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The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I'm trying to catch up on my loafing, but that's not easy for someone known as the LeBron James of farming. I had a big bowl of mini-doughnuts for breakfast. I figured if Cheerios were good for me, these would be even better. You know, if I were Bill Gates, I'd be richer than he is."

"What do you mean? How could you be richer?" I say.

"I'd still do a little farming on the side."

Naturally

It's summer, the hot season of our year. Summer comes from the Old English sumor, from the Proto-Germanic sumur, Old Saxon sumar, Old Norse sumar, Old High German sumar,

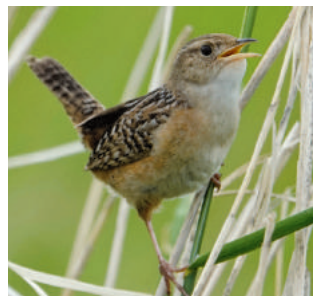
Old Frisian sumur, Middle Dutch somer, Dutch zomer and German sommer.

A robin had begun singing at four in the morning. The bird had a strong work ethic. Each season of every year, I watch birds come and go. They are the heartbeats of the world and weave wonder into my life.

It was nearly bird-melting hot as I walked wet ground. Sedges have edges and clamorous sedge wrens. Insects hadn't thoroughly bested me, but the deer flies were unrelenting as they tormented me. They go for the head and neck when biting people, inflicting a painful bite using knife-like mouthparts to slice the skin and feed on blood. Fortunately, deer flies aren't a disease vector here, but some people suffer allergic reactions to the bites. In addition to humans, these biting flies also attack cattle, deer and horses. Deer flies are most common in June and July.

I visited a county park just to listen to the ethereal,

flutelike songs of the wood thrush. Thoreau wrote of the wood thrush, "This is the only bird whose note affects me like music, affects the flow and tenor of my thought, my fancy and



Sedges have edges and sedges have sedge wrens. Photo by Al Batt

imagination. It lifts and exhilarates me. It is inspiring. It is a medicative draught to my soul. It is an elixir to my eyes and a fountain of youth to all my senses. It changes all hours to an eternal morning. I long for wildness, a nature which I cannot put my foot through, woods where the wood thrush forever sings, where the hours are early morning ones, and

there is dew on the grass, and the day is forever unproved, where I might have a fertile unknown for a soil about me."

Thoreau was singing my song.

Dave Lewis from Ohio told me that he had collection of photographs of fake owls on docks. He said they must be attracted to boats. I saw three on a dock recently. The imitation owls are like pet rocks. They do no good and they do no harm.

A cat prowled nearby. Australia has built the world's longest cat-proof fence, hoping the 27-mile fence bordering the Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary will help save endangered animals like the mala, a type of small wallaby, from feral cats. Researchers estimate that cats kill over a million birds each day in Australia.

I walked a trail in Wisconsin as winter wrens sang loud and endlessly. Three male scarlet tanagers landed on a log. Their vivid red colors made good company for the wren serenade. Good news of the family kind arrived via cellphone. We don't get many perfect days.

That was one. I was and am most thankful.

Q-and-A

Jill and Jerry Morstad of Albert Lea have a mallard hen nesting in one of their trees and wondered if that was common or if it was just a weird duck. As a weird duck myself, I understand weird ducks. Mallards nest in odd places, typically on the ground, but uncommonly in trees. The buck duck provides no assistance in incubating or duckling duties.

"How much does a fawn weigh at birth?" A white-tailed deer fawn weighs five to eight pounds.

"How many times per second do hummingbird's wings beat?" The more than 300 hummingbird species found in North and South America flap their wings from 12 to 90 times per second.

"What is a flock of orioles called?" A group of orioles is collectively known as a pitch or a split of orioles.

"Do cowbirds eat insects off cows?" Maybe they do occasionally, but brown-headed cowbirds feed mostly on larger insects such as



Purple martins. Photo by Gordy Luckow of Fairmont

grasshoppers and beetles stirred into movement by cattle. Cowbirds also feed on seeds and grain.

"When could I expect to see baby skunks?" Eastern striped skunks give birth to a litter of four to six in May or early June. We begin seeing the babies (kits) when they are seven weeks old. Skunklets would be a perfect name for them.

Thanks for stopping by "Stop letting people who do so little for you control so much of your mind, feelings and emotions." - Will Smith

"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere." Laura Ingalls Wilde DO GOOD.

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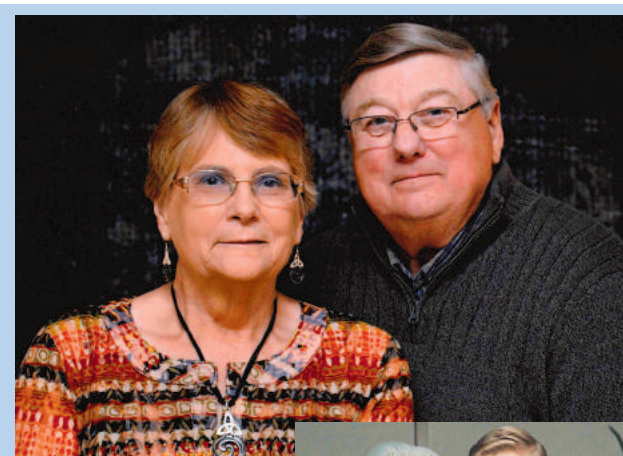
There will be an open house celebration to honor Roger Lindell on Sunday, July 1st from 2-4 p.m. at First Congregational UCC. Please join us to honor Roger on his 80th birthday. Cards may also be mailed to Roger Lindell, 1135 570th Avenue, Armstrong, IA 50514.



BAARTS 85TH - Dolores Baarts of Fairmont will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Monday, July 9th. Good wishes and "I remember when" memories may be sent to Dolores at 1920 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.



RITER-MURPHY - Dixie Riter and Greg Murphy were wed on April 28th, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain. Father Andrew Beerman officiated. A reception for the couple was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. Mother of the bride is Dolores Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Father of the groom is Rob Murphy of Guckeen. Dixie is a paralegal at May & Johnson Law Firm in Sioux Falls. Greg is semi-retired from Fairmont Ford and farms. A 25-year-long honeymoon is planned.



GLIDDEN 50TH - Steve and Sharon Glidden of rural Trimont will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 6th, 2018. Cards can be sent to Steve and Sharon Glidden, 665 215th Street, Trimont, MN 56176.



Heritage Acres is the place to be July 4th

Heritage Acres, located on the west edge of Fairmont, will be a bustling place of activity this coming Wednesday, July 4th.

This year is the 38th annual music festival at the Heritage Acres farm site and the day is filled with activities for the entire family.

Gates and the food stands open at 10 a.m. that day and there will be live music from 11 a.m. to



face painting, kids games, bounce castle for the kids, train rides, Century Farm displays, ice cream, popcorn and food stands, wagon rides for the whole family, and more.

Take in all the history with the 1904 Minneapolis Steam Engine, Mall of 1900, blacksmithing, gas engine display, antique demonstrations and much more!

Be sure and stick around for one of the best fireworks shows in the area overlooking the lake after dark.

Best of all, there is no gate fee for this day full of fun and activity, so come on out to Heritage Acres July 4th!



5 p.m. Returning to perform this year is Steve Lang playing your all your country favorites followed by Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen that will have you out of your seats and dancing near the stage!

Other events taking place that day include: Kids pedal pull at 11 a.m.,

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11 AM on Tuesday July 3 at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Chapter 32 Disabled American Veterans annual picnic will be held Thursday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sylvania Park shelter house in Fairmont. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Chicken will be furnished. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass and beverage.

Summer food program

Fairmont Area Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be



provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination

in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the following sites, times, and dates/days during the summer as follows: Fairmont Elementary, July 9 - 27; serving breakfast 8:30 - 9 a.m. and lunch 12 - 12:30 p.m. Fairmont JR/SR High, July 17 - 19; serving lunch 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Coffee, goodies and fellowship will take place every Tuesday during the month of July at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon beginning at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

There will be a **FREE Community Meal** on Wednesday, June 27th at First Congregational UCC in Fairmont. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. They will serve grilled pork loin sandwich, baked beans, variety of salads and ice cream sundaes. Served by the East Chain 4-H club.

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Ted Kittleson to perform at Sundaes in the Park

Ted Kittleson of rural Ceylon and his family will be the featured entertainers for Sundaes in the Park, Sunday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Triumph Memorial Park in Trimont.

Ted sang with Millie and the Saddle Pals in the 1950s and 60s. He entertains the area senior residents with his yodeling and cowboy songs and is singing with the Bee Kays this summer. Sundaes in the Park is sponsored by Trimont Area Service Klub (TASK). They will serve ice cream sundaes that evening.



A concert of stories and songs at Immanuel

Wisconsin-based touring artist, professional singer/songwriter and worship leader Wendysue Fluegge will be coming to the Fairmont area this weekend.

Fluegge will perform a "Concert of Stories and Songs" on Saturday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1200 N. North Avenue in Fairmont.

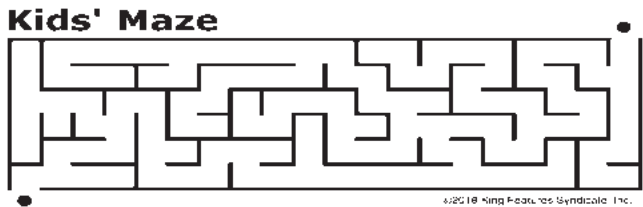
At 6:30 p.m. before the concert will be an Immanuel "Open Mic" sharing of

In the event of rain, the location will be moved to the Trimont school.

musical talent of youth of the congregation. Refreshments will follow the 7 p.m. concert in the church basement.

Wendysue will also provide all the music for the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday, July 1st at Immanuel.

For more info, contact the church office at 507-238-1387 or email them at immanuel-fairmont@yahoo.com



'No Wake' rule in effect for area lakes

Due to the recent rainfall, the water levels in all Martin County lakes has raised to heights that could damage shorelines and property.

The Martin County Sheriff's office has issued the "Slow No Wake" rule that is in effect on all lakes in Martin County until further notice.

This is in place to minimize erosion of lake shores, city and private properties.

"Slow No Wake" means operation of a watercraft at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, but in no case greater than five miles per hour.

The Sheriff's office will be monitoring and reevaluating the lake levels to lift the "Slow No Wake" as soon as possible.

Artist Meet and Greet

Thursday, June 28th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont, join us for your last chance to see the fun, colorful, whimsical painting and meet the artist of the month, Deborah Burow. Her paintings are guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. A light dinner will be served, and a free will donation will be taken.

"Pump and Run" in Armstrong this weekend

As part of its annual 4th of July celebration, Armstrong, Iowa is holding an event called "Pump and Run" on Friday and Saturday, June 29th and 30th at North Union High School and Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong.

What is a Pump and Run? On Friday night, June 29th, you bench press a certain percentage of your body weight for your age. The amount of repetitions you can properly bench press, 30 seconds will be taken off your 5K run time. On Saturday, June 30th they will hold the 5K run and you would then run your 5K. After you finish, they will subtract the previous day's total time off. You can also choose to not do the bench press portion and only run the 5K with no adjustment off your time.

Registration will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. June 29th at North Union High School and from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. on June 30th at Nazareth Lutheran Church. You can also register online at signmeup.com/pumpnrun

Questions? Contact Brooke Nelson at brooke.nelson@gmail.com

Proceeds from this event go to the North Union Cross Country and Track & Field teams.

Remembering a Nation and Freedom

By David Weiss, Trimont

Wednesday, July 4th marks again the celebration of the 4th of July in America - a nation of freedoms that abound!

This July 4th is the 242nd birthday of the United States of America. Historical facts proclaim that America is the longest on-going constitutional republic in the world! What a blessing this is for all citizens. It is a blessing from God, not from man. Let us be grateful for how blessed we are to live in

America. God has blessed us and to him we need to give thanks and praise.

As in the past, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) of Trimont at 12:00 noon on July 4th will ring its church bells in celebrating America, freedom and all God's blessings!

This 4th of July (Independence Day) remember also, that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus Christ! (Leviticus 25:10).



