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LENORT 90TH - David Lenort of Fairmont celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday, February 25th. Cards can reach him at 850 Goldfinch Street, #215, Fairmont, MN 56031.



SAXTON 90TH - Ellis Saxton of Fairmont will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, March 3rd with a family get-together. Cards may be sent to him at 1514 N. North Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

The annual meeting of the Fairmont Farmer's Market Association will be held on Thursday, March 8th in the small downstairs meeting room of the Martin County Library in Fairmont, beginning at 5 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in becoming part of the Fairmont Farmers Market is welcome. Information, as well as registration, for the upcoming 2018 season will be available.

NPPC calls for a Fix to Emission Reporting Law

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) asked Congress for a legislative fix to a federal emergency response law that now requires farmers to report emissions from the natural breakdown of manure to the U.S. Coast Guard.

"There is bipartisan bill (FARM Act) currently in the Senate - co-sponsored by Senator Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Senator Smith (D-Minn.) - to correct a pending federal requirement to report natural emissions of ammonia and other gases from animal manure.

CERCLA requires farms to report emissions when there are no standards or targets related to potential environmental

impact from the natural breakdown of manure," says Jay Moore, member of NPPC's Environmental Policy committee, from Jackson, Minnesota. "This bill would ease the burden on Minnesota's pig farmers and we are appreciative of the Minnesota Senators' support and swift action on this issue."

Currently, May 1st, 2018 is the deadline for CERCLA reporting.

"Having strong bipartisan support to restore the agriculture exemption under CERCLA is an easy fix, and provides certainty for farms," Moore says. "We look forward to seeing a companion bill in the House soon."

Minnesota Pork Board Scholarship Available

The Minnesota Pork Board Scholarship application is now available. This scholarship is open to students who will be college freshman, sophomores, juniors or seniors in the Fall of 2018 and plan to pursue a career in the swine industry or a related field.

The \$1000 dollar scholarship application is due on Tuesday, May 15th to the Minnesota Pork Office.

A full list of requirements to be considered for the scholarship can be found at www.mmpork.com/scholarships.

NOTICE:

Heritage Acres Agricultural Interpretive Center, 507 West Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 is seeking RFPs for the restoration of a 1914 Minneapolis Steam Traction Engine

Contact Al at 651-353-6122 for detailed specifications.

First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, will serve a **free community meal** on Wednesday, February 28th, from 5:30p.m. until gone. The menu includes goulash, green beans, garlic toast and dessert. The February free community meal is sponsored by the local AARP Tax Aides.



SMITH - Carly and Bradley Smith were married on September 9th, 2017 at Leopold's Mississippi Gardens in Minneapolis with Paul Carlson (friend of the bride and groom) officiating. A reception was held at the same location following the ceremony. The bride's parents are Scott and Nancy Dukart of Lakeville, Minnesota and the bridegroom's parents are Marklynn Smith-Wegner and the late Richard Smith of Fairmont. Carly is employed as a pharmacist, which Bradley is a train conductor for BNSF Railway. (Submitted photo)

Mayo Clinic Health System health care scholarships

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Foundation is offering two Blanche Kindstrom Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships to local students pursuing health care careers. The deadline for applications is April 6th.

This year's scholarships include:

- One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Fairmont High School senior

- One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior in the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont service area

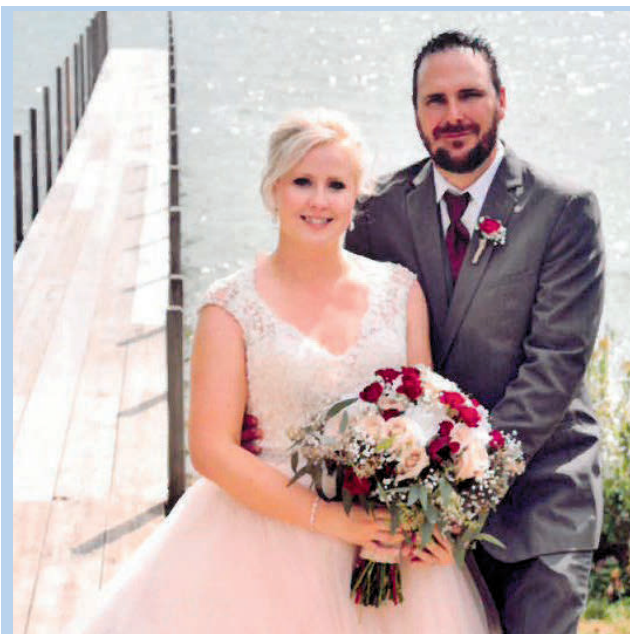
The Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Scholarship Committee reviews all scholarship applications and selects a recipient and alternate. Scholarship recipients and alternates will be notified by April 20th, 2018.

"We're grateful for the ability to offer scholarships to local students who have an interest in pursuing health care careers," says Amy Long, Mayo Clinic Health Sys-

tem in Fairmont site administrator. "Investing in students and young talent in our service area is integral to the success of our communities and the future health care workforce."

Scholarship recipients must enter college within one year of being awarded the scholarship. Applications and additional information are available through area high school counselors or online at mayoclinichealthsystem.org/locations/fairmont/careers/health-career-scholarships.

Mayo Clinic Health System consists of clinics, hospitals and other health care facilities that serve the health care needs of people in more than 60 communities Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The community-based providers, paired with the resources and expertise of Mayo Clinic, enable patients in the region to receive the highest-quality health care close to home.



PAULING - Jacquelyn JoAnne Haugen and Lyle Lynn Pauling, Jr. were married September 23rd, 2017 at Mini-Wakan State Park in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Greg Wede, friend of the bride's family, officiated. Parents of the couple are Bruce and Jeanette Haugen of Sherburn and Lynda Hatland of Emmetsburg, and the late Lyle Pauling, Sr. Matron of Honor was Chrsitaine Mandleco, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Schleininger, friend of the bride; Ruth Haugen, sister-in-law of the bride; Denda Evans and Debbie Buelte, sisters of the groom. Best Man was Billy Rezac, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Daren Wilson, brother of the groom; Steve Haugen, brother of the bride; Doni Hovick, friend of the groom and Kyle Strube, friend of the groom. Flower Girl was Adison Pauling, daughter of the groom. Guests were ushered by Steve Buelte and Dean Evans, brothers-in-law of the groom. Wedding music was provided by vocalist Patti Johnson, family friend of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Lodge at Mini-Wakan State Park. The couple lives in Sherburn. (Submitted photo)

SJV School registration night March 8

St. John Vianney Catholic School in Fairmont will have their school registration night Thursday, March 8th at the St. John Vianney School gym.

Did you know that the first five new families that register for K-6th grade at St. John Vianney will receive their 2nd semester FREE for one child this year?

The mission of St. John Vianney is to provide a quality Catholic education based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. They

provide faith development, academic excellence, technology, basketball and cheerleading programs, community service and before and after school care.

Join St. John Vianney for their registration night, Thursday, March 8th from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the St. John Vianney School gym.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Sarah Striemer, SJV School Principal at 235-5304 or email her at ssstriemer@sjvschool.net

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Community input meeting on Tuesday

Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to hear your perspectives about the East Fork Des Moines River Watershed that you live and/or farm in.

The input meeting will take place Tuesday, March 6th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sherburn Senior Citizen Center, 21 E. 1st Street in Sherburn. Coffee, donuts and rolls will be served.

The session will feature a discussion on what water quality concerns attendees may have, the types of practices and BMPs that work in this area, discussion on what is and what isn't working

within the watershed regarding water quality and conservation practices, and also what residents might think would help to improve watershed health.

This information will then be used by Martin SWCD to shape their work locally and will help to inform MPCA's Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) for the East Fork of the Des Moines River.

Your input is important to this project!

Please RSVP to Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680 so they can have a head count for refreshments.

Casting Call for murder mystery/dinner show

Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont is seeking four individuals, both male and female, with a fun and outgoing personality to star in the 7th Annual Murder Mystery - comedy based dinner show on April 20th and 21st.

No acting experience required. No long rehearsals, no scripts or memorizations required. The play is created spontaneously

by the performers based on the given storyline under the guidance of acting director, Paul Warshauer.

Actors must be available for one rehearsal on Thursday, April 19th at 6 p.m., and the production which takes place Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st at 6 p.m. Call Sonja Fortune at (507) 235-9262 for more information.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** through Lent from 5 to 6 p.m. This week they will serve chicken alfredo tortellini and tomato soups along with grilled cheese sandwich. On March 7th it will be broccoli cheese and chicken noodle soups, along with egg salad sandwiches. All meals include a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, along with donated desserts and a beverage. Suggested donation is \$2.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Minnesota Education Campus, Room 112, 115 South Park Street, Fairmont. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6th.

The **Fairmont class of 1953** is now meeting the first Friday of the month instead of Thursday. Lunch will be Friday, March 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch restaurant.

MOSS will have its monthly meeting this Thursday, March 1st. with a 5:30 p.m. social, and 6 p.m. meeting. Come join us to help us continue our work towards bringing the Adventure Playground to town.

