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Neighboring

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



It is a fond memory from my childhood when growing up on a prairie farm. I learned what it means to be NEIGHBORING. It was a time when people had a few modern conveniences as they lived the lonely life of a farmer. However, they found the time to just “stop in to talk”. They had something to share. There is a certain sadness in seeing this disappear in the countryside. However maybe something might have taken its place. Have you noticed the groups of people that meet, usually in the morning, in the restaurants or convenience stores of the prairie towns? Sometimes it is a group of men or women who just want to share the news of their lives. They are the same people, happy in conversation, who wait for the next day to do the same thing. Is this modern

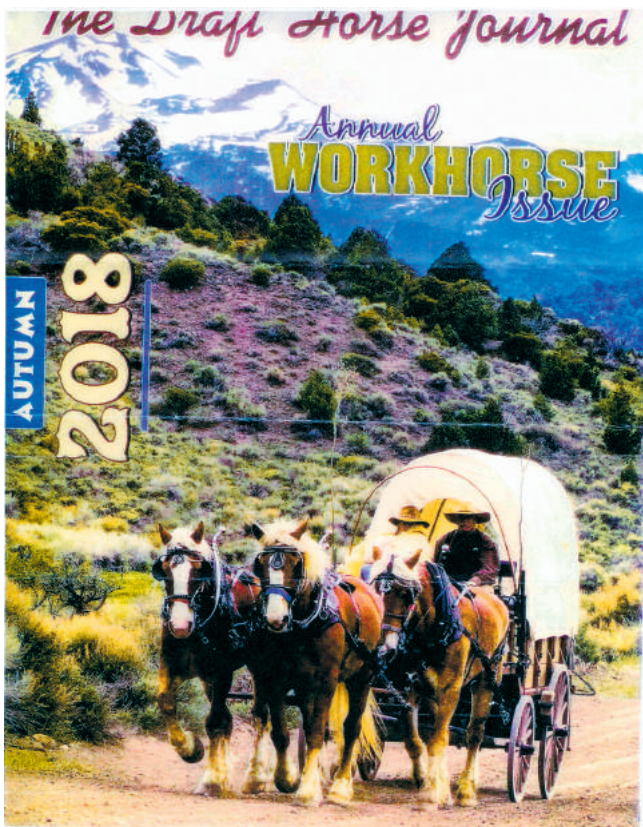
NEIGHBORING? It comes from deep within and is often hard to explain. Sometimes you can feel friendship develop. You know when it is there! Such was the friendship of my father and our nearby farm neighbor. Our farms “touched on the corner”, so they saw each other often. His son is much like his father, a friendly person, who enjoys sharing conversation. This son learned the skill of NEIGHBORING from his father. He understands that the farmers of his father’s time did not have the money, gas or time to travel. Was this the reason that many found joy in stopping “just to talk”? My father was much like our neighbor and they became very close friends. It was considered a “common courtesy” to take time with others. Much of their

conversation was centered on horses, for horses were considered the “power of the farm”. The neighbor’s son learned NEIGHBORING which has developed into our friendship. Our common thread of conversation is still centered on “horses”. Sometimes I get a message that the son has called my office and that I should return his call. I know what the call is about. He wants to know if I will be able to have lunch with him. It is a compliment to be thought of in such a way. He wants to make sure that I will be in so that we have time to do the NEIGHBORING thing of our now deceased fathers. He is retired, but continues his hobby of having an interest in draft horses. A large folder arrived in the mail one morning that contained my first issue

of THE DRAFT HORSE JOURNAL. The son had given me the subscription of his “much-loved” quarterly magazine. It was when looking through this first issue that I noticed it. There had been an annual draft horse sale in Waverly, Iowa. Several of the top horses brought unbelievable amounts of money. It was during a later telephone conversation with our daughter, Lisa, who has always been interested in horses, that I mentioned the high sale price of several of the horses as they were listed in the magazine. Our daughter was at a wedding several days later. An Amish couple, who were friends of some people in the wedding party, were seated alone at a table at the reception. I would like to think that our daughter saw this is an opportunity in NEIGHBORING. She engaged in a conversation that grew into the subject of “horses”. This was when the Amish man stated she should have been at a recent Iowa

draft horse sale if she was interested in draft horses. Our daughter replied with, “Do you mean the Waverly Sale where certain horses (that she named) brought a certain price (which she also quoted)?” The Amish

man was quite surprised that such an “English” girl would know about the sale of such draft horses. Yes, she learned the skill of NEIGHBORING.



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Baby Buzz

Emmah Marie Teveldal, daughter of Ethan and Laura Teveldal of Fairmont, was born December 15th, 2018 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Fairmont. She weighed six pounds three ounces and measured 19 inches long. Grandparents are Pat Teveldal and Cindy and Terry Vieselmann, all of Fairmont, along with Lurna and Doug Schmidtke of Chaska. Great grandparents are John and Charlotte Schmidtke of Ceylon. Emma was welcomed home by big sister, 3-year-old Sarah Teveldal.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Martin County Relay for Life 2019 Committee meeting and Team Captains meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-Fairmont in the main meeting room.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, January 30th they will serve sloppy joes. On February 6th it will be spaghetti. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.

The **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36** of Fairmont will meet Tuesday, February 5th at 7 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. All interested are welcome to attend.



WILCOX 50TH - Elwood and Kathy Wilcox of Fairmont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, February 7th. Cards and anniversary wishes will reach them at: 104 W. 7th Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Red Rock Center features "The OK Factor"



Red Rock Center for the Arts will bring cellist Olivia Diercks and violinist Karla Colahan of the The OK Factor, to the Fairmont High School to perform and guide a lesson plan for band and orchestra students on Thursday, January 31st.

The OK Factor will return to the Fairmont on Friday, February 15th to

entertain at Goldfinch Estates and during the Valentine's Day Dinner fundraiser at the Red Rock.

The dinner is a collaborated event between the Red Rock Center and St. Paul's Lutheran Youth.

Tickets are available for the dinner at Hy-Vee in Fairmont or the Red Rock Center office.

Family Winter BINGO at the Fairmont Library

Bring your family to the Fairmont Library and enjoy an all-ages BINGO event!

Held on Monday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m., come and play picture BINGO! Check out the

library and all it has to offer!

There is no cost to attend, no registration required and this event is open to the public.

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

Emergency call for blood donors

A blood donation shortfall over the winter holidays is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call to blood donors to give now to prevent a blood shortage.

Blood drives taking place in the local area include:

Trimont - Monday, February 4th from 1 to 7 p.m. at Evangelical Covenant

Church.

Ceylon -

Thursday, February 7th from 1 to 6 p.m. at Legends 2 in Ceylon.

Blue Earth -

Monday, February 11th from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Hope United Methodist Church.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Toddler Tinker Lab at the Fairmont Library

The Fairmont Library will host monthly Toddler Tinker Labs on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dates are: February 6th, March 20th, and April 24th.

The "lab" is designed to allow toddlers to explore, grow and create

with a variety of activities each month...the best part? Leave the mess behind at the library!

Call the library at 238-4207 with questions. No registration is required and this event is free and open to the public.

AARP Tax Aide will provide **free income tax returns** in Fairmont beginning on February 1st. Volunteers will be available to complete income tax returns from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 17th. We are located on the upper level of First Congregation Church UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. Please make an appointment by calling (507) 230-4400.

The Fairmont Class of 1953 will meet Friday, February 1st for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

Due to frigid weather, The **FREE Community Meal** at First Congregational Church in Fairmont on Wednesday, January 30th has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 6th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. They will be having a potato bar with all the fixings. Come let their Sunday School children serve you up a good meal!

The Granada Huntley East Chain School Music Department will be hosting a **soup supper** to raise funds for their tour to Branson, Missouri this spring. Please join them on Friday, February 1st from 5 to 7 p.m. during the home Jaguars basketball game.

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"Scout Sunday" Pancake Breakfast February 2nd



In honor of "Scout Sunday", Boy Scout Troop 56 will be hosting the 48th Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 2nd, 2019. What is "Scout Sunday" and how is it significant to Boy Scouts of America?

In 1909, Chicago publisher W.D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered a boy who came to be known as the Unknown Scout. Boyce was lost on a foggy street when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was a Boy Scout and was merely doing his daily good turn. Interested in the Boy Scouts, Boyce met with staff at the Boy Scouts Headquarters and, by some accounts, Baden-Powell. Upon his return to the US, Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on February 8th, 1910. Scouts around the nation celebrate the founding of BSA annually on February 8th.

Today, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest scouting organizations and youth organizations in the United States, with more than 2.4 million youth participants and nearly one million adult volunteers.

The traditional Scouting divisions are Cub Scouting for boys and girls ages 5 to 11 years, Boy Scouts for boys ages 11 to 17, and Venturing for young men and women ages 14 (or 13 and having completed the 8th grade) through 21. In February 2019, the Boy Scout program will be renamed Scouts BSA and will offer older girls a path to earn the rank of Eagle Scout through gender-separate, but equal, troops.

On Sunday, February 2nd, 2019, Boy Scout Troop 56 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast celebrating "Scout Sunday" at Grace Lutheran Church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast will be served with scrambled eggs with your choice of sausage and ham with milk, coffee, or juice. Whipped cream and sprinkles will also be offered on the pancakes for a little fun for children of all ages. Children age five and under eat free with an adult ticket cost. Advance tickets can be purchased for by calling 507-236-3805. All proceeds will be used to support Boy Scouts Troop 56 in achieving their scouting goals and participating in activities to gain personal growth and confidence.

St. James Lutheran celebrates a new chapter

During the night of March 30th, 2016, townspeople of Northrop and members of St. James Lutheran Church watched as their beloved church went up in flames after a lightning struck the church tower earlier that evening.

Almost three years later, those same people will be holding an open house to celebrate the completion of the new church building and also showcasing what St. James Lutheran has to offer in both church and school.

St. James Lutheran Church was founded in 1890 in rural Rutland Township, east of Northrop. A new church was built in Northrop and dedicated in October of 1940. In 1948, the church

added a new school building, attached to the church.

All those memories were lost when the church building, its stained glass windows, bell tower and restored altar were destroyed by the 2016 fire.

In the months that followed, church services continued at Zion Lutheran in Fraser Township and St. James church members were very appreciative of them sharing their facility.

Cleanup of the former church building was

completed and groundbreaking for a new church was held May 29th, 2016. Antique stained glass windows from the 1890's were installed in the new building, thanks to a generous donation from a church in South Dakota that was closing.

General contractors for the construction of the new church building were church members Paul and Joe Leimer.

After over two years of construction, the dedication of the newly built St. James Lutheran Church was held December 9th, 2018 with over 350 people attending that service.

Members of St. James Lutheran have decided to hold an open house on Saturday, February 2nd from 3 to 5 p.m. so that the whole community



of Martin County can see how the church has emerged from the ashes into a beautiful house of worship.

They will also have information and tours of the school, which offers preschool classes and K - 8th grades. Light refreshments will also be served.

Visitors attending the open house are also invited to join members of the church for their regular Saturday Night Service at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

Red Rock Center to feature local artist

Paintings, drawings and photography by Matthew Petrowiak will be on display at the Red Rock Center for the Arts through February 26th. An Artist Meet and Greet, open to the public, will be held February 9th from 3-5 p.m.

Matthew Petrowiak of Fairmont grew up on his

grandmother Dorothy's farm, with his mother Cheryl, who was also an artist and encouraged him to pursue his passion for art. He has enjoyed art for as long as he can remember but it really took off during college. Later on he added photography to his list of artistic talents. Matthew states "Creating art gives me a sense of zen and allows me to capture feelings and emotions that goes far beyond the time the painting was created". Although he enjoys exploring a variety of medias and subjects his love for the great outdoors comes through in his nature and landscape drawings, paintings and photography.



There is a personal connection with much of the work he does. For example, as a child he loved Saturday Night Live and the NBC Studios was one of the first buildings he just had to see while visiting New York as a child. He has spent over 10 year sad-

ding details and perfecting the painting of that very building he observed as a child. He drew Obama months before the election because he thought Obama would soon make history. His work is filled with many wonderful memories and looks forward to sharing it with the community and letting his inspiration shine.

Gallery hours are Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Tues., Wed., and Fri. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Evenings and weekends by appointment.

CREST "Lunch and Learn"

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST and Temperance Lake Ridge will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn.

The guest speaker will be Meghan Kern from the Minnesota State Services for the Blind. Her presentation will address various disease processes lead-

ing to reduced vision and she will be demonstrating assistive devices that are available from the State of Minnesota at no charge.

A lunch of soup, sandwiches, and a Valentine cake dessert will be served following the presentation with a free will donation to defray expenses. Anyone from the area is welcome to enjoy the presentation, lunch, and some visiting.

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Friday, February 1st, Thrivent Action Team of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont will hold a **soup luncheon** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Proceeds will benefit Alzheimer's Disease Research Organization, Bright Focus Foundation. Your attendance and donation to this event would be greatly appreciated.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, January 30th they will serve fish fillets, mashed potatoes and coleslaw. On February 6th they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham and green beans. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

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"The First/Most Important Step In Buying Your Dream Home"

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Covers Realty



If you're a house lover like me, you know how fun it is to monitor the house listings in the area and dream about your next home. And then, all of a sudden, your dream home is listed and all you can do is think about that house! Excitedly, you comb through all the listing pictures and decide where the dishes are going, who gets what room, what

colors you will paint on the walls, how you will arrange the furniture and what DIY projects you want to do once you get moved in.

Been there. Done that. It's so fun to think about, isn't it? And buying a house should be fun! Allow me to offer a few tips how to make your house buying experience as enjoyable and stress free as possible.

sible.

Before you call a Realtor, you need to get serious about how you'll pay for the house. This part isn't fun, but it's an important step when buying a house. In fact, figuring out how much house you can afford should be your first step before looking at houses on the internet or in person.

Step One - If you

plan to set up a mortgage, it's best to obtain a pre-qualification letter from the bank of your choice. The pre-qualification process is informal and gives you a general price range of how much house you can afford. If you shop for houses outside of your price range, you run the risk of getting your heart broken when you fall in love with a house you can't afford. Pre-qualifications can usually be done over the phone or on the lender's website.

Now that you know how much house you can afford, does your

dream house fit within the pre-qualified price range you received from the bank? If not, it's time to go back to the drawing board and look for a different dream house online. If the house of your dreams does meet your budget, you're ready for the next step before contacting a Realtor.

Step Two - Now you will need to get a pre-approval letter from your lender to bring to your Realtor to show you're serious about buying a house. During pre-approval, your lender will analyze your

credit, your finances, your employment history and more to determine your loan eligibility. You will need to provide your Employment History and Tax Records. You will also need to provide your Social Security Number so your lender can conduct a credit check. (Some banks may only do the pre-approval step and forego the pre-qualification step.)

Once you have your pre-approval letter, you can meet with a Realtor to see your dream house in person!

Let the fun begin!

City of Lakes Garden Club to meet

City of Lakes Garden Club of Fairmont will meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at The Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont. Our meetings are open to visitors and new members, but please RSVP your attendance to Myrtle Heifner at 507-235-8535 so adequate accommodations can be made.

There will be a business meeting followed by an informative presentation on "Vegetables" which is the theme for 2019. The Vegetable(s) of the Month is Lettuce & Radishes.

We meet the first

Wednesday of each month. The host/hostess for the month may choose the location and time for the meeting. "The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage all forms of horticulture in the home and community and to increase the pleasure derived therefrom."

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the Garden Club, please call Myrtle Heifner at 507-235-8535. New members are always welcome!

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Kathy Thate of Fairmont won the used car given away at Militello Motors' annual Indoor Used Car Sale, held at the American Legion Hall. The highlight of the sale was the Chrysler Viper sports car, one of only 3,000 manufactured each year, that was on display. The sticker price: \$52,800.