Bonnie McMurry and all eleven of her children at her 90th Birthday celebrated June 17th at Sylvania Beach House in Fairmont. She was born June 13th, 1928. Bonnie was driven to her party by Ben Odegaard in his 1928 Ford (also 90 years old). Standing left to right #5 Gary McMurry, Fairmont; #4 Jill Jensen, Fairmont; #9 Lyn McMurry, Plant City, FL; #6 Karen Dollen, Fairmont; Bonnie McMurry, Fairmont; #7 Jeff McMurry, Mesa, AZ; #3 Wanda Waterbury, Fairmont; #8 Steve McMurry, Fairmont; #1 Vicki Boeckman, Elmore; sitting #11 Dannette McMurry, Mpls; #2 Carla Moore, Fairmont; #10 Keith McMurry, Pebble Beach, CA.

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7 Signs It's Time to Downsize

Guest Columnist

Kim Kreiss, Realtor Covers Realty



When you have a large family, a large sprawling house is the American Dream. But once the kids leave you with an empty nest, what do you do?

While the thought of moving to a modest home can be daunting, you don't need to sell off all your belongings and join the tiny home craze to downsize effectively. Also, as you shed square footage, you'll find that you gain a range of benefits that make a big difference to some homeowners.

If you're wondering if it might be time to look for a

smaller abode, ask yourself these seven questions and you'll have your answer.

1. Is routine maintenance taking up too much of your time?

If you find that your weekends suddenly slip away as you attempt to keep up with your landscaping or just maintain your home's interior, you may be ready for a little less housework. Sure, you could hire someone to take care of these tasks for you, but that's less money in your wallet.

2. Do you have too much house?

Are there some rooms in your home that you don't enter for days at a time?

Even if you're not using them, you're still paying to heat or cool them. (And did we mention dust and vacuum them as well?)

3. Are your house-related expenses eating away at your savings?

If your income has shrunk due to retirement or an unforeseen unemployment, you don't want to have to tap into your savings each month just to make ends meet. A smaller house will require less maintenance

while lowering your utility bills. You can also consider downsizing in an area where the cost of living is lower so your overall expenses will decrease.

4. Has your home appreciated substantially?

Are homes in your 'hood fetching top dollar? This could be the time to lock in your profit and

add that windfall to your retirement savings. Or, spend a little and see the world beyond your picket fence. Vacationing is easier when you leave behind a smaller home — especially one like a condo or townhouse where outdoor maintenance is handled for you.

5. Are you feeling isolated?

If the kids have moved away and your neighbors have also downsized, you may feel like you're the last

person standing on your block. If the only person you recognize in your area is your mail carrier and that leaves you feeling isolated, it may be time to plan a move to a place where you'll see some familiar faces.

6. Has your lifestyle changed?

Even if you once boasted about the majesty of your two-story entryway, if the thought of climbing several flights of stairs to get to your bedroom now leaves you wanting to sleep on the couch in the living room, it's time to move. As many homeowners get older, they seek the ease and convenience of one-level living. If your house has become too large for you to maneuver comfortably and safely, make a change.

7. Are you sick of having too much stuff?

Whether you're looking to explore the minimalist lifestyle or just wondering when and how you've accumulated so much stuff, you may want to consider streamlining your belongings. Holding a garage or estate sale is a great first step when thinking about downsizing. Organizations looking for donations abound online, with many offering free pickup and removal. There are several "For Sale" pages on Facebook for Martin County and the surrounding communities. Living in a tighter space forces you to really take stock of each item you allow through the door. Though it seems counterintuitive, having a smaller home may force you to really stay organized and not let clutter dominate your dwelling.



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

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Surviving, Then Thriving

When facing the inevitable, it may help to take time to deal with the practical details beforehand.

Few things are as sad and traumatic as the death of a loved one. From the loss itself, to the ways it can impact you physically and emotionally, to navigating the logistic and financial complexities that come with it, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. And when it comes to talking about death, it can be as awkward beforehand as it is difficult afterward.

Talking with family along with friends and professional advisors, however, can be the key to preparing as much as you can and getting through the inevitable with as little upheaval as possible.

But just how do you approach a loved one with the subject of their death? And where do you go from there? Perhaps first consider how you would want everything handled, and then start the conversation from that perspective.

Start Small, Go Slow

Like many endeavors, it's often good to start small and be patient.

Put it on the radar. Rather than sitting down for a heavy talk, try simply mentioning the subject and see how it goes. You might even break the ice with gentle humor: "You know, at some point we could consider chatting about the big scary death thing." Remember, this can be a series of conversations.

Meet them where they are. Death is emotional and its effects are complicated. When your loved one is ready to talk, get a sense of what's top of mind for them. Is it unsolved relationship issues? Finances? Legal hurdles to address? Listen for cues, and you'll find the appropriate starting point. From there, the rest of the dialogue should come naturally.

The Gift of Planning

Once the conversation has begun, everyone will soon start to feel more comfortable. And while certain topics can be difficult, it will be apparent that working through them and being on the same page will pay emotional dividends later on.

Beyond family. Once you've gotten a little more comfortable, encourage your loved one to share pertinent details with their family attorney, accountant and financial advisor who can help fill in any blanks and help ensure as smooth a transition as possible when the time comes. From review-

ing beneficiaries and titles to make sure they align with the will, to practical matters like having access to liquid cash, to making decisions without liquidating assets or waiting for life insurance proceeds, the details become easier with professional guidance.

Wills and trusts. Everyone needs a will to express the desired transfer of financial and tangible assets. If desired, encourage your loved one to work with professionals to help document their wishes accurately. For some, a trust may be appropriate to help dictate how assets are distributed, while keeping affairs confidential by avoiding probate.

Letters and proxies. Not everything is covered by a will, so ask your loved one if they'd like to write a personal letter to communicate any additional wishes. It can be a way for them to share their values, life lessons and faith with the next generation. It's also important that they designate a durable power of attorney — someone who can be trusted to handle fi-

nancial business and make healthcare decisions on a person's behalf.

Living wills. This advanced care directive specifies how someone wants healthcare providers to handle their life-sustaining treatment and end-of-life care in the event they cannot do so themselves.

Funerals and obituaries. Everyone has a different idea of what they want when it comes to final respects. Some prefer celebrations, while others want solemn occasions or even creative gatherings. Regardless, listen to what your loved one desires and perhaps help research costs and make arrangements in advance.

Security codes and passwords. When someone passes away, survivors will need documented information to access or shut down a variety of personal and financial accounts.

The Afterward

It'll be important to surround yourself with love and support after the loss. Conventional wisdom suggests holding off on major deci-

sions and taking at least a year to heal. However, certain practical matters will likely arise and need attention during this time. With help and professional guidance, tasks that seem daunting can be accomplished gracefully and peacefully.

Let people know. Make those you know aware of the loss. Reach out to family, friends and spiritual counselors for emotional support.

Confirm final arrangements. Contact the funeral home to confirm or clarify your loved one's planned services. If you need clarification yourself, look to the will or personal letters for instructions.

Ample certificates. It is recommended you get two to three dozen original copies of the death certificate from the county where the death occurred. One will be needed for every account relating to the estate, as well as one to forward the person's mail from the post office.

Time off and childcare. If you're able to, take time off work — many companies offer bereavement leave for

the loss of close loved ones. Keep the little ones in mind, too; they'll need support and possibly childcare as you deal with the details and services.

As a practical matter, although this may be a difficult discussion to have for all parties, the time to create a plan is now, while everyone has the opportunity to contribute fully to helping ease the painful transition in the future. As you work through your loved one's wishes, consider your own planning needs. While planning for death and its aftermath can be somber and uncomfortable, it's never too early to start talking.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Recipe lookout!

I'm always on the lookout for new recipes to share with you. A couple of weeks ago we attended a high school graduation reception for our great nephew Tristan Rabbe. A pretty fluffy delicious fruit dish was served. I was able to track down the recipe. Tristan's Aunt Sandy Anderson had made it for the reception, one recipe serves 12 and she made enough for over 100 guests, a real labor of love! Thank you Sandy for sharing the recipe! She said it is best made the same day you are going to use it, I think it would be great to use for a brunch, or you could use it as a dessert. I hope that you will enjoy it too!

Berry Fluff

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar, or a little less if your fruit is sweet
8 oz. cool whip
3 cups strawberries, quartered
1 cup black berries, halved if large
1 cup raspberries
1 cup blueberries

Beat cream cheese, until fluffy, beat in sugar, then fold in cool whip. Fold in berries and chill until serving. After you rinse the berries dry them on paper towels. If you want a pink color stir after the strawberries are added. This was served in individual clear plastic cups. For a family you could put it in a glass bowl. Have a great week!

Fairmont Cheerleaders hold fundraiser events

Fairmont Area High School Cheerleaders will be holding fundraisers this summer in Fairmont.

One fundraiser is at the Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, July 18th. 10% of the proceeds and all tips will be donated to the FHS cheer program. Ladies will be waiting tables and assisting with cleanup duties at the end of the evening.

A car wash is another fundraiser for the group. The car wash will be held

at Fareway in Fairmont on Saturday, July 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cars will be \$10 and trucks and larger SUVs will be \$15.

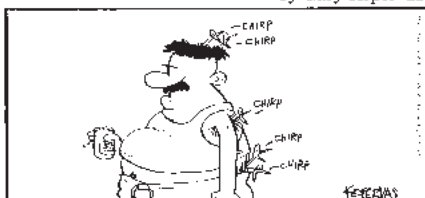
Fairmont Cheerleaders will also be selling Cardinal Stones with your favorite sport decal on them.

All proceeds from these fundraisers will go toward assisting the cheerleaders with camp, stunt camp, additional uniforms, cheer posters and fees for competition.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

AS SPRING TURNS TO SUMMER, BIRDS BEGIN TO LEAVE THE NESTS THEY CREATED AROUND VARIOUS PARTS OF BERNARD'S BODY.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relay for Life Thanks

The Relay for Life Leadership team would like to thank everyone that participated in the Martin County Relay for Life.

We wouldn't have a relay without our sponsors, those who donate, our teams and all of you that come to the relay. The relay is such a special time to celebrate the survivors that are still fight-

ing and remember those that have lost their battle. There is still more money that hasn't been turned in but towards the end of the Relay on June 23rd we had raised \$75,000. The year does not officially end until August 31st, so our total may still grow more.

Marsha Williams
Relay for Life Publicity

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The Cancer Fighters team recently participated at the Martin County Relay for Life. On behalf of the team I would like to thank everyone for your generous donations and sup-

port for this worthy cause. Together we can make a difference.

Marsha Williams
Cancer Fighters
Team Captain

Triathlon/Duathlon/5K Thanks

God put on a lightning show to herald the beginning of the 2018 Triathlon (Olympic, Sprint & Youth), Duathlon and 5K. With a bit of a delay for safety, over 160 participants took off to achieve amazing feats of physical abilities. In addition to many local participants, we had folks from ND, Iowa, SD and Wisconsin taking part in the fun.

This great event only happens with the help of tremendous volunteers: directing routes & handing out water; boaters, jet skiers, lifeguards & kayakers keeping our swimmers safe; our Sheriff's Water Patrol; the Gold Cross ready to assist; Hy-Vee, Fareway and Culligan providing refreshments; our Police providing traffic control; our Park Dept. for prepping the park & providing bleachers; the Sentence to Serve for cleaning route corners & beaches; singers to do the National Anthem; Loren announcing at the finish line and spotters to relay #'s; Colton on motorcycle leading the

bikers and a sag wagon to follow; our athletic dept. providing chalk for youth event; the Sentinel for contacting track coaches; teachers & coaches in all the schools encouraging their students to do events; numerous businesses giving items for participant gift bags; Jack providing public address systems, the Fire Dept. bringing their truck, the Convention & Business Bureau for help with advertising, Lisa, Laurie & Jennifer managing the complexities of the registration and AdMfg. for the website & countless items. And of course, we wouldn't get started without all the great sponsorships from our businesses.

We all can take pride in what folks in our community can accomplish.

Fairmont Triathlon Committee,
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Armstrong, Iowa to celebrate 4th of July

The community of Armstrong, Iowa will be a flurry of activity this weekend through July 4th for the holiday celebration.

The slate of 4th of July celebration events begins June 29th and 30th with the Pump and Run event (check out details in this week's Photo Press). On Monday, July 2nd will be the Armstrong Little Miss/Miss Armstrong Pageant at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 3rd the All-School Reunion will be held at North Union High School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Other activities that day include trolley rides from 4 to 10 p.m., pulled pork sandwiches from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and a street dance with "Pop Rocks" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Wednesday, July 4th the day kicks off with church services at the park at 7 a.m.

