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MORRIS-SEALE - Todd and Ramona Morris of Fairmont announce the engagement of their daughter Emily Morris to Ryan Seale, son of Kenneth and Jill Seale of Indianapolis, Indiana. Emily is an attorney, currently working at the office of the Federal Defender for Western Michigan. Ryan is an Associate Attorney at Thomas M. Stellard, PLLC. A May 2nd, 2015 wedding is planned in Fairmont.



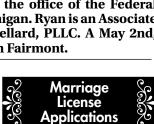
Paxton Laine Soelter was born February 20th, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System, Fairmont. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 21 inches long.

His parents are Tim and Sandy Soelter of Fairmont. His siblings are Andrew, Mikayla, Zach, Nate, Josh and Isabelle.

Carter Michael Rowan was born February 17th, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System, Fairmont. scholarships to gradu-He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Michael and Kara Rowen of Fairmont. Grandparents are Harold and JoAnn Rehling of Fairmont and Randy and Pat Rowan of School Class of 1954 & Fairmont.

Family Arc Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, March 9th at 6 p.m. This month we will be talking about the Arc Housing Access Program. the group and/or meet-



Lius Huberto Flores, Fairmont and Alba Elizabeth Ortiz, Fairmont

The Chain Lake Masonic Lodge of Fairmont is once again sponsoring the Masonic Scholarship fundraising spaghetti dinner! The dinner will be Tuesday, March 10th from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Over the past 45 years the Masons have awarded over 230 ating seniors of Martin County high schools. We are again awarding eight scholarships to an institute of higher learning to those seniors who qualify.

The Fairmont High spouses will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10th, and at Green Mill in Fairmont. See you there.

> MOSS will be having their monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn, this Thursday, March 5th





BLIVEN - Kristin Ann Struss and Joshua David Bliven were married November 15th, 2014 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Sioux City, IA. Dr. Bruce Forbes performed the ceremony. The reception took place at Emma's Event Center in Sioux City, IA. Parents of the couple are Brian and Ann Struss of Fairmont and Larry and Patty Bliven of Sioux City, IA. The couple lives in Sioux City. Photo courtesy of Shane Monahan Photography.

Warren Nelson to Perform

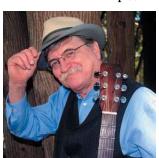
noon of original music duced in 1976. Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. at the Red Rock Cen- available ter in Fairmont.

Singer/songwriter and master showman Warren Nelson returns to Fairmont where his professional career in show business began 45 years ago. His son Rowan who is an incredible banjo and guitar player and songwriter will be joining him as well.

Martin County Hornpipe, able at the door. the musical story of Fair-

Don't miss an after- mont he wrote and pro-

Advance tickets are at http://re-



Nelson has written over drockcenter.ticketleap. 500 songs and will be per- com/ or at HyVee in Fairforming several from A mont. Tickets will be avail-

Early Childhood Screenings

Area Schools will be offer- Street, Fairmont. ing screenings at no cost school district.

Early uled for Tuesday and through Friday.

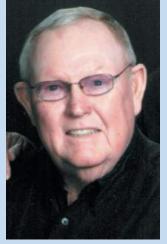
Minnesota law requires Wednesday, March 24th tival is to come together that all children entering and 25th. This session is kindergarten be screened being offered to children prior to the start of school. born between September It is strongly recommend- 1st, 2009 and March 24th, ed that this screening be 2012. Screening will be done early - around three held at Fairmont Elemenyears of age. The Fairmont tary School, 714 Victoria

Appointments for ECS to all families living in the may be made by calling Fairmont Area Schools Childhood at 235-6205 between 8 Screening (ECS) is sched- a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday





BORCHARDT 60TH - Bob and Kay Borchardt of Fairmont will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 12th. They were married on March 12, 1955. They will be celebrating with family. Cards can reach them at: 232 West 10th Street, Fairmont, MN



HOLLAND 80TH -Red Holland celebrated his 80th birthday on March 4th. Cards can reach him at 5 Circle Drive, Welcome, MN 56181. You can also call him at 507-728-8812.

Twentieth annual Music Festival

Festival of Music will be be scripture readings and held on Sunday, March 8th at 2 p.m. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church, located at 119 East 2nd ceived at this event and Street in Fairmont.

The purpose of this fesas fellow believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ invited to attend. and to declare our praises to Him. The music reflects the tradition of the area churches and the theme of the music will be about the suffering of Jesus and his resurrection. The program will consist of solos, instrumentals, ensembles

The twentieth annual and choirs. There will also a hymn sing during the festival.

> An offering will be rewill go to support the ministry of CREST in Martin County.

The public is cordially

I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from. everyone loves music. Billy Joel

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appraisers on staff includ- team includes a broker, ing four Certified Gen- an associate broker and eral Appraisers and one several real estate agents. Certified Residential Ap- This team has dedicated praiser. Upper Midwest experience in agricultur-Management Corpora- al cropland and complex tion is headquartered in agricultural New Ulm and has offices sales in addition to comin Faribault, Olivia, and mercial and residential New Hope, MN. UMMC

for all types of properties.

UMMC also provides actions as well as commercial property leasing. UMMC now has eleven The UMMC real estate property sales.

New initiative unveiled during colon cancer awareness month

March is Colon Cancer most common cause of currently detected at this Awareness month and new efforts are underway to encourage people who

should be screened, to get screened. Colorectal cancer will kill nearly 51,000 people in the U.S. in 2015, including nearly 900 in Minnesota, according the American Cancer Society.

Colorectal cancer is the third most diagnosed commonly cancer and the second

yet it is highly preventable, after turning 50. detectable and treatable.

hidden growths (called

they become cancerous. Colon cancers detected

at the earliest stage have a five-year survival rate of 90 percent, yet only 40 percent of colon cancers are

cancer deaths for men stage - partly because too and women in the U.S., few people are screened

To help increase colon Through proper colorec- cancer screening rates, a tal screening, doctors new initiative, 80% by 2018 can find and remove is now underway. The American Cancer Society polyps) in the have committed to elimicolon, before nating colorectal cancer as a major public health problem and are working toward the shared goal of 80% of adults aged 50 and older being regularly screened for colorectal cancer by 2018.

> As co-founders of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, a coalition of member organizations working to improve screening rates in the US, the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are committed to significantly increasing screening rates.

There are a number of colorectal cancer screening options, including "take at home" tests. Many public and private health insurance plans also cover colorectal cancer screening. To learn more about your options, talk to your doctor.

For more information and guidance on colorectal cancer, visit cancer.org/ fightcoloncancer or call the American Cancer Society 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-227-2345.

Fairmont Police canine receives protective vest

vest thanks to a nonprofit Through private organization, Vested In- and corporate terest in K9s, Inc. and The sponsorships, French Foundation. The Vested \$8,500 grant will be providing vests for the following departments in Minnesota; four K9's from St. forcement dogs Louis County Sheriff's Of- in 40 states with fice, one K9 from Winona Police Department, one K9 from Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, one K9 from Winona County Sheriff's Office, and one Inc. announces their 7" K9 from Duluth Police Department.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA. Whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law costs \$950.00 and has a five year warranty. The forcement agencies with tor Regency Police Supply the website: vik9s.org.

Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,251 law enprotective vests since 2009 at a cost of \$1.1 million dollars.

plush stuffed German Shepherd K9 Hero, "Cesar", and company ambasthe sales will provide bul- months of age. let and stab protective enforcement and related vests, for police dogs ac- or to learn about volunagencies throughout the tively working without teer opportunities, call United States. Each vest the potentially lifesaving 508-824-6978. Tax deductequipment.

Vested Interest in K9s,

nonprofit was established ders the U.S. made vests in K9s, Inc. P.O. Box 9 East in 2009 to assist law en- exclusively from distribu- Taunton, MA 02718 or via

The Fairmont Police this potentially lifesav- in Hyannis, MA. who also Department K9's Jango ing body armor for their does the custom embroihas received a ballistic four legged K9 Officers. dery on the body armor.



Vests are manufactured by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

New K9 graduates as well as K9's with expired vests are eligible to particisador of Vested Interest pate. The program is open in K9s, Inc. now for sale to law enforcement dogs online for \$15.00 at www. who are US employed, vik9s.org. Proceeds from certified and at least 19

For more information ible donations accepted The organization or- via mail to: Vested Interest

Firearm Safety Course starts March 30th

Minnesota Safety Training is no pre-registration required. Registration will take place Monday, March 30th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont National Guard Armory. The course runs for five weeks and meets on Monday and Thursto anyone 11 years old or older.

The course will begin assignments.

A spring course for Monday, March 30th and Firearm conclude Monday, May \$15 and students under has 4th. Class attendance is the age of 18 must be acbeen scheduled. There mandatory. Classes start companied by an adult at 6:30 p.m. and end at and have a copy of their 8:30 p.m. The course con- birth certificate at regsists of 25 hours of class- istration. Anyone born room training and culmi- after January 1st, 1980 nates with a written exam, must complete Firearm as well as a practical field Safety Training in order exam. The field exam will to purchase any type of be held at the Fairmont hunting license in the Trap Club on Saturday, state of Minnesota. day evenings. It is open May 2nd, beginning at 8 a.m. and going until every- tion contact Brad Wells, one has completed their 507-236-0449, huntin-

Cost for the course is

For more informafoolw711@yahoo.com.

Prairie Star Quilters to Meet in Fairmont

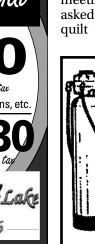
Guild will hold the third meeting of the year this Monday, March 9th, 2015, at the Fairmont Covenant Church.

There is no officers meeting meeting this month, but there will be a general membership meeting at 1:30 pm. There will be a report on the progress of the CADA (Committee Against Domestic Abuse) Quilt service project for this year. istration for next month's 5:30 pm. class with Pat Speth - the

The Prairie Star Ouilt Guild members are still some type of embroifinishing up quilts. A re- dery - cross-stitch, candle port on the upcoming bus wicking, beading, chicken trip to the Kalona Quilt scratch, or hardanger for Festival in April will be example - whether fingiven. The 3-D Challenge ished or unfinished, new will continue - a chance or old, and share the story. to finish up some of those This should be a very inprojects hiding in the clos- formative program. The et. There will also be reg- evening group will meet at

The Prairie Star Quilt Nickel Quilt Lady. It is ex- Guild meets on the second citing to have such a well- Monday of each month known author teaching a (no meeting in December) class locally! This will be at the Covenant Church followed by show-and- at 901 Woodland Avenue tell - always a beautiful in Fairmont. Membership and inspiring part of the is open to everyone who meeting. Each member is enjoys quilts or quilting asked to bring a quilt (or - quilters of all skill levels quilt block) that features are always welcome!





