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**MILLER-PHILLIS** - Samantha Carrie Lloyd Miller and Justin Kyle Phillis announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Elizabeth Strauser of Madison Lake, Minnesota and John Lloyd of Wadena, Minnesota and Roger and Penny Phillis of Morton, Illinois. Samantha graduated from Fairmont High School in 2009 and Minnesota West Community and Technical College in 2013. She works as a Charge Nurse at the Jackson Good Samaritan Society. Justin graduated from Morton High School in 2006 and Greenville College in 2010. He works as the Youth Director at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. An April 25th wedding is planned at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont.



**FRANCK 80TH** - LeRoy Franck of Fairmont, formerly of Dunnell, will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house at Village Cooperative of Fairmont on Sunday, February 1st. He was born on February 2nd, 1935. Cards can reach him at 1310 Adams Avenue, Apt. 305, Fairmont, MN 56031.

**Toastmasters International** is starting a local Fairmont club. Meetings are scheduled for first and third Mondays of the month. The next meeting is Monday, February 2nd, at 6 p.m., at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Meetings are open to anyone and everyone wishing to strengthen their communication and leadership talents. Join us and bring your friends. For any questions you may email kailail@hotmail.com or call or text at 808-341-6103.

Hustle on over to First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, on Saturday, January 31st, for the "Souper Bowl" 'Fun'raising Supper starting at 5:30 p.m. Featured will be homemade soups, crackers, fresh baked buns, a tasty line up of bars, water, lemonade and coffee. The funds from a free will offering will go to support the ongoing missions of the church.

**Interlaken Heritage Days Committee** will have its next meeting on Wednesday, January 28th at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Library basement meeting room. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to attend.

**The Martin County Area Foundation** is currently accepting grant applications through March 31st. Non-profit organizations interested in starting a program or project to enhance the quality of life in Martin County are encouraged to apply for a grant. Applications are available at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, 323 East Blue Earth Avenue, or online at [www.mcareafoundation.org](http://www.mcareafoundation.org).

**Martin County Mentoring Network** will have a scrapbook party on Thursday, January 29th. All mentors and their mentees of Martin County Mentoring are invited to attend this event and they will be serving pizza and juice. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church Fireside Room from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you have any questions contact Shawn Chambers at 507-238-3117.

**A free community meal** will be served at First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont on Wednesday, January 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Menu: Baked potato with all the toppings, salad, bars and beverages.



**MURPHY** - Bob Murphy will celebrate his 85th birthday at an open house on Saturday, January 31st. The open house will be at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 214 South Holland Street, Blue Earth, Minnesota.



**POULSON** - Evelyn Poulson will celebrate her 80th Birthday on Sunday, February 1st, 2015. Cards may be sent to her at 120 W. 9th St., Fairmont, MN 56031.

Tuesday, February 3rd **People First** will hold its monthly meeting, 3:30 p.m., at MRCIs' cafeteria (703 Cory Lane) in Fairmont. Note change in meeting location. Anybody needing a ride to this event or having questions about People First should contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017.

**Focus on Fairmont** will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 30th, at noon at the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus (SMC) in room 112. All are encouraged to attend. Come and get involved and share your ideas. Contact Steve Hawkins at 399-1615 or [focusonfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:focusonfairmont@gmail.com) with any questions.



Megan Dianna Bosma, Rushmore, Minnesota and James William Marushin, Fairmont

**Fairmont High School Class of 1960** and guests will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday February 3rd at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

## Everly Brothers tribute comes to FOH

On Saturday, February 21st, at 7:30 pm The Blackstad Brothers and The (5 piece) ForEverly Brothers Tribute band will hit the stage at Fairmont Opera House for an evening of the music of the Everly brothers performed exactly as you heard them originally. Don't miss an opportunity to hear almost two hours of the music that will take you back to the treasured era of the 50's and 60's. The set list will include "Wake Up Little Susie", "Dream", "Let It Be Me", "Bye, Bye Love", "Cathy's Clown", and many, many

more. The Blackstad Brothers have performed The Everly brothers music for over 20 years. Because the original Everly Brothers did covers of Bob Dylan, the Blackstads will follow suit. All tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on the Opera House website [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or by phone 507-238-4900. Tickets will also be available at the box office that evening. Box office and bar open at 6:30 p.m. All seats are reserved so get your tickets soon. We are always open to the public.



## Profinium promotes Engelby



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The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Faith Clow is pictured presenting a grant to Officer Justin Jobe of the Truman Police Department.



Two Paws sponsor, D and S Trophies, present Joe Potter (FADP committee) with their \$500 donation to the Fairmont Area Dog Park. Pictured are Don Oechsle, Luke, Sara, Gage, furry friend Jaxon Cyphers, Kelsey Deling, and little Sophie, also representing the dog park committee.

## Fairmont Lakes Foundation's first annual ice fishing contest

The Fairmont Lakes Foundation's first annual ice fishing contest sold out, with 150 fishermen signed up, plus a waiting list of 20 to 25 anglers. Participants came from four states, and an angler from Pierre, South Dakota came the greatest distant. Over 65 fish were entered at The Marina Lodge, weigh-in site.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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 5th - 1.04 lbs.: Crappie, Mark Daschner (biggest panfish)  
 6th - .94 lbs.: Crappie, Bruce Fujian  
 7th - .92 lbs.: Crappie, Adam Wohlhuter (tie winner)  
 8th - .92 lbs.: Crappie, Kevin Bartz  
 9th - .78 lbs.: Crappie, Lukus Malo

10th - .68 lbs.: Crappie, Nick Kain (tie winner)  
 11th - .68 lbs.: Crappie, Ryan Busche  
 12th - .58 lbs.: Crappie, Jeff Bauer (tie winner)  
 13th - .58 lbs.: Crappie, Ryan Shumski



Adam Shell of Fairmont took first place in the walleye division of the Fairmont Lakes Foundation's first annual ice fishing contest on Saturday.



Major sponsors of the ice fishing contest were Sommer Outdoors and The Marina Lodge, both of Fairmont and St. Croix Rods, Park Falls, Wisconsin.

## Martin Luther High School senior sets career benchmark



Martin Luther High School, Northrop Senior Kayley Shoen reached her career benchmark of scoring 1,000 varsity basketball career points recently.

Kayley is the 13th player in Martin Luther history to reach 1,000 varsity points. She reached 29 points in the first half of the game last week and scored a total of 33 game points. (She needed 32 to hit the 1,000 point mark.) The Lady Knights went on to defeat Cleveland 69-42. The Knights are coached by 2004 Alumnus Leslie Wokasch. She is assisted by Dan Krome and Reed Wokasch (2005 Alumnus).

Kayley has played varsity since she was a

freshman and has been a starter and team captain as a junior and senior. Her sophomore season she was named to the conference Honorable Mention team and was awarded the team Most Valuable Defensive player.

As a junior she was named to the All-Conference first team and was awarded both the team Most Valuable Offensive and Most Valuable Defensive awards.

Kayley is a leader on and off the court. Her high GPA has earned her membership in the National Honor Society. She is also active in Yearbook and serves on the Student Council. A four sport athlete, she excels in soccer, basketball, softball and track. She is also active in 4-H.

Kayley is currently undecided on where she will attend college. She would like to go somewhere to play basketball and possibly soccer as well. She is planning to major in biology. Kayley is the daughter of Don and Dawn Shoen of Truman.

## MCW senior nets 1,000th career point

Martin County West girls basketball player Taryn Tumbleson has reached a milestone only 9 other MCW girls basketball athletes have reached in their career.

Last Monday night in the first half of the game against Granada-Huntley/East Chain/Truman in Trimont Taryn made a shot that was her 1,000th career point in her career. A short ceremony was held to com-



memorate the milestone with fans in the stands displaying signs of support

for Taryn. She finished the game with 26 points. Accomplishing this task is a milestone in itself, but Tumbleson had to overcome some large obstacles leading up to this big night. In August of 2013, Taryn was driving to school to catch a bus to the season opener of the MCW volleyball season when she lost control of her vehicle, rolling it numerous times before coming to rest upright. She suffered 11 broken ribs, compression fracture to her back, a bad concussion and a few minor injuries. She was airlifted to Rochester from Fairmont and spent a long session in intensive care recovering from her injuries.

Tumbleson has come a long way back and is considered by some as "a walking miracle" following her initial prognosis after the accident.

She has put that time behind her now and has proven that she has completed the long road of recovery with her milestone last week.

Taryn is the daughter of Trent and Melissa Tumbleson of rural Sherburn.

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## Engaged Fathers

Back in the early 60's, (when I gave birth to my children), it was the custom for the father to wait, sleep, read and relax in the father's room, while the mother gave birth to their children. In that era, the gender of the child was revealed at birth and it was then customary for the father to visit family and friends to distribute cigars sporting either a pink or a blue announcement band, and receive the congratulatory handshakes. The mother would usually stay at the hospital for up to five days and once home the responsibility of caring for the newborn, as well as the other children in the household, was assumed to be hers and hers alone. I can tell you from experience that those were very tough years, as by then, many of us were also holding down full time jobs and trying to "doing it all".

By the 80's, according to USA Today, this trend began to shift, and fathers began taking on new roles within the household. By 2011 this study sites more and more couples working together toward a much more balanced distribution of childcare duties; a goal that I encourage all couples to work toward. Nothing makes me smile more, than to witness great parenting; and I get genuinely ecstatic when I

see amazing and engaged fathers like my Grandson-in-law Brady, as he cares for, and interacts with his son Kaylor... it truly warms my heart! My excitement increases when I see research by the American Psychological Assn. showing that the influence of a father's love on a child's development is as great as the influence of a mother's love. Fatherly love helps children develop a sense of their place in the world, which helps their social, emotional and cognitive development and functioning. (These are the very reasons that I find it extremely sad that often loving, well intentioned, non-residential fathers have to fight for their right to be that engaged parent, when it is proven fact that they play such a huge role in that child's development.)

So, why do you think that someone like me, who usually writes about essential oils and natural products, all of a sudden gets on her soapbox about fathers being engaged in childcare? Well, it's all because of a little 5 year old boy who said to me... "I just **"WOV"** **"WOV"** **"WOV"** when my daddy put my **OYOS** on". It was those words that almost gave me goose bumps... not only because it reinforced the fact that this precious child had an engaged father, but that his

father was involved in the "wellness" piece of his parenting.

Currently, the attendees at our essential oils classes are predominately women; and in these classes we teach them to become a **"healer in their home"**. But that little 5 year old boy, and others like him, have taught me that when daddy takes care of a child, either to fix his boo boo, help him feel better or just perform a daily routine to keep him well, that daddy becomes the **"hero in their home"**.

With the trend of wellness that we teach, fathers have a great opportunity to attend our classes and learn to become that hero....(capes are optional). So, for the women who attend our classes, bring your spouses, guys who have been attending, keep on attending; and if one of you needs to stay home with the children, take turns coming to our classes to soak up all the wonderful information that we have to share, then take that information home and share it again.

Looking forward to seeing all you healers and heroes at our classes....until then.

*To learn more about our classes or to be placed on a list to receive updates and notifications of class dates, times and subjects, please contact me; my contact information is at the top of this article.*

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Nearly 400 South Dakota School of Mines & Technology students were named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester. In order to merit a spot on the Dean's List, stu-

dents must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of twelve credit hours. Local students named to the list are: **Nicholas Hilgen-dorf**, electrical engineering; **Nicholas Roggow**, computer engineering, Fairmont.

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BlueSky Online School (BlueSky) congratulates **Hailey Hartmann** of Granada on achieving a 3.3 grade point average

in her first semester at BlueSky.

"Hailey is one of 68 students who made the honor roll this semester, making this a great personal achievement," said Amy Larsen, executive director at BlueSky.

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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Farmer's Strata

### Growing up on the farm!

I had a wonderful, carefree childhood growing up on the farm! We could always see the sunrises and sunsets, and try to locate the star constellations on clear starry nights! I grew up with one sister one year younger. I don't ever remember being bored. We created our own fun, playing pioneer down by the dredge ditch; making pretend outdoor play houses in the grove, dragging boards, crates and what we could rummage out of the junk pile; and even making floats out of cardboard boxes and crepe paper for our make believe parades, using our dolls as parade queens! My dad milked those gentle brown Swiss cows. Those early morning chores always called for hearty breakfast! No skipping breakfasts at the Taylor home!

In my recipe file I found this hearty recipe for Farmer's Strata, which I thought fitting for this week's recipe. I hope you enjoy it! Plan ahead - this needs to be refrigerated overnight before baking.

#### Farmer's Strata

1 lb bacon, cut into 1/2 inch pieces  
2 cups chopped fully cooked ham  
1 small onion, chopped  
10 slices white bread cubed  
1 cup cubed cooked potatoes  
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
8 eggs  
3 cups milk  
1 Tbsp. worcestershire sauce  
1 tsp ground mustard  
salt and pepper to taste

Cook bacon 'til crisp; add ham and onion, cook and stir until onion is tender. Drain. In greased 9x13 inch baking dish, layer half the bread cubes, half the potatoes and half the cheese, then top with the bacon mixture. Repeat layers of bread, potatoes and cheese. Beat eggs; add milk, worcestershire sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over all, cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 65-70 minutes or 'til knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let set 10 minutes before cutting.

Have a great week!

## Fairmont hires new Economic Development Director

Interviews were concluded last Thursday for the position of Fairmont Economic Development Coordinator. The position was offered to Linsey Preuss with unanimous support from the FEDA Board interview committee and management staff. Linsey officially accepted the position Monday morning, January 19th, 2015.

"I am very excited to have Linsey join our team at the City of Fairmont. Linsey has an exceptional business finance and economic development background,"

said Mike Humpal, Fairmont City Administrator. "It is fabulous to have a person from the area accept the position. Linsey's knowledge of the area, her work with Region 9, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and other local economic development practitioners from the 9-county region set her apart from the other candidates." Tom Lytle, FEDA Board member and part of the interview team said he and the other members of the interview committee were impressed

with Linsey's knowledge and passion for economic development.

Linsey Preuss was born and raised in Wells, graduated from United South Central High School and went on to graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance. Linsey has been with the for Fairbault County Development Corporation for six years, and as Executive Director, worked on business and economic development in Fairbault County. She

is the Chair of the Region Nine Development Commission's Community and Economic Development Committee, a Consultant for the Small Business Development Center, a board member on the South Central Workforce Council and Co-Chair of the Council's Workforce Committee. Linsey is a member of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota and the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Linsey will join the Fairmont team on February 5th, 2015.

## CER Lights On For Kids School Walk for Diabetes

Fairmont Community Education and Recreation LIGHTS ON FOR KIDS afterschool enrichment program is hosting the School Walk for Diabetes on Thursday, January 29th, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary School.

School Walk For Diabetes is a national educational school fund-raising program that promotes diabetes awareness, healthy lifestyles and community service involvement. Money raised helps fund diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the mission of the American Diabetes Association. The Walk includes a hospitality room with refreshments. Family and friends are encouraged to walk with their children. Youth in Grades 2 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Snack and water donated by Hy-vee.

Following receipt of written permission forms by parents and confirmation by CER, youth in Grades 3-6 have received envelopes to collect donations.

