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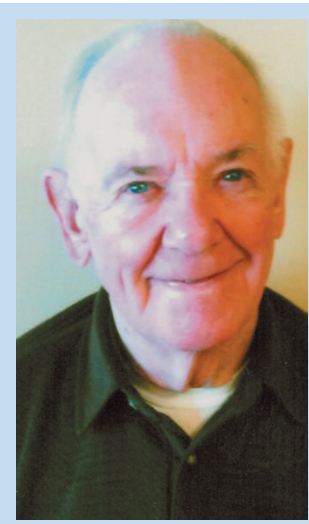
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BREMER 95TH - An open house celebration honoring Lorene Bremer's 95th birthday will be held from p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21st at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. She was born April 5th, 1920. Cards will reach her at 850 Goldfinch Street, Apt. 207, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031.



MITCHELL 80TH - Donna Mitchell of Fairmont celebrated her 80th birthday on March 14th. She was born March 14th, 1935. Cards may be sent to her at 1338 Holland Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. Her family will gather together to celebrate her birthday during Easter weekend. (Life Touch photo)



TRUNKENBOLZ 80TH - An open house celebration honoring Lee Trunkenbolz's 80th birthday will be held on Sunday, March 22nd from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Parsonage, 304 East Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. Your presence is his most precious gift. Cards can reach Lee at 3801 Cedar Creek Court, Fairmont, MN 56031. Lee was born on February 23rd, 1935.



HARTWIG 40TH- Patricia Hartwig of Welcome will celebrate her 40th birthday on March 19th. Her family would like to wish her a "Happy 40th!"

Local insurance agent participates in Farm Academy

Timothy Miller of Borchardt Agency in Fairmont participated in Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company's annual Farm Academy on February 8th through 13th. He joined 25 agents from throughout the Midwest to learn more about farm insurance coverages, services, and Grinnell Mutual's operations in Grinnell, Iowa.



Academy participants also toured a local grain farm and implement dealership to reinforce concepts learned in the classroom.

"The Farm Academy was designed to offer comprehensive training to agents committed to

serving farm customers. It covered all aspects of writing farm insurance," said Kurt Eaves, vice president of Direct Underwrit-

ing and Production for Grinnell Mutual. "We had a great group of agents attend this program, and we hope this training session provided them with new knowledge and tools to serve farm accounts."

Borchardt Insurance Agency was established in 1946. Borchardt Insurance is an independent insurance agency specializing in farm insurance and serving southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa.

Marriage License Applications

Joseph Daniel Madsen, Fairmont and Jennifer Marie Miller, Fairmont

Baby Buzz

Cord Michael Laue was born on Monday, February 23rd at ISJ-Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato to Michael and Amy Laue of rural Fairmont. He weighed seven pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by sister, Haley and brothers, Owen and Jones.

Grandparents are Joel and Susan Burmeister of rural Sherburn, Russ and Julie Laue of rural Fairmont.

Great-grandparents are Marguerite Burmeister of Fairmont, Martin and Evelyn Laue of Fairmont, Don and Mary Ann Janssen of Ceylon.

First Congregational Women's Fellowship of Sherburn is hosting a **Three Meat Buffet** on March 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our church is handicapped accessible. There is a free will offering with a suggested \$8 donation. Tickets for a Quilt Raffle will also be available at the door. Drawing will be held following the dinner.

The Ceylon Historical Society Board will be cleaning and organizing at the museum in Ceylon on Saturday, March 21st. Anyone who could help us out would be greatly appreciated. We will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be an open house shower for **Emily Morris**, bride to be of Ryan Seale, on Saturday, March 21st from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church basement in Fairmont.

An open house Pampered Chef wedding shower will be held for **Leanna Becker**, bride to be of Mat Mahoney, on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to noon at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop. A Pampered Chef wish list will be posted at the shower for attendees to pick out gifts for the couple as well as buy items for themselves. Join us to celebrate the couple, get cooking tips, and enjoy food and fun. Bring your favorite recipe to share with the couple. If you are unable to attend, you may contact Julie Becker or Leslie Crissinger for the couple's wish list.

PrairieLand Antique Tractor Association will meet at McDonalds on Thursday, March 19th, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

An Open House Bridal Shower will be held on Saturday, March 28th, for **Molly Belgard**, bride-to-be of Josh Markquart, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be short program at 10 a.m. All friends and relatives are invited. Molly and Josh are registered at Truman Flowers, Target, Kohls and Boekett Building Center. Molly is the daughter of Elliot and Connie Belgard, Truman and Josh is the son of Jeff and Sheri Markquart of Dunnell.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet every Thursday night in the main classroom at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. Weigh-ins at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m. This is a good weight loss support group. If you have questions, call Glenda at 507-848-6444.

Kathy Carlson of Fairmont was winner of the pan set given away at the by Dan's Appliance at the recent Spring Expo.

There are no words to express our sincere gratitude and thankfulness for all the blessings our family has received since our Angie passed away.

For all the food, phone calls, cards, memorials, flowers, prayers and warm hugs we have received - *we thank you!*

For our Grace Lutheran Church Brothers and Sisters in Christ and for the beautiful Celebration Service and the very gifted choirs, musicians, messengers and servers - *we thank you!*

For our dear friends and community members for remembering our family with many generous acts of kindness - *we thank you!*

While our hearts are broken and filled with sadness, our hearts are filled with *hope* and *peace* that can only come from our Heavenly Father as we face each day.

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed...Nothing will be impossible for you." - Matthew 17:20

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Fairmont Area Schools host "ELL Family Night"

Fairmont Area School's spring "ELL Family Night" was held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015. After approximately 55 family members and school staff enjoyed a meal of pizza and chicken, the children listened to Katelyn Martens, K-6 media specialist, give a dramatic reading of Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner. The Skippyjon Jones masks she helped them make were a big hit!

It was also great for families to have time to visit with each other and with Grade 3-6 Principal Jim Davison, Grade PreK-2 Principal Michelle Rosen, our Spanish translator, Carolyn Dahlin, high school EL teacher, Melinda Stewart, Early Childhood director, Cindy Martens, CER director, Roni Dauer, and K-6 EL teacher, Sheri Swanson.



FIVE GENERATIONS - Greta Rae Olson (one month) with Great-Great Grandma Minnie Grove (102 years), Great Grandma Marlys Pearson, Grandma Nancy Olson, proud new father Travis Olson.

Spring Book Fair at Fairmont Elementary starts March 26th

The Spring Book Fair at Fairmont Elementary begins Thursday, March 26th and runs through Wednesday, April 1st. The Book Fair will be held at Fairmont Elementary Library Media Center.

A special Grandparents Only day is on Thursday, March 26th from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Fair then opens for everybody from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 26th; then Friday, March 27th, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 31st, 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 1st, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Scholastic Book Fair not only helps the school to add materials to the Library Media Center

but also allows it to buy magazines such as Time for Kids and support and other materials used within the classrooms.

In addition, both Principals, Mrs. Rosen and Mr. Davison, have agreed to become students for a day if we sell at least 2,000 books.

First Congregational UCC, 319 Downtown Plaza will serve a free community meal "March Breakfast Supper" on Wednesday, March 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The "Breakfast Supper" menu includes scrambled eggs, Belgium waffles, sausages, muffins, orange juice, milk and coffee.

Special thanks to the Sunday School and confirmation class and their families for preparing and serving this free meal.

Two students receive \$1,000 Federated/Basin scholarships

Federated Rural Electric, Jackson, congratulates the two local students receiving the eighth annual \$1,000 Federated/Basin Scholarships. This is the sixth year that two students were selected.

Briana Gratz, Fairmont, receives \$1,000 from Basin Electric Cooperative and Federated. Gratz is a sophomore at Concordia

University Wisconsin. She is majoring in Sports Medical-Athletic Training. She is the daughter of David and Kathy.



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Brandon Schmit, Jackson, receives \$1,000 from Basin/L&O Power Cooperative and Federated. Schmit is a senior at Jackson County Central High School. He will be attending Dakota State University in Madison, SD, for business finance and business management as a double major. He is the son of Michael and Lori.

"These scholarships come from two of our pow-

er suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative based in Bismarck, North Dakota; and L&O Power Cooperative in Rock Rapids, Iowa," stated Richard Burud, Federated's general manager. "We are members of both cooperatives since 2008. Basin awards 136 of these scholarships to local electric cooperatives. Federated is excited to award the \$1,000 scholarships to Briana and Brandon."

The scholarship is available to Federated members with high school seniors and college students who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school working on an undergraduate or master's degree. Federated received 25 applications. Each applicant completed a two-page application, wrote an essay, submitted grades, a reference checklist and college test scores.

These scholarship applications were judged by retired school personnel Chris Elzenga, Windom; and Gloria Mattson, Granada.

Federated's Operation Round Up scholarship information for high school seniors will be finalized by April 1st. Watch for the application with the April 1 Federated bills. It will also be available at www.federatedrea.coop or from the school counselor April 1st.

Benefit to be held for Harris

A benefit for Lorri Harris will be held Sunday, March 22nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a silent auction or wishing to donate cash should contact Leann Swanson at 507-236-5547. The Fairmont Branch of Thrivent Financial will contribute supplemental funds.

worked for two years. In addition her son John, started having seizures in 2014. The family has high medical bills.

Anyone interested in donating items for the silent auction or wishing to donate cash should contact Leann Swanson at 507-236-5547. The Fairmont Branch of Thrivent Financial will contribute supplemental funds.

Have 401(k) questions? Let's talk.



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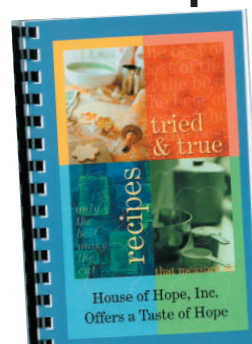
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South Central MN Gobblers to hold 17th annual banquet March 28th

The turkey was once under consideration for our nation's symbol (before the Bald Eagle was chosen). The numbers of turkeys in the wild over the years saw a decline, but thanks to the National Wild Turkey Federation(NWTF), its local chapters and cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, the wild turkey has seen an increase in its numbers in the local area in more recent years.

When the NWTF was founded in 1973 there were approximately 1.5 million wild turkeys in North America. In the 42 years since that number hit a historic high of almost 7 million turkeys in 2013.

In Martin, Jackson and Faribault Counties the population of wild turkeys has increased in more recent years thanks to the

purchasing and restoring of natural habitats along with more of an emphasis on getting kids more involved through local, state and federal programs. According to South Central MN Gobblers Chapter committee member Joe



Dubke of Fairmont, the new focus is on "Save the habitat - Save the hunt". The "Save the habitat" portion focuses on the purchasing and restoring of natural habitats, while the "Save the hunt" portion focuses on youth and the future of the NWTF. The local chapter has made donations to the Fairmont and Truman High School Trap Teams and they have

releases, he wanted local hunters to know that the local purchase of game farm turkeys to release into the wild is illegal. "The main reason this is illegal is that there is always the threat that the illegal releases could bring disease to the wild turkeys, which would threaten the populations again," stated Dubke.

