and address the specific needs of people in the program.

"The HEALTH curriculum is able to utilize numerous experts at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont to help participants succeed in losing weight and regaining their health," says Brian Koranda, licensed psychologist at Mayo Clinic Health System in

Fairmont.

"Not only are diet and exercise discussed, but also being mindful of decisions, barriers and triggers. We even use cognitive therapy to change the way people think about weight loss."

The HEALTH program, led by Koranda and Anne Sheppard, licensed dietitian at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, meets once a week on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. starting March 10th. A maximum of 12 people can participate. There is a cost for each session, so speak with your insurance provider about coverage.

Call 507-238-8598 for more information - including pricing - or to register.

## String Ensemble to Appear at the Red Rock Center For the Arts

Red Rock Center in Fairmont is delighted to have such a prestigious group of musicians coming to the stage on Saturday, March 5th at 7 p.m.

Karen Kim, grammy award-winning violinist; Lydia Miller Choorapuzha, who has played with a variety of orchestras, including the Mankato Symphony, the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera Orchestra, the Hawaii Symphony, and the World Symphony Orchestra; Johanna Torbenson has given many solo and chamber music performances throughout the United States and Europe and has performed with National Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, and Key West Symphony; and Thomas Rosenberg

nationally known as a dynamic performer, chamber music coach, and teacher.

This all-strings program features Kodaly's difficult, gypsy-like duo for violin and cello, and Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov's Tenebrae, a rare work that both evokes pristine beauty and resonates of deep pain, depending upon the listener's perspective. Bookending these gems are pillars of the string quartet repertoire, Haydn's delightful "Joke" quartet and Beethoven's disturbing "Serioso."

Don't miss this performance presented in collaboration with the Mankato Sympathy Music on the Hill Series and a Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant. There is a charge.

## Festival of Music is March 13th

The 21st annual Festival of Music will be held on Sunday, March 13th at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, which is located at 300 South Grant Street in Fairmont.

The purpose of this festival is to come together as fellow believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to declare our praises to Him. The music reflects the tradition of the area churches and the theme of the music will be about

the suffering of Jesus and/or his resurrection.

The program will consist of solos, instrumentals, quartets, ensembles and choirs. There will also be scripture readings and a hymn sing during the festival.

An offering will be received at this event and will to support the ministry of CREST in Martin County. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Martin County Area Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

The Martin County Area Foundation is accepting grant applications.

Non-profits interested in starting a project to enhance the quality of life in Martin County are encouraged to apply for a grant. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce and on [www.MCAreaFoundation.org](http://www.MCAreaFoundation.org). Eligibil-

ity and other grant information can be found on the application, by contacting a board member, or by calling the Foundation office at 235-5547.

Please return completed applications by May 31st to MCAF, P.O. Box 704, Fairmont, MN 56031, or drop off at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, 323 East Blue Earth Avenue.

There will be a **public information meeting** regarding priority concerns for the Martin County Water Plan, hosted by Martin Soil and Water Conservation District. The meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 29th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, 920 E 10th St. Please call 507-235-6680 with any questions.

The **Fairmont Lakes Foundation** monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1st, 5:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the Southern Minnesota Educational Center, 115 South Park Street. Enter by the south-east door.

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in Fairmont. Join us for "The History of Baseball in Minnesota," presented by the Minnesota Historical Society. From the early days of town ball to the latest seasons of the Twins and the Saints, learn about the ultimate history of the Great American Pastime! Mark your calendars to attend this event on Thursday, March 3rd at 6 p.m. This program is sponsored by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions!

## Area College Student News



**Zachary Brown**, son of Nathan and Sarah Brown of Ceylon, has earned the distinction of being named to the dean's list for the

2015 fall semester at Saint John's University. Brown is a sophomore communication and global business leadership major at SJU.

Fairmont United Methodist Church Women will have a **Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser** on Sunday, February 28th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairmont United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to support UMW Missions.

Tuesday, March 1st **People First** will hold its monthly meeting, 3:30 p.m., in Fairmont's MRCI cafeteria. Note the change in meeting time.

Anybody needing a ride to this event or has questions about People First should contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017.

The **Lakesters Car Club** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1st, 7 p.m., McDonald's meeting room. All car enthusiasts are welcome.

Ceylon Nassen Detert American Legion Post #529 and Auxiliary will host a **Fish Fry** on Sunday, February 28th at the Ceylon American Legion Hall. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a charge. Proceeds go to help out Post #529.

St. John Vianney will be hosting a **free hot meal** at Hope Cafe at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Fairmont on Sunday, February 28th, 6:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of the **Fairmont Farmers Market Association** will be Thursday, March 17th, 5:00 p.m. downstairs Martin County Library. New registration for the 2016 Farmers Market will be at the end of the meeting.

**Fairmont High School Class of 1960**, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on Tues. March 1st at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

## Marriage License Applications

Nicholas Ryan Dollen and Sasha Leigh Hennager

## Baby Buzz

Sarah Dawn Teveldal, daughter of Ethan and Laura Teveldal of Fairmont was born on January 21st, 2016 in Rochester. She weighed three pounds, 11 ounces and measured 16 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Cindy and Terry Vieselman of Fairmont, Doug and Larna Schmidtke of Chaska, Minnesota, Pat Teveldal of Fairmont and the late Bruce Teveldal.

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through 400 blocks of Willow and adjacent streets.

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•**Route 29** - 300 to 600 blocks of Albion, Lake Park Blvd. and Lake Park Place, Linden Dr. and Sisseton Dr.

•**Route 30** - Canyon Drive, Fairlakes Avenue, Geraldine and Hengen Streets, Kings Road, Martin Street, North and South Valley View Court, Reiman Court. Available March 2nd

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## Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Fairmont Update

Guest Columnist



Bob Bartingale, Administrator Mayo Clinic Health System, Fairmont

Direct questions or comments to Bob at 507-238-5070 or bartingale.robert@mayo.edu

The winter weather has thrown us a couple curveballs lately. Blizzard conditions have made getting to work and appointments difficult, and as a result, we've needed to adjust clinic hours on two occasions. While that's never ideal, it's encouraging to see the way in which our employees have responded to ensure patients still receive the best care. From staying late to filling shifts to reaching out to patients to keep them informed, the team really stepped up. A special thank you goes out to our employees and the people and communities we serve for their understanding and flexibility.

Let's take a look at what has been happening at the medical center and in the community.

### Community

- Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont has launched a "We Have Heart" campaign to celebrate and recognize volunteerism among our employees who give back to the communities in which they live. Employees and their efforts will be highlighted on our employee website.

- The Hospice Department conducted volunteer training recently, and we're happy to welcome 14 volunteers to the team. Hospice volunteers work with patients and their family members to personalize a care plan to meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs near the end of a patient's life.

- As we continue to be proud sponsors of the Martin County MOTIVATION 90-day Fitness Challenge, our experts are providing resources to participants to help them in their wellness journey. Recently, we gave exercise program books to each participant. We'll soon be offering educational sessions on healthy cooking and mindfulness.

- Employees raised \$600 for the 8th annual Kids Against Hunger Pack February 13th, with 22 employees participating in the pack. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont contributed \$500 as an organization.

- This past month, Jill O'Donnell, certified diabetes educator, visited service organizations and spoke about diabetes prevention.

### Growth and Services

- Earlier this month, Mayo Clinic Health System, in partnership with numerous area law enforcement agencies, began a drug deactivation program to make disposal of prescription medications safer and more convenient. The main element of the program is the distribution of drug deactivation pouches to patients receiving prescription medications, as well as select groups throughout the area. The system features special technology allowing people to place unused medications in the pouch — which is filled with carbon material — add warm tap water, wait 30 seconds, seal and gently shake the

pouch, and throw it away in a regular trash receptacle. If you have used the system and have feedback, contact Perry Sweeten, Pharm.D., regional director of pharmacy at Mayo Clinic Health System, via email at sweeten.perry@mayo.edu.

- James Milavetz, M.D., will join the cardiology outreach team February 17th, providing heart care services in Fairmont on a rotating basis.

- We continue to make progress in our recruiting efforts. In 2015, we added six new providers, and we're welcoming two additional family medicine providers this summer. Recruitment continues for emergency, family, hospital and internal medicine.

- The new section of the Emergency Department is taking shape internally and externally. We're expecting the new space to be ready in mid-April.

- If you or a loved one are living with diabetes, join Jill O'Donnell, certified diabetes educator, and Julie Morris, licensed practical nurse, for a diabetes support the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. More information is available by visiting mayo-clinichealthsystem.org.

- Remember, free blood pressure screenings are available at the medical center every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the cardiac rehabilitation room next to the Harvest Cafe. Enter through door six of the hospital.

## What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

### Wild Rice Casserole

#### Love Minnesota's wild rice!

I love wild rice and it's healthier than white rice...what a great excuse to splurge once in awhile! This is another recipe given to me by Faye Miller. I prepared it recently when my son Jason was visiting for a weekend this month. It makes a large casserole that should generously feed eight people.

If you want a vacation from fixing lunch, consider supporting the United Methodist Women fund raiser for missions held Sunday, February 28th from 11:00-1:00 p.m. A large baked potato bar (numerous toppings) including dessert will be on the menu - all for a free will offering! The Fairmont United Methodist Church is located at 119 2nd Street - use the north door!!

#### Wild Rice Casserole:

Bake the following ingredients in a covered casserole at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours:

1 cup washed wild rice  
3 cups water  
3/4 tsp salt  
Drain any remaining liquid when done.

While rice is baking, cook and dice 2-3 chicken breasts (I used 3 large halves). You may substitute turkey, set aside.

#### Sauté:

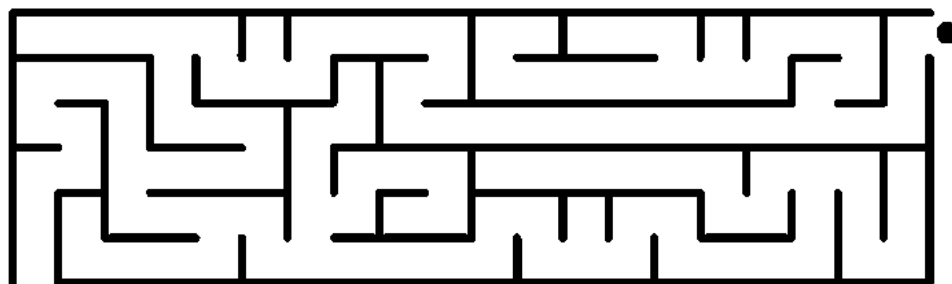
1 stick butter  
1 cup diced onion  
2 stalks of diced celery  
1 diced green pepper until tender.

Mix the above together (rice, chicken and sauté), then add:

1 small can sliced/diced water chestnuts, drained  
5 tsp soy sauce  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
1 small carton of sour cream with chives  
1 small can drained mushrooms  
1 cup shredded yellow cheese.