A Winter Update

Guest Columnist

Michael Katzenmeyer, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

It is heartwarming when the first ice houses show up on solid ice, showing how much people are getting outside and enjoying our lakes. Throw in the hustle and bustle of some well attended fishing contests and other winter events utilizing our lakes and that good feeling continues to uplift us from any winter doldrums which may linger.

Now that season is coming to a close. Ice houses must be moved off the lakes. And, if you want to continue to fishing while utilizing a shelter, that shelter must be removed at the end of the day. Soon the ice will darken, honey-

comb, and become unsafe to support vehicle weight. As this deterioration of the ice conditions progresses it also impedes the possibility of cleaning up debris left from the ice fishing season. Now is the optimum time for us to display our stewardship mettle. As we remove our permanent fish houses we need to take any of the lumber we used to prop them up during any mid-winter thaw.

Some other things to look for would include remnants of bonfires held on the lakes which left behind unburned/ partially burned materials, evidence of discarded party leftovers: beverage con-

tainers, container cartons, or any materials not native to our lakes.

Whatever we take care of now will enhance the ice out experience for all who enjoy the lakes. Whatever we do not take care of now will increase the work load of keeping our lakes and lake shores clean and enticing for those who enjoy using our lakes.

Please continue to be good stewards of our lakes.

Visit the Fairmont Lakes Foundation online at: www.fairmontlakesfoundation.com and also on Facebook.

Sherburn Lunch & Learn features Essential Oils

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn. The topic for this month will be "Essential Oils and Aroma Therapy" and the meal provided will be potato soup and sandwiches.

These informational gatherings are provided by CREST as an opportunity for education

and fellowship to anyone in the surrounding area. If you have a topic you are interested in, let the CREST staff know. We will consider doing health related topics or informational topics on things like fraud prevention, living wills, legal must-do's, etc.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call the CREST office at 235-3833.



On February 3rd seventeen members of the Fairmont Area High School Speech Team competed at the Minneapple Speech Tournament in Apple Valley. Lexi Fischer Placed 5th in the final round of Creative Expression. (Submitted photo)

The Winnebago Area Museum will hold its **Annual Goulash Supper** Tuesday, March 6th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the museum. Menu includes goulash, cole slaw, garlic bread and dessert. The museum is located at 16 S. Main Street, Winnebago. A free-will donation is appreciated. Proceeds will go toward upgrading the computer system at the museum. Questions? Call 507-893-4660.



February 19th - 23rd was School Board Recognition Week. Fairmont Area Schools wishes to thank it's amazing board members for their continued service to our students, staff, and community. The fine work they do is unsurpassed and they are greatly appreciated! Pictured (L-R): Back Row: Danielle Schutz, Del Ellis, Dan Brookens. Front Row: Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue. (Submitted photo)

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Why do realtors ask if you're pre-approved?

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Cavers Realty



Have you ever walked into an open house, or called a Realtor about a listing, and within minutes, they're asking you if you are "pre-approved" for a mortgage?

If you haven't, then you have never walked into an open house or called a Realtor. Or at least enough of them. Just wait. It'll happen. And you're going to feel like it's pushy for them to ask that.

Realtors have different personalities. We all come across different ways. We all handle how we meet, greet, and chat with consumers in different ways. There's no one way to "be," as a realtor.

But every single Realtor should be asking you if you're pre-approved. But many do not. Because they feel like it is a bit pushy and forward. Because he or she worries about offending you. But they should ask...

- because it's entirely relevant for us to know.
- because it's entirely important for you to be pre-approved.

It might come across as a pushy, or invasive question. Maybe that is because of how a Realtor asks the question. Or when the Realtor asks the question. Or, simply because you don't know that it's a question that should be asked.

And you should expect the question, be prepared to say that you are pre-approved, and, you should want the Realtor to ask you that question.

Asking for a pre-approval is a necessary question, and an important piece of information for the Realtor to know. And for you!

Why does a Realtor ask you if you're pre-approved?

Realtors aren't asking you if you're pre-approved because they're looking to size up how much you can spend. We want and need to know that you are serious, and qualified to buy a house. Realtors need to know how much you're pre-approved for to advise you as well as possible when choosing your next

home. Plus, we need to know the type of loan (VA, FHA, Rural Development, or Conventional) you are pre-approved for as the type of loan plays a part in the home you can buy as well.

Picture a Realtor showing you houses for weeks, and months. You finally find "the one"! You get all excited about the house, and you want to make an offer, only to find the house doesn't fit your budget. This leads to heartbreak and aggravation...for both of you. It doesn't do either of you any good to go through all of that only to find out you can't afford the houses you were looking at...or even buy one at all.

Why you should want a Realtor to ask if you are pre-approved?

Even if you have just started browsing for a home just a little bit, and haven't gotten pre-approved (yet)...at least expect the question. Don't be offended when you're asked if you are.

In fact, pay closer attention to the Realtors who do ask if you're pre-approved!

If your Realtor asks that question, it's a good sign they are thorough and thoughtful about how they do their business. That's the type of Realtor you want to have on your side when you're buying a house — one who's careful from the get-go. One who pays attention to the details. One who isn't going to waste your time any more than their own. Or allow your heart to be broken when you fall in love with a house you can't do anything about.

And, better yet, if you want to get some good attention and service from the best Realtors you come across, don't even wait for them to ask if you are pre-approved...get pre-approved before you even start looking. And let the Realtor know you're pre-approved before they even ask. You'll set yourself apart from almost every buyer the Realtor has ever met.

Upcoming Martin County Library programs

Doug Ohman Presentation at the Fairmont Library

Doug Ohman, speaker and photographer, will present at the Fairmont Library on Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. Ohman's "Minnesota Byways" books will be highlighted, as he tells the stories behind his pictures and makes the photos come to life.

This project is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant provided by the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Library to host Teen Read-A-Latte Events

All teens are invited to join Amber at Graffiti Corner for our Read-A-Latte events! Enjoy free fro-yo and coffee and share what you're reading, watching or listening to.

Held at 3:30 p.m. on the Thursdays: March 8th and April 12th. Call the library with questions at 238-4207.

Library in Fairmont to host "Sweet Treats and Reads!"

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join us for Sweet Treats and Reads at the Fairmont Library. We'll have treats, book-related activities and talk about new books we're reading or excited to read.

This event is free and no registration is required. Join us on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: March 6th and April 3rd.

Library in Fairmont to host Wiggles and Words!

Join us for Wiggles and Words at the Martin County Library in Fairmont. These sessions are for children ages birth to 2 and an adult.

Sessions are held on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and run from March 1st through April 5th. Join us for stories and playtime. There is no need to register and no cost to attend.

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions or visit our website at www.martincountylibrary.org for more information.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 3, 1993

Katie Schoener of Fairmont was chosen to be an official Minnesota Timberwolves Ball Kid as the result of entering a contest at the Fairmont McDonald's. Katie and her family attended a Timberwolves home game.

Hollie Lewis of Fairmont received one of 30 educational scholarships given to high school seniors who work at McDonald's Restaurants in Minnesota. These McDonald's crew members were selected as "Mc-Scholars" based on grade point average, employee attitude and community service.

The first annual Habitat Banquet was to be held at the Fairmont American Le-

gion Hall. The banquet was sponsored by Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, and Elm Creek Whitetails Chapter. All profits were to be placed back into Martin County Habitat.

The Donut Shoppe, 111 Downtown Plaza was offering one dozen donuts for \$2, with a donation of two non-perishable canned goods, four cans, 2 dozen donuts for \$4 and so on. The regular price for a dozen donuts was \$2.25.

The Elm Creek Flyers was holding a model airplane show at the Fair Mall.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 3, 1968

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the Berg Photo Studio building in down-

town Fairmont. Owner James Berg estimated the damage at \$20,000 which was covered by insurance. The building at 109 S. North Ave., also housed the Kirsch Clothing store and Phoenix Budget Loans at the front end which was undamaged except for smoke, and Al Nelson's Surge outlet in the basement at the rear, where the fire was thought to have started.

Rev. Harry Stroesser, who had served St. John's United Church of Christ for ten years, resigned to take a similar position at a parish in Bloomington.

The Fairmont Band Boosters Club was outlining fund rising plans to send the senior band to Hemisfair '68 at San Antonio, Texas in June. The 99-piece senior marching band was to be accompanied by several members of the high school orchestra and choir.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

A one dish meal!

A former school classmate Bonnie Lenz called me last week with a recipe she likes and has been making. I made it for our Sunday lunch, and we liked it too. It gave four of us generous servings and enough for one year old Lydia too! I hope you like it too.

Garden Bisquick Pie

2 cups chopped broccoli, cauliflower or spinach or a combination of the three.
4 strips bacon fried crisp and crumbled
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cup milk
3/4 cup Bisquick
3 eggs,
Salt and pepper

Instructions:

Whisk eggs and milk add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pour into a greased deep dish 9 inch pie pan or 10 inch pie plate. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 40 minutes. Serve hot.