The South Central MN Gobblers Chapter will have its 17th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Saturday, March 28th at Holiday Inn, Fairmont. Your purchase of a banquet ticket also gives you membership in the chapter and helps build funding for more habitat purchases and youth education programs.

The banquet will feature raffles, a meal, and silent/live auctions among other activities. If you would like to purchase a



South Central MN Gobblers who conducted releases around 10 years ago of 23 turkeys.

In past years, fundraising efforts from annual banquets and other events have gone to pay for these releases. Now that the number of turkeys is on a stable level, the focus of the NWTF and local chapters has switched to the

donated to the Archery in the Schools Program at schools in Fairmont and Blue Earth.

Another youth program offered through the NWTF is the JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge of Ethics and Sportsmanship) program.

Dubke went on to state that since there will be no more planned turkey

ticket, you can contact Joe Dubke at 238-4959, Dave Lein at 526-7361 or Tim Juba at 526-2161.

The South Central MN Gobblers Chapter along with the NWTF's mission is the Conservation of Wild Turkeys and the Preservation of the Hunting Tradition. Funds raised at this event will help that mission be accomplished.

MCHS to bring hospice and palliative care to Fairmont

Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont today announced it plans to begin offering hospice and palliative care services locally later this year. Medical center leadership is actively recruiting staff to fill positions.

"We are committed to serving our communities and helping those facing serious illness live better," says Marie Morris, M.D., Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont medical director. "With the addition of Mayo Clinic Health System hospice and palliative care, residents of southern Minnesota and northern Iowa will have increased accessibility to these services - a significant need for the region."

What is hospice and palliative care?

Many people ask what the difference is between hospice and palliative care. Both use a specialized team approach to caring for seriously ill people and their families by addressing the complex physical, emotional,

social and spiritual needs that may accompany the illness and treatment.

Palliative care is available at any time during a serious illness and can be offered at the beginning of the diagnosis. Hospice care is focused on quality patient and family-centered care for individuals facing a terminal illness

to Fairmont," says Dr. Morris. "In addition to the operating resources provided by the region, local benefactors have contributed to the successful planning and future implementation of a new, local hospice and palliative care model."

Patients have a choice when it comes to hospice



and no longer pursuing treatment.

Hospice services are regulated by Medicare, and patients must meet specific criteria under these regulations - one being life expectancy of six months or less. You don't have to be in hospice to receive palliative care. In fact, patients can live a quality and productive life with the support of the palliative care team.

"Being part of Mayo Clinic offers opportunities for increased resources to bring these services

and palliative care. Mayo Clinic Health System will continue to collaborate with all hospice and palliative care providers.

"It's an exciting time for Mayo Clinic Health System and for the community. We'll share more information about the service rollout in the coming months," says Dr. Morris.

Visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org to learn more about hospice and palliative care.

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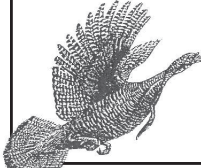

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New Women of Today chapter hosts painting event

A brand new Women of Today chapter (serving the Fairmont Area) will host a Creative Spirits painting event on Friday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont.

Grab your friends and have some fun. The Three Little Birds tree painting is adorable. No experience necessary—amateurs encouraged. A Creative Spir-

its instructor will guide you every step of the way. Bring your own non or alcoholic beverage. Snacks will be provided.

Pre-registration is required. Visit the Fairmont Women of Today Facebook page and click on the link or go to creative-spirits-okoboji.com/event-registration/?ee=1620. The public is invited to attend.

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As always, if you need any help setting up your online account, give us a call at 238-4207 or stop by. We're happy to help!

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Hamburger & Potato Hot Dish

A dish for the man of the house!

Last week I was paging through one of my older cookbooks trying to find an inspiration to fix for dinner and I came across a recipe that I used to prepare years ago when our family was growing up. I decided to make it again. It was a huge hit with Pa Lloyd! He even liked it warmed up a couple of days later and he isn't fond of leftovers. Then he said, "I think you should put that recipe in the paper. It's one the men would like."

This is what I would call a meat-and-potato-type of dish - nothing fancy, just hearty, regular food that sticks to the ribs! Best of all it's pretty fast to put together! I hope the man of the house likes it and that you do, too!

Hamburger and Potato Hot Dish:

1 lb hamburger
1 small onion, chopped
4 medium-large potatoes, sliced
1 can beef vegetable soup, undiluted
1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
salt and pepper to taste

Brown meat and onion very lightly, mix and blend with remaining ingredients, lightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours.



The Galena 4-H Club met at BowlMor Lanes on March 8th, 2015 at 2:30 for bowling. After bowling, the club went to Pizza Ranch for the meeting with a meal afterwards. The role call was: "What was your bowling score?" We sang happy birthday to members with March birthdays. Then we discussed old and new business. We listened to a demonstration and bring it back presentation.

Business discussed: The T-shirt committee planned a day to meet to discuss club shirts.

Dana Faber offered to do a pillowcase sewing program. The cost will be \$10. You can go to the quilt shop in Sherburn to pick out fabrics.

There will be a 4-H lock-in at the YMCA in Spirit

Lake from March 27th-28th. Please register by March 16th. Cost is \$10.

LQA&E training is happening April 21st in Fairmont.

Clothes you make, clothes you buy, and fashion revue workshops are being hosted by Martin County for youth in grades 3 and up. Please register by May 11th.

There are scholarship applications available that are due into the Minnesota 4-H Foundation by April 15th. They already awarded \$20,000 to college bound 4-Hers.

Please read the Clover Update for information on summer camps, lock-ins, flag football and other activities.

The next club meeting will be April 12th, 3 o'clock at Trimont Covenant Church. We will have an activity day.

Submitted by,
Anna Meyer
Galena 4-H Reporter

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MOLLY is a young torbi (brown tabby with some orange markings). This striking girl is very outgoing and playful.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

SHILO is an off-white husky/yellow lab mix. She is a very playful young adult who is spayed and up to date on shots. Shilo loves to play outside with her canine pals at the shelter.
KEISHA is a happy playful girl who is brown and white and about 10 months old. She has lived with kids and did well with them. Keisha also does great with her dog pals at the shelter. She would be happy with an active home, or to be someone's best friend in a quieter home.

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Two FHS Knowledge Bowl Teams Advance to Regionals

The Fairmont High School Knowledge Bowl Team took part in the Subsection Meet on March 11th at MSU.

Fairmont Crimson (Mitch Anderton, Anagha Komaragiri, Tony Joseph, Cameron Hainy, Nathan Larson) placed 4th out of 58 teams. Fairmont Fuschia

(Peter Nielsen, Bailey Koppen, Alban Loyer, Jake Kallenbach, Kellen Rodriguez) placed 5th, Fairmont Indigo placed 19th and Fairmont Honeydew placed 54th.

The Crimson and Fuschia teams will advance to the Regional competition on March 23rd.

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MON: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, applesauce, carrots, bread, milk.

TUES: Chili, pears, carrots, cinnamon roll, milk.

WED: Chicken Patty, apple, baked beans, milk.

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MAR 19 - 25

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FRI: Breakfast: Bagel, peanut butter, fruit/juice. **Lunch:** Bosco Stick, spaghetti sauce, green beans, spinach salad, mixed fruit.

MON: Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, fruit/juice. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, brown rice, broccoli, carrots, fruit.

TUES: Breakfast: Mini Pancakes, fruit/juice. **Lunch:** Ribette, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, applesauce.

WED: Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, raisins/juice. **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, peanut butter sandwich, peas, carrots, pears.

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MAR 19 - 25

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Goldfish Graham, string cheese, apricot cup, milk. JR/HS: Fruit and Granola Yogurt Parfaits, Cocoa Puffs and yogurt, PB & J, peaches, OJ. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese Pizza, cheese sandwich, carrots, cucumber slices, orange wedges. JR/HS: Beef Softshell Tacos, brown rice, refried beans, jicama, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits. **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: Macaroni & Cheese, breadstick, ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli, carrots, mixed fruit. JR/HS: Toasted Cheese, tomato soup, broccoli salad w/ raisins, carrots, fresh pears, mixed fruit. **MON: Breakfast** K-6: Golden Grahams Bar, sunflower seeds, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB & J, pears, apple juice. **Lunch** K-6: Hamburger, cheese sandwich, green beans, carrots, pears. JR/HS: Chicken Nuggets, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, side salad, carrots, 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: Beefy Nachos, brown rice, chef Salad, dinner roll, refried beans, jicama sticks, mandarin oranges. JR/HS: Turkey Corn Dog, baked beans, cucumbers/tomatoes, celery sticks, orange wedges, 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: French Toast Sticks, syrup, hard boiled egg, yogurt/graham crackers/apple/string cheese, tator tots, broccoli salad w/ raisins, cinnamon apples. JR/HS: Tortellini, breadstick, green beans, mixed lettuce salad, carrots, grapes, mandarin oranges.

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MAR 19 - 25

THUR: Beef Softshell Tacos, brown rice, refried beans, jicama, orange wedges.

FRI: Toasted Cheese, tomato soup, carrots, mixed fruit.

MON: Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, carrots, peaches.

TUES: Turkey Corn Dog, baked beans, celery sticks, applesauce.

WED: Tortellini, green beans, breadstick, carrots, mandarin oranges.

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Paula M. Bulfer, William J. Bulfer, Paula M. Earl, Paula M. Hiley to Joseph A. Haefner, Subd. of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 4, Maple Grove Ext. to Wards Central Addn.

Brian Beneke, Kristi Beneke to Brenda J. Stockwell, Douglas D. Stockwell, E.32' Lot 4, W.26' Lot 3, Block 2, 3rd Ext. Wards Central Addn.

Olson Locker, Inc. to Profinium, Inc., S.140' Lot 4, Block 3, Jahns 1st Addn.

Darin M. Moore, Richelle M. Moore to Matthew M. Bliesmer, Trishia Bliesmer, Lot 3, Block 6, Teeters 2nd Subd.

