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## Jeff's Jottings

It has been a long time since we have had a "good old snowstorm", but I think we can say we have had our fill of snow (or at least I have anyway)! I came in to work Sunday afternoon, knowing that we had this huge edition of the newspaper to put together this week. The forecasters all were pretty much saying that the "bulls-eye" was right over Fairmont for snow and blowing, so I decided to spend Sunday and Monday night in Fairmont since it is a good 20 minute drive to work (in good weather). We have talked about how it "used to be" with snowfall when we were younger. I would see photographs of huge snowdrifts in dooryards and people standing next to roof-high snow, but that is something that we haven't experienced in a

number of years. The last big snow I remember was way back on Halloween night, 1991. It started out as rain, freezing rain and then lots of heavy snow. At that time I was working at the radio station in Fairmont and myself and about a half dozen other people were stranded at the radio station for 3 days that time. We relied on snowmobiles to bring us food and supplies and we kept the radio station going full-time all during that blizzard. So, some memories have now come back for me as I write this column knowing that the first big storm of the season has arrived!

### Annual Soil & Water Conservation Issue

This week is our annual Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) special issue of the newspaper. From pages 7 through 22

the focus is on soil and water management, wildlife and other related articles and sponsors. Our newspaper graphic artist Morgan has been working with Greg, Jessie, Dustin and the others at the SWCD the past week and a half, putting together the information and the photos while making sure it fits well into our newspaper. We would also like to thank the many advertisers featured within those pages for helping up provide this special issue on an annual basis to our readers. The next time you are in their business, please tell them thank-you for helping the Photo Press bring you this issue.

### "What is it?" answered!

It didn't take too long for some correct answers to come in for our "What is it?" item from last week. Sharon Ring was the first to correctly identify the item, but she was quickly followed by Marian



Youngwirth of Sherburn. Bob Nelson and Lawrence Ternes also correctly identified the item. It is a bag to separate the juice from the bulk in food items. The main use was to make cottage cheese, separating the curds from the rest of it, but another use would be to place fruit in the bag and then use the wood piece to squeeze the juice from the fruit through the bottom of the bag to make jelly and other items. Thanks for all the great input! This week's item was brought in by Chris Sulzle of Fairmont. It is made all out of metal, is about 9 inches long. As you can see, there is an adjuster for

is a spring loaded piece with what appears to be a blade. Do you think you know what it is? Email me at [jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com](mailto:jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com) or call in your answer at 507-238-9456. If you correctly identify the item, you will receive a 2018 Photo Press Desk Calendar! If you have an item that you aren't sure what it is or you think would be good for a future "What is it?", bring it in to our office or send me a picture or two of the item, along with a description of size and so on. I will use it in a future column.

### Tacos, basketball, benefit and more!

Here are area events taking place in the next week. Wednesday evening

meal at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on January 24th. They will serve chicken and biscuits for a donation. Next Wednesday's meal will be fish fillets. On Sunday, January 28th there will be two pancake feeds. The Granada Fire Department will have an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Granada Legion. Also on Sunday, St. James Lutheran School Board of Christian Education will serve a Pancake Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, rural Fairmont. Both pancake breakfasts will be free will donation. Then next Wednesday, January 31st will be the SOUPer Bowl free community meal at the First Congregational UCC in Fairmont from 5:30 p.m. until gone. Lots of great events taking place!

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*- Jeff*



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# Ceylon Festival Committee seeks volunteers



The Ceylon Festival Committee has an all-encompassing goal of bringing the community together with activities providing positive role models to our youth and citizens of Ceylon. We are a committee not just to have a city festival but have multiple activities throughout the year for the kids and families of Ceylon.

At the present time we are looking for volunteers and helpers to plan and run the Ceylon Festival and all other activities to benefit the community. Whether from Ceylon or the surrounding area we need your help. We need people to be on the committee to help plan and execute the festival and other activities as well as helpers to work on the day

of the events.

This past year we had a very successful festival and were able to purchase a piece of playground equipment for the city park. We also sponsored the Christmas Party and had over 50 kids and their families attend. Everyone said it was a great time.

We are looking for helpers also for the fundraisers we would like to do and put on the 2nd annual Ceylon Festival. There are several ways to contact us.

Angie Thompson  
507-848-8295  
Barb Kronback  
507-632-4386  
or 507-236-7850  
Email: [ceylonfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ceylonfestival@gmail.com)  
Facebook page: Ceylon Festival.



**LUHMANN 60TH** - Sharon and Lefty Luhmann will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 25th. Cards will reach them at 615 N. Sverdrup Avenue, Jackson, MN 56143.

# New Year's Rock on Ice event a huge success



266 ice skaters from all around the region attended the New Year's Eve "Rock on Ice" event at the Martin County Ice Arena in Fairmont.

The event was hosted by the Fairmont Cardinals boys and girls hockey teams and their parents. Students, adult couples

and families from Fairmont, Blue Earth, Dolliver, Frost, Mountain Lake, Trimont, Truman and Winnebago spent the evening skating.

The public Rock on Ice events are held on a regular basis during the skating season.



**ANDERSON 70TH** - Paul and Fern Anderson of Dunnell will celebrate their 70th anniversary January 25th. They were married in Fairmont on January 25th, 1948. A combined anniversary/birthday celebration is planned for March. Cards will reach them at P.O. Box 7, Dunnell, MN 56127.



**The Madelia-St. James SnoHawks Annual Snowball** will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at the Madelia American Legion. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., meal begins at 6 p.m., serving pork chop and shrimp dinner, with live entertainment, door prizes and raffle. Pay at the door.

Join us for the SOUPer Bowl **free community meal** at the First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza on Wednesday, January 31st, serving from 5:30 p.m. until gone. The menu includes chicken noodle soup, chili, corn bread and dessert. Feel free to wear the colors of your favorite team.

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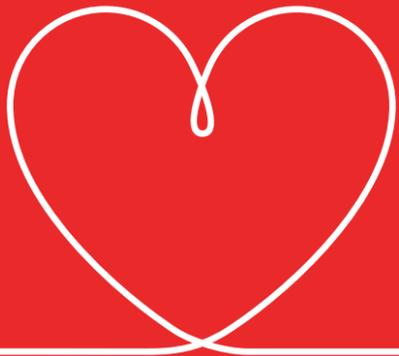


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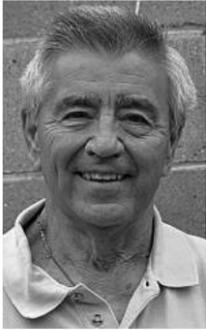
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## Jim Simser 2018 Friend of St. John Vianney

Jim Simser was born and raised in Blue Earth, MN, where he attended and graduated from high school. After high school, Jim went on to Mankato State College. After college, he received a commission in the United States Navy. Jim married Winn Ann Zaun in Belle Plaine, Minnesota in 1963. Jim and Winn Ann have four sons: Bill (Amy), Mike (Lynette), Mark (Lisa), and Dave (Becca); and seven grandsons and one granddaughter. While in the navy they lived in Honolulu and San Diego. Jim served in the Navy for three and a half years on active duty and 10 years in the Navy Reserves. Jim's first teaching position was at Norwood-Young America where he taught for three years. Jim left that position to go to New Richland-Hartland, where he taught for 22 years. Jim came to Fairmont in 1990 as the Activities Director and football coach. Jim retired from the position of Activities Director in 1998 and retired as the football coach after the 1999 season. Jim has coached football for 35 years, wrestling



for 13 years, basketball for 12 years, baseball for six years and umpired baseball for 21 years. Jim has served as the President of the State Football Association, followed by 14 years as the Executive Secretary of the Association. Jim is a member of the St. John Vianney Church, Fairmont Knights of Columbus, Early Risers Kiwanis, American Legion and the VFW. Jim has also participated in various volunteer programs, committees, and activities such as Safe Routes to School, where he walks several SJV students to school. Winn Ann loved her years of teaching at St. John Vianney School. The wonderful staff, the exceptional students, and the outstanding support of the parents and the entire SJV community was her best teaching experience in her 40 plus years of teaching. Winn Ann passed away in 2013 after 50 years of marriage. Simser will be recognized as a Friend of St. John Vianney at their annual Dinner Dance on Saturday January 27th in Fairmont.

## Hilgers to speak at KC Hall Sunday

Dr. Robert D. Hilgers, formerly of Fairmont and formerly a St. John Vianney School student, has returned to the Fairmont area for a few speaking engagements this week. Hilgers was recently selected to be the 2018 Featured St. John Vianney School Alumnus and is the keynote speaker for the annual Dinner Dance Saturday, January 27th in Fairmont. He will also have a public presentation on Sunday, January 28th at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall at 1:00 p.m. Hilgers said that he plans to focus on the two topics of "Impact of Poverty on Cancer" and also his work in Haiti. Dr. Hilgers is President and CEO of the Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA). The WGCA works to advance women's health, addressing those in need of cancer care in developing countries. Besides his many boards and positions he has held over the years, Hilgers founded the Kentucky Cervical Cancer Coalition in 2005, in an attempt to raise awareness of the



need to eliminate cancer of the cervix in Kentucky women. The coalition would accomplish this through promoting early vaccinations and regular Pap Smear screening in women. In 2008, Dr. Hilgers founded the Women's Global Cancer Alliance to help draw attention to women without access to treatment in developing countries. In 2009 he traveled to Zambia to study their Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, which he noted to be one of the best in the world in addressing cervical cancer in developing countries. In June of 2015, Hilgers spent time in Haiti opening up the first full-time cervical cancer screening and prevention clinic in Gonaives, Haiti. Hilgers plans to speak extensively on this project along with his other work Sunday afternoon. Come hear Dr. Hilgers speak Sunday, January 28th at 1 p.m. at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall. It is open to the public and there is no charge.

## Ruby's Pantry food distribution Saturday

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, January 27th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue. There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby's Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food. Ruby's Pantry is in its

eleventh year of serving rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month. For more information see their website at [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org), email [goodnews@rubyspantry.org](mailto:goodnews@rubyspantry.org) or call 507-236-4653.

## Fairmont Library to host Pajama Tales

Wear your jammies and join us for Pajama Tales! Enjoy stories, activities and fun for the entire family. This event will be held at the Fairmont Library on Mondays at 6 p.m.: Janu-

ary 29th, February 26th, March 26th and April 30th. This event is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

## Area College Student News



The following students were named to the first semester, 2017-18 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The list includes 372 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Rebekah Rusert of Truman  
\*\*\*  
Courtney Mosloski of Fairmont, has fulfilled the academic requirements to be named to University of Jamestown's Dean List for the Fall 2017 Semester. The University is located in Jamestown, North Dakota.  
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**Fairmont**  
Isaac Landsteiner  
Marissa Naab, daughter of Dwayne Naab and Kristin Sparks  
\*\*\*  
Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska named 271 students to its honors list for the fall 2017 semester, including:  
Rachel Krome of Fairmont  
Anna Marie Meyer of Trimont

Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has released its dean's list for the fall 2017 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college. Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are:  
**Armstrong, IA**  
Claudia Kinnander

Fairmont United Methodist Church holds their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. This week they are serving chicken 'n biscuits and next Wednesday, January 31st they will serve fish filets. Meals come with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, homemade bars and a beverage. Suggested donation is \$2.

The Granada Fire Department will serve an **all you can eat pancake breakfast** Sunday, January 28th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, breakfast potatoes, coffee and juice, for a free will donation. Proceeds go toward better serving the Granada area community.

**Aktion Club Theatre**, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, January 25th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Come join us to put your creative talents to work. For questions, or if you need a ride to this event, call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580.

An open house baby shower for **Tyson Schuder and Taylor Mattila** will be held Sunday, January 28th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion.

St. James Lutheran School Board of Christian Education will serve a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 28th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Zion-Fraser Church, rural Fairmont, in celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week. Free will donations will be accepted to help with our much needed playground resurfacing project. We are humbled by the continued prayers and outpouring of community support, and give thanks to God for His many blessings.

A free hot meal will be served at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 South Prairie Avenue, on the fourth Sunday of every month. Join us this Sunday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the hospitality area. All are welcome.

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**Guest Columnists: Lynne Burgraff, Amber Knips, Brittany Anderson, Marsha Malo**

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## Am I Having Enough Withheld?

If you fail to estimate your federal income tax withholding properly, it may cost you in a variety of ways. If you receive an income tax refund, it essentially means that you provided the IRS with an interest-free loan during the year. By comparison, if you owe taxes when you file your return, you may have to scramble for cash at tax time--and possibly owe interest and penalties to the IRS as well.

When determining the correct withholding amount for your salary or wages, your objective should be to have just enough taxes withheld to prevent you from incurring penalties when your tax return is due. (You may owe some money at the time you file your return, but it shouldn't be much.) You can accomplish this by reading and understanding IRS Publication 505, properly completing Form W-4 (and accompanying worksheets), and providing an updated Form W-4 to your employer when your circumstances change significantly.

### Form W-4 helps you determine the proper withholding amount

Two factors determine the amount of income tax that your employer withholds from your regular pay: the amount you earn and the information you provide on Form W-4. This form asks you for three pieces of information:

- The number of withholding allowances you want to claim: You can claim up to the maximum number you're entitled to, claim less than you're entitled to, or claim zero.

- Whether you want taxes to be withheld at the single or married rate: The married status, which is associated with a lower withholding rate, should generally be selected only by those taxpayers who are married and file a joint return. Other people (including those who are married and file separately) should generally have taxes withheld at the higher, single rate.

- The additional amount (if any) you want withheld from your paycheck: This is optional; you can specify any additional amount of

money you want withheld.

When both spouses work and have taxes withheld at the married rate, they sometimes end up with insufficient taxes withheld. If this happens to you, remember that you can always choose to withhold at the single rate. In addition, you can determine the proper withholding amount by completing Form W-4's two-earner/two-job worksheet.

### Complete the worksheets to claim the correct number of allowances

To understand Form W-4, you must understand allowances. Think of allowances as cash in your pocket at the time that you receive your paycheck. The more allowances you claim, the less taxes are taken from your paycheck (and the more cash ends up in your pocket on payday). For example, you can maximize the amount withheld from your paycheck to ensure that you have enough tax withheld to cover your tax liability by claiming zero allowances. This will reduce the amount of cash you take home in your paycheck. The following factors determine your number of allowances:

- The number of personal and dependency exemptions that you claim on your federal income tax return

- The number of jobs that you work

- The deductions, adjustments to income, and credits that you expect to take during the year

- Your filing status

- Whether your spouse works

To claim the correct number of allowances, you should complete Form W-4's worksheets. These include a personal allowances worksheet, a deductions and adjustments worksheet, and a two-earner/two-job worksheet. IRS Publication 505 (Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax) explains these worksheets.