Registrations for the walk may be made at the CER office, prior to January 29th. Donations may be dropped off at the CER office January 26th-30th between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Make checks payable to: American Diabetes Association-School Walk for Diabetes. Anyone wishing to participate in the walk may also register after 3:15 pm that day in the Fairmont Elementary School Commons or CER Office (You are encouraged to give \$5 per person donation if you have not already supported one of the registered youth walkers).

For more information, contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation program at 235-3141.

## Kinship Gala Gowns Go Green

Gather up your gently used prom, party, wedding, holiday or cruise wear and bring to: Fairmont locations - Schweser's in the mall, Giddy Up or Farm Bureau Insurance downtown, Slumberland Furniture next to HyVee or the Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School prior to Thursday, February 12th.

For more information contact Peg Goeke, 238-4000, Char Kahler, 236-4606 or Anna Fuller, 238-4440.

The sale will be Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Noon-4 p.m., February 14th and 15th in the Fairmont Raceway store (use Sears entrance at mall). This event not only raises funds to support the mentoring in Kinship, it helps girls (and others too) be able to afford to have a nice dress for their prom or special occasion. Kinship is totally dependent on local donations and fund-raisers.

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**CHECK IT OUT!**  
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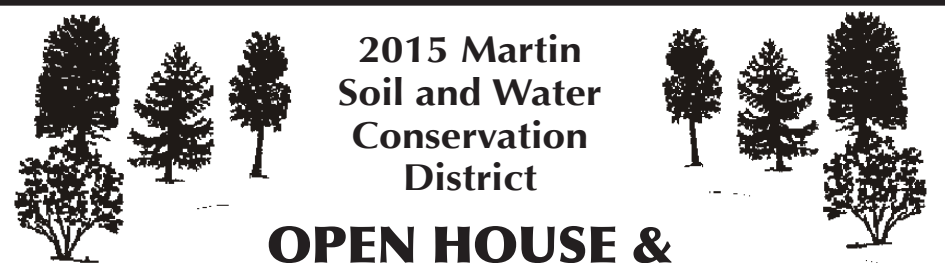
cards, the perfect for giving to family and friends! Cathy Dahl, a graphic artist and paper crafter, will lead the sessions. Join us at the Sherburn Library on Wednesday, February 4th at 2 pm, the Trimont Library on Thursday, February 5th at 4 pm OR the Fairmont Library on Saturday, February 7th at 10:30 am. Whether you are a crafting whiz or a beginner, you are welcome to partake in this fun event! This program is funded by a grant from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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Breakfast Pizza, salsa/juice.  
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meal, toast, raisins/fruit. Lunch:  
Chicken Hotdish, green peas,  
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seasoned peas, cherry tomatoes,  
orange wedges, diced pears.**FRIDAY:** Turkey & Cheese  
Hoagie, baby carrots, apple  
wedges, raisins and cookie.**MONDAY:** Souper Bowl  
Championship homemade chili,  
cornbread, celery, diced peaches.**TUESDAY:** Beef Soft Shell Ta-  
cos, brown rice, seasoned corn,  
red pepper strips, applesauce.**WEDNESDAY:** VG Chicken  
Nuggets, dinner roll, mashed po-  
tatoes, baby carrots, pineapple  
tidbits.**ST. PAUL LUTH., FMT.**Menus subject to change due  
to inclement weather, short-  
ages or delays in shipping.**JAN 29 - FEB 4****THURSDAY:** BBQ Pork, pine-  
apple, broccoli, cookie, milk.**FRIDAY:** Cheese Pizza, peach-  
es, side salad, red pepper strips,  
milk.**MONDAY:** Turkey Wrap, or-  
ange, veggies, cookie, milk.**TUESDAY:** Beef Nachos, re-  
fried beans, rice, pineapple, milk.**WEDNESDAY:** Pork Chop-  
pette, mashed potatoes, gravy,  
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seeds, apple slices, apple juice, milk.  
JR/HS: Biscuits and gravy, Cocoa  
Puffs and yogurt, PB & J, raisins, OJ.**Lunch** K-6: Cheeseburger, ham  
and cheese sandwich, peas, celery  
sticks, mixed fruit. JR/HS: Turkey  
Mini Corn Dogs, potato wedges.**FRIDAY: Breakfast** K-6:Cheerios Bar, cinnamon graham  
cracker, raisins, tangerine juice,  
milk. JR/HS: Sausage, Egg, Cheese  
Bagel Sandwich, cinnamon toast  
crunch, apple cinnamon muf-  
fin, PB & J, grape juice.**Lunch**  
K-6: Toasted Cheese, turkey and  
cheese sandwich, tomato soup,  
carrots, orange wedges. JR/HS:  
Italian Meatsauce over Tortellini,  
breadstick, peas.**MONDAY: Breakfast** K-6:Golden Grahams Bar, sunflower  
seeds, orange, apple juice, milk.  
JR/HS: Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon  
Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin,**Lunch**  
K-6: Cheeseburger, turkey and  
cheese sandwich, baked beans,  
carrots, pears. JR/HS: Chili, corn-  
bread, turkey noodle, toasted  
cheese, peas.**TUESDAY: Breakfast** K-6:Trix Bar, goldfish, banana, apple  
juice, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on  
Stick, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt,  
PB & J, applesauce, OJ.**Lunch**  
K-6: Cheese Sticks, sauce, chef  
salad, broccoli, cucumber slices,  
applesauce. JR/HS: Beef Soft Shell,  
brown rice, refried beans, corn.**WEDNESDAY: Breakfast** K-6:Cocoa Puffs Bar, goldfish,  
apple, tangerine juice, milk. JR/HS:  
French Toast Sticks, syrup, Honey  
Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB  
& J, raisins, apple juice.**Lunch**  
K-6: Hot Dog, Bagel/yogurt/string  
cheese, peas broccoli, cinnamon  
apples. JR/HS: Chicken Nuggets,  
dinner roll, mashed potatoes and  
gravy.**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 29 - FEB 4****THURSDAY:** Tator Tot Hotdish, peas & carrots, beet pickles, ice cream, rye dinner roll, milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Lemon Pepper Fish, parslid potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding, bread and but-  
ter, milk.**MONDAY:** Beef Stroganoff, noodles, corn on the cob, eclair, bread & butter, milk.**TUESDAY:** Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, winter mix veggies, bread pudding, bread  
and butter, milk.**WEDNESDAY:** Hamburger on Bun, tri-tator, bush beans, angel food cake with whipped  
topping, milk.**HOT MEALS ON WHEELS**Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for con-  
valescents 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  
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### Mayo Clinic Health System Q&A

Greetings from Mayo Clinic Health System. The New Year is officially here, and we are looking forward to continuing to make progress in 2015. There are more local health care improvements coming this year. Additionally, we are fully committed to further engaging with the community as we all work together toward becoming a healthier place to live, work and play.

Here are answers to a few common questions:

**Q. What's the current status of the flu?**

A. This influenza season has been very active, which has created an influx of patients in clinics, same-day care locations and Emergency Departments across the nation. Fairmont has also been hit hard, including medical center employees. We have implemented visitor restrictions at our medical centers throughout the region that limit each patient to two visitors, and those visitors must be family members or significant others who are in good health. We urge all community members to use proper hand hygiene, stay home from work or school if you're sick, and to get a flu vaccine if you haven't yet had one. The influenza A strain that's most prevalent this year isn't covered by this season's vaccine, but it's still a good idea to get vaccinated.

**Q. Is there a new weight-loss service coming to Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont?**

A. Yes, the Mayo Clinic Health System weight loss and bariatric surgery program begins in Fairmont Jan. 20 with a free information session at noon in the main classroom of the medical center. Attendees will learn how our comprehensive program of surgery, dietary counseling, behavior modification, exercise and support can lead to a healthier life. Information sessions are offered once a month, and registration is recommended.

If patients elect to have weight-loss (bariatric) surgery, the procedure will take place in Mankato. All other aspects of the program — such as nutrition and behavioral health consultations — will occur in Fairmont. Megan Gilmore, M.D., and Heidi Bednarchuk, registered nurse, lead the program. Visit [mayoclinichealthsystem.org](http://mayoclinichealthsystem.org) or call 507-304-7020 for more information.

**Q. Are there any staffing updates?**

A. With mixed emotions, we report that Jeff Cunningham, M.D., will be leaving on Feb. 2. Dr. Cunningham enjoyed his time at the medical center but has decided to move closer to his significant other and establish his practice in Northfield, Minnesota. We wish Dr. Cunningham the best in his future and thank him for his time caring for our community members. Efforts to recruit a replacement for Dr. Cunningham's family medicine position have already begun.

**Q. What is the InstyMed Station?**

A. The InstyMed Station is a secure prescription medication vending machine located in the Emergency Department (ED) waiting area that allows patients who have been discharged from the ED to receive a short-term supply of special prescription medications from an authorized ED physician. The machine accepts cash and credit cards. This service benefits patients by offering convenient, after-hours access to medications they need.

**Q. Are there any upcoming events at the medical center?**

A. Mayo Clinic Health


System in Fairmont is presenting Speaking of Health: Managing Persistent Pain on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the main classroom of the medical center. Mary Sebas, nurse practitioner, will discuss many aspects of chronic pain during this free event.

In addition, we will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce PM Exchange event March 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. Save the date for now, and we will release more information in the coming weeks.

**Q. What's behind the Mayo Clinic recruitment ads for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPNs) that are in local papers?**

A. The ads are part of an institution-wide recruitment campaign by Mayo Clinic Nursing and Human Resources. The ads have appeared in newspapers all across southern Minnesota. Some ads are geared toward those interested in the Rochester-based LPN training program. An ad that will appear in the Fairmont Sentinel and Truman Tribune next week is to encourage licensed LPNs to consider a career at Mayo Clinic sites across the Midwest. Mayo Clinic across the Midwest has approximately 100 open LPN positions in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In Fairmont, we employ about 40 LPNs at the clinic and Lutz Wing nursing home. However, we don't have any current LPN openings. In the region, Mayo Clinic has LPN openings in Mankato and New Prague.

-Marie Morris, M.D., Medical Director  
-Bob Bartingale, Administrator  
Please contact Bob Bartingale at 507-238-5070 or [bartingale.rob-ert@mayo.edu](mailto:bartingale.rob-ert@mayo.edu) with any questions.



Fox Lake 4-H had their January meeting on January 11th, 2015.

The meeting was called to order and the Flag Pledges were said. Roll call was favorite exercise. The Secretaries and Treasurer's reports were presented, seconded and approved by the members in attendance. The approval of the agenda also took place. Old Business was discussed and approved.

New business was then presented. The focus was the upcoming club event.

There was much discussion on where to have the event. It was decided to have the get-together at the Lake Crystal Recreation Center at 2:00 pm on the regular meeting day, (2/08/2015). After the get-together there will be pizzas and a short meeting.

Think about a weekend in March for the lock-in. Also watch for news on animal identification and registration. It will arrive on-line. Shooting Sports information will be arriving soon too. There will be a new member family night on January 13th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Please RSVP to Kristie by Monday at 5:00 pm if you are planning to attend. There is also a special

4-H discount for to the World's Toughest Rodeo. The Humane Society sent us a thank-you for the donation we made to them in December. The New Business was approved.

Additional items brought up were: On-line registration is now open to enroll in 4-H for the upcoming year. Blu Registration was due January 5th, 2015. The meeting was then adjourned.

Next meeting will be on February 8th, 2015 at the Lake Crystal Recreation Center at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
by Reporters Ayanna and Kaiden Boerner



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I personally feel so very bad for all those people that will be losing their jobs at Fairmont Foods. Back in 1980 Fairmont Foods gave both me and my wife a job. We then lived in Lake Crystal, MN so the job brought us and our 3 kids back to Fairmont. We are forever grateful. We now have our own business with 21 employees with satellite offices in Orlando, Florida and Winnipeg, Manitoba. I notice in the Fairmont Sentinel that Mike Humpal said that the announcement of the shutdown was the first he had heard about it. I would like to hope that our city is using all their resources to fight the economic problems Fairmont is encountering. Looking at the Fairmont Foods business employing 170 people, I would think that there would have been numerous visits from our city staff to the Fairmont Foods Human Resource department asking questions about current employment and if they are looking at any expansions that would create more jobs. We may have not been blindsided if that have taken place. My company, Commodity Services is expanding rapidly. We have purchased The Triangle property and plan to put up a 12,000 sq ft 2 story building this coming spring. We will have job positions available for several new employees. The city staff is very aware of our intentions. My good friend the Mayor of Fairmont is aware

that our company has been working on expansion in the Fairmont area for some time. I wonder why neither the city staff nor the mayor have ever stopped by our business or called asking questions. How many job openings will you have? What can the city of Fairmont do to help you? We cannot afford to lose any more jobs in Fairmont. Businesses need to be contacted and worked with to head off possible problems. We as a city need to know what is happening so we can work out a plan how to deal with the future. This takes tons of personal effort and lots of personal contact with companies here or planning to locate here. Obviously this has not been happening and now we have 170 people without a job. As far as companies that are here already, they need to know that Fairmont appreciates their existence and ask them, what Fairmont can do to make things better. Are they planning expansion or are they having troubles. Times will not get better until Fairmont finds a way to maintain current businesses and work towards better ways to encourage new businesses to locate in the beautiful town of lakes, Fairmont.

Terry Maakestad  
President  
Commodity Services, Inc.

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To the Editor:  
On behalf of the STEP, Inc. Board of Directors,

Sue Eisenmenger, Executive Director has announced the establishment of an endowment fund for STEP, Inc. Although largely funded by government monies, STEP wants to be able to provide the services people with disabilities want even in times when government funding is scarce or when there is no government funding stream available. STEP is looking to community members to help fund the services that will benefit both people with disabilities and the community in general.

All gifts to the STEP, Inc. Endowment Fund will be put into a permanently restricted fund. This fund will be managed by members of the STEP, Inc. Board of Directors with assistance from outside financial planners. Only the earnings from this fund will be used to provide annual income to STEP, Inc. A gift to the STEP, Inc. Endowment Fund will help people with disabilities for years to come. It will allow STEP, Inc. and people with disabilities to "Embrace Our Future".

You can make a difference by donating to STEP in a variety of ways. In addition to monetary gifts, securities, bonds, real estate, property and insurance policies could also be used as assets for STEP's Endowment Fund. STEP and the people with disabilities we work with would also benefit from being included in your planned charitable giving as part of your financial and estate planning. To make a monetary donation or for further information, please contact:

Executive Director  
STEP, Inc.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 1990

Jim Hongslo, president of the Fairmont National Bank, announced the promotion of Allen Core to Senior Vice President and Kevin Pfingsten as vice president, as of February 1st. Pfingsten was coming from 1st National Bank of Jackson.

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The Fairmont Opera House was to feature the "Lost Nation String Band", originated and led by Fairmont native Warren Nelson. Warren had endeared himself to his hometown as a teenager when he organized, managed and performed with Nellie's Folk. Nelson's combo grew into the Tenth Story Window. Later he performed an outstanding production of his own melodies with a special group of

musicians in presenting "A Martin County Hornpipe." Nelson was manager and contributor to the Lake Superior Big To-p Chautauqua at Bayfield, Wisconsin.