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The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced that it had awarded a \$500,000 grant to the Prairieland Solid Waste Management Board to help optimize operations at the Prairieland municipal solid waste compost facility in Truman to achieve full-capacity production.

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Great Lakes Airlines, based in Spencer, Iowa, and which had served Fairmont Airport for some years, announced plans to return to serve the area, replacing GP Express Airlines, which had been Fairmont's carrier the past two years. Great Lakes planned to resume the Worthington-Fairmont-Mankato route, with three round trips daily between Fairmont and the Twin Cities.

EAI Bruce Larson Memorial Scholarship

Bruce P. Larson was a long-time employee of Easy Automation Inc.

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Monday, February 4: Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

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



Fairmont Area Schools Superintendent Joseph Brown and school board members met with Governor Walz at January's MSBA Leadership Conference. Pictured (L-R): Joseph Brown; Governor Walz; Superintendent Ray Hassing, Round Lake/Brewster School District; Fairmont board members Mari Myren and Julie Laue. Not pictured: Fairmont board member Rufus Rodriguez. (Submitted photo)

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 31 - FEB 6

THURS: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, custard.

FRI: Golden broil fish, creamed potatoes, beets, cake.

MON: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pumpkin dessert.

TUE: Chicken strips, potato salad, green beans, cake.

WED: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, cherry crisp.

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Jeff's Jottings

The exceptional cold snap has claimed some "non-human" victims at the Photo Press. Last Tuesday I came in to the office at 6:00 a.m. and saw that the thermostat on the wall said a chilly 52 degrees inside. Not what you want to find first thing in the morning! I called Day Plumbing and they came to check our furnace - giving me the bad news that the furnace needed to be replaced. Thankfully, employee Becky brought in three of her space heaters to help keep things a little warmer in the office since we had to wait until Thursday to get the new furnace installed. Having space heaters going in an office with so much paper product made me very nervous, so I decided that I would spend the night Wednesday sleeping in the office to make sure everything would be alright. Of course there are no beds or couches in our office, so my sister Larissa contacted some friends, Josh and Andrea Laven, who had a double thick air mattress that they loaned me. It's in-

teresting spending the night in the place where you work! Needless to say, I made it through the night with some sleep and the new furnace was installed on Thursday. A huge thanks to Becky, Larissa, Josh and Andrea Laven and to Sue at Edman and Edman Law Firm for giving me a nice hot cup of coffee the next morning to wake me up!

"What is it?" still not guessed correctly

We still don't have an answer for this week's "What is it". A small hint I will drop for you this week is that it is something for a Model A or T automobile. It measures 14 inches long and is 1 1/4 wide and is in the shape of a pipe (metal). There is a slight bend to the item as you can tell in the photo. Both ends of the item turn and there are three fittings that can be inserted in one end of the pipe. There is also a rod that goes through the hole on the other end of the pipe. We know what it is - so, what is this item? If you know, email me at Jeff@fairmontphotopress.com or call me at 507-238-9456. If



you have an item you think would be a good piece for this column, stop in or send me some photos along with a description.

Chicken, tacos and hockey

Here are a few things to let you know about before I go this week: •The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature fish fillets, mashed potatoes and coleslaw. All meals also come with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, dessert and beverages. A \$2 donation is suggested. •Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont continues its Open Door Meal Wednesday, January 23rd from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. They are serving sloppy joes. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert bar/cookie and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. •Friday, January 1st from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont will host a soup luncheon at the church. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Disease Research Organization, Bright Focus. •Friday, January 1st from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home Jaguars basketball game, Granada Huntley East Chain Music Department will have a soup supper to raise funds for their trip to Branson, Missouri •Saturday, January 2nd, St. James Lutheran Church and School in Northrop will host an Open House of the new church from 3 to 5 p.m. Tours will be given and light refreshments served. Have a great week and stay warm!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - hurry up, Spring!

Jeff

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of

February 2, 1969

The First National Bank had purchased the Luckow Recreation Parlor adjacent to the bank building to the east. The Luckow brothers, Frank and Eddie, had operated the business after buying out their employer, Charles Williams, and the business was to be closed after 40 years in the same location. The bank announced that it would remodel the space for its enlarged Timepay Department and insurance business.

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Lloyd C. Morrow retired from Railway Motors after 50 years of employment. Russell Markquart was hired to replace Morrow who had been head of the stockroom and parts department for many years.

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Fairmont senior citizens had moved into their new center at 414 N. North Avenue. The building had recently been vacated by the G&W Restaurant and was purchased by the city and a \$10,000 remodeling project had been completed.



Moments
in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Feb. 13, 1861, the earliest military action to be revered with a Medal of Honor award is performed by Col. Bernard J.D. Irwin, an Army surgeon serving in the first major U.S.-Apache conflict. The Irish-born doctor volunteered to go to the rescue of 2nd Lt. George Bascom, who was trapped in Arizona with 60 soldiers by the Apaches.

• On Feb. 14, 1886, the first trainload of oranges grown by southern California farmers leaves Los Angeles via the transcontinental railroad. Development of California surged when state railroad lines linked Los Angeles into the transcontinental railways.

• On Feb. 15, 1903, the first Teddy bear goes on sale. Toy-store owner and inventor Morris Michtom placed two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as Teddy bears, named after President Theodore Roosevelt.

• On Feb. 16, 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamen. The room was virtually intact, with its treasures untouched after more than 3,000 years.

• On Feb. 12, 1938, Judy Blume, popular young-adult author, is born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Blume's books, which realistically address such topics as bullying, divorce, friendships and family, gained legions of young fans; however, their content frequently led them to be banned by school libraries.

• On Feb. 11, 1960, the Federal Communications Commission proposes a new law making it a criminal act to be involved in Payola — corrupt practices in the radio and music industries that involved manufacturing a hit by paying for it to be played on the air.

• On Feb. 17, 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov triumphs over Deep Blue, IBM's chess-playing computer, to win their six-game match, 4-2. However, Deep Blue would defeat Kasparov in a heavily publicized rematch the following year.

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OBITUARY notices

Barbara C. Mager, 70



Barbara Carol Mager passed away January 22nd, 2019 at Trillium Woods Care Center in Plymouth at the age of 70.

Visitation will be Friday, February 1st, 2019 from 4-7 p.m. at Zaharia Family Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman, with visitation one hour prior. Inurnment will be at Ridgelawn Memorial Park. Zaharia Family Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Barbara Carol (Gerde) Mager was born to Silas and Irene Gerde on Feb-

ruary 24th, 1948 in Granite Falls, MN. She was baptized at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. She grew up in rural Sacred Heart, MN and was a graduate of the Sacred Heart High School class of 1966. She graduated in 1971 from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. During college, she played saxophone as a member of the University of MN band. On June 26th, 1971 Barb was married to Eugene Mager at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart. Barb taught Home Economics at Wells, St. James, Fairmont and Tru-

man Schools. Most recently, she enjoyed teaching preschool in Truman. She was proud to call Truman her home and wanted to make a difference in any way she could. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman, where she was the organist since 1971. Throughout her life, she was active in many different groups and activities, always willing to give of herself and her many talents. She was a member of the Al Zinter Chorale, Fairmont Prairie Star Quilt Guild, Truman Sorority, and served as a Girl Scout leader and FHA advisor. She enjoyed mak-

ing cakes, decorating for weddings, constructing costumes for children's plays, teaching Sunday school, making banners and confirmation stoles for church, organizing the Truman Days garage sales and could be found crafting and quilting in her spare time. Her family hosted foreign exchange students from both Germany (Nadine Westphaling) and Sweden (Sara Blomquist) in 1998 and 1999.

Barb is survived by her daughter, Gena (Eric) Zehnder; grandsons, Nolan, Calen and Bennett Zehnder; sisters-in-law,

Elaine Habeck, Mary (Andy) Regenscheid and Karen (Richard) Rocklewitz; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Mager, her parents, parents-in-law, Benedict and Florence Mager and niece Christine Allickson.

In lieu of flowers, Barb prefers memorials to be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman Historical Society, Truman Early Childhood Program or Truman Ambulance Service.

zahariafamilyfuneral.com

DeElda B. Rose, 91



A Celebration of Life Service for DeElda B. Rose, 91, of Fairmont, formerly of Welcome, were held Saturday, January 26th, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome with Pastor Anthony Christofels officiating. Burial will be in the Welcome City Cemetery at a later date. DeElda was called to her eternal rest Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont.

DeElda Bernice Sickler was born September 6th, 1927 to George and Frances Sickler of Lanesboro, Minnesota. They later moved to Martin County where she attended school in Sherburn, graduating with the class of 1944. She attended Mankato Teach-

ers College, subsequently teaching in several rural country schools in Martin County. On November 26, 1947 she was united in marriage to Aldor Rose, and they were blessed to have 71 years together. After their marriage, they lived in Welcome where they raised their family. DeElda enjoyed employments at both the Fairmont Clinic and later at the Fairmont Community Hospital. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome and lived her faith by making a positive impact on all around her. DeElda was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who was tirelessly devoted to family and friends. She was a gifted cook, baker, gardener, writer and enjoyed quilting, making quilts, sewing, and cross stitch. She and Aldor, as well as the entire family, had many trips together throughout the US and Europe.

She is survived by her husband, Aldor Rose of Fairmont; her four children, daughter, Kathleen (David) Van Iten of DeForest, Wisconsin, daughter, Janet (A.P.) Verret of Blacklick, Ohio, son, Steven (Jane) Rose of Anoka and Judith (Dennis) Ma-

honey of Wheaton, Illinois; 10-grandchildren, Ben Van Iten, Kristin (Mike) Ferris, Philip Verret, Tim Verret, Jeremy (Rachael) Rose, Graham (Krista) Rose, Rayni Pemble, John's wife, Allyson Mahoney, Grant Mahoney and Rose (Steven) Anthony; 10-great-grandchildren; Kayla Ferris, Amber Ferris, Sophia Ferris, Rylee Rose, Henry Rose, Brynn Rose, Brooke Rose, Bronson Rose, Dennis and Matthew Mahoney; three sisters, Zelda Christianson of Minneapolis, Georgene (Ralph) Gunderson of Alexandria, Minnesota and Terry Envy of Florida; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

DeElda was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, John Mahoney; brother, George Sickler; father and mother-in-law, Henry and Sophia Rose and other relatives.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Tim and Julie Clements and Donna Jensen and Glenn Henriksen who were with DeElda and Aldor in her final hours, as well as supporting them always in their day to day activities.

kramerfuneralhome.com

Eugene R. Roloff, 90



Funeral services for Eugene Raymond Roloff, 90, of Fairmont, were held Tuesday, January 29th, 2019, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Military honors were provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222 following the service at the funeral home. Burial was at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lewisville. Eugene passed away Thursday morning, January 24th, 2019, at his home in rural Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted

the family with arrangements.

Eugene Raymond Roloff was born in Lewisville, MN to Arthur and Frieda Roloff on October 17th, 1928. Gene attended the Lewisville school until the 8th grade. He worked at the feed mill and farmed. At age 15, Gene bought and sold furs with his father. Eugene entered the Air Force. He had 9 months of Basic Training at Wichita Falls, TX and was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD. He married Lila Jean Kathryn Lemke on August 3rd, 1950 and they had two children, Kathryn and Ronald.

After the service, Gene returned to Lewisville, MN and farmed for several years. In 1963, the family moved to Mapleton, MN where Gene sold 4x4 Feed and raised pigs. From 1973 to 1976, Gene owned and operated Hidden Valley Lodge on Lake Miltona, Miltona, MN. From 1977 to 1980, Gene lived in Casper, WY driving cement truck with his son Ron.

Gene moved back to Truman and was owner operator over-the-road truck driver. In 1966, Gene retired and went fishing.

Gene and his cousin, Marlin Milbrandt toured together, including Hawaii and Alaska. Many winters were spent in Texas, Arizona or Florida. Summers were spent fishing in Minnesota and working on the farm.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Kathryn (Donald) Wilkening of Truman, MN and son, Ronald (Luan) Roloff of Fairmont, MN; five grandchildren; six great-grandsons; sisters, Elaine Frank of Blaine, MN and Phyllis Schwanke of Glencoe, MN; and brother, Gary Lee Roloff of Truman, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Frieda Roloff; his wife, Lila Jean Lemke Roloff; brother, Richard Arthur Roloff; brother-in-law, Mervin Schwanke; and sister-in-law, Gwen Roloff.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net



Agnes L. Carter, 101



Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Agnes "Stormy" L. Carter, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 at the Chapel at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Burial followed the service at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Stormy passed away peacefully, Thursday morning, January 24th,

2019 at the Woodland Manor in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Stormy was born June 3rd, 1917 in St. Cloud, Minnesota to Louis and Regina Storms. She attended school in the St. Cloud area and in 1942 was united in marriage to the late Elmer J. Carter. Together they farmed in the Fairmont area where she led a busy life as a farmer's wife until retirement in 1985.

Stormy lived a full and happy 101 year life with spirit and zest. She seemed to always have luck on her side.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia Carter of Tucson, AZ; and several nieces and nephews from the St. Cloud, MN area.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Melva J. Schultze, 90



Funeral services for Melva J. Schultze, 90, of Wilbert, were held Monday, January 28th, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. Burial will follow the service in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Melva passed away

Tuesday afternoon, January 22nd, 2019, at the Trimont Health Care Center. Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Melva Jean Schultze was born September 27th, 1928 to Milo and Anna (Knueppel) Cheney in Fairmont. She received her education from Fairmont Public Schools.

On August 15th, 1952, Melva was united in marriage to Arthur Schultze at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home on a farm near Wilbert where they were blessed with two children, Pam and Rick. Melva kept busy as a homemaker. Arthur and Melva continued to farm until retirement in

1982, when they moved to Ceylon. In 2012, Melva moved to Trimont Health Care Center.

Melva was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert and the Ceylon Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, crosswords and Bingo.

She is survived by her daughter, Pam (Craig) Starr; son, Rick Schultze; granddaughters, Tina Whitmill (Tim Tressler), Angie (John) Young and Cassie (Justin) Thompson; great-grandchildren, Maverick, Wyatt, Andrew, Lexus, Hannah, Alahna and Max; brother, Ervin Cheney; sister, Viola Steenhard; and nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur Schultze; and brothers, George (Pearl) Cheney and Har-

lan (Stella) Cheney.

The family would like to thank the Trimont Health Care Center for the wonderful care they gave Melva.

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Local Conservantionist Honored As Area Finalist At State Soil And Water Conservation District Convention

By: Jesse Walters

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has named Gerald

Lorenz as one of eight Area Finalists in



Gerald was the Area VI MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist and one of 8 State finalists.

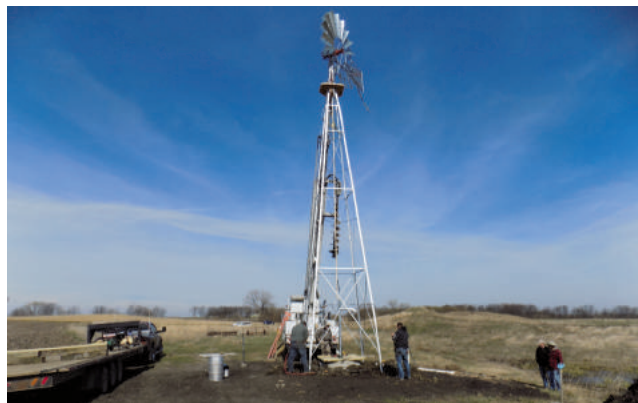
the 2018 Outstanding Conservationist Award Program. Gerald was recognized at a Dec. 11 luncheon at MASWCD's 81st annual convention in Bloomington. The awards program recognizes farm families, individuals, conservation organizations, and other groups for their accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources.