David N. Gratz, Kathy M. Gratz, Margaret G. Krugler to Judy Ann Lundgreen, Michael Wesley Lundgreen, Lot 2, GS J, Dewey Place Condo

Zeli Lorenz to Gerald L. Lorenz, Pt. NE¼, 23-103-33; Pt. NW¼, 24-103-33

Citifinancial Services, Inc. to Max Embacher, Lot 5, Block 1, Rucks 2nd Addn., Truman

Douglas Kratz, Patricia Marie Kratz to Jean M. Philipsek, William A. Philipsek, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 5-104-32

Green Tree Servicing LLC to Federal National Mortgage As-

sociation, Pt. Tract E, OL Addn. Camp Welcome

Joseph A. Dallager to Russell Olson, E.75' Lots 2 and 1, Block 1, Highland Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Bruce Zebedee, Tina Zebedee to Zebedee Family Limited Partnership, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 28-101-32

Bruce Zebedee, Tina Zebedee to Bruce Zebedee, Tina Zebedee, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 28-101-32

Michelle Faith Mikulina Olson, Michelle Faith Mikulina Olson, Warren D. Olson to Michelle Faith Mikulina Olson Revocable Living Trust, Michelle Faith Mikulina Olson, Trustee, Warren D. Olson, Trustee, Warren D. Olson Revocable Living Trust, Lots 1 and 3, Block 1, Schafer Shores

CONTRACT FOR DEED

Gwendolyn C. Sickler Revocable Trust, Keith H. Sickler Revocable Trust, Gwendolyn C. Sickler, Trustee, Keith H. Sickler, Trustee to Anthony Peters, Dannielle Peters, Pt. SW¼, 26-103-33

D-DEED

Verna M. Secrest, Wendell Secrest to Verna M. Secrest, Trustee, Wendell Secrest, Trustee, Wendell Secrest and Verna M. Secrest UDT Trust, Pt. N½SE¼, Pt. NE¼SW¼, 34-103-32

DEATH notices



March 10 - Zella Butcher, 94, New Hope (formerly of Granada). Lakeview Funeral Home

March 13 - Lucille S. Olson, 87, Ormsby.

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March 13 - Karen C. Gruber, 76, Fairmont.

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In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

March 10 - Joann Karschnik, 98, Trimont

March 11 - Alice M. Weig, 84, Fairmont

(formerly of Armstrong)

March 12 - Eric L. Luetgers, 55, Fairmont

March 13 - Marcia L. Hanson, 61, Fairmont

March 14 - Gloria D. Gerhardt, 92, Fairmont

March 15 - Donald C. LaRow, 64, Fairmont

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF

MARCH 14, 1990

Fairmont National Bank held an open house for its recent remodeling and addition of the Fairmont National Bank Professional Building. Eight month certificates of deposit would earn 8.00% and 15 month certificates 8.15%. The grand opening of the Ville de Lacs Art Gallery in the bank's professional building featured artists during May: Richard Bowman, wildlife artist; Charlotte Schuld, portrait commissions; Mary Don Kislingbury, multiple media art forms and Brad Wetzell, art photography.

The Fairmont Dollars for Scholars launched a membership drive with a goal of \$30,000.

Fairmont American Legion and Auxiliary named Boys, Girls State and County nominees. Jenny Kumba was nominated for Girls State and Jenny Schons, Girls County. Boys State nominees were Greg Moore and Paul Katzenmeyer. Boys County nominees were Joel Sagedahl and Brett Kurtzmann.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF

MARCH 14, 1965

Marvin Jensen, manager of Madsen's Super Valu in Fairmont, handed a check for \$150,000 to Martin County Fair Board President Harry K.

Jorgensen, representing the down payment on the sale of the old fairgrounds at the corner of Blue Earth Avenue and State Street to the Madsen interests in Mankato. Madsen;s planned to build a \$1½ million shopping center at the site.

Diane Steen, Fairmont High School senior, recently named Minnesota Junior Miss, was soon to leave for Mobile, Alabama and competition in the America's Junior Miss Pageant. Diane, a straight-A student, was to be accompanied by her mother and father.

Mrs. Agatha Orr, Fairmont Teacher of the Year, was notified that she was one of the 36 semi-finalists in state competition.



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Saturday, March 21st, 9:45 a.m. - MAURICE & HILDA MITCHELL ESTATES - Farm & Livestock Equipment Auction. Sale to be located at Westbrook, MN. *Pike, Wedel, Kahlers & Hartung*

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

Tuesday, April 7th, 10:30 a.m. - KRICK ESTATE-152.70 Acres +/- Farmland Auction in Lime Lake Township, Murray County, MN. Sale to be held at the Country Host Restaurant in Slayton, MN. *Dan Pike & Associates*

Saturday, June 6th - MAURICE & HILDA MITCHELL ESTATES - Antique Horse & Livestock Equipment, Household & Antique Auction. Sale to be located at Westbrook, MN. *Pike, Wedel, Kahlers & Hartung*

Thursday, July 9th - KENNETH KAHLER-Large IH Retirement Farm Equipment Auction. Sale to be held at 79860 360th Street, Lewisville, MN. *Kahlers, Hartung, Wedel, Pike & Hall*

Saturday, July 18th, Forenoon - Dan Pike & Associates Large Machinery, Construction & Vehicle Consignment in Comfrey, MN. *Dan Pike & Associates*

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Mayo Named to Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For"

Fortune magazine named Mayo Clinic to its list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2015. This is Mayo's 12th consecutive year on the magazine's annual compilation of companies that rate high with employees. The list ranks Mayo Clinic 73 overall among the top 100 companies.

"We congratulate our employees for earning Mayo Clinic this distinction," says John Noseworthy, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic. "We hope they take great pride in this '100 Best' national recognition."

Mayo Clinic was selected among hundreds of companies vying for a place on the list this year. Applicant companies opt

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Information from the survey of Mayo Clinic employees is available on the Great Rated! site.

Martin Luther High School to hold fund-raiser dinner auction

The "Oh! What a KNIGHT!" Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 21st at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. Doors open at 5 p.m. with time for social hour and appetizers. A catered dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Menu includes: Chicken with Sauce Supreme, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Riviera Veggie Medley, Garden Salad w/dressing, Roll, Beverages and Assorted Desserts.

Hundreds of new items, crafts, collectibles and services will be up for bid. See pictures and

item listing at www.martinlutherhs.com. Guests are encouraged to bring plenty of \$5 bills to be eligible to play a fun game of "Heads & Tails" to win valuable prizes.



Join us for the fun evening in support of the MLHS Ministry.

Tickets are \$20 and need to be purchased before March 16th. They are available from MLHS parents, the school office, at www.martinlutherhs.com or from HyVee in Fairmont.

Call 507-436-5249 for more information. Proceeds will go to support student services.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Linda Bach-Quade 507-235-3820.

SENIOR DINING WEEKLY MENU

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

MAR 19 - 25

THURSDAY: Baked Chicken, sweet potato, wax beans, vanilla pudding, bread and butter, milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey Broccoli Hotdish, peas, orange slice, carrots cake, dinner roll, milk.

MONDAY: Spaghetti, cheese bread, lettuce salad, bar, milk.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The Martin County Conservation Club, Inc. held its 3rd Annual Fund-raiser banquet on February 28th, 2015 at the Fairmont Armory. The event was attended by more than 420 people enjoying a great meal, raffles and prizes. It was again a huge success raising money for conservation projects in Martin County and youth education through conservation related activities. The club wishes to express special gratitude to the 57 businesses and individuals who sponsored and the 20 donors who helped make the evening the success that it was with their funds and prize donations. Also a big thank you to Gerhardt's Catering for the great meal.

Through the years the organization has helped purchase several DNR Wildlife Management Ar-

reas, public water access, county and city parks, plant thousands of trees and built thousands of wood duck, bluebird and wren houses given away to the public. More conservation projects are in the works for 2015 in Martin County.

The group also donated funds in support of youth education such as Harry Stewart Environment Day, three youth Shooting Sports teams, D.U. Green Wings, Let's Go Fishing for Seniors, and a scholarship through Dollars for Scholars. Funding also has been pledged to the Fairmont Lakes Association for public fishing docks in Fairmont.

100% of the funds beyond banquet expenses remains in and is used in Martin County often in partnership with other local conservation groups. Thanks again to all of our

great sponsors, donors, members, and those who attended our third banquet making it a huge success!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Youth Habitat Day on March 21st, 2015 at the Five Lakes Centre from 10 a.m.-noon. Bring a youngster to build a bird house to take home with help from our volunteers.

Visit us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/martincountyconservationclub>.

Bruce Moore,
MCCCI President
Mike Ebert,
Banquet Chair

To the Editor:

The 25th annual Silent and Live auction held by the Knights of Columbus will be held Saturday, April 11th, in the St. John Vianney School gym.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., with the live auction starting at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit ARC, Martin County Mentoring and Fairmont Area Kinship.

As an active organiza-

tion within Martin County it is heartfelt to experience the generosity that has come forward from all areas of the county during the collection process of auction items. Much like the mentors within our network, the volunteered time and resources that the Knights of Columbus have placed in this project is appreciated by the youth we serve and the organizations that benefit from this worthy endeavor.

Martin County Mentoring utilizes these funds to host activities for the youth and families within the network. Providing these activities assists the youth in developing socialization skills, exposure to enriching activities that may not be possible otherwise, and gives them an opportunity to learn from another positive adult influence in their journey to adulthood. Your attendance and participation in the auction would contribute to the investments our organizations place in every client that we serve.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus

Council 1575 for your hard work, graciousness, and your continued success in standing by your long standing motto "In service to one, in service to all".

Shawn M. Chambers
Program Coordinator
Martin County
Mentoring Network

To the Editor:

Much has been said over the years about the quality of Fairmont's drinking water and where it is drawn from. I have my own theories and concerns I would like to share with you.

Back in the 1970s there was a fish kill and a dredging operation that was done for years to deepen the lakes to improve the quality of the lakes for fishing and tourism. The dredge removed the silt to different spoil sites as it went from lake to lake. The water supply was drawn from Budd Lake. It is my theory that contaminants in the sediment from the lake bottoms was in suspension from dredging, and therefore, drawn into the water supply for years.

I have lost a wife, sister, brother and numerous friends in the 40's and 50's to a variety of cancers. It has always been a quest of mine to prove this. I petitioned the federal government to test and sample the spoil sites of the dredging to see what contaminants were in the sediment. There are 14-15 different chemicals in the report (which I have provided with this letter). This testing was done in November 2012.

In closing, it is my belief that the contaminants in the soil, shown by this Federal Superfund report, prove that the water supply from Fairmont may not be safe. Water should be drawn from deep wells - not lake water. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mark Young, Utica, MN
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Editor's note: The copy of the soil sample report, showing the levels of selenium and phenanthrene is available at the Photo Press office during business hours.



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Jeff's Jottings

TWow! What a stretch of great weather we had last weekend. It was one that set record high temperatures for this date in some parts of Minnesota. I think it reached 70 degrees at one point on Saturday out at the Hagen farm and Karis and I took full advantage of the great weather to start doing our spring cleanup outdoors on the farm. There are lots of branches on the ground from all the wind we had this winter, so a nice brush pile was made for burning at a later date. We also saw a number of flocks of Canada geese heading back northward that made a pit stop in our neighbor Bob and Mary Kittleson's farm field south of our place. There had to be a couple hundred of them that stopped for a quick water break in one of the water holes! It is always fun watching the migration of birds each spring and fall. There have been times that the trees around our house has been filled with hundreds of black birds on nice days and the "chattering" between the birds is so loud that I would have to yell over the noise to get Karis' attention. We also took advantage of the good weather to do our annual "clean the barn cat

waste" day in our barn. It was one of those situations where you almost have to put a gas mask on, then arm yourself with a scoop shovel and wheelbarrow. So, would anyone like some barn cats - FREE?