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Gary Hachfeld, Extension Educator U of M "Farm Transition and Estate Planning" Mandi Kosbab, Edward Jones Financial Advisor 'Script Your Family's Future: Why You Need An Estate Plan'

Jennifer Gilk, Attorney & Darin Haugen, Attorney "Estate Planning Updates"

Pre-registration required. Workshop is Free. Space is limited so call today: Amy at 507-235-8524. Please register by Friday, March 6.

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VITAMIN D3...Cutting Edge Health Care

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center

longer, the sun is getting stronger, and Spring officially starts this month! But you still aren't outside much and definitely not in short sleeves, so you still need your vitamin D! It's been called the sunshine vitamin, a wonder drug (it's not a drug), and a life saver. For just being a basic vitamin, it is certainly one of the most amazing in what it can do. It has been shown to have a huge impact on preventing cancer, helping depression, building stronger bones, and help with energy and vitality.

A recent study out of Japan showed it is more effective than the flu vaccine at preventing the flu! Kids who had the flu shot saw an 8% reduction in flu occurrence. Kids taking vitamin D saw a decrease of it can do don't forget over 50%! Taken preventa- that like everything else, tively, it has been shown to reduce cancer rates by up to 67%. It has been found cheap, and not just the

IU's a day. And while some may become alarmed and shown it is almost impos-

For just being a basic vitamin, [vitamin D] is certainly one of the most amazing in what it can do.

sible to overdose on vitamin D, even in dosages in the 100,000 it has been shown to be safe and effective. If anyone tells you that 5,000 IU/day is risking toxicity suggest they catch up on their research!

For the amazing things you get what you pay for. Cheap vitamin D is still to have a positive impact cost factor. They can sell

The days are getting health issues are in the the only doctor in the area range of 5,000 to 10,000 with a Master's Degree in Human Nutrition, I spend hours studying the latest think this is too much, research so you can be repeated research has certain that what you buy at Burtis Chiropractic is only the best. We have the highest quality vitamins with the education and research to back it up.

> For those of you who have been following the news recently you may be aware that the attorney general of the state of New York recently ordered four large retailers (GNC, Walmart, Target, and Walgreens) to completely stop selling supplements as the brands they were selling were mislabeled and in many cases had none of the listed ingredients! So stop buying your supplements at just any old place. Choose your supplement supplier like you would your surgeon!

For those of you who want to know exactly what is going on with your vitamin D levels, you can now get them tested right here at Burtis Chiropractic. That's right; we now have our own lab for blood draws. Along with testing your vitamin D levels we can do standard labs, thyroid panels, lipid panels, is part of our effort to become Martin County's premier integrative health care center.

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and its benefits to the immune system are accepted by everyone.

An important factor to consider is dosages. The FDA's daily recommendation is a measly 600 IU's (International Unit) per day. This is enough to pre-Typical daily dosages for with a great reputation. As

even in multiple sclerosis, it cheap because they cut corners on quality, testing, and many other areas. Fortunately even high quality vitamin D is relatively inexpensive. And for what it can do, it is invaluable. Before you purchase, remember to make sure you are buying professional grade, outside tested vent rickets but little else. vitamins from a company

SFM Foundation taking scholarship applications Local students whose tion, visit sfm-foundation. from this area included:

parents were killed or seriously injured in workplace accidents can get some help paying for college from the SFM Foundation.

The Bloomington, Minn.-based foundation is accepting applications through March 31st, 2015, for scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year for up to five years of school-

Students whose parents were injured while working for Minnesota or Wisconsin employers are eligible to apply. Recipifinancial need and merit, among other factors. To download an applica-

org/application.



SFM foundation

"We strongly encourage any eligible students to apply," said SFM Foundation insurance company was Executive Director David involved in the workers' Kaiser. "We aim to help as many students as we can each year."

ents are chosen based on the SFM Foundation, visit arships benefiting 76 sfm-foundation.org.

Minnesota recipients of the scholarship in 2014

BreAnna Oliver of St. James.

The SFM Foundation was created in 2008 by employees at SFM Companies, a regional insurance group based in Bloomington, Minn., to ease the burdens on families affected by workplace accidents. Scholarships are awarded regardless of which compensation Since it began, the Foundation has committed To learn more about \$637,000 toward scholstudents. For more information visit sfm-foundation.org.

Schellpeper qualifies for Advisor Leaders Conference



Drew Schellpeper of Fairmont was among the only 666 financial advisors who qualified for the Edward Jones Financial Advisor Leaders Conference out of the firm's 14,000 financial advisors in the U.S. and Canada.

This conference recoganything you need tested nizes financial advisors we can do right here. It who are among the leaders in the financial-services firm.

The 2015 conference Louis, Mo.

mendous amount of dis-

our clients."

Working with Schellpeper out of the Fairmont Member SIPC. office is Kimberly Schul-

Edward Jones, a Forwill be held in May at the tune 500 company, profirm's headquarters in St. vides financial services for individual investors "Qualifying for this in the United States and, conference shows a tre- through its affiliate, in Canada. The firm's 14,000cipline, commitment and plus financial advisors work ethic," says Alan work directly with nearly Kindsvater, an Edward 7 million clients. Edward Jones partner responsi- Jones, which ranked No. 4 ble for Advanced Branch on FORTUNE magazine's Training, and host of the 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2014, is head-"This level of achieve- quartered in St. Louis. ment only occurs when FORTUNE and Time Inc. you have outstanding are not affiliated with support," he said. "Our and do not endorse prodteam makes it possible for ucts or services of Edward me to focus my time and Jones. The Edward Jones attention on implement- website is located at www. ing financial solutions to edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www. careers.edwardjones.com.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Chocolate Pizza

Pizza for Desert!

You don't have to go to a pizza place to have a dessert pizza, you can make your own! Today's recipe comes from the Food Channel. I have made it for my grandchildren on an evening when we have a pizza night and it's a hit! If you use the crust recipe I gave you last week, omit the Italian seasoning, just sprinkle it on the one you use for the main course and leave the one for your dessert plain.

Chocolate Pizza:

- 1 recipe homemade pizza dough
- 1 Tbsp melted butter
- 1/3 cup chocolate hazelnut spread like Nutella, or another brand and flavor you like
- 1/2 cup semi sweet choc chips
- 2 Tbsp milk chocolate chips
- 2 Tbsp white choc chips
- 2 Tbsp chopped hazelnuts, roasted or can use almonds (my favorite)

Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Pat out pizza dough to a 9 inch round on parchment paper. Using fingers, make indentations all over dough, brush with melted butter, bake on bottom rack at 425 degrees until crisp and golden brown, about 20 minutes. Take out of the oven and immediately spread chocolate hazelnut spread over crust, then sprinkle with chips. Bake just until chips start to melt, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with chopped nuts, cut into wedges and serve.

Hope you enjoy this week's pizza. Have a great week and stay warm and safe!



Using this plant in medicinal treatments was once so popular that French pharmacists painted its image on their doorposts. American colonists

treated whooping cough by wrapping blankets soaked with its essence around the ill. The plant can be found in abundance around river banks and watery ditches. Its bright yellow, dandelion-like flowers emerge in early spring before its leaves appear.

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I'll Have What She's Having: My Adventures in Celebrity Dieting

by Rebecca Harrington I'll Have What She's Having is a humorous look a gorgeous and intriguat the real-life diets of the ing woman. After a few famous, both dead and too many drinks, the two alive. From Gwyneth

Paltrow Jackie Kennedy to Marilyn Monroe, Harrington takes along on her quest to diet like the stars. Liz Taylor mixed cot-

cream, while Madonna stuck to "sea vegetables," and Marilyn Monroe was known for drinking raw eggs whipped with warm milk. Harrington followed and documented the results of her experience, following the nutritional advice of fourteen different famous people. Ranging from Beyonce's master cleanse (lemonade,

cayenne pepper and maple syrup!) to Pippa Middleton's haggis cure, Harrington tried them all. This incredibly humorous, occasionally unappetizing title showcases the incredible lengths

celebrities go to in an effort to stay slim you reaching for a slice of pizza afterwards! As the Wall Street Journal notes, "The writing—though not the food—is delectable." Pick up this non-fiction title from the Martin County Library today!

The Kind Worth Killing by Peter Swanson

On a flight from London to Boston, Ted Severson meets Lily Kintner,

strangers begin sharing very private details about themselves. Ted discusses his stale marriage with his wife Miranda, who he thinks is cheating on him. Ted, a rich businessman, says he and his freespirited wife were mismatched the start. Things sud-

denly turn dark when tage cheese with sour Ted jokingly says he could kill Miranda for her infidelity. Without pause, Lily calmly intones that she'd like to help. After all, a lying, cheating spouse is the kind worth killing, right?

Back in Boston, Ted and Lily continue to meet, their connection growing as they plot Miranda's death. But Lily has some secrets that Ted knows nothing

about, specifically her experiwith ence murder. These two coconspirators are playing a game that they cannot both Thrillsurvive. and susing

penseful, the plot and trim. Harrington's twists are fast and furious diet experiences may have and will keep the reader wanting more! Filled with double-crosses and double-timers, this novel is a perfect fit for fans of Laura Lippman, Tana French and Gillian Flynn. Get your copy from the Martin County Library today!

With Daylight Saving Time, Sleep Health is Important

saying, and it helps people remember which way to set their clocks for the cutting sleep too short." start and end of Daylight Saving Time. Although plains the benefits and it'd be nice to gain an risks: hour of sleep twice a year, that's not the case. Memory. Sleep allows Starting Sunday, March 8 the brain to better proat 2 a.m., we'll all lose an cess new experiences hour. Altering your sleep and knowledge, increasschedule, or having poor ing understanding and sleep habits to begin memory. with, can have a greater effect on your health weight. Sleep helps than you may think.

Time, we lose an hour of appetite. Studies have sleep, which causes significant fatigue in most people and can linger for hormonal balance is afdays or weeks," says Mar- fected and appetite intha Yanci Torres, M.D., creases. neurologist and sleep specialist at Mayo Clinic rious sleep disorders, Health System. "To minimize the impact, you can have been linked to hymake gradual adjust-

She provides this advice:

utes early, starting several days before the the following day. Chronchange, and increase by ic sleep deprivation can 15 minutes every couple contribute to long-term of nights. Make an extra mood disorders, such as effort to be well-rested the week before the time change.

Sunday after the change teins called cytokines, to Daylight Saving Time, which can help deal with take a short nap (15 to stress, fight infections 20 minutes) in the early afternoon - not too close tion in the body. Withto bedtime. Assess how out enough sleep, these a nap affects your sleep protective proteins and quality. For some, napping can make nighttime tion-fighting cells are resleeping harder. But for duced. Our body needs others, a short nap can be adequate sleep to fight revitalizing without ruining their night's sleep.