Have a great week!

Area College Student News

The following area students have been named to the 2017 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Fairmont

Leyton Becker, Freshman, College of Food, Agr. & Nat. Res. Sci.

Steven Bulfer, Junior, College of Sci. and Engineering

Antony Joseph, Freshman, College of Biological Sciences

Taylor Nuss, Sophomore, Carlson School of Management

Walker Tordsen, Sophomore, College of Biological Sciences

Trimont

Seth Melson, Sophomore, College of Food, Agr. & Nat. Res. Sci.

Ellyn Swanson, Senior, College of Food, Agr. & Nat. Res. Sci.

Truman

Jay Ruen, Senior, Carlson School of Management

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2017 semester at Bethel University, St. Paul:

Fairmont

Peter Erickson, Junior, the son of Jon and Donna Erickson

Kale Fritz, Junior, the son of Daniel and Sheri Fritz

Micaela Gochanour, Senior, the daughter of Todd and Margaret Gochanour

Andrew Hagen, Sophomore, the son of Kory and Lisa Hagen

Anna Hernes, Senior, the daughter of Mark and Michelle Hernes

Truman

Alexis Johnson, Senior, the daughter of Melinda Garry

The following local student was named to the Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter:

Fairmont

Madisyn Plumbhoff

AARP Tax-Aide celebrates 50 Years

Joy Rowan Pollock, Local Coordinator for AARP Tax-Aide in Fairmont says: "Call me crazy, but I love to do taxes." When friends are busy planning for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations Joy is busy checking out the IRS and State of Minnesota web sites for revisions of the tax code.

"I get excited about the prospect of helping area low to moderate income taxpayers complete their returns." In the past 10 years the volunteers in Fairmont have assisted 350-500 people each year. Last year we joined the nearly 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers working at about 5,000 sites nationwide assisting taxpayers file 1.5 million federal returns, generating \$1.4 billion in refunds and \$222 million in earned income credits.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the Tax-Aide program working with Internal Revenue Service is striving to have all returns e-filed. This free service is offered by appointment on Tuesdays

and Thursdays in the upper level at the First Congregation Church UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. Call (507)230-4400 on Tuesday or Thursday to schedule an appointment.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure their knowledge of revisions in the U.S. & State Tax Code. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have an interest in keeping this effective grassroots volunteer program going for another 50 years, go to: aarp.org/taxaide and sign up to volunteer.

The Fairmont Tax-Aide will hold an open house from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday February 28th in the upper level at the First Congregation Church UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. Nobody is sure of the exact year that the Tax-Aide program started in Fairmont, but no matter the number of years we invite you to celebrate with us over 40 years of service to our community.



Ask A Trooper: Yielding to buses

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I was told that motorists have to yield to a city bus when it enters the road from a bus stop, is this true?

Answer: There is a state law that says that a driver of a vehicle traveling in the right-hand lane of traffic shall yield the right-of-way to any transit bus attempting to enter that lane from a bus stop or shoulder, as indicated by a flashing left turn signal.

Always be extra cautious when passing or near any type of bus and be prepared to change lanes, if there is more than one lane in the same direction, or yield as needed.

Keep in mind, bus drivers have a very important job in transporting people of all ages, and they are op-

erating a very large vehicle, in high volume traffic areas with very little room to maneuver.

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@ the Martin County Library

Our springtime Wiggles and Words sessions are just about to start at the Fairmont Library!

Beginning at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 1st and running through April 5th, join us every week (same time, same place) for stories and playtime!

These activities are for children ages birth to 2 and an adult caregiver.

Access to early literacy is so important to help those little minds grow!

Children who are exposed to books and reading at a young age routinely do better in school, with higher graduation rates and better employment opportunities.

Reading aloud is a major component of early literacy, and is a great way to introduce new words to babies and toddlers.

Each Wiggles and Words session features books read aloud, along with free time to explore as well!

There is no cost to attend these sessions and no registration is required.

Annual Festival of Music is March 11th

The 23rd annual Festival of Music will be held on Sunday, March 11th at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 319 Downtown Plaza, 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 suffer-

ing of Jesus and/or his resurrection.

The program will consist of solos, instrumentals, 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 go to support the ministry of CREST in Martin County. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Champine receives Navy promotion to Commander

Jon Champine, formerly of Martin County, was promoted to the rank of Commander, United States Navy February 16th, 2018.

The ceremony took place on Coronado Island in the San Diego Bay. The event was attended by his father, Veryl Champine of rural Granada, his father-in-law Bob Yurcek of Madelia, Jon's wife Bobbi and their two children, Chase and Sienna. All of the family took part in the tradi-

tional ceremony. Denise Weber, a Navy Captain, flew in from Virginia to administer the oath of office. 22 people attended the ceremony held on the beach of Coronado Island, at the site of the birthplace of Naval Aviation.

Jon has served in the Navy for 20 years and is an Aerospace Physiologist attached to the Third Marine Air Group stationed at Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego.

"Putting STEAM into STEM" Expo on March 5

Plan to attend Fairmont's second Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics "Putting STEAM into STEM Expo" on Monday, March 5, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at

the Fairmont Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. Families are encouraged to participate in

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OBITUARY notices

Marland A. Meyer, 88



A Memorial Service for Marland Meyer, 88, of

Fairmont, was held Saturday, February 24th, 2018 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with Military Honors provided by Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Burial will take place at a later date at Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Marland passed away Monday, February 19th, 2018 at Mayo Clinic Health System. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Marland Arthur Meyer was born July 27th, 1929 to Arthur and Emma (Heuer) Meyer in Martin County, Minnesota. Growing up he attended school and

began working at a young age before enlisting in the United States Army. Marland proudly served his country during the Korean War from June 12th, 1952 until his honorable discharge on May 6, 1954.

On June 4th, 1952 Marland was united in marriage to Marcelene Buchmeier in Fairmont. This union was blessed with three daughters, Loni, Lynn and Lina.

Through the years Marland worked at Rosenwinkels, Breen Implement and Railway Motors. Marland was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of the VFW. In his leisure time he enjoyed gardening, being outdoors and

woodworking. He shared his woodworking skills with many people. Marland cherished time spent with his family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marcelene Meyer, of Fairmont; daughters: Loni Meyer of Fairmont, Lynn Heidecker and her husband, S.D., of Mankato, and Lina Wiebe and her husband, William, of Fairmont; grandchildren: Nicholas Heidecker, Nathan (Jennifer) Heidecker, Ariel Wiebe and Marcus Wiebe; sisters: Elaine Bents, Darlene O'Brien, and Marilyn Fullerton; other extended family and friends.

Marland was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Joshua; and

brother, Dennis.

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DEATH notices



February 19 - Duane L. Faber, 81, Sherburn.

Kramer Funeral Home

February 19 - Marland A. Meyer, 88, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

February 21 - Daniel P. Myers, 58, Ceylon.

Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

February 24 - Beulah F. Wessel, 96, Truman.

Zaharia Family Funeral & Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

February 20 - Robert E. Manzke, 89, Fairmont

February 23 - Renata E. Benck, 90, Fairmont

February 25 - Maureen "Rene" Hawkins, 82, Sherburn

February 26 - LeRoy Duncanson, 78, Red Wing (formerly of Truman)

Dan "Frodo" Myers, 58



A Memorial Visitation celebrating the life of Dan "Frodo" Myers, 58, of Ceylon, will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1st, 2018, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Dan passed away Wednesday, February 21st, 2018, at his home in Ceylon. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Daniel P. Myers was

born March 13th, 1959, at the hospital in Marshalltown, IA, in the middle of a snowstorm on Friday the 13th, to Wendell and Nadine (Paul) Myers. As a young boy, Dan lived with his family in State Center, IA, before moving to Ceylon at the age of 7.

Dan attended school in Ceylon and graduated from Ceylon High School with the class of 1977. He then went on to attend Brown Institute where he studied radio broad-

casting. Dan worked for Glasstite for a short time before joining his father in Myers Enterprises of Ceylon where the duo restored and refinished furniture.

When not working on a furniture project, Dan enjoyed days spent on the open road riding his Harley. He was a collector of brass bells and also found a liking for canes and cobalt glassware. Dan loved music and movies and spent his quiet time work-

ing on crossword puzzles. He will be greatly missed by those that loved him and called him a friend.

Left to cherish his memory are his siblings, David (Bill Houghton) Myers of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; Teri Sue Hase of Northrop; Don (Joni) Myers of St. Peter; and Kaycee (Larry) Hintz of Truman; nieces and nephews, Jason Vigdal, Margaret (David Olson) Matthes, Sarah (MacGyver Spears) Matthes,

Iris Myers, Dalton Myers, Nichole (Kevin) Klug, Michael (Chelsea) Hintz, Becca (fiancé, Dylan Tomlinson) Hintz; long-time friend, Jeff Steele; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Wendell and Nadine Myers; and grandparents, Willard "Mickey" and Stella Myers, and Ariel and Marie Paul.