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Barb Kotewa of Fairmont was winner of a 1980 Mazda 626 given away by Militello Motors, as part of the company's third annual Indoor Used Car, Truck and Van Sale held at the Fairmont American Legion Hall.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 1965

Diane Steen, Fairmont High School senior, was named Fairmont Junior Miss and was to represent the city in the state pageant to be held in Fairmont. First runner-up and alternate chosen by Exchange Club officers was

Pam Endersbe.

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Fairmont Adult Evening School was launched with 29 subjects offered. Four courses were dropped because of insufficient enrollment - camera techniques, beginning sewing, machine shop practices, and recreational crafts.

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State approval was received by the City of Fairmont to annex parts of Fairmont Township into the city limits.

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The March of Dimes defeat of polio through the Salk vaccine began a new drive, "The Mother's March," designed to tackle two new targets, birth defects and arthritis.

Blueberry juice boosts memory.  
With two forks and a charge, a pickle will emit light.  
You can overdose on caffeine.





Nature does some very interesting things that we have no control over and many times don't understand why it happened or is happening. When it is frigid cold outside, we complain about it and wish it was summer and we were enjoying warmer temperatures. When it is blistering hot in the summer and we complain about the excessive heat and humidity, we wish that it was winter and we had cooler temperatures. Then there are times that things happen and we can't explain how or why it happened. Last Saturday, Karis and I woke up to find that one of our front porch windows had a weird de-



sign on it from the cool temperatures and light frost we had. When you looked out the window, it looked

like you were looking at a picture in a frame made of frost. It was in a perfect oval and I went out to see what might have caused it. I assumed that the double windowpane had a crack in it and it let some moisture in between the panes, but I could not find any crack in it. We both studied the window trying to explain it and Karis finally grabbed the camera to take a picture of it since no one would believe it if we told them about it. By Saturday afternoon the oval was gone and we just chalked it up to the beauty of nature and the mysteries it creates.

#### Athletes reach 1,000!

Congratulations goes out to two local athletes for reaching major milestones in their sport this past week. Martin County West girls' basketball player Taryn Tumbleson scored her 1,000th career point last week in a game against Granada-Huntley/Tru-

man on her home court in Trimont. She is only the tenth player in MCW girls' basketball history who has reached this milestone. Up at Martin Luther High School in Northrop, senior girls basketball player Kayley Shoen reached the 1,000th career point milestone last week. She is the 13th Martin Luther High School athlete to reach that mark. Congratulations to both athletes on your achievements!

#### It's a mentor thing

January is National Mentor Appreciation month. Across the country, there are organizations that have adults mentoring children by spending time with them, getting to know them, having new experiences together and just plain having fun together. In Martin County we are lucky to have to larger organizations that feature mentors: Fairmont Area Kinship and the Martin County Mentor-

ing Network. Last week, we featured some pictures and testimonials from Fairmont Area Kinship adult volunteers and their "mentees". If you have never had the opportunity to volunteer in this way and are interested in helping to make an impact on a young person's life, contact Anna Fuller at Fairmont Area Kinship or Shawn Chambers at Martin County Mentoring Network.

#### Games & 'Cakes

Before I go this week, there are a couple of activities to let you know about. A relatively new group in Fairmont called the Fairmont Area Newcomers and Neighbors are having a Winter Game Night on Thursday, January 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Five Lakes Elementary School. This group was formed to welcome in newcomers to Fairmont and to help them learn about all that this area has to offer. There will be a

night of indoor games, including beanbags, foosball, Ping-Pong and many others. You can bring a friend or meet a few new ones. Then on Sunday, February 1st, the Boy Scout Troop #56 will have their 43rd annual pancake breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancakes will be served, along with sausage or ham, juice, milk or coffee all for a great price! Then of course, there is the big football game that evening which I'm sure many of us will be watching and cheering for our favorite team. I wonder how many footballs will be deflated for that game?

Have a great week!

*Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - become a mentor!*

- Jeff

## Nature by the yard

By Al Batt

It was a lovely January day. It was good to take a leisurely walk after having been fenced in by the cold, wind and snow.

There was no smell of skunk. That scent is a sign of a coming spring.

I stopped to look and listen so often that I moved with the speed of a building. I learned as a child to pick up my feet, but they didn't want to go. There was too much to experience.

A dark form flew overhead.

When I want to see a bird, crows come in handy. The crow flew from a tree with a flurry of caws. Watching birds fly lifts me during troubled times. Birds are beautiful. George Orwell wrote, "The essence of being human is that one does not seek perfection."

That is true, but a bird in flight appears to be perfect and I delight in its appearance.

Birding isn't only about birds. It's about place, too. Birding is about gathering memories. It's a connection to something bigger. It's a wonderment. It's becoming lost in the excitement. It's freeing the mind to travel where it wants to go. This provides a place to reclaim happy times.

I stood without movement, savoring the moment.

A squirrel, clinging to the trunk of a tree, looked about suspiciously.

I looked suspicious.

Q-and-A

"Where do frogs spend the winter?" During our winters, frogs and toads become dormant, hibernating either underwater or under leaf litter on the ground. The northern leopard frog spends the winter swimming slowly under the ice of

lakes, ponds and streams. Wood frogs, chorus frogs, gray tree frogs and spring peepers lie frozen under leaf litter on the floor of woodlands.

"You once had a suet recipe in your column. I used it and it worked great, but I lost the recipe. Help." I have printed many. This one is quite popular and I hope it's the one. Melt 1 cup of lard and 1 cup of crunchy peanut butter in a microwave oven or over low heat on a stove. Stir and add: 2 cups of quick cook oats, 2 cups yellow cornmeal, 1 cup of flour and 1/3 cup of sugar. Pour into containers and freeze as ammunition for your suet feeders or logs.

"When is the breeding season for coyotes?" Mid-January is generally the onset of not only coyote, but also red fox breeding cycles. Cold, crisp winter nights afford opportunities to listen for the high-pitched yipping

of coyotes or the raspy barks of red fox. The coyote has a 63-day gestation period and the red fox around a 53-day one. Litters of both species are born in March or April.

"How many eggs do bald eagles lay?" Bald eagles typically lay one to three eggs, which they incubate for about 35 days before hatching. The male and female take turns sitting on the eggs.

"Do our woodpeckers migrate?" Most remain in the same approximate areas where they were born. The red-headed woodpecker, northern flicker and yellow-bellied sapsucker do migrate.

#### Nature lessons

Red foxes grow a long winter coat that keeps them warm. An adult fox rarely retreats to a den during the winter, curling into a ball in the open and using its bushy tail to wrap around its nose and feet instead.

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If you perceive financial difficulty in having your child(ren) participate in this event, please contact a local Greenwing Committee Member for sponsorship support.



Red-Bellied Woodpecker by Al Batt

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## Martin SWCD Outstanding Conservationist

Martin SWCD nominated Tom and Jean Maday of East Chain, MN as their 2014 Outstanding Conservationist.

They currently run a corn/soybean operation and are involved in a livestock partnership that finishes hogs. The Madays will be installing a 228 acre RIM/WRP permanent easement wetland restoration in Fall 2015. They also have many acres in CRP.

In addition to being conservationists, they are also involved in their local community. Tom is the past Chairman of the Agribusiness Committee, spent six years on the Martin County Foundation board, and is a former member of the Granada Huntley East Chain School Board. He was also a past trustee at their church

and is involved with the Knights of Columbus.

Tom and Jean won for area six which includes 11 counties in Minnesota, and were invited to attend the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conser-

vation Districts annual meeting held in Bloomington in December.

Congratulations Tom and Jean!



**Tom and Jean Maday of East Chain, MN as their 2014 Outstanding Conservationist.**

## Stewardship is everyone's responsibility

by Michael J. Katzenmeyer, Fairmont Lakes Foundation

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. is trying to re-establish a voice of advocacy for our lakes resource. We ask that everyone who utilizes these lakes would join us and become advocates as well. We can only maintain, protect, and enhance this resource if everyone will help.

Last Saturday, volunteers from the Fairmont Lakes Foundation and City employees met to auger the holes on Lake Sisseton and George Lake to accommodate the thin ice warning signs, as the aerators will soon be active. While in the process of completing the project, we came across a synthetic 12 pack carrier and empty beer cans left on the ice by an inconsiderate recreational user of the lake.

Recognizing that the lakes are frozen, providing additional access to our water resource that normally would not be available during the summer season, some people forget that just because the snow will cover some of the ills caused by littering, it will be back. The spring thaws will expose the abuses of the

lakes, as debris long covered will begin washing up on the shoreline, leaving the lakeshore property owners, or City employees to clean up and dispose of the unwanted mess.

This should also serve as a reminder to ice fishermen who stake out a fishing spot with a fish house whether portable or "permanent," that you are responsible for cleaning up your site as you remove your fish house.

Recreational use of the lakes often includes a get-together that may or may not include a fire accompanied by beverages of choice. Recreational use of the lakes is good to see. Abandoning the remnants of the party for someone else to clean up is not.

There are protective ordinances in place to regulate the proper use of our lakes resource. The amount of surface area to be covered poses an enforcement issue. That is where we must all recognize that our stewardship responsibility has to extend beyond our own property lines. We do not have to don a uniform or a badge to be an advocate. If

we see something that is not right, there is nothing wrong with addressing it,



whether you choose to do it personally or refer it to someone who will.

It is exciting to think of the changes that will be made on the lakes this summer. The Bird bridge project will be completed, the "Filtration Plant" site will welcome a new floating fishing pier, Amber Lake will receive a new and improved fishing pier, as well as an updated dock at the landing, Wards Park will receive a new dock at the landing, and upgrades will be made at many of the 19 fishing piers/ docks on our lakes. These changes will greatly enhance the public access to our lakes for many residents and visitors who do not own watercraft.

Summer can't get here fast enough!

## Environmental Awareness Day

Environmental Awareness Day was held on September 16th, 2014. Beginning in the mid 1970's, the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation district has set aside one day in the fall for all 5th grade students in our county 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 and the native prairie. A one hour pre-

sensation from the Raptor Center is always a big hit with the students as well.

The event is 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.



**Environmental Awareness Day presentation presented by the University of Minnesota Raptor Center.**

## 2015 highlight shrub – The black chokeberry

by Rich Perrine

The Black chokeberry, also known as Aroniaberry, *Aronia melanocarpus*, is a deciduous shrub belonging to the rose family. It is a good stout shrub for



use in wildlife or shelter-belt plantings, growing to a height of 5 to 10 feet. It is an attractive plant, displaying showy white flower clusters with glossy dark green leaves emerging in the spring. In the fall, the leaves turn to a reddish orange and dark, nearly black clusters of fruit hang from near the branch tips. The berries can be canned whole or the juice can be

used for jelly or juice. Locally, folks who have tried the berries in pie brag of their exceptional flavor.

Although common in forested areas of central Minnesota, and native to the eastern U. S. it has been grown in Europe and Asia for many years and is only more recently being planted to any extent here. Aronia berries are currently being grown commercially in the Midwest for use in the health food industry, where they are noted for their high antioxidant value.



## 2015 MSWC District Open House Tree Order Days

2015 Martin Soil & Water Conservation District Open House and Conservation Tree Order Days

The annual Martin SWCD Tree Order Days/ Open House will be held on Thursday January 29th, Friday January

30th, and Saturday January 31st. Stop by and visit us on Thursday and Friday

from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or on Saturday from 8:00 am to Noon at the District office in Fairmont, located at 923 North State Street, Suite 110.

Come join us for coffee,

cookies, donuts and a chance to win a free tree.

If you have any questions about our Tree Order Days, please contact our office 507-235-6680.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Blanding's Turtle priority area

Westford and Waverly Townships have been designated as a priority area for the state threatened Blanding's Turtle.

The MN DNR Nongame Wildlife Program has partnered with DNR Wildlife, Martin SWCD, Fox Lake Conservation League (FLCL) and the Martin County Conservation Club (MCCC) to improve the habitat for Blanding's Turtles and other species of wildlife within the Perch Creek corridor. The project is currently focused on 72 acres located on the Perch Creek WMA and on two private parcels that are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program under a perpetual easement.

Grant funding through DNR Nongame Wildlife has provided \$2,500 used for the initial chemical treatment of the regrowth following a burn in the spring of 2013. A second grant of \$4,000 along with matching

Work included removing invasive species, primarily Brome grass, Reed canary grass and Hybrid cattails. Invasive species have been removed and local ecotype native plants are becoming established within wetland areas, in the transition zone and on the upland areas of the project. Once established, the diverse range of native species will provide a huge improvement in habitat value, compared to the monocultures that dominated the area.

One of the primary goals of the project is to establish short clump type vegetation on the hill tops and upper side slopes. Blanding's Turtles, Pintails and several other species of prairie wildlife that require this type of habitat for nesting and foraging, are expected to benefit from the project.

It will take many years of close monitoring, spot weed control and supplemental seeding to insure



Blanding's Turtles, Official Status: State Threatened

funds from the FLCL and MCCC provided follow-up weed control and seeding of most of the project. Final preparation and seeding on approximately 5 acres of dry hillside will be completed this coming spring using local club funding.

the successful establishment of diverse plant communities needed to support the pollinators and other wildlife species of need within this project area to maximize its ecological value.

## Martin County Conservation Club 2014 Update

by Steve Maurice

Last year was the Club's 100th year of providing our County's citizens with opportunities for outdoor recreation and helping the environment.

Close to 400 people enjoyed our second banquet with a delicious meal, exciting raffles and drawings and prizes. We also honored Jim Welchlin for his 27 years as president and 50 years as a director, a record that is unlikely to be matched.

Proceeds from our banquet were used for youth activities, donations for other organizations for conservation with Mart Soil and Water Conservation District and the DNR. We donated funds to two youth trap shooting teams: Fairmont High School and 4H shooting sports teams. They in turn helped us with the cleanup of our park on North Silver Lake in April. We also made donations to "Let's Go Fishing for Seniors," the Harry Stewart Environmental Day in September, East Chain Sportsmen Club's youth day, and Dollars for Scholars. Funds were also set aside for purchase of public hunting land.

We held a Youth Habitat Day at the Five Lakes Centre again this year in March. Approximately 110 wren houses and robin nesting shelves were built

with the help of our members for kids to take home for bird habitat and to get them interested in the natural world. We gave away an additional 65 birdhouses and 25 wood duck nesting boxes. Eighty wren houses were given to first graders in the County's parochial schools and Sunday school classes.

Fishing poles were lent to any youth who needed one at the Kiwanis/Bass Seekers Fishing Derby at Gomsrud Park in June. The day was beautiful but the fish didn't cooperate.

In August, the Club received another check from the Betty A. Lewis Environmental

Trust in the amount of \$5,892. Ms. Lewis grew up in the Truman/Lewisville area and became a professor at Princeton University. As part of her will, she designated funds to be distributed to four 501(c)3 groups doing conservation work in the Truman/Lewisville area. This annual distribution is very much appreciated. The 2013 and 2014 funds will be used in partnership with the Fox Lake Conservation League and Martin County Pheasants Forever for a grant from the Legacy Fund for additions to the Perch Creek WMA and/or an acquisition near Bright Lake.