Other activities that day include: Track and field, punt kick and pass both at 8 a.m., a 3 on 3 basketball tourney starting at 9 a.m., soap box derby at 9:30 a.m., Car show registration starting at 10 a.m. and big wheel races at 11 a.m.

The Heritage Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and inflatable rides at the park will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The big 4th of July parade will begin at 1 p.m. and a tractor pull will take place following the parade.

At 3:30 p.m. will be the Fireman's water fight.

Other activities that day include: free swimming at the Armstrong pool after the parade, Jay Balcom petting zoo, watermelon feed after the parade, entertainment, raffle and more.

The day will wrap up with fireworks at 10 p.m.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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OBITUARY notices

Janice M. Shumski, 78



Memorial service for Janice Marie Shumski, 78, of rural Granada, was Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 at Lakeview Funeral Home

in Fairmont. Inurnment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Janice passed away Monday, June 18th, 2018, at her home in rural Granada. Memorials are preferred to Lakeside Cemetery. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Janice Marie Tonne Shumski was born September 7th, 1939, in Laporte, MN, the daughter of Edward and Lydia (Croushore) Tonne. Janice grew up on farms in Pleasant Prairie Township and attended school in Granada.

On June 5th, 1958, Janice married Melvin Shumski and farmed with him near East Chain. They had four sons together, James, Steven, Gary and

Mark. Janice and Melvin were later divorced. Janice worked on the farm for several years and then part-time at A & W. She then went on to work at Brute Cycle in Fairmont, Telex in Blue Earth and eventually Weigh-Tronix in Fairmont where she retired from after twenty-five years.

Janice enjoyed puzzles, reading, bird watching, the MN Vikings and most of all spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is survived by four sons, James Shumski of rural Blue Earth, Steven Shumski and his wife, Phyllis, of rural Granada, Gary Shumski and his wife, Mary, of Granada and Mark Shumski of rural

Granada; nine grandchildren, Derek Shumski of Granada, Kayla (Eric) Huper of Wells, Carter (Emily) Shumski of Fairmont, Danielle (Wade) Blazejak of Rochester, Becky Sharp of Granada, Ryan Shumski of Fairmont, Rachel Shumski of Granada, Chelsey (Cameron) Hanson of New Salem, ND and Ashley (Ryan) Healey of Fairmont; nine great-grandchildren; special nephews (the Budach "boys"), other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Janice was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Tonne and Ronald Tonne, one sister, Peggy Budach and one great grandchild, Calder Hanson.

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DEATH notices



June 18 - Janice M. Shumski, 78, rural Granada.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

June 22 - Donna M. Becker, 54, of Granada.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

June 24 - Connie L. Miller, 60, Fairmont.

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June 25 - Sanna K. Stefanski, 76, East Chain

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In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

June 19 - Ronald M. Shoen, 91, Truman

June 20 - Roger Shumski, 73, Fairmont

June 22 - Leona A. Kuehl, 100, Kansas City, MO (formerly of Fairmont)

June 22 - Alice L. Gilbaugh, 91, Fairmont

June 23 - Dorothy E. Kolofski, 98, Oak Park Heights (formerly of Fairmont)

June 25 - Irene J. Tyson, 93, Fairmont

Betty J. Rettke, 87



Memorial Service for Betty Rettke, 87, of Fairmont, was held Wednesday, June 27th, 2018, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont with burial

in the Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairmont. Betty passed away Monday morning, January 15th, 2018, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Betty J. (Hudson) Rettke was born October 30th, 1930, in Fairmont, the daughter of Leonard and Hermine Geraldine (Reinen) Hudson. She attended county school District #59 through the 8th grade and finished her education attending Jackson High School in Jackson, graduating with the class of 1948.

Following her graduation, Betty went on to receive her license as a RNA and worked for the University Hospital in Minneapolis before returning to Fairmont. Betty then worked for J.C. Penny's, Gardner Pharmacy, and Armour Foods in Fairmont.

On January 6th, 1973, Betty was united in marriage to Ed Rettke at the Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with 45 years of marriage. The couple also owned and operated Harold's Shoe Store for many years prior to their retirement.

Betty was extremely active in her community, serving as a past president and member of the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 Auxiliary in addition to being past president of the V.F.W. 2nd District. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #36 Auxiliary and life member and past president of the Fairmont Community Hospital Auxiliary. Church was extremely important to Betty and she was a devoted member of Grace Lutheran Church where she helped teach Sunday school as well as serving on the Alter Guild and Funeral Committee.

In her spare time, Betty enjoyed fishing, dancing, and playing cards. She loved her quiet time spent crocheting and knitting afghan's and giving them as gifts to family and friends. Following their retirement, Betty and Ed looked forward to winters spent in Texas where they enjoyed attending Wursthfest. Her summers were spent tending to her gardens and making sure to keep the birds and ducks well fed. A special gift for Betty was the hanging basket of flowers that she would get from her children each year at Mother's Day.

Left to cherish her memory is her hus-

band, Ed Rettke of Fairmont; children, Barb Elliott and her husband, Steve of League City, TX, and Robert Rettke and his wife, Tammy of Fairmont; daughter-in-law, Jan Pruess; grandchildren, Tom Elliott and his wife, Michelle, Kandi Elliott, Alan Rettke, Nathan Rettke, and Ashley Rettke; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria Smith and Joan Graham her husband, Jerry; as well as nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Rodger Eggstein and David Eggstein; and a brother, Robert Hudson.

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Donna M. Becker, 54



Memorial Service for Donna M. Becker, age 54, of Granada, will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 30th, 2018 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. prior to the service at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at St. James Lutheran Church Cemetery in Northrop. Donna passed away Friday morning, June 22nd, 2018 at her home in rural Granada.

The family requests memorials be made in Donna's name to the Martin County Humane Society or St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donna Marie was born February 6th, 1964 to Arlyn and Marthe (Latu) Becker in Fairmont. Growing up she attended school and graduated

from Granada Huntley High School. Donna then moved to Orlando, Florida where she worked as a stage hand for a Convention Center. Donna moved back to Fairmont in 2012 where she worked various jobs until she retired due to poor health.

Donna had a large, loving heart which she shared with her family, friends and any animals she came in contact with. She liked to cook for her

Dad to make sure that he always ate well. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and liked to watch movies, listen to music and work on crossword puzzles.

Those left to cherish her memory include her father, Arlyn Becker of Fairmont; brothers: Christopher Becker and his wife, Callee; and Dan Becker and his wife, Tammy; nieces and nephews: Noah, Seth, Eden, Beau, Rorey

and Jacob; grandmother, Lucile Becker; other extended family and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother, Marthe Becker; grandfather, Wilbert Becker and nephew, Chase Becker.

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Connie L. Miller, 60



Funeral Services for Connie Louise Miller, 60, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28th, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday,

June 27th, 2018 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the time of service at the church on Thursday. Connie passed away Sunday morning, June 24th, 2018, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Connie Louise Miller was born February 11th, 1958 in Lynch, NE to Edward and Leona (Papstein) Tunink. She attended school in Swea City, Iowa and graduated in 1976.

On August 7th, 1982, Connie was united in marriage to Randy Miller in Fairmont. This marriage

was blessed with two children, Paul and Melissa. After their marriage, they made their home in Fairmont. Connie attended junior college in Fort Dodge, IA and worked as a secretary at Fairmont High School for a short time before working at Norwest Ag Credit in Fairmont for several years. She then went to work for Compeer (Ag-Star) in Blue Earth as a financial officer where she worked for 18 years.

Connie was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont where she was on the alter guild. She was also a member of Fairmont Women of Today and Martin County Genealogical Society. Connie loved genealogy and the family tree where she spent many hours on research and trips. She loved

gardening, going on family vacations and spending time with her family. Her greatest enjoyment was being a grandma.

She is survived by her loving husband, Randy Miller of Fairmont; two children, Paul (Jessica) Miller of Fairmont and Melissa (Mike) Maurer of Sioux Falls, SD; one grandson, Aiden Maurer; sisters, Rose Aguayo, Norma Olson, Mary Tunink, Helen Reinsbach and Alice Zimmerman; mother-in-law, Mildred Miller; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Leona Tunink and father-in-law, Laverne Miller.

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June 19th

U11 Girls Rosen's Diversified

Northfield - 3, Fairmont -2

Goals: Nicole Zebedee, Cadence Leiding- both assisted by Madison Carlson

Goalie saves: Grace Terry- 4, Elsa Thompson -4

June 20th

U12 girls Becker Storage Fairmont 5, Mankato 2

Goals: Elayna Anderson (unassisted), Brylee Miller (assisted by Kaitlyn Hinz), Cali Cross (unassisted), Elayna Anderson (assisted by Alesandra Martin), Brylee Miller (unassisted)

Goalie: Madilyn Stromberg

June 18th

U12 girls Becker Storage Fairmont 5, Waseca 2

Goals: Cali Cross (unassisted), Cali Cross, Cali Cross (assisted by Madilynn Hofer), Cali Cross (assisted by Kennedy Becker), Kennedy Becker (assisted by Grace Simpson)

Goalie: Madilyn Stromberg

June 19th

U17 Girls - Commodity Services

Fairmont 4, St. Peter 3

Goals: Emma Schultze (assisted by Mikayla Stradtman), Isabelle Lenort- 2 goals (unassisted), Kayleen Lindquist (assisted by Emma Schultze)

Goalies: Kaiden Boerner- 7 Saves

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June 12th

14U girls

Fairmont 1, Mankato 2

Goal: Selma Bleess

Goalies: Abby Cihoski 12 saves, Hannah Bergt 9 saves

June 14th

Fairmont 0, Waseca 5

Goalies: Abby Cihoski 8 saves, Hannah Bergt 11 saves

June 14th

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Fairmont-4, Northfield-2

All 4 goals: Cadence Leiding

Goalie saves - Elsa Thompson- 9, Grace Terry- 5

June 12th

U17 Girls - Commodity Services

Mankato 2, Fairmont 3

Goals: Emma Schultze (assisted by Isabelle Lenort), Isabelle Lenort- 2 goals (unassisted, assisted by Lexi Kaufman)

Goalies: Kaiden Boerner- 11 Saves

June 14th

U17 Girls - Commodity Services

St. Peter 2, Fairmont 2

Goals: Savanah Baker (assisted by Isabelle Lenort), Isabelle Lenort- (unassisted)

Goalies: Kaiden Boerner- 14 Saves

June 14th

U14 Boys Bank Midwest Fairmont 0, Mankato 6

Goalie: Ben Heinze 8 saves, Dillon Pluim 5 saves, Matthew Kotewa 3 saves

June 16th

U14 Boys Bank Midwest Rochester Tournament - Lightning delayed almost halftime then called complete

Fairmont 1, Fusion 0

Goals: Jackson Holmers (assist Isaiah Lebbi)

Goalie: Ben Heinze 2 saves

Rochester Tournament Fairmont 0, RYSA Thunder 5

Goalie: Ben Heinze 4 saves, Dillon Pluim 5 saves

June 17th

U14 Boys Bank Midwest Rochester Tournament Fairmont 1, Cottage Grove 3

Goals: Isaiah Lebbi

Goalie: Jackson Holmers 2 saves, Ben Heinze 2 saves



Fairmont at Rochester Tournament game 2 against RYSA Thunder. Pictured from left to right are Carson Pomerenske, Dillon Pluim, Jack Sadusky, and Alex Cruz. (Photo by Michelle Nelson)



Fairmont at Rochester Tournament game 3 against Cottage Grove. Pictured from left to right are Matthew Kotewa, Jackson Holmers, and Aaron Graplar. (Photo by Michelle Nelson)

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MCHS in Fairmont Community Update

The spring and start of summer has been a busy time for Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. We're ramping up even more community activities and are also experiencing positive developments with our health care services, including an expanding convenience care practice and a new physician. Our team members look forward to seeing you out and about at events and gatherings this summer.

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

Community

- We participated in the Interlaken Heritage Days Parade in Fairmont on June 9th. Our team handed out 1,000 sunglasses to youth parade-goers. They all looked great donning their bright-green sunglasses.

- Congratulations to the organizers of the annual Veterans Park Multi-block picnic. Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont representatives enjoyed visiting with attendees about their community and family health needs.