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Beulah F. (Briese) Wessel



Service for Beulah Faith (Briese) Wessel, 96, of Truman will be Friday March 2nd, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, with visitation from 9:30 a.m. to time of service. Interment will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Truman. Visitation will be Thursday, March 1st, 2018 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman.

Beulah died peacefully on February 24th, 2018 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman is entrusted with arrangements.

Beulah was born on November 6th, 1921 at Albury, New South Wales (N.S.W.), Australia. She was the oldest daughter of Theodore and Dorothea (Blaess) Briese. Beulah

was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Jindera, on November 20th, 1921. She attended St. John's Lutheran School. She was confirmed November 8th, 1936 by Pastor Rudolph at St. John's Lutheran Church, Jindera.

After her schooling was completed she moved to Trungley Hall, N.S.W. to help in the home of her uncle Alf Briese. In 1946 she traveled to Adelaide and worked as a domestic at Concordia College, then for one year at the home of Dr. Woods. She then became a Lift Operator at John Martins and worked there for 2½ years. During WWII her aunt Anne Weiss extended hospitality to American soldiers, who were in training camps near Adelaide. It was in the home of her aunt that she met and American G.I., Loren Wessel. After the

war, he returned to Australia. Beulah and Loren were married February 19th, 1955 at the Lutheran Church, Albury, N.S.W. The couple then traveled to Paupa, New Guinea where Loren had accepted a job as a lay church worker with the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church USA in their Highland Mission Field.

In 1957 Loren and Beulah returned to the United States of America having completed their terms in the Paupa, New Guinea Mission Fields. They settled on a dairy farm outside Truman. There Beulah raised six children and when they were gone, she started another career as a nurse aide at the Truman Lutheran Retirement Home. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman and the Truman Legion Auxiliary.

Beulah was a loving, hard-working wife, and mother who believed in duty and service to God, family, and her adopted country. She became a U.S. citizen in 1986.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter-in-law, friend, grandmother, great and great-great-grandmother. She was loved by many for her kind and loving spirit. Everyone loved her "aussie" accent. She will be greatly missed by many.

Beulah will be missed by her husband of 63 years, Loren Wessel; children, Timothy (Jody) Wessel, Karen Roedel, Warren (Linda) Wessel, Tamara (Bruce) Lammers, Richard Wessel; son in-law, Jim Sackett; grandchildren, MacKenzie (Brian) Pellin, Jennifer (Jordan) Glamann, Kaleb (Rachel) Roedel, Shane (Becky)

Roedel, Hunter Roedel, Brooklyn Roedel, Katie Wessel, Ivy Pettersen, Missy (Kyle) Pettersen-Scott, Amy (Chris) Hoheisel, Calvin Lammers, Lauren Lammers, Colin (Olivia) Lammers, Jacquie (Paul) Malzahn, Shelby (Bryan) Hauge, Kelsey (Cody Geistfeld) Sackett, Kayla, Emily Wessel, Josiah Wessel, Hannah Wessel, Talia Wessel, Joseph Wessel; many great grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, nieces nephews, other relatives and friends.

Beulah was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Daphne Sackett; son-in-law, Marty Roedel; granddaughter, Avenelle Joy Lammers; two sisters; two brothers; many in-laws; relatives and friends.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Special Thanks to Fairmont

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Fairmont Community for their support of the blood drive held this week. Severe winter weather has caused the cancellation of hundreds of blood drives. Thanks to the Fairmont donors who listened to our call for help. Thanks to the Fairmont Sentinel and Fairmont Photo

Press for their help communicating the details of the blood drive.

Did you know?

•Patients don't get a holiday from needing blood. American Red Cross collects nearly 14,000 blood donations each day to help ensure patients get the treatment they need.

Tues., February 13th: 79 units collected

Wed., February 14th: 92 units collected

Thurs., February 15th:

52 units collected

In total 226 units were collected. There were three first time donors.

Special thank you to all the volunteers working in the canteen and greeter areas

•And always, Holiday Inn/Green Mill for the fine facilities and great staff.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American

public to perform its mission. For more information on volunteering at the blood drive please call Cathy Stapel @ 507-381-2066 or e-mail your interest to: Catherine.Stapel@redcross.org

Sincerely,
Cathy Stapel;
Account Manager
American Red Cross

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Kinship's thank-you

On the afternoon of February 11th, the engines of over a dozen snowmobiles could be heard throughout Cedar Creek Park and the

surrounding lakes. For the first time in a few years, Kinship of Martin County was able to host what is supposed to be an annual snowmobiling event for the mentors and their mentees. In years past, there was not enough snow or the weather was too poor to hold the event. This year was different. A snowstorm a few weeks ago and then several inches of new snow the week prior to the event sweetened the deal and made for a wonderful afternoon gathering.

The Blizzard Snowmobile Club, along with

a few other individuals offered snowmobile rides to mentees and their mentors and families both in the park and out on the lakes. It was such a blast to see kids getting outfitted in helmets and then speeding away on the backs of the snowmobiles, hanging on tight to the driver. Smiles abounded when they would come back and hop off, and many went for a second or third ride.

In addition to snow-

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Real Estate Equities Homes-Fairmont LLC to Kirk S. Vogt, Mylakay Vogt, Lot 7, Block 2, Hamlet Addn.

Jakes, Inc. to MF Properties, LLC, Vacated Home Street, Lots 8, 1, 2, 10, Block 1, Lot 9, Exc. S.11' vacated Home Street, S. 11' & vacated Home Street, Lot 9, Block 1, Greethurst Addn.

Janet A. Nielsen to Allissa Traetow, Matthew Traetow, Pt. Govt. Lot 13, SW¼ 30-103-30

Reda Hussein Mohamed Mahmoud, Reda Hussein Mohamed Mohmoud, Kristin Lynn Seifert, Thomas R. Seifert, Gwen C. Sweeney, Shannon J. Sweeney, Tania Marie Sweeney to Alex D. Peterson, Lot 6, Block 2, Oak Beach Addn.

Virginia Schafer to Brandon Steuber, Courtney Steuber, Pt. SE¼, Pt. E½SW¼, Pt. S½NE¼ easement only, Pt. S½NW¼ easement only, N½SW¼ easement only, Pt. N½SE¼ easement only, Pt. SW¼ easement only, Pt. W½SE¼ easement only, W.1228.08 SW¼ easement only, 1-103-31

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

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9:00 am

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Gustaf E. Olson, Mavis J. Olson to Mavis and Gustaf Olson Revocable Trust, Gustaf E. Olson, Trustee, Mavis J. Olson, Trustee, NW¼ Exc. W.20 Rods, 20-101-29

Susan Kay Rathman, Todd Edward Rathman to Susan K. Rathman, Pt. NE¼, 20-104-32

Edward Niebuhr, Rita L. Niebuhr to Crystal R. Anderson, Felicia M. Niebuhr, Lot 14, Block 1, Fox Lake Park

Andrew Truesdell, Stephanie Truesdell to Andrew Truesdell, Stephanie Truesdell, NW¼ Exc. Pt. Und. 27% interest, 14-102-33

CW Pork Inc. to Charles Patsche, Wanda Patsche, SW¼, Exc. Pt. NW¼SW¼, 22-104-30

Willis C. Cole to Willis C. Cole Trustee, Willis C. Cole Trust, Lot 8, Block 1, Southwood Addn.

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Susan Farmer, Marilyn Stewart, Steven Stewart, Vimar Trust, to Grant Swanson, Katie Swanson, Lot 9, S½ Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat Sherburn

Susan K. Greischar, Trustee, Susan K. Greischar Revocable Trust to Rene Welchlin, Lot 2, Block 1, Cedar Bluff Addn.

STATE DEEDS

State of Minnesota to North Star Construction, Lot 16, Block 3, Original Plat Sherburn

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 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

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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Gregory B. Murphy,
Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting
& Election of Officers &
Board of Canvass for

CENTER CREEK TOWNSHIP

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

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
at the Township Grader
Shed in Granada.

Voting times are 5:00p.m.-
8:00 p.m. to elect the
following:

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

Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 p.m.

In case of bad weather, the above will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

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Kim Shoemaker, Clerk

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this unique event to raise awareness of the varied and exciting STEAM options in the real world available to youth and young adults. The event is free and open to the public.

Featured exhibitors at this event include ExploraDome from the University of Minnesota Bell Museum of Natural History, Avery Weigh-Tronix, Ag in the Classroom, Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Valero Renewables, 3M-Fairmont, Kahler Automation Corporation, Hy-Vee Foods, Mayo Clinic Heath System-Fairmont, Fairmont High School Robotics, FES Elementary Staff and sixth grade students.

Discover the world of STEAM at the Expo with these featured activities and much more. Visit the ExploraDome for an interactive exploration of the solar system. See the latest in bionic technology and

robotics demonstrations. See the new technology in "Using Weight or Vision System to Count M & M's" with a counting scale and a pill counter by Avery Weigh-Tronix staff.