We're proud of Gerald Lorenz for what he has done in conserving the natural resources in our area. Gerald owns and manages 285 acres of cropland. Gerald is among the first in the County to require soil health practices as part of his land rental agreement. He requires

his tenants to use no-till on hills and vulnerable soils and seeds cover crops himself in order to reduce erosion and increase soil organic matter, biology, sustainability and productivity. Gerald has 5 bee hives on his property

and is passionate about honeybees and pollinators. Gerald has worked with the district through CRP, CREP and multiple other projects. Gerald is always willing to try something new, evidenced by his tile water treatment project, pulling tile water to the surface using a windmill, then treating the water with a series of wetlands.

Congratulations Gerald Lorenz!



Construction of the tile water treatment project. The windmill is used to pull water out of the field tile into a series of constructed wetlands. This practice removes excess nutrients from tile water prior to entering Elm Creek.



This project involved re-directing the flow of Elm Creek and stabilizing the streambank in order to prevent it from undercutting a County Road. Gerald seeded the site with local ecotype prairie vegetation that he propagated.



Left to Right: Gerald Lorenz, Representative from The Farmer Magazine, Rich Perrine (SWCD Employee)

Yellow Bass, are they considered an Invasive Species in MN?

A new species of fish has somehow found its way into the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. Many anglers have been catching this fish for up to five years now. The first fish was caught by an angler in February of 2013 on Hall Lake and identified by the Department of Natural Resources as a Yellow Bass.

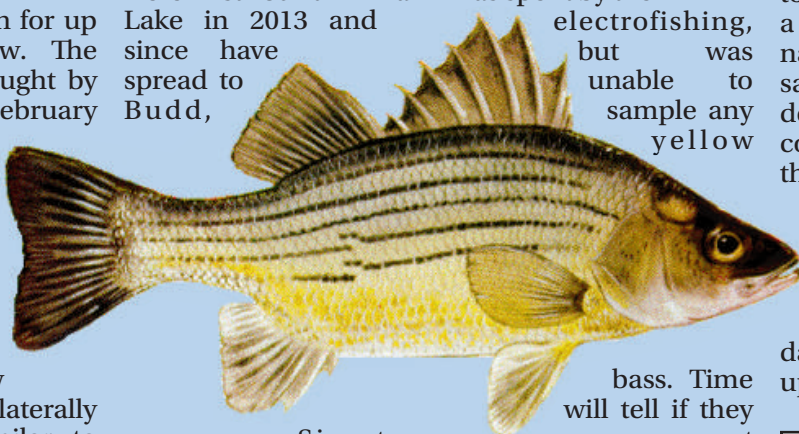
The yellow bass is laterally compressed similar to a sunfish or crappie. They are fast growing, reaching an average of 4-inches in the first year, 7-inches the second, 9-inches the third and 10-inches at the end of the fourth year. Both sexes mature at age 3 and few adults live beyond 4 or 5 years. The back of the fish is usually a dark olive green, with the abdomen and side being a silvery yellow.

In the Windom fisheries management area they currently have six lakes that have

confirmed yellow bass populations, four of them are in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. They were first found in Hall Lake in 2013 and since have spread to Budd,

Sisseton and George Lakes. Currently no yellow bass have been sampled in Amber Lake. A low dam separates Hall and Amber Lakes, this structure has prevented any natural movement of the species into the Amber Lake system. In 2016 Yellow Bass were confirmed in Clear Lake by Jackson MN. Young of the year have been sampled, indicating they are reproducing naturally. In 2018, a new detection was reported on Okamanpeedan Lake by an angler. The

angler sent a photo to the IA DNR and it was verified as a yellow bass. After verification, time was spent by the IA DNR electrofishing, but was unable to sample any yellow



bass. Time will tell if they are present there.

The abundance of yellow bass in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes is increasing, and all age classes have been sampled which indicates they are reproducing naturally. The question remains, will they continue to increase?

It is not known what Impacts on the native fish community, or how successful Yellow Bass themselves are going to be. Currently they

are documenting some baseline population characteristics that would provide future comparisons. Currently samples have been collected to determine the diets of yellow bass to discover if there is a niche overlap with native fish. More sampling is needed to determine how much competition there is for the same food source.

How did they end up in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes? The presence of dams prevent natural upstream movement

and no connection to Iowa waters that have yellow bass. This indicates that they were illegally introduced into the chain of lakes. MN law states it is illegal to release live bait or fish into a waterbody or to transfer and release aquatic plants and animals from one waterbody to another.

So going back to my question. Is the Yellow Bass an invasive species in MN? No, it is not considered an invasive species. However, the yellow bass is listed as a species of special

concern in MN. This species can over populate themselves in a short time, which will stunt their growth. Depending on diets these fish could cause ecological damage and outcompete native fish for food sources.

The yellow bass has been considered a desirable table fare by some. Currently there is no season or limit on yellow bass. Anglers should take advantage of this opportunity and do their part in controlling the population by taking them home for supper.

PULL THE PLUG ON AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ Clean aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ Drain water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. Keep drain plugs out while transporting boats.
- ✓ Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



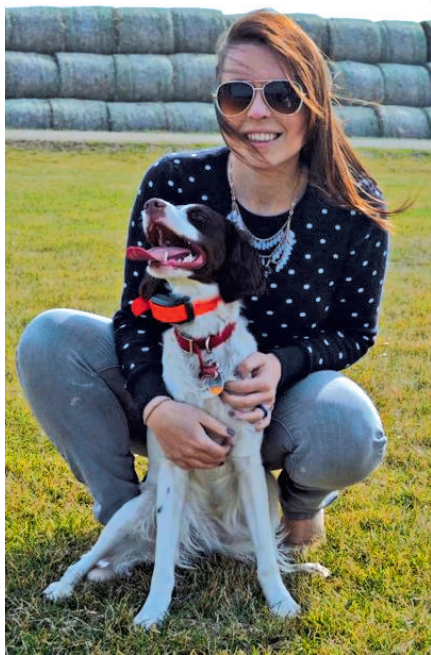
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Conservation Planner - Hannah Neusch

My name is Hannah Neusch, and I hold the newly developed position of Conservation Planner

counties, my office is right here in Martin County in the SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District)



office. I am proud to call Fairmont my home now, though I am not originally from here.

I was born in Winona MN but raised in west central Illinois in a small farming community. I've lived many places, including Duluth, Rochester and Estes Park Colorado, which is where I met my husband, Michael. I graduated from University of Wisconsin-Superior with a degree in Biology

in the Blue Earth River Watershed. My position is funded by both the NRCS and the Board of Water & Soil Resources. My job is

and a minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Over the past 6 years we have made our home near Sioux City Iowa, where I

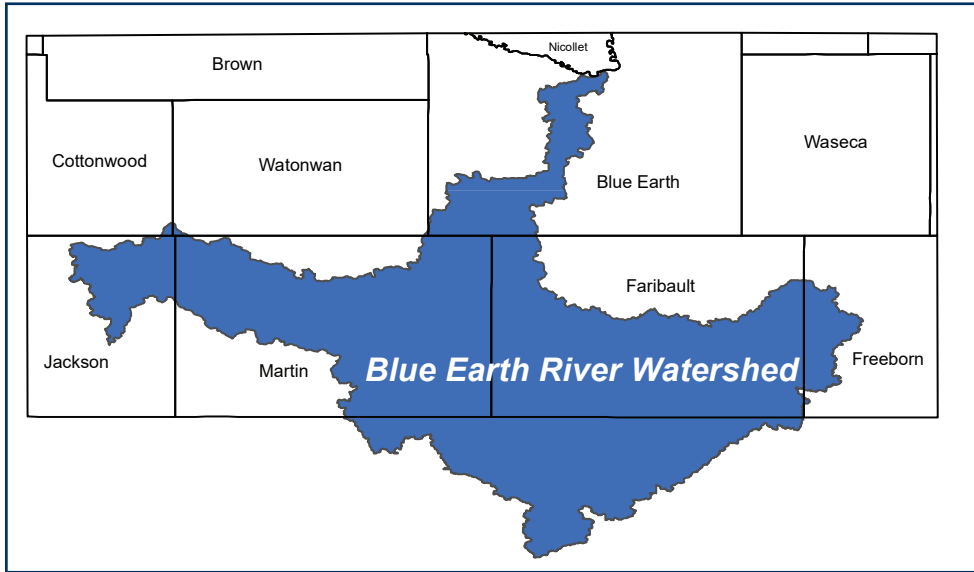
little girl, Finley, was born in May of 2018, we decided to move to Fairmont, my husband's hometown, to be closer to family. We enjoy it here and are excited to raise our family in Martin county!

As I said before, my position extends into other counties, so part of my time will be spent working with landowners who reside there. I will spend time in each county's SWCD mentioned above in order to serve the watershed area as best I can. You can contact me to set up a time to discuss how to make your land more efficient, by allowing me to draft a conservation plan for your operation, and we can meet in any of the counties listed above. I'd love to walk your land with you, so I can see exactly where the work needs to be done and, additionally, it gives me a great excuse to get out of the office. We all need to get out occasionally! This is a free service for you as a landowner and is entirely voluntary. You decide what happens on your land. When you receive your draft of the plan, you can choose

the entire process.

The Minnesota Pollution control Agency compiles a list every two years of lakes and streams which are impaired (do not meet water quality standards), they estimate about 40% of the state's waters are on that list. This list includes Amber, Big Twin, Budd, Fox, George, Hall, Independence, and Sisseton Lakes. Streams affected are Lilly, Elm, Dutch, Center, Cedar, and Brush Creeks, along with Judicial Ditch 3. All of these bodies of water are within the Blue Earth River watershed, which means the Blue Earth River is also impaired. The Blue Earth River drains to the Minnesota River, which in turn drains to the Mississippi...you get the idea. Protecting our waters is important for recreation, wildlife, tourism and water consumption in our local communities, but absolutely crucial for the health of environments and biosystems we may never see, but that affect us on a global level. It is of vital importance that we work together to help improve our water quality at a local level to protect the health of our families and wildlife, our economy, and, if nothing else, to keep our taxes low and real estate values high. Minnesota is a headwaters state, if our waters are contaminated we are contributing to the water quality problems of our neighbors too.

Although my position is new, I am becoming acclimated with my responsibilities and I am excited to help local landowners use their land as efficiently as possible. I have been meeting landowners when they stop by the office or while out on field visits, everyone has been incredibly welcoming. I am excited to work with you, please reach out to me at the Martin SWCD office if you have questions, I'd love to help.



to work with landowners within the Blue Earth Watershed to improve water quality in our lakes, streams, and rivers, regardless of county boundaries. Even though my position extends into Jackson, Blue Earth, Fairbault, and Freeborn

was working as a Chemist at an industrial fertilizer company, which produces DEF, Anhydrous Ammonia, UAN and both liquid and granular urea. I enjoyed the work and I learned a lot while there but, when our

to implement the entire plan or you can pick and choose what is most important to you. Additionally, it is also my responsibility to connect you with financial assistance to help implement your decisions. I am with you for

SWCD Seeding Program

If you are enrolling into a conservation program such as CRP or CREP, or if you just need to do some grass seeding, the Martin County SWCD can help you out. We have a 10 foot grass drill, along with a 6 foot no-till drill. These drills work well for grassed waterways, CRP and CREP sites, as well as filter-strips along watercourses. We can also custom seed your

site with our broadcast seeder, which will handle any size site you have. The Martin SWCD can also order the seed that best fits your site. If you are interested in renting one of our drills, or contracting with the SWCD to do custom seeding, you can stop in to our office, or call us at 507-235-6680. Our 2018 rates are as follows:



Drill Rental Rates:

In Martin County: \$8.00/Acre with a \$50.00 minimum
Out of County: \$10.00/Acre with a \$75.00 minimum

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2019 Highlight Tree: Silver Maple

By Rich Perrine

The Silver Maple is native to southern and south-central Minnesota and is considered intermediate for shade tolerance. It is adapted to most soils and it tolerates a wide range of soil moisture conditions. It is very drought tolerant but prefers moist soils with a 5.5 to 6.5 pH and can tolerate poorly drained soils, often found growing along the edge of wetlands and lakes in natural areas.

It has opposite branching with simple leaves having 5 deeply cut pointed lobes. Leaves turn yellow in fall and sometimes orange or red. Flowers are monoecious (male and female flowers on the same tree).

Winged seeds ripen in the fall.

With a rapid growth rate, the Silver Maple quickly provides shade, reaching maturity between 50 and 100 years and reaching heights of 60 to 90 feet with a 75-foot crown spread. Because of its large size it is often considered a temporary tree in shelterbelts. It is rated good to very good for wildlife, providing nesting, insects, and seed for birds and browse, seeds, cambium for mammals and dens for cavity users. Its shallow, fibrous and wide-spreading roots can cause problems in lawns, protruding above ground and can get into sewer and drainage tile.



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Pine, White	\$ 12.00		
Spruce, Black Hills	\$ 12.00		
Spruce, Colorado	\$ 12.00		
Spruce, Norway	\$ 12.00		
Spruce, White	\$ 12.00		

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NRCS Programs

January Conservation Update Article



The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides customer service to Producers and Landowners of Martin County by aiding in putting conservation on the ground. NRCS does this through conservation technical assistance and NRCS programs. Minnesota NRCS has 36 programs tailored to provide financial assistance. Two of these programs are the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Applications for these and the other NRCS programs can be turned in any time of the year. Application acceptance deadlines are announced when those applications for the programs are considered for acceptance towards a contract. Currently, EQIP 2019 has a 2nd application acceptance deadline of April 19th, 2019. Producers and Landowners that did not apply by the 1st application acceptance deadline of January 18th, 2019 still have

an opportunity to apply for EQIP 2019 under this 2nd application acceptance. To learn more about NRCS programs contact NRCS at the USDA Service Center at 923 N State Street, Fairmont, MN or 507.235.6661 x3. USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider, and lender.

Contact: **Betsy B.G. Norland,** District Conservationist • 507.235.6661 x107

Review of 2018 weather for Martin County

Pete Boulay MNDNR State Climatology Office

2018 was a very wet year for much of central and southern Minnesota, Martin County included. The annual precipitation total at Sherburn was 44.13 inches, eleven inches above the 1981-2010 normal and

the coldest reading in 2017 of -20F on December 31.

The winter of 2017-18 didn't want to go away with an average April temperature of 33.8 degrees. A memorable snow storm hit the state on

was the 4th warmest May statewide. By Memorial Day, people were able to swim comfortably. The hottest day of 2018 for many places in southern Minnesota, including Martin County was on Memorial Day. The mercury reached 98 degrees that day in Sherburn. Field activity that was delayed in April and early May made

June 2018 was 3.91 inches on June 21st. July and August were both above normal for precipitation in the county, but not as excessive as June.

September continued the damp pattern with two rainfall events on the 5th and 20th that topped two inches. Also on September 20th was a large tornado outbreak. 25 tornadoes were reported in Minnesota, one of which caused damage on the north side of Granada. Wet conditions delayed field work and the damp conditions persisted through October. There was light frost on October 4th with a hard freeze arriving on October 12th. The first snowfall wasn't far behind with an inch or so on October 14th. A more substantial storm dropped nine inches of snow on December 2nd. The second half of December turned mild with a melting snow pack and a "Brown Christmas." Budd Lake froze over on November 13th, the earliest date for the lake on record and one month earlier than in 2017.