### Check your withholding

To avoid surprises at tax time, it's a good idea to periodically check your withholding. If you accurately complete all Form W-4 worksheets and don't have significant nonwage in-

come (e.g., interest and dividends), it's likely that your employer will withhold an amount close to the tax you'll owe on your return. But in the following cases, accurate completion of the Form W-4 worksheets alone won't guarantee that you'll have the correct amount of tax withheld:

- When you're married and both spouses work, or if either of you start or stop working

- When you or your spouse are working more than one job

- When you have significant nonwage income, such as interest, dividends, alimony, unemployment compensation, or self-employment income, or the amount of your nonwage income changes

- When you'll owe other taxes on your return, such as self-employment tax or household employment tax

- When you have a lifestyle change (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, new home, retirement) that affects the tax deductions or credits you may claim

- When there are tax law changes that affect the amount of tax you'll owe

In these cases, IRS Publication 505 can help you compare the total tax that you'll withhold for the year with the tax that you expect to owe on your return. It can also help you determine any additional amount you may need to withhold from each paycheck to avoid owing taxes when you file your return. Alternatively, it may help you identify if you're having too much tax withheld. If you find that you need to make changes to your withholding, you can do so at any time simply by submitting a new Form W-4 to your employer.

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Class: Trail Stock 440 Name: Dee Bacs Sled: 1996 Polaris XCR 83.639 mph;  
 Stock 800 Dan Campean 2010 Arctic Cat CFR 800 111.772 mph;  
 Jr Stk 440 Liquid Shelby Bray\* 2002 Ski-Doo MXZX 102.857 mph;  
 Jr Pro (8-12) Dial In Brennan Wirtz 1979 Polaris Apollo 21.505 mph;  
 Stock 440 Dale Moeller 2002 Ski-Doo MXZX 96.106 mph; Tyler Heine 2003 Polaris Pro 440 87.804 mph;  
 Stock 440 Fan\* Tim Konsela\* 2003 Polaris Pro X 440 85.714 mph;  
 Stock 500 Brice Konsela 2002 Polaris X 89.072 mph;  
 Stock 800S Randy Bernstein 2011 Arctic Cat CFR 114.437 mph;  
 Stock 800 Dale Moeller 2000 Ski-Doo Mach Z 111.196 mph;  
 IS 440 Mark Jensen 2004 Polaris ProXR 106.012 mph; Devin Spindler 1995 Polaris XCR 440 102.491 mph; Sheridan Christianson 1998 Ski-Doo MXZX 100.934 mph;  
 IS 500\* Brice Konsela\* 1999 Polaris XC 110.485 mph;  
 IS 600\* Rod Spindler\* 1994 Polaris XLT 119.172 mph; Mark Jensen 2015 Polaris IQR 600 116.914 mph;  
 IS 700\* Rod Spindler\* 1999 Polaris XCR 124.495 mph; John Jacklitch III 1998 Mach I Ski-Doo 120.334 mph;  
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 IS 1000 Rich Anderson 2000 Polaris XCR 131.107 mph;  
 PS 500 Josh Dempsey 2000 Ski-Doo Formula 111.627 mph; Simone Warner 1992 Polaris 97.516 mph;  
 PS 600 Jake Pedrotti 1997 Polaris Ultra 125.217 mph; Larry Norberg 1996 Ski-Doo Mach Z 124.495 mph;  
 PS 700 Larry Norberg 1996 Ski Doo Mach Z 130.909 mph; Megan Junkermeier 1998 Ski-Doo Mach I 119.833 mph;  
 PS 800 John Jacklitch Jr 2000 Ski-Doo Mach Z 134.161 mph; Rani Waldoch 1999 Ski-Doo Mach Z 134.161 mph; Ethan Dempsey 1999 Ski-Doo Mach Z 75.989 mph;  
 PS 1000 Jordan Hunstad 2000 Ski-Doo Mach Z 143.760 mph; Matt Wenk 1994 Polaris Storm 142.809 mph; Tia VanGuilder 1998 Ski-Doo Mach Z 134.161  
 Super Stock Megan Norman 1998 Ski-Doo Formula III 121.178 Cody Michals 1997 Ski-Doo Mach Z 111.483  
 OM 500 Sami Christianson SRC/Rotax 132.515 mph;  
 OM 700 Jacob Lemon 1999 Ski-Doo Anderson 132.923 mph;  
 OM 1100 Taniel Schellbach 2000 Union Bay Ultra Mod 154.561 mph; Jake McCann Pagel Racing Open Mod 133.127 mph; Super Mod Rick Schellbach 1620 cc Triple Anderson 158.532 mph; Jacob Lemon Anderson Chassis 142.339 mph;  
 Dial In Cody Michals 1983 Yamaha SRV 0.496 mph;  
 Four Stroke IS Brad Cone 2012 Yamaha Apex 147.440 mph;  
 Four Stroke Stock Turbo IS\* Scott Kostman\* 2016 Arctic Cat XF 9000 141.176 mph;  
 Lake Racer Open Ken Hunt 1997 Polaris Storm 144.000 mph;  
 TOP RUN - Pro Max\* Eddie Ensor\* 2017 Arctic Cat Hypersports 174.898 mph; Corey Sullivan 2013 Arctic Cat 1100 172.800 Kholby Martin 2010 Yamaha 171.428  
 Exhibition Class Glenn Stickels 2008 Hyabusa 165.834 mph; Ryan Ensor 2015 Arctic Cat Sno Cross 150.260 mph;  
 Vintage Mod Stock 300 L/C\* Boyd Burke\* 1979 Polaris RXL 84.292 mph;  
 Vintage C Class David Webb 1977 Polaris TX 77.558 mph; David Webb 1978 Polaris TXL 75.524 mph;  
 Vintage D Class Tristan Wirtz 1979 Kawasaki Intruder 69.120 mph;  
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Friday, February 2, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
and Saturday, February 3, 8 a.m. - noon

**WE WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR SPRING TREE PLANTING PLANS**

**FOR ALL YOUR CONSERVATION TREE NEEDS:**  
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**507-235-6680**

For complete details & tree order form, stop out anytime during our regular office hours, or visit our website at [www.martinswcd.net](http://www.martinswcd.net)

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Sad time for Viking's fans!

I must say Sunday's Vikings game was difficult to watch! Maybe next year? The weather is kind of a downer too. Well, at least we have a fresh layer of snow to make the landscape look clean and fresh.

Today's recipe comes from a 200 page cook book entitled Chocolate Mousse, all chocolate recipes. I think I could gain weight just reading them! I am sharing a gluten free dessert that I made last week from this luscious book!

### Chocolate-Nut Angel Pie Meringue Crust

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Sift sugar and cream of tartar. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add sifted sugar gradually to the egg whites, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until the meringue is quite stiff and no sugar crystals are present. Fold in nuts. Pour into well greased 9-inch pie plate, forming a crust. Bake in slow oven at 275 degrees for 1 hour or until delicately browned. Cool thoroughly.

### Chocolate Filling

- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3 Tablespoons hot water
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup heavy cream

Melt chocolate chips with water in microwave, I start out for 1 minute, then stir and put in a little longer until melted. Stir smooth, cool slightly and add vanilla. Whip cream and fold it into chocolate. Pour into meringue shell and chill 2-3 hours.

Stay warm and safe and have a good week!

## Conservation Stewardship Program

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. NRCS plans to enroll up to 10 million acres in CSP in 2018.

While applications for CSP are accepted year round, applications must be received by March 2nd, 2018 to be considered for this funding period.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat - all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site car-

bon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

Some of these benefits of CSP include:

- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Increased crop yields;
- Decreased inputs;
- Wildlife population improvements; and
- Better resilience to weather extremes.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

Producers interested in CSP are recommended to contact their local USDA service center or visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/Get-Started](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Get-Started).

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**CHECK IT OUT!**  
@ the Martin County Library

The Martin County Library is pleased to offer many technology services for public use. Our technology is expanding and growing and includes:

- Public Internet Access: Come in and use a computer for free, anytime we're open. We have Internet access, plus Microsoft Office products and printing capabilities. All of our libraries also have Wireless Internet Access, perfect for connecting with your laptop,

tablet or smartphone.  
-Hotspots: Stop by any of our libraries (Fairmont, Sherburn, Trimont and Truman) and ask about checking out a Wi-Fi hotspot. These little devices generate a Wi-Fi signal wherever you take them, and check out for a week at a time.

-E-checkouts: With services like Overdrive and Hoopla (links available on our website or download the apps), you can check out e-books, music, and more anytime with an Internet connection.

-Wireless Printing: Now available in Fairmont, wireless printing! Bring in your smartphone, tablet or laptop and you can print wirelessly to our printer at your convenience.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF

**JANUARY 27, 1993**

The annual Fairmont Area picnic held in Mesa, Arizona would feature many prizes, entertainment and a grand prize of airline tickets for two anywhere in the continental United States, compliments of Northwest Airlines.

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The Martin County Unit of the American Cancer Society was preparing for its annual Daffodil Days.

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The Women's Auxiliary of Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222, observed its 60 years of service to the community.

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A great crowd was on hand for Formal Affair and Hy-Vee's Bridal and Prom Show at the Fairmont National Guard Armory. Over 12 local merchants had displays in the event, including four professional photographers.

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Fairmont Hearing Aid Service purchased the Professional Hearing Aid Center, formerly operated by the late Dick Paulson in Fairmont.

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A series of one-hour classes in use of the TDS/

PALS on-line computer terminal was offered at the Martin County Library.

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The Blizzard Snowmobile Club asked "Why Go North? Ride the 85-plus miles of groomed trails right here at home."

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Roberta Trueblood of Sherburn was winner of a 1979 Dodge Diplomat given away at Militello Motors 6th annual Indoor Used Car Sale.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

### WEEK OF

**JANUARY 27, 1968**

Martin County Conservation Club's 8th annual fishing contest was held on South Silver Lake. Among the 100-plus prizes listed were a Zenith portable TV with stand and a spinning rod and reel. More than 500 anglers enjoyed the 45-degree weather and light wind, but nary a fish was caught. Mrs. Jake Krumholz, 84, of Fairmont won the oldest fisherwoman prize.

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Martin D. Schamber, executive secretary of Fairmont Federal Savings and Loan, was named president at the annual meeting, replacing C. F. Holden who remained on the board. Harland K. Anderson was elected to secretary.

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Martin County National Bank directors and officers were re-elected at the annual meeting. Directors include C. F. Holden, Maynard Kastning, Robert E. Porter, Rollo Crowther and Frank D. Winzenburg. Holden continued as president and Kastning as vice president. Osmer Fowler was cashier and assistants were Clifford T. Baker, Lorin Gellert and Melvin Schultz.

## St. John Vianney 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

St. John Vianney School  
2017-2018

### Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter

#### GRADE 5: High Honors

Hayden Ettesvold  
Dominick Lund-May

#### "B" Honor Roll

Eric Determan  
Hannah Fischer  
Hailee Greeley  
Tyler Kurt  
Saadhvi Prakash  
Meia Schuett

Hadan Toomer

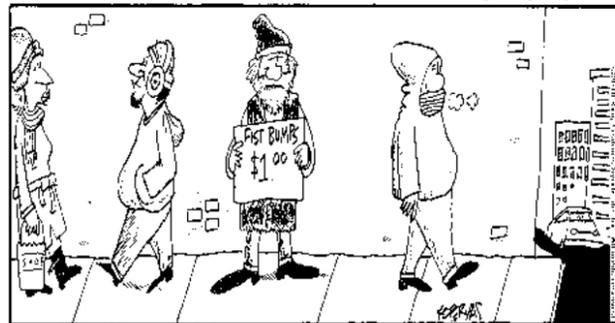
#### GRADE 6: High Honors

Katherine Hartke

#### "B" Honor Roll

Liv Borchardt  
Jorvik Jensen  
Isaiah Lockwood  
Ariana Melsha  
Carter Robasse  
Mireya Schmidt  
Nathaniel Soelter  
Gabriel Striemer

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



The Fairmont United Methodist Church designated its entire Christmas Eve offering for the Weekend Food Backpack program for area students. Church Treasurer Renee Poppe is giving the church's donation of \$2,800 to Heaven's Table Board Chair Greta Lintelman. (Submitted photo)

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# Dining and Entertainment

## Fairmont Eagles 1228 Lake Ave • 238-2555

**Thursday, January 25 • 5-7pm:** Liver & Onions Supper  
Proceeds go to Fairmont Youth Hockey Association

**Friday, January 26 • 5-7pm:** Burger Night!  
1/3 lb Burger Baskets with choice of french fries, sour cream and chive fries or tater tots for \$5, plus our open menu, appetizers and much more! Happy Hour 5-7pm

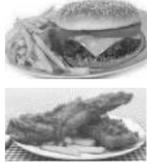
**Saturday, January 27 • 5-7pm:** Fish Fry

**Sunday, January 28 • 4-8pm:** Steve Lang & Bob Petrowiak

**Monday, January 29:** Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

**Tuesday, January 30 • 7pm:** Dart League

Fridays: Full Menu Available • Full Service Bar • Everyone Welcome!



## St. Martin's Episcopal Church SOUP LUNCH Schedule

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

<b>Friday, February 2, 2018</b> Benefitting Kids Against Hunger	<b>Friday, March 2, 2018</b> Benefitting Heaven's Table
<b>Friday, April 6, 2018</b> Benefitting Second Chances & Martin County Animal Shelter	

### FAIRMONT AREA

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

**Breakfast menu can be found online.  
JAN 25 - 31**

**THUR: K-6:** Hamburger, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, carrots, celery sticks, grapes, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, carrots, caesar salad, celery sticks, apple, fruit cocktail. **FRI: K-6:** Cheese pizza, dinner roll, bagel and egg fun lunch, green beans, carrots, orange. **JR/HS:** Chicken tenders, baked beans, dinner roll, broccoli, carrots, orange, applesauce. **MON: K-6:** Tacos, strawberry parfait with granola, refried beans, pepper strips, fruit. **JR/HS:** Mac & cheese, dinner roll, broccoli, carrots, jicama sticks, apple, pineapple tidbits. **TUE: K-6:** Mini turkey corn dogs, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, baked beans, broccoli, apple, pears. **JR/HS:** Tacos, rice, refried beans, coleslaw, broccoli, orange, pears. **WED: K-6:** Lasagna style pasta bake, breadstick, ham & american cheese sandwich, peas, caesar salad, orange, pears. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken, tator tots, dinner roll, celery sticks, pepper strips, grapes, peaches.