Wanda Patsche will offer observation skills with comparisons in the growth of Indian Corn & Popcorn Seeds while students create a "Living Necklace" at the Ag in a Classroom exhibit.

Learn about birds, beaks and adaptation tools in birds from the Prairie Ecology Bus Center naturalists. Compare automation and manual operation with pump stand to fill a bucket with water with the Kahler Automation Corporation staff.

Learn the basics of a grocery store and check-out with Hy-Vee Foods. Participate in the 6th Grade Simple Machines and Pool Noodle Marker activities.

Stop by the 3M exhibit and explore binary codes, chemical reactions, air pressure changes, Hook & Loop, Air Zooka, Newton's Cradle as well as see a Phenolphthalein Demo to reveal a hidden message.

Discover the ways ethanol is used in our world through a science experiment with corn at Valero Renewables.

Explore the role of science in muscle stimulation, germ detection, vein location and laparoscopic surgery with Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont staff.

Have fun with the Fairmont High School Robotics students making moon sand and doing marble magic.

This event is sponsored by the ISD 2752 Fairmont Elementary School Science Team and Fairmont Community Education and Recreation.

For more information please contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Program at 507-235-3141.

Notice Of Annual Meeting & Election Of Officers 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 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Tuesday March 20, 2018.

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

- ONE (1) SUPERVISOR...3 yrs**

The Board of Canvass will meet, immediately following the election to certify the official election results.

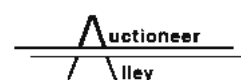
The Annual meeting will commence at 8:05 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law and will be held at: Fairmont Elementary School Cafeteria, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont, MN. Enter through the North doors.

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Heather Trembley, Clerk

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 9:45 A.M.- BERNELL 'BUZZ' & CHERYL VOSS - Retirement Farm Equipment Auction including: '01 CIH MX270 Magnum, '00 CIH MX270 Magnum, '79 JD 4640 & '73 JD 4630 Tractors; '98 JD 9610 Combine, Truck, Trailer, Field Equip & Much More! Sale Location: Jackson Area. DAN PIKE & ASSOCIATES

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More and more it is becoming a challenge for local businesses to continue to survive in today's world. Younger people are used to being able to order something online from the convenience of their home instead of traveling to a local business to purchase an item. That "convenience" makes it tougher for the smaller local businesses to compete with the mega-online giants, especially when it comes to price-point. The mega-giants are able to offer items at highly discounted rates, but have you really looked at the products they offer? Many times those products are inferior knock-offs of better produced products. Do you remember the old saying, "You get what you

pay for"? Many times that is the case when you purchase online items. You end up returning them back to the company for being inferior or not what you thought it would be. We see those returns all the time via our UPS service at the Photo Press. I have said it before and I will say it again - BUY LOCAL.

A new "What is it?"

The old saying goes



"Ask and you shall receive." Well, I did just that for our "What is it?" portion of the column and right away received two new items. This week our item comes to us all the way from across the ocean in Tanzania. My brother-in-law Matt Harder emailed this item to me and he said it is used quite often in Tanzania. It is made entirely out of wood. In the first picture there are a number of these alongside a road, while the second image gives you a closer look at it. So, what is it? You can email me your guess at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call our office at 507-238-9456 and leave your guess along with your contact info. If you have an item you would like to have readers try to identify, either stop in to the Photo Press and we can take pictures and a description, or email some photos to me at jeff@fairmontphotopress.com.

montphotopress.com along with some measurements and a description of the item.

Spring Expo this weekend!

This weekend the Five Lakes Centre will be a flurry of activity as the KSUM/KFMC Spring Expo will be taking place. The expo is March 2nd - 4th and will feature many vendors and displays that will get you in the mood for warmer weather and starting some home and garden upgrades. Many of the exhibitors will have displays showing you what services and products they offer. You can visit with many different businesses dealing in all of these areas and more. It will be a great place to go if you are looking to upgrade your home, update some equipment or just get ideas for everything from landscaping to refurbishing. Check out our Spring Expo section in this week's Photo Press to see some of the businesses

that will be a part of this year's expo!

Hot meals and more!

Even though the weather may not always cooperate, there are always events taking place around the area that you can take part in to help get rid of those "winter blues." Here are some events that are taking place around the area in the next week. The Wednesday evening meal at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on February 28th. They will serve chicken alfredo tortellini and tomato soups along with grilled cheese sandwich. Next Wednesday's meal will be broccoli cheese and chicken noodle soups, along with egg salad sandwiches. All meals include a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, along with donated desserts and a beverage. Suggested donation is \$2. On Sunday, March 4th the Sherburn Lions Club will have a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the MCW High School

Cafeteria. It will be free will offering. Bring a food item for the food shelf! The Winnebago Area Museum will hold its Annual Goulash Supper Tuesday, March 6th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the museum. Menu includes goulash, cole slaw, garlic bread and dessert. A free-will donation is appreciated. Proceeds will go toward upgrading the computer system at the museum. All are welcome!

We want to wish the Martin County Red Bulls wrestling team and the nine individual wrestlers good luck as they participate in the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournaments this weekend. The Red Bulls have been very impressive this year and are sure to do well at state. We wish them all the best!

Have a great week!

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

- Jeff

Portrait of a Veteran: Raymond Theobald

Guest Columnist



Joseph Kreiss, Portrait of a Veteran Project

Raymond "Swede" Theobald says he was born on the kitchen table at the family farm becoming one of eight kids in the family. By 1952 he had graduated from Sherburn High School and because of the Korean War, decided to enlist in the United States Army to help in the effort.

Following basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, he joined the 10th Army Infantry Division, 86th Regiment. His military training continued at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland where "Swede" spent 16 weeks in Army carburetor/ignition school. "I got to drive M-46 and M-48 Patton tanks, doing testing on the firing range," Swede recalled. These armored battle tanks were the principal fighting tanks during the Korean War.

After another duty transfer to the Red River Arsenal in Texarkana, Texas, Swede finally got

the call to head overseas. But instead of heading to Korea, the Army shipped him to Germany. Swede boarded a troop transport along with about 3,800 other enlisted men, plus officers and their wives. "I was about half way across the Atlantic Ocean on our way to Germany when they signed the truce to end the fighting in Korea," he said.

Stationed at the U.S. Army base at Bremerhaven, Germany, Swede quickly worked his way up the ranks from PFC to Staff Sgt. E-5 ranking. "I was a driver and squad leader because of my rank, working as Assistant Motor Sergeant and 10-ton wrecker operator, mainly," he remembered. "We had about 30 trucks that carried parts, plus Jeeps and such. We could head out and be in the field in less than two-hours. Once there we could rebuild a

Caterpillar engine in the field if we had to."

With the Korean War over, the scope of the Army's mission in Germany changed. "I played basketball during the winter months," Swede admitted with a smile. "I didn't have to pull duty. We just played basketball and ate."

Swede spent a total of 23 months of active duty in Germany with the Army before being shipped back home to be honorably discharged. "I really enjoyed my time in Germany," he said.

Once back in Martin County, Swede working in road construction, paving Highway 4 from St. James to Sherburn. Then in 1958, Swede and his brother Chuck bought the old Chevrolet dealership in Sherburn, owning and operating Theobald Chevrolet at the south end of town for about ten years. They eventually sold to Hawkins Chevrolet of Fairmont. Swede went on to establish his own home

based automotive radiator and mechanical repair shop in the garage of the home he shares with his wife Mickey. He eventually retired in 2010, but still tinkers with things mechanical.

In October of 2015, Swede and his son Dan, were flown on a one-day Freedom Honor Flight to Washington D.C. "It was very humbling and emotional," he said. "There were 79 veterans on the journey; seven World War II veterans and the

rest Korean War veterans. Somehow, they got 57 wheelchairs on that plane along with a full medical staff and other volunteers," Swede remembered. Flying from La Crosse, Wisconsin, once on the ground, the veterans rode buses to and from the various Washington monuments, including a stop at Arlington National Cemetery and inside the grounds of the Pentagon at the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 crashed on 9-11. "We had police

escort the whole time. And everywhere we went people lined-up and applauded us," Swede said. "What an experience."