CTRS	Observer	Aux ID	Net	May18	Jun18	Jul18	Aug18	Sep18	Oct18
46 101N 30W 13	CROP PRO	MT996	SWCD	5.56	7.28	7.52	6.27	7.81	2.80
46 101N 30W 32	SIEMS BO		SWCD	7.26	9.03	4.95	7.74	4.83	1.92
46 101N 31W 2	EVERSMAN		SWCD	7.92	7.42	3.60	7.48	6.34	2.71
46 101N 32W 25	BENTS MA	MT992	SWCD	10.14	7.43	5.63	5.22	6.68	2.90
46 101N 32W 26	SCHMIDTK		SWCD	7.06	7.32	5.67	7.31	5.88	2.60
46 101N 33W 6	SWANSEN D		SWCD	9.43+	8.98+	4.30+	5.98+	7.44+	2.53+
46 102N 30W 5	MRT SWCD	MT988	SWCD		9.46	5.56	5.75	6.49	2.51
46 102N 30W 23	LUCKOW G	MT987	SWCD	6.28	8.24	6.32	5.73	7.35	2.75
46 102N 32W 7	ZEHRMS RI	MT985	SWCD	6.67	8.90	4.82	5.41	6.56	2.93
46 102N 33W 22	SHERBURN	217602	NWS	8.44+	10.46+	2.31+	6.15+	7.01+	2.45+
46 103N 29W 5	ROBERTSD	MT984	SWCD	4.83	9.36	5.50	4.40	6.15	
46 103N 30W 4	TOOTHAKE	MT983	SWCD	5.28	9.23	5.28	4.42	6.21	2.33
46 103N 31W 22	MOELLER		SWCD	6.31	9.56	4.25	5.42	6.81	2.51
46 104N 29W 8	PETERSEN		SWCD	4.46	10.74	4.94	5.75	6.58	2.83
46 104N 30W 31	SANDERSF	MT977	SWCD	6.46	11.32	5.20	5.69	6.86	3.23
46 104N 32W 32	TRI WSTE		SWCD	6.67	9.93	5.20	5.72	5.79	2.45
46 104N 33W 6	WILLSONGA	MT976	SWCD	6.82	10.18	5.15	4.39	6.06	2.45

eighteen inches higher than the total from 2017. Normal annual precipitation for Martin County ranges from about 30 inches in Trimont to nearly 33 inches in the Fairmont area.

2018 was also a year that seemed to have two seasons: Winter and summer, with a brief spring and autumn. 2018 began in the icebox with the coldest temperature of the year. Sherburn had minimum temperature of -21F on January 1st, one day after

April 14th, dropping a foot of snow in Martin County and prolonging winter. Statewide, April 2018 was the 3rd coldest on record (1895-2018.) This made for some record late lake ice out reports. Budd Lake lost its ice on April 29th, a full month later than the median and the latest date in its 32-year record.

There was concern on the first of May if the lakes would be swimmable at all by summer. After the near record cold April, May 2018

up lost ground with planting advancing rapidly for the second half of May thanks to the warmer conditions.

June 2018 was an excessively wet month for southern Minnesota. Monthly precipitation totals for June ranged from seven to eleven inches. This made June 2018 one of the wettest Junes on record for the County. Sherburn had 10.46 inches, beating the June 2014 total of 9.99 inches. One of the wettest days in

Well-Sealing

Sealing abandoned wells is one of the most effective ways to protect our groundwater. The majority of rural acreages rely on groundwater for their drinking water. Martin SWCD has cost-shared sealing abandoned wells for years and will continue for the 2019 calendar year. Martin SWCD will pay 50% of the cost to seal an abandoned well up to \$1,000 maximum. For example, if it costs \$600 to seal a well, Martin SWCD will reimburse the landowner \$300. Likewise, if it costs \$3,000 to seal a well, Martin SWCD will reimburse the landowner the maximum cost shareable amount of \$1,000. Contracts MUST be in place prior



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News Release

BWSR Awards \$13.7 million in Clean Water Fund Grants

By: Mary Juhl

52 grants will support voluntary conservation projects benefiting rivers, lakes, streams, and groundwater

December 28, 2018

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved \$13.7

million in Clean Water Fund grants on Dec. 19 to improve water quality in streams, lakes, and groundwater across the state. The majority of the grant funding—\$11.7 million—is allocated for voluntary conservation projects across Minnesota. In addition, \$1.4 million will support accelerated

implementation for high-priority projects, and \$610,000 will fund multipurpose drainage management.

“All Minnesotans deserve water that is safe for drinking, swimming, and fishing,” said Governor Dayton. “These 52 grants will improve water quality throughout our state, and help provide more Minnesotans the clean water they expect and deserve.”

The \$13.7 million will fund 52 separate grants, 36 of which are dedicated to specific projects and practices. For example, a grant awarded to the Martin Soil and Water

Conservation District will support their efforts to improve drinking water in the Fairmont area by implementing agriculture best management practices near the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. Upon project completion, sediment in the chain of lakes is estimated to be reduced by 130 tons each year.

About the Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008 to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to

preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater. The Clean Water Fund receives 33 percent of the sales tax revenue generated by the Legacy Amendment. More information about the Clean Water Fund is available here.

Click below to learn more about the 52 grant recipients:

- Projects and Practices (36 grants)
- Accelerated Implementation (12 grants)
- Multipurpose Drainage Management (4 grants)

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BWSR is the state soil and water conservation agency, and it administers programs that prevent sediment and nutrients from entering our lakes, rivers, and streams; enhance fish and wildlife habitat; and protect wetlands. The 20-member board consists of representatives of local and state government agencies and citizens. BWSR's mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners.

Martin County Pheasants Forever Report

The past year was a busy one for the volunteer committee members of Martin County Pheasants Forever. Beginning with the annual banquet held in March for over 200 attendees at the Knights of Columbus as a night of

weekly committee meetings kept our focus on upcoming programs for youth and activities in the outdoors.

June 2nd found the group hosting our 2nd Annual Pheasants Forever Youth Trap Shoot. Area youth and their parents participated

were on hand to assist and provide a safe, yet fun, environment.

Throughout the summer, volunteers participated in many local parades to spread the word of Pheasant Forever's "No Child Left Indoors" Initiative.



Photo from the 2nd annual youth hunt



Martin County Chapter of Pheasants Forever Habitat Chairman Bryan Gregor teaching 1st graders about pollinators during the 3rd annual Pollinator Program.

friendship, fundraising, and conservation. A great meal, fun socializing with like-minded people, and lots of games and raffles to try your luck at, were the focus of the night. Monthly and often

in this free event, in some cases to hone existing skills, and in many other cases to try the sport for the first time. DNR-certified firearm safety instructors and NRA-certified shotgun coaches

On August 4th, our chapter hosted our 1st Annual Pheasants Forever Youth Conservation Day at the Martin County Arena. It was another wet, rainy day, but it didn't dampen

the spirits of over 170 youth and their families that attended. Games teaching about pollinators, plants, and general conservation aimed at all ages were well enjoyed, as well as paintball and archery. Local law enforcement and fire departments were on hand to share in the experience for the day.

Once hunting season began, so we started out with assisting the Watonwan County Pheasants Forever with a pheasant hunt for

Wounded Warriors and other military veterans near St. James. Then it was time for our 2nd Annual Youth Hunt where 28 youth had a chance to shoot archery, shotguns, .22 pistols and rifles, as well as learn the biology of pheasants. After yet another safety program, they were mentored on a pheasant hunt over trained dogs and given the chance to experience the flush of a rooster pheasant. Most went home with some delicious game for the table, and all

left with a new appreciation for the outdoors.

A final big event for the year concluded with our 3rd Annual Pollinator Program. This year's project included participation of over 100 First-graders in the Fairmont Public School. Two plots were seeded with native forbs, including milkweed, to increase the local populations of pollinators. This year's plots totaled 7 acres. (Existing plots can be seen on the north side of I-90 just east of Fairmont.)

In addition to helping with the planting, the youth participated in learning experiences in the classroom including a presentation by local beekeepers.

Additionally, Martin County Pheasants Forever was involved in additional land acquisitions in the county for public use for hunting, hiking, birdwatching, and other outdoors activities. An unexpected addition to these acres came from a land donation from Tom and Jeanne Maday. Pheasants Forever is extremely grateful for their forward-thinking donation to future generations of outdoorsmen and women.

Please consider supporting Martin County Pheasants Forever by "saving the date" for our next annual banquet. It will be held at the Martin County Arena on Saturday, April 13th. Watch for details!

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Gregor, for MCPF

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Windbreaks...Do I Need One?

By Hannah Neusch, Conservation Planner

First let's define what a natural windbreak is. According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a windbreak is "Multiple rows of coniferous

roads clean of drifting snow increase driving safety. They spread snow evenly across the field. The benefits don't stop there. Not only do windbreaks improve the local

posts or lumber at the end of their usable life. Lastly, they store carbon. According to the USDA planting only 2.5 percent of the tillable land in the Great Plains to tree windbreaks could remove an estimated 80 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in only 20 years.

Cost share up to 75% or CRP payments may be available on qualifying windbreaks. However, SWCD staff is always happy to help you design your windbreak to make it as efficient as possible for no cost. Tree and shrub planting is also available through the office.

In short, windbreaks improve the quality of life on a farm, ranch, or around a community. They add beauty and a sense of permanence to homes and communities. The returns in comfort and protection far outweigh the costs. Looking to install a windbreak on your property? Call Martin SWCD staff at (507) 235-6680.

trees or a combination of coniferous and deciduous trees are planted to protect a farmstead or feedlot from wind and snow." Windbreaks can also be used around fields, feedlots and hog facilities. They are barriers used to reduce and redirect wind. Locally, they usually consist of trees and shrubs but may also be perennial or annual crops and grasses.

They work by building the air pressure on the windward side of the windbreak and lifting the moving air up, over, or around the windbreak, thus diverting the wind from the area which you want sheltered, such as a home or field.

Field windbreaks protect a variety of wind-sensitive crops, control wind erosion, plus they increase bee pollination and pesticide effectiveness. Livestock windbreaks help reduce animal stress and mortality, reduce feed consumption, and help reduce visual impacts and odors. Windbreaks are also living snow fences and keep

environment by preventing wind erosion, filtering and trapping airborne pollutants (which improves air and water quality), but they also reduce energy costs, improve crop yields, and create wildlife habitat. In addition, they can produce a crop (nuts, fruits, florals), and be used as firewood,



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CRP contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration.

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the producer can delay the start date for up to six months after the offer is approved. There are many practices available from grassed waterways, saturated buffers to wetland restorations.

The most popular practices in Martin county are filterstrips and wetland restorations. Payments are based on three predominate soils within the area offered.

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Fairmont Lakes Foundation, INC. An Update

By: Michael J. Katzenmeyer

Chair, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. is made a lot easier by focusing on the tremendous volunteer help that was offered for our projects. Collaborative efforts with the Martin County Conservation Club, Pheasants Forever, Martin Soil and Water, Fox Lake Conservation Club, and individual members, along with the support of the City of Fairmont always makes for light work on many projects. Our scheduled lake clean-ups continued and with the positive feedback we receive from their results, they will continue to be scheduled in 2019. Our role in assisting with the monitoring and management of the game fish population in our reservoir was supported by the Martin County

Conservation Club, as we jointly purchased and assisted with the stocking of 1500 Bluegills. In

were submitted seeking funding. If the successful applications are legislatively approved, work on the

designed to promote our lakes, would have a chance to succeed without the benevolence shown by our business community with their sponsorships.

A project in the works for two years has once again been moved back to a June start date. The Department of Natural Resources has received the necessary permit to improve the dam on the north end of Amber Lake. The goal is to clean up the remnants of the old fish trap while creating a "fish ladder" along side the

assistance from the City of Fairmont constructing a concrete pad and mounting the kiosk. In addition they assisted with getting Midco to bring cable to the park. Sommer Outdoors was designated the registration site and manages the rentals. The construction of the kiosk was completed locally. It was equipped locally with the kayaks and paddle boards. Board members working with Midco and the City of Fairmont saw Midco provide wifi to Gomsrud



addition and in support of the Department of Natural Resources, phase two of our long term project of improving the apex predator presence in our lakes took place in October. 312 Muskies were tagged and stocked in our five lakes based on size and depth of each lake. These were 12" to 15" so their impact will not be a factor for a few years.

2018 saw us focus on a joint effort with the City of Fairmont and Martin Soil and Water to enhance the Dutch Creek watershed. Several grant applications

enhancement projects for Dutch Creek will begin this summer.

Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. again sponsored two fishing contests. Our winter fishing contest is held the last weekend in January. With the support of Sommer Outdoors, we filled the tournament and had a successful event on the ice hosted by The Channel Inn. Our spring fishing contest was held in May. Again, Sommer Outdoors provided tremendous support. Neither of these two events,



existing dam (this will not alter the lake level created by the existing dam) and enhance the shore line from the dam north to the culvert entering Hall Lake.

Last, but certainly not least, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. opened a kayak rental kiosk at Gomsrud Park. This was made possible with

Park. Memorial Day should mark the beginning of the rental season for 2019.

This should be an exciting year for people using our lakes. Projects designed to improve the water quality in our lakes are always on the forefront of our mission statement...and we should be able to witness a flurry of action this summer.



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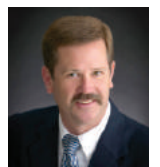
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Soil Health Movement – No-till, cover crops and reduced nutrients

By: Jesse Walters

The 2018 Conservation Tillage Conference hosted by the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University Extensions reached capacity this year with more than 350 attendees. The conference features conservation tillage, cover crops, soil health

will have more pore space which makes it easier for crops to establish roots. Likewise, reducing trips across the field will reduce compaction. Tillage releases carbon back into the air which leaves less carbon available to build organic matter. Carbon is a critical ingredient in

the no-till benefits, cover crops will:

Reduce nutrient loss

Nitrogen is lost if it is not taken up by a growing plant. Cover crops provide a living root in the soil to scavenge nutrients and release Nitrogen back into the soil at the right time for

provide more stable growing conditions in years of extreme weather. In drought years, they hold water in the soil profile to be used by the cash crop in times of need. In wet years, they help absorb excess water in the soil pore spaces, organic matter and in the living roof of the cover crop.

By adopting the no-till and cover crop practices, many farmers have been able to reduce their nutrient inputs. Fewer and more efficient nutrient inputs will save money and reduce nutrient runoff, thus improving water quality. We are all excited about the soil health movement and want to provide as much assistance and information as possible. There are potential cost-share programs available to help with the transition to no-till and/or cover crops. The Ag BMP loan program also provides low



Flown on cover crop mix in Martin County. Cover crops are often flown on in August or September.



Drilled cover crop in Martin County. Drilling cover crops is effective after silage corn and canning crops.

and biology amongst many other topics. The soil health movement has been growing rapidly across the corn and soybean States. Farmers are adopting no-till, strip-till and cover crops at record paces throughout the region.

Why?

It seems there is a multitude of reasons. Some of the local farmers that do not till claim that it saves them fuel, time, money, and reduces erosion. Studies at the University of Minnesota's Southwest Research and Outreach Center in Lamberton, MN and the Southern Research and Outreach Center in Waseca, MN have confirmed these claims and many more. Some of the more notable benefits include:

Saves time, money and reduces machinery wear.

According to the Conservation Technology Information Center, on a 500-acre farm you could save as many as 225 hours per year by not tilling. Fuel savings are estimated at an average of 3.5 gallons per acre which equates to 1,750 gallons per year on a 500-acre farm. Fewer trips will reduce machinery wear, again saving money.

Improved soil health, organic matter, increased infiltration, water holding capacity and reduced erosion.

A continuous no-till system will improve and restore soil structure. Soil structure is critical in reducing wind and water erosion. A healthier soil, with restored structure,

building organic matter. Leaving crop residue will also increase organic matter which will store up and release nutrients for future crops. A healthier soil structure will allow for increased water infiltration and will hold more water in the soil profile as there is more air space in the non-compacted soil. One of the most immediate and obvious benefits is reduced erosion. Crop residue on the soil surface will reduce wind and water erosion. Studies have shown as much as a 90% reduction in soil erosion when switching from intensively tilled to a no-till system with the use of cover crops.