Bake all together in a greased 9x13 inch baking pan, covered for 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes a generous rich dish, freezes well. Have a great week!

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# The Sound of the Blizzard; Winter Blizzard

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



## The Sound of the Blizzard

Writing comes easier when thoughts are stirred by emotion. To witness something of rare beauty, an act of nature, or witness some kind of fear can trigger a creative mind. What I write about today stems from the emotion of fear. I fear for those who might have been caught in the blizzard that we have had today. I fear for those who have no way of staying warm. I fear for the homeless and those without shelter. The sound of such a blizzard is frightening, for it makes me remember. I remember a man who was stranded in his car in a storm near his farm home. He knew that the fence that was alongside the driveway should only be a short distance from where he started walking. He started walking in the blinding snow to the fence that he thought was his farm driveway. It was really the fence line of his farm. He followed the fence through the blinding snow only to perish at the far end of his farm.

This blizzard really started late yesterday afternoon. The temperature was in the thirties when a "winter rain" began to hit the windows. Such conditions produced a "winter fog". It had the same character as the great Armi-

stice Day storm of 1940. It fooled people into thinking that it was too warm to storm! I fear such tricks of a Minnesota winter. Such winter fog warned me of what might happen. It would be a forerunner to an arctic blast.

I woke this morning to a sound that only those who have heard it might recognize. It was THE SOUND OF A BLIZZARD. The weather had worsened during the night. The bedroom windows were caked with flour-like snow. This is the sign of a "white-out." I walked into the kitchen and looked out the kitchen window to see what I expected. The farmyard was covered with deep drifts of snow. Could this be the same window that had offered a spring view of the soft colored blossoms of the crabapple tree? How could there be such a change? The snow was not the soft snow of the forest. It was the wind-driven snow of the prairie. I knew that it would be packed and hard to handle. It was true "scoop shovel" snow, as each shovel would have to be broken away from a drift before it could be thrown to the side. It would not be the kind that could be pushed aside with a "push shovel." It would be too hard. The snow continued to drift and the roads

became impassible. The snowplows were pulled off the highways, as the visibility was so poor. The interstate highway south of us was closed to the South Dakota border. Experience told me that this is a day to "hunker down". THE SOUND OF A BLIZZARD continued the entire day and into the night.

Yet, there are good things that come from such a blizzard. It gave us a great opportunity to put up our Christmas tree. We could decorate it in a slow and meaningful manner. We had time to talk about the special ornaments that we have accumulated over the years. Family and friends had given some to us. We had purchased some of the decorations when we were in Sweden. Others were made from the straw grown on this very farm. The decorated tree that graced our living room had a special meaning. It was welcomed into a home that knows the real meaning of Christmas.

The results of the blizzard were something of beauty. The drifts of snow were folded into ridges much like the folded meringue on Swedish rice pudding or lemon meringue pie. I went to the garage to begin the task of "digging out." The hard snow was as I expected - hard and heavy. A fierce northwest wind made me turn away from its blast. I shoveled near the door of our home and garage. The hard snow was heavy and the cold air made my lungs hurt when I breathed. The pile of snow from my shoveling grew larger. It would have to be blown away by the large farm snow blower that is mounted on the back of one of our farm tractors. I had just fin-

ished shoveling the path when I heard the sound of a tractor. The farm manager had driven the tractor and blower home the previous evening. He was concerned, as he needed to get to the farm to feed the cattle. He backed the snow blower into the pile of snow. Its rotating auger and large fan threw the cloud of white far into the air. It dissipated into a waiting blanket of snow.

I wanted to share the story of such a day. I decided to call some very good friends in Arizona. They are ranchers who have lived on a cattle ranch in the higher elevations. It was a place of winter. They now live in "the valley of the sun." They listened to my story about deep snow, high wind and low

fury were told. They were told so the young people would learn to fear their danger. Getting caught in a "white out" blizzard was something feared by even the most experienced adult of the prairie.

What I remember the most is their sound. I would wake in the night and hear the scream of the wind. It was a remembered sound. A howling northwest wind had brought the blizzard to southern Minnesota from the Dakotas. Daylight came slowly. When daylight did come, things appeared ghostly. The swirling white made things look different. The swirling snow covered the view of the background. The familiar became the unfamiliar.

The wind-driven snow

taken a dog with them. It was late in the afternoon when my friend's son began to notice some unusual things happening. He could no longer see the yard light of a nearby farm. He had been taught to watch the weather and knew that such a change meant that he should get off the lake and return to the pickup. They had an ATV on the ice. They quickly made their way to the shoreline and the pickup arriving just ahead of the swirling snow. One decided to walk in front of the pickup and try to make their way to the next farm, the same farm of the year light. Even though one walked directly in front of the pickup to keep the pickup on the road, it was hopeless. The swirling



temperatures. He spoke of how they had a clear day with temperatures in the seventies where they are. It was at the end of the telephone conversation that he said, "I feel for you, but I just can't reach ya." It was rancher talk. It was something that I understood. He knew THE SOUND OF A BLIZZARD.

## Winter Blizzard

A real blizzard is a remembered event. They were feared, for they brought danger to the people of the prairie. Stories of people dying in their

white snow was like a curtain. They decided to park the pickup and wait out the storm. Both had been taught how to survive in a blizzard by their parents. They would run the pickup from time to time and try to stay warm.

It was in the middle of the night that the dog began to bark. They climbed out of a window of the pickup truck to find that the exhaust pipe had been covered with snow. The dog had saved their lives. A blizzard is something real.

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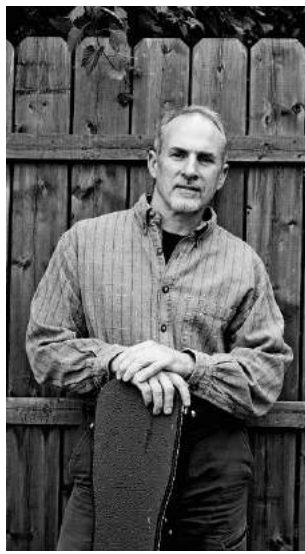
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**TUES:** No info provided.

**WED:** No info provided.

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**MON: Breakfast** K-6: Pan-

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### Estate Planning After a Second Marriage

#### Special considerations for a complex situation.

**Marrying again makes estate planning more involved.** How do you provide for everyone you love? Should you provide for everyone you love? How do you arrange to transfer wealth in a way that won't hurt the feelings of certain heirs?

**If you have not planned your estate yet, take inventory.** Spend a half-hour and jot down the assets you own, major and minor. Who should own these assets after you die? Your spouse should do this, too – and you should talk about your preferences. It may not turn out to be the easiest conversation, but agreement now may preclude family squabbles and legal challenges down the line. (If you have a prenuptial agreement in place, you may have already discussed some of these matters.) You should also consider two scenarios – what happens if you die first, and what happens if your spouse dies before you do.

If you and/or your spouse have children from prior marriages, there may be some dilemmas for each of you. If you die, there is a real possibility that your current husband or wife will not elect to provide for your children from past marriages. So what might you do to prepare for that possibility? You might make a child the primary beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or set up a trust for your kid(s), or place certain real property under joint ownership with a child.

**If you have already written a will,** it will probably need revisions. They could be considerable. You want to be extremely specific about which heir gets what; you need to state bequests convincingly, because the more convincing your bequest, the less ambiguity.

How up-to-date are your beneficiary designations? Out-of-date beneficiary decisions are an Achilles heel of estate planning. Be sure to review them; you may want to revise beneficiary forms for retirement plans, investment accounts, and insurance policies.

As you consider these revisions, pay particular attention if you have been

divorced. Divorce may actually preclude you from changing beneficiaries in certain cases. Turn to a lawyer and show the lawyer a copy of your divorce decree; ask if revising your beneficiary designations will violate it. Should you be unable to make beneficiary changes to your life insurance policy, you may want to buy another one in consideration of your new spouse.

**Take a look at irrevocable trusts.** They can be used to provide for your spouse as well as your kids. Some people establish a separate property trust to provide for their spouse after their death while directing most or all of their real property to their children.

Alternately, parents create irrevocable trusts to direct assets to particular children. They are attractive estate planning vehicles for a number of reasons. A trust agreement is a private mechanism for wealth transfer, while a will is a public document (and some parents who have remarried would rather their wills not be made public). Assets within irrevocable trusts are shielded from creditors, and also from inheritance claims of spouses of the adult children named as heirs. An irrevocable trust represents a "finalized" estate planning decision, one that ensures that particular assets transfer to

a parent's biological children. Irrevocable trusts are also rarely undone. It typically takes permission from beneficiaries (and a judge) to reverse them.

**Those aforementioned pre-nups can play an estate planning role as well.** They allow you to designate personal assets (such as assets within a college savings account) for existing rather than future children. Post-nuptial agreements (similar to pre-nups, but drafted after a marriage) can also accomplish this. Some states do not view pre-nup and post-nup agreements as legally valid, however – and sometimes carrying out the terms and conditions of these agreements is up to a judge.

**Be sure to consult legal & financial professionals.** When estates become this complex, collaboration with professionals having a thorough understanding of estate planning and tax issues is essential.

Source: Bill Losey; Retirement Intelligence Sept 2015

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### Don't Delay Contributing To Your IRA

(NAPS)—Here's a hint on how to have a better retirement. Investors have the potential to earn thousands more in tax-deferred savings by moving their IRA contributions up earlier.

Fortunately, you have many options for making qualified annual contributions to an IRA in 2016, from starting to fund it on January 1, 2016 to, at the very latest, fully funding it at the tax-filing deadline in April 2017. But you may want to consider making those 2016 IRA contributions as quickly as you can afford to because you could benefit from months of additional tax-advantaged growth if you do.

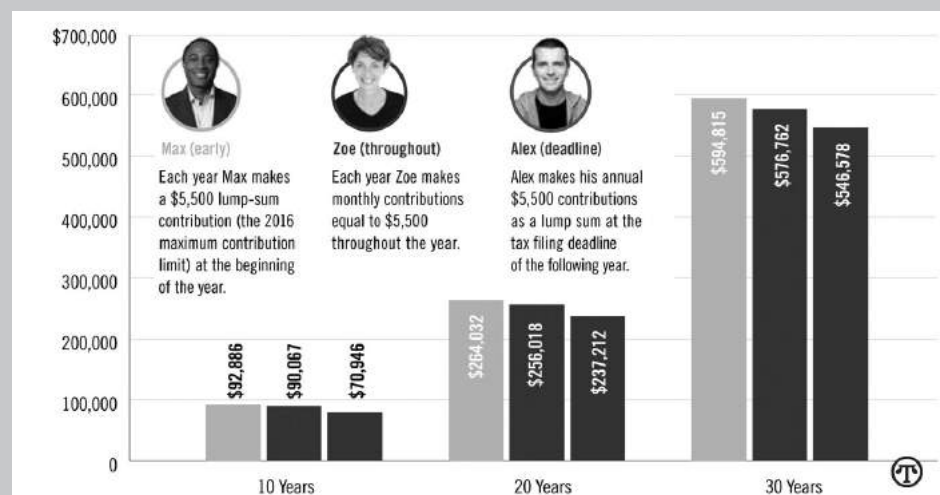
consider making it a priority to contribute as early as possible.