Each year we receive many nice donations from our living members. These are usually put into a separate account for future land purchases, often

partnering with other conservation groups.

Some of our members attended the Four Corners WMA dedication in August as MCCC contributed to the purchase of this land.

The club hosted Beyond the Yellow Ribbon military family picnic at the park in September. About 70 enjoyed the food and fellowship along with kids making birdhouses. We are grateful for their service to our country.

Please plan on attending our 3rd annual banquet at the Fairmont Armory on the eve of February 28th. Look for our announcement for a birdhouse-building day in March.

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## Fox Lake Conservation League

by Tim Eisenmenger,  
President

We have lots of things to let our membership know as you will read in this newsletter. We have so many projects that I will talk about a few and you will read from some of our partners about others we are involved in. We have great support from other groups and local government agencies. We have had great success working with the Lessard council on restoring and protecting habitat in our area and could not do it without their support. We also work with Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever on projects. Please let any board member know your thoughts on projects we are working on or others we may not be aware of. Please thank our board members for all the time they volunteer.

I would like to use this article to inform and ask all readers to please buy

your membership and help us in any way that fits your interests. Our members are involved in hunting, fishing, camping, education, farming and all forms of conservation. We have had great success with many partners and look forward to many more.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month and all members are welcome. Please come hear what we are working on and give us new project ideas. Some of our current board members had been coming to meetings for a couple years, then decided they wanted to be more involved. Some members help with fishing tournaments, picking forb seeds, invasive tree removal, youth hunt, Firearm safety and our fundraisers. Let us know of any activity you would be willing to help with.

A couple programs that we have been doing the last few years show what

we are all about. We sponsor the Sherburn Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt. This year we had 13 youth ages 12 to 17 go hunting on September 13th. Most of them are from the Twin Cities. Eight of them had never hunted before. They all had Firearm Safety Certificates. This program is run through MN DNR and Ducks Unlimited. It is a lottery drawing process and they have five choices in the state. They must be accompanied by an adult and we meet on Friday evening about 6:00. They get set up with volunteer mentors and are shown where they will be hunting. We go over safety, duck identification and ethics with them and feed them. We meet early the next morning, have a light breakfast and then go off

with the mentors and set up decoys. All mentors that have helped with this return every year. We learn as much from them as they do us. It is great to experience a youths' first duck and hear all the questions about the other wildlife they see in the wetland.

They hunt until 11:00 a.m. and then we meet, clean birds and eat pizza.

They all get vests from Fox Lake Conservation League and other prizes from DU. Federal Cartridge gives a box of steel shot. I personally know of a few of these youth that have come back hunting in our area. We all need to get these kids involved nature and hopefully hook them for life. I want to personally thank all mentors and private property owners that let us hunt for this event. Let me



know if you would like to help next year.

We sponsored a School of Fish on Ice class in October that had 60 kids attend. This project that involves kids is a big part of what we like to do. They all received some fishing gear and we hope they get out and use them this winter. If you had a youth attend, please let us know if you agree that we should do more things like this.

We are selling our calendars again for the 52

gun raffle. We try to sell 1,600 of them and could use help selling the calendars. They make great Christmas presents and if they win a gun it is a really great gift. Please ask any board member or call if you are interested in buying, or better yet, selling some for us. Please call me if you have any questions about any activity that we are doing. Thanks to all members for your support. Take a kid hunting or fishing.

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## SWCD Seeding Program

by Greg Johanson

If you are enrolling into a conservation program such as CRP, RIM or you just need to do a grass seeding, the Martin County SWCD can help get you started. We now have a new ten foot grass drill for rent, along with a no-till six foot drill. These drills are great for new waterways, enhancing existing CRP sites, ditch buffers and other soil conserving areas.

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## Ramblings from the DNR

The Windom DNR office is now back to three full time staff. We hired two new Assistant Area Wildlife Managers, Chad August and Nick Trauba. They join Randy Markl, the Area Wildlife Supervisor.

Update on the Gruven WMA, located just east of Fairmont on the north side of I-90. Pheasants Forever closed on the 134-acre property in August.

They will be transferring the property to the DNR to be a State Wildlife Management Area. The DNR seeded about 65 acres of the cropland to native grasses and flowers in late October. A few of the tile lines were also broken in late October to restore some of the wetlands on the property.

Update of Perch Creek WMA- the 113-acre FLCL property. FLCL trans-

ferred the one tract of the property directly to the DNR this past summer. FLCL sold the other tract to Ducks Unlimited. The DNR posted the boundary of the first tract this past fall. Seeding to native grasses and flowers by the DNR is still hoped to be completed this year, weather permitting. Seeding can be done on frozen, snow covered ground.

## Cover crops

by Kristy DuBois

There are numerous reasons to put cover crops in as part of your corn and soybean rotation and I have a couple of reasons that I will share with you.

1. Nutrient scavenging brassicas. As they grow they take up nutrients and store them in their leaves, roots, and tubers. Their long tap roots access and take-up nutrients like nitrogen that have filtered down below the root depth of most grain plants. After winter kill, they quickly decompose in the spring and put all those nutrients back into the soil. The biomass left on the surface creates a mellow seed bed to plant your cash crops. Who could ask for more?

2. Protection from wind and water erosion. The price of land today is too expensive to watch your soil blow away in the wind or wash out of your fields into the ditches or creeks. Cereal rye is a successful smother

crop which is used to cover bare fields in the fall. The mulch residue that is left behind inhibits weed growth which reduces the amount of herbicides that have to be applied. Any time that less money has to be spent on herbicides and pesticides is a great thing for profitability of your farming interest.

There are a lot of studies and a lot of anecdotal evidence that using cover crops provides more benefits to the farming operation than cost inputs. Martin County has several farming operations that incorporate cover crops into their crop rotations. These farmers have noticed an increase of organic material in their soil profile, an increase in water infiltration, and less compaction in their fields. This is starting to sound like cover crops is also a way to improve soil health! A two-fer!

It's easy for non-farming folks or researchers to say "hey- you should change your farming practices because we say it's the right thing to do," but we aren't the ones taking any of the risks. That's why

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## 2014 year in weather review for Minnesota, including Martin County

by Pete Boulay,  
MNDNR Minnesota  
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"Polar Vortex" was on everyone's mind at the start of 2014. Measurable snow happened on 15 or more days of the month for many places in the state, about twice the normal number of days. Strong winds brought blizzard conditions at times in January. January average temperatures ranged from 5 to 10 degrees below normal and for many places in the state, January 2014 ranked among one of the top five coldest Januarys of the past 35 years. The coldest temperature for 2014 occurred on January 2nd and 3rd with -47 degrees F at Babbitt.

February was another cold and snowy month. A potent winter storm struck

the eastern half of Minnesota on the 20th and 21st that brought from six to 17 inches of snow. In south-east Minnesota, rain and sleet added to the winter headaches. February 2014 wound up being the seventh coldest February on record for Minnesota and the coldest February since 1979.

The statewide snow depth at the beginning of March was one of the deepest on record for the eastern part of the state. Snow depths of one to two feet were common. Several snow storms added to the snowpack, including one on March 4th-5th that dropped six to ten inches of snow in northeastern Martin County. March was again well below normal for temperatures across the state, but there was also a sign of spring with

a 67 degree high at Redwood Falls on March 31st.

April postponed Spring with more snow storms, including one on the April 3rd and 4th that dropped from three to six inches on Martin County and nearly a foot of snow just north of the Twin Cities. An even crueller storm dumped up to twenty inches of snow in Chisago County on April 16th and 17th. While some escaped the snow, all felt the cold with temperatures that ran three to five degrees below normal for the month. It was another year of late ice out across the state. The ice left Budd Lake on April 10th, one day later than in 2013. The median ice out date for Budd Lake is March 30th.

The memories of the cold and snowy winter persisted a bit in May with cool temperatures that moderated a bit with a heat wave near the end of the month. The southern half of Minnesota saw a heavy rain event on May 11th and 12th that fell on already soggy ground. The wet ground caused planting delays.

June was the wettest month for Minnesota for any month of the year. The statewide average was 7.75 inches, breaking the old record by about four tenths of an inch. The wettest area was in southern Minnesota, with quite a few places seeing a foot of

rain in June. Glencoe tied with Redwood Falls for the highest total found with 14.24 inches. These totals are more than the average rainfall for these areas for the entire summer. The statewide average temperature for June was slightly above normal and was the first above normal month since October, 2014.

July gave a chance for the landscape to begin dying out but Minnesota was spared any major heatwaves. Indeed, the highest statewide temperature for the year was only 96 degrees at Hutchinson on July 22nd. Both Duluth and Rochester failed to reach 90 in 2014. The overnight temperatures were mild and this counter-balanced the cooler highs and enabled crop growth to play catch up.

The pleasant weather of July extended into August, right up to State Fair time. South central Minnesota finished about a degree above average for temperature and precipitation ranged a bit either side of normal. A late summer dry spell ran from about June 25th to August 26th. The driest spots were over northeast and southwest Minnesota. Some places were from two to six inches short of normal, especially in Lyon and Redwood Counties. Drought impacts were slow to return to Minnesota because of the relatively mild weather and soil moisture stored from the record wet June.

It was the second year in a row with a relatively low number of tornadoes. Only 23 were reported for the year in Minnesota. None were seen in Martin County, but two weak tornadoes were reported in Watonwan County.

The late summer dryness continued into September, with Martin County falling about one to two inches below normal. Temperatures were near normal. Many corn and soybean fields in central and southern Minnesota were affected by frost during the morning hours of September 13th. Mid-September frost is quite uncommon in these areas.

October rainfall finished close to average in south central Minnesota with cool spells at the beginning and the end of the month with "Indian Summer" in between. High temperatures in the 60's and 70's were common with this warm spell.

November brought bouts of winter-like weather, including one of the earliest below zero readings in central and southern Minnesota in years on November 27th. It was also one of the colder Thanksgivings in recent memory. Much of the southern one third of Min-

nesota saw four to eight inches of snow on November 26th, including 8.5 inches at Fairmont. Lakes froze over relatively early, giving anglers a jump on the ice fishing season. The average statewide temperature was nearly eight degrees below normal.

December was a welcome sigh of relief from those who feared a sequel of the winter of 2013-14. December started out cold, but then became balmy during the second and third week with overnight lows above freezing and high temperatures in the 40's to low 50's. The snowpack melted and large pools of water formed on frozen lakes. The tradeoff for the warm weather was dense fog and copious clouds that shrouded the state for a good chunk of the month. A change was in the air at the end of 2014 with an arctic blast, a reminder that winter was just beginning.



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## Partnerships protect and restore habitat

The Fox Lake Conservation League (FLCL) has received funding through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (MN ENRTF) as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for acquisition to protect Martin County's only known Prairie Bush Clover site and a few acres of the most diverse dry prairie we have left. The Trust Fund is a permanent fund constitutionally established by the citizens of Minnesota to assist in

scientific and natural area, with the surrounding 30 acres to be gradually restored to native prairie as local ecotype native plant materials become available from the remnant and other remnants located within a few miles of the site.

Martin SWCD completed a project funded by the MN ENRTF in June that restored and enhanced native habitats in Martin County. The project added additional local ecotype plant species to existing and new native habitat restoration projects. The

the 2015 session. Please encourage your state legislators to support this im-

portant legislation to help restore diverse, high quality native habitats here in Martin County and across the state.



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The Martin County Conservation Alliance is another example of partnerships coming together to get a lot more done on the land. The many wildlife organizations in the county try to get together at least once a year to talk about pooling resources in conjunction with additional regional, state and national partners including Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Deer Hunters, Turkey Federation, etc. and agencies like the DNR and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Many combinations of these partners have been involved in numerous

DNR Conservation Partners Legacy grants and Outdoor Heritage grants have added and continue to add habitat to existing WMAs. Habitat protection and restoration continues through both conservation easement programs for private lands and public land acquisition programs.

Many local, state and federal agencies, wildlife organizations, youth groups and local volunteers are partners in these projects, helping to get them funded and helping with the many project activities that help restore habitat, ecological diversity and provide many additional public benefits for future generations to enjoy.



the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. Currently, 40% of net Minnesota State Lottery proceeds are dedicated to building the Trust Fund and ensuring future benefits for Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

Martin SWCD assisted the FLCL with the grant application to purchase a high quality 10 acre prairie remnant and an additional 30 acre buffer around the remnant. The prairie hillside is located just west of the south arm of Cedar Lake. The plan is to transfer the property to Martin County as an addition to the park system. The unique prairie remnant is to be managed as a county

develop a seed source for some of these less common species.

As this project wrapped up, Martin SWCD submitted another application to the LCCMR in 2014 to continue to work with propagating local source native plant materials and restoring diverse habitats. This time the expertise that has been developed in working with native plants has been offered to 12 additional counties. A cluster of 10 counties in south central Minnesota, Crow Wing County to the north and Lake County on the North Shore are joining the effort to restore local habitats.

The LCCMR has recommended this \$495,000 project for MN ENRTF funding through the Minnesota Legislature during

## First rite of Spring

The Pasque flower is the first flower to appear on the prairie. Observing the Pasque flowers in bloom, the first color to appear on a drab late winter landscape is often referred to as the "First Rite of Spring". Even before grass turns green and 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. At about the same time, Spring Ephemerals like Bloodroot and Trilliums are starting to add color to our native forests around the lakes.

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 wildflowers as they emerge from another winter's rest. We start checking in March, but have a target date of April 11th, 2015 for a hike to a Martin County native prairie where the Pasque flowers have welcomed spring visitors for centuries.

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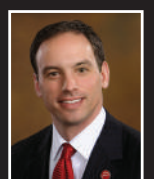
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## Soil health

by Kristy DuBois

Every profession has a “toolbox” that holds everything that one needs to get their job done. A plumber has his pipe wrenches and a “snake,” a dentist has his picks and a drill; a farmer has his plow and a combine. Here at Natural Resources Conservation Service we also have a toolbox to help us improve Soil Health. Our main tools are the Conservation Practice Standards that guide us in the installation and implementation of conservation practices.

Without good soil health crops don't grow very well. Soil contains living organisms that perform functions necessary to produce food and fiber. We need to look at

soil as requiring “good health” to produce food and fiber and that is a first step in properly caring for our soils. Farmers are the main caretakers of the billions of bacteria, fungi and other microbes that are the foundation of this ecosystem. Farmers manage this ecosystem by providing enough nutrients for plant growth. Soil absorbs and holds rainwater for use during dry periods and filters potential pollutants from leaving the fields. Protecting the soil will ensure healthy harvests every year.

We know that the 4 Cornerstones for Soil Health are:

1. Minimal soil disturbance
2. Keep roots in the soil
3. Keep the soil covered

### 4. Crop diversity

We use the conservation practice standards to help us help the farmer to maintain or improve their soil health.

To minimize soil disturbance there are several practices that can be employed. (344-346) are the Residue Management practice standards that provide guidance on various tillage practices. Seasonal Till (344), Mulch Till (345), and Ridge Till (346) are practices that can be used to disturb the soil less. Our Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) has financial assistance dollars to help you convert conventional practices to less tillage practices.