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAIRMONT

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

**JAN 25 - 31**

**THUR:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, carrots, caesar salad, apple.  
**FRI:** Chicken tenders, baked beans, dinner roll, broccoli, applesauce.  
**MON:** Mac & cheese, dinner roll, broccoli, carrots, pineapple tidbits.  
**TUE:** Tacos, rice, refried beans, cucumbers, orange.  
**WED:** Popcorn chicken, tator tots, dinner roll, celery sticks, grapes.

### TRUMAN AREA

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

**JAN 25 - 31**

**THUR:** Hot chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, veggies, fruit.  
**FRI:** Hamburger, gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, corn, fruit salad, fruit.  
**MON:** Mini corn dogs, baked beans, veggies, apple, oranges.  
**TUE:** Hamburger, sweet potato fries, broccoli, hot apple slices, fruit.  
**WED:** Chicken noodle soup, PB sandwich, veggies, spinach salad, peaches, fruit.

## BOYS & GIRLS U11-U18 TRAVELING SPRING/SUMMER 2018 SOCCER



### 2018 SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Sunday, Jan. 28 • 4:30

Fairmont Elementary School  
Door #21 - 3-6 Grade Lunch Room



**Fees:**  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, \$90  
After Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, \$135

Registration will be done online again this year at [www.fairmontsoccer.org](http://www.fairmontsoccer.org)! After our annual meeting concludes, the link will be available to register your child. We will have computer labs open for use and board members available to help the families through the registration process if needed.

Contact the board with any questions -  
[fairmontmnsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:fairmontmnsoccer@gmail.com).

**\$100 refundable volunteer deposit will be collected and due by 4/1/18!**

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## ANNUAL BANQUET



**Saturday, March 17**  
Sherburn Community Hall  
Social, 5:00 | Dinner, 7:00

**Banquet Menu**  
Two meat buffet

**Early Bird Deadline**  
Purchase tickets by March 1 and be eligible for the "Early Bird Gun Drawing"

**Pre-Event Raffle Tickets**  
Available from Southern MN Ducks Unlimited committee members

### Tickets

\$40 single | \$60 Couple  
\$25 Greenwing | \$250 Sponsor\*

\* Includes Dinner Ticket, Sponsor, Gun Chances & Framed Print

### For More Information

Doug Hartke, 507-236-1700; Matt Brown, 507-236-6163  
Tim Eisenmenger, 507-764-2597

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### Upcoming Events

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**Good Times Karaoke**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**All-U-Can-Eat Fish**

**LEGENDS II Pub & Grill**

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Good food, good friends, good times!

### SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

Senior Dining is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. at Friendship Village Monday thru Friday. Meals catered by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare. To reserve your meal, call 238-1650 between 9 a.m. and noon the day before. All area seniors welcome. LSS Senior Nutrition is made possible in part under the Federal Older American Act through an award from the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

**JAN 25 - 31**

**THURS:** Porcupine meatballs, baked potato, winter veggie mix, bread pudding.  
**FRI:** Tilapia, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes & zucchini, ice cream.

**MON:** Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas & carrots, pie.

**TUE:** Pork chops, garden rice, corn, blueberry crisp.

**WED:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, cheesecake with cherry topping.

### Dell Lutheran's 36th Annual Scandinavian Smörgåsbord

Sunday, February 4  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\$18 Donation - Adults  
\$6 Donation - Under 10 Years Old  
All proceeds support Mission Projects

#### MENU

Lutefisk-Potatoes-Klub-Corn  
Norwegian Meatballs-Romgrot  
Lefsa-Kringla-Norwegian Rice  
Homemade Buns-Rosettes

**BAKE SALE:** sponsored by Dell Women. Bake Sale proceeds support Dell Women's budget.

#### VALET PARKING

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### HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

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

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Pears have been cultivated around the world for thousands of years. In *The Odyssey*, the Greek poet laureate Homer lauds them as a "gift of the gods." Roman farmers documented extensive pear growing and grafting techniques. Thanks to their versatility and long storage life, pears were a valuable commodity along trading routes of the ancient world. Pear trees brought to Oregon and Washington in the 1800s thrived in the unique growing conditions found in the Pacific Northwest.

Pear blossom

Source: [usa-pears.org](http://usa-pears.org)

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### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

She made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head."

1 SAMUEL 1:11

Detail of an etching by Paul-Albert Besnard (1887)



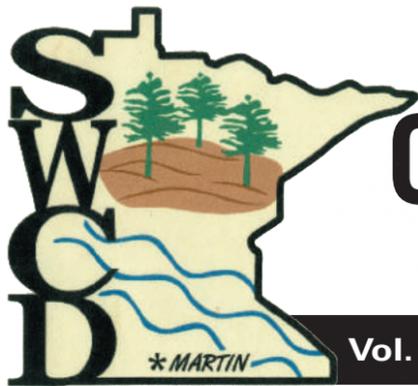
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### GRIN & BEAR IT



"Here's the key to the bike rack."

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# Martin Soil & Water Conservation Update

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## Outstanding Conservationist

Martin SWCD is proud to announce Darwin and Sandy Roberts of Granada as our 2017 Outstanding Conservationist. They operate 800 acres of corn/soybean and pork production. Darwin served as an elected Martin SWCD Supervisor for 12 years, served over 30 years on the County Board of Directors for the Corn and Soybean organizations, County Water Plan Board member for over 30 years and on the Policy Board of the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance. Darwin has been involved in research projects with the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. They are a Minnesota Water Quality Certified Farm, they were the first certified farm in our county. Darwin is a Soil Health Champion through



Pictured above, Darwin and Sandy Roberts

the National Association of Conservation Districts. Darwin has adopted numerous conservation practices on his farm, including cover crops, no-till, streambank restorations, woodchip bioreactors, treatment

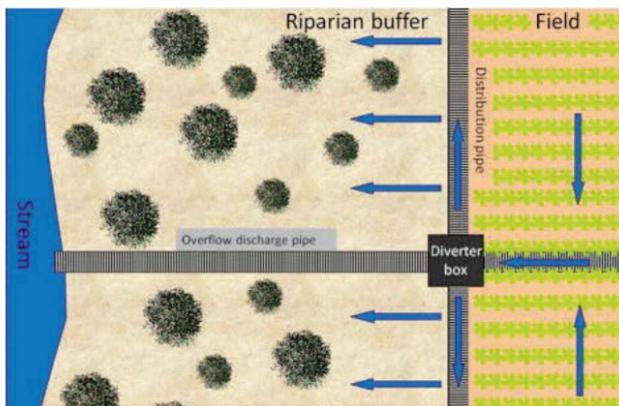
wetlands and much more. Darwin has done so much for conservation over the years and we are so thankful for all the projects we have been able to assist with. Thanks for all your hard work, Darwin!

## Drainage Water Management

Stream protection in regions with extensive row crop agriculture will require storage of runoff and drainage water during peak flow periods to reduce the high flows that cause the most streambank, bluff, and ravine erosion. The water is detained for slow release over hours, days or weeks, or is retained for later uses like supplemental irrigation. Spring and early summer are the periods that require the most storage, since row crops are not yet established with full canopy transpiration. We have highlighted three water storage practices that will remove excess nutrients, such as nitrates, from tile water prior to it entering the waterway.

drainage water seeps beneath buffer areas of perennial vegetation via a subsurface distribution pipe prior to entering a drainage ditch or stream. The purpose is to reduce

nitrate in tile water via denitrification and plant uptake, and to reduce peak flows associated with typical tile drainage outlets.



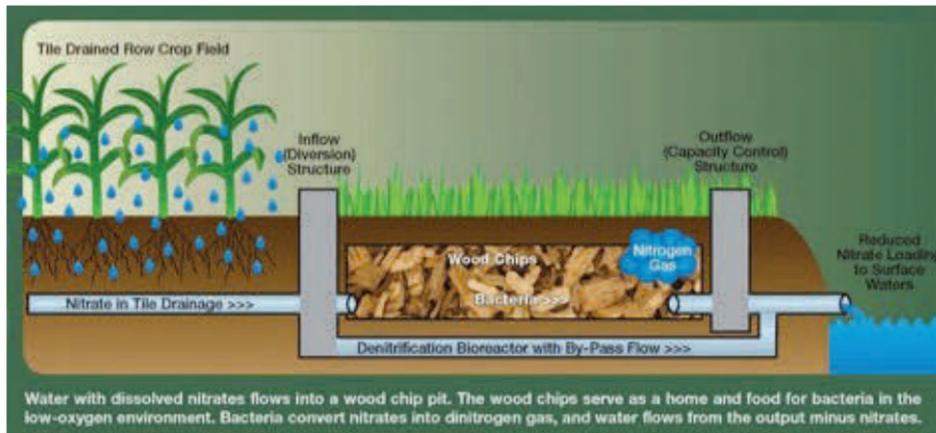
Pictured above: Top view diagram of a saturated buffer. Source: Dan Jaynes, USDA-ARS

### Saturated Buffer

A saturated buffer is an alternative drainage tile outlet in which tile

wood chips, through Bioreactors are essentially subsurface trenches filled with a carbon source, mainly

wood chips, through which water is allowed to flow just before leaving the drain to enter a surface water



Pictured above: Diagram of a woodchip bioreactor. Source: Farm Journal Magazine.

## Buffer Update

Minnesota's Buffer Law establishes perennial vegetation buffers along public waters and public drainage systems. The intention of the buffers is to reduce the amount of pollution entering Minnesota's waterways via runoff. Studies by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency show that buffers are critical to protecting and restoring water quality and healthy aquatic life. Perennial vegetation buffers will reduce the amount of phosphorous and nitrogen entering the waterway. It is important to note that both phosphorous and nitrogen are naturally

food resources and habitats, and decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive. Because we live in such an altered landscape, the Buffer Law has divided our waters into two classifications: Public Waters and Public Drainage Systems. Each have their own requirements and timeline.

### Public Waters

In general, public waters are lakes, streams, creeks and rivers. Public waters require an average of a 50-foot buffer with a minimum of 30 feet. The deadline to establish



Pictured above: Martin SWCD measured and flagged a property along a public water to help ensure compliance with the buffer law.

from the top of the ditch bank. For assistance determining the top of the ditch bank, please contact Martin SWCD or the Drainage Authority. These buffers need to be established by November 1st, 2018. If you are unsure if the waterbody on your property is a public water or public drainage system, please call or visit us. You can also look it up online at: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html)



Pictured above: An example of a compliant buffer on a drainage ditch. Drainage Ditches require a 16.5-foot buffer, measured from the top of the ditch bank. Buffers need to be established by November 1st, 2018 along County and Judicial Drainage Ditches.

occurring in an aquatic ecosystem. However, human activities have increased the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous entering the aquatic ecosystem. Too much nitrogen and phosphorus in the water causes algae to grow faster than ecosystems can handle. Significant increases in algae harm water quality,

buffers along public waters was November 1st, 2017. If you are unsure if your property is compliant, please call Martin SWCD or come visit us. We offer free measuring and flagging to help ensure buffer compliance. Contact Jesse Walters for more information.

Public drainage systems require a 16.5-foot (1-rod) minimum

Landowners may use federal Farm Bill resources, such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to get buffers installed. State resources include the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easement program. The new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP, a mix of CRP and RIM) is also a good resource to consider. Please contact Martin SWCD with questions.

body. The carbon source in the trench serves as a substrate for bacteria that break

down the nitrate through denitrification or other biochemical processes.

other low-lying areas on slopes where water concentrates as it runs off a field.

### Grassed Waterway

Grassed waterways are constructed graded channels that are seeded to grass or other suitable vegetation. The vegetation slows the water and the grassed waterway conveys the water to a stable outlet at a non-erosive velocity. Grassed waterways should be used where gully erosion is a problem. The most common areas are in draws between hills, and



Pictured above: A recently constructed Grassed Waterway in Waverly Township, Martin County.

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8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8 a.m. - 12 noon

## MSWCD open house

Come join us for coffee, cookies, donuts and a chance to win a free tree on Friday, February 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 3rd 8:00 a.m. to Noon.  
See order form page 13



2017 Martin SWCD project. An existing farm field tile failed (left) and created a gully extending down a ravine. A new tile line was installed, and a stable outlet was constructed.

# Environmental Awareness Day, September 19th

by Greg Johanson

Environmental Awareness Day was held on Tuesday September 19th, 2017. This event started in the mid 1970's in our county to set aside one day in the fall for all 5th grade students to learn about our environment and its surroundings. The event includes three 20 minute learning sessions, followed by the University of Minnesota Raptor Center. The stations this past year included the DNR fisheries, a working watershed model provided by MPCA, and the native prairie station. A one hour presentation from the Raptor Center is also a big hit for the students. This event was again held at the Heritage Acres learning center, which provides a great setting for both indoor and outdoor presentations, as well as a look back at agriculture's past.



Martin SWCD Technician Dustin Benes explaining native prairie.

# Unused Wells Threaten the Ground Water Supply!

Properly closing the pathway from the ground surface to the aquifer is the process of sealing or plugging a well, also known as decommissioning.

Martin SWCD has Cost Share available, 50% up to \$1,000.00, to offset costs for decommissioning abandoned wells. A landowner would need to bring an estimate into Martin SWCD office and sign a Cost Share contract. Once this this

project is approved by our board of supervisors, the landowner is contacted and eligible for cost share to decommission the well. The landowner then can contact the licensed well driller and have it sealed. Contract MUST be approved prior to sealing, otherwise Cost Share is not eligible.

Any questions please call 507-235-6680 or stop by our office at 923 North State Street, Fairmont.



### Cost Share Examples:

- Well Sealing cost \$2,000.00 X 50% Cost Share = \$1,000.00
- Well Sealing cost \$750.00 X 50% Cost Share = \$375.00
- Well Sealing cost \$5,000.00 X 50% Cost Share = \$1,000.00



Construction workers are shown here, exposing a tile line. Water will run across the surface of the ground, creating wetland characteristics before draining into the stream. This was a cooperative effort with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Martin SWCD for a Wetland Restoration Project (WRP).

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## Martin County SWCD "Day at the Capitol".