#### You should also know the difference between kinds of IRAs.

With a **Roth IRA**, your contributions are not tax-deductible and you pay the taxes now. Contributions may be withdrawn at any time without taxes or penalties and earnings may be withdrawn tax-free and penalty-free once you reach age 59½ as long as the account has been open for at least five years. There are no age restrictions for contributions but you may not be eligible to contribute if your income is over a certain amount. Also, there are no required minimum distributions (RMDs).

tax-deferred. You generally pay taxes when you make withdrawals, often in retirement. You must be under age 70½ to contribute, and while there's no income restrictions on eligibility to contribute, there may be restrictions on deductibility. Plus, you must begin taking RMDs at age 70½.

*Photo: Compare Three Investors: They start saving during the same tax year, and over the next 30 years, they contribute the same amount each year. The power of compounding from Max's and Zoe's early contributions puts their balances ahead of Alex's. \*Assumes a 7 percent annual rate of return compounded monthly and \$5,500 contributed*



Here's why: Making an early contribution—whether through a lump sum at the start of the tax year or by contributing evenly each month throughout the year—gives your savings more time to benefit from the power of compounding. Accelerating contributions by a few months may not seem like a big deal for one year, but it can have a significant impact over the long term. Schedule your contribution in a way that fits into your overall budget and financial plan but

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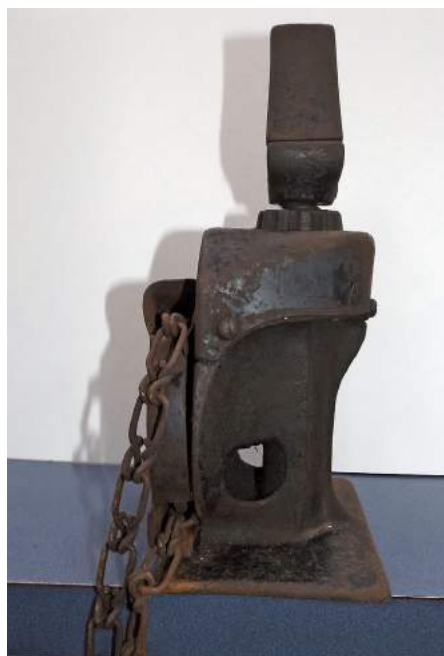
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It has been quite a while since I have said this, but it was actually a nice warm day last Friday! I was in and out of the office a few times during the day and found it very tempting to not even wear a jacket outdoors with the warm sunshine and temperatures. The warmth helped get rid of a lot of snow over the weekend and made for some mushy gravel roads, but was welcomed by many of us who are more than ready for winter to be over with. Karis and I spent much of Saturday and Sunday outside, working on some clean-up projects that we have wanted to do for some time. I realize it is only the end of February and we still have to get through all the high school tournaments in March, but as much as I loved playing in the snow when I was a kid, the "novelty" of snow has pretty much worn off on me, as I grow older. Maybe it would be different if I

owned a snowmobile or some other type of winter transportation, but the enjoyment I had as a kid when it comes to snow just isn't the same now. Growing up, I never thought I would be saying this, but as each winter comes and goes, I find myself "dreaming" of spending winters down south. Hmm, may-



be there is a future as a "snowbird" for me!

#### What is it?

We have not had a "What is it?" featured in my column for quite some time, so when Charlie Reigel of Sherburn showed up at the Photo Press office on Monday with an old item to show me, I knew it would be perfect for the next "What is it?". It is made out of pressed steel and cast iron and has a patent date stamped on the side of February 28, 1918. It also has "Priced at \$7.50" stamped on the side. It has a mechanism that has the small chain running through it and appears to be able to stand flat on the ground on one side. It does identify the name of the item on the side, but that would be too easy for you. It was made in Bridgeport, Connecticut. So, What is it? Drop me a line by email at



jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or stop in with your guess. First correct guess gets a genuine magnetic notepad, proudly made at the Photo Press. It works great to stick on your refrigerator or toolbox!

Thanks Charlie for providing us with this item.

#### Kudos, 3M!

Congratulations go out to 3M Fairmont for the recent announcement of a major job-training grant! It was announced during a grant signing ceremony last Friday that 3M Fairmont, Riverland Technical College and South Central Community College will work together to provide broad and specialized training for all employees of the Fairmont 3M plant. This is all made possible from a Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grant that became official last Friday and will be as was stated at the ceremony, "a win-win" for all involved. You can read more about the ceremony and the grant in this week's Photo Press. Kudos to all of those involved in working on this grant and helping not only to retain quality jobs in Minnesota, but also in Fairmont itself!

#### Music, Fish Fry & Hot Potatoes!

There are a few events coming up in the next week to point out for you. Saturday, February 27th, award winning Christian Singer Bryan Sirchio will

be at First Congregational UCC in Fairmont. There will be a 9:00 a.m. forum and breakouts throughout the day, followed by a concert open to the public at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, February 28th, Nassen-Detert Post #529 will host a fish fry at the American Legion Hall in Ceylon. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and proceeds go to help Post #529. Also that day, Fairmont United Methodist Church Women will host a baked potato bar fundraiser on Sunday, February 28th at Fairmont United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a free will offering, with proceeds going to support UMW Missions. On Sunday night, St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont will have a free hot meal at Hope Café in the church. Meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Have a great week!

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- Jeff

## Naturally

by Al Batt

A red squirrel chattered.

I saw a rough-legged hawk. As a boy, I called it a Christmas hawk. Similar in size to a red-tailed hawk, it has much smaller feet, allowing the rough-



legged to perch on thinner branches than the red-tailed, often called a "tail" by hawk counters.

A northern shrike perched high on a small tree at the edge of a field. A shrike is grey on the head and back, white on the chest and throat, with black patches on wings and tail, and a black mask across the eyes. The shrike is a predatory songbird. Unlike hawks and owls, it doesn't kill with its tal-

ons, but with its sharp beak. It hunts from an exposed perch, darting out swiftly after prey that may be forced to the ground by the shrike's feet. Prey is sometimes impaled on a thorn to be eaten later. The shrike's appearance resembles that of a mockingbird.

Harper Lee, author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," had just died. That book convinced many readers to become lawyers. A

beloved character in that book is Atticus Finch. I don't recall ever encountering a birder named Atticus. That surprises me.

Everything surprises me.

#### Q-and-A

Dan Richards of Geneva wrote, "I have watched this big cottontail at the bird feeder for many days now. I found his corpse below the feeder without a head! Do great horned owls dine on rabbit heads? The body of the rabbit was untouched." Do you know if the rabbit had made any enemies? I think we could rule out rabbit zombies in search of bunny brains, sharks and Bigfoot. There are other possibilities - weasel, mink, cats, etc., but a great horned owl is skilled at decapitating prey. It's a jungle out there.

"Are there black foxes in Minnesota?" The red fox has a rusty-red coat, white-tipped bushy tail and black legs, ears and nose, but there are color variations including black, silver-black and red bisected by dark bands across the back and shoulders (called a cross fox). It eats rodents, rabbits, birds, snakes, fish, insects, berries, nuts, and seeds. A fox hides food to be eaten later.

"Do squirrels ever fall out of trees?" Beware of falling squirrels. A helmet is a good idea, no matter what you're doing. A falling squirrel is usually a

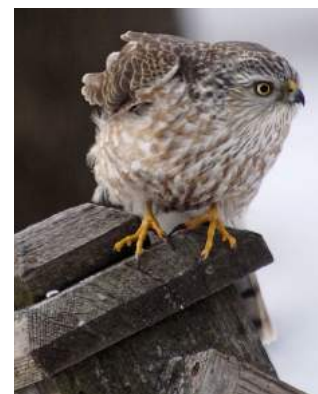
baby either orphaned or from a broken home (mal-functioning nest). A falling adult is likely ill or injured, but a misstep is possible. I recall seeing a squirrel fall from a tree as I exited a church in Algona, Iowa. It hit the ground with a thud and scampered up another tree. When bucked from a horse, you climb back into the saddle. Perhaps the squirrel was a thrill seeker.

"How many miles a day does a hummingbird fly during migration?" Scientists say that ruby-throated hummingbirds average 20 to 25 miles per day.

"What's the best way to help a snapping turtle cross the road?" Be safe and watch for traffic with every eye available. Snappers and softshells are aggressive and quick. Long necks enable them to reach around and bite if picked up by the sides of the shell. Never pick a snapping turtle up by the tail as this could injure its spinal cord. Grabbing a turtle by a rear leg while supporting it from below with the other hand is safe. Sticks, handles, shovels or similar items could prod turtles from behind or when bitten, could be used to drag turtles across roads.

"When does a bald eagle's head and tail turn white?" Mature plumage is acquired through annual molts, a gradual change to the iconic plumage of white head and tail.

The beak turns from black to yellow, the eyes from brown to yellow, body feathers from mottled to dark brown, and head and tail feathers from mottled to solid white. Each successive molt comes closer to adult plumage. Most birds attain the classic



**A sharp-shinned hawk looks cute, but not to a songbird. Photo by Al Batt**

adult pattern at about five years. Some maintain residual brown for longer or never entirely lose it.

"How many bald eagles live to be adults?" Studies estimate mortality as high as 72 percent within one year of leaving the nest. About 1 in 10 eagles survive to five years.

Thanks for stopping by

*"A good laugh and a good sleep are the two best cures for anything." - Irish proverb*

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## Red Bulls Sending Six Wrestlers to State Tourney

Six wrestlers at the State AA tournament will represent Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls this weekend February 25 - 27, at the Xcel Energy Center. Section 3AA Individual Champions Jaxson Rohman at 106 pounds, Collin Steuber at 138 and Luis Figueroa at 195. Finishing second for the Red Bulls were: Jordan Wolter at 113, Zach Ringnell at 120 and Mark Washa at heavyweight. Also placing in the section, Mario Maldonado (29-8) was fourth at 132 and Chris Ettesvold (23-13) sixth at 126.

Wrestler's state ranking/section/record and who they face: 106lb: #10 state-ranked Jaxson Rohman, 32-6, vs 4AA-Reid Lawrence, Mahtomedi, 14-23. 113: #9 state-ranked Jordan Wolter 28-9, vs #1 state ranked 2AA-Garrett Vos, Waconia, 33-2 (at 106 - Wolter 1-2 last year. Vos finished 5th last year). 120: Zach Ringnell 23-8 vs 7AA-Beau Hunter, Pine City-Hinckley-Finlayson, 23-4. 138: Collin Steuber 32-7 vs #9 state-ranked 8AA-Braydon Orloff, Detroit Lakes, 27-7 (at 126 - Steuber 1-2 last year).

