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SMITH - Jamie Potts and Ryan Smith were married on September 6th, 2014 at Jamie's parent's farm. Pastor Kristina Braaten-Lee performed the ceremony. Parents of the couple are Larry and Sheri Potts of Welcome and Tod and Deanna Smith of Estherville, Iowa. Matron of Honor was Heather Reyes, sister of the bride. Maid of Honor was Brittney Tiedemann, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tracie Smith, sister of the groom and Jeni Smith, sister-in-law of the groom. Flower girl was Zoe Smith, niece of the groom. Best Man was Nathan Smith, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Travis Smith, brother of the groom along with TJ Heinz and Adam Nederhoff, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Coy Smith, nephew of the groom. The reception was also held at the bride's parent's farm. The couple lives in Mason City, Iowa.



Benjamin Robert Blazejak was born October 9th, 2014 at MCHS, Rochester. He weighed six pounds, nine ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Parents are Wade and Danielle Blazejak of Rochester.

Grandparents are Ken and Rhonda Petrowiak of Granada, Steve Shumski, Granada and Bob and Bev Blazejak, Fairmont.

Great grandparents are Truman Campe, Fairmont, Dot Petrowiak, Fairmont, Janice Shumski, Granada and Melvin Shumski, Mankato.

Bentley Aleander Roor-da was born November 21st, 2014 at MCHS, Fairmont. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 19" long. Parents are Alexander and Katie Roor-

da, rural East Chain. He was welcomed home by his brother, Brock.

Grandparents are Bob and Bev Blazejak, Fairmont and Cordell and Paulette Roorda, Farmington.

Great grandparents are Carol Rowan, Wadena and Perry and Dorothy Roorda, Valley City, North Dakota.

All friends and relatives are invited to an Open House Bridal Shower for **Zana Buttermore-Baca**, bride-to-be of Chris Leiferman, on Saturday, April 4th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Katherine's Catholic Church in Truman. There will be a short program at 10 a.m.

Chris is the son of Gregg and Denise Leiferman of Truman. Zana is registered at Target and Truman Flowers.



JONES-ALLEN - Kerri Danielle Jones and Joshua Kenneth Allen announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on May 16th, 2015. The ceremony will be at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato. Parents of the couple are Lyle Jones of Mankato and Lynette Bernardy, Spencer, Iowa and Kenny and Deb Allen of Fairmont. Kerri graduated from Mankato East High School in 2008 and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato in 2013. She works at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Joshua graduated in 2007 from Fairmont High School and 2013 from Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. He is employed at Scheel's Sporting Goods. Both Kerri and Joshua also are wellness coaches for Herbalife.



Rebecca Kathleen Roschak, Ceylon and Christopher Allen Wilcox, Ceylon Jeffrey Ryan Monson, Fairmont and Jessica Lynn Bailey, Fairmont

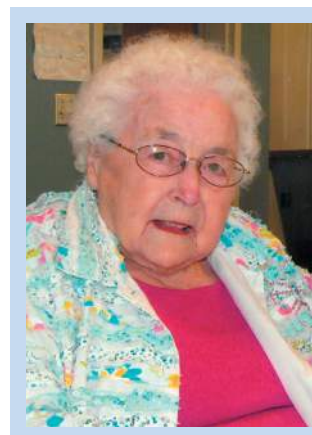
There will be a Come and Go Bridal Shower for **Rhonda Arends**, bride-to-be of Jacob Thate on Saturday, April 4th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sherburn.

The Lakesters Car Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, 7 p.m. in the meeting room at McDonald's. All car enthusiasts are welcome.

An **Easter coloring contest** for kids 12 and under is sponsored by Fairmont Hy-Vee. Pick up a coloring page from Hy-Vee and turn in the finished piece to Customer Service by Friday, April 3rd for a special Easter treat.

Culligan Water Conditioning of Fairmont announced the winners of the free cases of water at the recent Spring Expo: Bill Boltjes, Kathy Gratz, Doug Blue, Joe Stauffer, Steven Mayo, Jane Fritz.

Gluten Intolerant support group will meet on Tuesday, March 31st in the club room at Hy-Vee, at 7 p.m. Call 236-9165 for any questions.



JEPSEN 85TH - Dee Jepsen will celebrate her 85th birthday on March 31st. She will celebrate with her family. Birthday wishes may be sent to her at Lakeview Methodist Care Center, 610 Summit, Room 253B, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Martin County West indoor swimming pool in Sherburn will hold a **parent/tot swim class** beginning Monday, March 30th at 6:30 p.m. The class is for children ages 6 months to 5 years and each child must be accompanied in the water by an adult. Contact elizabeth_vieselmann@martin.k12.mn.us or 639-5101 for information.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont will hold a **coffee hour** each Tuesday morning during the month of April. Serving will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. each Tuesday. Supplemental funding is provided by Thrivent. Everyone is welcome.