Water quality, wildlife and air quality benefits.

By reducing erosion, the amount of nutrients and pesticide reaching a waterbody is reduced. Reducing nutrients in our lakes is critical to decrease and eliminate harmful algal blooms. Many insects and microorganisms benefit from less disturbance in the soil profile. Likewise, many animals benefit from crop residue and grain left on the surface of no-tilled fields. Air quality is improved as wind erosion is reduced by not tilling. As stated earlier, carbon emissions will be reduced and an increase in organic matter will hold more carbon as opposed to releasing it into the air.

Cover crops will have the same benefits and will improve upon the benefits mentioned in the no-till section. In addition to

the cash crop.

Weed and Pest Control

Cover crops will help smother weeds and outcompete weeds for space, nutrients and water during weed germination. Often times this will help reduce the need to spray for weeds, saving money. Likewise, some cover crops will provide the proper habitat for beneficial insect species such as predators to the aphid.

Long term no-till and cover crop adoption patterned with increased yield.

No-till and cover crops



Some farmers have retrofitted their equipment to inter-seed cover crops.

interest loans to purchase no-till equipment and cover crop seeding equipment.

Contact Martin Soil Water Conservation District with questions. We can also connect you

with local farmers that have already begun using these practices.

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Capacity Grant - Cover Crops

Martin SWCD available grants

Capacity Grant - Cover Crops

Cover Crops are one of the most cost-effective ways to improve surface water quality in an agricultural watershed. Cover crops have the potential to improve soil health, which in turn improves productivity. Martin SWCD has cost-

a multiple-species cover crop (two or more species) Cost-share for this grant is considered a flat-rate amount, meaning we pay a set rate no matter what the actual cost was to the producer.

This grant can be used in the Center, Dutch, East Fork Des Moines and Elm watersheds.



Pictured Above: A field in Manyaska Township planted to cover crops after the cash crop was removed. This photo was taken November 5, 2018.

share available for farmers to incorporate cover crops into their practice. The grant requires a producer to plant cover crops for three consecutive years.

Cost-share amounts are as follows:

20-80 acres - 3-year contracts

\$42/acre/year for a single-species cover crop

\$49/acre/year for a multiple-species cover crop (two or more species)

If the producer plants the cover crops on the same field for three years, he or she will be paid 25% more.

\$52.50/acre/year for a single-species cover crop

\$61.25/acre/year for

Please contact us to discuss and apply for cost-share.

Capacity Grant - Tillage Management

Reducing tillage will save you money, by lowering your fuel bill and reducing time in the field, AND we may be able to pay you to do it! Martin SWCD has flat rate cost-share available for producers to switch to no-till or strip-till. Martin SWCD will pay a producer \$10/acre/year to switch to no-till or strip-till.

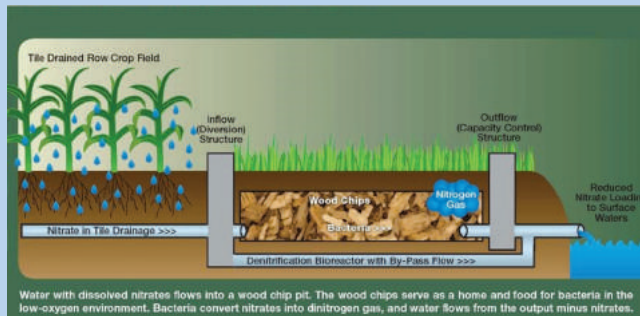
This grant is available in the Center, Dutch, East Fork Des Moines and Elm watersheds.

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Clean Water Fund Grant - Dutch Creek Watershed

Martin SWCD received a Clean Water Fund Grant for the Dutch Creek Watershed which is west of the City of Fairmont. Dutch Creek is the largest tributary into the Fairmont Chain of Lakes, it begins just southwest of Welcome

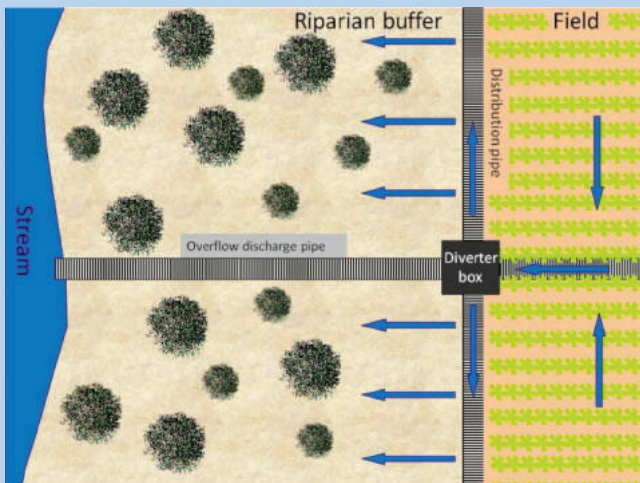
sampling, it has been deduced that Dutch Creek is a major contributor of Phosphorus and Nitrogen in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. Cover crops and conservation tillage are the most cost-effective ways to reduce these pollutants loads. If those practices will not work for a producer, we have other conservation practices that will help reduce Nitrogen, Phosphorus and sediment from entering Dutch Creek and the



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

and outlets into Hall Lake in Fairmont. Dutch Creek drains about 8,000 acres of primarily agricultural fields. Through long-term monitoring and

Fairmont Chain of Lakes. These practices are set as a 75% cost-share but may be eligible for 100% cost-share once we receive a PCA 319 Grant that was



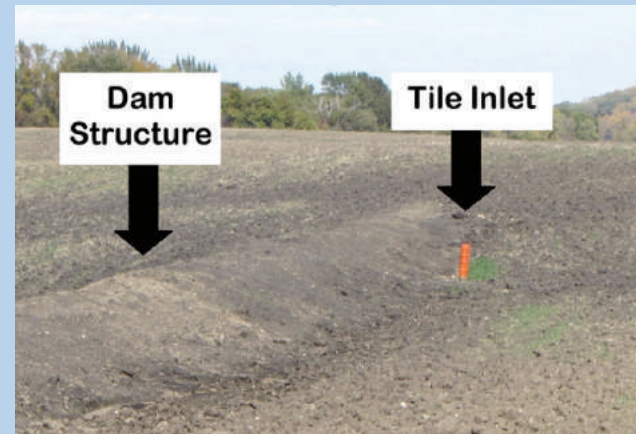
Pictured above: Top view diagram of a saturated buffer. Source: Dan Jaynes, USDA-ARS

recently awarded.

Denitrifying Woodchip Bioreactor

Bioreactors are essentially subsurface trenches filled with a carbon source, mainly wood chips, through which water is allowed to flow just before leaving

are constructed graded channels that are seeded to grass or other suitable vegetation. The vegetation slows the water and the grassed waterway conveys the water to a stable outlet at a non-erosive velocity. Grassed waterways



Pictured above: A recently constructed Water and Sediment Control Basin. Photo Credit: Pomme De Terre River Association

the drain to enter a surface water body. The carbon source in the trench serves as a substrate for bacteria that break down the nitrate through denitrification or other biochemical processes.

Saturated Buffer

A saturated buffer is an alternative drainage tile outlet in which tile drainage water seeps beneath buffer areas of perennial vegetation via a subsurface distribution pipe prior to entering a drainage ditch or stream. The purpose is to reduce nitrate in tile water via denitrification and plant uptake, and to reduce peak flows associated with typical tile drainage outlets.

Grassed Waterway

Grassed waterways

should be used where gully erosion is a problem. The most common areas are in draws between hills, and other low-lying areas on slopes where water concentrates as it runs off a field.

Water and Sediment Control Basin

A water and sediment control basin, (WASCOB), is an earth embankment or a combination ridge and channel constructed across the slope of minor watercourses to form a sediment trap and water detention basin with a stable outlet.

Please call Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680 or visit us at 923 North State Street, Suite 110 in Fairmont with questions or to sign up for cost-share.

FLCL receives 3.65 Million Grant

By: Doug Hartke

Fox Lake Conservation League partnering with The Conservation Fund, and Ducks Unlimited recently were awarded

over 3.6 million dollars for land acquisition in Martin County.

Fox Lake is the applying organization, The

Conservation Fund will do all of the real estate, appraisal, survey and pre-purchase items and Ducks Unlimited will do the Grassland and Wetland Restoration plans.

This award follows up successful previous grants of 1 million dollars in 2016 and 2.447 million dollars

in 2018.

Once Fox Lake gets the actual grant agreement signed, we will work off of our highly selective parcel list, do an appraisal or two and then add some land to our existing Wildlife Management Areas managed by the Minnesota DNR.

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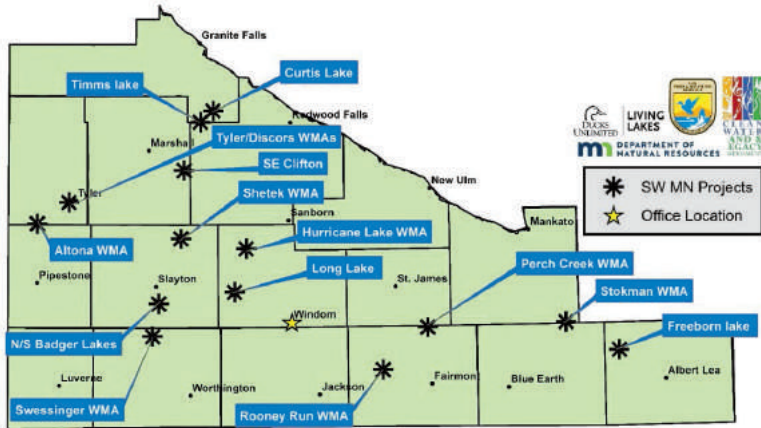
Ducks Unlimited Projects in SW Minnesota - Winter 2018



LIVING LAKES

Shallow Lake Enhancements
Shallow Lakes throughout southern Minnesota have degraded to turbid conditions due to invasive fish, increased

Ducks Unlimited engineers design and install water control structures for our DNR and FWS partners that enable agency managers to temporarily lower water levels. These drawdowns, much like natural droughts, remove invasive fish, consolidate bottom sediment and nutrients, and allow for the



nutrients and water flows from a drained landscape, and stagnant high-water levels. These large wetland basins often have very little submerged aquatic vegetation or invertebrates that waterfowl rely on for food during brood-rearing and migration. To improve degraded shallow lakes,

germination of wetland plants on exposed lake bottoms. When natural water levels return, water quality and habitat is greatly improved. In the future, these will all be enhanced shallow lakes for both migrating ducks and hunters to visit. In 2018 and 2019, DU is working

with Minnesota DNR to enhance the following shallow lakes:

- 2,222- acre Freeborn Lake in Freeborn County;
- 202-acre Hurricane Lake in Cottonwood County;
- 440-acre Curtis Lake in Yellow Medicine County;
- 206-acre Long Lake in Cottonwood County;
- A 150-acre wetland on Tyler WMA in Lincoln County;
- And 260-acre Timms Lake in Yellow Medicine County.

Public Land Acquisitions & Prairie/Wetland Restorations

DU is actively developing many land acquisition and restoration projects in partnership with Minnesota DNR across southern Minnesota.

Ducks Unlimited purchases land adjacent to existing Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), restores native prairie and drained

pot-hole wetlands, and transfers the land to the DNR for public use. Restoration involves seeding the uplands to a high diversity mix of native plants, breaking or daylighting drainage tile, scraping sediment from wetlands, building embankments, and sometimes installing water control structures. In 2018 and 2019, DU is working with the Minnesota DNR to acquire and restore the following:

- Acquisition and restoration on Tyler & Discors WMAs in Lincoln County;
- Acquisition and restoration on Tyler WMA in Lincoln County;
- Restoration on Badger Lakes WMA in Murray County;
- Restoration on Shetek WMA in Murray County;
- Acquisition of 41-acres on Altona WMA in Lincoln County; and restoration of wetlands on Rooney Run WMA in Martin County.
- In 2018 DU purchased 152 acres just west of Tyler in Lincoln County, Minn.

Tyler and Discors WMA - Goehle Tract Restoration



- About 30 acres of a road, and installing a water control structure.
- About 125 acres of wetlands were restored via sediment removal, breaking and daylighting tile, building embankments, raising part of upland habitat will be seeded this winter, 2019.

Curtis Lake Enhancement



- In 2010, DU installed two water control structures on 440-acre Curtis Lake, a Designated Wildlife Lake in Yellow Medicine County, Minn.
- Unfortunately, prolonged high-water levels have made management difficult and the lake remains in a turbid condition.
- To rectify this problem, DU engineered and installed a pump system on the outlet of the lake in late 2018.

Shetek WMA - Richardson Tract Restoration



- In 2017 DU purchased 80 acres on the shoreline of Robbins Slough, north of Currie in Murray County, Minn.
- About 8 acres of wetlands were restored via sediment removal, breaking and daylighting tile, building embankments, and installing a water control structure.
- About 49 acres of upland habitat will be seeded this winter, 2019.

Freeborn Lake Enhancement



- At 2,222 acres, Freeborn Lake, a designated wildlife lake located in Freeborn County, is a large shallow lake with an average depth around 3-feet.
- High, stabilized water levels, invasive fish, and high nutrient inflows have degraded the lake, resulting in a florescent green color and little aquatic vegetation.
- To enhance the lake, DU engineered and installed a new water control structure with a velocity tube fish barrier.



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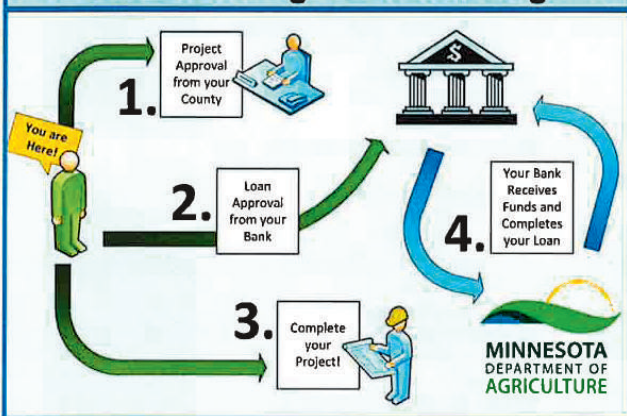
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Overview of the AgBMP Loan Program



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Nutrient Management Initiative Program in MN (NMI)



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Trial Type	Payment Per Trial	Maximum Number of Trials
Field Trial	\$400	10
Advanced Rate Trial	\$500	10

The Minnesota Nutrient Management Initiative (NMI) assists farmers and crop advisers in evaluating nutrient management practices on their own fields. It is a simple tool that can lead to improved fertilizer efficiency and improved water quality. Each participating farmer can work with a crop adviser to set up field trials on their farms. After completing plot harvest

and submitting the required forms, farmers and crop advisers are reimbursed for their time and receive a summary and analysis of their results.

• NMI is for corn grown for grain only (wheat is acceptable in the northwest region).

Wheat growers in northwest or west central Minnesota are encouraged to participate in the Minnesota Wheat On-Farm Research Network. Contact Lauren Proulx at 218-556-3174 or lauren1@gvtel.com

for more information.

• A crop adviser and farmer must enroll in NMI separately in order to receive the full payment. Deadline for enrollment is March 15th each year.

Compensation
Farmers and crop advisers are compensated for each field trial. The rate of compensation is higher for those that participate in the Advanced Rate Trial. Due to State contracting policies, individual participant payments are paid in two equal installments (June & December).

Highlights
507 on-farm trials established statewide since 2015

Great participation from crop advisers statewide, many have hosted winter meetings to discuss results with participants

Crop advisers used NMI to promote new management strategies and equipment that is available to boost yields and fertilizer efficiency for farmers

Results from the additional advanced nitrogen rate trials will help guide current nitrogen rate recommendations and will be used in the nitrogen rate

calculator
Advancements in technology have helped to make field trials easier to install and harvest, minimizing the time commitment.