We use Conservation Cover (327) and Cover

Crops (340) to help keep roots in the soil and to keep the soil covered. Contour Buffer Strips (332), Field Borders (386) and Filter Strips (393) are other ways to keep the soil covered and roots in the soil. Maintaining cover on the soil after harvesting your cash crop is very important to holding the soil in place. Here in Minnesota we have our challenges with our short growing season but there are ways to overcome this issue. There were several field days last year that highlighted what some farmers have been able to accomplish with their planting rotation. They showcased their cover crops and described when they found the ideal time frame to get that seed planted. They

also discussed the different “tools” they used to plant. Using highboys or aerial seeding were some options that they used.

Crop diversity is the fourth cornerstone in our soil health toolbox. According to many farmers that I have spoken to there is nothing more diverse than corn and soybeans. So how do we incorporate another profitable commodity into our soils that are absolutely perfect for corn and beans? What did your father's or grandfather's do? Is it profitable to add hay planting? We have a few cattle farms and a couple of dairy operations that could use the hay. I'm just trying to put some ideas out there. Anytime that we can add a little diversity to the rota-

tion is good for the soil.

The “tools” that I just listed are not the only ones that can improve soil health but they are some of the easier ones to consider. Next time you see a flyer for a field day that will showcase what a farmer is doing to improve their soil health, get in your truck and drive over. You may get some ideas of your own! If you want to try a different tillage practice or add a cover crop, come in and see Reggie Liddell, Ben Cottrell or I, and we will review the financial assistance that is available.

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## Cottrell new Soil Conservationist

I am Benjamin Cottrell, but you can call me Ben, the new Soil Conservationist at



the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Fairmont. The early

years for me were spent in the outskirts of Monticello, a rural Northeast Missouri county seat with a population of 96. Most days were consumed by doing chores on the farm, playing football, hunting or fishing. Uncountable hours were spent picking up square bales of alfalfa behind my grandfather and his John Deere 24T baler. These fields exposed me to what an honest day's work really means and an appreciation for what you have.

After graduating high school, the United States Marine Corps was the

chance for me to get out and experience the world. I was a Rifleman/Machine Gunner stationed in Camp Pendleton, California. Serving in the Marine Corps instilled core values and many leadership traits that are still used today. Although I enjoyed my experiences and gained irreplaceable friends through shared hardships, good things in life always seem to end. A training misfortune cut my potential lifetime career short and opened the door for new opportunities.

Following the military I traveled to the home of the SEC Missouri Tigers, the

2015 Citrus Bowl Champs, Mizzou! Sorry Gopher fans, maybe next year we can have a rematch! Since agriculture had played such a significant role in childhood, a degree in it was the only thing that seemed fitting to pursue. While at Mizzou, I studied abroad in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland learning about their agricultural systems and farming methods.

The summer of 2012, I was introduced to NRCS through an internship back in my hometown. As an intern, tasks were primarily assisting the NRCS field staff with daily activities. Most of the work performed

was field work surveying/laying out terraces and ponds along with designing them. After the summer, I started my last semester of college working as an Earth Team Volunteer for the Missouri NRCS State Office as a capstone class project. The main project was to come up with an efficient way to handle and move grain in the NRCS Plant Material Center located in Elsberry, MO. With this mission our group designed several different options along with budgets for the whole facility reconstruction. My role was designing 3D virtual representations to scale of all the scenarios so they could be easily presented and walked through. The proposals were then presented to the State Engineers for potential time efficiency and grain handling enhancements.

In the three and a half years at Mizzou, I achieved an Agricultural Systems Management (Agricultural Engineering) BS degree along with Agricultural Economics MI. Many of the courses taken at Mizzou were structured around NRCS and things we do every day at work. During college I also graduated from a taxidermy school outside of Columbia, Missouri and still do taxidermy work as a hobbyist.

Upon finding out what NRCS actually does with helping people help the land I knew it was the job to chase. The experience gained in college with NRCS helped get a Soil Conservation Technician job in rural Northwest Missouri. In the past 2 years, most of the workload encompassed surveying and designing terraces with tile. I also became a beta tester for the unreleased versions of Engineering Field Tools, or better known as our new terracing program. With the State Cost-Share Program from the local Soil and Water Conservation District and Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) through NRCS we were able to provide over one million dollars a year in technical assistance for farmers.

Finally, this brings me to the Soil Conservationist job in Fairmont. Main focuses here will include working with the CSP participants and Wetlands. Compared to the back roads of Missouri I started out in and the journeys since, Fairmont has one thing on all of them. It's a tad bit colder! I look forward to all that Martin County has to offer and excited about starting the next chapter in my career with NRCS

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- Has funds available statewide.

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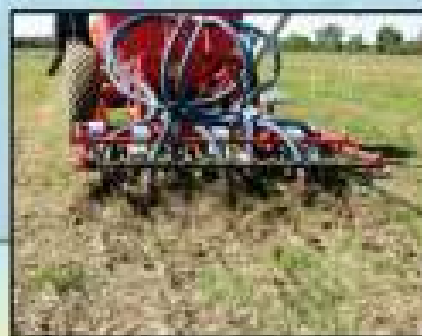
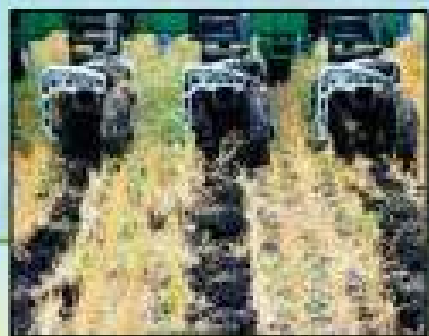
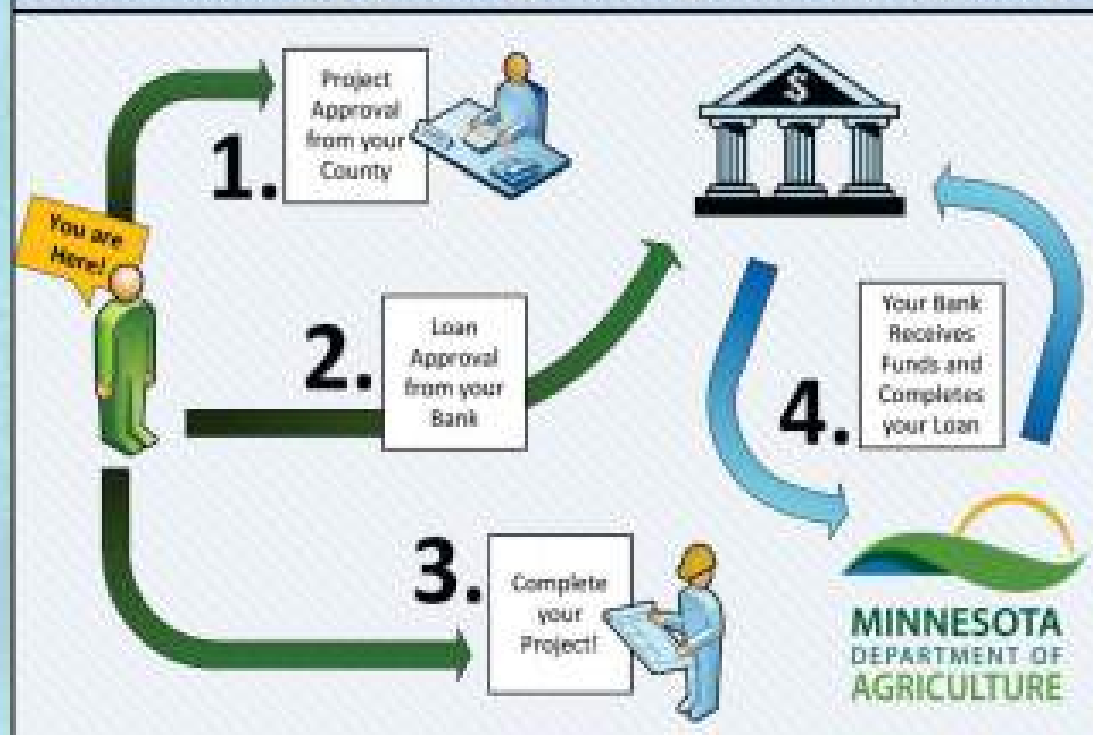
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## County water plan and Wetland Conservation Act

Martin SWCD continues to administer the Martin County Local Water Plan and the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act, a role delegated to the District by the Martin County Board of Commissioners.



Water Quality Monitoring Station on Elm Creek

The Water Plan Advisory Committee meets quarterly at the SWCD office to discuss water quality issues and make recommendations to the County Board. The public is encouraged to attend, to hear our educational presentations or stay for the entire meeting if you wish. Please contact the SWCD office for the time of our next meeting or check out the Water Plan, meeting minutes, and agenda for the next meeting on the Web: [www.martinswcd.net](http://www.martinswcd.net) You can also access the water plan from the county site: [www.co.martin.mn.us](http://www.co.martin.mn.us)

The SWCD continues to partner with the University of Minnesota on research and implementation projects primarily in the Elm Creek Watershed. In 2014, with funding through the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance work was completed on a small wetland restoration that will provide initial treatment of tile drainage water and surface runoff from an agricultural watershed near Elm Creek. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided matching funds,

technical assistance and most of the construction materials needed to outlet the tiles into the basin and to install the outlet and water control structure. The University is planning additional downstream gully repair and water treat-

Several Water Plan objectives are being addressed in collaboration with the local wildlife organizations and the MN DNR. Approximately 112.5 acres of marginal land and wetland were added to the Perch Creek Wildlife Management Area this past year. Various partnerships are currently working on additional acquisition projects along Perch Creek and in several other locations in Martin County.

The ReInvest in Minnesota (RIM) program is currently focusing on Wetland Restorations for improving water quality and restoring wildlife habitat. This program is providing a one-time up-front payment to the landowner for setting marginal land aside permanently under a perpetual conservation easement. The landowner maintains ownership and control of the land and is still responsible for weed control and taxes on the enrolled parcel. Martin County has two very high



quality projects for the current signup. Funds are limited for this statewide signup, but we have hopes to secure at least two easements this time around.

Wellhead protection continues to be a major focus for the cities in Martin County. Working with the MN Department of Health local cities have been in the process of developing

and updating their Wellhead Protection Plans for their public water systems. Several cities including Dunnell, Trimont and Welcome have announced that their plans have been approved by the Department of Health and they are beginning to implement their plan. Other cities are in the final steps of plan development and expect to have their plans approved over the next few months. These plans outline water supply vulnerabilities and lay out the strategy to protect the source water for community water supplies.

A big Thank You goes out to all of the cooperating partners in planning and installing the projects that implement Water Plan objectives. The Fox Lake Conservation League continues to be a leader in collaborative efforts, providing conservation funding in direct project donation and grant project cash match.

While water plan ac-



tion that has been controlling wetland activity since its passage in 1991. Remember, wetlands are simply wet land. They do not need to grow cattails, and may only be wet for a short period in the spring or after heavy rains.

In Martin County there have been approximately 600 projects undertaken each year that have potential to impact wetlands. Most of these are agricultural drainage projects and drainage system repairs. In most cases wetland impacts can be avoided. When impacts can't be avoided, Wetland Banking or doing project specific wetland replacement can be used to mitigate wetland impacts. Wetland banking projects can be done by private landowners to restore wetland on land that had been previously drained. To accomplish this, their site needs to be approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Then a plan needs to be developed and approved. The wetland is then restored at the landowner's expense, as directed by the approved plan. Once wetland hydrology has been restored and wetland plant communities

develop on the restoration site, wetland banking credits will be deposited in the wetland bank held by the BWSR. These wetland credits become available for the landowner to use to mitigate project wetland impacts that he may have on another site or the credits are available for the landowner to sell to others who have a project that will impact wetlands. Whether restoring a wetland for banking or using banking credits to replace drainage project impacts, a plan needs to be developed and approved before either activity can be started.

There are very few wetland credits available in Martin County, and since it is a priority to replace wetlands within the same watershed where the impacts occur, we are currently working with landowners in the Des Moines and Blue Earth River Watersheds to restore wetlands that will provide credits for local use.

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## Aquatic invasive species prevention aid

Under Minnesota Statute 84D, invasive species are defined as non-native species that:

- Cause or may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health; or
- Threatens or may threaten natural resources or the use of natural resources in the state

The Minnesota Legislature passed into law the invasive species prevention aid law in the 2014 Legislative session and based appropriation on the following:

1. 50% is based on each County's share of watercraft trailer launches
2. 50% is based on each County's share of watercraft trailer parking spaces

Martin County received their first allocation of \$45,000 in 2014 and will receive the second allocation of \$100,000 in calendar year 2015.

Allocations across the state ranged from zero \$'s to \$987,146 in St. Louis County.

### What has happened so far?

Martin County designated the Martin SWCD as project coordinators.

Three informal public meetings were held to gain feedback from citizens.

Information from these meetings were used to develop an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan for Martin County.

The plan was reviewed by the Martin County Commissioners and approved. The plan has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

### What is next?

The plan will be implemented this year with the focus on awareness and education.

The following six actions have been identified in the plan:

1. Assess the county's resources and risk of AIS introduction
2. Increase county enforcement resources
3. Increase public awareness and participation in prevention
4. Increase available resources and leverage partnerships

5. Broaden knowledge of and participation in early detection and rapid response activities

6. Manage existing populations of aquatic invasive species in the event an invasive species infects a waterbody in Martin County

7. Address specific pathways of introduction

Martin SWCD will be working with Martin County, Martin County Sheriff's office, the City of Fairmont, lake associations, local conservation clubs and citizens. Watch for more information as this AIS Prevention Plan is implemented.



Inspecting for invasive species.

## Well sealing

Do you have an abandoned well that needs to be sealed? The Martin SWCD has two types of cost-share funding to help out. State cost-share is available for wells that are within an acreage that is either abandoned or is currently being occupied. Clean Water Funds are now available for abandoned wells that are in the field where acreages have been torn down and are now farmed over. Cost-share provided is

50% of the cost of sealing the well up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. If you have a well that needs to be sealed within your acreage, or know of one that might be

located where an acreage used to be, call the Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680, and we can help get you started.



## East Fork Des Moines River Watershed

by Ashley Brenke, Martin SWCD Technician

In 2014, we began the watershed approach in the East Fork Des Moines River Watershed. The watershed approach is a 10-year cycle that will occur in each of Minnesota's 81 major watersheds to evaluate water conditions, establish priorities and goals for improvement, and take actions designed to restore or protect water quality. When a 10-year cycle is completed, a new cycle begins. The watershed approach was started by MPCA in 2008. The Minnesota Clean Wa-

ter Fund provides a significant share of the funding for this program.

The first part of this cycle is to evaluate water conditions by performing water quality monitoring, including biological and physical monitoring, flow and load monitoring, and chemical monitoring. We will soon be holding meetings and other civic engagement events in the watershed to talk about what the monitoring has shown and also to discuss



ways we can protect and restore the watershed.

The 10-year cycle started in the Watonwan River Watershed in 2013 and the Blue Earth River Watershed will start in 2017. If anyone is interested in learning more about the watershed approach, or in becoming a citizen lake or stream volunteer to help gather vital information about the health of our water resources, please contact Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680.