- Martin County Relay for Life was June 23rd at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Thanks to everyone who came to support the cause. We had tacos in a bag for sale, and all proceeds were donated to the event. We're also proud to have been a corporate sponsor with a \$1,000 contribution.

- Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont was a Gold Sponsor of the Fairmont Triathlon Duathlon

on June 16th. Congratulations to Martin County Area Kinship as the beneficiary of the funds raised at the event.

- Erma Rosen was a friend and benefactor of Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont who wanted to assist people in her community through the support of the medical center and nurses. Erma valued the close relationship she had with her care providers at the medical center and was inspired to establish an endowed scholarship fund to support nursing education and student nurse internships. Recently, the following scholarships were awarded in her name:

- Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Foundation awarded the 2018 Erma H. Rosen Nursing Scholarship to Tammy Stegge and Nadiia Volkova to assist them in the nursing baccalaureate program. Each of them will receive an \$8,000 scholarship.

- The Fairmont Community Hospital Foundation awarded seven scholarships totaling \$17,500 to students entering their fourth year of study in an accredited baccalaureate nursing program. Recipients of the scholarships were Anna Hernes, Emily Botten, Kathleen Thompson, Keirra Clow, Laura Kohn, Mary Durkin and Sydney Eddy. These scholarships are awarded Growth and Services

- On May 23rd, we announced that Mayo Clinic Health System will transition out of its Clinic at Walmart practice by De-

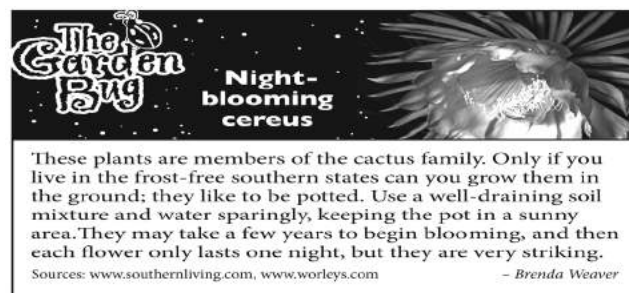
cember 1st, 2018 and open a new Urgent Care practice located in the clinic on the medical center campus. With Urgent Care, we're able to treat patients of all ages and those with slightly more complex needs. Additionally, locating Urgent Care on our medical center campus allows for more efficient patient support from nurses, registration staff, and our Lab and Radiology teams, as well as better access to other clinic and hospital-based care options. We're excited to expand same-day care options to our patients and communities.

- Timothy Sheneman, D.O., is joining our Internal Medicine Department beginning August 13th. He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine - A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Missouri. Dr. Sheneman has been working as an internal medicine physician at Kirksville Missouri Hospital Company since August 2015. We are excited for Dr. Sheneman to move to the community and begin seeing patients.

-Marie Morris, M.D.,
medical director,

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

Contact Amy Long at
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amyl@mayo.edu with any
comments or questions.



These plants are members of the cactus family. Only if you live in the frost-free southern states can you grow them in the ground; they like to be potted. Use a well-draining soil mixture and water sparingly, keeping the pot in a sunny area. They may take a few years to begin blooming, and then each flower only lasts one night, but they are very striking.

Sources: www.southernliving.com, www.worleys.com

- Brenda Weaver

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NOTICE: Fairmont Public Utilities Customers are eligible for total reimbursement for fluorescent bulb recycling costs. When dropping fluorescent bulbs off for recycling ask for a rebate coupon, keep your receipt and turn both into Fairmont Public Utilities for reimbursement of recycling costs.

We will also accept appliances and electronics at these Wednesday collections. The cost will be \$15 per item, slightly higher for TVs over 36 inches and larger items. Fairmont City Wide Clean-Up Coupons will be accepted. See mailing for details.

Have a Great 4th of July and Summer Vacation Season!

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“Just the other day”

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

Second Place Isn't So Bad

Two elderly gentlemen stood on the walk near the front door of Super One Foods, in Two Harbors, Minnesota. The ornery look on both their faces told me I should slow down and do a little eavesdropping. Maybe, I would learn something today.

The man headed in was pushing two small shopping carts; one carrying his green re-usable grocery bag. He was wearing a green plaid long sleeve shirt, buttoned all the way to the top and tucked into his perfectly pressed blue jeans. A handsome fellow, he sported a grey tweed Gatsby cap.

The other man, heading out, was wearing khaki pants with tennis shoes, a faded Minnesota Vikings windbreaker, zipped all

the way up, and a worn tan fedora.

“I don't know why everyone thinks I'm 98,” said the man wearing his team's logo, “I'm only 91 - born in 1927.” He explained. The second man, in the plaid shirt, said, “It's because you're just an old bag of dust. That's why they think you're 98.” They shared a good laugh together.

“What about you? Aren't you the same age as me?” Asked the man in purple and gold, of his friend. Defending his youthful age, the second man replied, “Heck no, I'm not nearly that old! I'm only 89.” The first man laughed, “Well, what are you talking about? You're just an old bag of dust yourself!” The men shared another hearty laugh, followed by a series of dry coughs.

“Well, I gotta go.” Said the first man, explaining, “My boy already went to the car. These kids just ain't got the energy our



generation has.” I smiled thinking to myself, “If he's 91, his boy is probably 70 or so.” They said their farewells. The first man shuffled off toward the parking lot.

I stepped ahead of the second man with the green plaid shirt, who was going into the store. I waved my hand for the sensor and the big panes of glass glided off to their respective sides. “Here, allow me to get the door for you.” I said, motioning for him to go before me.

“You're just like me.” The man chuckled, “I always offer to get the door,

too, but I only do it for the ladies!” We shared a good laugh. “Well, you seem like quite the gentleman.” I said, adding, “I'll bet the ladies really go for you.” “Yes, they do.” He said, laughing, then asked, “So you like boys, huh?” He began roaring with laughter as he pushed his carts into the vestibule with a bit of a spring in his step. It didn't seem he was going to give me time to reply...

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- Moving tip: Put books into suitcases, which often have wheels and good handles, in order to transport them. Books placed in boxes can get unbalanced when they don't fill the box efficiently. It makes them hard to carry and hard to stack, since you risk the corners crushing. But suitcases are easy to carry right to the shelf before unloading.
 - Finding a bandage to cover a skinned knee or elbow is almost impossible. These can be a large or irregular area that doesn't fit under even the most generous of bandages, and adhesive bandages just don't stick well over a joint. Here's a tip for that: Apply antibacterial ointment generously, then cover the knee or elbow with a regular gauze pad. Then add a "sleeve" cut from a pair of tights. It moves with the joint without bunching up the way an ACE bandage does, and it stays in place.
 - “After the kids decorated cupcakes one day, I found that the counter and floor were covered with little spilled sprinkles. They were the ball kind, and they were hard to pick up. Rather than sweeping them up (which made them go flying), I used a lint roller, which worked perfectly.” — *S.I. in New York*
 - “To save money on electricity, hang jeans and other heavy clothing to dry first. When it's mostly dry, pop it in the dryer to fluff. Do the same with towels. The dryer softens it, but the sunlight dries it well, and I think it smells better too.” — *U.F. in Ohio*
 - Some facts about cantaloupe, now in prime season: Choose fruit that is smooth and round, with a depressed, soft scar on the stem end. Look for netting on the skin that is even and yellow, not green. One cantaloupe will get you about 50 melon balls or 4 cups of fruit when diced.
- Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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1. Which band released “Kicks”?
 2. Who released “Why Do Lovers Break Each Other's Heart,” and when?
 3. Which group recorded “Will You Be Staying After Sunday”?
 4. Who released “I'd Do Anything for Love”?
 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Another sleepless night I can't explain. Somebody said they heard me call your name. The radio won't let you leave my mind, I know it's over but I don't know why.”
- Answers
1. Paul Revere & the Raiders, in 1966. “Kicks” was one of the first anti-drug songs. It was written for The Animals, but Eric Burdon didn't want to record it.
 2. Bob B. Soxx and the Blue Jeans, in 1963. It was one of many hits written by Ellie Greenwich, including “Be My Baby” and “Then He Kissed Me.”
 3. The Peppermint Rainbow, in 1969. During one televised clip it was obvious that the group was syncing ... the instruments weren't even plugged in.
 4. Meat Loaf, in 1993. It was his first No. 1 single and netted a Grammy for Best Rock Vocal Performance.
 5. “Should've Known Better,” by Richard Marx, in 1987. Singer-songwriter Marx released the song on his debut album; it peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard 100.

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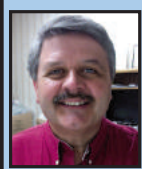
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Jeff's Jottings

It has been a number of years since I have seen so many roads in my neighborhood closed because of water over the roads. I think I figured out that in the past week in our area we had just under 8 1/2 inches of rainfall. With all the roads under water, it makes a challenge for getting from one place to another. My niece's wedding was held at her sisters' farm west of Ceylon on Saturday and what normally would be about a 3 mile trip from my place to theirs was about 5 miles because of the route we had to take due to road closures. The heavy rain and water damage has been posted all over Facebook because of the large area of southern Minneso-

ta and northern Iowa that it covers. Even Interstate 90 near the South Dakota border was closed for a time late last week because of water over the road. Hopefully every ones' sump pumps are staying ahead of the moisture in the homes. Please keep our farmers and homeowners in your prayers as we all try to dry out!

A new "What is It?"

The past few items I have put in our "What is it?" section in the past couple weeks have proven to be a good challenge for the readers. This week we have a new item that will probably prove to be just as hard. It was brought in by Bob Rodning of Fairmont. The item is approximately 12 inches long and about

4 1/2 inches wide at the widest part. It is made of a wood base and has adjustable cast iron pieces attached



to it. The only markings anywhere on the item is the number "118" on the cast piece that comes to a point. Both the rod and the cross pieces of cast are adjustable and the wood piece has two holes countersunk into the top side of the base. Do you know what it is? And even more important, what is its purpose? You can call me with your answer at 507-238-9456 or drop me an email at: jeff@fairmontphotopress.com. Do you have an item that you want featured? You can stop by the Photo Press with your item so we can take a picture,



get details and measurements and also your name to be featured in a future column.

A holiday mid-week

Many of you receive your Photo Press on either Wednesday (by carrier) or on Thursday (by mail) each week. We assemble our paper each week on Tuesday, upload it to our printer at Page 1 and it arrives back in Fairmont on Wednesday morning for delivery to you. Next week, the 4th of July falls on a Wednesday, which is a holiday and the Photo Press will be closed that day. Because of this, our July 4th edition of the Photo Press will be coming to you a day later. The Photo Press will be delivered by carrier on Thursday, July 5th and by the post office on Friday, July 6th. We appreciate our carriers adjusting their schedules during that week to accommodate the revised schedule and you the readers for patiently waiting for your

Photo Press to arrive that week a day later than the norm.

July 4th, free concert, bake/rummage sale and more!

There are a number of events coming up this week that I wanted to point out to you as great opportunities to get involved. Armstrong, Iowa will kick off their 4th of July activities with a "Pump and Run" event in Armstrong on Friday and Saturday, June 29th and 30th. You can find full details on the event in this week's Photo Press. Also on Friday and Saturday, Community Covenant Church in Huntley will have a summer rummage and bake sale. Friday's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 30th from 8 to 11:30 a.m. They have lots of items for sale and also have coffee/juice and carmel rolls available for purchase. Proceeds go to the Faribault County Relay for Life and also Operation Christmas Child. On Saturday, June 30th Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont will host a free concert featuring Wendysue. The concert is at 7 p.m. with a pre-concert at 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will offering taken at the event. Sunday,

July 1st at 6 p.m. Ted Kittle-son will be the featured entertainment at Sundaes in the Park at Trimont. Ted is my neighbor and relative and he used to sing with Millie and the Saddle Pals in the 1950s and 60s. He is singing occasionally with the Bee Kays this summer and also entertains at area assisted living facilities with his yodeling and cowboy songs. TASK will also be serving ice cream sundaes that evening. On Wednesday, July 4th, there will be many events taking place around the area in observance of Independence Day (be sure and check out the various articles in this week's Photo Press). You can catch Karis and I out at Heritage Acres as we will be helping man the food area that day and enjoying all the activities. (see their ad in our dining and entertainment section) Enjoy the fireworks at area towns that night! Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Have a happy and safe fourth of July!