Results and information from these field trials will:

1. Assist farmers and crop advisers in evaluating current nutrient management practices versus an alternative practice they would like to try on their farm.

2. Provide an opportunity to compare different nutrient management practices and evaluate economic outcomes.

3. Assist participants in evaluating practices which can help reduce nitrate-nitrogen losses from fields.

4. Highlight advanced nutrient management practices farmers and crop advisers are using to improve economic and environmental outcomes.

Individual results will be kept confidential. Statewide results will be summarized for outreach purposes to highlight and promote existing farm practice advancements and BMP adoption in Minnesota.

CWMA Projects Completed

By Rich Perrine

Four invasive species removal projects were completed in 2018 with cost-share assistance through the Greater Blue Earth Cooperative Weed Management Area. In Section 19, Lime Township, just north of Mankato, a 5+ acre field dominated by brome was converted to native prairie using seed collected from local prairie remnants. In Section 14, Elm Creek Township, southwest of Trimont, invasive grasses and encroaching trees were removed from a 56-acre prairie restoration and natural area along Elm Creek. In Watonwan County, Nelson and Riverdale Townships removed invasive weeds and brush from 67

miles of township road right of way. \$11,688 in CWMA cost-share reimbursement was provided toward the \$24,630 total cost of the four projects. Landowners in all counties that have land within the Greater Blue Earth River Watershed



Photo: by Randy Schindle (DNR)

Photo Caption: Scissor Tail Flycatcher eyes the Lime Township prairie restoration

are eligible for CWMA cost-share funding for projects that meet CWMA

goals. Funding for this cost-share program comes through the MN

Board of Water and Soil Resources.

County Park Addition

By Rich Perrine

In 2018, a native prairie remnant was added to the Martin County Park System. The project was funded by a grant through the Environment and



Natural Resources Trust fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources. As the project wrapped up last June, \$329,477 in Trust Fund dollars and \$29,470 in local match had been spent on the

40-acre acquisition, an access, parking area, and handicap accessible hiking trail. Once the access and trail firm up and vegetation becomes established, the trail will allow hikers a good view of the native prairie hillside across the creek to the south. For those

who follow the trail to the east end and up the incline to the hilltop, a good overlook of the east facing prairie slope can be enjoyed. Although the parking area will not be open yet this coming spring, as-long-as the ground is dry, the area can be explored by hikers on foot. Signage will be installed once the area is ready for use.



A good view of the native prairie hillside

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Rooney Run Wildlife Management Area - Krahmer Tract Restoration



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Project Location: Northwest of Welcome in Martin County, Minnesota.

Partners: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, The Lessard Sam's Outdoor Heritage Council, The North American Wetland Conservation Council, Fox Lake Conservation League, Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Martin County Conservation Club.

Size/Scope of this Project: In 2016, Ducks Unlimited purchased a 285-acre tract on the Rooney Run Wildlife Management Area as recommended by the Lessard Sam's Outdoor Heritage Council. This tract includes 38 acres of shallow Round

Lake and 32 acres of drained, restorable wetlands. Restoring the drained wetlands will be challenging since the tract has nearly 30 miles of pattern tile, of which an estimated 9 miles will be broken, removed and capped.

Goals of Project: The purpose of this acquisition is to restore and protect 87 acres of wetland habitat, 32 acres of which are small pothole wetland basins, and 198 acres of highly diverse upland prairie grassland habitat.

Wildlife Benefits: The newly restored and protected habitat on this tract will provide important breeding habitat for waterfowl and other wetland and prairie-dependent wildlife. Restored prairie pothole wetlands surrounded by restored grasslands will provide migratory bird

nesting habitat while also buffering shallow Round Lake.

Human / Social Benefits: Restoration of the small wetlands and upland habitat buffering Round Lake will help improve the water quality of this shallow lake. This public land will be open for hunting and other forms of public outdoor

recreation.

Current Status: The tract was seeded, and invasive trees removed in 2016. Wetland restoration is expected to occur in the summer 2019.

Approximate Cost: Total cost of this project will approach \$3 million.



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So. MN Ducks Unlimited to hold annual fund raiser dinner

By Andrew Limmer, Regional Director

The Minnesota chapter of Ducks Unlimited, based out of Sherburn, MN will host their annual fundraising dinner event on Saturday, March 18th at the Sherburn Community Center. This event is the chapters main fundraising activity of year & has helped raise over \$250,000 over the past 5 years for habitat conservation in Minnesota & across North America. The success of the event largely comes from their sponsor members. As the largest Minnesota sponsor chapter in 2018 (217 sponsors) the chapter is looking to repeat their success in 2019. For \$300 attendees receive a great meal, 2019 MN DU framed sponsor print & a 1 in 7 chance at the sponsors only gun raffle!

The Southern MN DU chapter was once again in the top 10 Minnesota DU chapters, based on fundraising success in 2018, & was nationally recognized as a President's Roll of Honor Chapter. In addition to their

annual dinner event, the chapter also hosts other fundraising social events throughout the year that all help raise money for habitat conservation & education. Passionate & dedicated volunteers, as well as the tremendous support from the community, continue to be the driving force behind the chapter's success.

Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit habitat conservation organization that conserves, restores & protects wetlands across North America. To date, Ducks Unlimited has conserved over 230,000 acres in Minnesota & will be invested over \$11 million dollars in Minnesota in 2018. To learn more about volunteering with the local DU committee or to learn more about upcoming local DU events please contact Doug Hartke at (507) 236-1700 or dhartke@frontiernet.net. Thank you to our local volunteers & supporters & we hope to see you all on March 18th!

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By Hannah Neusch, Conservation Planner

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The Minnesota Water Quality Certification Program, also known as MAWQCP, was introduced in 2015 as an opportunity for producers to initiate and establish conservation practices which aim to protect the quality of our bodies of water. These bodies of water are local lakes and streams which we enjoy via kayak, fishing or use to draw clean drinking water from, among many other things. Those producers who choose to take part in this voluntary program

will be deemed a certified producer for a period of ten years.

The benefits of being certified? For one, you are considered 'in compliance' with any new water quality laws during your certification. We call that Regulatory Certainty. Basically, you know what type of regulation is coming down the pipeline and can know what to expect before the changes are implemented. There is no guesswork, or last-minute shuffling to be in compliance. Second, Recognition. Once certified, producers may use their elevated environmental status to help market a product or promote their business as a champion for water quality. Conversely, the public is assured that the products you are providing are meeting the highest

environmental standards and using the most forward-thinking conservation practices to protect our lakes, rivers, and

streams. Lastly, and for some producers, most importantly, you get Priority when it comes to financial and technical assistance to implement practices that promote water quality.

Additionally, there is grant money only available to producers who are certified, or who are actively seeking certification through the program.

So, how does it work? To begin with, Producers use an online tool to 'score' their fields by answering questions about current land management. This includes field characteristics, tillage, pests, irrigation, drainage, tile, and nutrient management. After the online assessment is completed a certifier comes out to verify each field on foot. Although the process may seem overwhelming at first, most producers find that they are already meeting the requirements of the program, it's only a matter of applying.

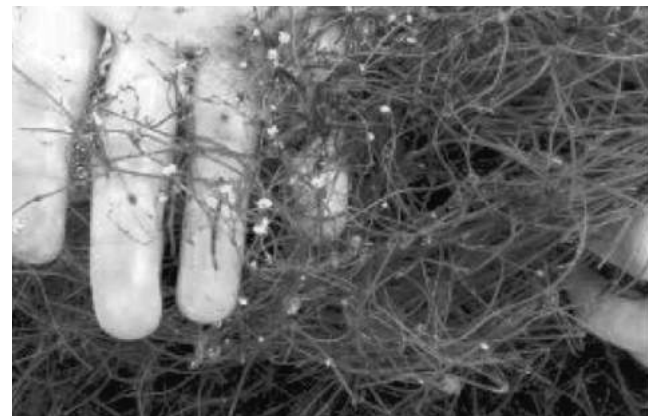
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Starry Stonewort an Aquatic Invasive Species

Starry Stonewort is an aquatic grass like form of algae that are not native to North America. The plant was first confirmed in Minnesota in Lake Koronis in late August of 2015. Plant fragments were probably brought into the state on a trailered watercraft from infested waters in another state.

It is similar in appearance to native grass like algae such as other stoneworts and musk grass. Native stoneworts and musk grass are both commonly found in Minnesota waters. Starry stonewort can be distinguished from other grass like algae by the presence of small star-shaped bulbils. It can interfere with recreational and other uses of lakes where it can produce dense mats at the water's surface. It is believed to be spread from one body of water to another unintentionally by transferring fragments of the plants or the star shaped bulbils

produced by the plant. These fragments are most likely attached to trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or any other water related equipment that was not properly cleaned.



Photo; thick mat of starry stonewort and the small star shaped bulbils.

The most important action you can take to limit the spread of starry stonewort and other nonnative aquatic plants is to remove all vegetation, mud, and animals from any water related equipment. Make sure to drain all water from

your watercraft and bait bucket and dispose of any unwanted bait in the trash.

The potential to manage the plant is not well documented. It appears treatment with herbicides can suppress starry stonewort. Some states use hand pulling, which may be a way to reduce biomass in small areas. Me-



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From Left to Right: PT Patty Blaufuss, PT Vicky Nyman, CED Travis Winters, PT Lori Janssen, PT Sonja Williamson

Martin County is the hog capital of Minnesota, leading the state in swine production. Corn and soybeans are the primary crops grown here. Statewide, we ranked #2 in corn production and #6 in soybean production last year.

Martin County is fortunate to have a soybean processing plant (CHS) on the west side of Fairmont. The crushing facility sources soybeans from producers and elevators in southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and southeastern South Dakota. Storage capacity is more than 8 million bushels; the plant accepts deliveries 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Martin County is also home to two ethanol plants. The Valero Ethanol Plant, located near Welcome, MN, sits on approximately 300 acres and started ethanol production in June 2009. The Welcome plant annually processes around 48 million bushels of corn into about 135 million gallons of ethanol and 400,000 tons of distillers grains co-products (used for livestock feed). The biorefinery employs more than 70 full-time personnel. The Green Plains Ethanol Plant sits on about 197 acres just on the west side of Fairmont, MN. The plant began producing ethanol in June of 2008 and employs around 60 people.

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Martin SWCD Water Sampling and Monitoring

This past year, Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) collected water samples and monitored water levels from ice out to freeze up on lakes, streams, observation wells and a treatment wetland. We partnered with multiple agencies on collecting water samples and monitoring water levels for different programs.

Martin SWCD continues to work with the University of Minnesota, monitoring a treatment wetland located north of Granada. The University has designed and constructed a three cell saturated wetland, using an existing agriculture field tile line draining into the first cell of the wetland. As the first cell fills with water it outlets into cell number two, and then into cell number three. The water storage and vegetation, act as a filter before entering into Elm Creek. Sampling is done for parameter reductions as the water enters and leaves each cell. The University is working on assessing the data, using this information as guidelines for agriculture best management practices.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) partnered with Martin, Faribault, and Blue Earth Soil and Water Conservation District's for sampling the Blue Earth River Watershed

Water Quality Monitoring Program. This project, Martin SWCD sampled six lakes and two streams, Faribault SWCD sampled fourteen streams, and Blue Earth SWCD sampled one lake and three streams. Each location was sampled for eleven different parameters to identify potential threats to the quality of surface water. This year ended the two year sampling period, the next step is to assess the sampling results. The goal of the MPCA and SWCD partners is to provide information to assess water quality threats, and restore or protect Minnesota waters.

Martin SWCD partnered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) with monitoring lake levels and ground water levels in Martin County. Two lakes are monitored monthly and water levels are recorded beginning at ice out and ending at freeze up. Currently thirteen ground water observation wells are monitored, which is up from five wells in 2017. The observation wells are located on State owned lands and contain data loggers for daily monitoring of ground water levels and temperature. Our duties include field site checks, downloading data, comparing information with hand measurements, and reporting to the DNR. A cooperative effort

with the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA), MN DNR and SWCD continue to monitor Dutch Creek for the statewide Surface Water Pesticide Monitoring Program. The MDA developed a Field Data and Sample Collection Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that must be followed for sampling accuracy. Samples for this project were sent to the MDA testing labs in St. Paul, the results will be assessed in 2019.

A cooperative effort with the MN DNR, MDA, MPCA, and Martin SWCD for sampling two streams, Dutch Creek and Elm

Creek. The elm creek site has a solar paneled station that collects rainfall and stream stage levels every fifteen minutes, beginning in the spring at ice out and ends in the fall at freeze up. Martin SWCD visits the site about twenty five times a year for site checks, information downloading and water sampling. Dutch Creek is also sampled for surface water quality about twenty five times per year. Dutch Creek is one of the main contributor to the Fairmont Chain of Lakes, making this watershed a high priority for potential threats to the surface water. In 2019,



landowners will be able to participate in agricultural best management practices such as nutrient reductions, bioreactors, saturated buffers, and grassed waterways. These practices will help reduce nitrogen, sediment and phosphorous from being loaded into the

Fairmont Chain of Lakes. Landowners, in the Dutch Creek Watershed, that are interested in learning more about agricultural best management practices should contact Martin SWCD at 507-235-6680, or stop in the office at 923 N. State Street Fairmont MN.



A salute to the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District and area conservation farmers!

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In June we had our 32nd Annual FoxMasters Fishing Tournament. It was a great day of fishing. This year we switched back to weighing fish instead of the point system we had been doing. We had 22 teams fish this year. We are hoping to bring that number up closer to 50 for next year. The cost is only \$55 for the team to get in. You can get more information at www.foxlakeconservation.com.

Everett Park is really busy this summer. It is great to see people from around the area coming out and camping locally and enjoy the fishing on our pier. We are currently looking at trying to upgrade our playground equipment. If you know of any school for community that is looking at getting rid of equipment, please let us know. Everett Park camping is on a first come basis and has a full shower house and dump

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

Our biggest fundraiser for the year is our Fall Banquet. This year's banquet will be on Saturday September 21st. We limit this event to the first 145 people to sign up. You can find the details on our website.

We will be hosting our annual Firearm Safety Training again in September. Each year we get 12-20 kids to enroll in this course. We teach this on Tuesday/Thursdays in September.

We will also be hosting a youth waterfowl hunt again this year. We get around 12 kids each year to sign up through the DNR and Ducks Unlimited. We meet the kids on Friday night and introduce them to the guide that will be taking them out the next morning. Then we meet up



around 5:00 AM the next morning for breakfast and head out to the slough. The guide sets out decoys and helps call in the birds. The kids do all the shooting. It is a great time for the mentors to get to know the kids and show them the sport that they love.

One of our big partners is the MCW FFA Chapter. We work closely with them on many projects. One of our newest projects is a native seed planting. We were able to purchase 6 acres of land to the West of the MCW Football Field. With the help of the MCW

FFA and Rich Perinne we plan on planting native grasses and wildflowers on this property. After these plants have matured, we will be able to harvest the seed on this land and use it to help with plantings on the DNR lands or other CRP plantings.

We also work very close with the Windom DNR office. Throughout the year, we apply for grants that are used to get work done on the WMAs in our area. When we apply, we are contributing \$5000 of local money. With this \$5000 we are getting another \$50,000 from the grant programs. This money is used to help with grassland and wetland improvements. Currently we have done around 6 of these grants.

Another way that the FLCL helps the community is through our charitable gambling. We have pull-tabs at the Sherburn Liquor Store, Fox Lake Golf Course, Korte's Bar & Grill in Welcome, Legends II in Ceylon, Old Northrop Bar, GhostTown Tavern, The Still in Dunnell and Granada Bar. With our charitable gambling, we donate a minimum 70% of our funds towards wildlife habitat and conservation. We are also a big supporter of programs within the MCW school district.