•Avoid sleeping in an hour longer in the morn-

should try to go to bed its effects can be seen in and wake up at the same reduced efficiency and time each day. This helps your body regulate its accidents. It can also be sleep. If possible, wake up at the same time on the weekends too, which makes Monday mornings easier to bear.

'Regardless of the time of year, proper sleep is an essential part of life,

Fall back, spring for- says Dr. Yanci Torres. ward. We've all heard the "There are many benefits to practicing good sleep health, as well as risks for

Dr. Yanci Torres ex-

Learning

2. Metabolism and regulate the hormones "With Daylight Saving that affect and control shown that during sleep deprivation, the normal

> 3. Cardiovascular. Sesuch as sleep apnea, pertension, increased stress hormone levels and irregular heartbeat.

4. Mood. Insufficient •Go to bed 15 min- sleep can make people more agitated or moody depression or anxiety.

5. Immunity. During sleep, the immune •If you feel sleepy the system releases proand decrease inflammaother important infecinfections and inflammation.

6. Alertness. Lack of sleep can have a toll on perception and judg-•In general, you ment. In the workplace, productivity, errors, and deadly, such as drowsy driving fatalities.

"Make sleep health a priority, and you'll start seeing the positive effects," adds Dr. Yanci Torres.



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MAR 5 - 11

THURSDAY: Breakfast: Bagel, peanut butter, raisins/ fruit. Lunch: Pulled Pork, baked beans, cole slaw, pears. FRIDAY: Breakfast: Egg/ Cheese Omelet, onions, peppers, salsa, juice. Lunch: Grilled Cheese, spinach salad, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

MONDAY: Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, fruit/ juice. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, brown rice, cooked carrots, celery/broccoli, pears.

TUESDAY: Breakfast: French Toast Stix, syrup, fruit/ Lunch: Hamburger, fixings, fries, CA blend, apple. | WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Banana Bread, applesauce, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, fixings, refried beans, corn,

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

MAR 5 - 11

THURSDAY: Hot Turkey, carrots, red pepper strips, oranges. FRIDAY: Baked Ziti w/ cheese, green beans, breadstick, broccoli florets, apples.

MONDAY: Nachos, rice, black beans, peaches.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, broccoli florets, applesauce.

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MAR 5 - 11

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Apple Cinnamon Muffin, string cheese, orange, milk. JR/HS: Fruit and Granola Yogurt Parfaits, Cocoa Puffs and yogurt, PB & J, peaches, OJ. Lunch K-6: Cheeseburger, ham and cheese, peas, celery sticks, mixed fruit. JR/HS: Hot Turkey, carrots, cranberry spinach salad, red pepper strips, orange wedges, cinnamon apple slices. **FRI: Breakfast** K-6: Cheerios Bar, cinnamon graham cracker, apple, tangerine juice, milk. JR/HS: Sausage, Egg, Cheese Bagel Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple cinnamon muffin, PB & J, mandarin oranges, grape juice. **Lunch** K-6: Fish Sticks, dinner roll, turkey and cheese, corn, carrots, orange wedges. JR/HS: Baked Ziti, cheese, green beans, breadstick, broccoli florets, celery sticks, apples, mixed fruit. MON: Breakfast K-6: Golden Grahams Bar, sunflower seeds, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Pizza, Činnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB & J, pears, apple juice. **Lunch** K-6: Popcorn Chicken, dinner roll, chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, pears. JR/HS: Nachos, fixings, rice, black beans, red pepper strips, apples, peaches. TUES: Breakfast K-6: Trix Bar, goldfish, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/ HS: Pancake on a stick, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB & J, applesauce, OJ. Lunch K-6: Pizza Pasta Casserole, breadstick, ham and cheese, carrots, salad, applesauce. JR/HS: Spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, broccoli florets, oranges, applesauce. WED: Breakfast K-6: Cocoa Puffs Bar, goldfish, raisins, tangerine juice, milk. JR/HS: French Toast Sticks, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB & J, raisins, apple juice. Lunch K-6: Hot Dog, bagel/ yogurt/string cheese, peas, broccoli florets, pineapple tidbits. JR/HS: Cheesy Chicken Casserole, dinner roll, peas, broccoli salad w/ raisins, carrots, pears, pineapple tidbits.

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MAR 5 - 11

THURSDAY: Tator Tot Hotdish, peas and carrots, beet pickles, ice cream, dinner roll.

FRIDAY: Fish, potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding, bread and butter.

MONDAY: Beef Stroganoff, corn on the cob, bread and butter,

TUESDAY: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, bread and butter, bread pudding, milk.

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The Threshermen Dinner

by Darwin Anthony

They were something that had to be witnessed to be appreciated. Few remember them anymore. THRESHERMEN DINNER was not just a gigantic dinner; it was an event. The many men of the threshing crew expected to be fed. Not only that. they expected the meal to be served in giant portions for most knew that they would "eat until it hurt".

THE THRESHERMEN DINNER was a time of competition. "How good"



the dinner was showed The food, once prepared, the skill of the cook as the yield of the grain showed the skill of the farmer.

I was old enough to share in the excitement. I remember how hard my mother worked and planned for these dinners. If the threshing was not completed on the first day, something which might happen because of the heavy dew, rain delay or good yields which were more than normal, it could mean that she would have to serve THE THRESHERMEN DINNER on two consecutive days. Can you imagine her worry? Did she have enough food to prepare? This was before the time of prepackaged food. The food for THE THRESHERMEN DINNER had to be made from scratch! The menu was usually pretty much the same at each farm and there was a reason. The main ingredient of such a meal was the meat. It was usually roast beef, pork or fried chicken. These meals were served during the "hot time of the summer" and it was before the time of electricity, before the time of the refrigerator or deep freeze. A small icebox was the only way of keeping things cool. It was they could be harvested she ready? Had she forgot-

tric stove and during the DINNER. I believe the time of the cookstove fired is the time of the "summer kitchen" which was a small separate kitchen located away from the main house. Even though they are no longer used as kitchens, some of the farms - usually marked as "Century Farms", have kept them and maintained them as a reminder of an- mashed potatoes were other time. The food was something expected. I reprepared in the "summer member how some would kitchen" to keep the heat take "so much". The pile of the cookstove away from of potatoes on each plate

> the house. This of cooking, canning, washand clothes, ing played an important part in the history of the of the prairie.

was carried into the real kitchen in which the hungry threshing crew sat washed and waiting".

Most farmers raised the animals, which were butchered for their meat. ways the rush of the morn-The meat was usually canned. This was a hot inginat noon even though and lengthy process and it is probably the reason that fried chicken was the typical meat of THE THRESHERMEN DIN-NER. Most farm wives



planned to have their Each would wipe their chickens spring enough in age and size so and hands with the feed that they could be used as sack towels, which my meat for THE THRESHER- mother had made from the MEN DINNER. It was a matter of timing.

vided the potatoes for the table, and wait. This was mashed potatoes. The it! This was the moment potatoes were "the early of truth. I could sense the kind" planted early so that anxiety of my mother. Was

before the time of the elec- for THE THRESHERMEN term "meat and potatoes" passed around contained the meat. The large platter emptied quickly and had to be refilled, for they wanted no one to say that they were "stingy" with the food. The next bowl contained "a mountain of mashed potatoes". The would then be covered place with the rich gravy that had been made from the drippings of the frying pan in which the chicken had been fried. Bowls of string beans and peas from the garden followed the pota-

> THE THRESHERMEN early farms DINNER is an important part of the history of the prairie. I remember them well. I remember how hard my mother would work getting ready. It was a matter of timing. Every motion had to account for something. There was aling for they would be comthey had been served a morning lunch of sandwiches, carried to the field in a dish pan and covered in a clean towel.

THE THRESHERMEN

would wash in an enamel wash pan located on a bench near the windmill. They would fill the wash pan from "the cooler", which was a small tank located near the main stock

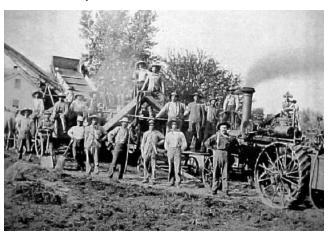
old tanned and sweaty faces sacks. THE THRESHER-MEN would come into the The large garden pro- kitchen, sit down at the

ten anything? How would was a time of rest, maybe ways thanked my mother her food compare with not so much from the for the wonderful meal. that of the others? THE work of threshing, but Receiving such a compliby wood or corncobs. This came from this time in our THRESHERMEN would from the over-eating. My ment was something rare history. The first dish to be empty the giant bowls in mother was a wonder- in those days. Most saw minutes. They would talk of the weather, prices, and horses. There was the unwritten rule that talk of politics and religion were off limits. They would finish and my mother would then serve a dessert of homemade pie. This was the real test for making a piecrust with real lard separating the poor, the average, and the great cooks.

> Some seemed to enjoy the competition of eating. It was a challenge of who could eat the most in the shortest period of time. The winner would be the first to get up from the table and move out of the door. They would find some shade in the lawn and lay back. This

nothing about the meal. However, I will always re-He seemed to appreciate the afternoon lunch. what my mother had done more than anyone. He al-

ful cook. Most would say her work as something expected. Washing the dirty dishes, kettles, and skillets member one particular was her next challenge. neighbor, John Intlekoefer. This had to be done before



Look Through This "LENS" When Making **Social Security Decisions**

Your Social Security benefits can be an important part of your retirement income strategy. But when should you start taking these payments?

You can begin accepting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be much smaller than if you wait until your "full retirement age," which will likely be between 66 or 67. And these monthly payments will get even bigger if you wait until age 70, at which point "max out." So, should you take your Social Security as early as possible and hope that the smaller monthly payments will be justified by the extra years of receiving them, or should you wait until you are older and hope that the bigger checks will be worth the delay?

In weighing this decision, consider the acronym LENS, which stands for Life expectancy, Employment, Need and Spouse. Let's look at each component:

Life expectancy — If on your annual benefits. your family has a history later, when your monthly expectancy.

Employment — If you you may be able to delay want to keep working in Social Security, thereby your "retirement years," be increasing the size of aware that your earnings could affect your Social Security payments. Spe- cause relying too heavily cifically, if you take Social on your investment port-Security early — that is, before your full retirement age — your benefits will be withheld by \$1 for every \$2 a reasonable withdrawal in earned income above a rate for your investments certain amount (\$15,720 in 2015). During the year in which you reach your full retirement age, this withholding changes to \$1 for every \$3 in earnings over the annual limit (\$41,880 in 2015). The withheld amounts could also affect spousal benefits. However, beginning the month you attain your full retirement age, benefits will no long longer be withheld based on how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefits at full retirement age nently reduced. If you are to account for the benefits that were withheld. In any case, if you do plan to continue working, and you think you could have significant income, you'll need to understand the effect that earnings will have

of longevity, and if you when to take Social Secu- sion through the LENS are in excellent health, it rity, here's a key question: described above. It could may make sense for you Do you need the money? If help clarify your options. to take Social Security you can support your lifestyle for several years with benefits will be higher. alternative sources of in-You'll also want to con- come (such as a pension) sider your spouse's life and modest withdrawals Jones Financial Advisor. from your investments,

your monthly payments. Be careful, though, befolio can shorten its own "life expectancy." It's essential that you maintain throughout your retirement.