Here's Your Sign... of Spring.

Another nice part of having nice weather like we have had recently is the buds on the trees starting to form that will soon turn to leaves and also the green spikes of flowers and perennials poking up from the ground in warm spots on the south side of the house. Karis was going around taking pictures of all of the "signs of spring" around our farm place last weekend and she had lots of great pictures for her albums (and of course for me to use in my column!). Spring officially arrives on Friday this week and I can tell you that I have never been happier for spring to arrive this year! I don't know what it is, but I look forward less and less to winter arriving each year as I get older. I can remember as a kid enjoying the sledding and tubing that we did at 10 mile creek



near Mom and Dad's farm and I can also remember spending lots of time out in the cold and snow as a kid, but in more recent years I have found the urge to be out in the snow and cold has diminished a lot and I have a hard time getting up the willpower to spend time outside in winter. Could I be a future "snowbird" in the making?

Looking for Something To Do? Read This!

Before I go this week, there are a number of things going on this weekend around the area that you can attend. If you love local history and feel like helping out, the Ceylon Historical Society Board will be cleaning and organizing their museum on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Also taking place down in Ceylon, the All-School Reunion Committee will be having its next meeting on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Ceylon Legion Hall. All Committee members are encouraged to attend. On Saturday night, Martin Luther High School in Northrop will have their "Oh! What a Knight! Dinner and Auction". Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the silent and live auction will fol-

low. Lots of great items will be up for auction and all money raised from the dinner and auctions will go towards student programs at Martin Luther High School. On Sunday, March 22nd, people will be gathering again at Martin Luther High School for a "Creative Spirits" cancer print time from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is in honor of Lincoln Becker, son of Lynn and Julie Becker of Northrop. Lincoln has been undergoing cancer treatment at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. During this event participants will be painting their own prints and once completed, the Beckers will be delivering them to Children's hospital for the other children undergoing treatments there to see and to help brighten their day. There is a cost to participate and you can register at www.creativespirits-sokoboji.com and click on the icon for Martin Luther High School. It is a great event for a very worthy cause! Also on Sunday, March 22nd the Sherburne UCC Church Women's Fellowship will be having a three-meat buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During the buffet, they will also be raffling off a Queen-sized quilt donated by Sandi Nelson and Elsa Larkin. The drawing will be held during the buffet at the church.

Have a great week!

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

- Jeff



Kiwanis Korner

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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.

LOREN DUNHAM



Loren Dunham joined Kiwanis around 1985.

Loren is married to DeeAnne Helfritz and they have two sons, Jon and Michael.

Loren is a retired educator and taught in Fairmont schools from 1968-2007; adjunct faculty St. Mary's University; active in

Dollars for Scholars and Martin County Historical Society.

Loren enjoys reading, travel and volunteering. He is involved in Success Academy and Books for Kids.

EARLY RISERS



Early Risers Lynne Reeve and Bonita Johannek volunteering as a part of the Early Risers Pack Team for the recent Kids Against Hunger Food Pack.

Early Risers Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 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.

30th Annual Family Fun Fair is March 27 in Fairmont

The 30th annual Family Fun Fair will be held on Friday, March 27th, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Fairmont Elementary School Gyms, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. This festival of activities to delight young children will feature family entertainer Brian Richards Acme Magic Factory, Remarkable Reptiles and Readers Theatre this year.

Brian Richards will present Magic Wonder Show performances for children at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Enjoy a close-up chance to meet a variety of fascinating reptiles including a friendly boa constrictor at the Remarkable Reptiles exhibits. Volunteers with the local RSVP Readers' Theatre will present The Little Old lady That Swallowed

A Fly at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in music room near entrance 17.

Weather permitting, you may see the Fairmont Fire Department's Ladder 8 Truck in the East Parking Lot. Bring your camera for special photo opportunities. See how fast you can throw at the Fairmont Baseball/Girls Softball/Kiwanis Baseball exhibit. Other activities include Scratch Art Craft, Carnival Games, Building With Straws, Ugly Buggy, Goal Kicking, Easter Egg Decorating, Tattoos, Bean Bags, Obstacle Course, Paper Crowns, Preschool Activities, Rock Wall, Fire Prevention Kits, Mood Pencils, Snack Shack & Games, Chicken Clucker Craft, Shoe Sizing, Coloring, Spin the Wheel, Origami Owl Jewelry, Dr. Seuss, Healthy Eating Craft,

Personalized Folder, and much more.

Over 40 exhibitors are providing activities at this year's fair.

The Fairmont High School WeDay group, CARDiACTS, will provide the food service as their fundraiser. CARDiACTS ("Having a Heart For Others") is part of the WeDay global fundraiser for "Free the Children: We Create Change" which is raising \$10,000 to build one schoolhouse in Ghana by May 2016. There are 33 students in the CARDiACTS group which is using the slogan for this fundraiser "We Create The Change Brick By Brick." Set-up and clean-up also provided by the CARDiACTS.

Admission is \$4 per

person or \$8 per family. For more information, contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Program (507-235-3141).

The event is co-sponsored by the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation and ISD 2752 Early Childhood Family Education/School Readiness.

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Looking for a new boyfriend?.....Still looking?

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The boyfriend jean: they've been on the scene for awhile, but they're working their way to the top this spring.

What's a boyfriend jean you ask? According

to Wikipedia: "The origin of boyfriend jeans are borrowing and wearing his jeans." The boyfriend trend is all about wearing jeans that look too big for the wearer. The more worn and distressed the better!

Seems like a no brainer right? So why not opt for the kind of boyfriend that

will never let you down! Here are a few ways for styling the boyfriend jean!

Always remember...Life is a fashion show, and the word is your runway!



Denise



Cards girls sting Yellow Medicine East for Class AA State berth



The Cardinals used a suffocating defense, hot shooting and double-figure scoring by four Cardinal players to coast by Yellow Medicine East Sting 73-45 in the Section 3AA championship game in Marshall last Thursday.

The Cardinals (22-6) will take on #2 Seed-Section 1 winner Dover-Eyota (28-2) March 18th at Mariucci Arena. The Cardinals are making their second overall appearance and first since 2007. Fairmont Area closed the season unranked in the final State polls. The No. 2-ranked Eagles of Dover-Eyota are making their first tournament appearance.

The Sting (21-8) closed the Cardinals double-digit lead to 29-22 at the half. The Cardinals were as sharp as the scissors to use to cut down the nets with steals that led to easy lay-ins and nailing open jumpers as they outscored the Sting 44-23 in the second half. Sierra Schultz led the Cardinals 16 points while Alex Christianson,

Emily Kim, and Haley Harder each chipped in 14 points. With Christianson and Sierra Schrader ruling the boards in the second half the Cards put the game out of reach with a big run with more than half of the second half to play.

The Cardinals come into state play with a 12 game winning streak. The Cardinals average 57 points a game while giving up only 46. Schultz, Christianson and Courtney Mosloski average double figures in scoring while the team is shooting 41% from behind the arc on 168 attempts. The Cards full-court defense led by guards Kim, Harder, and forward Schrader have over 40 steals this season while Schultz (75) and Christianson (82) lead the Cardinals who average averaged 15 steals per game. Christianson has pulled down 255 (9.1rpg) rebounds with Mosloski grabbing 181 this season.

The Eagles of Dover-Eyota whose 28 wins is the most in school history, have average 71 points a game while holding oppo-

nents to 45 a game. They have connected on 26% of their 105 three point attempts. 5'11" Senior guard Brandi Blattner averages 12.43ppg has 1,213 career points. 6'1" Junior center Megan Hintz (15.7ppg) has 1,088 career points and averages 7.57 rebounds a game. 6' 1" Junior guard Madison Nelson (16.47ppg) has 802 career points. The Eagles averaged 12 steals and five blocks a game. The Eagles won the Three Rivers West Conference with a 17-1 record and defeated Plainview-Elgin-Millville 71-62 in overtime to make it to the state tournament.

The Cardinals return to the state tournament for the second time in school history. The 2007 Cardinals (18-8) were defeated by #2 ranked Albany (23-1) by the score of 67-59 at the U of M Sports Pavillion. Megan Forster went over 1,000 points for her career in the game. Pipestone edged out Albany in the championship game 50-49.

State Class AA girls basketball preview

Section 2: Norwood-Young America (26-3) vs. (No. 1 Seed-Section 6) Sauk Centre (29-1): The unranked Norwood-Young America Raiders are making their first tournament appearance since 2007 and second overall. Sauk Centre returns after a one-year hiatus for its fifth overall appearance.

The Mainstreeters finished the season ranked No. 1 in the final MBN poll: (No. 5 Seed-Section 5) Annandale (23-7) vs. (No. 4 Seed-Section 4) Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis (25-4): The Cardinals of Annandale, ranked No. 9 by MBN, return to the tournament for the first time since 2010, making their second overall appearance.

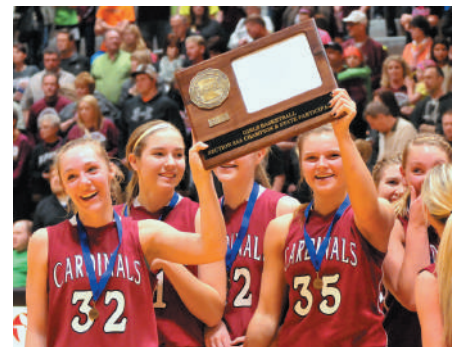
Champions in 2010, Minnehaha Academy is making its second consecutive and ninth overall appearance. The Redhawks enter tournament play ranked No. 6 in the final MBN poll. (Section 8) Roseau (24-6) vs. (No. 3 Seed-Section 7) Esko (26-

4): Back in the tournament for the first time since 2000, Roseau is making its third overall appearance. The Rams closed the season unranked.

The Eskimos of Esko, ranked No. 10 in the final MBN poll, are making their second consecutive and 11th overall appearance. Class AA Quarterfinals Schedule — Wednesday, March 18 2:00 p.m. — Norwood-Young America vs. #1 Sauk Centre at Mariucci Arena 4:00 p.m. — #5 Annandale vs. #4 Minnehaha Academy at Mariucci Arena 6:00 p.m. — Fairmont vs. Dover-Eyota at Mariucci Arena 8:00 p.m. — Roseau vs. #3 Esko at Mariucci Arena.

The seeding process had all 32 coaches of the section champions log onto a special page of the League Web site. Each coach then ranked the

other teams in their class



one through seven. The highest and lowest rankings for each team were discarded, leaving five rankings for each team.

From those rankings, the top five teams were seeded. A blind draw of the three remaining teams were establish for the opponent for each seeded team. Numbers four and five automatically play each other.