The Martin SWCD held its annual Legislative event and Day at the Capitol on March 20th and 21st, 2017. This special two day event is held each year for all districts throughout the State. The event starts out with an evening meeting for all districts and state agencies to discuss the upcoming programs, and funding available for districts to administer. The following day is a visit to the capitol with our legislators about

issues or concerns within our respective counties. Our district has always felt that it is important to keep in touch with our leaders who make important decisions impacting our county. The 2018 Legislative Day event is scheduled for March 12th and 13th. Many topics will be discussed during this event including progress on the buffer initiative, the CREP program, and many other programs relating to districts.



Pictured left to right: Dustin Benes, Ashley Brenke, Greg Johanson and Representative Bob Gunther.

## CRP Participants Must Maintain Approved Cover on Acreages Enrolled in CRP and Farm Programs

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants are responsible for ensuring adequate, approved vegetative and practice cover is maintained to control erosion throughout the life of the contract after the practice has been established. Participants must also control undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects and rodents that may pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area.

All CRP participants with contracts effective

beginning with sign up 26 are required to perform at least one management activity as part of their approved conservation plan. This management activity shall be designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. Management activities are site specific and are used to enhance the wildlife benefits for the site. Failure to perform planned management activities can result in contract violation. The participant may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for the management practice.

All CRP maintenance activities, such as mowing, burning, disking and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting or brood rearing season for wildlife, which for Minnesota is May 15th through August 1st. However, spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during the primary nesting or brood rearing season if, left untreated, the weeds, insects or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover. In this instance, spot treatment is limited to the affected areas in the field and requires County

Committee approval prior to beginning the spot treatment. The County Committee will consult with NRCS to determine if such activities are needed to maintain the approved cover.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control, or for cosmetic purposes, is prohibited at all times.

If you have further questions regarding maintaining your CRP acres, please contact the Martin County FSA Office at (507) 235-6661.

## USDA Processing Pending Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Enrollment Offers

Acceptance of Most 2018 Offers Temporarily Suspended

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will process many pending eligible offers for land enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and will temporarily suspend accepting most new offers until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

All current, eligible CRP continuous enrollment offers made through Sept. 30th, 2017, except for those made under the Pollinator

Habitat Initiative (CP42), will be approved. Additionally, FSA is temporarily suspending acceptance of most offers going forward to provide time to review CRP allocation levels, and to avoid exceeding the statutory cap of 24 million acres.

The CRP acreage cap is a provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. Current enrollment is about 23.5 million acres nationwide. USDA is accepting all pending continuous enrollment offers that were made beginning on May 4th, 2017, and extending

through Sept. 30th, 2017, except Pollinator Habitat Initiative offers. Pollinator acreage offers are being declined because the program has met its acreage enrollment goal. Effective immediately, USDA is suspending acceptance of all new CRP continuous offers received or submitted after Sept. 30th, 2017. The suspension will continue until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

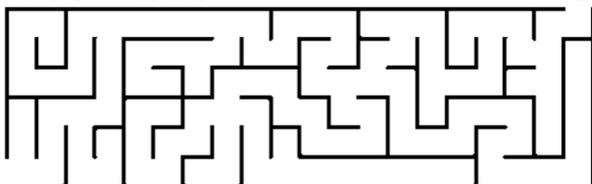
However, FSA will continue to accept eligible offers for state-specific Conservation Reserve Enhancement

Program (CREP) and CRP Grasslands enrollment. Offers received on or after Oct. 1st, 2017, are subject to fiscal year 2018 rental rates which have been adjusted to reflect current market conditions and were established after careful review of the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) cash rent data.

In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through FSA, provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays farmers and ranchers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat. Payment totals for 2017 were announced earlier this week totaling over \$1.6 billion.

For more information about CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp). To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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# Ducks Unlimited Projects in SW Minnesota - Winter 2018

**Shallow Lake Enhancements**  
Shallow Lakes throughout southern Minnesota have degraded to turbid conditions due

control structure on Tyler Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in Lincoln County and Lake Ocheda in Nobles County, and a pump on Curtis Lake in

Hurricane Lake WMA in Cottonwood County and Stokman WMA in Blue Earth county. Restoration of new tracts on Badger Lakes WMA and Shetek

These newly restored and protected tracts of public land will provide essential habitat for breeding and migrating waterfowl and other birds in the Prairie Pothole Region of Minnesota, and were made possible with local support from the Fox Lake Conservation League and Cottonwood County Game and Fish League.

large shallow lake with an average depth around

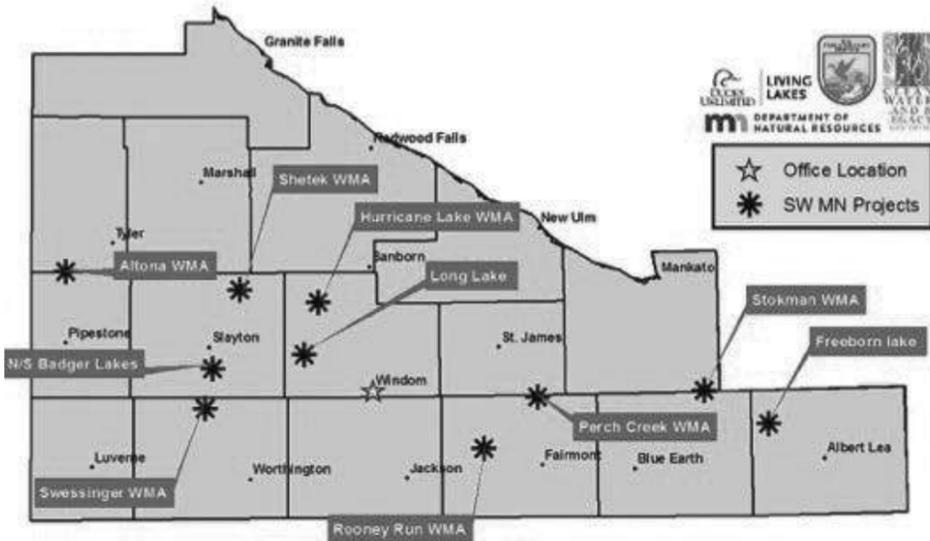


rough fish after the draw down is complete.

### Long Lake Enhancement

At one time, Long Lake was a significant waterfowl lake attracting hundreds of birds during spring and fall migration. Today, habitat quality has deteriorated to a turbid state with little to no vegetation present and an abundance of common carp in the lake and outlet. To improve water and habitat quality DU installed a water control structure on the outlet in the northwest corner of the lake this past fall.

For more information contact Ducks Unlimited Biologist Kassy Hendricks: 507-231-2220 or khendricks@ducks.org



to the presence of invasive fish, increased nutrient input, and stagnant high water levels. These large wetland basins often have very little submerged aquatic vegetation or invertebrates that waterfowl rely on for food during brood-rearing and migration. To improve degraded shallow lakes, Ducks Unlimited engineers design and install water control structures for our DNR and FWS partners that enable agency managers to temporarily lower water levels. These drawdowns, much like a natural drought, remove invasive fish, consolidate bottom sediment and nutrients, and allow for the germination of wetland plants on exposed lake bottoms. When natural water levels return, water quality and habitat is greatly improved. DU has completed two shallow lake enhancements in southwestern Minnesota on Long Lake in Cottonwood County and Badger Lakes in Murray County. Construction of a water

Yellow Medicine County are set to begin later this year. In the future, these will all be fantastic lakes for both ducks and hunters to visit.

### Public Land Acquisitions & Prairie/Wetland Restorations

DU has been very busy with many land acquisition and restoration projects in partnership with Minnesota DNR across southern Minnesota. Ducks Unlimited purchases land adjacent to existing WMA, restores the native prairie and drained wetlands, and transfers the land to the DNR. Restoration involves seeding the uplands with high diversity native plants (sometimes over 100 species), breaking tile, scraping sediment from wetlands, building embankments, and even installing smaller water control structures. In 2017 DU completed restoration on Perch Creek WMA in Martin County,

WMA in Murray County will begin in 2018.

### Project Highlights

Perch Creek, Hurricane Lake, and Stokman WMA Ducks Unlimited purchased and restored small wetlands and prairie on three land parcels in southern Minnesota. These included a 59-acre tract on Stokman WMA near Minnesota



Lake where 13 acres of wetlands and 46 acres of prairie grassland were restored, a 155-acre tract on Perch Creek WMA near Truman where 23 acres of wetlands and 132 acres of prairie grasslands restored, and a 95-acre tract on Hurricane Lake WMA near Storden where DU restored 64 acres of wetlands and 31 acres of prairie grasslands.

### Swessinger WMA

The new 640-acre addition to the Swessinger



WMA is truly a gem in southwest Minnesota. In 2016, over 68 acres of wetlands were restored on this property resulting in over 130 acres of wetlands and 510 acres of native grasses and forbs (over 100 species) to support both breeding and migrating waterfowl. Since restoration, DU and DNR staff have observed pheasant broods, gray partridge, trumpeter swan, Canada goose, blue winged teal, a lone Sandhill crane, grassland birds, and a diversity of shorebirds.

### Freeborn Lake Enhancement

At 2,222-acres, Freeborn Lake, located in Freeborn County is a

3-foot. Historically, the lake was known as a migratory hotspot for an array of waterfowl species. More currently, high, stable water levels rough fish, and high nutrient inputs have degraded the lake resulting in a florescent green color and little aquatic vegetation present. To enhance the lake DU partnered with Freeborn County and MNDNR to install a new water control structure that will allow the temporary water level drawdowns that are so vital to the health of the lake. Additionally, DU designed and installed a velocity tube fish barrier that will prevent reinvasion of



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# Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Species are species that are not native to Minnesota and cause economic, environmental, or harm to human health. They are plants, animals, and pathogens living in lakes, rivers and streams. They thrive in new environments, out competing with native plants and animals, and lack native predators.

Currently infestations are located close to Martin County. The MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has compiled a list of documented infestations, called the "Infested Waters List". The DNR will add a lake, river, pond, wetland, drainage ditch, or any waterbody to the infested waters if it contains an aquatic invasive species or is connected to a body of water where an aquatic invasive species is present. You can view the infested waters list on the MN DNR website [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or the EDDMaps Midwest website at [www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org).

Martin County is bordered by two counties that are on the infested waters list, Jackson and Blue Earth County. Currently Blue Earth County has four lakes on the MN DNR infested waters list. Just east of Mankato; Ballantyne, Madison and Eagle Lakes are listed as impaired for Eurasian Watermilfoil. Madison Lake was listed in 2010, Ballantyne in 2013, and Eagle Lake (includes North and South Eagle)

in 2015. The closest lake to Martin County is Lura Lake, located just east of Amboy or southwest of Mapleton. Lura Lake was put on the Infested Waters list in 2005 for Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Eurasian Watermilfoil is a feathery submerged aquatic plant that can quickly form thick mats in shallow areas of lakes



This billboard was located on highway 15 in the fall of 2017, visible when driving from the North when driving into Fairmont.

and rivers in water less than 15 feet deep. These mats can interfere with swimming and entangle propellers, which hinders boating, fishing, and waterfowl hunting. Heavy infestations may reduce property values. Matted milfoil can displace native aquatic plants, impacting fish and wildlife. This aquatic plant can easily hitch a ride on boats, trailers, docks, boat lifts, or other water related equipment.

The county to the West of Martin, is Jackson. Many tributaries in Southern Jackson County were put

on the infested waters list in 2012. These water bodies have been put on the list because they are connected by water to the Iowa Great Lakes. The Iowa Great Lakes include East and West Okoboji and Spirit Lake. Silver and Bighead Carp were first commercially netted in 2011. The carp have not been found in Jackson

County, but the tributaries are on the list because they are connected to the Iowa Great Lakes. Connected waters create pathways for invasive species to travel large distances.

Silver and Bighead carp were imported from China in the early 1970's to control plankton in aquaculture ponds. During high water flooding they escaped into other water bodies. Silver carp can weigh up to 60 pounds and big head carp can reach 110 pounds. These huge filter feeders eat large amounts of plankton and out compete with native fish for food.

They often jump out of the water when disturbed by sound, which can injure boaters. Young carp can easily be mistaken for minnows used as bait for fishing.

The Iowa Great Lakes also has an infestation of Zebra Mussels. They were first discovered in East Okoboji in 2012 and expanded into Spirit Lake by 2014. So, in just two years, Zebra Mussels spread into three connecting lakes. If Zebra Mussels did become populated in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes, it could only take a few years for them to spread to all five lakes. During the summer of 2017, SWCD started an early detection monitoring on six area lakes, regularly checking the water accesses for mussels and aquatic plants. Our prevention efforts will continue in 2018.

Zebra Mussels are small fingernail size animals that attach to solid surfaces in water. Adults have D-shaped shells, often

with alternating yellow and brownish stripes. Females can produce 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year. The young larvae are called veligers and start out life suspended in the water column. These veligers could easily be transported in water from one site to the next in bait buckets, live wells or ballast tanks. Zebra Mussels can clog water intakes, attach to boat motors and hulls, and attach to rocks, swim rafts and ladders where swimmers can cut their feet on the mussel shells. They can attach to native mussels and eat tiny food particles as they filter the water, reducing available food for fish and animals.

New infestations are identified by an Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, hired by the MN DNR. If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, note the exact location, take a clear photo, and call the AIS specialist in your region, found on the MN DNR website, or contact Martin SWCD for assistance.

Minnesota has several state laws and regulations intended to minimize the introduction and spread of invasive species. Be sure to contact someone with any questions you have.

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following the state aquatic invasive species laws. Clean all visible aquatic plants, mussels, or mud from watercraft, trailers, and water related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland. Drain water related equipment, boat, ballast tanks, bait containers, live well, and remove drain plug before leaving a water access. Keep drain plugs out and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. If you want to keep your bait, refill your bait container with bottled or tap water. Protect our water resources by preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grants

Collectively, Martin County wildlife organizations and agency support staff meet to set priorities for local habitat restoration projects.

Known as the "Martin County Conservation Alliance," this group has teamed up to make a huge difference in improving habitat

and acquiring marginal land, adding habitat and acres to existing DNR Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) is one of four funds created by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, receiving one third of

the money raised by the tax increase.

The Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL) administered by the Department of Natural Resources is funded by the LSOHC.

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# First Rite of Spring

Observing the Pasque flowers in bloom, the first color to appear on a drab late winter prairie landscape, is often referred to as the "First Rite of Spring". Often with snow still lingering, the Pasque flowers brighten the colorless landscape, pushing up a fuzzy

stem and bud. The pale lavender-blue blossoms open just as their leaves begin to appear.