Spouse — Your decision of when to take Social Security will affect your spouse's survivor benefit. Surviving spouses can receive their own benefit or 100% of their deceased spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if you were to take your Social Security early, when the payments are smaller, your spouse's survivor benefits will also be permaolder than your spouse, or otherwise expect your spouse to outlive you, it might be a good idea to delay taking Social Security to maximize the survivor benefits.

As you think about when to take Social Se-**Need** — In deciding curity, look at your deci-

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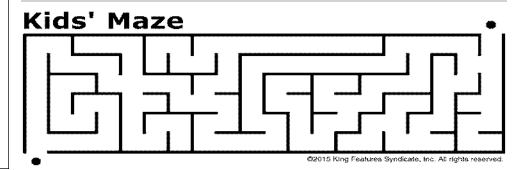
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To the Editor:

What a wonderful community we live in! On Saturday February 21st to extend a huge THANK over 350 people came together for the 7th annual Kids Against Hunger Food Pack, and became "Hunger Heroes". The Fairmont Armory was a busy place with 35 teams working from 9:00-4:00. These wonderful people of all ages packed 100,998 meals of nutritional food for people in need. The Fairmont for your part in this amazarea food shelves have received 46 cases or 9936 meals to help the hungry in our own Community. The rest of the packed food

is on its way to Mission

Our committee wants YOU to the sponsors, businesses, churches and individuals who made donation of over \$27,000 to make this pack successful. Thank you to the teams who gave their time to pack the meals and the volunteers who helped in the background.

May God bless you all ing event!

> Martin County Kids Against Hunger

To the Editor:

When the new Minnesota House majority created the Aging and Long Term Care Policy Committee last December, it served as a signal to Minnesotans that the needs of our elfor them and the disabled would become a top priority at the State Capitol.

Several recently approved committee bills will positively impact both of these groups, as we are trying to find ways to allow senior citizens to keep more of their money and give our nursing homes and other long-term care facilities additional resources.

The Long Term Care Rate Reform bill would reform the current nurs-

nesota pays for services for older adults. Doing so would preserve nursing home access, ensure qualpromote efficiency, and invest in those providing senior care.

Without reform, we will derly and those who care continue to tie the hands of long-term care facilities. Our current payment system has been disastrous to them because it has left them incapable of providing competitive salaries to their employees, which in turn has led to a shortage of needed caregivers.

Another plan would provide a five percent rate increase to nursing homes and facilities that work with the developmentally disabled.

Finally, the committee has approved the Retire ing home payment system in Minnesota Act, which Committee and change the way Min- would phase out the Min-

curity income by ten per- check would provide \$400 mil-Minnesota residents who of their income. could truly use it. Minnesota is one of only seven states that taxes social security income.

I know seniors who spend one month's social security check on grocer-

nesota tax on Social Se- ies and the next month's on medicine. cent per year for ten years, 383,000 people are finanand after that it would be cially impacted by Minnegone altogether. Doing so sota's choice to tax social security, and I believe it's lion per year in tax relief to time to let them keep more

> Talk to you soon, Rep. Bob Gunther St. Paul, MN 651-296-3240 or 800-684-4598

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Ronald D. Unke, **82**



A Celebration of Life service for Ronald D. Unke, 82, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 7th, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont, Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont.

Ronald passed away Thursday, February 26th, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Home in Jackson, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is in charge of the arrange-

Ronald Dean Unke was born on July 19th, 1932 in Fairmont Township, Martin County, the son of Irvin and Lena (Stock) Unke. Ron attended the Fairmont Schools where he participated in gymnastics and tennis and graduated in 1950. He went on to

Mankato State for a short time before coming back to Fairmont to farm. On September 5, 1959, Ronald was united in marriage to Karen Willmert in Blue Earth. They farmed for many years and raised their family.

Ron was a charter member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Fairmont and belonged to the Farm and Home Management Group and was on the REA Board. Ron enjoyed his horses and planting and tending trees.

He is survived by two children, Renee Abel and her partner, Larry Falk, of Minnetonka, Kent Unke and his wife, Lynn, of Fairmont; four grandchildren, Heather Kurtzman and her husband, Brett, and children, Henry and Elsa, of Deephaven, MN, Karen Abel and her partner, Nathan Charles, of Madison, WI, Reid Unke and his wife, Cyrstal, and daughter, Lauryn, of Eden Prairie, MN, Sarah Quinzio and her husband, Michael, of Rangoon, Myanmar; two sisters, Eunice Bulfer and her husband, Louis, Joyce Boyum; three brothers, twin brother, Roland Unke and his wife, Shirley, Wayne Unke and his wife, Jean, Willis Unke and his wife, Martha; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Winston and Cathy Willmert and Rita Willmert; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Irvin and Lena Unke; his wife, Karen Unke; as well as

other relatives and friends.

Memorials are preferred to the Dollars for Scholars Program or the Evangelical Covenant Church.

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Jerome G. Shumski, 78



Services for Jerome "Shorty" Shumski, 78, of East Chain, were held Monday, March 2nd, 2015, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial was in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in East Chain. Jerome passed away Tuesday, February 24th, 2015, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Jerome Gordon 'Shorty" Shumski was born on May 3rd, 1936, the son of Martin and Agnes (Rybakowski) Shumski, at his grandma's home in Fairmont, due to Hands Park Tornado destroying the family farm. He was baptized and later received his first communion in the Holy Family Catholic

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Church in East Chain. He attended East Chain Public School graduating with the class of 1954. Following his graduation, Shorty began helping his dad on the family farm.

On September 5th, 1957, Jerry was united in marriage to Mary Rosenthal at the Holy Family Catholic Church in East Chain, Minnesota. They lived on the family farm and were blessed with three children, David, Anne. and Julie.

Jerome milked cows until 1972. In 1973, he also bought a farm near Newtown, Missouri and worked both farms for 8 vears. It was during his time in Missouri that Jerome found Christ while attending the Newtown Christian Church and was baptized again in a pond on his farm in Missouri. After selling his farm in Missouri, Jerry continued farming the family farm and also worked at Perkins and did the Western Wheat Harvest in 1996. He also did custom farming for many years.

In his younger years, Jerry played football and was a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion in 1952 in his weight class. Later in life, Jerry served as a District and State Officer for the Gideons, was a member of the Martin County Christian Brotherhood, preached at the Fox Lake Chapel for 8 years, and also had a prison ministry that he led.

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Rosenthal of East Chain; children, David Shumski and his wife, Karen of Swea City, Iowa, Anne Swenson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Julie Blumhoefer and her husband, Jim of Stacy, Minnesota; grandchildren, Leslie Donohue Granada, Jeremy Shumski and special friend, Jalisa Bowman of Burt, Iowa, and Dallas Shumski of Burt; great-grandchildren, Ava Donohue, Aidan Donohue, and Colten Donohue: two sisters, Phyllis Dorschner of Kassen, Minnesota and Leanne Adams of Grand Forks, North Dakota; one Linda brother, Eugene Shumski and his wife, Anita of Fullerton, California; a sisterin-law, Clare Godwin of Ozark, Alabama; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Adeline Fausch. Virginia Krumholz, Shirlee Terveer, Milicent Shumski, and Annabelle Smith; two sisters-in-law. Layonne Rosenwinkel and Marcella Rosenthal: brothersin-law, Stanley Rosenthal, Bob Smith, Marvin Dorschner, and Richard Adams.

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Yvonne A. Stadtherr, 77

Mass of Christian Burial for Yvonne "Bonnie" A. Stadtherr, 77, of Fairmont will be 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 6th, 2015, at

St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be from 9:30 until the time of the and her husband, Walter service at 11:00 A.M. on Friday at the church. Bonnie passed away Sunday morning, March 1st, 2015, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. The and her husband, Ryan of Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please honor Bonnie by wearing blue (her favorite color) or teal (in support of those that are fighting or have lost their battle with ovarian cancer). Bonnie is survived by husband of 56 years Bart and children Stadtherr-King, Patti (Rick) Ehlert, John (Kate), Paul, and Katy (Dan) Engelby. Grandchildren Jessica and Michael King, Leah (Zac) Chelsea and Zac Ehlert, Elizabeth Stadtherr, Piper and Paxton Engelby. Great grandchildren Landon (The Boss) Gerhardt and Kollyns Yvonne Gerhardt. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the University of Minnesota Medical Foundation for heart and liver research at Box SDS 512-0861, PO Box 86, Minneapolis, MN 55486-0086, St John Vianney School Endowment Fund or donor's choice.

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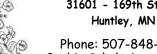


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entered the month of March and if you go by the first day, you could say it is entering like a lamb, but as I am typing this, they have Martin County in a Blizzard Warning for Tuesday - predicting some snow and lots of wind (when have we not had wind this winter?) for the day. So based upon that, you could argue it is coming in like a Lion. So what bearing will the Lion or the Lamb have for our future? Probably nothing, but I can remember as a kid thinking that if it came in as a lamb, we were in for a rough end of the month. I have my loader/snowblower tractor all fueled up, so I am ready for whatever comes

our way for snow. I think I have figured out why so many more people I know spent a portion of the winter down south though. It has been a very cold winter for us this year. However, the "warmer" parts of the country haven't been so this winter either. I am surprised by the reports of snow, ice and cold dipping into the far south many times in the past few months. We can be thankful we don't have the amount of snow the Boston area has received this winter. I have been hearing reports of numerous roof collapses due to the weight and depth of the snow out there. All I can say is that there are only 16 (plus or minus) days until Spring and I can't wait!! (Sorry Mayor Quiring!)

Welcome to Lake Wobegon...

One of my favorite authors to read (behind Clive Cussler, of course!) was in Northrop last weekend to speak at a fundraiser dinner for Martin Luther High School. The author I am speaking of is Garrison



Keiller, of Prairie Home Companion and Lake Wobegon fame. I can remember listening to some of his radio broadcasts on NPR (National Public Radio) in years past and be-

in my head just from the way he gave his presentations. I could picture exactly what he was talking about when he was discussing the everyday life of people in Lake Wobegon, MN. Of course, if you try to find that town on a map, vou never will find it. But when you hear Mr. Keiller talk about the town, you would swear there was such a place. About 475 people attended the dinner fundraiser at Martin Luther last weekend to hear him speak and from what I hear, they were not disappointed! The dinner was a "traditional Lutheran dinner" with all the fixings and according to Mr. Keiller, such a meal could not be found in the Twin Cities - only in rural Minnesota. If you have never read one of his books or heard his radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" on NPR, you need to experience his humor and

ing able to develop images

experience!