The Welcome Fire Department will be coloring Easter Eggs Wednesday, April 1st at the Welcome Legion Hall at 6 p.m. All children are encouraged to come join the fun. The eggs will be used for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m. at the Hansen/Keck park in Welcome. Children of all ages are welcome.

The Ceylon Historical Society Board will be organizing and placing new items at the museum in Ceylon again this Saturday, March 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who could help us out would be greatly appreciated.

Interlaken Heritage Days Committee will meet Wednesday, March 25th, 5:30 p.m. in the Martin County Library basement meeting room. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend. For more information call Deb at 507-399-9223.

The next **Toastmasters meeting** is Monday, April 6th. It will be at our usual meeting place, Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center at 6 p.m. Become a competent communicator and an excellent leader. Email kailail@hotmail.com or call/text to 808-341-6103.

The Sherburn Lions Club will host a **Prime Rib Supper** on Saturday, March 28th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion Hall. There is a charge for the meal. Proceeds will go toward supporting the Lions Club community projects. Tickets may be purchased from any Lions club member or at the door.

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Music Department will present their **Sacred Concert** on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. Everyone is invited to attend. A free will offering will be taken. The musicians are under the direction of Mr. Evan Sanft.

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Sign up time for Fairmont Community Gardens

Area residents who are interested in gardening this summer but don't have space available to them can sign up for a free plot at the Community Gardens.

The 20 by 20 foot plots are managed by Rural Advantage and are located at the Heritage Acres site on the west side of Fairmont. Anyone who is interested in a plot must sign up through Rural Advantage, who then will contact registrants when the plots have been tilled and are ready for spring

planting.

Rural Advantage is a nonprofit organization based in Fairmont. Its mission is to promote the connections between agriculture, the environment and rural communities in order to improve ecological health, economic viability and rural vitality.

To sign up for a plot, you can call the Rural Advantage Office at 507-238-5449. Visit their website at: www.ruraladvantage.org.

The annual **Fairmont Farmer's Market** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Martin County Library meeting room. Anyone who plans to be a vendor at the Fairmont Farmer's Market is encouraged to attend to learn about changes in the market.

Pack 57 Cub Scouts helped with the Boy Scout's national service project **Scouting for Food drive** that started last weekend. They went door to door putting bags at residents' homes in preparation for Saturday's pick up. Residents are encouraged to fill the bag with canned or dried foods and leave the bag on their steps by 8 a.m. when the Scouts will again make the rounds and pick up the donations. The food will be donated to the Salvation Army food shelf.

The annual meeting of the **Center Creek Association** will be held Saturday, March 28th at 9 a.m. at the Granada Council Room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Ceylon American Legion Post #529 will not have a shrimp dinner during the month of March due to Palm Sunday on March 29th.

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther High School on Thursday, April 9th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, April 10th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 11th, 8 a.m. to noon. Donations of spring and summer clothing, household items and furniture will be taken beginning Monday, April 6th. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or call the school at 507-436-5249.

Fairmont churches sponsor Community Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt in Fairmont on Wednesday, April 1st from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The event is hosted by St. John Vianney Church of Fairmont and will be held at the St. John Vianney School.

All youth in Preschool through 5th grade are welcome. Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. The event will feature food, crafts, games, and more in the gym. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place outside, so dress ac-

cordingly! All youth need an adult to attend the event with them.

Please pre-register by March 25th to make sure there will be enough food and supplies for the event. Registration forms can be found at any of the following participating Fairmont churches: First Congregational UCC, St. John's UCC, United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church and St. John Vianney Church.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution

Ruby's Pantry will have a food distribution in East Chain, on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, 507 280th Avenue.

There are no income or residency guidelines. Ruby's Pantry is funded by the \$20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Bring two large boxes or laundry baskets for food. They receive an abundance of food.

Ruby's Pantry is in its eleventh year of serving

rural communities with donated surplus food and goods to fight hunger and disease. It provides large quantities of food for distributions directly to families in 46 rural communities covering sixteen underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin distributing food to over 10,000 families per month.

For more information, see their website at www.rubyspantry.org, email goodnews@rubyspantry.org or call 651-674-0009.

Silent auction/bake sale benefit at Mayo - Fairmont

The Radiology Department at Mayo Clinic Heath System/Fairmont is hosting a Silent Auction/Bake Sale for Theresa Smith.