We will once again be selling our Annual Calendar Raffle. With the purchase of the Calendar, you become an annual member of Fox Lake Conservation League, and are entered into a drawing where we give away a gun every Thursday throughout the year.

All members are welcome to come to the Annual Meeting. This year our Annual Meeting will be held April 26th, 7:00 PM at the Sheburn Community Hall.

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

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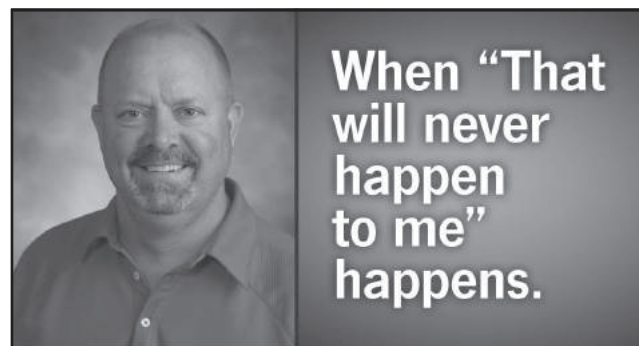
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2019 Spring Conservation Update... Martin County Conservation Club

We had our fifth annual MCCCCI fundraising banquet on February 25, 2018 at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Approximately 300 people attended. It was a great success despite the bad weather and lower attendance, with comparable financial results of the previous banquets from the raffles, drawings, and auctions.

Net proceeds from these banquets are used for helping county



youth trap shooting teams (Fairmont-\$1500, Truman-\$500 and 4H), Let's Go Fishing for Seniors-\$600, Fairmont Lakes Foundation-\$500, Martin Soil and Water projects, Dollars for Scholars-\$1200 scholarship, financial matches for DNR projects, and the Harry Stewart

Environment Day-\$250 to name just a few. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and those attending the banquet.

Our seventh annual banquet is in the planning stages and will be February 23, 2019.

First graders at Sherburn Elementary were given wren house kits that they assembled with their Dads at the school. Comments were they had a great time building and custom painting their bird houses that they took home to put up. Additional house kits were sent to Mayo Clinic in Rochester for physical therapy classes.

In May, after several weather delays, we held our annual wood duck, bluebird, and wren house give away at our park on N. Silver. A few people took advantage and most of the houses went home with them. Several very nice donations were made, and we appreciate them as well. This year's giveaway day will be in April, watch the paper for date.

We acquired 118 acres in Center Creek township with a Conservation Partners Legacy grant in 2017. This unit was

donated to the DNR in December and is adjacent to two other WMA units bringing the total acres to 225. This new parcel will be planted to native prairie grasses and flowers



this spring. It is exciting to be a part of the many projects happening in Martin County in the past few years with partners like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Fox Lake Conservation League, and the Martin County Soil and Water District. Again with "Thanks" to all the financial support of our members and the public!

We have a second CPL grant approved for an additional 80 acres in the Center Creek WMA area if the owner is willing to proceed. Additionally, Tom and Jean Maday donated 240 acres to

Pheasants Forever which will also become DNR WMA land in the future bringing the total CC WMA acres to 465.

We are planning to stock channel catfish and northern pike into N. Silver Lake to help reduce the overpopulation of bullheads and small perch. Our goal is to improve the

size of the perch and other panfish and make the fishing better. We hope that fisherman will release any northerns caught to help our efforts as they cost \$10 apiece! (The DNR does not stock N. Silver).

Club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at our club house on N. Silver Lake; April through October and Tami's on the Ave; November through March. All members and the public are welcome. Memberships are available at meetings and Sommer Outdoors.

4-H focuses on Agronomy

The Center of 4-H Youth Development and the University of Minnesota Extension is excited to announce a focus in 4-H Agronomy. There are many new opportunities for youth to learn about various aspects of agronomy. "We have created some great excitement from our start up kits from last year!" says, Brian McNeill, University of Minnesota Extension Educator. "We are getting back to some of our roots while providing youth with a 21st Century experience."

The 4-H Agronomy program has six start-up kits available to help 4-H members learn about growing certain plants.

In addition, an exciting Agronomy Day is being planned for March 9th, 2019 at Ridgewater College in Willmar. Also, new

this year is a 4-H Crop Scouting event which will be held in the Southwest 4-H Region this summer. The event is open to 4-H and FFA members who will learn about ten areas of crop scouting. The top three teams will qualify for a national event.

To learn more about this NEW 4-H Agronomy opportunity or about 4-H in Martin County, contact your local County Extension Office at 507-235-3341 and talk to your 4-H program coordinator. They will be happy to help you any way they can.



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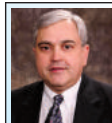
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Dr. Gerhard M. Feia and Lois J. Feia



Mass of Christian Burial for Dr. Gerhard M. Feia and his wife, Lois J. Feia will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 31st, 2019, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow the service in Calvary Cemetery with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. A rosary will be said at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 30th, 2019, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Dr. Feia passed away Saturday, January 26th, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lois

previously passed away Saturday, April 21st, 2012. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dr. Gerhard Michael Feia was born September 25th, 1926, in Holdingford, MN, the son of John and Mary Anne (Novitzki) Feia. He attended and graduated from Holdingford Public School. Gerhard then went on to serve in the United States Army from November 1945 to January 12th, 1947, as a member of the occupation forces in Ascom City and Inchon Korea. He reentered the U.S. Army on March 25th, 1948, where he served with U.S. Forces in Tokyo, Japan and then with the 8209 Mash Hospital in Korea. In March 1952, he received his honorable discharge. Gerhard then went on to attend St. John's University and the Illinois College of Optometry.

On September 1st, 1956, Gerhard was united in marriage to Lois Jean Smith at the University of Chicago Chapel. The couple moved to Fairmont in September 1957, and purchased the Optometric

Practice from Dr. Howard J. Sturgeon and continued working in optometry until his retirement in July 1995.

Dr. Feia was a life member of both Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. He was an honorary life member of the Fairmont Knights of Columbus where he served as past Grand Knight. Gerhard was also active in the Fairmont Lions Club where he was a past President. He was an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont where he was a reader and Eucharistic Minister.

In his spare time, he enjoyed helping with the Boy Scouts and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Gerhard was known for his garden and enjoyed sharing the fruits of his labor with family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Anne T. Dekeyser of Attica MI, Jean M. (Gordon) Feia-Steever of Bemidji, Michael T. Feia of Fairmont, and Paul J. Feia of Annandale, VA; nine grandchildren, as well as

many other extended family and friends.

Dr. Feia was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Feia; wife, Lois J. Feia; daughter, Mary Beth Feia; three brothers and two sisters.

Lois J. Smith was born January 14th, 1933, in Capac, MI, daughter of James and Frances Smith. Lois attended Capac High School and graduated on June 7th, 1951. She received her degree in registered nursing in Flint, MI, and followed with further education in obstetrical nursing at the University of Chicago Hospital.

On September 1st, 1956, Lois married Gerhard Feia at the University of Chicago Chapel. Together they raised five children, Anne, Michael, Jean, Paul and Mary Beth.

Lois was an obstetrical nurse working at Fairmont Community Hospital until she retired. She was an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in the St. Michael Circle.

The family requests memorials be given in Dr. Gerhard and Lois Feia's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Irene G. Tietje, 81



Funeral Service for Irene G. Tietje, 81, of rural Fairmont, will be held Thursday, January 31st, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert with Pastor Russell Reimers Officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Wilbert.

Irene was called to her eternal rest on Thursday evening, January 24th, 2019 in Onalaska, Wisconsin.

Irene Grace Kaminski was born in Silver

Lake Township, Martin County, Minnesota on May 4th, 1937 to Stanley and Sarah (Fanter) Kaminski. She was baptized in East Chain, Minnesota and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ceylon. Irene attended school in rural Fairmont, Madelia, Dunnell and Sherburn. She then went on to De Lyles Beauty School of Fairmont. Irene also worked as a waitress in Ceylon.

On February 2nd, 1963

she was united in marriage to Donald Tietje at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ceylon. They made their home on their farm in rural Fairmont. They were blessed with three children. Irene spent her spare time tending to her garden, cats and enjoyed watching birds. Irene was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Tietje of rural Fairmont; daughter,

Raymond J. Theobald, 84



Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond J. "Swede" Theobald, 84, Sherburn, was held Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn with Father Jonathan Fasnacht as Celebrant. Burial was in St. Luke's Catholic Cemetery in Sherburn with Military Honors by Thomas P. Saxton American Legion Post #356 and Sherburn Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8261 at the church. Swede was called to his eternal rest Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital in Roch-

ester.

Raymond John (Swede) Theobald was born in Jay township September 6th, 1934 to Charles P. and Mary M. (Zellner) Theobald. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Sherburn, where he served as altar boy. He was active in the church choir from the age of 7, and served as lector and usher. He received his education in Sherburn schools, graduating with the class of 1952. In February of 1953, he enlisted in the United States Army. After basic and mechanics training, he left for duty in Germany, serving there from March 1954 to January 1956, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Leave time found him traveling throughout Europe and included a stop in Italy, where he saw Pope Pius XII. He was honorably discharged in 1956, returning to Sherburn. He was then employed in construction and for Eide Chevrolet. He and his brother, Chuck, purchased the business and operated it as Theobald Chevrolet until 1967, when he sold the business. He worked for several years

for Al Fritscher doing automobile and radiator repair, for Kielblock Construction for several years, finally opening his own business, Swede's Repair in 1978. He played fast-pitch softball for the Alpha Merchants for many years, and also played baseball for the Sherburn Foxes for several years. Swede was actively involved in the formation of the annual Sherburn Holiday Festival, serving on the initial steering committee, and served on other committees through many years.

On April 8th, 1961, he was united in marriage to Margaret (Mickey) Kerns at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, and they made their home in Sherburn, raising their children there. He joined the Sherburn Fire Department in 1961 and remained active for 33 years as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, assuming various committee duties. He was The first registered EMT in Martin County. He was a long-time member of Thomas P. Saxton American Legion, serving a term as Commander, and was a life member of VFW post 8256, and served

on the drill squads for many years. He was an active member of the Sherburn community choir, and St. Luke's Church Choir. Both Swede and Mickey greatly enjoyed participating in their children's school-related activities and sports programs, through high school and college, traveling all over the country during their college competition years. He especially enjoyed time spent with his family. His grandchildren were the "apples of his eye," and many hours of fishing off "Grandpa's dock" on Temperance Lake near their home, were the highlights of many of their visits.

Gardening was a passion and he spent many hours from starting his own plants, planting, to harvest, readily sharing the bounty with family, friends and neighbors. Swede was an avid hunter and loved to fish. A multi-talented craftsman, he built their family home. His annual Christmas light display was a community favorite for many years.

Traveling was enjoyable to both Swede and Mickey. They Traveled to Europe twice, to Alaska several

DEATH notices

January 20 - Robert L. Champine, 91, Ceylon Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 21 - Arven W. Fritz, 92, Ceylon Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
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January 22 - DeElda B. Rose, 91, Fairmont Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 22 - Barbara C. Mager, 70, Plymouth Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service
January 23 - Raymond "Swede" Theobald, 84, Sherburn Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 24 - Agnes "Stormy" L. Carter, 101, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 24 - Eugene R. Roloff, 90, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
January 24 - Irene G. Tietje, 81, rural Fairmont Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 26 - Betty Wedner, 84, Sherburn Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 26 - Marian Goldencrown, 80, Trimont Kramer Family Funeral Home
January 26 - Dr. Gerhard M. Feia, 92, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

January 19 - Audrey J. Slama, 86, Winnebago
January 23 - Lowell Farland, 80, Ceylon
January 23 - Paul O. Honnette, 94, Trimont
January 24 - Mark A. Kabanuk, 62, Fairmont
January 26 - Phyllis M. Salzman, 80, Cannon Falls (formerly Trimont)
January 26 - Karen L. Worthley, 67, Truman
January 29 - Gene G. Nordstrom, 68, Huxley, Iowa (formerly Fairmont and Trimont)

Sheri Barnes (Kevin) of Holmen, Wisconsin and son, John Tietje (Trisha) of Austin; six grandchildren, Lera Barnes, Mitch, Carter, Paisley, Lilly and Samson Tietje; five step grandchildren; Alaris and Sahara McCord, Anthony, Ameri and Ashlyn Garcia; one step great granddaughter: Bailee McCord; brother, Ted Kaminski (Fran) of Armstrong, Iowa; sister-

in-law, Myla Tietje of rural Ceylon; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law, son, Mark; Willard and Eloise Roesner, and Brenda, Hans and Alice Knudsen, Robert Tietje, Darrell and Grace Stacy, Herb and Janice Tietje and Richard Tietje.

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times, to several locations in the US, and he accompanied son, Dan to Australia and South Africa on business-related trips for Dan.

In October, 2015, he was privileged to join other Veterans on a Freedom Honor Flight, sponsored by the LaCrosse, WI, American Legion, accompanied by son, Dan, to Washington D.C., where they witnessed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, saw the Pentagon, and toured each War memorial, returning to LaCrosse to a huge welcome by several thousand people, including family.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey Theobald of Sherburn, sons, Chris and wife Elise of Prescott, WI, Dan of Mankato, Joe and wife, Chrisan of Overland Park, KS, daughter, Kathy and husband, Ned Clawson of Anchorage, AK; grandchildren Rachel and Zachary Theobald; step-grandchildren Chantel and Jordan Parkin; sister, Rita Erickson of Omaha, NE; sisters-in-law Marcie Theobald of Fairmont, and Susan Theobald of Sioux Falls, SD; brothers-in-law Jerry and

wife Mary Kerns of Tigard, OR, and Dan and wife Bev Kerns of Red Wing; sisters-in-law Betty and husband Ken Thate, Marcia Levenson of Fairmont, and Mary Kenworthy of Walla Walla, WA, and numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife's parents, infant son, Timothy Gerard, brothers, Chuck and Paul, sisters Dorothy, Marianne Lutterman, Katie Riley and Rosella Theobald; and brothers-in-law Ray Kenworthy, Claire Lutterman, Tom Riley and Harold (Rusty) Levenson, and sister-in-law Barbara Kerns Meyer.

In lieu of flowers, Swede's family is asking for donations to the American Cancer Society, through a Mosaic donation page for Swede, <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/swede>.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

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Spanish Rice with Beef:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 (10oz.) pkg. frozen corn
- One 12 oz. thick style spaghetti sauce
- 1 cup water
- chopped black olives (optional)
- 1 1/2 cup minute rice

Brown beef with spices and onion. Add everything else but the rice and bring to a boil. Stir in rice; cover and remove from heat. Let stand for 10 minutes. Serves 4-6

Stay safe, warm and have a good week!