Expo, Hymnfest, **Quilts & Noodles**

Before I go this week, there are a few events taking place this coming week. This weekend you can head out to the Five Lakes Centre Mall in Fairmont for the KSUM/ KFMC Spring Expo. Lots of exhibitors will be on hand to show you all the latest in items for spring (what betoff winter!). You can see the latest and best of many items, register for great giveaways and lots more. It will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Then on Sunday you can take in the CREST Hymnfest fundraiser at Fairmont United Methodist Church at 2pm. An offering will with the proceeds going to help support CREST programs. Lots of local groups will perform your favorite hymns that day. storytelling - it is worth the On Monday, March 9th

the Prairie Star Ouilters will meet at Fairmont Covenant Church. There will be a membership meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the evening group meets at 5:30 p.m. that night. Stop by the church that day to see what the Prairie Star Quilters have to offer! Then on Tuesday, March 10th, the Chain Lake Masonic Lodge of Fairmont will have its Masonic Scholarship fundraising Spaghetti ter way to get your mind Dinner from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Help the Masons continue to support Martin County high school students with scholarships by attending this fundraising dinner.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a be taken during the event shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local support your local fundraisers!



A shadow and a swagger

by Al Batt

I watched a squirrel run over the wind-hardened snow filling the road ditch as it fled from my place for the friendly confines of a neighbor's. It was a dangerous scamper. It was running the gauntlet of possible red-tailed hawks. Raptors enjoy fast food.

I saw a groundhog later in the month that contains Groundhog's Day. To

the big rodent, it was Groundhog's Month. It ventured forth



cautiously and then scampered back quickly to the safety of its burrow. Maybe it had seen its shadow. According to folklore, if it's cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on Groundhog's Day and it doesn't see its shadow, spring will come early. If it's sunny and the ground-

retreats back into its burrow, winter weather will persist for six more weeks. will eat almost anything, Maybe it is frightened of its shadow? A crow walked the same ground. The groundhog could never match the crow's swagger. The crow probably saw its shadow and liked it.

There are no normal birds

Mary Ann Kramer of Granite Falls visited Egypt. Among the sights she saw there were many beautiful birds. She asked her tour guide what kind of birds they were.

The guide replied, "They are normal birds." Why the laughing gull

The woman told me that she was enjoying a funnel cake during her visit to Disney World, when a gull flew by and stole the funnel cake right out of her to laugh then because its mouth was full, but I'm sure it enjoyed a hearty chortle with its buddies

hog sees its shadow and are part of Florida's diet program. Laughing gulls are clever scavengers who but are keen to steal food.

Q-and-A

"How can I tell a male starling from a female?" The bills of both sexes changes to yellow in the spring and black in the fall. In breeding plumage, the yellow-billed birds, the base of the lower mandible is bluish or blue-gray in males, and pinkish in females. The mission of USDA Wildlife Services is to provide Federal leadership and expertise to resolve wildlife conflicts to allow people and wildlife to coexist. It conducts program delivery, research, and other activities. One of the other activities is that Wildlife Services sometimes eliminates problem animals. An example would be the invasive fehand. The bird was unable ral swine that cause more than \$1.5 billion annually in damage and management costs nationwide. This division of the Agrilater. That is why they are culture Department kills

other animal. The European starling was introduced

(Bluebird Recovery Program) Expo is on Saturday,



Not all mallards are created equal. Photo by Al Batt

to North America in the April 11th. at the North- bald eagle attempt to land 19th century. It's considered a "problem" bird because it competes fiercely for nesting cavities, ousting native birds such as bluebirds and woodpeckers. It's aggressive at bird feeders, discouraging smaller birds and hogging the food. Large foraging flocks of starlings are agricultural pests. Huge winter roosts present hygiene challenges in areas inhabited by humans.

BBRP

JeNean Mortenson of called laughing gulls. They more starlings than any Faribaultwrote, "The BBRP

field Middle School. The featured Speakers will be Loren Murphy on Achieving a Bluebird Experience, Katie Lyn on Monarch Butterflies, Becky Masterman on Helping People Help Bees, Mike Jeresek on Art and Enjoyment of Bird Watching for All Ages, Wildlife, and I don't know if you ever heard of this guy by the name of Al Batt with his stories. Anyone interested can email me at jeanieandcarl@hotmail.

com to obtain a form, and it's on the website BBRP. ORG. We are having a catered Italian buffet lunch, lots of bird related items for sale and bluebird nest boxes."

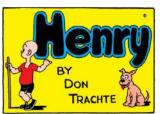
Nature lessons

Above elevations of 21,300 feet, most climbers start using supplemental oxygen. On November 29th, 1973, a Rüppell's griffon, a type of Old World vulture, collided with an airplane at an altitude of 37,000 feet.

I watched a young upon a dead branch of a tree along the Cajun Coast of Louisiana. The branch broke and fell into the water with a resounding splash. The bird flew away, none the worse for wear thanks to the ability to fly. on Bluebirds, Kevin Smith I watched a mature bald eagle, white head and tail, fly into the nest. I called Leif Knecht on Planting for the eagle a she. I tend to do that with any lone eagle alighting upon a nest.

Thanks for stopping by

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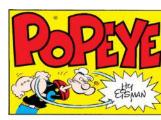














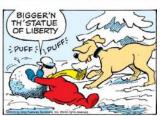
















Kiwanis International is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2015 and in observance of this event, we are spotlighting Fairmont area's two Kiwanis Clubs and their members.

JAMES BOCK



James M. Bock joined Kiwanis in 1974 in Jefferson, IA.

James and his wife Barb have been married since 1966. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

James started working at Weigh-Tronix on October 3, 1983, and was asked to join the

Early Risers by Don Milibrandt and James Dalstrom on October 4, 1983. He is now retired after over 14 years as Manager of Cost Accounting and Safety Director at Art's Way Manufacturing. James served as Treasure of First Congregation UCC for 27 years and 13 years as Treasurer of Habitat for Humanity of Martin-Faribault Counties.

James is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Club while also serving as Lt. Gov. for Region 6 of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International, overseeing 39 clubs. He has served/worked on many projects through the years but is proudest of chairing the Koats for Kids when it started many years ago.

JIM SIMSER



Jim Simser joined the Early Risers Kiwanis in 1999 and served as Club President shortly after that. As Activities Director, Jim visited with many service clubs in town and felt that this was the best fit for him.

After 35 years in education, a stint with Espeland Van Service

and Supervision of Student Teachers for MSU, Jim thinks he is done with retiring.

Jim and his late-wife Winn Ann have four sons and eight grandchildren.

Jim is involved in Safe Walk to School, Success Academy, Kids Fishing Derby, Bike Rodeo, Bell Ringing, Meals on Wheels, Lakeview Bingo, and the pancake feed fundraisers.

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday 30 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant. **Uptown Kiwanis meets every other Tuesday** at noon at Tami's on the Ave.

For more information or to become a member, contact: Uptown Club President Louise Hendricks, 235-3090; Early Risers Club President Mike Katzenmeyer, 235-9534.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Do good, feel good:

Find new ways to get to know people in your community. Connect with others—and get involved in projects that change lives. Kiwanis is all about making friends—and making an impact—in your local community so you've come to the right place.

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Literacy and Legos is underway

scenes from that book program was made possible through funding tates the program.

Literacy and Legos from a Partners In Eduis an after-school activ- cation grant and plans ity currently underway at are to continue with a the elementary Library new group of students Media Center (LMC). during the 2015-2016 Eighteen students from school year. The students 3rd, 4th, and the 5th participating were nomigrade are working in nated by their classroom groups of three to read a teachers for their leaderfiction book and recreate ship, creativity, and ability to work cooperatively. using Legos. This pilot Literacy Media Specialist Katelyn Martens facili-



Pictured, left to right: Dylan Driehorst, Carter Quist, Hudson Laven, Ethan Geerdes, Katelyn Martens, and Andrew Haefner.



The last day of February was Words and Letters Day at Fairmont Elementary School in honor of I Love to Read month! Mrs. Brolsma's class enjoyed reading all the words on their shirts and finding ways to use them in positive thoughts to help the class have a good day. Mrs. Brolsma wore many Top 20 and Respect buttons! Front Row, left to right: Carmyne Hecht, Isaiah Vaughn, Alayna Buntjer, Megan Wheeler, Owen Slinde, Carter Halverson. Back Row, left to right: Dylan Johnson, Gretchen Jorgensen, Angel Sanchez, Drew Stevens, Jase Meade, Noah Peta, Mrs. Brolsma.

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PRETTY PEARL is a gorgeous black/brown tabby 8-9 month old spayed female. She LOVES to play, and with a purrsonality like hers we don't get why she's still here! She's friendly, outgoing, and purrs when you cuddle with her. She has yet to meet anyone of any age - feline or human - that she doesn't like!

A FEW OF OUR POGS AVAILABLE FOR APOPTION:

HUNTER is a handsome neutered male adult German Shorthaired Pointer mix. This liver ticked fellow came to us as a stray. Contrary to his name, Hunter will not make a good hunting partner. He's fearful of guns. He'd love an indoor home when he can be your companion He has made canine playmates at the shelter, and is housetrained. KEISHA is a gorgeous chocolate and white English Bulldog/Pit Bull mix. At 9 months old, she is already spayed and up to date on shots. She has lived with kids in the past and has made canine friends at the shelter. She's a sweet girl who is playful, well behaved, and

Robotics: Team MEGAHERTZ

Team MEGAHERTZ received Duluth this past weekend. the "Gracious Profession-

Fairmont High School alism Award" at the MN 2847 Robotics Competition in









top two photos: Team 2847 MEGAHERTZ in the arena. center: Lucas Jedlicka, Robotics team captain, with teacher, dad/mentor and mentor, also known as Bob, Rob, & Bob. bottom: Posing with the "Gracious Professionalism Award." Photos by Angie Jedlicka

Fairmont 7th grade Traveling A Team takes 2nd place

Fairmont's Seventh each. Grade Traveling A Team (pictured below) took Traveling B team, from home 2nd place in Aust the 21st and 22nd in tin on Saturday, Febru- Mankato, lost the first ary 21st. They beat the host team Austin 47 to 42. Jacob Roberts led the Cards with 13 points, Buntjer and Jake John-Daniel Betts added 12 points, Jack Hested added 9 points and Sed- 21st, Fairmont reboundrick Parker chipped in 5 points.