The event will be held on Friday, April 3rd from noon to 3 p.m. in the main class room of the hospital.

This past fall Theresa was diagnosed with colon cancer and been undergoing chemotherapy. The proceeds will help to offset

some of her ongoing expenses.

If anyone is interested in donating baked goods or silent auction items contact the Radiology Department at 507-238-8184.

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (MNRAAA) is seeking providers to develop and/or expand services for older adults (age 60+) in southwest Minnesota for the period of July 1st, 2015 - December 31st, 2016. Applications are due to MNRAAA by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 1st. Interested applicants should go to www.mnraaa.org for more information on the Mid-Year Funding Cycle. Questions should be directed to Rhonda at 507.389.8862 or rhonda@rmdc.org.

Truman Chamber to host Small Business Expo

The Truman Chamber will host a free, Small Business Expo on Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Truman Community Building, located at 313 N. 1st Ave West in Truman.

The expo is designed to be a representation of area resources that can help with the logistics of starting, running or growing a small business. The event is open to the public, and is especially geared toward existing small business owners, including home-

based and direct-sales businesses, as well as anyone who would like to consider starting their own small business in the future.

The event is currently slated to have representatives available who

can assist with matters of taxes, accounting, financial planning, insurance, construction, custom office supplies, graphic design, business uniforms and apparel and more. A schedule of speakers and event flyer will also be made available closer to the event. Online, they will be accessible through both the chamber website and Facebook page.

A fund-raiser lunch will be available at the expo, hosted by the Truman Pride group.

For more information about the event, contact the Truman Chamber via phone at (507) 399-8633, via email at trumanchamber@gmail.com, or visit their website at www.trumanchamber.com.

Area church choirs to tell the Easter story

The combined choirs from the United Church of Christ congregations of: First Congregational - Fairmont, First Congregational - Sherburn, St. John's - Fairmont will present The Easter Story on Palm Sunday, March 29th under the direction Joyce Jorgenson and accompaniment of Jenny Willard. The performance will be during the 10:30 a.m. worship at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 319 Downtown Plaza. Rev. Susan Lester from Sherburn will lead the worship.

The Easter Story retells Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and exaltation to the right hand of the Father in a simple yet profound story that engages the heart, mind, and

imagination.

The musical score draws upon folk sources, including The Sacred Harp and The Columbian Harmony, spirituals, carols, and songs from English, Irish, and Hebrew traditions. The choral score is carefully crafted for choirs of all size and this group has about 30 voices blending together.

The compelling narrative is written by Ken Bible, which is beautifully underscored by piano accompaniment. Titles include: Sing of Christ, Proclaim His Glory; Ride On, King Jesus; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; What a Savior! Dimensions of Love; My Redeemer Lives and I Cannot Tell.

Martin County Pork Producers name 2015 Pork Ambassador

Samuel Baker, of Sherburn, son of Ryan and Michele Baker, was named 2015 Martin County Pork Producer Ambassador. Samuel receives a \$1,000 scholarship, will read his winning essay at the Martin County Pork Producers banquet on March 23rd and will compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador at Farm Fest in August.

First runner-up was Taryn Tumbleson, of Sherburn, daughter of Trent and Melissa Tumbleson. Second runner-up was Rachael Mielke, daughter of Chris and Patti Mielke. Taryn and Rachael will also receive scholarships and have the option to compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador.

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We sometimes forget to notice or even consider the diversity of experiences, thought processes and behaviors found within a family unit. The parenting we received, our education, our peer experiences

Now just a few months away from my 70th birthday, I am definitely considered in my "Golden Years". I find myself facing the challenges of aging and am working hard to slow that process down.

couraged to express herself. She was however never exposed to the idea of natural remedy's while growing up and doesn't even know what a mustard plaster is... nor would she want to; yet she has extensive knowledge of natural healing which is very evident in the products she uses for health, home and work. She works hard at her job and juggles the important yet demanding duties of a mother, wife and homemaker. Now in her mid 20's her life is more demanding than she could have ever imagined and she knows scores of others her age are overwhelmed as well.

So why does all this matter? It matters because we are all a sum product of our life, both past and present and that equation is different for all of us. Therefore the formula for your personal wellness is NOT found in a 3:00 a.m. canned infomercial, but starts with the tools to make healthy, well informed (but hopefully "selfish") decisions about what is best for YOU.

The good news is that we are prepared to provide you with those tools in a workshop for beginners that we will be offering on Sunday, March 29th. The three of us will help you understand the role that natural products play in your wellness plan and each of us will address the unique needs of our specific age group and lifestyle. People who have never used essential oil products should not miss this opportunity.