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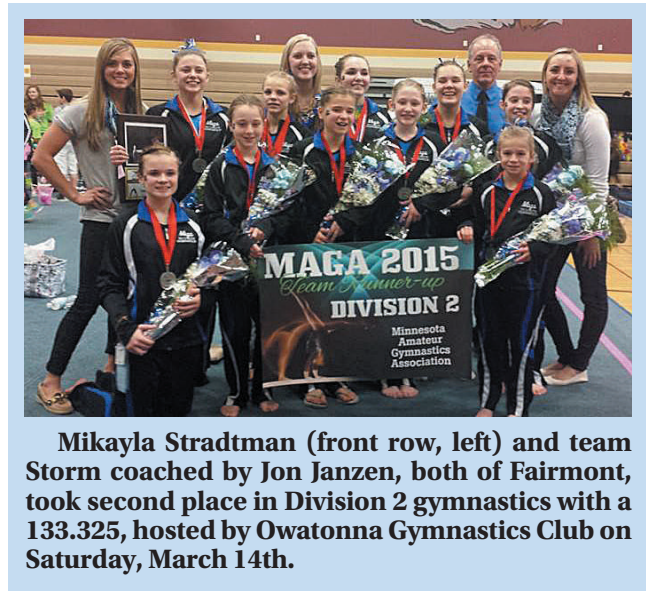
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Mikayla Stradtman (front row, left) and team Storm coached by Jon Janzen, both of Fairmont, took second place in Division 2 gymnastics with a 133.325, hosted by Owatonna Gymnastics Club on Saturday, March 14th.

Area College Student News

Morgan Marushin, a junior finance major from Fairmont, is a Member of the "Shine On Club" at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Marushin is the daughter of James and Lori Marushin of Fairmont.

Shine On Club is a diverse group of students who are growing and searching for the ultimate truth. Those who attend can find great fellowship in a refreshing atmosphere.

Founded in 1963, Southwest Minnesota State University experiences continual growth by serving students oncampus, online and around the state.

Emily Kim from Fairmont, Minnesota has been awarded the prestigious full tuition Multicultural Scholarship from Buena Vista University (BVU). This scholarship is only given to three individuals annually.

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of BVU's recent graduates being employed or enrolled in graduate/professional schools within six months of graduation, based on a 97 percent survey response rate.

The Concordia IMPROVables, an improvisational theatre group, will bring 24 hours of laughs to campus from Friday, March 20th at 7 p.m. to Saturday, March 21st at 7 p.m. in the Janzow Campus Center, at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska.

Participants include: **Mason Koeritz**, a junior from Northrop.

Free-will donations collected at the event will be donated to IMPROVables member Marol Feickert's family. Feickert's mother has been in the hospital for more than four months, and the funds will go toward helping her family pay hospital bills.

The event also includes an opportunity to participate in Tab for a Cause throughout the night of comedy. Tab for a Cause is an app that raises money for charity with each tab a person opens on their Internet browser.

Women in Business Scholarship applications now available

Applications for the 2015 Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are now available from the Zonta Club of Mankato (zontamankato.org).

The Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, first awarded in 1998, are open to women enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program in business, leading to a business management career. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to

seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships look to the women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. Eligibility: Undergraduate (3rd or 4th year) and graduate students are eligible to apply.

Twelve scholarships for \$7000 are awarded by Zonta International. Local applicant selected for consideration by Zonta International is given a \$250 award and is also considered for a \$1000 scholarship at the multi-state

district level. Two MSU students nominated by the Zonta Club of Mankato have received the large scholarship from Zonta International.

Applications are due by April 30th, 2015. You can mail to: Zonta Club of Mankato, PO Box 915, Mankato MN 56002 attn: JMK or to zontamankato@gmail.com

The Zonta Club of Mankato is part of an international organization whose primary focus is improving the status of women worldwide. This is accomplished by working in partnership with the

United Nations on several medical and economic endeavors as well as providing several international scholarships at the collegiate and graduate levels. Local clubs, such as ours, also work within their communities to help improve the status of women - via scholarships, financial support and volunteering.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta International. The Scholarships are funded by voluntary contributions to the Zonta International Foundation.

Fairmont/MCW Red Bull wrestling results

The Fairmont/MCW Red Bull Youth wrestlers have had a busy couple weeks. March 6th through the 8th and had an impressive 32 wrestlers make it to state this year:

Maddex Faber
Slade Fitzgerald
Hank Olson
Pierce Rohman
Torrey Paplow
Taylor Austin
Aden Welcome
Gage Cyphers
Skyler Aukes
Blaze Geiger
Harper Lowe
Max Olson
Kole Hanson
Rylan Cutler
Cooper Steuber
Kain Sanders
Jesse Potts
Christian Bachenberg
Katie Lange
Carver Rohman
Connor Simmonds
Cale Steuber

Lucas Jagodzinske
Blake Jagodzinske
Payton Anderson
Miles Fitzgerald
Jaxson Rohman
Seth Ringnell
Zac Ringnell
Collin Steuber
Christian Hugget
Nathan Simmonds

The Red Bulls had some impressive stats as a team ranking #1 in most tech falls in the least amount of time and ranking #2 in total match points scored.

Bringing home the hardware:
Collin Steuber - 1st
Katerina Lange - 1st Girls
Max Olson - 2nd
Jaxson Rohman - 2nd
Connor Simmonds - 3rd
Pierce Rohman - 4th
Torrey Paplow - 4th
Payton Anderson - 5th
Miles Fitzgerald - 6th
Gage Cyphers - 8th

On Saturday March 14th

The Fairmont/MCW Red Bulls Youth team traveled to Tracy to participate in the NYWA Team Qualifier. The Red Bulls boasted victories over Marshall 49-18 Adrian 45-10 and had a close loss to Albert Lea 37-34. Out of 16 teams Red Bulls came out in second place earning them a spot at the 2015 NYWA State team tournament the last weekend in March. Team members include: Maddex Faber, Slade Fitzgerald, Pierce Rohman,

an, Torrey Paplow, Aden Welcome, Gage Cyphers, Blaze Geiger, Aiden Swanson, Max Olson, Rylan Cutler, Jesse Potts, Joseph Forberg, Christian Bachenberg, Katie Lange, Carver Rohman, Connor Simmonds, Lucas Jagodzinske, Donovan Swanson, Blake Jagodzinske, Jaxson Rohman.

Red Bulls Are Coached by Steve Larson, Luke Cyphers, Dusty Faber and Mark Jagodzinske



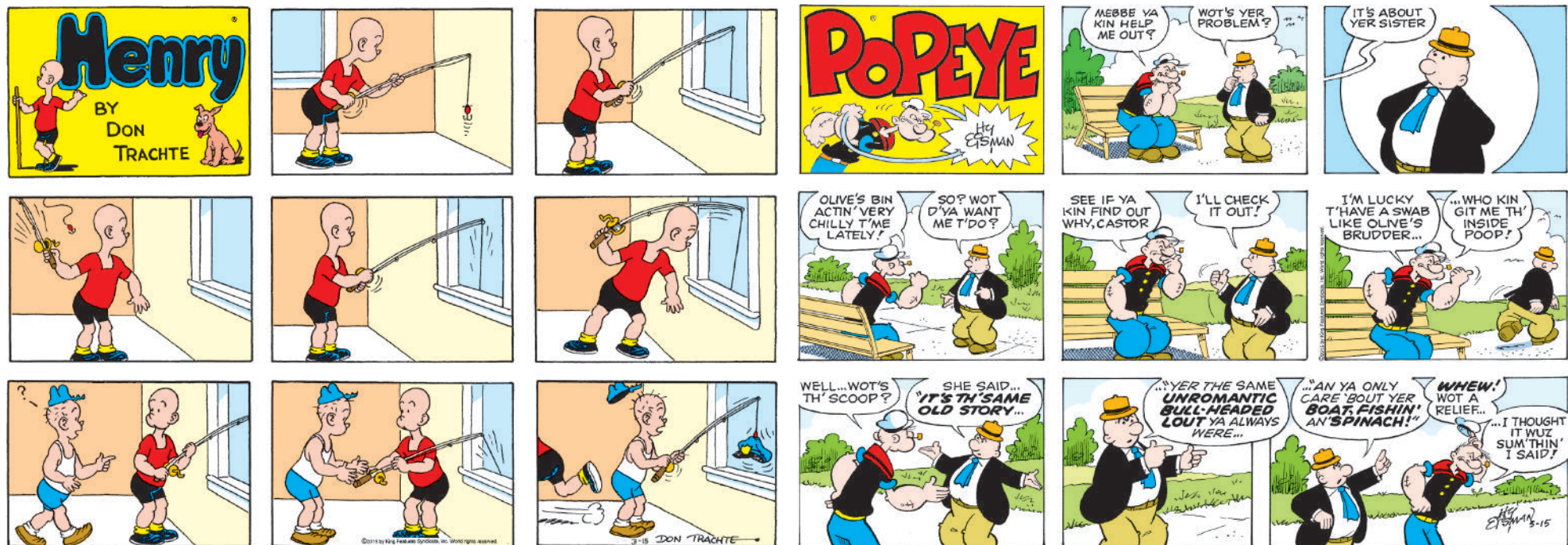
Collins Family creates new Scholarship with Fairmont's DFS

Carroll Collins, along with his daughters Catherine Adler and Kelly Thompson, have created the Reiter-Collins Nursing Scholarship in memory of wife and mother Mary Kay Collins who passed away in 2005. "It was something my wife wanted done," Carroll said. While Mary Kay was not a nurse she respected the work nurses did and had many friends and family members who

were nurses. "My mother was a nurse and a number of my mother's sisters were nurses. When my mother went through nursing school, in my hometown, there was a hospital there and a nurses' training program. It didn't cost to go, but you didn't get paid to go there. You got your meals and your training," Carroll said. The Reiter-Collins scholarship will be awarded

for the first time this year and will continue in perpetuity. Students interested in applying for this or one of Fairmont Dollars for Scholars other scholarships may create a student profile at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org. The scholarship cycle is January 1st through April 1st. Fairmont Dollars for Scholars awarded 149 scholarships worth \$162,450 in 2014.

With new donors like the Collins family, the organization plans to award \$200,000 this season! If you are interested in more information on creating a scholarship in perpetuity or a one-time pass-through scholarship, contact Loren Dunham at 507-238-1172 or email, Liz Wheeler, chapter secretary, at fairmontdollars@gmail.com.



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Honoring America's farmers on National Ag Day March 18

By: Deb Crusoe, Minnesota FSA Executive Director

For more than 40 years we have celebrated National Ag Day as a time to pause and honor the American farmer. Today, our farmers are the most productive and efficient in the world with each one helping feed more than 144 people. We thank you, as well as everyone who plays a role in producing the food, fiber and fuel our country and the world depends upon.

This year National Ag Week is March 15th - 21st and is highlighted by National Ag Day on Wednesday, March 18th.