Jeff

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of June 30, 1993

Grace Lutheran Church of Fairmont installed Rev. John Lee Stiles as pastor. He was to serve as pastor, specializing in the areas of Youth Ministry and Parish Education.

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Fairmont's Board of Education hired Ralph H. Miller as superintendent of the Fairmont School District. Miller had been serving as Fairmont Senior High School principal for the previous ten years.

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21-year-old Amy Wasman of Truman was to participate in the Inter-

national Board of Mission Services, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod volunteer program in the village of Iruna in Paraguay, South America. Her mission would last for 13 months.

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The Martin County Red Cross made available "Final Clean-up Kits" for Martin County residents who experienced water or sewer problems due to the recent rainfalls. The kit contained a sweep broom, garage broom, mop, pail, garbage bags and cleaner/disinfectant.

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Martin County was designated by President Clinton for Farmers Home Administration

(FmHA) emergency loans for physical and production losses resulting from severe storms and flooding which occurred from March 26th through April 12th, 1993.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of June 30, 1968

George R. Cavers, Fairmont Police Chief, served notice to the city council that he would resign in September. He had served the police force for 31 years.

Cavers, 57, was a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Ranking members on the force were Sylvan "Bear" Olson, Major Jones, Victor Hillmer and Gorden Pedersen.

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An impromptu swimming party at an unauthorized beach resulted in the drowning of two brothers, Bruce, 17 and Jerome, 18 - sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Kotewa of Granda. The tragedy occurred in George Lake.

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Roger Charlton, well-known watchmaker in Fairmont, opened a new jewelry store on North Avenue. He was a veteran of 21 years of servicing watch and jewelry needs in Fairmont.

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Paul Gerhardt was named Martin County Commissioner to succeed Fred B. Smith who resigned. Gerhardt was to serve the remainder of Smith's term until the following November. He said he would file for re-election in the fall.



1. **Incredibles 2**(PG) animated
2. **Ocean's 8** (PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett
3. **Tag** (R) Jeremy Renner, Ed Helms
4. **Solo: A Star Wars Story** (PG-13) Alden Ehrenreich, Woody Harrelson
5. **Deadpool 2** (R) Josh Brolin, Ryan Reynolds
6. **Superfly** (R) Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell
7. **Hereditary** (R) Toni Collette, Milly Shapiro
8. **Avengers: Infinity War** . (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth
9. **Adrift** (PG-13) Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin
10. **Book Club** (PG-13) Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda

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Spring Conservation Update... Martin County Conservation Club

We had our fifth annual MCCI fundraising banquet on February 25, 2018 at Martin Luther High School in Northrop. Approximately 400 people attended.

cial results of the previous banquets from the raffles, drawings, and auctions.

Net proceeds from these banquets are used for helping county youth

Foundation, Martin Soil and Water projects, Dollars for Scholars, financial matches for DNR projects, and the Harry Stewart Environment Day to name just a few. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors,

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.

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. Thanks to Jim Grotte and Steve Maurice for all of the hours they put in cutting the pieces and also to the volunteers who helped assemble and paint them.

We acquired 118

acres in Center Creek township with a Conservation Partners Legacy grant earlier in 2017. This unit is adjacent to two other units of the Center Creek WMA. This new parcel will be planted to native prairie grasses and flowers after the farm crop is harvested. 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 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 CC WMA area if the owner is willing to proceed. There is a strong possibility that a sizable



piece of land will be transferring to the DNR WMA also in the near vicinity.

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.



It was a great success despite the bad weather and lower attendance, with comparable finan-

trap shooting teams (Fairmont, Truman and 4H), Let's Go Fishing for Seniors, Fairmont Lakes



and those attending the banquet. Our seventh annual banquet is still in the planning stages but likely will be in late February 2019.

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Jordan Luciano - 2018 Conservation Apprentice

My name is Jordan Luciano and I am the 2018 summer Conservation Apprentice with the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

2018 Summer Conservation Apprentice - Jordan Luciano



through the Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa. I am here all the way from Lexington, Kentucky and though I am from Kentucky, this is not my first summer "up north." I have family in Cumberland, Wisconsin and in the Metro area of Minnesota, so my family and I make the trip up this way each summer to visit relatives and take in the natural beauty these

states hold.

I am a rising junior at the University of Kentucky majoring in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering (BAE), and in the fall I will be specializing in Bioenvironmental Engineering. This field of engineering entails working in natural resource conservation and environmental quality enhancement, so working at Martin Soil and Water is

right up my alley. I did not get to choose which county I was placed in, but Martin County would have been my top pick due to the Fairmont Chain of Lakes and the acres of farmland that make up the area. This location has provided and will continue provide circumstances and experiences beneficial for my understanding of BAE and ability to take action in my "Old Kentucky Home."

I have had very little field experience leading up to this position but the staff here is bringing me up to speed. Already, I have seen how planting trees, monitoring water quality, and mitigating erosion are all great short term solutions to a plethora of problems Martin County's lands and waters face. I am looking forward to the rest of my time here and hope to see more long term solutions put into action. Several of the major improvements include introducing or maintaining best management practices, enrolling land in programs like the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and restoring more wetlands, prairies, or pollinator plots. Taking care of our planet is not as difficult as some make it seem—reach out to Martin SWCD if you have questions about how you can get involved!

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Ducks Unlimited Projects in SW Minnesota – Winter 2018



Shallow Lake Enhancements

Shallow Lakes throughout southern MN have degraded to turbid conditions due to the presence of invasive fish, increased nutrient input, and stagnant high water levels. These large wetland basins often have very little submerged aquatic vegetation or invertebrates that waterfowl rely on for food during brood-rearing and migration. To improve degraded shallow lakes, Ducks Unlimited engineers design and install water control structures for our DNR and FWS partners that enable agency managers to temporarily lower water levels. These drawdowns,

species), breaking tile, scraping sediment from wetlands, building embankments, and even installing smaller water control structures. In 2017 DU completed restoration on Perch Creek WMA in Martin County, Hurricane Lake WMA in Cottonwood County and Stokman WMA in Blue Earth county. Restoration of new tracts on Badger Lakes WMA and Shetek WMA in Murray County will begin in 2018.

Project Highlights Perch Creek, Hurricane Lake, and Stokman WMA

Ducks Unlimited purchased and restored small wetlands and prairie on three land parcels in southern Minnesota. These included a 59-

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

Swessinger WMA

The new 640-acre addition to the Swessinger



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

Freeborn Lake Enhancement

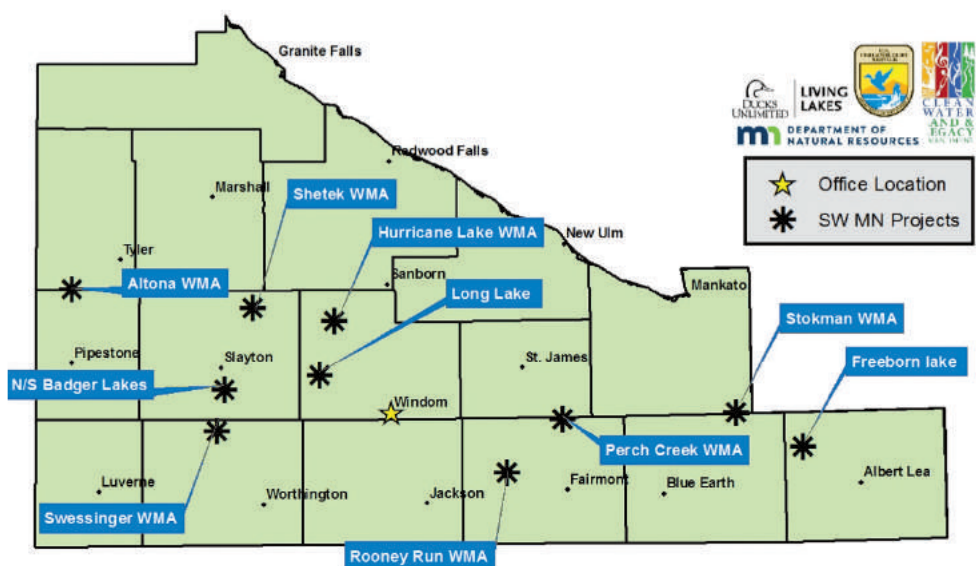
At 2,222-acres, Freeborn Lake, located in Freeborn County is a large shallow lake with an average depth around 3-feet. Historically, the

cent green color and little aquatic vegetation present. To enhance the lake DU partnered with Freeborn County and MNDNR to install a new water control structure that will allow the temporary water level drawdowns that are so vital to the health of the lake. Additionally, DU designed and installed a velocity tube fish barrier that will prevent reinvasion of rough fish after the draw down is complete.

Long Lake Enhancement

At one time, Long Lake was a significant waterfowl lake attracting hundreds of birds during spring and fall migration. Today, habitat quality

has deteriorated to a turbid state with little to no vegetation present and an abundance of common carp in the lake and outlet. To improve water and habitat quality DU installed a water control structure on the outlet in the northwest corner of the lake this past fall.



lake was known as a migratory hotspot for an array of waterfowl species. More currently, high, stable water levels rough fish, and high nutrient inputs have degraded the lake resulting in a flores-

much like a natural drought, remove invasive fish, consolidate bottom sediment and nutrients, and allow for the germination of wetland plants on exposed lake bottoms. When natural water levels return, water quality and habitat is greatly improved. DU has completed two shallow lake enhancements in Southwestern MN on Long Lake in Cottonwood County and Badger Lakes in Murray County. In the future, these will all be fantastic lakes for both ducks and hunters to visit.



Public Land Acquisitions & Prairie/Wetland Restorations

DU has been very busy with many land acquisition and restoration projects in partnership with Minnesota DNR across southern MN. Ducks Unlimited purchases land adjacent to existing Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), restores the native prairie and drained wetlands, and transfers the land to the DNR. Restoration involves seeding the uplands with high diversity native plants (sometimes over 100

acre tract on Stokman WMA near Minnesota Lake where 13 acres of wetlands and 46 acres of prairie grassland were restored, a 155-acre tract on Perch Creek WMA near Truman where 23 acres of wetlands and 132 acres

of prairie grasslands restored, and a 95-acre tract on Hurricane Lake WMA near Storden where DU restored 64 acres of wetlands and 31 acres of prairie grasslands. These new-

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the MN Department of Natural Resources and the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District, seeded nearly 200 acres of uplands with a



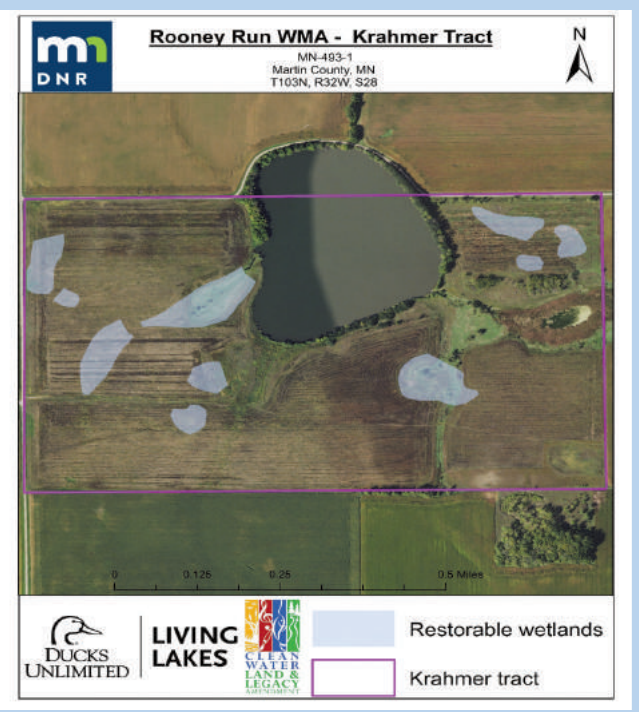
high diverse seed mix of native grasses and forbs. The old farm site and any invasive trees were also removed from the property.

Next year Ducks Unlimited will work to restore the 32 acres of drained wetlands on the property via sediment removal, ditch plugs, construction of embankments, and tile removal. This will be no easy



feat considering that the 285-acre tract has nearly 30 miles of pattern tile of which an estimated 9 miles will be located, broken, removed, and capped.