Contact Martin SWCD at 507 235-6680 if you would like to be put on a contact list to participate in a guided walk to see the first prairie wildflowers as they emerge from another winter's rest. We start checking in March, but have a target date of April 7th,



2018 for a hike to Martin County's latest addition to the county park system.

Funded by a grant through the Legislative Citizen's Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) the Fox Lake Conservation League has purchased this 40 acre parcel near Trimont. With an Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund budget of \$435,000 and a \$40,000 local cash and in-kind match, this project will provide public access to the diverse native prairie where the Pasque flowers have welcomed spring visitors for centuries.

# 2018 Highlight Tree - The Northern White Cedar

By: Rich Perrine

The Northern White Cedar, *Thuja Occidentalis* is a native Minnesota evergreen tree. It is well adapted to wetter sites here in southern Minnesota. It prefers moist, well drained soils, but will tolerate poor drainage. It prefers fine clays, medium loams to moderately coarse sandy loams, with a near neutral pH (6.0 to 8.0).

Sometimes called Eastern Arborvitae, it is moderately tolerant to shade and grows at a moderate rate. Unlike most of our evergreens it has scale like leaves rather than needles. It is a valuable windbreak tree, particularly on moist to somewhat saturated soils.

If given the room, on a good site, it can mature to a height of 50 feet, with a crown spread of up to 20 feet and survive up to 200 years and sometimes up to 400 years.

It works well when planted on the inside rows of shelterbelts, where it can quickly close off the wind to trap snow and to serve as good wildlife cover. Although it may have a tendency to winter burn when planted out in the open, with the wetter climate we have been experiencing lately, and when planted on the proper soils, the White Cedar holds its bright green color very well, sometimes developing

a bronze overtone especially in late winter.

Unlike the pines that self prune, losing their lower branches with age and the spruce which experience dieback of lower branches when crowded, the White Cedar can tolerate crowding quite well. A closely planted row can close off the path of the wind quite quickly without losing much branch density, even close to the ground.

If planning a shelterbelt or wildlife tree planting, consider the White Cedar for its color, texture and lasting density on some of moist to wetter parts of your site.



## SWCD Seeding Program

If you are enrolling into a conservation program such as CRP or CREP, or if you just need to do some grass seeding, the Martin County SWCD can help you out. We have a 10 foot grass drill, along with a 6 foot no-till drill. These drills work well

for grassed waterways, CRP and CREP sites, as well as filterstrips along watercourses. We can also custom seed your site with our broadcast seeder, which will handle any size site you have. The Martin SWCD can also order the seed that best fits your

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# 2017 Conservation Update... Martin County Conservation Club

We had our fifth annual MCCCCI fundraising banquet on February 25th, 2017 with approximately 400 people attending. It was a great success resulting in comparable financial results of the previous banquets from the raffles, drawings, and auctions. Net proceeds from these banquets are used for helping county youth trap shooting teams (Fairmont, Truman and 4H), Let's Go Fishing for Seniors, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Martin Soil and Water projects, Dollars for Scholars, financial

matches for DNR projects, and the Harry Stewart Environment Day to name just a few. Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and those attending the banquet. Our sixth annual banquet is February 24th, 2018 at the Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Tickets are available at HyVee, Sommer Outdoors, and at club meetings... without your support we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do!

September 2016, we applied for a Conservation Partners Legacy grant to purchase 85 acres in

Center Creek township adjacent to the Center Creek WMA that we initiated in 2014. Late November, we learned that our grant request was accepted and the landowner agreed to add 30 acres to the project for a total of 116 acres. With this addition, the Center Creek WMA will be approximately 220 acres. It is exciting to be a part of the many projects happening in the past few years with partners like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, FLCL, and the Martin Soil and Water District. Again

with "Thanks" to all of the financial support of our members and the public!

We applied for and were awarded a second CPL grant in September 2017 for another addition of 80 acres to the Center Creek WMA. The landowner hasn't decided at this time whether to sell this parcel which includes virgin native prairie, some of which are rare species of native flowers. We remain hopeful that he will decide to sell.

The MCCCCI purchased three new aluminum purple martin houses that were erected at Gomsrud and Pierce Parks last spring. The two

at Gomsrud replaced the huge wooden houses that were over 50 years old and were in disrepair. These houses are startling proof and very minimum maintenance. They also raise and lower vertically for ease of nest cleaning in the fall.

We did a "prescribed burn" of our RIM property on North Silver in early spring. This is recommended every 3-5 years to rejuvenate the restored prairie plants, remove invasive trees, and mimic the prairie fires of the past. The grasses grew back vigorously and very tall providing excellent habitat for the wildlife.

Harold Trembley and Steve Maurice were honored with plaques for their many years of service to the Club and their efforts in Conservation in September.

Club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at our park on North Silver, April through October, and Tami's on the Ave, November through March. All members and the public are welcome. Memberships are available at meetings and Sommer Outdoors. Memberships are \$15, individual, and \$25 for family.



2017 Martin SWCD project. 50 plus lineal feet of rip rap (rock) was used to stabilize a bridge structure and bank on Elm Creek. Past floods have eroded an area along the bridge supports. Without the bank stabilization the bridge structure would be jeopardized.

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for acquisitions and habitat projects on public lands.

A second fund through this program, the Expedited Conservation Project Grant Program (ECP) can provide up to \$50,000 for smaller projects.

CPL land acquisition projects continue to add acres to existing WMAs.

Projects are located

adjacent to the new Center Creek WMA, Perch Creek WMA, Rooney Run WMA and the Caron WMA.

ECP projects for woody removal on grassland, wetland habitat improvement and grassland improvement continue to improve the quality of existing habitat on several Martin County WMAs.

The CPL and ECP grants are competitive and require a 10% local match.



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## The Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)

### What is MN CREP?

The state of Minnesota has partnered with Federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) funding sources to develop the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) that will help improve and protect water quality and wildlife habitat. MN CREP is a voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that uses a science-based approach to target environmentally sensitive land.

Landowners will enter into a 15-year Conservation Reserve

mate 90% of the value of the land. For specific payments, please contact Martin SWCD.

**Rights retained** - Landowners maintain ownership, including the right to control access to the land covered by the MN CREP CRP contract/RIM easement.

**Returns on marginal cropland** - MN CREP prioritizes and targets marginal cropland that is often associated with buffer areas and drained or altered wetlands. These lands often produce less than average crop yields, and are less profitable even when crop prices are high.

prices have declined over the past two years and appear to still be on a declining trend.

**Uncertain future of the next Farm Bill** - The Federal Farm Bill is up for renewal in 2018. It is uncertain at this time what changes could occur to conservation programs, including CRP.

**Quality native restoration** - Restoration of the enrolled land will follow state and federal standards, and focus on native plant species. One hundred percent of these restoration costs will be covered by the CRP and RIM programs, leaving no out-of-pocket expenses to the landowner.



Buffers are a priority of the new CREP. Vegetated buffer areas help prevent sediment and nutrients from entering waterbodies. Roots from the vegetation within the buffer will also help stabilize the stream bank thus reducing in stream erosion.



Photo by: Jill Sacket Eberhart, BWSR  
Wetland restorations are a priority of the new CREP. Wetland restorations provide water storage during large rain events and help improve water quality by allowing sediment and pollutants to settle. Wetland restorations also provide habitat critical habitat for many species.

Program (CRP) contract administered by the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), and a Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve perpetual conservation easement administered by the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR).

### Reasons to consider MN CREP

There are many reasons to consider MN CREP now, based on the long-term goals of the landowner. Some of these include:

**Fair compensation** - Payments for the land retirement portion of MN CREP are based on current CRP rental rates and RIM rates that approxi-

**Impact on water quality and habitat** - MN CREP focuses on both water quality and wildlife habitat. Enrolled land will deliver multiple benefits to ground and surface water, as well as provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

**Option for re-enrolled CRP** - Lands that are currently enrolled in CRP and eligible for re-enrollment during a MN CREP sign-up period may be eligible. This can result in seamless coverage of CRP annual payments and may allow for the existing vegetation to stay in place.

**Volatile land prices** - According to the University of Minnesota and other sources, farm land

### Martin SWCD Seeking Interested Landowners

We are looking for landowners interested in restoring wetlands or establishing buffers along a waterway. Wetland restorations can be small or large, and there can be more than one restoration on a parcel of land. When looking for a potential wetland restoration, look for depressional areas that may have ponding/flooding during rain events. There are many other ways to identify a wetland, including soil type and vegetation. For help determining if an area has a potential restorable wetland please contact Martin SWCD. The majority of our wetlands have been drained via tile so they may not hold water very long in their current state. Part of the restoration process is altering the drainage of the wetland to allow the water to settle for longer periods of time, thus allowing sediment and nutrients to be removed.

Wetland restorations provide flood prevention as their water holding capacity takes pressure

off the stream, creek or drainage ditch. By allowing the water to slow down and settle in wetlands, we reduce the erodibility potential and allow sediment and nutrients to be removed. Wetland restorations also provide critical habitat for nearly every wildlife species that exists in Martin County. CREP is one of the best ways to permanently restore wetlands and prairies on

our landscape. This is a good opportunity to retire marginal and/or not-profitable land and receive fair compensation for doing so. CREP provides a good opportunity to be a steward of the land and to leave a legacy.

### Enrollment

Enrollment for the MN CREP is underway and will continue until funds are exhausted or the 60,000-acre goal is reached. MN CREP is a

voluntary, federal-state funded natural resource conservation program that can benefit your land, farming operation, water quality and wildlife habitat. To find out more about CREP, eligibility requirements and your individual payment rates, please contact Martin SWCD. We are located at 923 North State Street, Suite 110, Fairmont, MN 56031. You can reach us by phone at 507-235-6680.

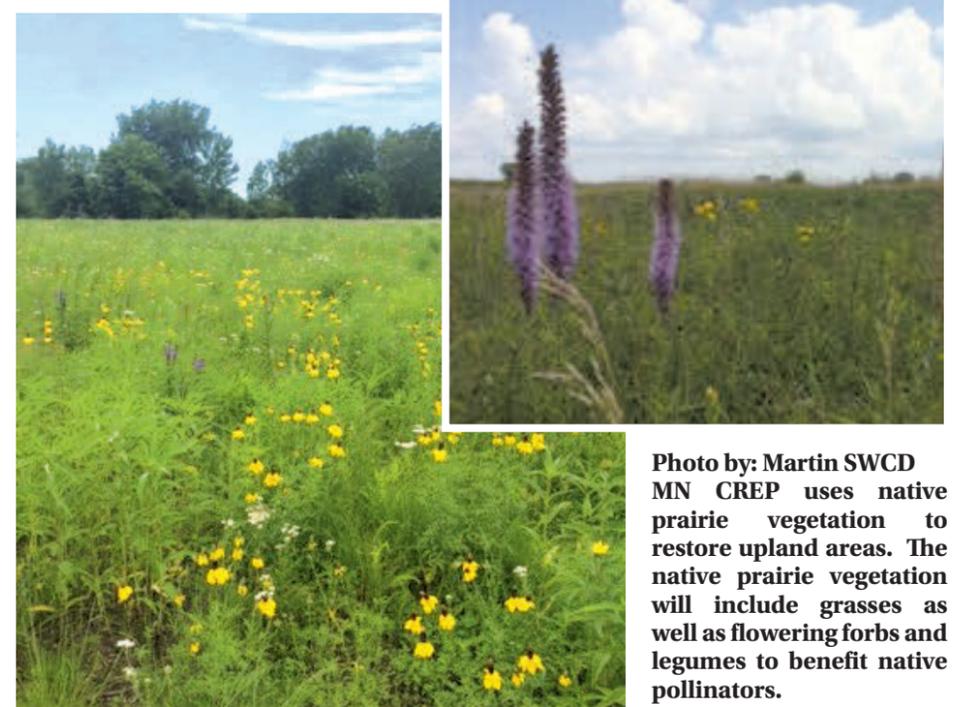


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MN CREP uses native prairie vegetation to restore upland areas. The native prairie vegetation will include grasses as well as flowering forbs and legumes to benefit native pollinators.

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### Cover Crops, Conservation Tillage and Soil Health

Cover crops and conservation tillage help reduce erosion, improve soil health, control weeds, utilize excess nutrients, improve water infiltration and a host of other benefits to your farm.

In some cases, producers have found cover crops and reduced tillage can also reduce costs and increase profits. Cover crops and

conservation tillage are good practices to improve soil health. Improving soil health is important as it directly impacts crop production and water infiltration (reduces flooding).

Cover crops are grasses, legumes or forbs planted to provide seasonal soil cover on cropland when the soil

would otherwise be bare—i.e., before the crop emerges in spring and after fall harvest.

Cover Crops are recognized as one of the most effective pollution reduction practices.

Through plant uptake, they reduce the amount of nutrients (nitrates, phosphorus) from entering waterbodies.

Conservation tillage

is any method of soil cultivation that leaves the previous year's crop residue (such as corn stalks or soybean stubble) on fields before and after planting the next crop, to reduce soil erosion and runoff.

To provide these conservation benefits, at least 30% of the soil surface must be covered with residue



A cover crop mix was inter-seeded via airplane into this bean field in Elm Creek Township, Martin County.

after planting the next crop. Some conservation tillage methods forego traditional tillage entirely and leave 70% residue or more. There are cost-share opportunities to help offset the costs associated with trying cover crops and conservation tillage, please contact Martin SWCD for more information.



Pictured above: A rye cover crop was planted after silage corn in Galena Township, Martin County.



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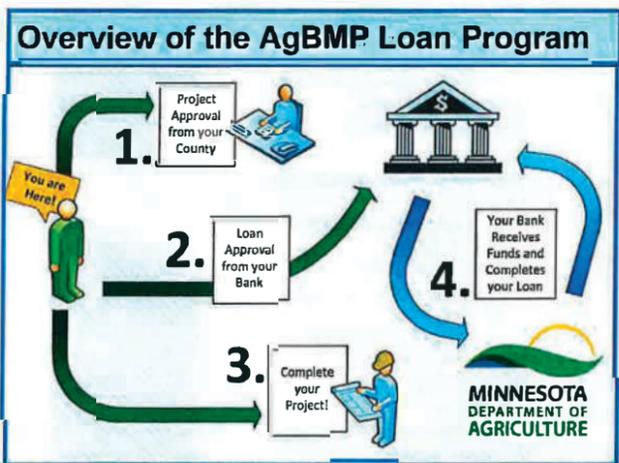
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# Martin SWCD water sampling and monitoring review for 2017.