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Lawrence J. Chazento to Lawrence J. Chazen Trust, Lawrence J. Chazen Trustee E½ PT NW¼, 9-104-30

Jenna Hemiller, Karen Hemiller, Michael Hemiller, Nathan Hemiller to Levi R. Ekstrom, W½ PT NW¼, 18-103-31

Sandra Meschke to Billy L. Swearingen, Diane L. Swearingen, Lots 1,2 & 3, Block 1, Barkers Subd AP 133

Sandy Hallstrom, Norman Langford to Sandra M. Meschke, E50' Lots 13 and 14, 1st Ext Wards Central Addition

Larry L. Becker, Linda L. Becker to Roger C. Buckmeier, EXC W50' Lot 1, Block 2 and Lot 2 Block 2, Andersons Addition Granada

Laurie Truesdell, Oliver A. Truesdell to Aaron M. Jorgenson, N½ PT NE¼, 21-102-31

Emily Korsmo, Tony Weiss to Emily Meixell, Samuel Meixell, PT 2 AC NW¼NE¼ 18-102-32

Jane E. Sundberg, Jane W. Sundberg, Stanley W. Sundberg to Dale Manzke, Derek Manzke, E½ Lots 6 & 7, Block 4 and S½ of E½ Lot 8, Block 4, Youngs Addition

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Jacob J. Scheff to Christine E. Wohlford, Timothy J. Wohlford, Lot 5, Block 2, Original Plat Monterey

Shannon Kitzberger, Jason Meschke, Jill Meschke to Sandra Meschke, Lots 1,2,3, Block 1, Barkers Subd AP133

Dale A. Burmeister, Pamela R. Burmeister to Dale A. Burmeister, Pamela R. Burmeister, EXC 4.40AC of NW¼, 3-104-32

CONTRACT FOR DEED

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Welcome, MN to Scott Greenwood, Crystal Leschefske, PT SE¼SE¼ and PT .34AC SE¼SE¼, 1-102-32

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Estate of Robert W. Meschke, Sandra Meschke Per Rep to Shannon Kitzberger, Jason Meschke, Sandra Meschke Life Estate, Lots 1,2,3, Block 1, Barkers Subd AP133

Tornado sirens get a new name

Learning from the wind storm back in September 2018, changes have been made from the lessons that were learned.

The outdoor siren that typically goes off during a tornado warning was not set off because the storm didn't qualify as a tornado until the following day. However, the winds of the storm that evening were over 80 miles an hour, which can rip grown trees from the ground and peel off the roofs off houses.

Learning from this storm, a change has been made in the language of these sirens. Previously and commonly referred to as "tornado sirens", will now be called "outdoor warning sirens" because they can be set off for not only tornado warnings but also for wind storms of 70 mph or more.

The National Weather Service (NWS), which can alert the Martin County communications center to

tornado warnings, can also alert to high wind speeds, but it is up to the individual county on what they set the alarms off for. Residents and law enforcement officials alike were expecting the siren to go off Sept. 20, but because our guidelines previously only specified for tornadoes, it was not activated.

Regarding tornadoes, the siren can be activated if the NWS alerts the communications center, but also if a trained weather spotter or law enforcement person calls in a funnel cloud or spotted tornado.

Should the outdoor warning siren be activated in the future for a storm, immediately seek shelter and then listen for weather updates.

If there are any questions, please call or email Abigail Nesbit, Martin County Emergency Management Director at 507-238-3193 or Abigail.nesbit@co.martin.mn.us

DFS Scholarship/ Help Night February 11

Scholarship applications for the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars chapter are now open.

Students who wish to apply can begin creating or updating their student profiles now at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org. The minimum scholarship to be awarded is \$1,200, and more than 180 scholarships are available for graduates of Fairmont High School. Eligibility for all scholarships offered by the local Dollars for Scholars chapter will close on April 1st, 2018.

Students can receive up

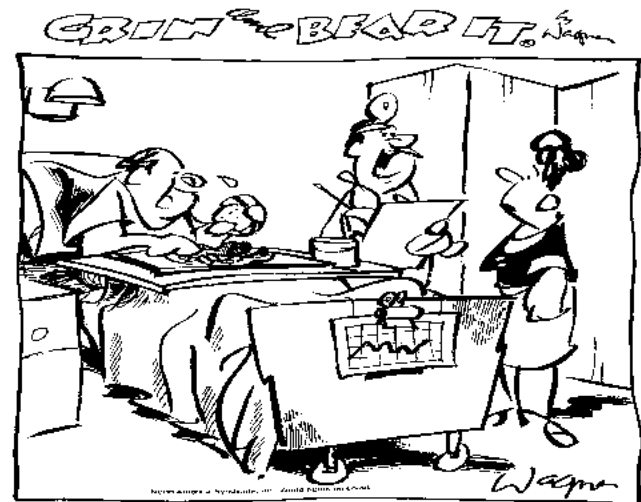
to four awards from the organization in the pursuit of certificates, associates or bachelor's degrees from accredited institutions.

An information night on how to use the scholarship application system and how each application is scored will be held in the Fairmont Senior High School Media Center on Monday, February 11th, 2019, at 7 p.m. To register for that, call Community Education and Recreation at 507-235-3141.

For more information or questions, call Liz Wheeler at 507-399-2134.



Emily Haugen (left) and Lexi Fischer were two of the Fairmont Dollars for Scholars recipients in 2018. This year, nearly \$300,000 will be awarded to more than 180 students. Applications will be accepted until April 1st, 2019. (Submitted photo)



"This is serious! He seems to have developed an appetite for hospital food!"

AG-LAND AUCTION

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Mike, Sue, Romi & Annette

FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 2019
9:00 AM

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Mayo welcomes new Orthopedic Surgeon

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont recently welcomed Mark Wikenheiser, M.D., to its Orthopedics Department. Dr. Wikenheiser joins the current Fairmont team of Stephen Berthelsen, M.D., and Erika Chirpich, physician assistant. As an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Wikenheiser offers nonsurgical and surgical treatment options for injuries and conditions of the knees, shoulders and hips. He also provides solutions for joint problems by employing both nonsurgical and surgical techniques.

Dr. Wikenheiser received his medical training from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He completed his internship in General Surgery at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. He also completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and an Orthopedic Biomechanics Lab fellowship at Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

Dr. Wikenheiser is certified by the American

Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Prior to transferring to the Orthopedic Surgery Department in Fairmont, Dr. Wikenheiser worked as an orthopedic surgeon at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

"I'm excited to be joining the Fairmont practice, as I have a lot of experience practicing in similar communities," says Dr. Wikenheiser. "Providing Mayo Clinic-level orthopedic care close to where people live and work is a great service we provide to patients."

"The need for orthopedic services continues to grow in demand throughout southern Minnesota and northern Iowa," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "Dr. Wikenheiser brings a tremendous amount of experience and we are glad to have him join our orthopedic team after having practiced at our La Crosse location."

Dr. Wikenheiser's special interests include hip, knee and shoulder replacement surgery, rotator cuff repairs and sports related injuries.



UPCOMING AUCTIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019 AT 11 A.M. - CUNNINGHAM FAMILY FARMS, LLP & ROBERT R. CUNNINGHAM - High Quality Watonwan County 152.5 Acre Farmland Auction Sale Location: Odin Community Center in Odin, MN. Call 507-847-3468 or www.danpikeauction.com for more information. **DAN PIKE AUCTION COMPANY & ASSOCIATES.**

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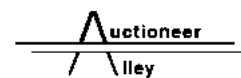
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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly co-pacetic. Yesterday was a b u m e r. You know you're getting older when you pull a muscle while eating a sandwich. And a neighbor has a pet skunk. I just got wind of that. But I've had a good day today. I found a Twinkie I'd left in a Bonanza lunchbox I had in elementary school. It was delicious. I tell everyone I hate snowstorms, but I don't. They get me out of doing things. I can sit around wearing my 'I farm, what's your excuse?' T-shirt and ancient sweatpants while eating bad things and watching bad TV shows. A storm had been predicted and I'm the blizzard wizard so I headed to the Grocery Emporium and Gizzard Rental to stock up on pizza, ice cream, root beer and kale. I knew that was what I was going to buy because I can read my mind."

"You bought kale?" I say.

"My sister Cruella had been bugging me to eat healthier. Anyway, I buy those things and my credit



card company called me with a fraud alert because I'd never purchased anything like kale before."

Naturally

I tell myself that winter is on my side, but it can be ornery. At least I don't have to shovel the cold. Here at the Hartland field station in January, I turn to the birds as sunflowers turn to the sun. I endeavor to notice things. It's an expression of life and of hope.

The crashing temperatures painted frost patterns resembling ghostly plants on the window glass.

I watched a handsome red-bellied woodpecker fly to a feeder. It was a male with a red crown and nape. The female has the red nape, but lacks the red crown.

I saw a pair of critically acclaimed birds -- cardinals. Each time I take a good look at a bird, I'm reminded why I'm a card-carrying birder.

A squirrel chattered at me the entire time I filled the feeders. Squirrels have a salty vocabulary. I enjoy squirrels even though they can be hard on feeders. It's as the psalmist said, "Harden not your hearts." I reckon that applies to all things including squirrels.

We'd just received somewhere between 8 and 143 inches of snow -- most of it

parked illegally. It reminded me that Harmony became the Minnesota state annual precipitation record holder by receiving 60.21 inches in 2018. This proves that plan-



Does a downy find winter weather a downer? Photo by Al Batt

ning and hard work pay off. Harmony crushed the old record of 56.24 inches set by Waseca in 2016. A downy woodpecker flew in as I was filling the feeder. I wondered if a downy finds winter weather a downer? I told it about Harmony's record in hopes it might bring cheer, but the woodpecker wasn't interested.

Q-and-A

"Where do eagles roost during Minnesota winters?" Bald eagles find shelter in protective areas, in brush,

branches and conifers, which reduces exposure to wind. These microclimates hold heat more efficiently than do open spaces. An eagle's 7000-7200 feathers are effective insulators and its large size helps it retain heat.

"Do chickens sing?" I think they do. Chickens make a wide range of sounds and communicate with one another. Roosters sing loudly when they crow and they call hens whenever they find a tasty treat they wish to share. Hens cackle after laying eggs. It's better singing than I hear from many humans.

"What butterflies use nettles?" Nettles are host plants for the caterpillars of the Milbert's tortoiseshell, red admiral, question mark and eastern comma butterflies.

"Do vultures have enough carrion space when they fly?" No, and they don't fly cheep. Vultures asked that I remind human fliers that just because it has a handle, doesn't make it carry-on luggage. Turkey vultures generally eat mammals, but feed on other carrion such as birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. I've seen them eating rotting pumpkins. A vulture prefers freshly dead animals, but wait for carcasses to reach a condition that George Foreman wouldn't consider grilling. This makes it possible for the vulture to pierce the

skin.

Thanks for stopping by
"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." -Martin Luther King

"We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it, chopped down its forests, leveled its hills, muddied its waters,

and dirtied its air. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago." -Rose Bird, former Chief Justice of California Supreme Court

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Area Servicemen News



U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman Dawson D. Becker graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Becker earned distinc-

tion as an honor graduate. He is the son of Dana and Matt Becker of Welcome.

The airman is a 2018 graduate of Martin County West High School, Sherburn.



Area College Student News



Concordia University, Nebraska recently named 278 students to its honors list for the fall 2018 semester. Local students includ-

ed:

- Anna Marie Meyer of Trimont
- Rebekah Rusert of Truman

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Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD has announced the following students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2018-19 academic year.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or

above (on a 4.0 scale):

- Ericka Kim, Fairmont
- Jayden Koskovich, Fairmont
- Matthew Lytle, Fairmont
- McKenna Mathews, Ceylon
- Alexa Mosloski, Fairmont
- Evan Ward, Ceylon

* * *

Tucker Schumann, of Sherburn, was named to Buena Vista University's (BVU) Dean's List for terms one and two.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point

average of 3.5 for the two terms, based on a 4.0 grade point system, and must have taken at least 12 hours of coursework.

Schumann attends BVU's Estherville site.

Martin County Pheasants Forever continues their rise to the top

Twelve of Martin County Pheasants Forever committee volunteers recently returned from the Minnesota State Convention with yet more recognition awards for their accomplishments. Building on the accolades of last year's award as Chapter of the Year, Martin County walked away with three additional awards while in Alexandria January 18th-20th. Topping the list of achievements was president Joe Maidl, being named as Minnesota's Volunteer of the Year. Joe's relentless pursuit to improve habitat, educate youth, and garner more interest into conservation efforts were just a few reasons for his recognition. Joe was chosen by the Minnesota Pheasants Forever staff from all nominated volunteers in Minnesota. The award recognizes the individual

that has made the biggest impact for the birds through their volunteer efforts as a member, and has exhibited unquestionable devotion to the PF mission and embraces everything about Pheasants Forever. Additionally, Mike Murphy, Martin County Chapter's longest acting committee volunteer was awarded the Long Spur Society Award for his lifelong commitment to Pheasants Forever. Mike started as the banquet emcee very early in the history of the chapter's 34 years of existence and continues to this day. Bryan Gregor received the Dedication Award for his essential role in the development of chapter programs. He has been instrumental in obtaining grant funding and expanding habitat programs.

The convention serves

as an opportunity to learn what's happening on both the conservation and legislative fronts. Many speakers, including the newly appointed DNR commissioner, Sarah Strommen, spoke to the group about the importance of Pheasant Forever's and other conservation group's involvement in recruiting and retaining outdoorsmen and women, and continuing to work at protecting and growing interest in the outdoors. Dave Nomsen, PF's VP of Governmental Affairs, reported on the new farm bill and the successes and difficulties involved in conservation efforts. There was also a session presented by Dave Carlson, president of the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance, that explained the important grassroots involvement necessary at the legis-

lature. It's often forgotten that while the DNR is responsible for much of our wildlife and outdoor world, their direction and funding is held by members of our Minnesota legislative body. Additional sessions were attended by all to aid the organization in the many roles our Pheasants Forever family holds.

Please keep in mind Martin County Pheasants Forever Chapter's upcoming annual banquet to be held April 13th at the Martin County Arena. The support you provide allows Martin County Pheasants Forever to continue to offer more services, more land acquisition and more contact with the youth in our area. The chapter is proud of their accomplishments and recognize they are not possible without your support.



Mike Murphy (left) and Bryan Gregor (right).



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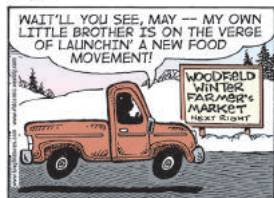
1. MOVIES: Which 1969 movie featured the song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head"?
2. LITERATURE: What is the name of Harry's owl in the "Harry Potter" book series?
3. MUSIC: Which American actor performs music as his alter ego Childish Gambino?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which kids' snack, contained in a box with a string handle, was first marketed in 1902?
5. GAMES: In what game is a shuttlecock used?
6. SPACE: Who piloted America's first and shortest flight into space?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which fish is the fastest in the world?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is Saigon's current name in Vietnam?
9. ART: Which city is home to the statue "David" created by Michelangelo?
10. MONEY: What was the basic currency of Greece before the euro?

Answers

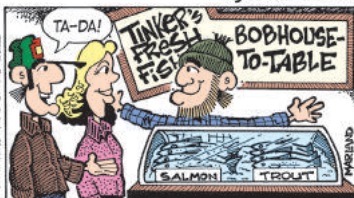
1. "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid"
2. Hedwig
3. Donald Glover
4. Animal-shaped crackers then known as "Barnum's Animals"
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7. The black marlin
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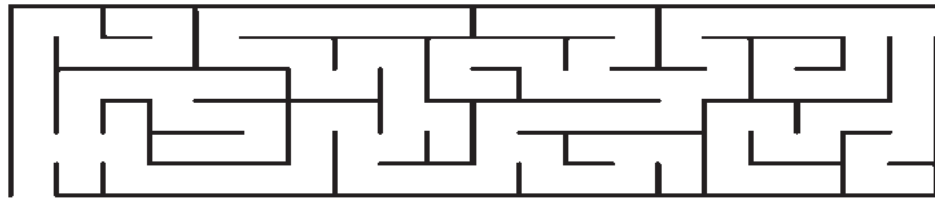
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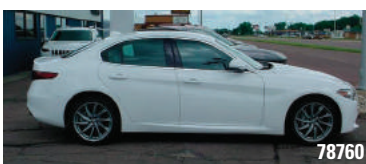
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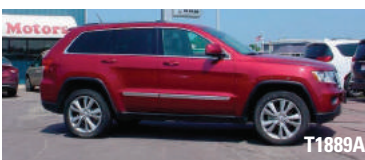
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