Cleveland 50 to 33. Hested led the way with 20 points, Roberts added 11 points and Caden Baarts added 10 points with Daniel Brummond adding 5 points.

ship Game Fairmont They held on to win lost to Winona 45 to 58. 43 to 38. Parker had 11 Hested had 19 points, points, Hennager added Baarts, Roberts and Se- 9 points, Zach Soelter drick Parker each added chipped in 8 points and 6 points, Joey Flohrs and Krusemark with 6 points. Betts added 4 points

Fairmont 7th Grade game to BLHS 35 to 26. Sedrick Parker led the way with 15 points. Blake son added 3 points each

In Game 2 on the ed with a 33 to 29 victory over Mankato West. In Game 2 they beat Parker put in 11 points, Campbell Krusemark added 7 points, Ryan Hennager, Carson Toomer and Buntjer each had 4 points apiece in the win.

On Sunday the 22nd, the B team played In the Champion- Mankato East Gold.



Fairmont 6th grade girls Traveling Team places first in tourneys



Fairmont 6th grade Girls Traveling Team took 1st place in the Fairmont Tournament on February 22nd. left to right: Back row: Coach Jack VonBank, Kaitlyn Scott, Faith Olson, Madysen Allen, Becca Lunn, Kaylean Thingstad, Bryn Miller, Coach Jeff Miller Front row: Maddy Schwieger, Emily Hagen, Vanessa Von-Bank, Kyla Sanow, McKayla Byers



Fairmont 6th grade Girls Traveling Team took 1st place in the Spirit Lake Tournament on February 28th. left to right: Back row: Coach Jeff Miller, Bryn Miller, Becca Lunn, Kaylean Thingstad, Kaitlyn Scott, Maddy Schwieger, Coach Jack VonBank 2nd Row: Faith Olson, Vanessa VonBank, Madysen Allen, McKayla Byers. Sitting: Emily Hagen Not pictured: **Kyla Sanow**



Fairmont 6th grade Girls Traveling Team giving Coach Jack VonBank a group hug after their last game as this is his last year with the team. Girls and Parents say THANK YOU and much appreciation for working with our girls! Also a thank you goes to Coaches Jeff & Tammy Miller. They ended their 6th grade traveling season with a record of 18-6.



NAILBITING TRI-FECTA - Cardinals Derek Hunwardsen nails a three pointer for three of his 11 points over Jackson morial's Nick Thul. The **County Central's Jordan Hutzler. The Cardinals** had a 56-54 comeback win in the 3A South Subsection championship game last Saturday night montsports.com in Marshall. Courtesy of Greg Abel Photography



BIG BEN - Cardinals Ben Abel lays in two of his 12 points over Lake Crystal Wellcome Me-Cardinals defeated the Knights 59-50 last Tuesday night in 3AA South **Subs-section semifinal** action. Courtesy fair-



DEFT THEFT - Cardinals Spencer Chirpich comes up with a steal taking the ball away from the Huskies #3 Matt Ringkob and Ryan Christopher as teammate Walker Tordsen looks on. The Cardinals overcame a 25-18 halftime deficit to defeat JCC. The Cardinals take on Redwood Valley in the Section 3AA Championship Game at 8pm in Marshall. Courtesy of Greg Abel Photography



LATE BLOCK- Cardinals Walker Tordsen garners a key block against Jackson County Central's Zach Schwarting as teammates Anders Landenget and Nate Johnson look on. Tordsen who had three blocks had 15 points and a key three pointer late in the game to give the Cardinals their first lead. Courtesy of Greg Abel Photography

Red Bulls at State Wrestling Tournament

Four Fairmont/MCW's Red Bulls participated at the Minnesota State High School League 2015 State Wrestling Tournament in the Cities this past weekend.



WOLTER - At 106 lbs Red Bulls eight grader Jordan Wolter opened with a 17-7 major decision loss to #1-ranked and eventual 2015 state champ Josh Tarum (42-2) of St. Thomas Academy. Wolter then defeated Ben Naddy of Ottertail Central 3-0. #3-ranked and 2015 3rd place champ Zach Glazier (42-7) of Albert Lea Area defeated Wolter 6-0 in the wrestlebacks. Wolter finished 35-11 on the season.



GRONEWOLD-145lb Red Bull senior Elijah Gronewold pinned Caledonia's Drew Stemper at 5:31. Then lost 4-2 in overtime to Conner Denman of Cloquet/Esko. Gronewold then pinned Totino-Grace's John Lewis in 1:15 in the wrestlebacks. Gronewold then took #8-ranked Chaska's Isaac Loosbrock (32-10) to overtime before losing 7-5. Gronewold finishes the season 34-11.



STEUBER - Fairmont/MCW's 126 lb Collin Steuber started with a 13-5 major decision over Minneapolis Washburn's Ethan Kiehm. Steuber lost a close 5-3 decision to #10-ranked Stephen Holecek of Thief River Falls. Litchfield's Derek Fruetel edged Steuber 1-0, in the wrestlebacks. Steuber ended the season with a 28-16 record.



LANGE - #10-ranked 160 lb Red Bull senior Tanner Lange was edged 5-4 by #5-ranked Aaron Berge of Kasson-Mantorville. #2-ranked Nick Green of Waconia(2nd place) defeated Berge(5th place) by a 5-2 decision to eliminate Lange's chance for the wrestlebacks. Lange ended the season 32-9.



FREE THROW - Cardinals Nate Johnson lines up a freethrow shot against JCC in the subsection championship game last Saturday in Marshall. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



COACH CELEBRATION - Fairmont Area Cardinal Boys Basketball Coach Jared Thompson reacts to the Card victory over the Huskies last weekend. The Cards take on Redwood Valley for the third time this year for a trip Thursday to State. Redwood Valley nipped the Cards twice by 2 points in this year's previous matchups. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Standings	W	L	Pt Diff
The Winners	7	0	173
Anytime Fitness	6	1	173
Schmidt	4	2	74
Bank Midwest	3	3	82
Wrecking Crew	3	3	-50
T Town	2	4	-20
KILR Bees	2	4	-36
B Team	1	5	-110
Kallenbach	0	6	-288

March 2 nd			
Wrecking Crew	47	T Town	43
Schmidt	90	Kallenbach	48
Winners	69	Anytime Fitness	53
KILR Bees	68	Bank Midwest	56

GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Big South - East	BSC	REC		
Waseca	9-2	21-5		
St. Peter	7-5	21-5		
Fairmont	13-5	19-6		
Blue Earth Area	7-5	17-8		
New Ulm	5-8	14-12		
St. James Area	3-11	8-19		
Big South - West	BSC	REC		
Big South - West Marshall	BSC 14-1	REC 24-2		
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Marshall	14-1	24-2		
Marshall Redwood Valley	14-1 11-4	24-2 21-6		
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Marshall Redwood Valley Worthington Pipestone Area	14-1 11-4 9-5 5-8	24-2 21-6 15-8 13-12		

Big South - East	BSC	REC
Waseca	10-0	23-5
Fairmont	12-5	19-9
St. James Area	5-8	8-17
St. Peter	4-7	8-19
Blue Earth Area	3-10	6-20
New Ulm	3-9	4-23
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Marshall Redwood Valley JCC	13-1 11-3 9-6	24-4 22-6 19-9 16-10
Marshall Redwood Valley JCC Pipestone Area	13-1 11-3 9-6 9-5	24-4 22-6 19-9

BOYS BASKETBALL



TRIPLE A AWARD- Fairmont area high school principal Kim Niss presents Emily Kim with the The Triple "A" Region 2 Award as activities director Mat Mahoney, left and superintendent Joe Brown look on. The top two award finishers from each region will be invited to the banquet and an On-Court Recognition Ceremony that will be held in conjunction with the Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March. Award recipients—a girl and a boy from both a Class A and a Class AA school—will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship. The award recognizes and honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. Courtesy fairmontsports.



TIGHT SQUEEZE - Cardinals Alexis Bass threads a shot between Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial's #52 Kori Schaffer and Bailey Schwarz. The Cardinals defeated the Knights 65-24 in the first-round of the South Sub-section 3AA playoffs last Friday night. Courtesy fairmontsports.com



DOUBLE "D" - Cardinals Emily Kloeckner and #55 Claire Cutler defend Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial's Jordan Welsch. The Cardinals will play Thursday night in Windom. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



March 6, 7 & 8

Top Home Upgrades that Offer Long-Term Value

(StatePoint) It's no secret that home upgrades cost time and money. But certain projects can actually save you money in key areas and improve the resale value of your home, while making it more beautiful and livable now.

When it's time to replace worn-out roofing, doors and trim, ensure you're getting good value on your investment. Here are some guidelines for making durable, long-lasting upgrades.

Roofing

The roof is an integral part of a house's curb appeal. It's also a vital protective layer between the elements and your family. Roofing should be impact-, fire- and severe weather-resistant, as well as beautiful -- especially as extreme weather events are growing more common and severe across America.

A new roof can pay off, according to "Remodelmagazine, which cites a 71.6 percent recoup exterior. And some polyof costs in their 2015 Cost vs. Value study.

Skip over bargain-basement priced roofs, even if you're on a budget. What's important is finding a roof that will be virtually maincome. You may pay more out of pocket now, but you'll save big on repairs, inspection and maintenance in the long run.

Natural slate and shake roofing materials evoke images of traditional charm and long-standing durability. However they have an inherent tendency to degrade as they age.

materials, such as polymer slate and shake roofing tiles, which offer the authentic look of natural materials but are more resistant to chipping, flaking and splintering over time. For example, Da-Vinci Roofscapes offers 50 colors, which can help you focus on your home's order to create a cohesive beautiful and energy-ef-

mer roofing options can even help you get a break on homeowner's insur-

Trim

Boost curb appeal, as tenance free for years to well as interior style, with millwork, moulding and trim. While these elements don't always serve a functional purpose other than to add beauty and value to your home, it's important that they resist humidity, moisture and insects all the same, so you don't experience warping or decay.

Manufacturers such as Check out manmade Fypon are turning to polyurethane to create varying textures for millwork, from smooth to stone to woodgrain. These design pieces can help emphasize your house's architecture, reflecting the style of your home and furnishings.

Entryway

Your home's entryway top down' curb appeal in should be welcoming, ficient. To better insulate you save on utilities, and against cold and heat, offer decorative features,

and improve long-term such as privacy glass that



performance, upgrading to a fiberglass an exceptional thermal door. It's a cost-effective and acoustical barrier. A home improvement project with true value. Indeed the "Remodeling" magazine study finds a 72 percent cost recouped rate for new fiberglass doors and a solid fiberglass door can be up to four times more energy efficient than solid wood.

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consider is triple-paned to create new app available for Android and Apple, entitled DoorWays, can help you visualize your new entryway before making any purchases.