The acquisition and restoration of this tract will result in the protection of nearly 87 acres of existing and restored wetlands and 198 acres of highly diverse upland habitat. It is also likely that lessening the drainage into Round Lake will help to restore its water quality, one more step towards the goal of one day Enhancing this important shallow lake.



Martin County Farm Service Agency Out Standing In Our Field

The Martin County staff has a combined 79 years of service!

According to the US Census Bureau, Martin County has a total area of 730 square miles, of which 712 square miles is land and 17 square miles (2.4%) is water. There is a total of 51 lakes in Martin County.

As Minnesota's "Other Big Fair" the Martin County Fair features the largest number of any attractions, events and activities of any other fair in rural Southern Minnesota including quality musical entertainment featuring big name talent.



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 pro-

cessing 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 Wel-

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come, 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.

County Park Addition

Work continues on the 40 acre parcel near Trimont that was purchased



from the Doyle VanderWert family for addition to the County Park System. This parcel holds one of the more diverse prairies that can be found in Martin County. It provided a good display of Pasque flowers for this year's "First Rite of Spring" visit May 5th. The cold spring delayed the bloom and visit by almost a month. It is also holds the only known population of the Prairie Bush Clover which is on both the state and federal threatened/endangered list.

Weed control continues along with the construction of parking and trails to help visitors get several good views of the native prairie. Clump plantings are being installed to provide an interpretive component along the trails. All

areas that are disturbed during construction will be planted to local ecotype native plant species, most originating on the prairie itself or within a few miles. Several native prairie remnants remain in Martin County that are available to provide a source of seed for restorations like this one. Some of the less common species are started in



trays or plots and are being transplanted on the site.

Funding for this project has been provided by funding through the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative Citizen's Commission on Minnesota Resources. The \$435,000 grant budget is being matched with \$40,000 in-kind and cash, provided primarily by the Fox Lake Conservation League and the Trimont Conservation Club.



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Minnesota CREP Signup



Martin County, Minn. — Now is a great opportunity for landowners to sign up for the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) with Martin SWCD.

MN CREP is a voluntary, targeted program that works. We work closely with area landowners to help them understand MN CREP

and the benefits. The reason for signing up will differ from individual to individual, so whether it's habitat, economical, or about creating a legacy for future generations, Martin SWCD is here to help landowners through the process.

MN CREP is an offshoot of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the country's largest private-land conservation program. It is a federal, state, and local partnership where landowners can choose to retire their marginal land using the nationally-recognized ReInvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve program.

The establishment of conservation practices im-

proves water quality, wildlife habitat and provides dollars to landowners.

Sign up is underway and will continue until funds have been exhausted. Primary practices being accepted are buffers/filter strips, wetland restorations and floodplain wetlands.

To learn more about the program stop by Martin SWCD at 923 North State Street, Suite 110 in Fairmont or call us at 507-235-6680 and we can provide details about the MN CREP and work with you to formulate a proposal that will include payment rates and a map of your area.

Visit www.bwsr.state.mn.us/crep for more information about the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Why sign up for MN CREP?



FAIR COMPENSATION: MN CREP combines USDA Conservation Reserve Program contract payments and Reinvest in Minnesota easement payments, covering at least 90 percent of the land's value.

MARGINAL-CROP-LAND FOCUS: MN CREP is an attractive option on land that produces lower yields because of wet ground, soil type or other challenges.

CCRP COMPARISON:

Due to additional incentives paid through MN CREP, payments are 52 percent to 120 percent greater with MN CREP compared to CCRP.

CONSERVATION ELEMENTS: Enrolling land in MN CREP directly benefits water quality and creates new wildlife habitat.

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Buffer Update

Public Waters

Public waters require an average of a 50-foot buffer with a minimum of 30 feet. The deadline to establish buffers along public waters was November 1, 2017. If you are unsure if your property is compliant, please call Martin SWCD or come visit us. We offer free measuring and flagging to help ensure buffer compliance.

Public Drainage Systems (County and Judicial Drainage Systems)

Public drainage systems require a 16.5-foot (1-rod) minimum from the top of the ditch bank. For assistance determining the top of the ditch bank, please contact Martin SWCD or the Drainage Authority. **These buffers need to be established by November 1, 2018.** If you are unsure if the waterbody on your property is a public water or public drainage system, please call or visit us. You can also look it up online at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html

Landowners may use federal Farm Bill resources, such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to get buffers installed. State resources include the Reinvest in Min-

nesota (RIM) easement program and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP, a mix of CRP

and RIM). Please contact Martin SWCD with questions.



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

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- ✓ **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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AIS close to Martin County

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are plants or animals that are NOT native to Minnesota and can cause economic or environmental harm to our lakes and rivers. There are many aquatic species that we should be concerned about; zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, starry stonewort, spiny water flea, silver and bighead carp. These will displace and out compete with our native species.

This map was taken from the MN Department of Natural Resources website infested waters list. The box is Martin County and the areas circled represent water bodies that are on the infested waters list. Aquatic Invasive Species are on both sides and close to

Martin County. As new species are reported and verified, the DNR adds them to the infested waters list. Anyone can use the MN DNR website to keep up to date and educate themselves on Aquatic Invasive Species. Being aware they exist, and taking the time to clean equipment before and after you arrive at any lake or river is important in preventing the spread.

Minnesota is home to 11,842 lakes that are 10 acres or larger in size. Outdoor and recreational enthusiasts are doing their part in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, only 5% or 592 lakes are on the infested waters list.

You can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by taking

these steps every time you arrive and leave a lake or river - whether it's infested or not.

Clean your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove any visible plants, animals, or mud before leaving a waterbody.

Drain water from your boat, motor, live well and bilge before leaving a waterbody.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. Never release fish, animals or plants into a waterbody unless they came from that waterbody. To keep live bait, drain the water and refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

Learn to identify aquatic invasive species and report any suspected sightings to the DNR or contact Martin Soil and Water Conservation District.



MN DNR infested waters map with locations of aquatic invasive species and the proximity to Martin County.

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



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

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.

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. Mechanical removal can also be effective. The trouble with mechanical harvesting is the plant fragments. Any fragment can start a new plant, which makes the plant almost impossible to eradicate.



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MCSWD June Newsletter

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 15th. 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 \$5,000 of local money. With this \$5,000 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.

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.

Cropland Conservation Practices For Protecting Groundwater

June 15, 2018

CONSERVATION UPDATE ARTICLES

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

By Betsy B G Norland, District Conservationist

CROPLAND CONSERVATION PRACTICES FOR

PROTECTING GROUNDWATER

The USDA has partnered with Local Government Units to make available a brochure describing cropland conservation practices for protecting groundwater. There are practices producers can adopt to help protect drinking water. The following are Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standard numbers. Nutrient Management (590), Irrigation Water Management (442), Irrigation System Sprinkler (449), Cover Crop (340), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Filter Strip (393), Field Borders (386), and Conservation Service

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tion Cover (327). Adopting these practices not only can help protect drinking water but may also improve a producer's bottom line. This brochure is available online from USDA-NRCS- Minnesota publications page or you may contact the USDA-NRCS Field Office for a copy. NRCS has programs available thru the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for financial assistance that producers may apply anytime to implement these and other conservation practices on their operation. Contact the USDA - NRCS Fairmont Field Office at 923 N State St. Suite 110, Fairmont MN 56031 or 507-235.6661 x3 for more information.

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June 2018 Articles

USDA Resumes Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment

One-Year Extension Available to Holders of Many Expiring Contracts through Continuous Sign-up

As part of a 33-year effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water quality and wildlife habitat on private lands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will resume accepting applications for the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Eligible farmers, ranchers, and private landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office between June 4 and Aug. 17, 2018.

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP continuous signup (excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve

Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands). This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill. New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll in the program and avoid unintended competition with new and beginning farmers seeking leases. CRP enrollment currently is about 22.7 million acres.

2018 Signup for CRP

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, however, a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. Producers eligible for an extension will receive a letter with more information.

CRP Grasslands

Additionally, FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP Grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands offers are treated equally, applicants who previously applied will be asked to re-apply using the new ranking criteria. Producers with pending applications will receive a letter providing the options.

About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays producers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

The new changes to CRP do not impact the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a related program offered by CCC and state partners.

Producers wanting to apply for the CRP continuous signup or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Soil Rental Rates for the Conservation Reserve Program Updated for 2018

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has released updated 2018 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for Soil Rental Rates. These rental rates are soil-specific estimates of dryland rental rates that FSA uses to set maximum payment rates for CRP offer and contracts. Soil Rental Rates were last updated in 2017. Virtually all Soil Rental Rates have changes for 2018. The average Soil Rental Rate in Martin County is \$210. For soil-specific rental rate information, please contact your local USDA service center. For more information on the Conservation Reserve Program, please visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

File a Notice of Loss for Failed Acres and Prevented Planting

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility for some programs.

Producers should report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were prevented from planting. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA).

According to CED Winters, the final planting date for corn is May 31, and soybeans is June 10.

If a producer is unable to report the prevented planting acreage within the 15 calendar days following the final planting date, a late-filed report can be submitted. Late-filed reports will only be accepted if FSA conducts a farm visit to assess the eligible disaster condition that prevented the crop from being planted. A measurement service fee will be charged.

Additionally, producers with failed acres should also use form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, to report failed acres.

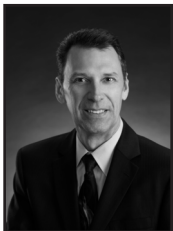
Producers of hand-harvested crops must notify FSA of damage or loss through the administrative County Office within 72 hours of the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent. This notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, email, fax or phone. Producers who notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576 are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), producers must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers must timely file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses.

Please contact the Martin County FSA Office at 507-235-6661 to schedule an appointment to file a Notice of Loss. To find your local FSA office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Landscaping and Some Life Lessons Learned

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Growing up we were often reminded by our parents that "we would never be lost as long as we had our mouths." We soon learned that it was meant as more than just a directional tip. It was there as a reminder for any time we faced a decision or a situation in which we were unsure of what the proper response was to be. If you couple this tenet with an organizational tip: Prior Planning Prevents Pretty Poor Performance, you will have pretty solid ground from which one can be successful in almost all endeavors (monetary resources aside).

With this in mind, we should look at the recent episodes of "clear cutting" which have occurred on some of our lake banks. The City of Fairmont has a lakeshore management ordinance in place which is derived from and within the state guidelines provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This ordinance is in place to protect our lakes from damage caused by erosion and to enhance the water quality of our reservoir, which supports not only the water we draw from the reservoir, but positively enhances the fishery so many enjoy.

Driving around the reservoir we know as Fairmont Chain of Lakes, we see a vast differential in topography, from relatively flat shoreline

to steep sloped banks. Lakeshore property owners are stewards of more than their lawns, they must assume stewardship responsibilities for their shore line.

Sixteen years ago we bought property on Amber Lake. The property had lain in neglect for several years and the shoreline was eroding badly. We understood

the lakeshore ordinance. We asked for input and guidance from the DNR, as to what restoration plan would be best for remedying the issues we faced. The DNR was extremely helpful in plan design and supportive in our efforts. Sixteen years later we have proof that adhering to the aforementioned "life lessons" worked, along with the assistance of the DNR.

To our dilemma: If you are a new lakeshore property owner, or someone who has lived on the lakes for a long time the management plan should begin in the same manner. When in doubt about

how to proceed with trimming trees or clearing shrubs and vegetation on the shoreline, please contact the City of Fairmont to receive assistance in

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putting together a restoration project. They, along with the DNR, are there to assist in any way possible to ensure that your needs are met and your project will be in compliance with our lakeshore management ordinance.

A tree service may be employed to come to your property on the lakeshore to “open up a view of the

lake,” but they are also bound by the same lakeshore ordinance. So if you do not have a proper plan in place and make a project request which would be outside of the guidelines provided in the lakeshore management ordinance, they are obligated to refer you to the City Staff for guidance. Please use them.

Let’s all do our part to protect and enhance our beautiful reservoir.