Martin SWCD collects water samples and/or monitors water levels from ice out to freeze up every year on lakes, streams, wells and a treatment wetland. This year we partnered with multiple agencies on collecting water samples and monitoring levels for different programs.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) partnered with Martin, Faribault, and Blue Earth SWCD for sampling the Blue Earth River Watershed Water Quality Monitoring program. For this project Martin SWCD monitored six lakes and two streams for eleven different parameters. Sampling was conducted on numerous resources to identify potential threats to the quality of surface water. Monitoring will be conducted for two years.

Once completed the results will be compiled and assessed. The goal of the MPCA and partners is to provide information to assess and to restore or protect Minnesota's waters.

Martin SWCD partners with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources with monitoring three lake water levels and five ground water wells located in the county. The groundwater wells and lake levels are monitored and recorded monthly.

A cooperative effort with MN DNR, MPCA, and SWCD sampled and monitored two streams. The one photo displays a monitoring station located on Elm Creek. This station collects rainfall and monitors steam water levels set at intervals of every 15 minutes. More parameters are collected

on site while downloading data. Site visits are conducted about 25 times a year.

In 2017, a cooperative effort with the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA), MN DNR and SWCD monitored one site that was selected for the statewide Surface Water Pesticide Monitoring Program. The MDA developed a Field Data and Sample Collection Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that must be followed for sampling accuracy. Samples for this project are sent to the MDA testing labs in St. Paul.

We work cooperatively with the University of MN for monitoring a treatment wetland. The University designed and constructed a three cell saturated wetland. The wetland is saturated using

the existing agriculture field tile line that outlets into the first cell. As the first cell gets full of water it outlets into cell number 2, and then into cell number 3. Sampling is conducted for multiple parameters. Testing for parameter reductions using the wetland cells and vegetation as a filter as the water moves through the cells. Monitoring will continue and then an assessment of the data will be done.

Samples are sent to MN Valley Testing Laboratory (MVTL) in New Ulm, University of Minnesota laboratory in St. Paul, or MN Department of Agriculture testing labs depending on the program. Martin SWCD looks forward to another busy year of sampling in 2018.



Elm Creek station (photo on the right) is monitored and sampled on a regular basis and is a cooperative effort between SWCD, MN DNR, and MPCA

## Southern MN Chapter of DU - Sherburn

By Andrew Limmer, Regional Director

The Southern Minnesota chapter of Ducks Unlimited, based out of Sherburn, will host their annual fundraising dinner event on Saturday, March 17th at the Sherburn Community Center. This event is the chapter's main fundraising activity of year and has helped raise over \$194,000 over the past five years for habitat conservation in Minnesota and across North America.

The Southern MN DU chapter was once again in the top 10 Minnesota DU chapters, based on fundraising success in 2017.

In addition to their annual dinner event, the chapter also hosts many events throughout the year that all help raise money for habitat conservation and education. Combining all the chapter's events, Southern MN DU has raised over \$365,000 over the past five years.

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# Walk-In Access 2017 Facts

Walk-In Access (WIA) provides public hunting on private land in Minnesota and pays landowners to allow that access. Through WIA, nearly 27,000 acres of private land is open for public hunting from Sept. 1 to May 31 each year. An atlas of hunting parcels is available at retailers within the WIA area, by calling the MN DNR at 888-646-6367, or online at [www.mndnr.gov/walkin](http://www.mndnr.gov/walkin).

**WIA** WIA began in 2011 and has grown to 26,700+ acres. Currently, approximately 230 WIA sites are enrolled in 46 south central and western Minnesota counties.

**WIA** The addition of a \$3.00 WIA validation to another valid hunting license allows hunting on WIA parcels, with no landowner contact necessary, from Sept. 1 to May 31. WIA validations are available at any DNR license vendor.

**WIA** Landowner participation is crucial to this program, so be respectful and ethical while hunting WIA parcels. No target practice, trapping, dog training or walking, camping, horseback riding, hiking, fires or similar activities are allowed by the public.

**WIA** All hunting regulations apply on WIAs and will be enforced by DNR conservation officers.

**WIA** WIA parcels are for walk-in traffic only. Motorized vehicles of any kind are not allowed on WIAs. Parking is along roads or in designated parking areas.

**WIA** WIA seeks landowners with parcels of 40 acres or more with high quality natural cover. This may include, but is not limited to, parcels already in a conservation program. Only small inclusions of crop or hay land may be present.

**WIA** Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) enroll landowners in WIA. Landowners receive \$10-\$13/acre to allow public hunting access. WIA agreements are voluntary and include an opt-out clause. Enrollments run from Jan. 23 to April 28, 2017 this year.

**WIA** WIA allows landowners to carry out habitat management according to an approved conservation plan. Therefore, some sites may not have high quality habitat. Site updates are available at [www.mndnr.gov/walkin](http://www.mndnr.gov/walkin).



The Walk-In Access program is funded by:

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# Martin County Pheasants Forever 2017



Last spring Martin County Pheasants Forever [MCPF] presented checks totaling \$1650 to help support student trap teams here in Martin County. On June 17th the second annual Youth Trap Shoot was held at the Fairmont Trap Club with the assistance of trap club members. The first annual "No Child Left Indoors" outdoor Family

Day in August had to be cancelled because of a high percentage of rain in the forecast that day. Because of the looming Minnesota State Fair and the beginning of the school year pending there were no alternative dates to consider so the event was not rescheduled. Martin County Pheasants Forever is considering dates for this event in the summer. Last summer Martin County Pheasants Forever saw a need for a rolling storage unit to make events and projects more workable, so a decision

was made to purchase an enclosed trailer for supplies and equipment like awning, chairs and the like. The trailer is appropriately appointed with the Pheasants Forever Logo and "No Child Left Indoors" slogan. Trailer sponsorships are currently being sold. If you would like more information please contact MCPF President Joe Maidl. You'll see this eye catching rolling billboard at all MCPF events. There was a very good turnout of youth and their parents for the first annual youth trap shooting



First grade class that assisted with 4 acre Pollinator Plot Seeding in November

and pheasant hunt day in October. Martin County Pheasants Forever would like to extend thanks to the East Chain Trap Club and to Bob Seidel for the use of their space that

day. This past November, on a very chilly day with student assistance, a four acre pollinator plot was seeded to wild flowers and forbs. This newest plot is located east of last year's

one acre site with both plots indicated by signs bearing plot information and sponsorships. Currently the MCPF chapter is planning the 33rd annual banquet to be held Saturday March 10th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets will be limited so watch for information in the Photo Press as to where to buy your tickets in advance. The commemorative gun this year is a Browning A5 Sweet 16. Tickets are two for ten dollars ahead of the banquet and one for ten dollars at the banquet.

# Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.: Target 2018

by Michael J. Katzenmeyer, Chair, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc

A friend wintering in Phoenix sent a text saying it was 75 degrees and sunny. The response was that it was 68 degrees and sunny here, but I hadn't been outside in the -37 degree wind chill!

For most of us, it is difficult to keep our lakes as a top priority as we slog through winter. It would be easy to wait for ice-out and warmer weather. However, that would be time lost in planning for projects which support our goal of keeping stewardship responsibilities for our lakes high on our list of priorities.

For 2018 we will complete a kayak rental station, which will be housed at Gomsrud Park and will be managed by Justin Sommer through Sommer Outdoors. This is a carryover from 2017, was constructed locally, outfitted locally, funded by Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc., and assisted by staff from the City of Fairmont with the site preparation.

The Department of Natural Resources will consider funding for the revamping of the dam on Amber Lake to clean up the remnants of the fish trap that is no longer functioning and replace it with a newly constructed fish ladder. This is done through a bidding process and must be ranked with all other projects submitted. This project is designed to allow fish to travel upstream through the entire chain at times of high water. The height of the fish ladder will be the same as the current dam, thus maintaining the water level in Amber Lake. Again, when the water level drops below the height of the dam, the fish ladder will no longer function.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. will continue scheduling lake clean-up days in 2018. We have set our sites on Hall Lake and revisiting George Lake. The call will go out for volunteer support of these efforts to assist with the collection and removal of debris

that has accumulated on our shorelines. All debris collected will then be taken for proper disposal and funded by Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

In 2018 we will continue to pursue, with the assistance of Martin Soil and Water, the City of Fairmont, and the Department of Natural Resources, options for cleaning up Dutch Creek. Funding is a major issue, along with satisfying the requirements of all entities involved.

The Board of Directors established a goal for 2018 of increasing the aquatic vegetation in our reservoir. Educating the public regarding the benefits derived from the aquatic vegetation and dispelling the myths about how aquatic vegetation will choke out the recreational use of our lakes will be a priority. The board also committed to assisting lakeshore owners in establishing aquatic vegetation on their property.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. will assist

the Department of Natural Resources in stocking the second allotment of Musky fingerlings in the fall of 2018, as part of our long range planning to increase the predator presence in our reservoir to aid in managing the rough fish population.

Curly leaf pond weed defines an invasive species of aquatic vegetation which will show up this spring as the water warms. It has shown up in our reservoir the last few years

and has gone relatively unnoticed. It seems like an innocuous plant, as it has a short gestation, goes dormant, and drops to the bottom of the lake...only to germinate more seeds for the next growing season. It must be removed to destroy it. To cut it and allow it to float away from your property will only spread the species. To see the devastating effects of this weed travel to Spirit Lake, or visit with lakeshore owners there. They ignored it too long

and are now paying the price.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. remains as your voice of advocacy for the protection of our reservoir and the water quality within it. We are a volunteer organization and fund all of our projects through donations and membership fees. Please consider joining our efforts with a donation, a membership, or contributing as a volunteer.

# MCW Gives Back - Students add to Pollinator Habitat

A Martin County West (MCW) School District / Fox Lake Conservation League (FLCL) partnership continues to enhance and expand pollinator habitat on Martin County West School property. \$30,000 in local Schmeckle grant funding has helped with the development and expansion of the project. This pollinator habitat is located on about 6 acres just west of the FFA Community Gardens north of the MCW High School. New species will continue to be added

to the site, with a goal of establishing diverse prairie habitat with over a hundred local source native prairie forbs or wildflowers that can serve the school as a prairie learning center. Many species of native wild flower seed collected from local prairie remnants have been planted into the alfalfa field already.

On MCW Gives Back Day, about 25 Martin County West Students joined SWCD Staff in transplanting well over 1,000 Meadow Blazing Star bulbs that were started from seed harvested from Martin County prairie remnants. Several local youth organizations have assisted with the

seed collection. The Wrestling Club, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and volunteer students have gone to the field, picking local source seed to expand the seed supply.

A recent land purchase of about 6 acres adjacent to the original parcel has doubled the size of the school prairie project. With approval by the MCW School Board, the FLCL purchased the additional land and donated it to the school. One of the goals of the project is to conserve some of the less common native species to provide a seed source for future habitat restoration projects.

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# Last June, the 31st Annual FoxMasters Fishing Tournament was held

In June we had our information at [www.foxlakeconservation.com](http://www.foxlakeconservation.com). 31st Annual FoxMasters Fishing Tournament. It Once again Everett Park

Everett Park camping is on a first come basis and has a full shower house

Safety training for youth in the MCW school district. In 2017 we had 15 students go through our program and they all passed the test to get their fire arm certificate. We have been doing this training for over 35 years.

We also sponsored a youth duck hunt again this fall. We had six kids participate in the hunt. All the kids had the opportunity to get some shots at birds. Each kids has a dedicated adult take them out and setup the decoys and help call birds in.

We currently are working very hard to build

up a native seed planting. We are working with MCW FFA/Ag Students to plant a new field next to the MCW High School. With their help we plan to harvest seeds off the property to use on the existing and new WMAs. We couldn't do this without of the people helping us pick seeds on other properties to get them planted in this new field.

Another way that the FLCL helps out the community is through our charitable gambling. We have pull tabs at the Sherburn Liquor Store, Korte's Bar & Grill in Welcome, Legends II in Ceylon, Old Northrop Bar, GhostTown Tavern, The Still in Dunnell and Granada Bar. With our

charitable gambling we donate a minimum 70% of our funds towards wildlife habitat and conservation. We are also a big supporter of programs within the MCW school district.

To be a member of the Fox Lake Conservation League you mail \$10 to PO Box 212, Sherburn, MN 56171. Please have your name and address with it. You can keep up to date with the FLCL by joining us at our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. Between the months of May through September they are held in the shelter house of Everett Park, and October through April at the Welcome Legion.



was a great day of fishing as we brought in 685 fish to the check-in. This year's tournament is on June 9th. You can get more

was very busy. It is great to see people from around the area coming out and camping locally and enjoy the fishing on our pier.

and dump station. We also have a shelter house which can be rented for gatherings.

We also hold Firearm

## Martin County 2017 Weather Review

Pete Boulay MNDNR State Climatology Office

In general across Minnesota, 2017 was not as warm or as wet as 2016, but was still a little wetter and warmer than the long term average. 2017 finished with an average statewide precipitation total of 28.17 inches and an average temperature of 42.8 degrees. Martin County was a bit drier in 2017. Sherburn had 25.47 inches of precipitation for the year and the city of Trimont had 26.08 inches for the year. Both of these totals are below the 1981-2010 normal for Martin County. Normal annual precipitation for Martin

County ranges from about 30 inches in Trimont to nearly 33 inches in the Fairmont area. Most of the excessive heavy rains missed the county in 2017. The wettest month was August with a county-wide average of 4.90 inches from 15 reporting stations, 14 of which were with the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District.

2017 was about a degree cooler than 2016 in Martin County, but still above the 1981-2010 normal. The 2017 mean temperature at Sherburn was 46.6 degrees, about a

half degree above normal. Heat waves were few and far between. The highest temperature reached in 2017 at Sherburn was 92 degrees on four dates, the last of which was in September. There was a very late heat wave on September 22nd, which also featured summer-like dew point temperatures.

Spring took off with an early start in 2017 with a February heat wave. Temperatures in Martin County soared into the 50s and 60s from February 16th-22nd. Budd Lake lost its ice on March 21st, eight days earlier than

the median date. The last below zero reading at Sherburn was on March 16th and the last date of 32 degrees was on April 29th. The median date of the last freeze in Martin County is April 24th.