195: Luis Figueroa 26-5 vs #2 state-ranked 8AA-Joe Harrison, Pequot Lakes-Pine River-Backus, 38-2 (at 182 Harrison 0-1 last year). Mark Washa 27-11 vs #7 state-ranked 6AA-Casey Vesledahl, Becker, 31-2.

Class AA Individual Meet starts Friday: First Round 9:00 a.m., Quarterfinals 4:30 p.m., Wrestlingbacks 7:30 p.m. - Saturday Consolation Quarterfinals 9:30 a.m., Championship Semifinals 10:45 a.m., Consolation Semifinals 12:45 p.m., 3rd and 5th Place 4:30 p.m., Championships 7:00 p.m.



**STATE BOUND** (left to right): Assistant Coach Curtis Smith, Mario Maldonado, Collin Steuber, Jaxson Rohman, Head Coach Adam Williamson, Luis Figueroa, Chris Ettesvold, Zach Ringnell, Jordan Wolter, Mark Washa, Assistant Coach Mike Steuber

## St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance



At the 12th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance, John Kasper a 1974 graduate of SJV School, was its featured alumnus. John reflected on his Catholic School experience and the impact that a Catholic Education has had on his life. *Left to right: Fr. Peter Schuster, Superintendent of the St. John Vianney School; John Kasper, 2016 featured SJV School Alumnus; Patti Kasper, John's wife.*



Jay and Tamarae Schmidt were selected as the 2016 Friends of St. John Vianney School at its 12th annual SJV School Dinner/Dance. The Schmidts were recognized for their continual willingness to give of their time in service to the SJV School and the SJV Parish. *Left to right: Fr. Peter Schuster, Superintendent of the St. John Vianney School; Tamarae and Jay Schmidt, 2016 Friends of the St. John Vianney School.*



At the 12th annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance on January 30th, the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus presented the SJV School with a check for \$45,000. *Left to right: Fr. Peter Schuster Superintendent of St. John Vianney School and Pastor of the Holy Family and SJV Parishes; Chad McGowan, Deputy Grand Knight of the local KC Council; Jake Robasse, Principal of the St. John Vianney School; Leland Leichtnam, Trustee of the local KC Council.*

## Teens And Parents Are Agreeing To Drive Safely

(NAPS)—Increasingly, when it comes to safe driving, teens and parents know that safety is no accident. That's why a growing number of them are stepping up to sign an agreement that promotes better driving behaviors.

Unfortunately, numerous studies show that safe driving and teens don't always go together. First-year drivers in particular pose a risk to themselves and to others. Drivers age 16 have double the crash rate that 17- to 19-year-olds do.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. They claim the lives of seven teens daily, on average. Teens are three times more likely than older drivers to be involved in fatal wrecks.

When it comes to the reasons behind these and other accidents involving teen drivers, distracted driving is a leading cause.

Research by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia found that just three types of errors led to nearly 50 percent of all serious teen crashes: distracted driving, failing to see a hazard, and speeding.

With the growing awareness of the prob-

lem of texting while driving, the issue of distracted driving for both parents and teens is taking on even more significance.

A Safe Driving Agreement

To address this problem, several safety groups are promoting programs where parents and children sign an agreement to avoid at-risk behaviors that can lead to accident and injury.

One of those groups is the Accident Attorneys Organization. Its parent-teen driving agreement includes penalties for violating the agreement that teens and parents agree to, such as loss of driving privileges for two weeks.

The agreement consists of a series of promises that teen drivers agree to follow, such as always wearing a seat belt, never texting, driving with both hands on the wheel and not having passengers.

The fact that this is a joint agreement signed by both children and parents is key to its effectiveness because it attempts to reflect what really goes on behind the wheel.

Psychologists agree that clearly outlining the negative consequences of breaking an important rule increases the chances it will be followed.

You can download a copy of the agreement at



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*Photo: With the growing awareness of the problem of texting while driving, the issue of distracted driving is taking on even more significance for both parents and teens.*

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**GREAT FINISH** - Martin County Area Magic's Bryanna Peterson finished 7th in the All-Around at the state Class A individual competition Saturday at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion. Peterson's scores - All around: 7th, 36.925. Vault: 20th, 9.275. Bars: 7th, 9.3375. Floor: 17th, 9.2375. Beam: 9.050



**OFF BALANCE** - Cardinals Jack Waletich drives by Eagles Sam Huska. Waletich had a missed free throw attempt put back basket with 2 seconds to go to nip Windom Area 54-53 last Tuesday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



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**GOING FOR TWO** - Fairmont youth basketball was the half time entertainment during the boys varsity game vs Windom Area. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

BOYS BASKETBALL			
Big South East		REC	
St. Peter	9-1	18-7	
Waseca	9-1	17-9	
CARDS	6-4	15-9	
New Ulm	3-7	4-22	
Blue Earth Area	2-8	4-20	
St. James Area	1-9	6-18	
Big South West		REC	
Marshall	12-0	22-3	
JCC	9-3	20-5	
Windom Area	6-6	17-9	
Redwood Valley	6-6	17-9	
Pipestone Area	5-7	10-14	
Worthington	3-9	6-18	
Luverne	1-11	8-17	

Boys Basketball SeC 2AA - South			
	Sec	Rec	
1	Maple River	12-1	23-3
2	WEM	12-1	23-3
3	NHREG	6-6	16-9
4	CARDS	5-3	15-9
5	St. James	1-7	6-18
6	BEA	2-10	4-20
7	LCWM	0-7	5-20
8	Medford	0-9	3-21

GIRLS BASKETBALL			
Big South East		REC	
St. Peter	7-3	19-6	
New Ulm	7-3	14-10	
Waseca	7-3	13-12	
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3	Blue Earth	6-4	14-9
4	CARDS	4-4	10-13
5	Medford	3-5	7-16
6	Maple River	3-8	6-18
7	St. James	0-7	6-17
8	LCWM	1-4	5-16



**BLOCKED SHOT** - Cardinals Courtney Mosloski gets her fingertips on Martin Luther's Alexis Brummond's shot as teammate Abby Dewitt looks on. Mosloski went over the 1000 point total in her career scoring with 20 points in a 52-36 win at Luverne last Friday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**LOOSE BALL** - Cards Lexi Lunn scrambles for a loose ball in the Cards vs Knights basketball game last Thursday night. The Cards host Medford 7 p.m. Saturday to open the section playoffs. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**STOP 'N POP** - Knights Hanna Geistfeld pulls up for two points last week. Geistfeld had 30 points for Martin Luther including a shot at the buzzer but it wasn't enough as the Cards held on to win 55-54. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



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# 2016 Prom

## Prom dress trends for 2016

Prom season is underway and dress trends this year include darker colors, more lace and beading, less satin and more slim-fitting styles.

Marylou Ferri, owner of Ferri Formals and Bridal on Upper Union Street in Schenectady, New York, said dresses this season are "more intricate and sophisticated."

This look contrasts with last year's more daring styles, which had girls wearing two-piece and midriff-baring dresses.

Ferri said many dresses this spring will feature "mock two-piece" styles that are "connected by a sheer midriff." She expects this style to "sell better because parents have an issue with exposure."

Ferri said she has also been seeing less poof and more slim-fitting, fit and flare mermaid and trumpet style dresses.

April Heller, of Latham, New York said when it comes to dress styles, "girls today are a lot different from years ago." She said customers come into the store knowing what they want and are very

sophisticated in the styles they like.

Although some may find the two-piece dress style too radical for formal wear, Heller said she doesn't think the style is on its way out. However, Heller said none of her gowns are too revealing and her store offers customers a variety of options.

In regards to previous styles, Heller said, "The big gowns I think are done," and girls, she said, are leaning towards dresses with mesh in the middle, nude gowns, a bodice style, low backs and some cut outs.

As opposed to past styles, Ferri said she has seen more "navy and gold beading" and other darker colors, like red and burgundy, rather than pastels. Ferri attributed the change to customers wanting to use the dresses for other occasions to save money.

For many girls, buying a prom dress and being able to feel like a princess for a whole day is the highlight of their school year. Girls start shopping for a dress as early as mid-December.



## The History of Prom

In the early days of high school proms, the nighttime dance served a similar function to a debutante ball. Early proms were times of firsts: the first adult social event for teenagers; the first time taking the family car out after dark; the first real dress-up affair; and so forth. Proms also served as a heavily-documented occasion, similar to a milestone event such as first communion or a wedding, in which the participants were taking an important step into a new stage in their lives. In earlier days, the prom may have also served as an announcement of engagement for the "best couple" after the prom court had been crowned and recognized.

While high school yearbooks did not start covering proms and including prom pictures until the 1930s and 1940s, historians believe proms may have existed at colleges as early as the late 1800s. The journal of a male student at Amherst College in 1894 recounts an invitation and trip to an early prom at neighboring Smith College for women. The word prom at that time may just have been a fancy description for an ordinary junior or senior class dance, but prom soon took on larger-than-life meaning for high school students.

Proms worked their way down incrementally from college gatherings to high

school extravaganzas. In the early 1900s, prom was a simple tea dance where high school seniors wore their Sunday best.

In the 1920s and 1930s,



prom expanded into an annual class banquet where students wore party clothes and danced afterward.

As Americans gained more money and leisure time in the 1950s, proms became more extravagant and elaborate, bearing similarity to today's proms.

The high school gym may have been an acceptable setting for sophomore dances (soph hop), but junior prom and senior balls gradually moved to hotel ballrooms and country clubs.

Competition blossomed, as teens strove to

have the best dress, the best mode of transportation, and the best looking date. Competition for the prom court also intensified, as the designation of "prom queen" became an important distinction of popularity.

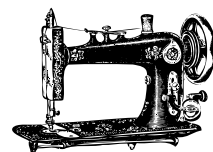
In a way, prom became the pinnacle event of a high school student's life, the ultimate dress rehearsal for a wedding.

Today, prom continues to be a notable event in the social climate of high schools. Popular movies and novels attest to the importance of prom themes, prom dates, and prom

queens. In some areas, the traditions of prom are not as rigid as they used to be, with some areas allowing individuals or groups to attend instead of couples.

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## Guest Editorial by Coalition of Concerned Citizens to Improve Health Care in Fairmont

The Citizen Health Care Committee would like to provide a long overdue update on what has happened since the public forum in October of 2014. The capacity crowd was inspiring and led to a series of meetings with local Mayo board members as well as the leadership of Mayo Clinic Health System. Because we were working with all parties to come up with a plan to return to the level of service our community deserves and was promised, we were not in a position to make any public updates. However, after a number of hopeful developments and many frustrations, we decided it was time to share what has happened and the current status of our discussions with Mayo.