Cost Share for
Cover Crops

Martin County is home to many unique features that include natural prairie, wetlands, lakes, streams and agriculture. Agriculture plays a key role for businesses in our county and supports many jobs as well. Our land is important to all who depend on production of food, fuel and fiber. Farmers are reliant on soil for production of their crops and utilize the most recent tools to keep the soil intact and productive for the future. This spring has been a very trying time for crop production with a mid-April snowstorm that seemed to add to the already filled subsoil profile, and then the rains began. Even with the latest tillage tools available, it is difficult to stop erosion with this much moisture. There are a handful of farmers now starting to look more closely at utilizing cover crops that help solve or lessen some of these issues. Cover crops provide adequate cover for soil in the early spring prior to planting. Depending on what you would like to accomplish on your land will determine the type of

cover crop plant or plants that you need, whether it is soils that are vulnerable to eroding, nutrient needs such as nitrogen fixing plants or nutrient uptake or even weed suppression. Cover crops could play a role in your management decision, but remember that there is a cost to purchasing the seed and seeding the area of interest. Our district realizes these costs as a potential deterrent for those who would like to try this new management tool, and are offering some help through our cost share funds to get started. We can provide financial assistance for cover crops on 20-80 acres per operation at \$41.00 to \$60.00 per acre. These are three year contracts, meaning that once you have chosen to use cost share assistance, you need to do this practice for three years on that same amount of acres within your operation. This is new for our district and it will last until all the funds are used.

For more information please contact Martin SWCD.

Regional Conservation
Partnership Program
RCPP

June 15, 2018

NATURAL
RESOURCES
CONSERVATION
SERVICE (NRCS)

By Betsy B G
Norland, District
Conservationist

REGIONAL
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PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM (RCPP)

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. RCPP encourages partners to join in efforts with producers

to increase the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife, and related natural resources on regional and watershed scales. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Agriculture Conservation Easement Program



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(ACEP). Producers may apply anytime to RCPP. Contact the USDA – NRCS Fairmont Field Office at 923 N State St. Suite 110, Fairmont MN 56031 or 507-235.6661 x3 for more information or go to www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill.

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Habitat projects benefit more than just ducks

2016 Ducks Unlimited (DU) purchased a 155-acre tract of land in Martin County, MN with funds obtained from the Lessard Sam’s Outdoor Heritage Council and local support from the



Fox Lake Conservation League. The property, predominantly cropland, has since been restored by DU and transferred to the DNR as a part of

of the property is a large 14-acre wetland often full of migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall. A line of powerlines followed a deep ditch through the center of the wetland to power a pump that was historically used drain it. In order to fill in this ditch and remove the powerlines it was necessary to dewater the wetland so in the spring of 2017 the pump was started up and the wetland drained one last time. The pump was a bit high maintenance, requiring frequent visits to



the Perch Creek Wildlife Management Area. A particularly unique feature

ensure that it had oil and was running properly. On one such visit I happened to notice a small painted turtle swimming in the sump. After powering it down I made the trek back to my vehicle to find something I could use to lasso the turtle and remove it from the sump. Upon my return however I was surprised to find not one but three turtles swimming in the sump. The two new turtles however were much larger than the smaller painted turtle and I immediately assumed they were common snapping turtles. After lassoing one turtle with a belt and lifting it up and out of the sump however I realized that this was no snapping turtle. Upon closer inspection, the turtle featured a smooth shell decorated with light yellow speckles and dots, a bright yellow patch reached down the turtles chin towards his belly and his head was much more rounded and his tail shorter than any

snapping turtle. There was no doubt that I had lifted a Blanding’s turtle from the bottom of the sump. We were aware



that Blanding’s turtle, a Minnesota state threatened species, had been found previously in and around Perch Creek here in Martin County, but I never thought I would be lucky enough to ever see one considering they have declined significantly across their historical range. What made this turtle particularly unique however was the square shaped radio tag glued to it’s shell. Later we learned that both Blanding’s turtles rescued from the sump had been captured by the MN DNR and radio tagged in the early 2000’s to gain a better understanding of their survival and habitat use in the area. Blanding’s turtles are a long-lived species living to well over 70 years and do not reach sexual maturity until at least 12 years of age.



These characteristics along with a significant loss in habitat have led to their decline and they are listed as endangered in many states throughout

their range. Blanding’s turtles spend their winters in the deep muddy bottoms of wetlands such as the basin we were working to restore. They nest in sandy hillsides and spend their summers in the shallow temporary wetlands that once existed in great numbers throughout the prairie pothole region of Minnesota. Restoration of the large 14-acre basin along with 9 additional acres of temporary shallow wetlands and 132 acres of prairie grasslands on this tract of land will undoubtedly benefit the waterfowl, pheasants, turkey, and white-tailed deer that we all are so passionate about. The Blanding’s turtles were

an important reminder however that the conservation work we all do benefits so many more species than we often realize.

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Other activities included tailgating and attending the CWS game between Florida & Texas Tech, an outing to Dave

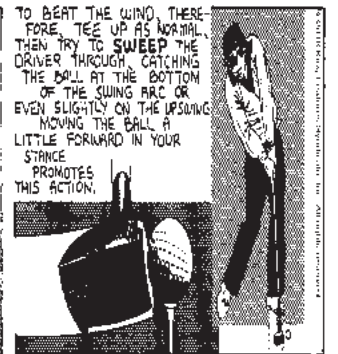
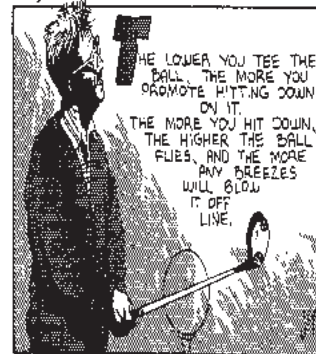
& Busters, Slumbuster Festival & team skills challenge, pin trading & more. An overall UNBELIEVABLE experience for the boys and families! Over & over the teams we played commented on how gritty & tough of a team we were and that we never quit! These boys certainly proved that small town baseball can compete with

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Kelsey E. Lombard to Garrett Jagodzinske, Pamela Jagodzinske, Lots 10,11 & 12 and PT Lot 13, Block 2, Campbells 3rd Addition Welcome

Charles R. Potts, Joyce B. Potts to Rhonda Renee Potts, S½ Lot 7 Block 11, Original Plat Triumph

Daniel J. St. John, Renee C. St. John to Joseph Teubner, Rhonda Teubner, Lot 5 Block 1, Barkers Hall Lake Addition

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Darin L. Holtz, Tina Holtz to Donald A. Holtz, PT Lots 1,2 & 3 Block 19, Blk 19 Extension to Sherburn

Jeffrey Scott Wiebe, Pamela K. Wiebe to Marrie K. Wiebe, PT Lots 3, 4 & 5 Block 9, Goulds Addition

CONTRACT FOR DEED

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 @ 3:30 P.M. - PHYLLIS WEDEL ESTATE LARGE ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION to be held at Martin County Fairgrounds at Fairmont, MN. **KALLEMEYN, HALL, PIKE & KAHLER.**

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 @ 4 P.M. - BENARD & MURIEL SOLETA LAND AUCTION. 240 acres with building site located in section 17, Great Bend Twp. Cottonwood Cty. Apprx. 4 miles west of Windom. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M.-DENNIS & GARLA ANDERSON & LARRY & DIANE DANNEN OWNERS- Farm Machinery Retirement Auction including JD 8300, JD 7800, JD 4010, JD 4020 Tractors, JD 9400 Combine, Volvo Semi Tractor, AgriLite Hopper, S185 Bobcat, Twin Screws & more! Sale to be held at 2387 70th Avenue, Odin, MN. **HARTUNG, KAHLERS, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH, 2018 AT 9:45 A.M. - DUANE DALESKE-RETIREMENT FARM MACHINERY AUCTION to be held at 1425 110th Avenue, Welcome, MN including:1,800 hr JD 8100, 3,500 hr JD 4440, Nice 9660 Combine, International 9100 Semi, Timpte Hopper, many old farm collectibles, scrap iron. Very nice full line of equipment and much more! **HARTUNG, KAHLERS & ASSOCIATES**

SATURDAY,AUGUST 4, 2018 @ 10 A.M - GARY & DEBRA BAILEY RETIREMENT AUCTION - including JD 9400T, JD 8520T, Gleaner R76 Combine, Semi Tractors & Trailers, Highboy Sprayer, Field Equip & much more! Sale to be held at 46371 Co. Rd 14, Lakefield, MN. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

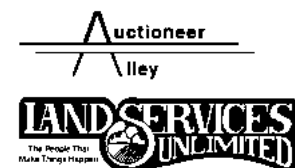
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018 @ 10:15 A.M.-KEITH & KAREN WORTHLEY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST-Large Retirement Machinery Auction including: CIH 500 Quad Trac, CIH 310 Magnum, CIH Puma 170, JD 520 & Farmall Super M Tractors, CIH 7130 Combine, CIH 2608 Cornhead & CIH Terra Flex 3162 Draper, 2009 IH Conv Semi Tractor, '99 Volvo Semi Tractor, CIH 1250 Planter & Much More! Sale to be held at 328 100th St, Sherburn, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - TOM AND ANITA DAVIS. Large retirement farm equipment auction including: '05 CIH STX 325 Tractor, 1997 CIH 8920 Tractor, 2000 JD 9550 Combine, JD 925 Flex Head and much more! Sale located at 1161 50th Ave. Sherburn, MN. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - JAMES & KATHRYN FLANTZ. Large retirement machinery auction including: CIH 245 Magnum, CIH Steiger 9330, CIH 150 Puma Tractors, CIH 8830 Swather, CIH 2366 Combine, CIH 1020 Flex Head & CIH 1063 and much more! Sale located at 43577 330th Street, Gaylord, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE.**

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Amber R. Winch, Brandon E. Winch to Jesse Lang, Lot 7, Block 5 Grafts 3rd Addition Truman

TRUSTEE DEED

Pamela Ann Quade, Debra Lynn Swanson, Vanderwert Estate Trust to Faber Brothers Farms, PT NW¼NW¼, 1-103-33 and W½SW¼ 36-104-33

PERS. REP DEED

Mary Freeman Per Rep, Estate of Ervin J. Barchenger to Bruce Barchenger, Gloria Barchenger, Paul Barchenger, Mary Freeman, PT S½NE¼ 4-103-30 and PT SE¼NW¼ 4-103-30

Kim Garbers Per Rep, David F. Holtz Estate to Darin L. Holtz, Donald A. Holtz, W 60' Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 19, Blk 19 Extension to Sherburn

Area College Student News



The University of Wisconsin-River Falls spring semester Dean's List honoring 1,417 students has been released by Registrar Kelly Browning.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average. Area students are listed below by hometown, name, and major.

Fairmont:

Briclyn Bonin, Marketing Communications

Truman:

Sarah Bartz, Accounting

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Area students who attend Buena Vista University (BVU) were recently honored at the University's annual Student Recognition Dinner. The students, and their awards, included:

Noah Becker, of Fairmont: Becker received an Academic Excellence Award as a first year student. This Academic Excellence Award is given to students on the Storm Lake campus whose cumulative GPA is 3.75 or greater, representing approximately the top 10% of

each class.

Lindsey Miles, of Truman: Miles received an Academic Excellence Award as a second year student.

Emily Kim, of Fairmont: Kim received an Academic Excellence Award as a fourth year student.

Kim was selected to serve as Student Marshal, based on high scholastic achievements and other honors received at BVU. The role of the student marshal is to assist the faculty marshal in the performance of duties during commencement and Founders' Day ceremonies.

Kim was awarded the Stine Endowment Fellowship. In 2014, Iowa agribusiness entrepreneur Mr. Harry Stine established an endowment to support enhanced learning opportunities for science students. This competitive fellowship provides students from the School of Science with funding for exceptional academic and professional experiences.

Dominic Armitage, of Fairmont: Armitage was inducted into the BVU Global Fellows Program, a competitive academic program designed to provide students with a global

perspective of human environmental impact and creative methods at the forefront of sustainable development.

Derek Hunwardson, of Fairmont: Hunwardson was awarded The Haahr International Travel Fund. Every year at BVU students have amazing opportunities to complete internships that help prepare them for their careers, do significant research in their discipline and travel nationally and internationally.

Hunwardson was awarded the Stine Endowment Fellowship. This competitive fellowship provides students from the School of Science with funding for exceptional academic and professional experiences.

Tyler Tennyson, of Truman: Tennyson was elected to the Student Senate by the student body to represent the student voice on campus committees, consider concerns of the student body and assign student organizations' financial allocations.