## Southern MN Ducks Unlimited

by Doug Hartke

The Southern MN Chapter of Ducks Unlimited had a very successful year raising money for Conservation. It was a record year holding numerous events. The chapter made history and set a state record by soliciting 137 sponsors at our March 2014 event. We also raised over \$100,000 in 2014, making the chapter a Presidential club member.

Plans are currently in the works for our Spring

Dinner event on March 21st, 2015 at the Sherburn Community Hall. For information or tickets please contact Doug Hartke 507-236-1700 or dhartke@frontiernet.net. The Martin County West Trap Team will be selling chances for a SKB RS300 youth trap gun to help aid their Midway USA Foundation Endowment account. Tickets are available from MCW trap team members or Mike Thompson, 507-336-5421 or mikeallenthompson@gmail.com. Tickets are

\$25 each, but you get a really nice DU stainless steel coffee mug with purchase. This raffle will be drawn at the March 21st event.

The Southern MN Greenwing event will be May 16th, 2015 with the location to be determined due to MCW Jr High School remodeling.

For more information about Ducks Unlimited go to [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)

See the article about what DU is doing in Martin County with the Perch Lake WMA Acquisition.

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## Elm Creek Certainty Pilot Watershed

by Linda Meschke, Rural Advantage - Elm Creek Pilot Coordinator

The Elm Creek Watershed in south central Minnesota was selected as one of four pilot watersheds for the new Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program [MAWQCP] in 2014. This new program is focused on the intersection between agricultural production and water quality. The goal of the MAWQCP is to enhance Minnesota's water quality by accelerating the voluntary adoption of on-farm conservation practices. Farmers receiving certification are exempt from new Minnesota water quality rules for a period of ten years, as long as they continue or improve their management scenario on the fields they operate.

The Elm Creek Pilot Project is seeking to identify additional producers who would be interested in having the Certainty Assessment Tool applied for their farm operation. The assessment tool measures water quality risks in the areas of nutrient management, pesticide management, tillage and conservation practices. Basically, an interested farmer agrees to complete an assessment of fields in their farm operation. Each

field is assessed for each management scheme the farmer uses for each crop. Most farms run two assessments - one for corn and one for soybeans. When the field is assessed they receive an index score between 1 and 10. Farmers need to achieve an 8.5 score on all their fields, under all management schemes, to receive Certification from the MN Department of Agriculture.

So far staff has worked with 25 or so farmers and run over 500 assessments on about 21,000 acres in the Elm Creek watershed. Approximately one half of the fields are meeting the index score of 8.5 with their current management techniques.

General areas where we see farmers falling short on their score include the following:

1. Over-application of nitrogen and phosphorous. Many are 10% to 20% over University of Minnesota recommendations and a few are 50%+ over.

a. Concerns- not crediting manure nutrient, previous crop or nutrient applied with a chemical application.

2. Too much tillage. Generally, one too many passes which raises their STIR score.

a. We are seeing this

extra pass sometimes due to fall applied manure. It is advantageous to utilize the manure so we are looking to reduce field passes other times of the year.

3. Pesticide setbacks - Farmers using Atrazine, Chlorpyrifos and Ace-tochlor need to maintain setbacks from water bodies, wells, points of runoff, open tile inlets and drainage ways.

a. Some pesticide products contain small amounts of these chemicals and farmers were not aware they were applying these products.

b. Farmers were not aware of the setback requirements or did not consider how they impacted their fields specifically. [Such as mapping the sites out and provided it to the sprayer operator.]

4. Drainage Water Management - Establishing water quality protection for open tile intakes.

a. Many farmers have a gap here. Using buffers, brooms or straws like Agri-Drain offers, removal of the intake, rock inlets, other farmer led solutions.

5. Cover Crops - Increased usage of cover crops in our region could result in significant water quality improvements



Dustin Benes, Ag Specialist at Rural Advantage

relative to production agriculture.

a. Need for additional research to better understand cover crops in corn/soybean systems.

b. Need more farmer led trials of cover crops in our region. We have a couple of good farmer leaders in the region, but we could use more real farm examples.

Funds are available to assist the producer who wishes to install new con-

servation practices on their farm. This includes a wide variety of practices but could include feedlot manure systems, cover crops, streambank, water storage, waterways or sediment control basins as a few examples. Producers who are farming in

Elm Creek Watershed and are interested in learning more about the program should contact their local SWCD or NRCS office or Dustin Benes in the Rural Advantage office in Fairmont.

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Species	Price per Bundle	Number of Bundles	Cost
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### Bare Root Conifers: 8" - 15" (Bundles of 25)

Cedar, Eastern Red	\$ 42.50		
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Pine, Red	\$ 30.00		
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Check Cash (circle one)



## Landowner guidance to Elm Creek financial incentives

by Linda Meschke,  
Coordinator

The following financial incentives are available to landowners or producers participating in the pilot MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program [MAWQCP] at any level. To be eligible to participate, you must have at least one acre in the Elm Creek watershed to make all your acres eligible. Contact Dustin Benes at 507-238-5449 or [dustin@ruraladvantage.org](mailto:dustin@ruraladvantage.org) or contact your local SWCD or NRCS staff if you are interested or need information.

Funds may be available to address any water quality issue a landowner or producer wants to address. The solu-

tion needs to fit programmatic criteria, but there is significant latitude in programs to address most issues.

Priority issues and practices identified by the local advisory committee are listed below. Funding for other conservation issues and practices not listed are also available.

Priority water quality issues [natural resource concerns] in Elm Creek watershed:

- Excess nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and pathogens in surface water.

Priority practices to address these priority water quality issues:

- Nutrient Management
- Commercial fertilizer
- Manure

- Cover Crops
- Drainage Water Management [includes water storage]

- Soil Erosion Reduction
- Improve Soil Quality
- Effective Field Buffers

### Financial Incentives:

**Federal Programs** - Contact local NRCS Office

**EQIP [Environmental Quality Incentive Program]** - Provides technical and financial assistance in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.

**ACEP [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program]** - Provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural

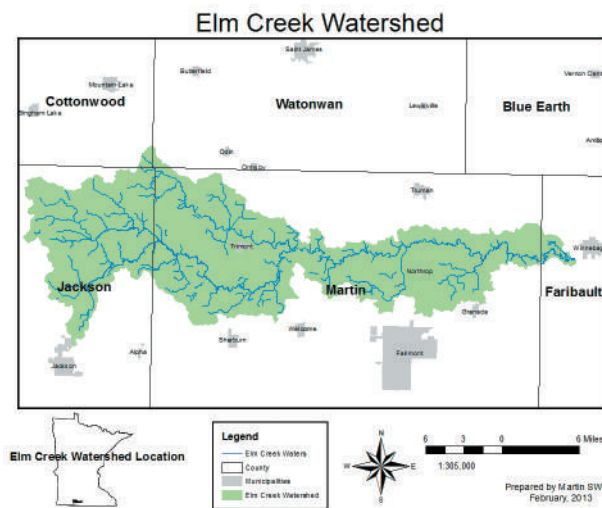
lands and wetlands and their related benefits.

**CSP [Conservation Stewardship Program]** - Helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns.

**State Programs** - Contact local SWCD Office

**Incentives to complement Federal Programs:**

- Piggyback on EQIP up to \$5,000 per streambank project, not to exceed 100% of the cost. Focus to be on bioengineering solutions rather than riprap only projects. Must address the causes above the Streambank and assist in dis-



sipating water's energy. Contract Length - Same as the EQIP contract

- CRP filter strips - Pay an incentive of \$50/Acre/year for the length of the contract if the filter strip is at least 50 feet wide. Paid once it is established. Contract Length - Same as the CRP contract

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**Pheasants Forever Annual Report**

Our annual banquet was held on March 22nd with a total attendance of 205. This year's banquet will be Saturday, February 14th, 2015 at the National Guard Armory in Fairmont. This is Martin County Pheasants Forever's 30th annual banquet - called "The Guns &

Roses" banquet. There will be a prime rib or chicken dinner and roses for all of the ladies in attendance. There will also be special raffles in accordance with the theme and date.

Three wildlife habitat acquisitions were made in Martin County last year.

Pheasants Forever recently purchased 208 acres of land in Manyaska and Lake Belt townships that will be converted to a USFWS Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) and will be called the Homes Lake WPA. Our local chapter donated \$11,581 to the Fox Lake Conservation League for their part in the purchase of 85 acres of land added to the Perch Lake Wildlife Management Area. The final acquisition is the 134 acre Gruven WMA located east of Fairmont. These acquisitions will provide additional wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities. Good cover and food plots help ensure pheasant survival even in severe winter conditions.

Landowners with marginal and idle acres are encouraged to contact Martin Soil and Water Conservation District technicians about enrolling this type of land in conservation programs such as CRP.

Martin County Pheasants Forever will have corn and sorghum available in the spring for plant food plots. We will also have trees and shrubs available for landowners interested in planting tree lines and shelterbelts this spring. All money raised by your local chapter (except for membership dues) stays in Martin County.

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Four Corners WMA dedicated by Conservation Partners

Ducks Unlimited Major Sponsors Honored

SHERBURN, MN—The Four Corners state Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was dedicated by Ducks Unlimited with a ceremony and bronze plaque Saturday, August 23rd, 2014.

Project partners attending included the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Fox Lake Conservation League, the Martin County Conservation Club, and Ducks Unlimited. They celebrated the acquisition of the 309-acre WMA and Ducks Unlimited's subsequent wetland restoration to a native prairie pothole wetland complex. This work was made possible by a grant from the Outdoor Heritage Fund as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Major sponsors supporting the Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes initiative were recognized for their commitment to waterfowl and wetland conservation.

Ducks Unlimited was formed in 1937 to provide for the life cycle needs of North America's migratory waterfowl by protecting, restoring, enhancing, and managing important wetlands and associated uplands. The Prairie Pothole region of North America is a Ducks Unlimited level one conservation priority. Conservation work is delivered on this landscape in Minnesota through the Living Lakes Initiative.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has con-

served more than 13 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever. For more information on our work, visit [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org). Connect with us on our Facebook page, follow our tweets at [twitter.com/DucksUnlimited](https://twitter.com/DucksUnlimited), and watch DU videos at [youtube.com/DucksUnlimitedInc](https://youtube.com/DucksUnlimitedInc).

One of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) primary missions is the conservation of migratory birds. Through its Windom Wetland Management District (WMD) office, the Service currently manages 140 tracts of land, both fee-title and privately owned easements, called Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) across a 13 county area in southern Minnesota. These properties encompass almost 19,000 acres of critically important wetlands and grassland for migrating, breeding and nesting waterfowl. They also provide vital habitat for declining grassland bird populations, and a variety of mammal, reptile, amphibian, and pollinator species. In addition, the

Windom WMD manages units of the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) which is devoted to preserving remnant tracts of native prairie. Only about 1% of the state's original native prairie, one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world, remains. The Windom WMD also provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to improve habitat on their property through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

WPAs and NWR tracts are actively managed by Windom WMD staff. Activities include periodic prescribed burning, prescription grazing, haying, and water level management to mimic natural ecological processes and increase the diversity and vitality of the prairie-wetland landscape. When lands are first acquired, habitat restoration or enhancement work is typically needed. Former agricultural fields are reseeded with locally harvested native grasses and wildflowers. Drained wetlands are also restored and enhanced.

A portion of Martin County is a priority focus area for many of Windom WMD's programs. Two examples of recent activities include the purchase of 220

acres in Lake Belt and Man-yaska Townships for future WPA development. Pierce Lake WPA, located approximately 4 miles SE of Fox Lake, is a site of an upcoming wetland enhancement project. Separated from Pierce Lake by a long dike, a 64 acre wetland on the WPA

was previously drained by pumping water over the dike into the adjacent lake. Thanks to a recent matching contribution of most \$6000 from the Friends of the Windom WMD, a North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposal was submit-

ted by Pheasants Forever to enable full restoration of this valuable wetland. If grant funding is approved this winter, sufficient funds will be secured to refortify the dike and install a water control structure next year, greatly elevating wildlife benefits for the area.

Ducks Unlimited Conservation Projects

Martin County is an integral part of Minnesota's Prairie Pothole Region, and restoration of prairie and wetland habitats and enhancing shallow lakes in Martin County is now critical to improving prairie wildlife habitat in Minnesota. In that context, Martin County is an important part of Ducks Unlimited's "Living Lakes" conservation initiative, and DU conservation staff biologists and engineers stand ready to assist and deliver quality conservation projects in Martin County that benefit waterfowl and fit well with our strategic Living Lakes conservation initiative focus on breeding and migration habitat for ducks.

In recent years, DU has assisted Martin County partners with two important conservation projects. First, DU engineers surveyed and designed wetland restoration plans for six wetlands totaling 40

acres on the 309-acre Four Corners state wildlife management area (WMA) in 2011, and restored five of the basins totaling 27 acres in 2012. DU engineering plans to restore the sixth 13-acre basin will be implemented in the future following some additional land acquisition required in order to reflood that last drained wetland basin. The project was funded by contributions from many conservation partners, including DU, the Fox Lake Conservation League, Minnesota DNR, a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant, a state appropriation from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (Legacy Amendment), and individual DU major sponsors. The Four Corners WMA project was dedicated by Ducks Unlimited in partnership with the Fox Lake Conservation League and other partners on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014.

More recently in October 2014, DU purchased

a 28-acre parcel on the north side of Perch Lake from the Fox Lake Conservation League. This land was part of a larger parcel purchased by the League for inclusion into the Minnesota DNR's Perch Creek state WMA. DU used a combination of state Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations and DU major sponsor contributions to complete the purchase of this new land on Perch Creek WMA. The land will be restored and transferred to the Minnesota DNR for long-term management and public outdoor recreational use, including hunting.

Looking forward, DU hopes that more quality conservation project opportunities arise in Martin County, including the enhancement, protection, and restoration of Round Lake and surrounding lands, among other potential projects.

Four Corners WMA

Wetlands on this state Wildlife Management Area were restored by Ducks Unlimited in partnership with the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources and the Fox Lake Conservation League. Funding was provided from Minnesota's Outdoor Heritage Fund, Fox Lake Conservation League, Flint Hills Resources, and from Ducks Unlimited members, volunteers, and major sponsors.



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## SWCD New board members

Welcome to our new Lake Belt board members!!

**Clair Schmidt, Jr.** and his wife Joanne live just outside of Ceylon. They have two sons, Andrew and Bradley. He co-owns Elm Creek Agronomy and also farms. Clair represents the southwest part of the County, which includes the Townships of Cedar, Galena, Waverly, Elm Green, Lake Fremont, and

**Tyler Ask** lives in Trimont, is married to Erika. They have two children, Taylor and Ethan. Tyler is an avid golfer and fisherman and works in hog production. He represents the northwest part of the County, which includes the Townships of Cedar, Galena, Waverly, Elm Creek, and Fox Lake.