First, we will recap how we got here. Fairmont Community Hospital Association made a decision that in spite of the financial strength of the hospital, the time was right to entrust our hospital to Mayo Clinic in 2001. By 2009, with the help of local community members of the hospital board, the hospital grew the level of service with approximately forty-five primary and secondary physicians who provided a wide array of services that our community could receive right here in Fairmont. All these providers and their accompanying staff lived in and around Fairmont, and contributed to the economic health of our community and schools (fewer than 20 primary and secondary physicians today). With a drawing area of almost 80,000 (according to Region 9 statistics), there were people coming to Fairmont from many communities in southern Minnesota as well as many counties in northern Iowa. The hospital became the largest Fairmont employer according to a 2012 City of Fairmont survey stating there were 735 employees (compared to around 400 employees as of 2014).

The turning point for the Fairmont Hospital seems to directly coincide with the creation of the Mayo Health System Western Region. Fairmont leadership was transferred to Mankato as they became the hub of the Western Region. Over the next three years, many doctors and providers moved on or were forced out and not replaced. Instead of replacing these providers in Fairmont, leadership in Mankato appears to have directed those services to Mankato to enhance their hospital. Telephone

switchboard services were even transferred there which helped direct patients to Mankato to get much of the health care they were used to getting in Fairmont. All of a sudden, community members started questioning why they had to leave town for basic services.

In the Spring of 2014, after hearing a high number of complaints and questions from the community, a committee was formed to address Mayo to find out what happened to our hospital. Mayo made a commitment to maintain Fairmont Hospital as a regional hospital and it was obvious that was no longer the case. Dr. Robert Nesse, the head of Mayo Clinic Health System attended a packed City Council meeting to address the council and community members. He claimed that their reason for reducing services is that they had an understanding that the health care market area was only 29,000 people. At the end of a contentious meeting, there was discussion about addressing these issues by meeting with a smaller committee. When Mayo chose not to engage, the only option available was to hold a public meeting to see if the frustrations with our local health care were widespread.

On October 23rd 2014, a Public Citizen Forum was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We hoped for 125-150 in attendance and were overwhelmed by exceeding the 400 capacity of the Hall plus hearing from many who drove past when unable to find parking. Many community members had a chance to speak, as did many Mayo employees. People shared their frustrations with the access to service locally. At the same time, when they did receive care locally, they praised the great care they received from local Mayo providers. Representatives of the St. Peter and Madelia hospitals also passionately shared the painful experiences they had in dealing with the Mayo Mankato leadership and how it affected their hospitals and communities. The meeting was video recorded and will be available soon. The meeting was also documented in the Fairmont Sentinel, KEYC TV in Mankato, other local newspapers and a few weeks later, a comprehensive story in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune.

As a result of this forum, the local Mayo board requested a meeting with our citizen committee. Because we felt that the main source of the problem was not local, we requested that the meeting also include decision-

makers from Mayo Rochester and Mayo Mankato. On March 18th, 2015, we finally were able to meet with the community Mayo Board along with Dr. Robert Nesse. We were able to explain to him about how our community has been harmed by what seemed to be deliberate actions by Mayo Mankato:

- The loss of jobs as well as local access due to our citizens having to go to Mankato for basic services they received previously in Fairmont before Mankato took over the Fairmont Hospital.

- Services such as Urology and Sleep Lab, which were always done locally, now have a three month waiting time.

- The receptionists in Mankato are directing people, who do not want to wait to be seen in Fairmont, to come to Mankato for an immediate appointment.

- The physicians have many more hours of call because there are now so few to split the on-call hours. That makes it even more difficult to recruit.

- Patients are being transferred to Mankato daily because there isn't enough available staff in the hospital.

There is no reason for any of this to have happened. Our population has the same health care needs we have had for years. We requested that Mayo restore services to the level they were before Mankato took over our hospital.

During the conclusion of this meeting, Dr. Nesse did not make any specific promises, but he expressed confidence in the leadership and acknowledged our concerns. He apologized and directed the leadership to fix the problems as they had the capital to do so. It was recommended by Dr. Nesse during this meeting that the Citizen Committee maintain open dialog with the local community Hospital Board members.

Despite the efforts of our Committee and a few local Mayo Board Members during this past 15 months, no real progress to reestablish the same services that we had prior to regionalization have been made. This is due to continual blocking by Mankato leadership as well as Mayo. The number of physicians on staff has dropped even further, making it harder than ever to recruit. People are getting more and more disappointed with the level of service. It is obvious the local Hospital Board has little or no control as Mayo Fairmont remains under the control of Dr. Kutcher, CEO and President of Mayo Mankato. It appears the strategy is to string

local citizen committee along until we get tired and give up.

However, giving up is not an option. We are not only concerned with the loss of health care but the economic impact on our community, school enrollment, tax base, loss of citizens who wish to retire in Fairmont, retail environment, real estate and the recruitment of industry. We cannot sit back and watch our community decline due to their actions. Mayo promised that Fairmont Hospital would remain a regional hospital and they must be held to that promise.

These promises can be fulfilled by:

- Mayo acknowledging that the market demand in our Fairmont Region for specialty service is a population of 80,000 and not 29,000.

- Giving greater control of the hospital/clinic back to the local community via the Community Board Members.

- Establish Servant Leadership with the right leaders to transform the culture of Fairmont Hospital.

- Hire General and Orthopedic Surgeons, Urologists, Family Practice, Hospitalists and Internal Medicine Physicians so more of these services can be provided in Fairmont instead of in Mankato

- Bring phone reception/scheduling back to Fairmont so care is not continuously diverted to Mankato

- Bring Sleep Lab back to full service in order to stop many month waits for appointments.

Please watch for an announcement of another Community Citizen Forum. We will discuss how we can encourage Mayo Health System to keep their promise to return our hospital/clinic to a Regional Health Care Center. We will welcome comments at our meeting from you the public. We have been in touch with other Mayo communities that are having similar reductions in their services, so we are not alone.

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## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 1991

The annual KSUM/KFMC Sportsmen's Show was to be held at the Fairmont American Legion Hall. Twenty exhibitors were participating. Admission was \$2 and \$2,000 in door prizes were to be given away. Also featured: an antique lure display and free fishing clinics.

Lori Kabage of Granada received appointment as State Program Manager for the R.A.V.E. (Records are Valuable and Educational) area of the Minnesota Women of Today. Kabage had held many local and district WOT positions.

WELCA and St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon were to present an organ recital by Randy Yackle. Proceeds were to assist his sister, Deanne Yackle in the purchase of a new electric wheelchair. The church had recently installed a new Alan organ.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Super 8 Motel, formerly the Thrifty Franklin. The en-

tire motel was redone and each of the 50 rooms was refurbished, carpeted and painted.

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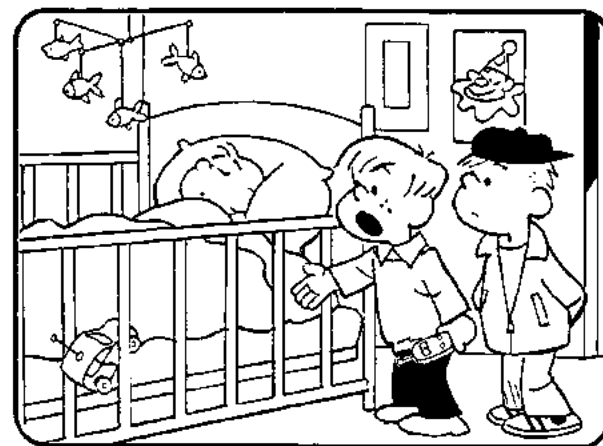
Nick Malliet, retired farmer who had been commander of the Fairmont Legion Post and the Legion's Second District, died at the age of 69 after a lingering illness.

A \$1.3 million improvement program was being planned for 1966 by Central Telephone Company. A. E. Lindekugel of Fairmont, division manager, said the company expected to install more than 1,900 new telephones in the area during the coming year.

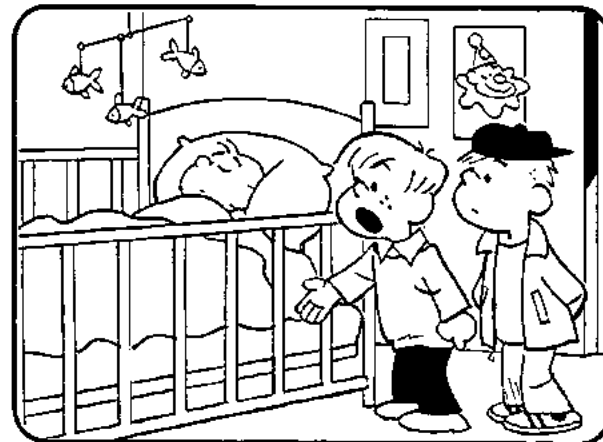
The Fairmont High School's gymnastics team was hosting the Region 2 meet, defending their 1965 title. The local team was runner-up to the state championship the previous year.

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(NAPS)—In school, your child takes English, history, math and other classes. But a key area of academic development isn't taught in a specific class, and without it, a student will struggle to excel in school. That skill is studying.

**1. Planners are a sanity saver.** Time management is tricky. Having all major deadlines, due dates, events and extra-curriculars in one place helps kids visualize their week, manage their time and stay on track.

**2. Breaking it down is a good thing.** Understanding how to break daunting projects into more manageable ones is a key skill. For example, to make studying for a giant math final approachable, list all the concepts on the test and review them one at a time.

**3. Organization isn't overrated.** Keeping notes, projects and reading materials in logical order helps kids find what they need right away, cutting down on time spent tracking things down and upping time spent actually studying.

**4. Good notes matter.** Practice picking out the "main ideas" in conversations with you, in news reports or in magazine articles.

**5. Study slow and steady.** The best way for

kids to do well on tests is to review the information daily at home. Studying with friends in small groups outside of school can encourage this.

**6. Harp on homework.** Getting homework done on time is one of the most fundamental study skills.

**7. Concentrating is critical.** To avoid distraction, make sure their cell phones are tucked away and don't let a chatty classmate cause them to lose focus.

**8. Directions aren't always direct.** Students can get tripped up by homework or test instructions. Encourage kids to listen carefully and spend plenty of time reading directions. Also make sure they know it's OK to speak up if they don't understand testing directions.

**9. Know you've got help.** If prepping for tests is a tough ordeal and your child is losing confidence, a lack of study skills could be to blame. Luckily, there are places to go for help.

**10. It's fine to have fun.** Come up with some cool "rewards" with your kids—extra time with you, a favorite treat, later curfew—to let them know you recognize their efforts. Support and encourage them and keep your sense of humor. It all helps.