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De-Clutter Your Workspace

Your shed, your garage, your toolbox -- it's time to take stock of what you're storing in these key areas. Broken tools, piles of junk - these are items that will get in your way and slow you down all season long. So before you get to the to organize your workspace.

Throw out what is junk, donate what you aren't using, and organize the rest into categories. Vertical storage can save room, so install tall shelves and use walls and the ceiling to install organizational sysopportunity to perform routine maintenance on your lawn equipment and tools to improve their efficiency.

Identify Multitasking Tools

Check out innovations on old tools that can make your versatile workload easier. For example, you can upgrade your convennitty gritty of your outdoor tional pressure washer for spring clean, take the time a newer model with more diverse functionality.

Remember, different surfaces require different cleaning techniques. Whether you're cleaning up tough mold and mildew stains from your deck or patio or washing the more delicate surface of your car, you can switch modes or tems. Now is also a great apply soap directly from the nozzle. This feature eliminates the need for switching attachments or walking back to the pressure wash-

diverse to-dos manageable. Just be sure you're using the proper mode for the task.

Do Smart Yard

Maintenance If you have a larger yard, consider riding mower to save time

and energy on lawn maintenance. Remember not to over mow your lawn. Not only is it not healthy for the grass, it can be a time suck and increase your carbon footprint needlessly. Likewise, only water your lawn er, making an afternoon of and garden when neces-



sary. During periods of rain, you can ease up on this chore. The most efficient times of day to water your lawn are morning. When the sun is strongest, you will lose more water to evaporation and your work will be for naught. By changing up your lawn care habits, you can save time all season.

While working outdoors can be fun, don't spend more time than you need to on your household spring cleaning tasks. Finding simple ways to be more efficient will give you more time to enjoy your home's outdoor spaces.

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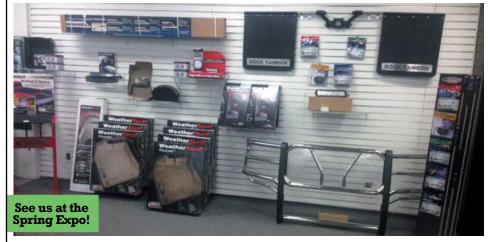
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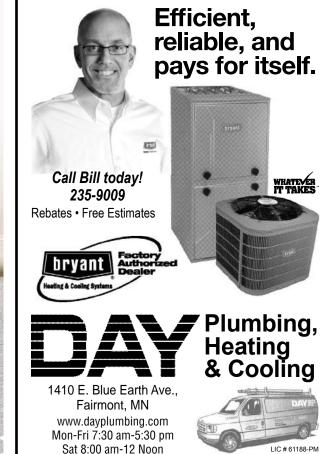
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Have you ever stopped on March 12th or 13th to

same event will be held in Marshall

will be a registration fee of \$10. Lunch and informational handouts will be provided. An accurate count is needed for lunch and preregistration is encouraged. To preregister, contact Barb Daly of the Rock County NCRS office at 507-283-9146, ext. 3. Please preregister by March 9th.

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and Technical College international speaker Jay campus in Worthington Fuhrer. Jay is a Soil Health and on March 13th the Specialist working for the NRCS out of Bismarck, at Southwest Minnesota ND. There will also be State University campus a farmer panel with experienced local farmers The event begins at 10 detailing the tools of soil a.m. and will conclude at health management and 2:30 p.m. both days. There the changes they have made in their operation.

There will be soil health demonstrations and another presentation by Jay geared towards recognizing improvements to our agricultural landscape as soil health is improved.

This workshop is made possible by the cooperating effort of the

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of your lawn equipment, and assess whether your gear can withstand another season of wear and tear. If you've determined toolshed's most valuable player -- your lawn mower -- get informed so you can make a savvy decision, as

(StatePoint) Now is a mower technology has great time to take stock changed a lot in the last several years.

Whether this is your first mower, your old mower is on the fritz or you're simply looking to upgrade, it's time to replace your these tips and considerations can help you make a decision that's wise for you and your lawn.

Budget

into account is your buddependable and durable mower that you can afto pay the entire cost of the mower upfront.

Some brands offer variallow you to make payments over time. Whether deck. you're seeking low minimum payments or you want to minimize interest payments, ask your dealer about your options.

Mowing Properties

Take into account the size of your property. A smaller lawn requires a smaller machine.

For properties under a half acre, a 21- to 36inch walk-behind mower should be ideal.

If you live on a larger The first thing to take plot of land, don't rule out a commercial zero-turn get. You need the most mower, which is more durable, tends to be more comfortable to operate, ford. However, keep in and offers increased promind, you may not have ductivity with more professional-looking results. with a variety of engine mower, you can save time, Keep in mind, properties of more than an acre may ous financing options that warrant a mower with a 60- to 72-inch cutting

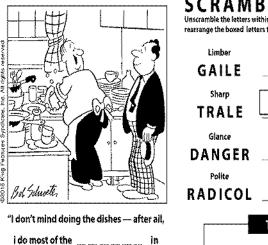
Mower Engine and Features

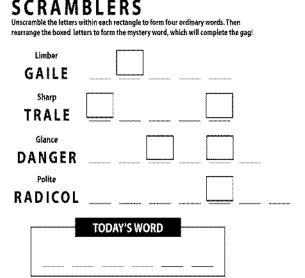
After you've considered your budget, lawn size and terrain, you'll want to look at the engine and features offered.

including models that can save you making a purchase. money on fuel. Mower accessories can include

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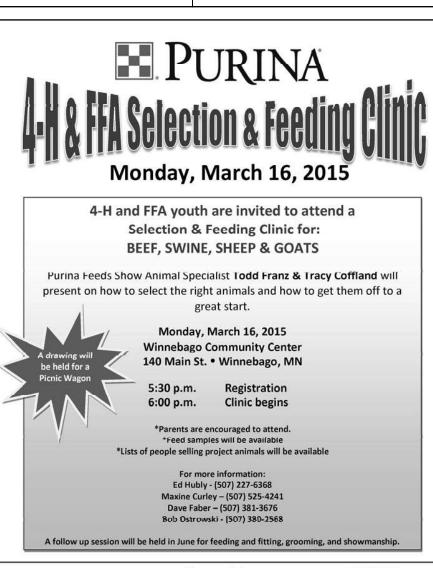
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Information common invasive species and backyard invaders is now being offered by Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE):

Invasive Plants

Invasive weeds can outcompete native species, changing the local ecofirst introduced as flora to plant in gardens, can be confused with similar, native varieties. Here are two common damaging ones to watch out for:

•Purple Loosestrife, native to Europe and Asia, is found in most states. One plant can produce more States. The larvae do the

(StatePoint) This sea- than two million seeds an-

•Native to China, the learning to identify and Tree-of-Heaven was widely planted as an ornamental plant for many years about and is often confused with other trees having similar leaves, such as black walnut, butternut, and most sumac.

Invasive Insects

Invasive insects can also have a severe negative impact on native species by out-competing them for food and resources. system. Many varieties, Many also cause and carry disease and prey on native species. Two common ones to look out for include:

> •Emerald Ash Borer, native to Asia, is prominently found across the Northeast, Midwest, and Southeastern United

most damage, killing ash for Disease Control and trees by feeding on the in- Prevention.

to lakes in southern Rus- standing water; Stay insia, is found in hundreds of waterways throughout Dress in long-sleeves and the United States. The species commonly clog water intakes, damage boats, and can cause cuts and scrapes if they grow on rocks, swim rafts, and lad-

Backyard Pests

Did you know native plants and insects can cause damage too?

Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Left untreated, Lyme disease infects the joints, heart, and nervous system. After time spent outdoors, check for ticks, your ears, inside your belly button, behind your knees, around your waist, on your scalp, and in your

 Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus. While most people may show along with headaches, according to the Centers yard and neighborhood.

Follow the "three Ds" •Zebra Mussel, native to protect yourself: Drain doors at Dusk and Dawn; pants: and use DEETbased mosquito repellent.

Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac can lurk in backyards. Almost 85 percent of people develop a rash when they come into contact with these weeds.

poisonous Control weeds long-term by carefully digging out the plants •Ticks can transmit while wearing waterproof gloves or treating with a pesticide.

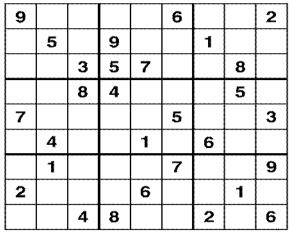
Defend your local ecosystem by identifying exotic plants in your garden or yard. Spot invasive weeds and insects in your area? especially in and around Let your county extension office know, which may have a monitoring and management program in place.

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WEEK OF MARCH 7, 1990

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Jerome Gerdts, an accountant at Roessler & Nuss, passed all four parts of the CPA examination. He would receive his certificate in May. Gerdts had been with the local firm for two years.

The Fairmont American Legion Club was hosting its Dance Club with the Danny Kealy Band. Cost was \$10 per couple.

The 28th annual Martin tional Basketball Tournament was to be held at Martin Lutheran High School. Eight Lutheran teams participating were Fairmont, Truman, Lakefield, Court-Northrop-Willow Creek, Wilbert, Alexandria and Paullina, Iowa.

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WEEK OF **MARCH 7, 1964**

Another late winter snowstorm wheeled into Fairmont leaving floods, closed schools and businesses, blocked roads and general chaos.

Fairmont Band Boosters announced the itinerary for the high school band's eastern trip in June. Points of call included Washington, D.C., New York World's and Buffalo,NY. The band was to perform and participate at "Minnesota Day" at the World's Fair and represent the Minnesota Jaycees at

To the Voters of TENHASSEN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 201 at Tenhassen Town Hall.

Business Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Polls open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to elect the following:

ONE SUPERVISOR - 3 years TREASURER - 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the closing of the polls. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

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the National Jaycee Chamber of commerce parade in Buffalo. Travel was to be by railroad.

David Krause, son of St. Paul's Lutheran Church pastor O. F. Krause, was to present a concert in the Fairmont church. David was director of the acapella choir at St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas.