**Martin SWCD Board of Supervisors, left to right:** Judy Beckman, Linda Meschke, Clair Schmidt, Jr, Tyler Ask, Darwin Roberts, Steve Flohrs – County Commissioner Liaison



**above:** Martin Soil and Water Conservation District interns cleaning native local ecotype seeds.

**left:** Lakeshore restoration in Fairmont.

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## 2015 Third Crop Producer Meetings

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**Monday, February 9th**  
*Local Foods*

**Monday, February 23rd**  
*Hazelnuts*

**Monday, March 9th**  
*Small Fruits*

**Monday, March 30th**  
*Marketing*

- 9:30 Registration & Coffee -  
- Lunch on your own -  
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### Monday, February 9th Local Foods

9:30 Registration and Coffee

**10:00 Minnesota Food Charter**  
Kelly Kunkel, Mankato, Extension Educator, University of Minnesota

**11:00 Foraging for Wild Plants**  
Lynn Johnson, Swea city, IA

**12:00 LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:00 Food Licensing for Farmer's Markets**  
Kathy Zeman, Nerstrand, Minnesota Farmer's Market Association

**2:00 Building Capacity for Local Foods**  
David Fluegel, Morris SW Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

**3:00 Good Agricultural Practices and Nutrient Density**  
Bill Brandt  
Brandt Gardens, Lakefield

### Monday, February 23rd Hazelnuts

9:30 Registration and Coffee

**10:00 Establishing & Growing Hazelnuts**  
Dustin Benes, Fairmont Rural Advantage

**10:30 Enterprise Budgets**  
Jeff Jensen, Ringsted, IA Trees Forever

**11:00 Hazelnut Plant Improvement**  
Michael McNeil, Algona, IA

**12:00 LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:00 Hazelnut Harvesting**  
Linda Meschke, Fairmont Norm Erickson, Lake City Jim Mickelson, Rochester

**1:30 American Hazelnut Company**  
Linda Meschke, Fairmont

**2:00 Grower Panel**

**2:30 Hazelnut Processing**  
Jeff Jensen, Ringsted, IA Trees Forever

### Monday, March 9th Small Fruits

9:30 Registration and Coffee

**10:00 Elderberry Production in MN**  
Chris Patton, Scandia MN Elderberry Cooperative

**11:00 Making Vinegar**  
Cindy Hale, Duluth Clover Valley Farms

**12:00 LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:00 Blue Fruits**  
Jim Riddle, Winona Blue Fruit Farm

**2:00 Befriending Bumblebees**  
Elaine Evans, St. Paul Department of Entomology University of Minnesota

**3:00 Reducing Chemical Use and Inputs in Cold Climate Grape Harvest by Creating New Uses**  
Chad Stoltenberg, Little Canada Locust Lane Vineyards

### Monday, March 30th Marketing

9:30 Registration and Coffee

**10:00 Accessing Wholesale Markets**  
Brett Olson, Zumbrota Renewing the Countryside

**11:00 Building a Resilient Food System**  
Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin Mainstreet Project—Northfield

**12:00 LUNCH** (on your own)

**1:00 Building a Website for Direct Marketing**  
Leah Matzke, Nicollet Matzke Media House

**2:00 Growing and Marketing Baby Ginger**  
Melissa Driscoll, Kenyon Seven Songs Farm

**3:00 How to Save Seeds**  
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Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Debbie S. Neitzke, Dennis D. Neitzke, Lot 13, Block 2, Original Plat Truman CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

MBMD Properties LLC to Fairmont Artificial Breeders LP, Lot 2, Block 1, MBMD Properties Subdivision

## MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA Bids for Cash Rent Farm Lease

Sealed bids will be received by the Martin County Engineer at the Martin County Highway Department until 10:00 a.m. on February 13, 2015, to rent the farm land listed below for a 3 year period (2015-2017):

The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, and Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 19, T101N, R31W, Tenhassen Township, according to the United States Government Survey, containing 127 and 30/100ths of an acre, of which 107 acres more or less are tillable. (McClain property)

The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, T102N, R30W, Fairmont Township, and that land lying east of Public roadway in Lot 3 in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 25, T102N, R30W, containing approximately 78.05 acres, of which 50.5 acres more or less are tillable. (Rose Lake pit property)

A tract of land in Government Lot 7 of Section 6, T103N, R30W, Rutland Township, containing 10.8 acres more or less of tillable ground. (Landfill farm property)

Bids will be accepted for 3 years. Official award of contract will be made at the February 17, 2015, Martin County Commissioners meeting. Bid forms can be found at <http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 12, 2010  
MORTGAGOR: Casey Kain, a single woman.  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 12, 2010 Martin County Recorder, Document No. 2010R-402908.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated January 21, 2014 Recorded January 28, 2014, as Document No. 2014R-420373.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100588310030254511  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Mortgage Services III, LLC

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TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 231621370 and 231621380  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 5 and 6, Block 14, Lake George Addition in the Village (now City) of Fairmont  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Martin  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$57,120.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$54,919.35

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Martin County Security Building, 201 Lake Ave. Fairmont, MN  
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TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2015, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None  
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Shelby Properties LLC to Amber Hillmer, Zach Jurries, Pt. Lots 1 and 2, Edwards Subd. L1 B4 Ext. to Woll.

### QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Beverly A. Horejsi, Duane L. Horejsi to Dale G. Goerndt, Susan K. Philipp, SE¼SW¼ exc. S.439.58', 13-102-29

Dale G. Goerndt, Duane Philipp, Susan K. Philipp to Beverly A. Horejsi, Duane L. Horejsi, S.439.38' SE¼SW¼, 13-102-29

Leota A. Fischer, Leota A. Fischer Revocable Trust to Leota A. Fischer, Trustee, SW¼, 17-101-32; NE¼, 19-101-32

Roland P. Wagner, Linda Kay Welchlin to Roland P. Wagner, E.10' Lot 8, Lot 7, Block 2, Interlaken 3rd Subd.

Roland P. Wagner, Linda Kay Welchlin to Linda Kay Welchlin, Lot 8, Block 1, Hillcrest Addn.

### TRUSTEE DEEDS

Harris Herman, Holly E. Herman, Herman Family Bypass Trust, Herman Family Trust to Joseph J. Sanders, Pt. NW¼SW¼, Pt. Govt. Lot 1, SW¼, 33-101-30; Pt. Govt. Lot 5, SE¼, 32-101-30

### DEEDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Wendy M. Besel, Co-Per. Rep., Linn L. Ries, Co-Per. Rep., Estate of Shirley M. Ries to Tammy L. Bass, Wendy M. Besel, Lot 3, Block 1, Fairhaven Townhomes 1st Addn.

### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN BEFORE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

In the matter of the Petition for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ENGINEER REPORT

**Notice is hereby given**, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #30.

That the Engineers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following lands are drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains part of the following township in: Martin County – Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

**AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m.** in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN, the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said Final Engineer Report, and all the persons interested are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed Improvement with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the Engineer's Final report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

**Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.**

### DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

**By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer**

### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN BEFORE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

In the matter of the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON VIEWERS REPORTS

**Notice is hereby given**, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the redetermination of benefits and damages and benefited areas of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

That the viewers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following is a brief description of the lands drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains all or part of the following township in: Martin County - Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

**AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN** the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said viewers' report, and all the persons interested in the redetermination of benefits are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed redetermination of benefits with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the viewers' report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

**Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.**

### DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

**By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer**

### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MARTIN BEFORE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

In the matter of the Petition for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL VIEWERS REPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT

**Notice is hereby given**, that a proceeding has been commenced by the Drainage Authority of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County, Minnesota, for the Improvement of Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County.

That the viewers appointed herein have made and filed their report in the office of the Martin County Auditor-Treasurer.

That the following is a brief description of the lands drained by Judicial Ditch #51 Martin County by a tile system. Said system drains all or part of the following township in: Martin County - Center Creek Township (T103N-R29W), Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 & 21.

**AND THAT, THEREFORE, on FEBRUARY 3RD, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Fairmont, MN** the Drainage Authority of said system shall hear and consider said Final Viewers' Report, and all the persons interested are invited to appear and be heard before the Drainage Authority, for and against the proposed Improvement with respect to any other matters in connection therewith. A copy of the Final Viewers' report can be examined at the office of the Martin County Auditor, 201 Lake Ave Ste 201, Fairmont MN.

**Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.**

### DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL DITCH #51 MARTIN COUNTY

**By James Forshee, Martin County Auditor-Treasurer**

## DEATH notices

January 19 - Ione Laase, 96, Trimont. Kramer Funeral Home

January 19 - Frieda V. Nolte, 98, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

January 20 - Ruth M. Hendricksen, 96, Truman.

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

January 21 - Barbara K. Hoops, 70, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

January 23 - Ellrich C. Fritz, 96, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

January 24 - David O. Anderson, 81, Trimont. Kramer Funeral Home

January 25 - Phylliss M. Pierce, 99, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home

January 25 - Dale F. Kettner, 63, Truman.

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

### In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

January 19 - Gordon R. Stahn, 84, Fairmont

January 20 - Merlyn R. Johnson, 83, Fairmont

January 21 - Edwin Petersen, Jr., 83, Truman

January 22 - Dorothy J. Dufour, 76, Fairmont

January 22 - Shirley A. Selbrade, 77, Fairmont

January 22 - Edmund C. Hinrichs, 87, Fairmont

January 22 - Michael J. Bazil, 83, Fairmont

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January 24 - Viola M. Quiggle, 89, Fairmont



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**Monday, February 9th, Evening - SHERBURN C&C FUNDRAISER** Auction & Supper - American Legion. *Chris, Carson & Allen Kahler*

**Thursday, February 12th, 10:30 a.m.** - Secured Creditors - 80 Acres +/- in Rost Twp., Jackson Co., MN. Sale to be held at 39223 800th St, Lakefield, MN. See [www.danpikeauction.com](http://www.danpikeauction.com) for more info! *Pike, Wedel, Kahlers & Hartung*

**Saturday, March 7th, 9:45 a.m. - MICHAEL PRUST ESTATE** - Full line of excellent late model John Deere Farm Equipment includes: JD 9570 Combine, JD Track Tractor, 8130, 4450, Semi, Vehicles & more! Machinery auction to be held at 152 100th Ave, Ceylon, MN. Please visit our website at [www.auctioneeralley.com](http://www.auctioneeralley.com) for more information. *Kahlers, Hartung, Wedel, Pike, & Hall-507-920-8060 or 507-238-4318*

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**Saturday, March 21st - MAURICE & HILDA MITCHELL ESTATES** - Farm & Livestock Equipment Auction. Sale to be located at Westbrook, MN. *Pike, Wedel, Kahlers & Hartung*

**Saturday, March 21st, starting at 5:00 p.m. - MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL** - "What A Night" dinner and fun auction. *Kahlers*

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## OBITUARY notices

### Frieda V. Nolte, 98



Funeral services for Frieda V. Nolte, 98, were held on Friday, January 23rd, 2015 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home of Fairmont handled arrangements.

Frieda V. Nolte, 98, was called to her eternal home January 19th, 2015 at Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home, Winthrop, Minnesota. Frieda was born February 5th, 1916 in Adams County (Prosser), Nebraska to John and Emma (Kuehn) Riese. She was baptized on February 6th, 1916 at her parents' home by Pastor Wm. E. J. Landgraf. She was confirmed on March 29th, 1931 at Zion Lutheran Church, Juniata, Nebraska.

Frieda was married to Paul L. Nolte December 2nd, 1945. Their marriage was blessed with three sons: John (Lanita) Nolte of New Ulm, Minnesota; Roger (Maggie) Nolte of Rochester, Minnesota; and Carl (Beth) Nolte of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Brent (Laura) Nolte, Heidi (Seth) Zimmermann, Joshua (Cristina) Nolte, Alan (Melissa) Nolte, Daniel (Rachel) Nolte, Nathan (Jenise) Nolte, Steven (Rachel) Nolte, Kerry's husband, Michael Floyd; 16 great-grandchildren: Gabrielle, Karissa, and Brianna Nolte; Ingrid Zimmermann; Emma, Elise, Greta, and Meredith Nolte; Katie, Ashley, and Joshua Nolte; Hannah, Leah, and Noah Nolte; Natalie and Elliot Nolte.

Frieda was preceded in death by her husband; parents; granddaughter Kerry Nolte; brothers, infant boy, Elmer, Rudolph, Marvin, Raymond, and Herbert; sisters, Meta, Esther, Leona, and Ruth; 4 sisters-in-law and 4 brothers-in-law. She was also preceded in death by Paul's sister, five brothers, and their spouses.

Frieda worked in Hast-

ings, Nebraska and Colorado Springs, Colorado until her marriage to Paul. She joined Paul on the family farm in Rolling Green Township, near Fairmont and in 1954 the family moved to Fairmont. Frieda was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. She was known as a gracious hostess who provided meals and lodging for many family and friends. She served also as school cook for St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont for a short time. She and Paul were founding members of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

Memorials can be designated for Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Fairmont, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, and NAMI SE Minnesota, Rochester.

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

### Barbara K. Hoops, 70



Funeral Service for Barbara K. Hoops, 70, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, January 24th, 2015, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont. Inurnment will take place in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont at a later date. Barbara passed away Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Kay (Lutz) Hoops was born April 14th, 1944, in Fairmont, the daughter of Mary Francis (Simon) Lutz and Albert Jr. Lutz. She attended school and graduated from Fairmont High School class of 1962.

In 1965, Barb was united in marriage to Donald Lardy in Fairmont. To this union, two sons were born, Nick and Buck.

Barb worked secretarial jobs in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Fairmont prior to her retirement in 2003 due to complications from COPD. Barb was a 50 year member of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont where she was baptized and confirmed. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary and a life-time member of the Fairmont Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Barb enjoyed

volunteering and spent many hours volunteering at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

In her spare time, Barb's number one love was being with her grandchildren. Her quiet time was spent reading and working on puzzles. She was voted "Puzzle Queen" at Goldfinch. Barb enjoyed listening to music, especially Elvis music and she considered herself his #1 fan. She found joy in making baby hats for the hospital and dish towels and wash rags to give as gifts to her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Nick Lardy and his wife, Traci and their children, Kayla and Allison of Fairmont; and Buck Lardy and his wife, Kim and their children, Hunter and Ethan of Coon Rapids, MN; sister, Sharon Horning and her husband, Irv; nieces and nephews, Ken Craig and his wife, Jill; Hope Whitmore and her husband, Alan; Heather Fulfs; Deb Aspey and her husband, Jim; uncle, Willis Lutz and his wife, Dolores and their family; brother, Ron Lutz and his wife, Pat; as well as many other cousins and extended family. Barb was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents; and many aunts and uncles.

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### Elrich C. Fritz, 96



Funeral Services for Elrich C. Fritz, 96, of Fairmont, were held Monday, January 26th, 2015, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, with interment in the church cemetery. Elrich passed away Friday, January 23rd, 2015, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont was in charge of arrangements.

Elrich Conrad Fritz was born November 9th, 1918, in Tenhassen Township. He was the youngest of ten children born to John and Doris (Laue) Fritz. He was baptized and later confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. Elrich also attended school at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

On November 28th, 1937, Elrich married Agnes Rudebeck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The couple farmed south of Wilbert until March 1946, when they moved to Grover, Colorado. In 1949, Elrich and Agnes moved to Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.