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# oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Martin County Kids Against Hunger would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Fairmont community and surrounding area! The 100,000 meal goal was surpassed by packing 104,868 meals on February 13th. Our \$20,000 goal was surpassed by raising \$29,708. Much of the food is now on its way to Haiti, where it will be given to people who are in dire need. This year 10,368 meals were given to local food shelves who can request as much as they can use. That's almost 10% of the food packaged here. It's amazing what can be accomplished when so many generous people

unite for a cause. This event involved businesses, church and civic groups, and individuals. Included in the packers were children, high school students, and people of every age, including many senior citizens. Members of a dozen different churches worked side by side. It was an incredible day and an incredible result! Thanks to all who had a hand in the mission of feeding God's hungry people!

Sue Homan, Jen Kahler, Beth Reeve, and Karen Sandhurst, Co-chairs, Martin County Kids Against Hunger

I have something embarrassing to admit. In 2004, as a man in his mid-sixties who has always voted, I attended my first party caucus. I did it mostly out of curiosity. I had little idea what to expect. I came away with more understanding and appreciation for the opportunity that our party caucuses give is to have a real voice in our party's politics. It's caucus time again, and I would urge that anyone with even a mild interest make time to attend the caucus of your choice Tuesday, March 1st is an important date in the political life of every Minnesotan. It is the date for political party caucuses, every voter's opportunity to be heard in the shaping of the party's future.

The part of the caucus with which we are most aware is the balloting for the preferred presidential candidate. This year both parties have significant choices to make. We need to take advantage of this opportunity to support the candidate of our choice.

The party caucus also give voters the opportunity to help shape party platforms. If there is a cause, an issue, a policy that a voter feels needs to be addressed, he or she should write down their proposed resolution and submit it for to be discussed and potentially forwarded for consideration to be included on the party platform.

The caucus gathering is also a platform for other party business. There will be selection for officers who handle party functions. Caucus participants will also choose the people who will represent local members in county and state conventions.

Local caucus meetings are a significant opportunity for each voter to affect the future of our state and national government. The term "grassroots movement" is not just a slogan. A grassroots movement, supported by informed, thoughtful, committed citizens, is an effective force for change. Be a part of the process.

The Martin County caucus locations: Tuesday, March 1st, 2016; Registration at 6:30 p.m.. Convenes at 7:00 p.m.

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party meets at Fairmont Elementary School William Budd Room, 714 Victoria Street (NE parking lot off of Victoria, Main office door)

Republican Party meets at the National Guard Armory, 700 Fairlakes Ave. Fairmont.

The Independence Party of MN will not have a caucus location in Martin County but will have locations in Mankato and Rochester. All caucus locations are listed on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

Jim Hatch, Trimont  
Jean Burkhardt, Welcome

The upcoming 2016 legislative session will be a success if lawmakers can find common ground on two long-term issues: transportation and tax relief. Both of these items were left on the table at the end of last session, and now it's time for House and Senate negotiators to work out their differences.

The Minnesota House approved a tax relief bill last year that would benefit millions of hardworking Minnesotans. Among the beneficiaries: farmers, senior citizens, and Main Street business owners.

Farmers are paying a disproportionate share of school levies, elderly residents are losing money because income taxes are being taken from their social security checks, and small business owners are hampered by a special property tax that costs them thousands of dollars every year. With a surplus of more than \$1 billion, we need to fix these problems.

The House also approved legislation last year that would dedicate \$7 billion over the next ten years to road and bridge funding without raising taxes. The revenue would come from

rededicating auto-related taxes that are already being collected, along with utilizing some bonding and general fund dollars. The Senate approved a transportation plan that would ultimately raise the price at the pump by a minimum of 16-cents per-gallon.

To me, the biggest highlight of the House plan besides leaving taxes alone is that it provides a permanent funding source for street repairs for cities with fewer than 5,000 residents. It's a very positive bill for Greater Minnesota and I'm hopeful we can reach a quick compromise.

A capital investment proposal and broadband will also be debated this session. Wastewater and drinking water infrastructure along with building needs on our college campuses will likely find their way into this session's bonding bill. Broadband received a needed investment last session but most lawmakers think we will revisit the topic again this session, as reliable broadband is critical to the success of economic development in Greater Minnesota.

As session moves for-

ward, please contact me with your legislative questions or concerns at [bob.gunther@house.mn](mailto:bob.gunther@house.mn), or by phone at 651-296-3240.

I'd also like to invite parents and child care providers to attend a listening session from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 29th at the Fire Hall in Worthington, 830 2nd Ave, to discuss the challenges of accessing child care in Greater Minnesota.

Rep. Mary Franson chairs the newly formed Select Committee on Af-

fordable Childcare and will join me and other state lawmakers at the meeting.

With Minnesota having lost more than 3,000 child care providers in the last decade, we want to ensure that access to affordable, quality childcare is occurring in Greater Minnesota, and we encourage parents and providers to attend the meeting to share their experiences, questions, and concerns.

Bob Gunther, District 23A, MN House, Fairmont

Presentation College Fairmont Campus held its 9th Annual Mardi Gras fundraising event on Saturday, February 6th, 2016. All of the proceeds from this event benefit the students of the Fairmont Campus in the form of scholarships. Here is a thank you from one of the winners:

"College can be a scary step in life for anyone. One of my main fears was certainly how to afford it. To receive the Mardi Gras scholarship is an absolute honor. There are not enough words to show my thanks and appreciation for this scholarship.

It is absolutely amazing to see a community help out with the Mardi Gras Scholarship! Not only did it help me, but also several other students here at the Fairmont Campus. Receiving the scholarship truly means a lot and I am very grateful!

Thank you to everyone who makes the Mardi Gras Scholarship possible! Your help allows my college education here at Presentation College to be possible."

Regina Dougherty  
2015 Mardi Gras  
Scholarship Winner

## Financial Focus

Provided by:

Paul Schellpeper, Drew Schellpeper, Wyman Fischer, Christy Selbrade, Mandi Kosbab  
Financial Advisors, Edward Jones, [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com), Member SIPC

## How Should You Respond to Market "Correction"?

As an investor, you may be gaining familiarity with the term "market correction." But what does it mean? And, more importantly, what does it mean to you?

A correction occurs when a key index, such as the S&P 500, declines at least 10% from its previous high. A correction, by definition, is short-term in nature and has historically happened fairly regularly – about once a year. However, over the past several years, we've experienced fewer corrections, so when we have one now, it seems particularly jarring to investors.

How should you respond to a market correction? The answer may depend, to some extent, on your stage of life.

• **If you're still working** ... If you are in the early or middle parts of your work-

ing life, you might not have to concern yourself much about a market correction because you have decades to overcome a short-term downturn. Instead of selling stocks, and stock-based investments, to supposedly "cut your losses," you may find that now is a good time to buy more shares of quality companies, when their price is down.

Also, you may want to use the opportunity of a correction to become aware of the need to periodically review and rebalance your portfolio. Stocks, and investments containing stocks, often perform well before a correction. If their price has risen greatly, they may account for a greater percentage of the total value of your portfolio – so much so, in fact, that you might become "overweight" in stocks,

relative to your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. That's why it's important for you to proactively rebalance your portfolio – or, during a correction, the market may do it for you. To cite one aspect of rebalancing, if your portfolio ever does become too "stock-heavy," you may need to add some bonds or other fixed-rate vehicles. Not only can these investments help keep your portfolio in balance, but they also may hold up better during a correction.

• **If you're retired...** After you retire, you may need to take money from your investment accounts – that is, sell some investments – to help pay for your cost of living. Ideally, however, you don't want to sell stocks, or stock-based vehicles, during a correction – because when you do, you may be "selling

low." (Remember the most common rule of investing: Buy low and sell high. It's not always easy to follow, but it's still pretty good advice.)

So, to avoid being forced into selling, you need to be prepared. During your retirement years, try to keep at least a year's worth of cash instruments on hand as well as short-term fixed income investments. By having this money to draw on, you may be able to leave your stocks alone and give them a chance to recover, post-correction.

And it's important to maintain a reasonable percentage of stocks, and stock-based vehicles, in your portfolio, even during retirement – because these investments may provide the growth necessary to help keep you ahead of inflation. Consequently, as a retiree, you should have a balance of stocks and stock-based vehicles, along with fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and so on.

Being prepared can help you get through a correction – no matter where you are on life's journey.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



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### WARRANTY DEEDS

Linda Doecke, Kathy Knuth, Kevin Knuth to Megan L. Heller, Michael L. Heller, Lot 3, Block 2, Gemmills Subd., Sherburn

Dennis A. Ricard to Kaela M. Kelley, Ronald R. Kelley, Lot 13, W½ Lot 14, Block 4, Grafs 3rd Addn., Truman

Kenneth E. Buhmann, Patricia A. Buhmann, Carol Jean Green, Denise A. Green, Marilyn Green, Patricia Green, Randy O. Green, Richard B. Green, Robert D. Green, Jr., Thomas Eugene Green, Craig A. Jaskulke, Lois L. Jaskulke to Green Family Partnership, Pt. SW¼NW¼, Pt. SE¼NW¼, Pt. NE¼SW¼, 22-102-29; Pt. E½W½SW¼, 27-102-29

Ardith Heupel to Darlene Eisenmenger, John C. Eisenmenger, Pt. Lot 6, Block 1, Southgate Fourth Addn. Martin W. Meyer to Justin B. Breitbarth, Lot 12, Block 12, Original Plat Truman

Brandy Hoffmeyer, Lucas E. Hoffmeyer to Brandon Asmus, Pt. NE¼NW¼, 18-101-29

### QUIT CLAIM DEED

Courtney M. Luniewski, Timothy R. Luniewski to Jeffrey R. Meinert, Patricia Diane Meinert, Lot 16, Exc. S.60', Lot 17, Exc. N.37', Block 2, Hechts Addn., Truman

Eugene R. Borowiak, Marcia Borowiak, Marcia Kampert to Eugene R. Borowiak, Marcia Borowiak, Lot 9, Block 1, Webers Addn.

### CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Tim Steuber Pork, Inc. to Michael Steuber, Pt. NW¼NE¼, Pt. NW¼NE¼, 11-103-31

## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**Friday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.: Knutson Family Trust** – Choice parcel of 65.18 acres bare farm land in Sec. 17, Hunter Twp., Jackson County. Auction to be held at Lakefield American Legion. *Dan Pike & Associates.*

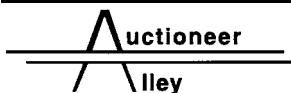
**Monday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.: Sherburn Annual Civic & Commerce White Elephant Auction & Supper.** *Kahler Family.*

**Saturday, March 26, Forenoon: Consignment Auction of Farm & Construction Equipment** – Sale is at the Martin County Fairgrounds, Fairmont. Farm Equipment, Construction Equipment, Vehicles, Lawn and Sports Equipment. Contact any of the staff to inspect and value items. **Consignments of all types of equipment needed! Advertising deadline is noon, Thursday, March 3, 2016!** *Wedel, Kahlers, Hall, Pike and Hartung. Contact any of below listed staff.*

**Fri., Apr. 1, Evening: Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Auction.** *Hall and Kahler*

**Rescheduled - Saturday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.: Antique, Household and Miscellaneous Auction** – St. James Fairgrounds. *To consign, contact Dar Hall Auction Services.*

**NOTICE TO FARM FAMILIES OR OPERATORS CONSIDERING RETIRING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS:** Our staff will gladly help you with approximate valuations of your equipment or real estate at no cost to you. This will allow you to visit with your accountant or attorney in order to minimize taxes on sale of various property. **These steps should be done a few years ahead for proper planning.**



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## DEATH notices



February 14 - Arthur A. Martin, 74, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
February 16 - Lauris "Laurie" Nelson, 92, Ceylon.