And there is another very important date in March we want to remind farmers about this year. March 31st is the last day to make several important choices on federal safety net programs that could make a big difference for their farms through 2018.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is urging farmers and landowners across the nation to finalize their decisions by March 31st

on updating crop yield histories and reallocating base acres for new safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). Updated yields and base acre reallocations could help improve a farmer's poten-



tial to recover payments when a weather disaster or unexpected changes in the marketplace negatively affects their income.

March 31st is also the last day to decide which program - ARC or PLC - is the right one for their operation. Each program provides unique protections. The best choice will depend on factors specific

to their individual farm.

FSA, in cooperation with a number of universities, has provided online Web-based tools, found at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc to help make this important decision. The online tools have already helped more than half a million farmers so far.

If you have not yet considered your PLC or ARC options, take the time today to explore the web tools and then contact your FSA county office if you have questions. Celebrate Ag Day and Ag Week with the peace of mind knowing your farm will be protected as you make plans to enter the fields this spring.

If you don't make a decision by the March 31st deadline, then you will be assigned Price Loss Coverage, the default program, and lose payments for losses incurred in 2014. However, if you complete your ARC or PLC election by the deadline, you will be protected against 2014 price or revenue losses.

Don't let this opportunity slip by. Finalize your yield or base acre decisions, complete those conversations between landowners and producers, and conduct your final reviews to determine how ARC or PLC can help you. Avoid that end-of-the-month rush, and make an appointment today. Your Minnesota FSA county staff is standing by ready to help.

Noteworthy Partnership Supports Young Farmers

(NAPS)—An all-American truck brand and a magazine known for its world-class photo essays have found a new way to support America's farmers.

The unique partnership between National Geographic Books and the Ram Truck brand has come together to sponsor a nearly 300-page, photo-rich book inspired by Paul Harvey's essay "So God Made a Farmer."

"The Farmer in All of Us" is a comprehensive collection of original agriculture and farming photography, including all of the images commissioned by Ram for its "Farmer" video.

To create the book, 10 world-class photographers were tasked by Ram with traveling throughout America's heartland over the course of three weeks to capture the essence of "the farmer" using Harvey's essay as their inspiration.

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supporting the health of the country by keeping nutritious food on this nation's tables.

Said Olivier Francois, an executive with Chrysler Group, "Supporting farmers isn't just about those who till the soil, it's about reminding America who we are and where our greatness comes from."

He believes the book truly brings the "Farmer" story to life, and continues to give back in support of the amazing students of the National FFA Organization (FFA) who embody this spirit every day.

Support For FFA

Every book purchased backs a minimum contribution of \$25,000 by the Ram Truck brand to FFA's "Give the Gift of Blue" program, which donates traditional FFA blue corduroy jackets to members who would not otherwise be able to own one.

In addition, the Ram Truck brand has provided scholarship money to the National FFA Organization for over 60 years.

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the organization's Proficiency Award Programs. Part of the organization's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, these

awards offer real-world, experience-based learning and excellence in different areas of agriculture such as mechanics repair, forestry management and nursery operations.

To learn more about the National FFA Organization, visit www.ffa.org. To purchase the book now, visit www.ramtrucks.com/outfitter. It will be in retail stores in late spring 2014. To learn more about Ram Trucks, visit www.ramtrucks.com.

photo: A well-known truck brand has found a number of innovative ways to plant seeds of support for young farmers



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Big Features In Compact Farming Equipment

(NAPS)—Helping to feed the world is a big job for America's farmers. However, when it comes to application equipment, many are relying on smaller, more compact machines to help produce their crops.

Many larger farms continue to rely on professionals who operate bigger, commercial-grade machines to spray or spread fertilizer and crop protection products on their fields. Now, compact, lower-cost equipment, geared to smaller fields,

is being engineered with many features of the full-



size, professional models for farmers who want to handle their own applications.

Smaller Sprayer

One example is a nimble 700-gallon tank sprayer geared for most grower operations with advanced application systems and technology. For starters, there's plenty of power, with a 165-horsepower, high-torque engine that provides consistent power to the ground to pull

through hills, rough terrain and soft, wet ground. Its hydrostatic All Wheel Drive (AWD) Smart

Drive System and Parallel C-channel flex frame provide steady field speed without shifting, and excellent traction with all four wheels remaining on the ground. The result is a smoother ride, reduced soil disturbance, less wear and tear on the booms and more precise product application, even under varying field conditions. Three axle configurations—narrow, wide and standard—allow for multiple track widths for quick and easy operation through a wide variety of crops, crop heights and field conditions.

Advanced Technology

In addition, this machine—the new RG700 self-propelled sprayer from AGCO Application Equipment—is equipped with the latest technology systems, including product application and boom height controllers, section control, GPS-assisted steering, and a telemetry system for monitoring machine performance in near real time.

It also offers a host of cab comfort and safety features, including a panoramic front windshield and curved rear window

for maximum visibility, sound-dampening materials for a quieter ride, and triple filtration to keep the cab virtually dust-, chemical- and odor-free.

While primarily designed for growers, this compact sprayer also enables ag retailers to have their professional applicators treat smaller fields.

photo: A nimble new sprayer gives America's farmers flexibility to apply fertilizer and crop protection products on their own fields.

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Nature by the yard

By Al Batt

John Hay wrote that without birds, the days would go by without definition. I watched Canada geese fly over, some in flocks and some in pairs. One flock was flying in a V-formation, honking while booking it northward. One goose was far behind the rest. It had a formation of one. I imagined it honking, "Hey, guys, wait up."

I heard a red-tailed hawk's raspy scream that sounded as a raptor should sound. At least, that's what Hollywood directors must think. Whenever a raptor appeared onscreen during my young years, the shrill cry on the soundtrack was almost always that of a red-tailed hawk.

A branch provided purchase for the tiny feet of a junco. I watched starlings perch on utility wires. They are a species adapt-

ing to its environment.

Soon the frost boils will be blooming on our roads. Does spring bring the birds or do the birds bring spring?

Stay curious.

While working in Louisiana

It wasn't just birds in the air. I saw helicopters everywhere, flying off-shore oil workers to here and there. Striking white ibises with blue eyes that would have made old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra, croon a sad song, delighted me.

The densest population of bald eagles in Louisiana is in the Morgan City area. Their breeding season in the Pelican State runs from October through mid-May. The eaglets fly 8 to 14 weeks after a 35-day incubation period. The young are dependent upon parents for another 4 to 6 weeks.

A 1963 survey found 417 breeding pairs in the Lower 48 states. At one time, fishermen accused eagles of causing the de-

cline of salmon fisheries in Alaska. In 1917, the Alaska Territorial Legislature established a bounty on eagles. By 1953, eagles were still fair game with a bounty of 50 cents to \$2 paid for each pair of eagle feet presented. During those 36 years over 128,000 eagles were killed for the bounties. In 1953, the territorial legislature removed the bounty because of the lack of evidence that eagles had caused the decline of salmon.

Nationwide, the number of bald eagles has doubled every 7 to 8 years over the past three decades. In 1972, six bald eagle nests were found in Louisiana. Survey flights by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries done in February 2015 found 647 nests, with 356 active. Great horned owls had taken control of many nests.

Q-and-A

"What is the difference between horns and antlers?" Horns are found on

bovids — sheep, goats, cows and bison. Antlers are on cervids—deer, elk, moose and caribou. Horns have a bony core covered in keratin (like our fingernails) and don't have branches like antlers often do. They grow throughout an animal's life and aren't deciduous.

Antlers are made of bone. They are shed each year and a new set grows in time for the mating season. Horns usually grow on both the male and female members of a species. Antlers grow almost exclusively on males. Female caribou being the exception. Hollowed horns can be made into drinking cups or musical instruments.

"What is the Manitoba maple?" It's another name for the box elder tree.

Golden Eagle Project

The National Eagle Center and Audubon Minnesota released a female golden eagle with a GPS-linked satellite transmitter on March 11th at Camp Ripley, a National Guard training facility in central Minnesota. Golden Eagle Project co-coordinator Scott Mehus said, "The

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capture and release of this golden eagle at Camp Ripley really expands our understanding of golden eagles. Until recently, we would not have thought golden eagles were regular winter residents in the central part of the state. Tracking her movements will provide new data and insights to help us manage and conserve habitats for golden eagles in Minnesota."

The eagle is one of three observed overwintering at Camp Ripley. Raptor expert Frank Nicoletti used a net trap on a deer carcass to capture the eagle. Mark Martell, Project co-coordinator and Director of Bird Conservation with Audubon Minnesota, attached the transmitter and released the bird.

The transmitter, the size of a pack of gum fitted to the bird by a durable fabric backpack, allows tracking of the bird's movements anywhere. It

has a small solar panel, allowing it to recharge when the bird is in sunlight and could transmit data for 5 to 7 years. The Project has released six golden eagles with transmitters. Three are still transmitting data, allowing a better understanding of the migration patterns, range and habitat use of golden eagles.

The Martin County Conservation Club is holding its annual Habitat Day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st on the south end of the Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont. Youngsters can build a wren/chickadee house or a robin nesting shelf with the help of Club members. Bring a hammer. The event is free.

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Governor Proposes Buffer Initiative to Protect, Improve Water Quality

March 12, 2015
Bill would require 50-foot buffer around lakes, rivers, and streams to project water quality, habitat

ST. PAUL, MN - The Land of 10,000 Lakes may soon establish an additional 125,000 acres of water quality buffer strips statewide; if a proposal from Governor Mark Dayton becomes law this session.

In January, Governor Dayton announced he would introduce legisla-

tion this year requiring 50-foot water quality buffer strips around Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. This week, he followed through on that pledge, introducing a bipartisan bill (HF1534/SF1537) - co-authored by Rep. Paul Torkelson and Sen. John Marty - that would significantly improve water quality statewide. The legislation is designed to prevent pollution from entering the state's waters - an effort essential to the health of Minnesotans, the protection of our drinking

water, and the long-term sustainability of our environment.

"The state's existing rules on buffer strips are inconsistent, and they are enforced inconsistently - which almost always guarantees failure," said Governor Dayton. "The strengths of my proposal are its simplicity and common sense. People have the right to do follow lawful practices on their private properties; however, they should not have the right to contaminate waters that all of us depend upon."

The legislation, introduced Monday, would require at least 50 feet of perennial vegetation - otherwise known as water quality buffer strips - to surround Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams. Buffer strips are designed to help filter out phospho-

rus, nitrogen, and sediment by slowing runoff and trapping polluted sediment. Buffer strips then allow vegetation to absorb any pollutants, preventing them from entering the water supply. Statewide, the Governor's proposal would require that 125,000 acres of land adjacent to water be designated for buffer strips, and covered in permanent vegetation.

"Minnesotans can

think of water quality buffer strips as water filters for the landscape," said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Tom Landwehr. "Protecting this relatively small amount of acreage, lying along our waterways, has the potential to significantly improve water quality for drinking, fishing, swimming and other everyday uses. It is our best and simplest strategy to protect our waters for this generation, and the generations of Minnesotans who come after us."