For more veteran stories and photos, go to my Portrait of a Veteran Photo Project blog: <https://sommervetphotoproject.blogspot.com/>

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The Fairmont Area High School Speech Team started their season at the Marshall Speech Spectacular January 26th and 27th. The Cardinals won the Class A team sweepstakes. The following speakers competed in the quarter final rounds: Flavia Correa- Novice Poetry; Maddy Pierce- Great Speeches; Bergen Senf- Discussion; Emily Kerekes- Extemporaneous Reading. Cardinal speakers that advanced to the semifinal round: Lexi Fischer- Creative Expression; Apoorva Komaragiri- Prose; and Ben Hernes- Prose. (Submitted photo)



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Spring Expo takes off at Five Lakes Center

Kaylin Tlam, Photo Press Reporter - Intern

The Spring Expo, headed by KFMC/KSUM, looks forward to inviting Martin County residents to visit and see what each booth will have to offer, including give-aways and door prizes. KFMC/KSUM will be hosting a prize consisting of a kayaking adventure package, complete with kayak, paddle, and

life jacket, and more all registering at a \$700 value. The Spring Expo has seen many changes through the years. The Expo began in the mid-eighties at the old American Legion, which became Buy Rite Motors. Since then, they have moved from the American Legion to the Five Lakes Center, as

well as attempted to hold a fall and spring show. They have settled with holding one grand Expo in the spring, while sports tournaments bring families to Fairmont and consumers are looking to spruce up their homes after the long winter. They have also made changes from their initial setup in the mall, from housing booths in empty stores to moving

booths into the main hallway.

Visitors are encouraged to look forward to all the Expo has to offer. As KFMC owner "Woody" Woodward said, "People's imaginations can go wild. You look at landscaping companies, and you look at the contractors, and if you want to add a room on your house, or remodel... all the ideas are there."

The Spring Expo offers a unique opportunity for the community to interact with 58 the mom and pop businesses in the area, while getting a taste of what they can do to support their community.

Among the vendors are community organizations such as the Fairmont Opera House and the Fairmont Habitat for Humanity. The Expo showcases everything from boat and dock dealers, to lawn care, to carpentry, to home improvement.

The Spring Expo is all about keeping local money local, as many of these businesses will find their summer business in trade fairs such as the Spring Expo. As Woodward stated, "In the world today, there's so many places competing for your dollars, it's important to show off what we have to offer in this area to people." KFMC

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wishes to increase community awareness of their own local establishments, and the innovations they can bring to the lives of Fairmont residents.

The Spring Expo will be held at Five Lakes Center this upcoming weekend, Friday, March 2nd, 12-9 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 4th, 12-5 p.m.

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For many, spring cleaning is something of a tradition, a ritual. But things

have changed. The days of dipping an old mop into a tin bucket filled with gray water belong to another era. In the age of smart cars and smartphones, cleaning has become smarter as well.

Here are a few smart innovations that will make your spring cleaning routine much more efficient and thorough.

A change in seasons is the perfect time to change up your wardrobe. Take advantage of this transitional period to purge items you haven't worn in 12 months or more - be honest with yourself! When you're free of unnecessary items, indulge in a trip to a specialty store offering storage and organization products to uncover new space-saving solutions. Unsure of what to get rid of? If a beloved item just needs a little love, run it through a steam-powered clothing care system to see if it's salvageable.

2. Breathe easy. It's easy to spend the lion's share of your time trying to tackle the stains, dust and smudges in your home. However, one of the most important parts of your home to clean is the part you can't see. We're talking about air quality, of course. Opening windows and placing plants around your home is a good way to start.

3. Multitask like never before. By now, most of us are familiar with robot vacuums. Having one of these zoom around your home on cleaning days frees you up to do other things, saving you time and making manual vacuuming a thing of the past. Over the years, the technology has advanced so that nowadays these nifty cleaning assistants are quieter than ever before - some even come equipped with a camera to monitor your home while you're away!

4. Use the power of light. The battle against germs is a year-round endeavor. This spring, instead of repeating the old routine of a rag and some harsh cleaner, which often can spread more germs than it kills, try a UV sanitizing wand. These simple devices use a powerful ultraviolet light to kill odor-causing bacteria and germs on hard surfaces. It's the same technology used in many hospitals and is perfect for bathrooms, kitchens, even cleaning your kids' toys.

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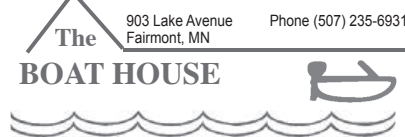
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When the World met Billy Graham

By Youth for Christ/USA

Youth for Christ's first employee was a man named Billy Graham.

Dr. Billy Graham passed away last week in Montreat, NC at the age of 99. He helped birth the Youth for Christ organization, originally founded for ministry to youth and servicemen during World War II.

"Youth for Christ came into being through a conversation I had while fishing off the coast of Florida in late 1944," Graham said

Youth for Christ...It grew rapidly, and thousands of young people came to Christ."

In his first year with the organization, Graham traveled 200,000 miles - speaking in forty-seven American states and establishing a pace and ambitious travel scope he would maintain for most of his life. Graham made his first trip overseas in early 1946 and continued preaching throughout the United States and in

"We stand on the shoulders of Dr. Graham's legacy of innovation and passionate drive to communicate with young people around the world," said Dan Wolgemuth, president of Youth for Christ/USA, "Mr. Graham's gifted style was considered 'edgy' in the forties, so it of course appealed to young people. Today, Youth for Christ continues what Dr. Graham started by loving and engaging young people in relevant, authentic conversations through the latest technologies and the life-changing power of story - God's story and their story."

Youth for Christ is active in 2,000 communities in the U.S., as well as over 100 countries. Youth for Christ USA is committed



to serving young people - especially those on the fringe - with sustainable youth and family outreach.

Locally, Youth for Christ is headed up by Chuck Rudolph, Area Director for Youth For Christ Martin County, which is based out of The Lighthouse, located on the Downtown Plaza in Fairmont.

For more information on Youth For Christ, contact Chuck at 507-235-6016 or drop him an email at: regalven@gmail.com.



in his autobiography, titled "Just As I Am" (Harper Collins, 1997). "It was my privilege to be the first full-time employee of

Evangelistic Association. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed Vice-President of Youth for Christ International.

MCHS in Fairmont Community Update

February 2018

After nearly two months of 2018, it's clear that this year is going to be chock-full of events, engagement and advancement for Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Despite the cold temperatures, there's a great deal of activity underway within the medical center and throughout the region. We're excited about the wonderful opportunities to partner with local organizations to promote learning, growth and wellness. In addition, our practice continues to

enhance and grow, which is great news for area patients.

Below is a snapshot of what's been taking place at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

Community

•We're attending the "Putting the STEAM in STEP" expo at Fairmont Elementary School on March 5th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event is a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the varied and exciting real-world opportunities through science, technology, en-

gineering, arts and math. Stop by our booth if you're in attendance.

•Mayo Clinic Health in Fairmont is proud to support Cellula, presented by Z Puppets Rosenschnozz, at the Fairmont Opera House on March 9th. This black-light puppetry performance gives the audience a view of cell division as if they're looking under the lens of a microscope, along with a mother who's introducing her young daughter to the wonder of science. Area schools will be attending a performance during the day, and tickets are available for a 7:30 p.m. public performance at fairmontoperahouse.com.

•Congratulations to the community volunteers who put together the 10th annual Kids Against Hunger pack on February 17th. During the event, volunteers assembled nutritious food packs for local impoverished children and families, as well as those in need throughout the world. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont was

honored to have two teams packing food at the event.

•On Thursday, February 1st, we kicked off Heart Health Month at the Five Lakes Centre mall with an inflatable heart exhibit, ideas for heart-healthy Super Bowl snacks and blood pressure screenings. Julie Rolstad, nurse practitioner, offered education on how to prevent heart disease. In addition, students from the 2nd grade class at Fairmont Elementary School attended this event and had fun participating in heart health activities, such as jumping rope.

Growth and Services

•The Orthopedics Department at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont welcomed three new outreach providers earlier this month: Eric Busse, M.D., Jacqueline Corona, M.D., and Jacob Ziegler, M.D.

Drs. Busse and Ziegler offer nonsurgical and surgical treatment options for injuries and conditions of the knees, shoulders and

Heaven's Table open house

Join us in kicking off March MN FoodShare Month by visiting Heaven's Table Food Shelf and see what has changed, tour the facility, and bring a food or monetary donation.

The open house with tours and refreshments will be Saturday, March 3,

from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's theme for MN FoodShare is #FoodForAllMN. Help us work toward this goal as we strive to feed hungry people in Martin County.

Everyone is welcome to attend the open house, at 909 Winnebago Avenue, Fairmont.

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attach this line to the filter and you'll be enjoying filtered water in no time.

* Breathe easier. Why stop at clean water in your home when you can also enjoy cleaner air? Renting an air scrubber can allow you to remove invisible - yet unhealthy - gases, particles and chemicals from your home's air.

* Update and refresh your ceilings. Popcorn is great at the movies. On your ceiling? Not so much. Spray your ceiling with warm water, and scrape away the popcorn itself with a dry-wall scraper. Collect these contents on a tarp and toss them. You're then ready to

patch any holes caused by overzealous scraping before priming and painting your brand-new ceiling.

* Give your furniture a facelift. If that upholstered furniture isn't looking as sharp today as it once did, don't settle for it or replace it. Rent an upholstery cleaner instead and give each piece of furniture a once-over.

* Let there be light. If natural light is a problem in your home, it could be that your window treatments are to blame. Lose these old window treatments and install vertical blinds or shutters. These new, lighter treatments will give you better control of the light and privacy in your home than their older counterparts.

hips - including utilization of the highly sought-after anterior hip approach.