Kramer Family Funeral Home  
February 16 - Stephen R. Slater, 66, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
February 17 - Hazel M. Armbrust, 90, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home  
February 19 - Linda L. Palm, 65, Lakefield.

Kramer Family Funeral Home

February 20 - Joseph H. Altman, 88, Sherburn.

Lakeview Funeral Home

February 20 - Dorothy M. Jorgenson, 65, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

### In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

February 16 - Kenneth E. Rudy, 91, Truman

February 16 - Robert J. Koch, 85, Fairmont

February 17 - Lucille M. Wood, 94, Sherburn

February 18 - Lt. Col. Ellsworth C. Grev, 77, Concord, North Carolina (formerly of Fairmont)

February 19 - Luella B. Moen, 96, Trimont

February 21 - Lillian E. Adamson, 95, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (formerly of Trimont)

February 22 - Marilyn L. Posivio, 79, Fox Lake

## To the Voters of TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at Tenhasse 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 15, 2016.

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**TENHASSEN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Larry Simpson, Clerk

## To the Voters of FRASER TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** 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 15, 2016

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BOARD**  
Rita Garbers, Clerk

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## CONSIGNMENT AUCTION EQUIPMENT Sat., March 26 • (Storm-Snow Date Tues., April 5) Sale Location: Martin County Fairgrounds Fairmont, MN.

**CONSIGNMENTS OF ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING  
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**Advertising Deadline 12:00 Noon Thursday, March 3**  
**Contact us to consign your equipment TODAY!**

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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 8, 2016**  
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 15, 2016.

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**LAKE BELT  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Jeff Hagen, Clerk

## NOTICE to the residents of PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby give to the qualified voters of Pleasant Prairie Township, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Polls open at 4:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. for the following offices:

**(1) Supervisor - 3 years**  
**(1) Clerk - 2 years**

The Annual Meeting will commence at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the Pleasant Prairie Town Hall.

The Board of Canvass will meet at 8:15 p.m.

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**PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Gregory B. Murphy, 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 8, 2016** at Boy Scout Camp, North Shore of Iowa Lake.

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 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 15, 2016

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**MANYASKA  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Becky Weig, 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 8, 2016** at Boy Scout Camp, North Shore of Iowa Lake.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 15, 2016.

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 year 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).

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TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Randy Musser, Clerk

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**March 15th. 2016**

Starts at: 8:30am

Deadline for Ads is February 23rd

Very large auction featuring good used and late model machinery. Located west side of Armstrong, Iowa on the hill.

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**April 16th**  
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To Consign CONTACT:

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE Official Publication**

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## **STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY MARTIN DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT: 5TH**

Case Type: Dissolution Without Children  
In Re the Marriage of:

Samuel Brewster, Jr.  
Name of Petitioner  
and  
Heidi Brewster  
Name of Respondent

Summons Without Real Estate  
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE  
ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
**WARNING: YOUR SPOUSE (HUSBAND OR WIFE) HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR DISSOLUTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE. A COPY OF THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE LAWSUIT IS SERVED ON YOU WITH THIS SUMMONS. THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.**

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this Summons.
2. You must serve upon the Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.
3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

### **NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS**

Under Minnesota Law, service of this Summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

1. Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of a sets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.
2. Neither party may harass the other party.
3. All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.
4. Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

**IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.**

Dated: 12-23-15

Sam Brewster  
Signature of Petitioner

Name: Samuel Brewster, Jr.  
Street Address: 500 Home Street 5C  
City/State/Zip: Fairmont, MN 56031

## **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 8, 2016**

at the Town Hall, 978 160th Avenue, Fairmont, MN. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to

Tuesday, March 15, 2016. 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.

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**ROLLING GREEN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Dan Bebernes, Clerk

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Fairmont Township, Martin County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 15, 2016.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

**Supervisor.....3 yrs**

The Board of Canvass will meet, immediately following the election to certify the official election results. The Annual meeting will commence at 8:05 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Fairmont Elementary School Cafeteria, 714 Victoria Street Fairmont, MN. Please enter through the North doors

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TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Heather Trembley, Clerk

## **OBITUARY notices**

### **Hazel M. Armbrust, 90**



Funeral Services for Hazel M. Armbrust, 90, of Fairmont, were held Monday, February 22nd, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome, with interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Hazel passed away on Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, at Truman Senior Living. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society.

Hazel Mary (Striemer) Armbrust was born on September 26th, 1925, in Silver Lake Township, Martin County, MN. She was the daughter of Edward and Mary (Merdinger) Striemer. Hazel attended District 109 country school and later attended Fairmont High School. After high school, Hazel worked on the 9th floor of the Kahler Hospital in Rochester and later at the Fairmont Community Hospital.

On February 17th, 1951, Hazel was united in marriage to Robert Armbrust at her parent's farm in Silver Lake Township. Hazel and Robert resided in St.

James for a year before moving to Trimont. After eight years the couple moved to a farm in Rolling Green Township before retiring to Fairmont in 1985. Hazel enjoyed being a farm wife and raising their two sons, Steven and Charles. Hazel and Robert shared sixty-two years together before Robert passed away on May 29th, 2013.

Hazel was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome where she was active with the ladies aid. She was known for her bright smile, her many cookbooks, and her cookies that she would often bring to the church. Hazel and Robert enjoyed traveling in their younger years.

Left to cherish her memory include her sons, Steven Armbrust and his wife, Deborah Young, of Portland, OR, and Charles Armbrust and his wife, Ellen, of rural Fairmont; one granddaughter, Laura Tow of rural Fairmont; sister-in-law, Fern Bulfer of Fairmont; brothers-in-law, Albert Armbrust and his wife, Murial, of rural Truman, and William Jr. and his wife, Audrey, of the Twin Cities; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; sister, Dorothy Langford; brother, Lester Striemer; sisters-in-law, Ruby Lewis, Wilma Aakre, Faye Cutler, Grace Armbrust, and Helen Armbrust; and brothers-in-law, Gordon, Donald, Wallace, Lawrence, Harvey, and Raymond Armbrust.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### **Dorothy M. Jorgenson, 65**



A Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy M. Jorgenson, 65, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 25th, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Dorothy passed away Saturday, February 20th, 2016 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont is handling the arrangements for the family.

Dorothy Mary (Frericks) Jorgenson was born on May 15th, 1950 in Melrose, MN, the daughter of Raymond and Lorraine (Austing) Frericks. Dorothy attended country school near Sauk Centre and graduated from Sauk Centre High School in 1968. She also attended the Alexandria Area Vocational Technical Institute. On September 22nd, 1973, Dorothy was united in marriage to Jerome "Jerry" Alan Jorgenson in

Sauk Centre. They lived in Huron, SD after their marriage from 1973 - 1981. In 1981 they moved to Fairmont.

Dorothy has worked at the Fairmont License Bureau, State Farm Insurance, Sherburn Refrigeration and the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. In Dorothy's spare time she enjoyed cross stitching, crafts, golfing, walking around the lakes and spending time with her grandchildren.

Those that will cherish her memory include her husband, Jerome "Jerry" Jorgenson of Fairmont; two sons, Jason Jorgenson and his wife, Lisa, and their children, Genevieve, Andrew and Benjamin, of Aberdeen, SD, Curtis Jorgenson and his wife, Shannon, and their children, John and Connor, of Farmington, MN; one brother, Gerald Frericks (Linda) of Sauk Centre; sisters, Eileen Maus (Ken) of Melrose, MN, Beverly Wiechman (Mark) of Freeport, MN, Shirley Roberg (Mark) of Sauk Centre, MN, Bonita Scholz (Steve) of Melrose, MN, LuAnn Peterson (Eric) of Grey Eagle, MN, Lois Vlamick (Jesse) of Spicer, MN; family friend, Frannie Terhaar; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was also preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Frericks.

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## **Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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# Record 2015 Crop Yields in Minnesota

Guest Columnist



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The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) recently released the 2015 estimated average county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops. The NASS yields reveal just how remarkable the 2015 crop year was across the State of Minnesota. 2015 featured record yields for both corn and soybeans in Minnesota, as well as the highest ever crop yields in many counties in the State. The 2015 County yields are available on the NASS web site at: [nass.usda.gov](http://nass.usda.gov)

NASS is estimating the 2015 corn yield in Minnesota at the record level of 188 bushels per acre, which was six percent above the previous State record corn yield of 177 bushels per acre in 2010. Other recent statewide corn yields were 156 bushels per acre in 2014, 159 in 2013, 165 in 2012, and 155 in 2011. The 2015 average soybean yield in Minnesota is also estimated to be at a record level of 50 bushels per acre, which significantly exceeded the previous State record soybean yield of 45 bushels per acre in 2010. The statewide soybean yields in other recent years were 41.5 bushels per acre in 2014, 42 in 2013, 43.5 in 2012, and 39 in 2011.

Based on the NASS data, the eleven counties in Minnesota's South Central Crop Reporting District produced over 321 million bushels of corn in 2015. Minnesota had a total 2015 corn production of nearly 1.43 billion bushels, compared to just below 1.18 billion bushels in 2014. Ren-

ville County produced the most corn in 2015 at 51.6 million bushels, followed in top five for corn production by Redwood County at 45.2 million bushels, Martin County at 45.1 million bushels, Faribault County at 43.7 million bushels, and Nobles County at 39.2 million bushels.

Thirteen counties in Minnesota had 2015 average corn yields that exceeded 200 bushels per acre, according to the NASS data. Faribault County had the highest average corn yield at 207.4 bushels per acre, followed in the top five counties by Nicollet County at 206.8 bushels per acre, Watonwan County at 206.1, Dodge County at 204.0, and Martin County at 203.4. Other counties that exceeded 200 bushels per acre were Blue Earth, Carver, Freeborn, Goodhue, Jackson, Le Sueur, Rice, and Steele. Most other counties in the southern one-third of Minnesota, as well as a few counties in Central Minnesota had 2015 corn yields between 185 and 199 bushels per acre. Most counties in the central one-third of the State had corn yields above 170 bushels per acre.

Fifty-five counties in Minnesota had record high soybean yields in 2015. Minnesota produced 377.5 million bushels of soybeans in 2015, compared 301.7 million in 2014. The top five soybean producing counties in 2015 all exceeded a total production above 10 million bushels, led by Renville County with 11.9 million bushels. Other

counties in the top five for soybean production were Redwood at 11.4 million, Faribault at 10.2 million, and both Blue Earth and Polk at 10.1 million.