Understanding the Problem

Due to inadequate regulations and a lack of consistent enforcement, the state's current buffer laws have not been effective in preventing harmful runoff into lakes, rivers, and

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streams. In fact, the most recent analysis from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) estimates that 64 percent of all waters in the southern and western regions of Minnesota are not subject to any buffer requirements under current law. Additionally, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) estimates that only 43 percent of rivers and streams in western and southern Minnesota have vegetated buffers.

"Implementing buffer strips will help prevent the continued degradation of our waterways," said Agriculture Commissioner

Dave Frederickson. "This proposal is good for Minnesota and it also sends the right message to our neighboring states in the Mississippi River basin that are looking to us for leadership."

Some areas of the state are already doing well to establish adequate buffer strips around their area water bodies. Through education and landowner agreements, Dakota County has successfully achieved a 99 percent compliance rate with 50-foot buffer strips around its water bodies. In Dodge County, about 80 percent of its river and stream banks have buffers, thanks to a comprehensive county-wide education and

compliance campaign.

"We have already seen very successful buffer establishment efforts in several Minnesota counties," said BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke. "We know this approach can work."

Governor Dayton's water quality buffer strip proposal would build on the lessons of these local success stories, and provide the requirements, resources, monitoring, and enforcement necessary to successfully create and preserve 50-foot buffers statewide.

How the Water Quality Buffers Proposal Works

The strength of the Governor's proposal is in its simplicity. The new law would provide a uniform buffer requirement across

all of Minnesota's waters, regardless of their classification or designation. It would require that landowners maintain a 50-foot buffer around lakes, rivers, and streams on their land. Landowners would be given a period of time to work with their local Soil and Water Conservation District to install any needed buffers, and they would be eligible for financial assistance to do so.

Numerous local, state, and federal program dollars are available to landowners to implement buffer strips on their properties - including federal dollars from the Conservation Reserve Program and practice implementation programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. If a landowner does not implement buffer strips within the given time pe-

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riod, the DNR would: 1) require that any violations be corrected; and 2) assess monetary penalties for failure to comply with the law.

This proposal is based on recent studies looking at the extent of Minnesota's waters subject to current buffer requirements, and the additional buffers needed to address water quality improvements. Input was gathered from stakeholder input meetings with agriculture groups, environment and conservation organizations, and federal, state, county, and other local government representatives.

DNR Website Explains Details, Impact of Water Quality Buffers Proposal

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has created a new informational website to help Minnesotans better understand how water quality buffer strips work, and what the Governor's proposal would do to improve water quality across Minnesota. The new website includes helpful diagrams, an interactive map demonstrating vegetation coverage statewide, and a frequently asked questions guide that provides additional details on the Governor's proposal.



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Rigorous Testing For Agricultural Tire Performance

(NAPS)—To help feed a growing world population, farmers depend on having the right equipment. When they climb aboard their tractors or combines, they're counting on their agricultural tires to deliver the best possible field performance and value. Rigorous testing can play a key role in ensuring that new products will stand up to the challenging conditions that farmers experience throughout the growing season.

One major concern is soil compaction—caused by heavy farm equipment—that can harm healthy root development and reduce crop yields. The goal is to minimize compaction from these machines by designing tires that can support the load with the lowest possible air pressure required and provide a longer footprint.

That's why engineers at Michelin Agricultural Tires conduct market-specific tests to evaluate soil compaction. In one test, tires are rolled in a sand track to measure differences in the surface area of footprints and the depth of ruts. Another test involves digging a pit, which is filled with soil layers of alternate colors. After equipment passes over the pit, a trench is dug perpendicular to the tire tracks so the compaction of the soil layers can be measured.

Traction and Durability

Tire traction is another important factor tested. Poor traction results not only in wasted fuel but also excessive slippage that causes extreme wear on tires and machines. Traction force is tested by attaching a plow to a tractor that is operated on a plot with uniform soil over a predetermined distance, enabling tire spin and fuel consumption to be analyzed.

When farmers invest in ag tires, they also expect excellent durability

and a long service life. The tire company conducts an accelerated wear test in which machines are operated 24 hours a day at varying speeds under different simulated field conditions. The condition of the tread, and the wear

at each point on the tread, can then be evaluated.

This testing process ensures that each individual product is made to the highest quality and suited for the application for which it is designed.

Once a new tire model

has passed these tests, it is further tested and monitored in actual farmer fields. Performance criteria include resistance to sidewall damage and tread damage caused by crop stubble.

photo: Rigorous testing helps ensure that farm equipment tires will provide good traction, durability and reduced soil compaction.



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Theo M. Wollschlager, 94



Memorial service for Theo M. Wollschlager, 94, of Fairmont will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21st, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21st, prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place at a later date at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Theo passed away Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at the Temperance Lake Ridge Residence in Sherburn. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation service of Fairmont is handling the arrangements for the family.

Theo M. and her twin sister Cleo M. were born on December 11th, 1920, in Blue Earth, the daughters of Wesley E. and Anna C. (Johnson) Pettinger. They lived on a farm outside of Blue Earth. She graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1938 and went on to complete her two-year teaching degree at Mankato State Teacher's College in 1940.

Her first teaching job was at District 28 country school north of Granada. On February 20th, 1943, Theo was united in marriage to Fred Wollschlager of Fairmont, in Quincy, Massachusetts. Theo was a civilian employee at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy and the family lived in Brooklyn, New York, while Fred served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Theo and Fred returned to Minnesota and lived west of Fairmont while Theo taught in Welcome and Fred worked at the Fox Lake Power Plant. In 1960, Theo completed her four-year elementary teaching degree at Mankato State College and continued to teach third and fifth grades in Welcome. The family then moved to Fairmont, and in 1963, Theo began teaching third grade at Lincoln School, where she taught until her retirement 1985.

Theo was a member of the FCH Auxiliary, and served on the wedding and funeral committees at Grace Lutheran Church. She spent many years golfing and playing cards as a

member of Interlaken Golf Club. She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, gardening, fishing, and watching sports in person and on television. She always enjoyed making holidays special for her family. Theo will be inurned at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, where Fred was inurned with full military honors in 2014.

Survivors include three children: daughter, Cheryl Beckendorf and her husband, Carl, of Fairmont; two sons, Gary Wollschlager and his wife, Diane, of Fairmont, and Mark Wollschlager of Maple Grove; 10 grandchildren: Andrea Beckendorf, Aaron (Amy) Beckendorf, Jacquelyn (Joey) Grell, Carolyn Beckendorf (special friend Brian Tart), Heather Rondorf, Heidi Wollschlager (Brian Ericson), Mike Wollschlager (fiancée Jenny Nichols), Laura Wollschlager (fiancé James Litz), Mary (Sean) Nolan, and David Wollschlager (special friend Sara Whiteley); five great-grandchildren: Zachary and Samuel Beckendorf, Mia McCarthy, and Isaiah and Sydney Nolan; twin sister Cleo Bernards of Valencia, California; sister-in-law LaVerna Knuth of Cavalier, North Dakota; niece Lynn (Jeff) Holte of Grand Forks, North Dakota; many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Theo was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Wollschlager; her parents, Wesley and Anna Pettinger; sisters L. Berniece (Ardy) Johnson and Thelma (Richard) Ander-

son; brothers Hugh (Leona), Earl, Roy, Donald (Audrey) and Harlan (Ina) Pettinger; brothers-in-law Ken Knuth and Grant Bernards; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorials are preferred to the United Hands Hospice Program. lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Peggy E. Orem, 96



Funeral service for Peggy Orem, 96, of Fairmont will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Peggy passed away Sunday, March 15th, 2015 at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont.

Minerva E. "Peggy" Orem was born on July 27th, 1918, on the family farm in Jackson County, the daughter of Alvin E.F. and Hulda (Milbrath) Glaser. Peggy attended parochial school at St.

Paul Lutheran Church, Rost Township, and later attended Okabena High School where she was involved with choir, orchestra, basketball and kitten ball. She graduated in 1936 and then went on to business school in Mankato. She moved to Fairmont where she met William "Bill" Orem and began working for Axford and Eglin Accountants as a bookkeeper.

Peggy married Bill Orem on September 16th, 1941 in Sturgis, South Dakota. After WW II they lived in St. James for a short time before returning to Fairmont. Peggy worked for Axford and Eglin for twenty five years and then in 1972 she went to work for the First National Bank as the head of human resources and executive secretary to the president of the bank until her retirement in 1987.

Peggy and Bill were members of Rose Lake Golf Course where they enjoyed "walking 18" early in the mornings. They worked in their yard and garden and stayed fit by walking a mile every morning at the Fairmont Mall. Bill passed away on March 3rd, 2009.

Peggy was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont where she was active with LWML, and a member of the Fairmont Hospital Auxiliary. Peggy was a great cook. She sent many care packages to her family with some of their favorite cookies and English toffee.

Those who will cherish her memory include her two sons, Michael Orem

of Rochester, New York, Richard Orem and his wife, Sue, of DeKalb, Illinois; four grandchildren, Katherine Orem and her husband, Mark Derthick, of Brighton, New York, Sandra Orem of Fairport, New York, Alexander Orem and his wife, Ellen, of Norwich, Vermont, Christopher Orem of Harrisonburg, Virginia; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Lawrence Glaser and Luther (Leona) Glaser; two sisters, Genevieve Saylor and Geraldine (Bill)

Onischuk; sister-in-law, Jean Wilken; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Bill, Peggy was also preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard, Maynard and Edward Glaser.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 27, 2007
MORTGAGOR: Katie J. Scheff, a single person.
MORTGAGEE: Wells Federal Bank, FSB.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded August 28, 2007 Martin County Recorder, Document No. 2007R-390868.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated August 27, 2007 Recorded August 28, 2007, as Document No. 2007R-390869.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Wells Federal Bank, FSB
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 229 South Hampton Street, Fairmont, MN 56031
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COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Martin
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$71,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$66,332.38

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
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PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Martin County Security Building, 201 Lake Ave. Fairmont, MN
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TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 9, 2015 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None
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Dated: February 26, 2015

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Sealed Prime General Contract bids for Martin County Ditch No. 30 Improvements will be received by the Engineer at the office of the Engineer, 115 East Hickory Street, Suite 300, Mankato, Minnesota 56001 by mail or personal delivery until Wednesday, April 1 at 2:00pm at which date and time the bids will be opened and read aloud by the Engineer.

Project Scope: Installation of approximately 13,100 feet of new pipe, 300 feet of pipe boring, filling approximately 10,000 feet of open ditch, construction of a storm water pond with other water quality features, and other Work indicated in the drawings and specifications.

Bidders shall submit their proposal on the forms provided. Proposal shall be filled in clearly and correctly with ink or typewriter. Proposal shall be signed in ink by the individual, members of the partnership, or by one or more officers of the corporation making the proposal.