Dr. Corona is an accomplished, fellowship-trained hand specialist. She provides solutions for hand and wrist problems by employing both non-surgical and surgical techniques.

•We recently welcomed three new board members to the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Community Board of Directors. Our new members are Ian Bents, executive vice president at Profinium, Inc., John Kasper, owner, Graftiti Corner, and Wanda Patsche, regional ag literacy specialist at Minnesota Ag and Partner, CW Pork, Inc.. They are joining current members Greg Brolsma, Traci Lardy and Allen Struck.

•The Fairmont Community Hospital Foundation recently approved grant requests for an orthopedic casting table in the amount of \$4,645, as well as a \$3,925 blood-and fluid-warming system for use in our Emergency Department. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont and our patients are appreciative of the continued support from Fairmont Community Hospital Foundation.

-Marie Morris, M.D., medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

-Amy Long, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
FALLON is a half-grown kitten. She is very sweet and friendly. Fallon is a torbie, a brown tabby with orange. She also has white feet, chest, and nose.
PIKACHU is about the same color as the famous Pokemon, except our Pikachu has some white on his face and paws. This friendly boy was a stray and is probably not quite a year old.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
APOLLO is a 5 months old pit bull and bull terrier mix. He is a very friendly boy who likes to play and cuddle. Apollo is white and dark brown with a white tip on his brown tail.
PALMER is a shepherd mix who is about 4-5 years old. This sweet boy loves to play with toys, and will even catch them. We aren't sure if he is housetrained, but he keeps his kennel clean, which is a good sign.

A FEW OF OUR OTHERS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
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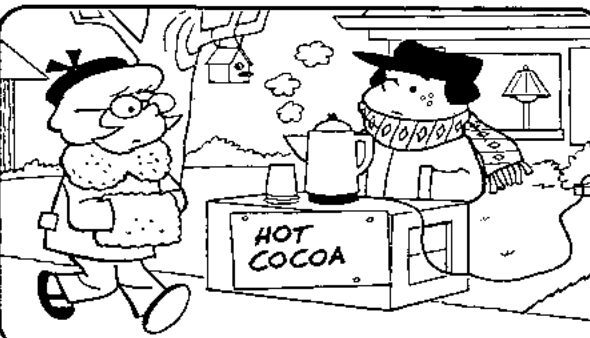
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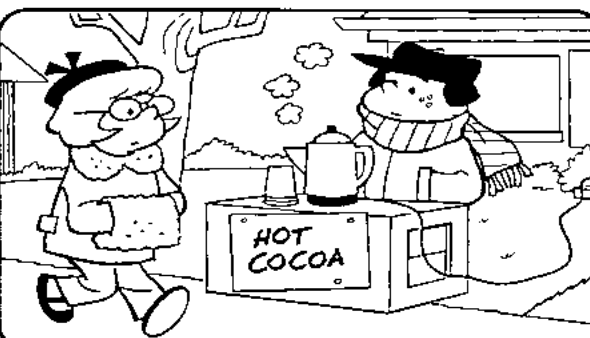
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mobiling, mentors and mentees were able to go snowshoeing through the park thanks to the generosity of CER, who let us borrow their snowshoes after their own event at the park the day before. Groups were led through the park, learning about the animals that live there by looking for tracks, nests, and even scat.

When people got back from their outdoor adventures, they could warm up by a cozy fire tended by a couple of our mentors or head inside for a meal and hot chocolate, complete with marshmallows.

For those who preferred to stay warm and cozy inside the whole time, an impromptu craft room was set up in the shelter where people made Valentine gift boxes, Valentines, and even did glitter tattoos. There truly was something for everyone!

Many, many thanks to the Blizzard Snowmobile Club for helping us host, to CER for letting us borrow their snowshoes, and to everyone who had a hand in making the day happen. We're already looking forward to next year!

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2018 Legislative Session begins

Hello from the State Capitol,
The 2018 Legislative Session has begun, and there is much to accomplish over the next twelve weeks.

With \$650 million in tax relief for hardworking Minnesotans and the largest investment in roads and bridges in a decade without tax increases, last year's session was one of the most successful during my time in the Minnesota House. That said, we have plenty to do in 2018.

Federal tax conformity will be hotly contested. Taxpayers won't feel the impacts of the proposal until 2019, but

action is needed before Minnesotans file their taxes next year. Conforming to the federal tax code as-is would cause Minnesota to experience an increase in tax revenue, so lawmakers will need to take steps to ensure this increased tax revenue is returned to taxpayers to prevent widespread tax increases.

A capital investment proposal that funds needed construction projects across Minnesota will also be debated. Last session, the Legislature approved a \$987 million proposal that focused heavily on infrastructure and transportation needs, but I

believe a similar bill is likely.

In addition, I plan to continue working on legislation that strengthens economic development, growth, and new jobs in southern Minnesota, including affordable workforce housing.

There will likely be many other topics debated at the Capitol over


the next three months, and I strongly encourage you to share your thoughts with me on any legislative issue. I can be reached by phone at 651-296-3240 or by email at rep.bob.gunther@house.mn.

Bob Gunther,
Rep., District 23A
Fairmont

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Back row: Parker Anderson, assistant coach Dusty Faber, head coach Adam Williamson, Jacob Rahn, Conner Tordsen, assistant coach Mike Steuber, Tristan Lange, assistant coach Tucker Schumann, Collin Steuber, assistant Payten Crosby, Nathan Simmonds, assistant coach Darrin Allen and Everardo Hernandez. (Photos by Greg Abel)



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vs #5 Foley (28-3)
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RED BULLS 54
REDWOOD RIVER VALLEY 18

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		Blake Jagodzinske	12-0	106
2	1ST	Lucas Jagodzinske	38-3	106
1	1ST	Jaxson Rohman	41-2	113
8	1ST	Connor Simmonds	42-4	120
	3RD	Cale Steuber	36-10	126
		James Joyner	1-0	132
	1ST	Jordan Wolter	35-5	132
4	1ST	Payton Anderson	32-5	138
		Zac Ringnell	21-4	138
8	2ND	Miles Fitzgerald	36-6	145
9	2ND	Nathan Simmonds	16-9	152
		Parker Anderson	19-18	170
8	2ND	Tristan Lange	30-8	170
3	1ST	Collin Steuber	42-3	182
	5TH	Jacob Rahn	18-19	195
		Everardo Hernandez	8-7	220
	6TH	Conner Tordsen	25-14	220
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EASY LAY-UP – Cards Nick Eversman zips past the Saints #24 Kobe Mohwinkel. The Cards downed St. James 83-43 last Thursday night. The #1 seeded Cards (18-6) will host #8 seeded Tracy-Milroy-Balaton (5-20) in the opening round of the playoffs Saturday, March 3rd in Fairmont. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SOFT TOUCH – Cardinals Brenna Cutler lays one in past Tri-City United's #14 Mattie Hellerud. Card teammate Maggy Totzke watches the play. The Titans defeated the Cards 65-47 last Friday night. The #7 seeded cards (11-15) took on #2 seeded Blue Earth Area (15-11) in the opening round of the playoffs. The two teams split during the season. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Magic finish 4th at Section 3A Meet

Martin County Area Magic finished fourth at the Section 3A Meet Saturday, February 17 in Luverne. The Magic's Sabrina Segar earned a trip to the state meet at the University of Minnesota Maturi Pavilion. Segar, who placed

fourth in the floor event with a 9.3, competed in the individual portion of the state tournament.

Team	Results:
Worthington	143.1
Jackson County Central	141.65
Hendricks/Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	134.925
Magic	133.625



MCA Magic gymnast Sabrina Segar competed in the floor routine at the state high school gymnastics meet on Saturday, February 24th at the U of M campus. Sabrina closed out her freshman year with a great floor routine, scoring a 9.125 and capturing 34th place at the state meet. Photo courtesy of David Schiltz.

Red Bulls Wrestlers are state bound

The Class AA #4 ranked Fairmont-Martin County West Red Bulls defeated Marshall 49-20 to win the Section 3AA team championship in Marshall on Saturday, February 17th and punched their ticket to the State Tournament. The Red Bulls defeated Redwood-River Valley 54-18 earlier in the day in the semi-final.