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The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester at Buena Vista University:

We will be Closed Wednesday, July 4

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RETIREMENT MACHINERY AUCTION

SALE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 21ST @ 10 AM - LOCATION: 2387 70th Avenue Odin, MN. From Ormsby go 1.5 Mi West on 250th Street, then go South on 70th Avenue 1.25 miles

TRACTORS: JD 8300, 4427 hrs., MFWD, Power Shift, Quick Hitch, 1000 PTO, 3 Hyd Outlets, Power Beyond, Rock Box, 380/85R34 Front Tires, 480/80R46 Rear, Very Nice; JD 7800, 7924 hrs., MFWD, 16 Sp Power Quad, Quick Hitch, 3 Hyd. Outlets, Power Beyond, 1000

& 540 PTO, 10 Suitcase Weights, 14.9R30 Fronts, 480/80R42 Rear, Good Condition; JD 4020 w/ cab 9450 hrs., Factory WF, PS Trans, Single Outlet, 540/1000 PTO, Engine Overhaul, 11L-15 Fronts, 18.4-34 Rear; JD 4010, 8812 hrs., Factory WF, Synchro Trans, Single Outlet, 540/1000 PTO, Overhaul at 7951 hrs., \$6,000 spent on Rear End & Trans, 7.5L-15 Fronts, 16.9-34 Rear; JD 630

COMBINE & HEADS: JD 9400, 5039 Eng hrs., 3301 Sep hrs., Dust Divert-er, Chopper, 30.5/32 Fronts, 14.9-24 Rear, Been through shop every other year; JD 643 CORN HEAD, Oil Drive; JD 920 20' PLATFORM w/ Transport **SKIDLOADER & ATTACHMENTS:** S185 BOBCAT SKID STEER, 2009 Mod, 1153 hrs., 2 Sp, Enclosed Cab w/ Heat, AC, & Radio, Bobcat, Deluxe Panel w/ Keyless Start, Exc Shape, 66" & 60" Construction Bucket; 84"

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TRUCKS: 2003 VOLVO, 319,913 Miles, 385 hp Volvo, 10 Sp Eaton Fuller, Air Ride, Alum Rims on Rear, Firestone 11R22.5, '11 AGRILITE ALUMINUM HOPPER, 42', Air Ride, Alum Rims, Firestone 11R24.5, Shurco Elec Tarp, Bought New; REDI HAUL 2010 CAR TRAILER, Model RX 2026T, 20', Tilt Bed; 1975 FORD 880 Twin Screw, 81975 Miles, Auto Trans, 9-20 Rubber, Roll Tarp, Very Nice; FORD 900 Twin Screw **MACHINERY & EQUIP:** CASE IH 527B, Hyd. Front Disc, Hyd. Leveler, ONLY used on approx. 800 acres, Very Nice; JD 7300 12 ROW PLANTER, 3 Bu. Boxes, Row Cleaners, Finger Pickup, Lift Assist, 250 Monitor, Nice; Hardi Sprayer, 60' Boom, 1000 Gal Tank, Hyd. Pump, Hardi Monitor, 3 valves, 13.6-38 Rubber; IH 720 5-16" Auto Reset w/ Coulters; Lorenz 8' Snow Blower, Double Auger, Hyd. Spout, Hyd. Tip, Small 1000 PTO; H&S Two Speed Tandem Axle Manure Spreader, 2 Head Gates; 2 Badger Winches; Behlen Crop Drier, 200 Steel Post+/-; ATV Sprayer; 10' U Trough approx. 40'; JE Porter Hay Trolleys; 500 gal diesel barrel; Jetco Hyd. Post Pounder **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** We are very pleased to be asked to represent the Anderson and Dannen Families with the sale of their well maintained farm equip. This equip has been well cared for and for the most part always been shedded. Additional pictures on proxibid.com or auctioneeralley.com. Online bidding at PROXIBID.COM OR AUCTIONEERALLEY.COM. Please register early if you are going to bid online. THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF SMALL ITEMS SO PLEASE BE ON TIME! **INSPECTION:** Equip inspection will be welcome between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. 2 days prior to the sale or by appt w/Dennis 507-317-7425 or Larry 507-375-3423.

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Trapshooters 8th at State



Fairmont Area's Trap-shooting team finished in eighth-place in the Minnesota State High School

Clay Target League State Trap Shooting Championships, a 40-team competition held at the

Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake. Fairmont Area finished with a team total of 478. St. Michael-Albertville won for the second consecutive year with a team total of 491. During the team competition, only three of the nearly 300 participants hit a perfect 100. Seven other competitors hit 99 targets. Nick Segar and Jackson Francis both went 49-49-98. Jacob Bocock had a round of 49-47-96, Jed Fowler had a round of 48-46-94 and Carter Leiding had a round of 46-46-92.

In the Individual tournament Truman's Zach Jahnz finished tied for 6th with two others breaking 99 out of 100 clay targets. Fairmont Area's Jacob Bocock shot 96 out of 100 and Truman's Tommy Kotewa shot 95 out of 100. Jahnz, Kotewa and Bocock were

named to the Mills Fleet Farm Top-Gun All-State Team. Five competitors had a perfect score by hitting 100 targets. New Prague's Woodrow Glazer won his second consecutive individual state crown by breaking a perfect 100 targets. Glazer shared the top honor with four other perfect shooters, Tri-City United's Kyle Sladek, Anandale's Jake Mader and St. Michael-Albertville's Garrett Mourning and Kyle Dupont.

Team Results: St. Michael-Albertville (491), New Prague (485), Park Rapids Area (485), Alden-Conger (483), Hibbing (481), Alexandria (480), Champlin Park (479), Fairmont (478), Wayzata (477), Roseau (477), Tri-City United (476), United South Central (474), Cambridge-Isanti (474), Delano (473), Badger-Greenbush-Middle River (473), Hutchinson (472), Owatonna (471), Monticello (470), Bemidji (469), Spring Grove

Park (468), Prior Lake (468), Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg (466), Perham (465), St. Peter (464), Northfield (463), Lakeville South (463), Marshall (463), Lakeview (462), Mahtomedi (460), Zimmerman (459), Ada-Borup/Norman

County West (458), Buffalo (454), Big Lake (454), Rogers (452), Austin (452), East Grand Forks (451), Belle P laine (450), Farmington (447), Willmar (446) and Maple Grove (434). (submitted photo)

June 2 Trap Shoot



Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 turned out to be a great day of trap shooting for some youth in Martin County. Twenty-seven kids from around the county came out to the Fairmont Trap Club to shoot trap thanks to

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July 2-4, 2018

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- 8 a.m. Youth Track & Field Events & Punt, Pass & Kick - High School track and football field
- 9 a.m. Register for Classic Custom Car, and Truck Show - Catholic Church parking lot
- 10 a.m. Soap Box Derby - Valley View Nursing Home hill
- 10 a.m. Heritage Museum Open
- 11 a.m. Big Wheel Races - city park
- 1:00 p.m. PARADE - kiddie parade and main parade
- Activities & Entertainment in City Park following Parade!
- 3:30 p.m. Firemen's Water Fight - east of city park
- 10 p.m. Fireworks - north side of Armstrong

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Saturday, June 30
8 a.m. Pump 'n Run 5k
Nazareth Lutheran Church - registration, packet pick up, lift portion begins at 7 a.m.

Monday, July 2
6:30 p.m. Pageant
Little Miss Armstrong/
Miss Armstrong
North Union High School
Auditorium - Supper available.

Tuesday, July 3
4:30 - 7 p.m. All-School Reunion
High School building
6:30 p.m. Supper in the park
9 p.m. Street Dance
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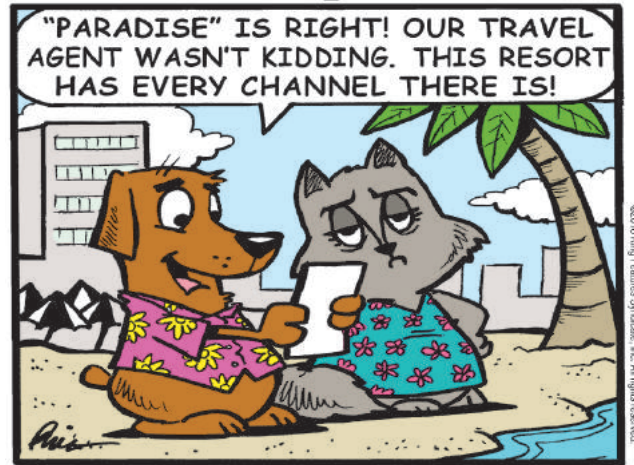
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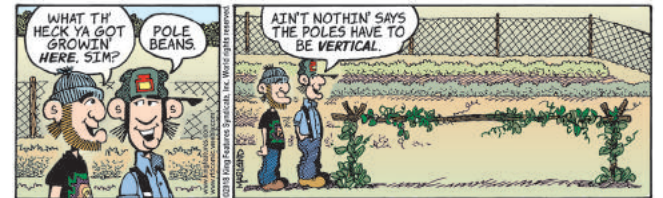
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Sylvania Park Bandshell
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In the event of rain,
both rehearsal and concert
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by Mike Marland



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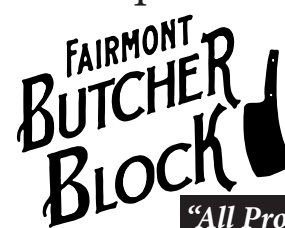


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ALL-STAR PARTICIPANTS - Martin Luther/Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman's head coach Scott Chirpich and Jaguar pitcher Zach Janz participated in the Minnesota Baseball Coaches Association 2018 South All-Stars Game this past weekend in Chaska. The South All Stars lost 6-5 to Metro East. Then defeated Metro South 12-2. South defeated Metro North 6-1 in the third place game. (submitted photo)



MINOR LEAGUER - Luke Becker, FHS grad and University of Kentucky star, will start his minor league career playing for The Tri-City Dust Devils baseball team in Pasco, Washington. The Devils are member of the short-season Class A Northwest League. The principal owner of the team is Kansas City Royals Hall Of Famer George Brett. Becker was selected by the San Diego Padres in the ninth round of the Major League Baseball Draft.



D1 SIGNEE - FHS alum and NIACC sophomore pitcher Spencer Chirpich signed with the Division I Abilene Christian University Wildcats. Abilene Christian University (ACU) is a private non-profit university in Abilene, Texas. Chirpich is the 7th NIACC player to sign Division I out of this year's sophomore class and the 32nd to sign D1. Chirpich will play for new ACU head coach Rick McCarty. McCarty was last year's D1 Dallas Baptist University's pitching coach. (submitted photo)

13U Giants make Top 20 in Omaha!



The Northrop 13U Giants baseball team went 2 - 2 this past weekend in Omaha, NE participating in the Omaha Slumpbuster tournament as part of the College World Series activities. Things kicked off on Friday with a 15-1 romp of the Storm Gray team from Thornton, CO (suburb of Denver) as the bats were hot and the pitching and defense nearly perfect. Second game of pool play was a 7-5 loss to the BGRA Bearcats from Buffalo Grove, IL (suburb of Chicago). Seesaw battle & team played great, but came up just a little bit short in this one. Our 1-1 record with a good run differential seeded us #24 out of the 67 teams and a good seed in the Gold Bracket of Division II!

On Saturday in our first

round of bracket play, the boys played maybe the best game of their lives and had a walk off winner in the bottom of the 7th, winning 7-6 over the Triple Play Vipers from Billings, Montana! Our only other scoring in the game for the Giants was in the bottom of the 3rd when we put 6 runs on and chased their starter from the game. In the bottom of the 7th, we loaded the bases on the strength of 2 hits & a walk and set things up for a Preston Vaughn smash down the left field line, scoring Brendan Schmidtke for the game winner!

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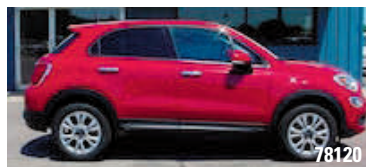
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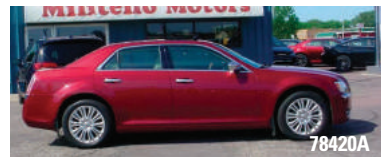
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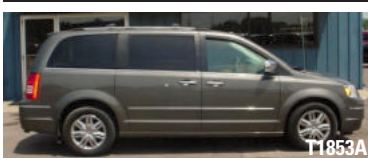
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