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Drawings, specifications, and other Bidding Documents may also be obtained online at www.questcdn.com. If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. There will be a \$20.00 non-refundable downloading fee to access a .pdf copy of the documents online. To ensure scaling is correct, please print the construction plans separate from the specifications on 11x17 paper to "actual size;" specifications should be printed on 8.5x11 paper. If there are any questions on printing guidelines for proper scaling, please contact the Engineer.

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All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope upon which shall be plainly marked "BID ON MARTIN COUNTY DITCH No. 30 – MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA" and the name of the bidder. If a bid is to be mailed, the bid envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail Bids will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to hold and consider the bids for 30 days after the date of the bid opening. Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, bidder's bond, or certified check payable to MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid including add-alternates. A bidder's bond shall include certified copy of the power of attorney.

The right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids is reserved to the Owner.

Dated the 6th day of March 2015.

2015 BOARDS OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

The following is a schedule of the 2015 Boards of Appeal and Equalization or Open Book Meetings for the jurisdictions in Martin County. Should you have any questions about the assessment of your property it is recommended that you or your agent contact the assessor's office. If you are unable to resolve your concern you should appear in person or by letter at the scheduled Township or City Board of Appeal and Equalization where individual assessments will be reviewed at that time. All persons who fail to appear at the particular Board of Appeal and Equalization cannot, by statute, appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization or the Small Claims Division of the Minnesota Tax Court. If your jurisdiction holds an open book meeting all residents automatically qualify to appear before the County Board Appeal and Equalization.

DAY	DATE	TOWNSHIP/CITY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday	April 1	Fairmont Township(open book)	6:00 PM	5 Lakes Elem Media Center
Wednesday	April 1	Silver Lake Township	7:30 PM	Randy Musser Home
Thursday	April 2	Fraser Township	7:00 PM	Welcome City Hall
Thursday	April 2	Pleasant Prairie Township	7:30 PM	Town Hall
Monday	April 6	Lake Fremont Township	8:30 AM	Grader Shed, Dunnell
Monday	April 6	Fox Lake Township	10:00 AM	Town Hall
Monday	April 6	Manyaska Township(open book)	10:00 AM	Fox Lake Town Hall
Monday	April 6	Rutland Township	7:30 PM	Township Hall
Tuesday	April 7	Lake Belt Township	10:00 AM	Town Hall Grader Shed
Tuesday	April 7	Cedar Township (open book)	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Tuesday	April 7	Jay Township	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Tuesday	April 7	Elm Creek Township	7:30 PM	Trimont Fire Hall
Thursday	April 16	Center Creek Twnsp(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Dunnell City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	East Chain Township(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Galena Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Granada City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Nashville Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Rolling Green Twnshp(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Tenhassen Twnsp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
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Wednesday	April 22	Fairmont City	9:00 AM	Fairmont City Hall
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1 Cards of Thanks

SANDERS - Thanks to my family and friends for the many acts of kindness given to me during my recovery. I appreciate everything so much. **Mary Sanders. 45-1tp-1**

GRUNIG - We would like to thank our dear family and friends for all the cards, gifts, flowers, phone calls, text messages, facebook posts, and for attending our 40th anniversary celebration. A special thank you to our children and grandchildren for planning and hosting this wonderful celebration for us. We are truly blessed to have each and everyone of you in our lives and so many great memories were made that day. As our 3 year old grandson would say "best day ever!!" Mic and Kathy Grunig. **45-1tp-1**

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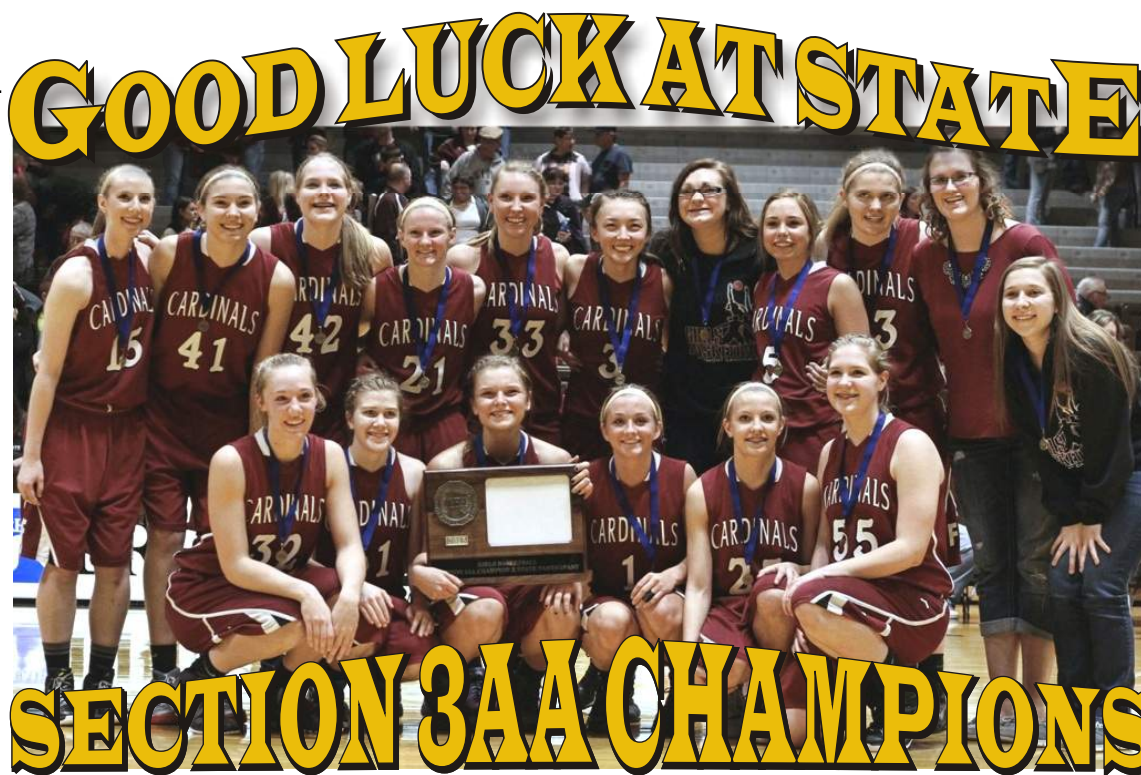
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East Standings	REC	BSC
Waseca	23-6	9-2
Fairmont	22-6	13-5
St. Peter	23-6	7-5
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New Ulm	14-13	5-8
St. James Area	8-19	3-11

Big South Conference		
West Standings	REC	BSC
Marshall	27-2	14-1
Redwood Valley	22-7	11-4
Worthington	15-9	9-5
Pipestone Area	13-13	5-8
JCC	9-17	5-12
Windom Area	4-22	3-12
Luverne	5-20	1-14



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2015 Class 3AA - Section Championship
Cards 73, Yellow Medicine East 45

3AA South Sub-Section - Championship Game - Cards 61, MCW 54
3AA South Sub-Section - Semi-Final - Cards 56, Jackson CC 47
3AA South Sub-Section - Quarter-Final - Cards 65, LCWM 24



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#1 Sauck Centre (29-1) vs
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Game 2 - Quarter-Final
#4 Minnehaha Academy (25-4)
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Game 3 - Quarter-Final
#2 Dover-Eyota (28-2) vs
vs CARDINALS (22-6)
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#3 Esko (26-4)
Roseau (24-6)
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Game 1 Winner vs
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3-Pt Field Att/Goal Pct 168/41 | OPPONENTS 67/20

Steals Per Game 15 | Blocks Per Game 2

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2015 Girls State Basketball
Game 3 - Quarter-Final
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RECORD: 28-2 | Conference: Three Rivers | Colors: Maroon and Gold

SCORING: Points Per Game 71.3 | OPPONENTS 45.2

Field Goal Pct. 42.4 | OPPONENTS 33.3 | Rebounds Per Game 35

3-Pt Field Att/Goal Pct 105/26.4 | OPPONENTS 93/27.7

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Class AA - Section 3 Championship Game - Redwood Valley 53, Cardinals 43
3AA South Sub-Section - Championship Game - Cardinals 56, JCC 54
3AA South Sub-Section - Semi-Final - Cardinals 59, LCWM 50
3AA South Sub-Section - Quarter-Final - Cardinals 74, Blue Earth Area 25

Season Record 19-10
Big South Conference 13-5

at Windom Area	L 55-53
at Worthington	W 68-43
at New Ulm	W 73-45
at Waseca	L 65-47
Blue Earth Area	W 60-44
at St. Peter	W 61-39
at Marshall	L 61-57
MVL	W 61-41
Maple River	L 50-43
NRHEG	L 74-66
JCC	W 58-53
at St. James Area	W 55-30
MCW	W 63-44
Luverne	W 72-53
Waseca	L 50-48
Byron	W 55-48
at Blue Earth Area	W 58-42
at Pipestone Area	W 51-46
Redwood Valley	L 78-76
St. Peter	W 58-41
St. James Area	W 70-53
New Ulm	W 70-48
at LCWM	W 72-45
at USC	L 61-49
at Redwood Valley	L 58-56

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Last week at Truman Public School's RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) program, the kids made lots of "birthday party kits". These kits consist of a disposable cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles and other various party supplies such as balloons, invitations, party favors, plates, and napkins. These kits are being donated to our local food shelf. The kids were very excited to make these for someone who might not be able to afford a birthday cake. Way to go RAK and Truman Public Schools! Thanks to the Truman Community for all of the birthday supply donations.



The board of Lake Belt Township, rural Ceylon, presented retiring Treasurer Reinold Hagen (pictured fourth from left) with a clock and plaque in recognition of his 34 years of service as township treasurer. Pictured (left to right): Supervisors Kevin Schmidt, Tad Engstrom, Kurt Koehler, Reinold Hagen, Clerk Jeff Hagen and incoming Treasurer Bryce Freking.



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the Martin County Fair. Sue Eisenmenger of STEP, Inc. (left) is pictured receiving a grant from MCAF Board member Faith Clow.



McDonald's is cooking Wednesday night! The Project 1590 steering committee will provide your dining services from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th. Ten percent of the proceeds will go directly to Project 1590. Enjoy an evening at McDonald's and show your support for Project 1590.



HEAVEN'S TABLE - The month of March was declared as Heaven's Table Food Shelf Month in Fairmont, by Mayor Randy Quiring at last Monday's City Council meeting. Pictured are, left to right: Terry Anderson, Fourth Ward Councilman, Heaven's Table board members Sue Redman, Gerald and Pauline Bergt, Deb Anderson, Mayor Quiring. Heaven's Table Food Shelf was established in 2012 to help feed hungry people in Fairmont and the surrounding communities in Martin County.



FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS Bank is participating in Minnesota Food Share Month. The bank is a drop off site for non-perishable food items, paper products and toiletries. All donations will go to support local area food shelves. Employees are participating by bring items in exchange for wearing blue jeans on Fridays during the month of March. Donations from the public are welcome as well.

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