While in Pine Bluffs, Elrich along with three other families founded Grace Lutheran Church of Pine Bluffs. He was the deacon until they moved back to Tenhassen Township in 1953. He joined the L.L.L. and held most offices on local levels and offices on zoning levels for twenty-seven years. Elrich was an A.S.C. officer and was on the building and zoning committee in Fairmont. He was the assessor for Tenhassen Township and was a 4-H leader for twenty-five years. During his free time, Elrich enjoyed hunting, fishing,

bowling and playing cards.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Agnes Fritz of Fairmont; five children, Kenneth Fritz and his wife, Jane, of Fairmont, David Fritz and his wife, Claudia of Montello, Wisconsin, Sandra Maday of Raytown, Missouri, Dennis Fritz and his wife, Linda, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and Gerald Fritz and his wife, Elizabeth, of Ceylon; 14 grandchildren; 25

great grandchildren; 11 step great grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Elrich is preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Nes and Ida Rudebeck; grandson, Eric Fritz; brothers and their wives, Henry and Laura Fritz, Lester and Caroline Fritz, and Lawrence Fritz; sisters and their husbands, Melinda and Ted Borchardt, Lilly Coy, Rosella

and Lester Cheever, Hilda and Vanward Spray, Frieda and Carl Thate, and Regina and Wilbert Moeller; sisters-in-law, Edith and Everett Bremer, Selma Rudebeck, and Florence and Ray Bergum; brothers-in-law, Herb and Laverne Rudebeck, Ed and Elsie Rudebeck, and Donald and Myrtle Rudebeck.

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(obits continued on pg. 16)

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### 1 Cards of Thanks

BEHRENDTS - At this difficult time, family of Sharon Behrends wishes to express our deepest appreciation for your comforting prayers, touching messages, visits, phone calls, flowers, food, and memorials. We are truly grateful! May God continue to bless each of you! 38-1tp-1

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Qualifications include: Graduation from High School or equivalent, plus at least two years of post-secondary education in transit planning, transportation, business administration, or closely related field. Bachelor's degree preferred in transportation, public administration, regional planning, business administration or related field, and at least 3 years of management and supervisory experience and demonstrated ability. OR Any equivalent combination of education training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this position. Additional skills and experience or abilities include but not limited to: planning, organizing and directing programs, development & operations, working with boards and diverse community organizations, contract negotiations and proposal development, finance and personnel management, demonstrated knowledge of transportation systems policies and procedures, knowledge of the organization and operation of related local, state, and federal governments, ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, and have strong public relations skills, ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others including co-workers, boards/committees and outside agencies, ability to work independently as well as within the team environment, displays good judgment, professionalism and confidentiality, ability to prioritize and multi-task. Possession of a valid driver's license. Some evening and weekend work may be required, and ability to travel. Subject to complete criminal background checks satisfactory to the appointing authority.

The position is considered a full time position and eligible for full time benefit package. The starting salary range is \$23.56-\$25.96/ hour depending on successful applicant's qualifications. For a complete job description, required application, application supplement, and other required application documents, please contact Job Service at Fairmont Workforce Center, 412 South State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 or call (507) 235-5518; Deadline February 13, 2015, 4:00 p.m. Applications can also be obtained on the Martin County, MN website at [www.co.martin.mn.us](http://www.co.martin.mn.us). Completed application forms are to be submitted to the Fairmont Workforce Center only.

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For required applications, complete job description, or questions please contact the Martin County Coordinator's Office at 507-238-3124, located at Martin County Courthouse, Room #100, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota, 56031. The successful job applicant is subject to completion of background checks satisfactory to the County. You can also obtain a complete job description and required applications from our website at [www.co.martin.mn.us](http://www.co.martin.mn.us).

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**DOUBLE TEAM** - Cardinals #3 Emily Kim and Courtney Mosloski trap Pipestone Arrows Emily Mabon. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



**SINGLE SHOT** - Cardinals Hayley Harder launches and makes a three against Pipestone Area. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



**EASY LAY-IN** - Cardinals Ben Abel lays in two past Blue Earth Area's Chandler Kienitz. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**FINGERTIP BLOCK** - Cardinals Taylor Crissinger tips away Pipestone's Kirsten Houg shot. The Cardinals ran past the arrows 55-40 last Saturday in Pipestone. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**BASELINE PASS** - Cardinals Sierra Schultz looks for a teammate while being pressured by Bucs #15 Shayna Stevermer. The Blue Earth Area Buccaneers edged the Cardinals 36-35 last Friday night in Blue Earth. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**PERFECT FORM** - Cardinals Parker Monsen gets off a three over Pipestone's Brayden Baartman. Monsen and four three-pointers in the Cards 51-45 victory last Saturday in Pipestone. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



**JAM TIME** - Cardinals Walker Tordsen slams one home over Blue Earth Area's #21 Kyle Engesser. The Cardinals coasted by the Bucs 58-42 last Friday night in Blue Earth. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



The St. Paul Fairmont Falcons girls' "A" team won the Faribault Lutheran Tournament that was held January 16th-18th. The team includes players from St. Paul Lutheran of Fairmont and St. James Lutheran, Northrop. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Emily Johnson, Karalyn Closs, Chloe Denton, and Kelly Chen. (Back row, left to right) Coach John Oothoudt, Lydia Steinhuis, Natalie Tonne, Michaelah Petrowiak, Katie Mueller, Lizzie Oothoudt, Coach Tyler Garrison. Missing: Sara Sundblad.



**LEG SCISSORS** - Worthington's Jeffrey Camacho scissors his legs around Red Bulls Colin Steuber. Steuber won a 17-3 major decision over Camacho. The Red Bulls lost to Worthington 51-13 but defeated Fulda/Murray County Central 47-34 in a triangular match held last Thursday at Fairmont. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**BULL PINNED** - Red Bulls Elijah Gronewold picked up two pins on the night, here with a pin over Worthington's Mason Byrne and Fulda/Murray County Central's Dalton Keeler. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**WRESTLING TIME** - Red Bulls Adrian Moscoffian checks the clock at the end of the period in his match against Worthington's Trevor Wietzema. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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1 Tucker Eisenmenger	Arctic Cat	36.177	
2 Tyson McKean	Arctic Cat	43.515	
3 Hudson McKean	Arctic Cat	45.85	
120's Mod / Pro Class			
1 Zander Johnson	Arctic Cat	26.659	
2 Tesa Johnson	Arctic Cat	27.452	
3 Kendra Hartman	Arctic Cat	30.859	
Kitty Cat Mod/ Pro class			
1 Zander Johnson	Arctic Cat	-----	
120's - Standard / Stock			
1 Justine Eisenmenger	Arctic Cat	36.036	
2 Jessica Moore	Arctic Cat	45.359	
14-17 year old 0-400cc Including			
80hp Phazer 4 Stroke - Ski-doo 600 Ace			
1 Isabelle Lenort	94 Arctic Cat Puma	32.723	
Adult Non-Studded 0-400cc Including			
80 hp Phazer 4 Stroke, Ski-doo 600 Ace			
1 Brad Lennort	94 Arctic Cat Puma	27.135	
Adult Non-Studded 401cc-Open Including			
120 hp 4 Stroke (Nitro/Vector/4 tec 1200/900 ace)			
1 Brian Ruschy	2013 Arctic Cat FX	24.991	
2 Brian Holz	1995 PolarisXLT	27.087	
3 Brian Ruschy	2014 Ski-DooMXZ	27.72	
Adult Studded 401cc-600cc Including			
120 hp 4 Stroke (Nitro/Vector/4 tec 1200, Ace 900)			
1 Trevor Eisenmenger	2001 Arctic Cat ZR500	19.221	
2 Doug Eisenmenger	2001 Arctic Cat ZR 500	21.013	
3 Brad Lenort	2013 Polaris Pro R	21.3	
Adult Studded 601cc-Open Including			
150 hp 4 Stroke and 4 Stroke Turbos			
1 Duane Peyman	2011 Yamaha Apex	25.676	
2 Todd Unke	Arctic Cat	37.353	
Vintage Stock - no studs - cleats ok			
1 Joel Oberdieck	1972 Arctic Cat Lynx	23.475	
2 Daryl Johnson	1978 Polaris TX 250	31.888	
Vintage Open - studs			
1 Brady Oberdieck	1979 Scorpion 440	22.544	
2 Ryan Johnson	1978 Polaris TX 250	26.79	



Joel Oberdieck rides his vintage sled through the course during the Icekahana in Fairmont.



Adult Studded 401cc-600cc - 1st place: Trevor Eisenmenger; 2nd place: Doug Eisenmenger; 3rd place: Brad Lennort



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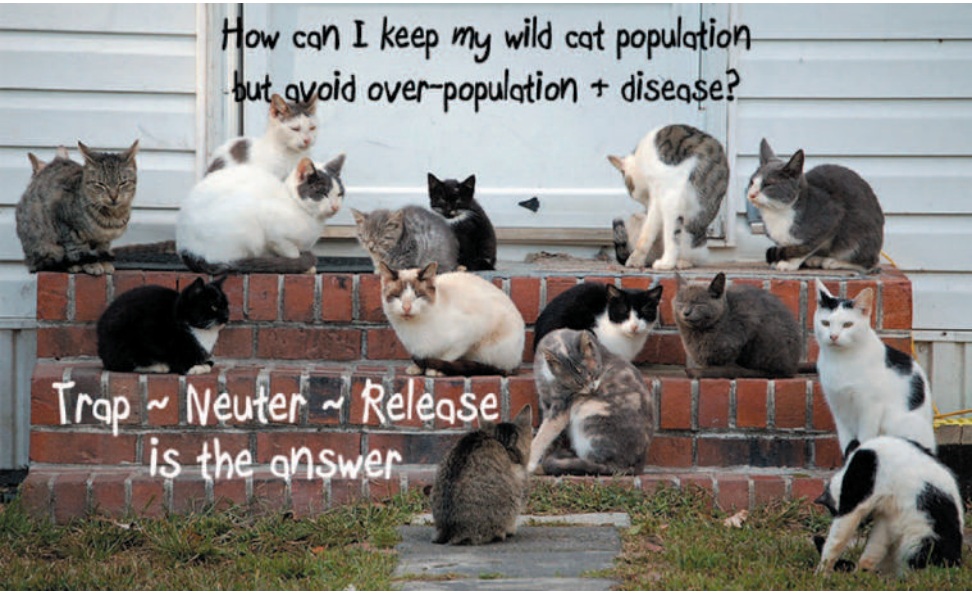
Students in Autumn Welcome's J Term class at North Union High School in Armstrong, Iowa this year are learning "21st Century Skills" and incorporating what they are learning into everyday activities.

The students chose to focus on the topic "Save Us: How can I make an impact in the number of homeless animals in an animal shelter?"

Students then chose a topic that they felt is a good education point for the public, they created a public service announcement ad and presentation, as well as generating a Petfinder description for an animal currently at the Martin County Humane Society in Fairmont.

Students visited both shelters during the class experience so they could see first-hand the animals they were working to help out. The PSA's are titled by the students that created them.

We thank Autumn Welcome, Ashley Scheevel and their North Union students for sharing these PSA's and pictures with us.



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The pictures and comments below are of just a few examples of the won-

derful friendships that have been established.

Contact: Fairmont Area Kinship; 206 West 3rd Street; Fairmont, MN 56031; 238-4440 (Kinship); 236-4514 (Anna Fuller); 236-4606 (Char Kahler) or fairmontkinship@gmail.com



"I can't say enough of how much fun it has been to be a Kinship mentor! I can't imagine my life without it! I have a friend who is concerned about time commitment and I tell her it is such a gift to get out of your own world and share an hour a week with your mentee! My relationship with my mentee has been incredibly rewarding! There are so many Kinship and local activities, we never lack for something to do. I don't know which one of us has more fun! I am grateful for this experience." Suzy Riley



"There is not a lot that you can do to change the world. But the little you do can change a life." Vern Osborn



"It's been rewarding to be part of a child's life and hope that I have improved it in some way." Katie Rippentrop

"The challenges were almost overwhelming at times, but heartwarming to witness a young girl develop into a great young lady. 'The trip' will never end. We continue to have good times together, and always will! Thank you Naomi and the whole Kinship family." Mark and Bonnie Johnson. (It is with great sadness that Mark passed away Jan. 17th. Kinship was fortunate to have Mark and Bonnie as mentors. We pray that she will be comforted with friendships gained in Kinship as she continues.)



"Mentoring allows me the chance to get involved with a youth. I have had many silent mentors in my life; I hope I can be as influential as they we're to me." Craig Deignau



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**Dale F. Kettner, 63**

Funeral services for Dale Kettner, 63, Truman, Minnesota, will be held on Thursday, January 29th, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. Interment will be held at the church cemetery with full military honors by the Oles-Reader-Bosshart American Legion Post 115.

Dale passed away at his home in rural Truman on Sunday, January 25th, 2015. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Zaharia Family Funeral & Cremation Service of Truman and one hour before the services in the church. Further arrangements are pending with Zaharia Family Funeral & Cremation Service of Truman.

Dale Floris Kettner was born on February 10th, 1951 in St. James, Minne-

sota to Floris and Dorothy (Schwanz) Kettner. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville, Minnesota and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. Dale attended St. Paul's Lutheran School in Truman and graduated from Truman High School. He then attended Jackson Vo-Tech for carpentry.

Dale started working for Truman Farmer's Elevator on the construction crew. He served in the US Army from 1971-1973. Later he became the manager of the lumber department for TFE which was later WFS. On May 5, 1979 Dale was united in marriage to Vanessa Wilson at Community Baptist Church in Truman. Dale also raised hogs and farmed. In March of 2004, Dale and Vanessa opened BoeKett Building Supply with Terry and Cindy Boesch. In April of 2013, BoeKett opened their Fairmont location. Dale was a hard worker and took a lot of pride in his business.

Dale was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he served as Trustee. He was a lifetime member of the Oles-Reader-Bosshart American Legion Post 115 and was a member of the Truman Lions Club. Dale loved playing and watching all sports. He played for many years on the Jones Trucking Softball Team, was on a dart league and enjoyed bowling.

He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, campfires, going on vacation, playing games and being with family and friends. He was always the life of the party. A special thank you to Dale's daughter-in-law, Tina Kettner for taking care of Dale during his illness.

Left to cherish Dale's memory are his wife of 35+ years, Vanessa Kettner, Truman; daughters, Gini (Tony) Brummond, Truman, Nicole Geistfeld, Albany, Georgia, Natalie (fiancé Houston Schubert) Kettner, Truman; son, Travis (Tina) Kettner, Truman; grandchildren, Zachary, Alexis, Bryce, Dayton; step grandchildren, Hunter, Kaley, Zachery, Brady; one brother, Terry (Lori) Kettner, Fergus Falls, Minnesota; one brother-in-law Sam (Deb) Wilson, Westminster, Colorado; mother-in-law, Wanda Wilson, Truman; and several nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Floris and Dorothy Kettner and his father-in-law, Darwin Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are preferred to Truman Fire and Rescue, Pancreatic Cancer Association, Spirit of Truman Fund or UHD Hospice.

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This year's second KPALS event (Kindergarten Parents Actively Learning with their Students) was held on Thursday, January 15th at Fairmont Elementary School. A special thanks to the Martin County Youth Foundation for providing grant dollars to make these special evenings possible.



Chris Pierce, right, President at US Bank in Fairmont, presents a check to Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Dillard. US Bank Fairmont recently donated \$1,000 to the Junior Achievement Program.

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