One of the most noteworthy weather events of 2017 was the record early tornadoes on March 6th, 2017. These tornadoes broke the long-standing early record of March 18th, 1968 as the earliest tornadoes for Minnesota. Not only were there three tornadoes, but they were in four different counties: Freeborn,

Faribault, Sherburne and Steele County. Out of the 61 tornadoes reported in Minnesota for 2017, most were weak and none were in Martin County. The most costly weather event for 2017 in Minnesota was the hail event on Sunday June 11th, that just missed Martin County, but affected many neighbors to the north and east. An estimated 2.4 Billion dollars in damage was done, especially to buildings and vehicles in the Twin City Metro Area.

Autumn was a mixed bag of wintry and balmy weather, with a particularly gloomy and cold spell from October 27th to November 5th. October 29th had the first

freeze with 29 degrees at Sherburn. The season length at Sherburn was 180 days, the longest in the last eight years. With the cold and damp weather, statewide corn harvest fell behind. Fortunately November 24th right through early December turned balmy and was a time to play catch-up with fall activities. Winter returned on December 4th with temperatures plummeting from the mid-50s to the 20s by nightfall. Budd Lake had an ice in of December 10th for 2017 a day later than 2016. The coldest reading of the year came on the final day of the year with -20 degrees F on New Year's Eve Day.

Township	Range	Section	Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Growing Season Total (May-Sep)
101N	30W	13	CPS				1.86	4.15	5.13	2.43	5.07	2.49	3.76			19.27
101N	31W	2	Eversman						3.66	1.42	3.95	2.49	4.60			
101N	32W	25	Bents				2.28	0.24	5.09	1.83	5.40	2.91	4.76			15.47
101N	32W	26	Schmidtke				1.85	4.93	5.40	1.11	5.43	2.57	4.69			19.44
101N	33W	6	Swanson				1.92	5.43	4.97	1.12	6.18	2.43	3.96			20.13
102N	30W	5	Martin SWCD				3.49	3.36	5.33	2.01	4.60	2.38	4.53			17.68
102N	30W	25	Luckow				2.17	4.07	5.82	1.80	4.48	2.48	4.81	0.52		18.65
102N	32W	7	Zehms				2.48	4.28	4.36	2.17	3.79	2.15	4.27			16.75
102N	33W	22	Sherburn NWS	0.53	0.47	1.00	1.79	4.84	3.81	1.53	4.65	2.49	4.18	0.00	0.18	17.32
103N	29W	5	Roberts				2.57	4.07	3.56	3.34	4.62	0.83				16.42
103N	30W	4	Toothaker				2.77	4.37	4.30	3.11	5.06	3.58	4.04			20.42
104N	29W	8	Petersen				2.72	3.83	4.06	2.06	4.38	2.35	3.68			16.68
104N	30W	31	Sanders				4.07	3.92	5.43	2.18	5.30	2.69	4.39			19.52
104N	32W	32	Trimont	0.47	0.17	1.22	2.38	4.33	3.25	2.42	5.41	2.70	3.41	0.06	0.26	18.11
104N	33W	6	Wilson				2.43	5.32	4.10	3.19	5.12	2.94	3.94			20.67
			County Averages	0.50	0.32	1.11	2.48	4.08	4.55	2.11	4.90	2.50	4.22	0.19	0.22	
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Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit habitat conservation organization that conserves, restores and protects wetlands across North America. To date, Ducks Unlimited has

conserved over 230,000 acres in Minnesota and will be investing over \$11 million dollars in Minnesota in 2018. To learn more about volunteering with the local DU committee or to learn more about upcoming local DU events please contact Doug Hartke at (507) 236-1700.

**Thank you to our local volunteers and supporters. See you March 17th!**

2018 Spring Tree Order Form

Species	Price per Bundle	Number of Bundles	Cost
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By: Betsy B G Norland, District Conservationist

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You can apply for CSP any time throughout the year but there will be announced cutoff dates for ranking and funding opportunities. CSP2018 application acceptance deadline is forthcoming. For more information visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) or the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Fairmont Field office. Contact the Fairmont Field Office at 507-235-6661 Ext. 3. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

## TOP 10 Conservation Tips

1. Work with your local water authority.
2. Establish water-efficient irrigation practices.
3. Harvest and recycle rainwater.
4. Reduce air conditioning and water cooling.
5. Go "low flow".
6. Repair leaks.
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If you live or farm in the East Fork Des Moines River Watershed, Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) would like your input regarding the watershed you live and/or farm in. The PCA is preparing to write a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) for the East Fork of the Des Moines River. We would like your input about what is and isn't working within your watershed regarding water quality and conservation practices. Local input is critical when writing a WRAPS report and we would like to schedule an informational interview with you. Your answers

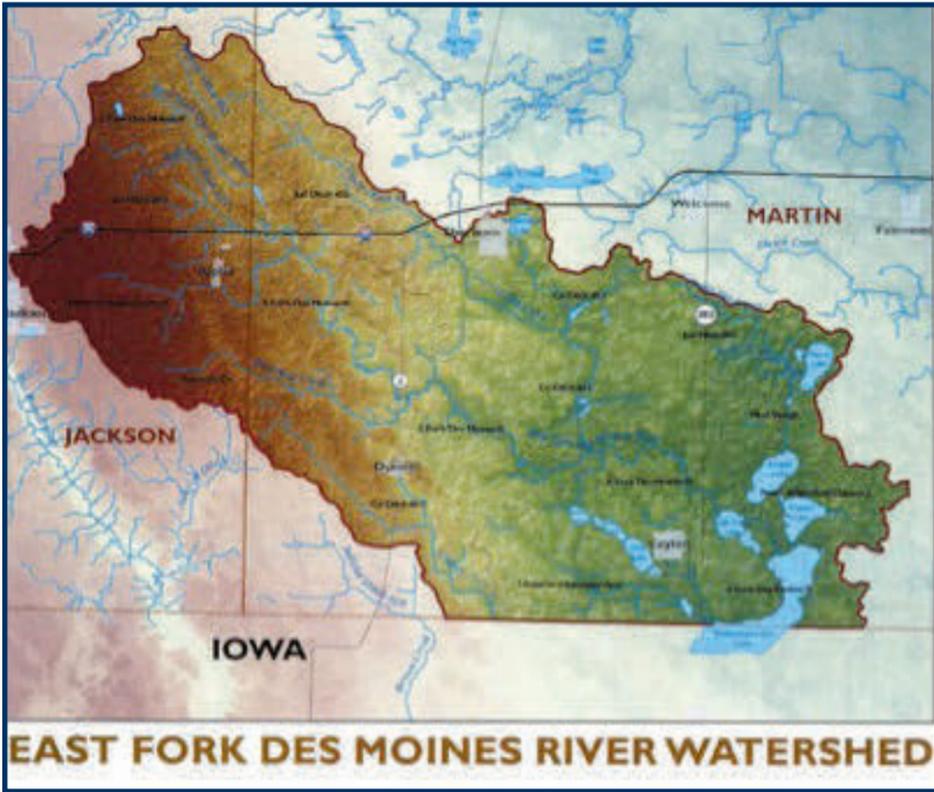
and inputs will help guide how the WRAPS report is written and in turn will help determine future conservation efforts in your watershed.

To schedule a time to chat, give your input and answer questions please contact Jesse at Martin SWCD 507-235-6680 Ext. 118.

The annual Greenwing Event was held last May at the Martin County West High School in Sherburn with over 150 youth in attendance! Ducks Unlimited (DU) Greenwing events are hosted by local DU volunteers and these events serve as learning and introduction tools for youth to topics such as conservation, hunting and shooting. This year the event hosted balloon making, a petting zoo, slingshot shooting, and a host of other activities for the kids. DU would like to thank the chairs of the event, the Yahnke Family, as well as the entire Southern MN DU Volunteer Committee for hosting the event!

## Southern MN Ducks Unlimited Hosts Greenwing Event

This year's Greenwing Event will be May 19th, 2018 at the MCW High School in Sherburn. The Committee is always looking for additional committee help. If you are interested in helping please contact Audra Yahnke @ 507-236-8115 or audyank952@gmail.com.



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## Habitat Restoration

Project work continues on a project focusing on utilizing local ecotype native plant materials to restore pollinator and wildlife habitat. Funding for a project called "Propagating native plants and restoring diverse habitats" was received by Martin SWCD in 2015 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

The project focus is including locally rare, uncommon and at-risk species in habitat restoration projects located on protected lands. Project partners in thirteen counties across the state are protecting and expanding native forest and prairie habitats

using local ecotype native plants.

In Lake County restoration of forest and forest fringe



habitat is the main focus. In Crow Wing, a combination of prairie and forest restoration is underway. In Blue Earth County a prairie restoration on shallow soils over limestone bedrock is underway. In Martin County habitat restoration with locally collected seed and propagated plants is happening on RIM and CREP perpetual conservation easements, on DNR WMAs, in parks, and on public school property.

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The Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. partnered with Ducks Unlimited and the Conservation Fund and applied for a grant from the LSOHC for Land Acquisition in Martin County. Fox Lake will be the administer of the grant, Ducks Unlimited will do the wetland and grassland restorations, and The Conservation Fund will assist with the real estate transactions needed to do the acquisition.

## Local Organizations apply for Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council Grant

The LSOHC has recommended that \$2,447,000 be awarded for land acquisition in Martin County. The proposal identified 10 potential project sites that are additions to existing Martin County Wildlife Management Areas. If the legislature completes the LSOHC recommendations this money will be available for land acquisition starting around July 1st, 2018.

The 2016 LSOHC one million dollar grant is under way. The Lorenz tract of 137 acres has been purchased and grassland and wetland restorations are underway. Once the restoration is complete this parcel will be deeded to the MN DNR.

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# Habitat projects benefit more than just ducks:

Kassy Hendricks, DU Biologist

In 2016 Ducks Unlimited (DU) purchased a 155-acre tract of land in Martin County, MN with funds obtained from the Lessard Sam's



Outdoor Heritage Council and local support from the Fox Lake Conservation League. The property, predominantly cropland, has since been restored by DU and transferred to the DNR as a part of the Perch Creek Wildlife Management Area. A particularly unique feature of the property is a large 14-acre wetland often full of migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall. A line of powerlines followed a deep ditch through the center of the wetland to power a pump that was historically used drain it. In order to fill in this ditch and remove the powerlines it was necessary to dewater the wetland so in the spring of 2017 the pump was started up and the wetland drained one last time. The pump was a bit high maintenance, requiring frequent visits to ensure that it had oil and was running properly. On one such visit I happened to notice a small painted turtle swimming in the sump. After powering it down I made the trek

back to my vehicle to find something I could use to lasso the turtle and remove it from the sump. Upon my return however I was surprised to find not one but three turtles swimming in the sump. The two new turtles however were much larger than the smaller painted turtle and I immediately assumed they were common snapping turtles. After lassoing one turtle with a belt and lifting it up and out of the sump however I realized that this was no snapping turtle. Upon closer inspection, the turtle featured a smooth shell decorated with light yellow speckles and dots, a bright yellow patch reached down the turtle's chin towards his belly and his head was much more rounded and his tail shorter than any snapping turtle. There was no doubt that I had lifted a Blanding's turtle from the bottom of the sump. We were aware that Blanding's turtle, a Minnesota state threatened species, had been found previously in and around Perch Creek here in Martin County, but

I never thought I would be lucky enough to ever see one considering they have declined significantly across their historical range. What made this turtle particularly unique however was the square shaped radio tag glued to its shell. Later we learned that both Blanding's turtles rescued from the sump had been captured



by the MN DNR and radio tagged in the early 2000's to gain a better understanding of their survival and habitat use in the area. Blanding's turtles are a long-lived species living to well over 70 years and do not reach sexual maturity until at least 12 years of age. These characteristics along with a significant loss in habitat have led to their decline and they are listed

as endangered in many states throughout their range. Blanding's turtles spend their winters in the deep muddy bottoms of wetlands such as the basin we were working to restore. They nest in sandy hillsides and spend their summers in the shallow temporary wetlands that once existed in great numbers throughout the prairie pothole region of Minnesota. Restoration of the large 14-acre basin along with nine additional acres of temporary shallow wetlands and 132 acres of prairie grasslands on this tract of land will undoubtedly benefit the waterfowl, pheasants, turkey, and white-tailed deer that we all are so passionate about. The Blanding's turtles were an important reminder however that the conservation work we all do benefits so many more species than we often realize.

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**George V. Tyrrell, Jr, 81**



Funeral Services for George Verne Tyrrell Jr., 81, of Truman, were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018. A festive parade followed the service in George's honor. Burial will be held at a later date. George passed away on Thursday, Janu-

ary 18th, 2018 at Heartland Senior Living Center in Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation was entrusted with arrangements.

George was born to Mildred and George LaVerne Tyrrell Sr. February 23rd, 1936 in Brainerd. They lived the up north life moving to various cities, River-ton, Aitken, Minneapolis and finally New Ulm. In New Ulm he participated in the Turner Hall, Boy Scouts, basketball and helped out at his parents shop, The New Ulm Hobby and Gift Shop. He was also a loved bartender at the Kaiserhoff Restaurant. He graduated from New Ulm High School in 1954. He went on to gain his BS Degree in Education at Mankato State University with a History Major and a Geography Minor.

George was united in marriage to one of his softball students, Janet Lenore

Schultz in Truman on June 16th, 1962. From 1962 to 1964 he taught Jr. High Social Studies and Science in Browns Valley, MN. He also taught Jr. High Social Studies in Red Wing for one year in 1964. In 1967 he completed a Masters of Arts Degree in Museum Studies through Oneonta State University in Cooperstown, New York. He authored the book "Pot- ters and Pottery of New Ulm, Minnesota" using his college thesis in 1978. George accepted a position with the Northern Indiana Historical Society in South Bend, Indiana as the Director. He was there until 1969 when he returned to his Minnesota roots by becoming the director of the Olmsted County Historical Society Center/Museum, Mayowood and The Stoppel Farms in Rochester. During his time in Rochester from 1969-1985 he collab-

orated to design and move the OCHS to its current location southwest of downtown Rochester and started the Annual Threshing Bee on the site grounds. In 1986 he became the site manager for the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center in Waseca. In his tenure with Museum work he was the traveling museum and program consultant for the AASLH in Nashville, Tennessee, an independent consultant to various historical societies throughout Minnesota, a board member of the Minnesota Historical Societies Folk Life Center, a member of the Minnesota State Arts Council on Folk artist selection and a board member, legislative liaison and lobbyist for the 1st District Historical Assembly of Minnesota. George always wanted to run his own bar and that dream became a reality when he opened John Hardy's BBQ

in Mankato in 1985. He had a place where storytelling was welcome and he could serve people his favorite food, from one of his favorite people during his days in Rochester, Minnesota; John Hardy.