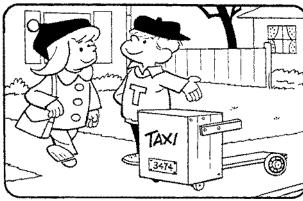
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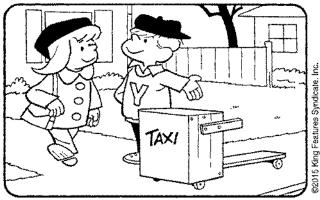
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TRACTORS: JD 9200 4x4, 3485 hrs, 24 sp, 20.8/42 tires; 1997 JD 8100 MFWD, 3826 hrs, 8.1 eng, 480/80R42 rears; 1969 JD 4020 Diesel, P.S., WF Factory Cab, shows 7304 hrs. All 3 tractors sharp! **COMBINE:** JD 9650 STS 1621 sep hrs, loaded, duals; JD 893 Corn Head; JD 630F Platform; 30' May Wes Head Trailer. Combine & heads converted to single pt hookup. **TRUCKS**: '86 Ford LNT 8000 Diesel, Tri-Axle, 19 1/2' Crysteel Box, low miles; '79 Chevy Twin Screw, 20' Crysteel Box; '97 Chevy 1/2 T. 4x4; Polaris 250 4-Wheeler MACHINERY: JD 1770 16-30 Planter, loaded, lig fert; JD 980 35'Field Cult & Harrow; JD 120 20' Shredder; DMI 530 B Ripper, lead shanks; JD 2800 6 Bottom Plow; Rem Vac 2500 HD, low hrs; 2010 Westfield MK100-61 w/ hopper & 80-31 Electric Drive Augers; Brillion 11 shank Ripper; Hiniker 24' PT FC; M&W 300 bu. Gravity Wagon & Brush Auger; Case 4 Bottom Plow; 1000 gal. Liq. Tender. **MISC:** 500 gal Fuel Tanks; JD Weights; 220 Cords; Old Seed Corn Signs & Bags; Shop & Hand Tools. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** About 30 min of small items, be on time! Very nice, clean, well-kept retirement line. Online bidding at proxibid.com or more info at www.auctioneeralley.com. INSPEC-TION: March 7th, 12th or 13th.

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TRACTORS: C-IH Magnum 235 2012 700 hrs., Loaded very nice tractor; JD 4640 Tractor Quad RangeDuals., (Nice); JD 4555 MFD, Duals, PS, 7000 hrs.; JD 9400 2000 T Acu Steer Wide Track, Quad Shift; JD 8640 4WD 20.8x38 with duals 3 pt. & PTO 50 series engine 5500 hrs., 1 owner very nice; C-IH 71201991 2wd Duals, 7850 hours; 9880 Ford Versatile Tractor 1994; Oliver 1750 Gas; 1964 806 Diesel withduals; 660 IH Wheatland (Gas conversion); 340 Farmall with Woods belly mower; Farmall Regular Tractor, runs good; Farmhand Loader FL233; SKIDLOADER ATTACH-MENTS: (2) 8' Skid Loader Snow Bucket; Brush Grapples; Buckets; Forks; BaleSpears; Many more.... Box Blades; Snow Pushers; 3 point Blades; COMBINES & HEADS: JD 6620 Combine; JD 220 Flex Head; JD 930 Grain Head; (2) JD 643 Corn Heads; JD 444 Corn Head; IH 443 Corn Head; IH 963 Corn Head; IH 1020 Bean Head 25'; IH 963 6 Row CornHead; New Idea 325 2 Row 30" Corn Picker (Nice); Head trailer for 8 row JD corn head; PLANTERS: Kinze 24 Row 2010 3800 ASD, Finger Pickup Air Clutches, loaded (1 owner); JD 1770 24Row 30" Max Emerge Planter Vacuum 3 bush. boxes Yetter whips, 2 pt. hitch; JD 7200 16 Row 30" PlanterVacuum chem. boxes monitor front fold 2 pt. hitch; JD 7200 8 Row 30" Planter Vacuum; JD 7000 Planter12 Row; JD 7000 Planter 8 Row Narrow Front Fold; JD 7000 Planter 4 Row (one owner); 2 complete 7200JD row units; FEEDING & CATTLE EQUIPMENT: Miller Pro 5300 18' Box Silage Wagon Floatation tires single ax., 1owner; Kelly Ryan Mixer Wagon; Hesston 1160 Hydro Swing Windrower; Art's-Way 500 Grinder Mixer; Art's-Way 450 Grinder Mixer with scale and screens (Nice); H&S 235 Spreader top beater & slop gate (Nice); New Idea 3622 2004 Spreader poly floor slop gate (Nice); New Idea 3739 Tandem Spreader Double Beatersslop gate; New Idea 3626 Spreader with 540 PTO & slop gate; New Holland 144 Hay Inverter; New Holland166 Hay Inverter; Hay Feeder; Silage Feeder; Hay Crimper (2 Wheel); (2) Brand new loading chutes; TILLAGE: DMI Tiger Mate II Field Cult. 36.5'; DMI Tiger Mate 40.5' 5 bar spike harrow (Knock on sweeps) Field Cultivator; DMI Tiger Mate II Field Cultivator; DMI Tiger Mate Field Cultivator 38.5' 1994; DMI EcloTiger 730B 7 shank Disc Ripper; JD 5107 Shank Disc Ripper; IH 4800 field cultivator 24' with 3 bar leveler; IH 4300 field cultivator

Deck Farm King Semi Trailer 45'; Newand Used Implement Tires; Pallet Racking; 2 Steel Culverts 16" x 20'; (10) 24' Bridge Plank; Highpressure washer; 16 x 16 overhead door; 30' 4 wheel head trailer; Head Trailers (various sizes). Some items subject to prior sale - call if coming a long distance for specific item. For more information or to consign items, contact auction company.

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980 38.5' with 3 bar harrow Field Cultivator; IH 496 30' Rock FlexDisc; IH 496 Disc 24'; IH 480 Disc 18.5'; IH 4500 field

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RESOLUTION: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION, PER DIEM & EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Chapter 301 of the Session Laws 1975 provides a method for determining County Commissioners' compensation per diem pay, and expense allowances, and

WHEREAS, resolution of the County Board establishing the salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowance must

be made before January first of each year so as to become effective January first of the next year, and WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County after due deliberation and discussion, have determined the annual salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowances that will be effective January 1, 2015 and thereafter, until changed by resolution of the Board in a manner provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County as follows:

1. That the annual salary of each County Commissioner of Martin County shall be the sum of \$22,931.00 plus an additional \$1,000 per year for the Chairman; and \$500 per year for Vice Chair and/or Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee with the excéption of the Board Chair, payable bi-weekly, less such deductions as are authorized or required by law, and shall be paid to such Commissioner during such interval as he or she is qualified by law to hold such office.

2. That each individual County Commissioner shall be paid one per diem of \$75.00 each day spent in performing the official duties

connected with the office. The per diem pay may be paid to any individual County Commissioner making application therefore, who, by proper designation or authorization, has served or is an alternate on any board, committee, or commission of County government, including committees of the Board or for the performance of service for any of the following work, service or activity

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3. No Commissioner may receive an amount greater than one full per diem payment on any one day. A Commissioner may accept or claim less than the full per diem. If a per diem is paid by another entity or authority for work, service, or activity permitted by this resolution, Martin County shall not pay a per diem for the same work, service or activity.

4. That in addition to the salary and per diems set forth herein, each individual County Commissioner may be paid his or her actual and necessary expenses and the County mileage allowance, according to County Policy when traveling on official business

Motion was made by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and unanimously carried, for the adoption

of said resolution Dated this 16th day of December, 2014.

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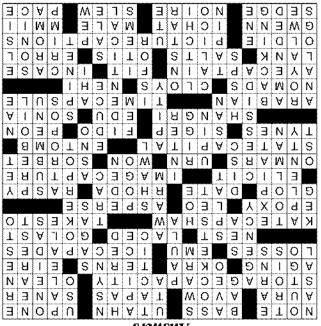
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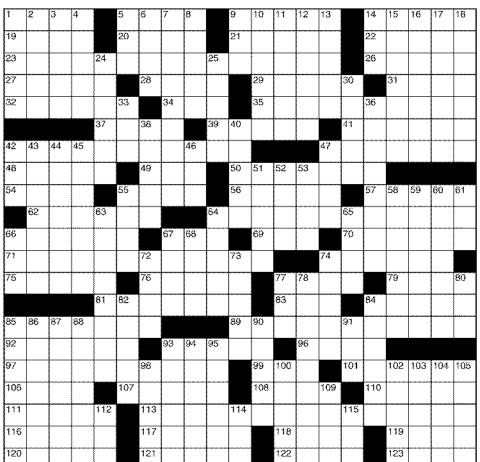
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- 1. Name the group that released "Dance Yourself Dizzy."
- 2. Which one-name artist had a surprise hit with "Jean"?
- 3. Name the singer who released a 1962 cover of "The Things We Did Last Summer."
- 4. What instrument did Junior Walker play?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now you play the loving woman, I'll play the faithful man, But just don't look too close into the palm of my hand. We stood at the altar. The gypsy swore our future was right."

Answers

1. Liquid Gold, a U.K. disco group, in 1980.

2. Oliver. The song was the theme for "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," a 1969 British film. Oliver also had a hit with "Good Morning Starshine," from the musical "Hair."

3. Shelley Fabares. The song was originally recorded in 1946 by Jo Stafford. Fabares had a long film career, including three movies with Elvis Presley.

4. The saxophone. Junior Walker & the All Stars saw their first No. 1 hit with "Shotgun" in 1965.

5. "Brilliant Disguise," by Bruce Springsteen in 1987. The song touches on self-doubt, anxiety and jealousy, with the singer not trusting either his wife or himself. It has made multiple "best of" lists.

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Former Trumanite, Deb Manley, was inducted into the Minnesota State Ducks Unlimited Area Chair Hall of Fame in Willmar recently. This award is presented to past Area Chairmen who have guided their committee to a state award in the year that they step down and the committee subsequently achieves a state award the following year.

It is intended to reward the stewardship of new area chairmen by the previous award winning committee head. Deb belongs to the St. Croix Valley/Stillwater Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and is the daughter of Elaine Ritz of Fairmont.

This chapter is a nationally recognized chapter for its continued performance for net to gross dollars earned during their event.



WOBEGONE AUTOGRAPHS - Rebekah Rusert (above left), a Martin Luther High School Senior gets some useful life tips, as she will be heading off to Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, from Garrison Keillor along with an autograph.

Keillor, America's favorite storyteller entertained over 475 at a Lutheran's Laughing Celebration Dinner at Martin Luther High School last Sunday evening. As the host of "A Prairie Home Companion" award winning radio show, Keillor entertained the predominately Lutheran audience with anecdotes about religion and life.

Keillor, 72, commented that most of his trips to southern Minnesota were mostly to Rochester and the Mayo Clinic for entertaining annual back door check-ups, but did say that he liked to come for the food. Keillor, saying at 72 years that he's has more of a past than future, "living to 144 wouldn't be a pretty site," did fill the "Bucket List" for one of the lady audience members who had said that she always wanted to see him.



Ask A Trooper: Wipers and Headlights

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, **MN State Patrol**

Ouestion: Minnesota have a law is not sufficient light to that requires headlights render clearly discernible if you have your wipers persons and vehicles on on? How does that relate the highway at a distance to automatic daytime of 500 feet ahead running lights? Those don't seem to activate headlamps, lighted tail

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