The State Team Tournament will be held Thursday, March 1st at the Xcel Energy Center in St Paul, MN. This is the first ever trip for the combined seven year program. Class A Sherburn-Dunnell lost to Canby 35-23 in the 1987 consolation finals. The eight-team quarterfinals start at 11:00 a.m. The Semi-finals and consolations will be held at 1:00 p.m. Third place and the consolation championship will be at 5:00 p.m. and the championship match is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Nine Red Bull wrestlers also qualified for the state Individual tournament also this past weekend in Dawson. All 13 Red Bull wrestlers placed at Dawson. First place individuals were: 106 - Lucas Jagodzinske, 113 - Jaxson Rohman, 120 - Connor Simmonds, 132 - Jordan Wolter, 138 - Payton Anderson, 182 - Collin Steuber. Runners-up for the Red Bulls: 145 - Miles Fitzgerald, 152 -

Nathan Simmonds, 170 - Tristan Lange. Cale Steuber took 3rd at 126, Parker Anderson was 5th at 160, Jacob Rahn was 5th at 195, Connor Tordsen was 6th at 225. The Individuals are Friday March 2nd and 3rd starting at 9:00 a.m. Opening round

Individual tournament match-ups Friday:

106 - #2-ranked Lucas Jagodzinske (41-3) vs. Ashton LaBelle, North Branch (34-11); 113 - #1-ranked, 2017 state runner-up, Jaxson Rohman (44-2) vs. Bryce Erkenbrack, Totino-Grace (20-11); 120 - #8-ranked

Connor Simmonds (44-9) vs. Max McEnelly, Waconia (31-5); 132 - Jordan Wolter (38-5) vs. Tanner Hinzman, Virginia (24-7); 138 - #4-ranked, 2017 state runner-up, Payton Anderson (35-5) vs. Antonio Everett, Simley (29-17); 145 - #8 ranked Miles Fitzgerald (38-7) vs. Brandon Tamala, Pierz (24-13); 152 - #9-ranked Nathan Simmonds (19-10) vs. Carter Marx, Plainview-Elgin-Millville (40-7); 170 - #8-ranked Tristan Lange (32-9) vs. Hayden Strain, Cannon Falls (30-4); 182 - #3-ranked, 2017 state runner-up, Collin Steuber (44-3) vs. Jagger Greenwood, Hibbing (27-21).

Class AA team tournament preview

South St. Paul (21-3) vs. #3 seeded Fairmont/Martin County West (25-0) --- The Red Bulls, ranked #4 in the final polls, opened December with two invitational victories, an 8th-place finish at the 85 team Rumble on the Red on Dec. 29 at the Fargodome. The Panthers have won three other invitationals this season.

Totino-Grace (19-4) vs. #1 seeded Kasson-Mantorville (22-0) --- Totino-Grace, final ranked #10, is making its sixth consecutive state tournament appearance and 16th overall. The Eagles, ranked No. 11 in Class AA, have won 12 of their past 13 duals. The only setback was a 49-22 loss to Forest Lake of Class AAA. #1-ranked Kasson-Mantorville is the two-time defending Class AA champion. The KoMets had to get past #2-ranked Simley 34-25 in the Section 1AA final for a chance at a three-peat. Simley, one of the most successful programs in Minnesota wrestling history, was moved into Section 1AA from 4AA prior to the season.

#4 seeded Foley (28-3) vs. #5 seeded Perham (27-1) --- Foley, ranked #6 in Class AA, placed fourth in the 2017 tournament. The Falcons are another perennial state tournament entrant, making their 11th consecutive appearance and 25th overall. After a runner-up finish to Forest Lake in the Foley Invitational on Jan. 6, the Falcons have won 16 consecutive duals. Perham, ranked #5, won the consolation final during the 2017 tournament with a victory over Grand Rapids. The Yellowjackets tied Albert Lea for third at the Rumble on the Red at the Fargodome during the holiday break.

Tickets: Single session --- \$14 adults, \$9 students. Daily pass --- \$26 adults, \$17 students. Gates open: The Xcel Energy Center opens its gates to fans one hour prior to the first scheduled match of the session. Webcast: Charges for the live webcast on Prep45.com: \$10.95 per day; three-day pass \$23.97.

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CONTESTED SHOT – The Cardinal youth basketball league provided entertainment during half-time in the Cards vs. St. James game. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



The 4th grade girls traveling team took first place in the Fairmont Girls Basketball Association Invitational Tournament held recently. *Submitted photo*

Section 3AA Red Bull individual results

106 1st: Lucas Jagodzinske 41-3, Fr. over Blake Vagle (New London-Spicer) 34-7, So. (Dec 7-3).

113 1st: Jaxson Rohman 44-2, Fr. over Hsa Khee Lar (Marshall) 34-9, So. (TF-1.5 3:42 (19-4).

120 1st: Connor Simmonds 44-4, Fr. over Hsa La Eh (Marshall) 31-10, So. (MD 10-2).

126 3rd: Cale Steuber 39-11, So. over Maverick Goblrish (Redwood-River Valley) 16-21, 8th. (Dec 3-2).

132 1st: Jordan Wolter 38-5, Jr. over Cole Ranweiler (New Ulm Area) 29-15,

Fr. (Fall 3:03).

138 1st: Payton Anderson 35-5, So. over Sean Howk (New Ulm Area) 35-7, Jr. (Dec 3-1).

145 2nd Place Wrestling Miles Fitzgerald 38-7, So. over Tayte Harazin (Redwood-River Valley) 41-8, Jr.

152 2nd Place Wrestling Nathan Simmonds 19-10, So. over Devin Johnson (Redwood-River Valley) 32-13, Sr. (Dec 7-4).

160 5th: Parker Anderson 21-20, Sr. over Kendrick Bickett (Worthington) 8-15, Sr. (Fall 1:27).

170 2nd Place Wrestling Tristan Lange 32-9, Jr. over Mason Rummel (Redwood-River Valley) 16-8, So.

182 1st: Collin Steuber 44-3, Sr. over Austin Schmitt (Dawson-Boyd-Lac Qui Parle) 34-6, Sr. (Dec 7-2).

195 5th: Jacob Rahn 18-21, So. over Bain Laine (Mahaca) 3-18, Sr. (Fall 1:58).

220 5th: Zack Felcyn (Marshall) 26-14, Jr. over Conner Tordsen 25-17, Sr. (Fall 4:35).



SECTION COACH OF THE YEAR - Fairmont/Martin County West Red Bull head coach Adam Williamson was named 2018 Section 3AA Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association. Williamson led the Red Bulls to a 25-0 record this year and the program's first ever trip to the state wrestling tournament.



LUTTERMAN'S RETIREMENT - The Martin County Board of Commissioners recognized Kevin Lutterman at a Board meeting on February 20th, 2018 for his retirement and 38 years of service to the citizens of Martin County and the Martin County Highway Department. Pictured front row, left to right: Commissioner Elliot Belgard, Kevin Lutterman, Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, Back row, left to right: Commissioners Tom Mahoney, Steve Flohrs, Dan Schmidtke, and Kathy Smith. Submitted photo

Section 3AA Results

Semi-Final - Red Bulls 54 Redwood-River Valley 18. 106 - Lucas Jagodzinske (Red Bulls) over Carter Brandt (RRV) TF 15-0 113 - Jaxson Rohman (Red Bulls) over Damico Arredondo (RRV) Fall 1:12 120 - Connor Simmonds (Red Bulls) over Owen Bertram (RRV) TF 16-0 126 - Cale Steuber (Red Bulls)

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son (RRV) Maj 14-3 160 - Parker Anderson (Red Bulls) over Eric Bommersbach (RRV) Fall 3:47 170 - Tristan Lange (Red Bulls) over Mason Rummel (RRV) Maj 15-3 182 - Collin Steuber (Red Bulls) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf 195 - Adam Bommersbach (RRV) over Jacob Rahn (Red Bulls) Fall 3:57 220 - Kaleb Haase (RRV) over Everardo Hernandez (Red Bulls) Fall 0:50 285

- Chad Maddock (RRV) over Conner Tordsen (Red Bulls) Fall 3:41.

Championship - Red Bulls 49 Marshall 20. 106 - Lucas Jagodzinske (Red Bulls) over Conner Roth (Marshall) Fall 2:25 113 - Jaxson Rohman (Red Bulls) over Hsa Khee Lar (Marshall) Fall 3:13 120 - Connor Simmonds (Red Bulls) over Hsa La Eh (Marshall) Fall 1:39 126 - Cale Steuber (Red Bulls) over Lucas Hodg-

es (Marshall) Maj 12-4 132 - Jordan Wolter (Red Bulls) over Noah Jensen (Marshall) Dec 5-1 138 - Payton Anderson (Red Bulls) over Grant Louwagie (Marshall) Dec 8-1 145 - Zach Ringnell (Red Bulls) over Andrew Williams (Marshall) Fall 2:25 152 - Miles Fitzgerald (Red Bulls) over Jackson Hughes (Marshall) Fall 2:30 160 - Nathan Simmonds (Red Bulls) over Elijah Sterner (Marshall)

Dec 10-4 170 - Zach Stahl (Marshall) over Parker Anderson (Red Bulls) TF 15-0 182 - Collin Steuber (Red Bulls) over Tyler Timm (Marshall) Fall 2:50 195 - Wyatt Martin (Marshall) over Jacob Rahn (Red Bulls) Fall 2:21 220 - Jaiden Bahr (Marshall) over Everardo Hernandez (Red Bulls) Fall 1:36 285 - Zack Felcyn (Marshall) over Conner Tordsen (Red Bulls) Dec 9-5.

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