He moved back to "The Ranch" in Truman in 1992 and was a self-employed historian and restoration consultant along with farming his own garden and helping with the farmland where Janet and George lived. He retired in 1996 from all work except family historian and storyteller. Genealogy was a passion of his and he loved collecting pictures and information on his ancestors.

He remains in the hearts of those who knew him as: Husband - Janet Tyrrell of Truman; Father - Jana Le and John Gaffer of Hudson, WI, Tara Le and Craig Blonigen of River Falls, WI; Bumpa (grandfather)-

Tyrrell and Jenni Gaffer of Hudson, Corey and Caitlin Gaffer of Minneapolis and Bridgett Blonigen of River Falls; Bump (great-grandfather)- Oliver, Theodore and Adelaide Gaffer of Hudson. Along with very special caregiver Marina Leask of Sheltland Island, Scotland, many dear friends, special relatives and those who cared for him at Heartland Senior Living Center, Truman.

Meeting him in heaven are his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Ginger and Robert Hammel; parents in-law, Henry and Lenora Schultz; brother-in-law, Casper Rullman; nephew, Darren Gollnitz and many cherished relatives and friends he has yearned to see again.

Memorials are requested to a historical society in your area to further promote his legacy or to the Truman Public Library.

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**Daniel A. Carlson, 67**



A Memorial Service for Daniel Arthur Carlson, 67 of Lewisville, will be Thurs-

day, January 25th at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 24th from 5-7 p.m. at Zaharia Family Funeral Home in Truman. Dan passed away January 18th, 2018 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman. Zaharia Family Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Dan was born July 11th, 1950 in Minneapolis, to Mildred (Moberg) and Axel Carlson. In high school, he was a member of FFA. While he grew up in Minneapolis, he enjoyed spending many summers on the family farm

in Worthington. He was a long time bus driver in Minneapolis and 25 years for Truman Bus Service. He was a chaperone driver for the Burnsville Special Olympics and was active in 4-H. He was a Watonwan County 4-H Adult leader for over 20 years and a Rabbit Superintendent for several years as well.

Dan drove truck for Larry Wolle many summers, hauling corn and peas. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville. Dan was a proud Marine and was very active on the Lewisville Legion Post 561, for the past 39 years. He was also an active member of the Legion Honor Guard. Dan met Linda at the C-Store, in 1988 and they were married in August of 1990. Dan enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his two beautiful daughters. He was so

proud of both of them, and was eager to assist with any project they dreamed up. Dan was a practical joker, something that made people laugh, friends new and old.

In his spare time, Dan loved nature, deer hunting and pine trees, spending as much time as he could around the campfire. He was an avid wood and leather worker.

Dan is survived by his wife, Linda (Poppe) Carlson; daughters, Tiffany and Elisabeth Carlson; brother-in-law, Jim (Jacque) Poppe; sister-in-law, Chris Wratz; cousin, John (Marlene) Moberg; honorary brother and best friend, Stephen Collins; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Rod (Marilyn) Carlson and nephew, Ross Carlson.

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**AND ONE** - Cards Taylor Crissinger completes a lay up past Blue Earth Area's Sofie Blair. The Buccaneers downed the Cards last Friday night 51-43. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**CONTESTED SHOT** - Cards Nick Eversman attempts to block the Bucs Jacob Vaske shot. The Cards downed Blue Earth Area 58-40 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**Red Bull Milestones** - Collin Steuber picked up his 157th win to surpass Joe Weber to become the all-time leaders in wins in Sherburn last Thursday. Also Payton Anderson recorded his 100th career win with a pair of wins the same night. Jaxson Rohman picked up his 100th win this past weekend. Earlier this year Jordan Wolter also recorded his 100th career victory. The Red Bulls (9-0) host Mankato West, Maple River and Pipestone this Saturday in Fairmont.

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**SWITCHED PATHS** - Cards goalie Emily O'Connor slides to make a stop as Waseca's #5 Riley Brown backs into the net. Cards Anna Nordquist fronts the Bluejays Erin Volkmer. The Bluejays downed the Cards 7-1 last Tuesday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



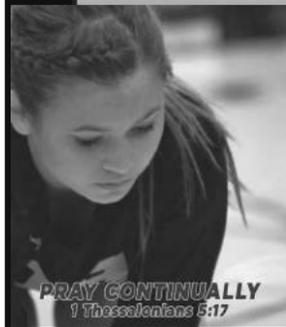
**Bonk Coach of the Year Finalist** - Girls' Cross Country Coach Bob Bonk was named one of eight finalists nominated for the prestigious National High School Athletic Coaches Association's (NHSACA) National Coach of the Year Award. Bonk was nominated by the Minnesota Coaches Association. All eight finalists will be recognized and honored individually during the National Coach of the Year Awards banquet which will take place during the National Convention which will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD from June 23-27. The Recipient of the National Coach of the Year Award will also be named during this banquet.



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The City of Fairmont will be accepting applications for the position of Operator/Main./Lab Technician in the wastewater treatment department. This is a fulltime, non-exempt position. The successful candidate's employment will be in compliance with the stipulations set forth in the agreement between the local IBEW union and the City of Fairmont.

Qualifications for this position require a minimum of a high school diploma and one-year technical course with a 2-year degree in wastewater treatment preferred. Experience with wastewater operations and Class D or higher wastewater operator license are preferred. The range of starting wage for this position is \$23.48/hr to \$29.36/hr with an excellent benefit package.

A complete job application and description is available online at [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org). All applicants MUST complete a City of Fairmont application. Please submit cover letter, resume, and application to City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or to [djones@fairmont.org](mailto:djones@fairmont.org). Complete application packets will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. January 26, 2018.



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## Park Maintenance Worker

The City of Fairmont will be accepting applications for the position of Park Maintenance Worker. This is a fulltime, non-exempt position. The successful candidate's employment is in compliance with the stipulations set forth in the agreement between the local AFSCME union and the City of Fairmont.

Qualifications for this position require a minimum of a high school diploma and valid Minnesota driver's license. Experience with grounds maintenance, small equipment, snow removal, or carpentry and a valid MN commercial driver's license is preferred. The starting hourly rate for this position is \$20.68/hour with an excellent benefit package.

A complete job application and description is available online at [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org). All applicants must complete a City of Fairmont job application.

Please submit cover letter, resume, and application to City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 or to [djones@fairmont.org](mailto:djones@fairmont.org). Completed applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm, February 2, 2018.



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Assembly of God of Sherburn MN to Dean Earl Greimann, Lot 16, Block 1, Gemmills Subd., Sherburn  
Southside Investments LLC to CINCO Group LLC, Pt. Lot 1, Block 1, 4th Ext. Country Side Addn.  
Adam R. Schultz, Ann Marie Schultz to LeRoy M. Clemetson, Lexy Clemetson, Lot 2, Christinas Addn.  
Ruth A. Goranson, Ruth B. Goranson to Patrick Chase, Lots 3, 12, 13, 14, Block 2, Morgans Addn., Sherburn  
Ashley A. Valvick, Jordan Valvick, to Cassandra Holtz,

Jason D. Holtz, S.65' Lot 7, Block 1, Rucks 2nd Addn., Sherburn  
Fredrick W. Heidmann, Patricia N. Heidmann to Lacey Ann Breneman, Lot 2, Block 4, Maple Grove Ext. Wards Central  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Jody L. Duskin, Troy A. Duskin, W. 70' Lot 2, Block 1, E.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Lot 3, Block 1, Budds Addn.  
Annyea Berg-Stefanski, David Stefanski to Shirley Stefanski, Und. 1/4 Int. Lot 4, Block 1, Arlorn Acres Subd.  
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James J. Simpson, Randa K. Simpson to Michael Townsend, Jennilee Townsend, Lot 5, Block 3, Heritage Park 1st Addn.  
**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**  
Robert Lee Schultz to Ann Marie Schultz, Lot 2, Christinas Addn.  
**TRUSTEE DEEDS**  
Debra Harbitz, Trustee, Susan Mulso, Trustee, Mavis O. Becker Irrevocable Trust to Debra Harbitz, Und. 1/2 Int. W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 32-103-33, Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 33-103-33, Und. 1/2 Int. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 8-102-33  
Debra Harbitz, Susan Mulso, Mavis O. Becker Irrevocable Trust to Susan Mulso, Und. 1/2 Int. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Und. 1/2 Int. N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Und. 1/2 Int. Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 8-102-33  
Stuart E. Sybesma, Stuart E. Sybesma Revocable Trust to Andrew Jorgenson, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 21-102-29  
**CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS**  
Dennis W. Anderson, Garla L. Anderson to Stephan R. M. Melson, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 12-104-33



Fairmont Area High School senior Courtney Williams was named a Rotary Student of the Week. Courtney is the daughter of Wade and Karla Williams. She has a 10-year-old brother, Brett. Courtney enjoys staying active in school activities, including Cardinal Leadership Committee, Prom Committee; softball team captain; volleyball team captain, and hockey. Courtney will be applying for admission to Gustavus College with plans to play softball. Her fields of interest are education and coaching. (Submitted photo)



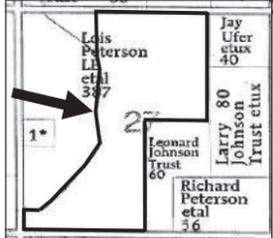
Colby Kuhl, a senior at Fairmont Area High School, was named a Rotary Student of the Week. Colby is the son of Scott and Lisa Kuhl. Colby's high school schedule includes band, Target, hockey, baseball, football, and Cardinal Leadership Council. After graduation, he plans to attend a 4-year college and is interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy. (Submitted photo)

**239.24 Acre - Waverly Township - Martin County, Minnesota**

# Farmland Auction

Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
@ 10:30 A.M.

**SALE LOCATION:** Truman Community Center at 313 N. First Avenue Street in Truman, Minnesota



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** W1/2 NE1/4 & that part of the SW1/4 & NW1/4 lying east of Mink Creek except tracts 27-104N-31W Martin County, Minnesota. Full legal description will be provided at the auction.  
**PROPERTY LOCATION:** From the junction of Highway #15 & County Road #50 on the south edge of Truman, Minnesota - 6 miles west to 160th Avenue, then 3 miles south on 160th Avenue to 210th Street. Look for auction signs on property.  
**CROP PRODUCTIVITY RATING & SOIL TYPES:** Approximately 91.8 CPI with Nicollet-Crippin, Delft Clay, Clarion Loam, Webster Clay, Canisteo-Glencoe, Clarion-Swanlake, Clarion-Storden, Harps Clay, Glencoe Clay Omsrud-Storden & Klossner Muck.  
**METHOD OF SALE:** Property will be offered as 1 parcel of 239.24 acres more or less.  
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**OWNERS**  
Kay & Mark Sauck and Jane E. & David C. Halverson  
Attorney for the Estate -  
Darin G. Haugen - Erickson, Zierke, Kuderer & Madsen, P.A.  
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## MARTIN COUNTY, MN FARMLAND AUCTION

**160 DEEDED ACRES +/-**  
Tues., January 30, 2018 @ 10:30 AM  
To be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall-920 E 10th Street, Fairmont, MN.

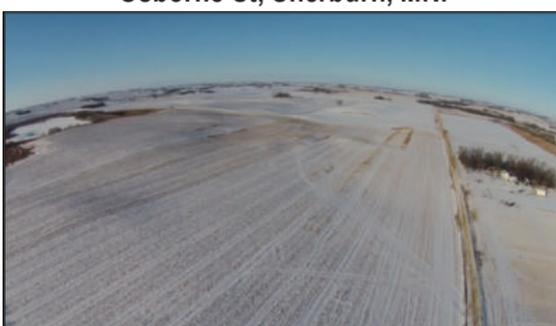


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**177.95 DEEDED ACRES +/-**  
Thurs., February 1, 2018 @ 10:30 AM  
To be held at the Sherburn Legion-18 N Osborne St, Sherburn, MN.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** 177.95 Acres in SE1/4 Sec 22(EX 19.10AC)& E1/2 NE1/4 Sec 27( EX 43.66AC) of Elm Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN T103N, R33W. **INFORMATION:** Good producing tillable land with good soil types. Call for booklets or go to [www.landservicesunlimited.com](http://www.landservicesunlimited.com).

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## UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 10:30 A.M. - ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LATE BENNIE & ALICE BLOM) RESCHEDULED FROM JAN. 21 DUE TO BLIZZARD** - 153.33 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 29 of Lake Belt Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at Legends 2, 103 E. Main St. in Ceylon. DOUG WEDEL & ASSOCIATES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018 10:30 A.M. - JOHN GRABINOWSKI ESTATE RESCHEDULED FROM JAN. 22 DUE TO BLIZZARD** - 110.9 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 35 of Silver Lake Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, MN. DOUG WEDEL & ASSOCIATES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018 10:30 AM. - VANDERIET FAMILY**-160 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec. 8 of Fraser Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to held at Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont, MN. DUSTYN HARTUNG & ASSOCIATES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018 10:30 AM - SICKLER ESTATE** - 177.86 Acres +/- Farmland Auction located in Sec 22 & 27 of Elm Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Sherburn Legion in Sherburn, MN. HARTUNG, KAHLER & ASSOCIATES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 10:30AM** - 239.24 Acres +/- Waverly Township, Martin County, MN Farmland Auction for Kay & Mark Sauck and Jane E. & David C. Halverson, Owners Sale Location: Truman Community Center at 313 N. First Avenue, Truman, MN. DAN PIKE & ASSOCIATES

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018 10:00 AM - MARVIN REZAC ESTATE** - 160 Acres +/- 160 Acres +/- Farmland & Bldg Site Auction in Section 18 of Middletown Twp, Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at the Jackson American Legion Hall. DAN PIKE & ASSOCIATES



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**FISCHER/REUTZEL BENEFIT** - Pictured: Tam Plumhoff, left and Paula Pitman, right, benefit organizers are pictured with Krissy Fischer and Gary Reutzel. A great crowd was on hand Saturday at the Fairmont National Guard Armory, enjoying a meal and silent auction. A number of raffle prizes were awarded at the end of the event. Gary and daughter Krissy were overwhelmed with generous support and tearfully thanked everyone who had donated prizes and attended.

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