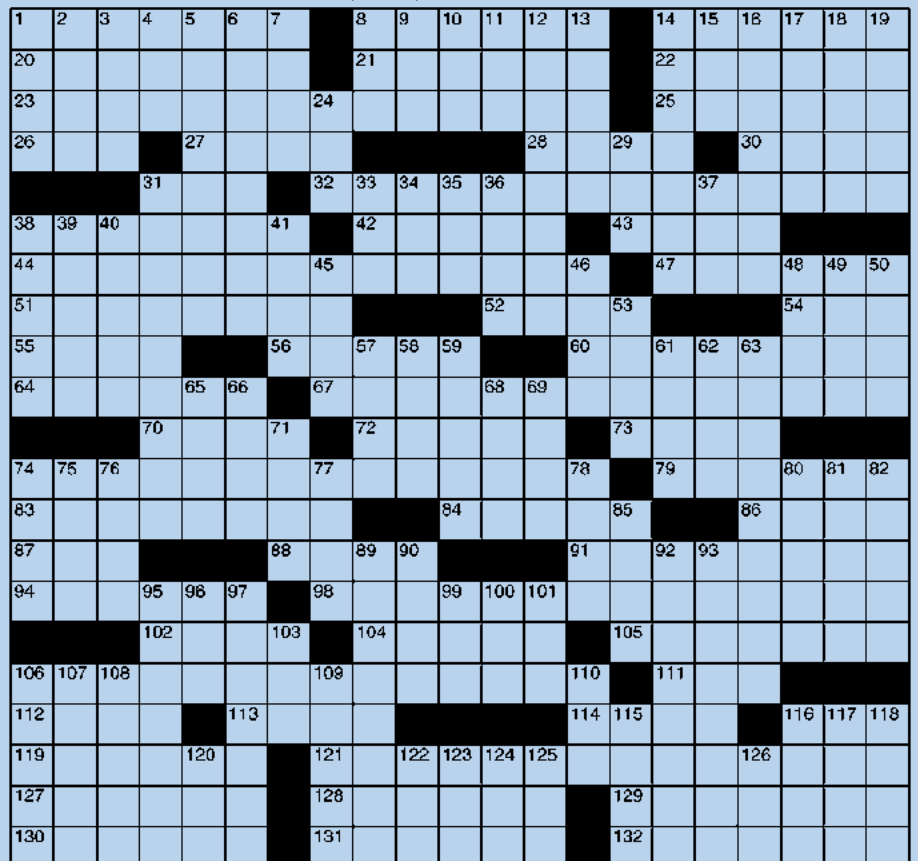
The top five 2015 soybean yield counties in Minnesota all had average yields that exceeded 60 bushels per acre, according to the NASS data. Martin County had the highest average soybean yield at 61.7 bushels per acre, followed by Faribault County at 61.3, Dodge County at 60.6, and both Nicollet and Waseca Counties at 60.1. Other counties with 2015 yields of 58.0 to 59.9 bushels per acre included Blue Earth, Carver, Freeborn, Goodhue, Mower, Rock, Steele, and Watonwan. Most other counties in the southern one-third of Minnesota had 2015 soybean yields above 55 bushels per acre, while most county yields in the central one-third of the State were between 45 and 55 bushels per acre.

Total 2015 spring wheat production in Minnesota was 85.8 million bushels, which was 32 percent above the total production of 64.9 million bushels of wheat in 2014. Nearly 80 percent of the State's spring wheat production came from the Northwest Minnesota Crop Reporting District. However, Pipestone County in Southwest Minnesota had the highest 2015 average wheat yield at 72.2 bushels per acre, followed by Lyon County at 69.4 bushels per acre, and Norman County at 68.4 bushels per acre.

## Super Crossword

REMAKING "THE LONGEST DAY"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Escape key's position
  - 8 Schoolroom with easels, maybe
  - 14 Not very new
  - 20 Spur on
  - 21 Big name in luxury watches
  - 22 Darius' land
  - 23 Biceps with more sweat?
  - 25 Rang, as bells
  - 26 Hosp. triage sites
  - 27 El Cid, e.g.
  - 28 Puerto —
  - 30 Troll's home
  - 31 Zest
  - 32 Running specialists' outfits?
  - 38 Actress Kerr
  - 42 Whoopi's "The Color Purple" role
  - 43 Fruit coverer
  - 44 Shut down skiing peaks again?
  - 47 Flinches or blinks, say
  - 51 Check beneficiary
  - 52 In order (to)
  - 54 "I figured it out!"
  - 55 With 78-Down, Coke Zero, e.g.
  - 56 Lipstick flaw
  - 60 Breaks loose
  - 64 Vanquish
  - 67 Put cicadas under water?
  - 70 Sleep like —
  - 72 Assume as fact
  - 73 "... to market, to buy — pig"
  - 74 Most inferior shoe bottoms?
  - 79 Fasteners threaded at two ends
  - 83 Zippy chip clip
  - 84 Railroad station
  - 86 Afghanistan's Tora —
  - 87 Application
  - 88 — Minor (Little Dipper locale)
  - 91 Altercations
  - 94 Hound type
  - 98 Never-forgotten four-letter words?
  - 102 Like sharp cheese
  - 104 After, in Amiens
  - 105 Filamentous
  - 106 What a store manager likes to see on faces?
  - 111 FedEx or DHL rival
  - 112 "No" voter
  - 113 Roo's friend
  - 114 Norwegian hub
  - 116 Bee product
  - 119 Sea robber
  - 121 June event
  - 122 "remade" six times in this puzzle
  - 127 GPS suggestions
  - 128 Hard money
  - 129 Less trustful
  - 130 Aim
  - 131 Atoll part
  - 132 Sam-I-am's creator
  - 9 Toys — (kids' haven)
  - 10 "Creep" trio
  - 11 IM snicker
  - 12 Not at all fond of
  - 13 Fundamental
  - 14 Enemy
  - 15 "Life of Pi" director Ang
  - 16 Biting Count
  - 17 Hajji's faith
  - 18 Food strainer
  - 19 Pluto's realm
  - 24 Pop idol?
  - 29 Perp catcher
  - 31 Groups of athletes on horseback
  - 33 Hosp. area with IVs
  - 34 Sci-fi writer Stanislaw —
  - 35 Tree for a bark beetle
  - 36 "How the Other Half Lives" author Jacob
  - 37 With 41-Down, tittering laughs
  - 38 "Judge —" (1995 Stallone film)
  - 39 "— Meenie" (2010 hit)
  - 40 A-G linkup
  - 41 See 37-Down
  - 45 Long hauler
  - 46 Stuffing stuff
  - 48 Raven cries
  - 49 "I heard —"
  - 50 Expresses
  - 53 Ward of "CSI: NY"
  - 57 Pre- — (replace)
  - 58 "— 'n' Andy"
  - 59 Put new turf on
  - 61 Miso soup ingredient
  - 62 Labor pain?
  - 63 Motor coaches
  - 65 — mater
  - 66 Labor
  - 68 Really peeve
  - 69 Scale interval
  - 71 Central figure of Christianity, in Florence
  - 74 Bait fish
  - 75 Santa —, California
  - 76 Some Pac-12 athletes
  - 77 Indian wrap
  - 78 See 55-Across
  - 80 Plenty o' —
  - 81 Cornered, as a raccoon
  - 82 Smart-alecky
  - 85 Pinball no-no
  - 89 Bad wrecks
  - 90 Clock radio loggler
  - 92 Pulitzer-winning composer Gunther —
  - 93 Reasons
  - 95 Surfeit
  - 96 Psyche part
  - 97 Big storm
  - 99 "... — quit!"
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## Farmers and Ranchers: The Original Conservationists

Conservation Program Restores Wildlife; Helps Farmers Care for Land, Air, Water

by Val Dolcini, Farm Service Agency Administrator

The modern environmental conservation movement is one that has brought awareness and conservation practices to many urban audiences. To some, it probably seems like a recent shift in American thinking.

But American farmers and ranchers throughout rural and tribal lands were the original conservationists, wasting nothing and preserving as much as possible. And in recent decades, they've produced some amazing results that everyone should know about as a result of the USDA Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP.

This relatively young program, in farming terms, just entered its 30th year. CRP is a voluntary

program where farmers remove environmentally-sensitive land from production for 10 to 15 years. Farmers re-establish key plant species, like approved grasses or trees, to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and create wildlife habitat. In return, farmers receive modest annual payments.

Since 1985, producers enrolled in CRP all across the nation have been responsible for restoring 2.7 million acres of wetlands and protecting 170,000 stream miles—enough to go around the world seven times. This protected water is responsible for reducing nitrogen and phosphorus runoff by 95 and 85 percent relative to cropland, respectively.

The program has enabled farmers and ranchers to reduce soil erosion by more than 9 billion

tons, and even sequester 1.4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gasses—equal to taking 9 million cars off the road every year.

These restoration efforts also have an amazing and nearly immediate benefit to wildlife population, such as ducks, pheasants, sage grouse, and the lesser prairie chicken -- even grazing for elk and moose, improved habitat for pollinating honeybees, and clearer streams for trout. In one area of the northern Great Plains, known as the Prairie Pothole Region, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that duck populations have increased by 1.5 to 2 million ducks per year. Many outdoors organizations also support CRP for its contribution to recreational activities such as hunting and fishing.

The success of CRP and

a statutory limit on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the program will mean this year's enrollment period will be one of the most competitive in recent history. The application deadline is February 26th. The most competitive applications will be those that combine multiple conservation benefits, such as water quality and wildlife habitat.

There are a lot of great conservation activities across the country, but when I think about the largest positive impacts to the rural environment, it's only natural that the American farmer and rancher are at the top of the list. To learn more about CRP, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30).

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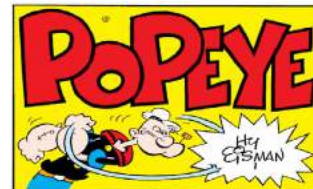
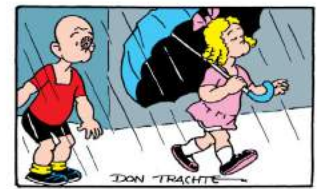
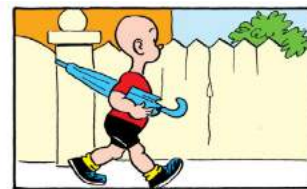
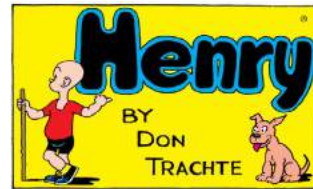


Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont employees raised \$600 for the 8th annual Kids Against Hunger Food Pack February 13th, and 22 employees participated in the pack. In addition, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont contributed \$500 as an organization.

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