My father used to say "if I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself"...well you still can, and I'd love to help!...until then.

NOTE: For more information about the workshop of March 29, please contact me.



and our nutrition growing up are just a few things that played a part in who we are.

This picture represents just the female generations within my family, and the diversity is mind boggling. People say we are so much alike; yet we are so very different... we were all raised differently, educated differently and taught to reason differently..... and of course we are all of a different generation....and it's extremely important for you to understand why this all matters!

I grew up in a very strict home, where for the earlier years we had no running water, no indoor plumbing, we slept with our heads under the covers because we could see our breath if we didn't. We walked miles to a one room country school where my fourth grade class consisted of myself and a male classmate and in the fifth grade I was one of one. I never went to college, as a matter of fact my father, (born in 1901), made me decline my scholarships saying that women didn't need to be educated. We grew, raised and canned the food that we ate, didn't go to movies and were raised to be seen and not heard. We did not have health insurance, so for the most part, we took care of each other with natural remedies by using concoctions like our family's famous "Mustard Plaster" and by subscribing to the theory that castor oil fixes everything.

My father used to say "if I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." Our family had health insurance so it was easy for me to put aside all the knowledge my parents had given me about natural healing and other than our famous "mustard plaster" I addressed her issues with antibiotics and over the counter drugs ... (just wanting to be a good mom). She is now experiencing the fallout of my good intentions and the demands of her busy life immersed in a successful health solutions career.

My granddaughter Ashley, was raised in the current era with conveniences in her home, cars to drive to high school and college, schools with quality and diversified education, fast and convenience foods at her fingertips, able to watch movies on her cell phone and has always been strongly en-

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Dessert for Easter!

It seems that often after a hearty meal, everyone is too full to have dessert so I like to fix something on the light side! At least something lighter than, say, pie.

Today's recipe is a light green in color so looks springy. This is one of my favorite desserts. I hope that you will enjoy it, too! Let's hope that by Easter, the weather will be warmer and we will be well into the spring season. I have peaked under the leaves that are protecting my flowers and they are starting to poke through, I am anxious to uncover them but will wait awhile until we have a warm day. I get anxious to start cleaning up the flower beds! The birds are singing and we have seen some cedar waxwings in the neighborhood so it will soon be time!

Crust:

48 Ritz crackers

1/2 cup melted butter

Mix together and press into a 9x13 inch pan. Bake for 8 minutes at 300 degrees; cool.

Filling:

2 boxes instant pistachio pudding mix

1 3/4 cup cold milk

Mix together, then beat in:

1 quart ice cream (softened)

Pour over crust and chill until firm, top with a layer of cool whip, sprinkle with 2 crushed heath candy bars. Chill until serving. Happy Spring!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Fairmont Cardinal Girls Basketball team, we'd like to thank our wonderful community for all of their support during our awesome season and trip to the state tournament. The large crowds at our sub-section, section, and state games were fantastic. Thanks to the parents, cheerleaders (and Coach Heinrich), band (and Mrs. Kallenbach), and other fans for traveling to cheer on our team. It was a season we will never forget!

Thank you to Coach Waletich, Coach Junkermeier, Coach Hested, and Coach Kaplan for their instruction, guidance, and encouragement throughout the season.

Thank you to the businesses and people that took time out of their work day to wave and send the team off to state on Wednesday morning. We also loved all of the banners and signs. That meant

a lot to us!

Thank you to the following fan bus sponsors: Profinium, Bank Midwest, State Bank of Fairmont, US Bank, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, HR Advisors LLC, Ryan Lunn Construction, Rosen's Diversified Inc., Cutting Edge Fitness, Avery Weight-Tronix, Graham Tire, Century 21 - Northland Realty, Cavers Realty, LB Pork, NuWay Cooperative, Hawkins Chevrolet, Fairmont Ford, Militello Motors, Fairmont Body Shop, Enliven, Baarts Trucking, Tami's on the Avenue, Holiday Inn - Green Mill, Ernie & Sandy Nuss, Fairmont Vet Clinic, Preferred Capital Management, Borchardt Insurance Agency, Jake's Pizza, Partner Funding Inc., and Steve Pierce CPA.

Thank you to the Fairmont High School office staff and the Cardinal Booster Club for all of their help with organizing the fan buses. Thank you to

Mrs. Engelby, Mr. Hernes, and Mr. Rosener for supervising the fan buses.

Thank you to Joel Hokanson for organizing the state t-shirt sales in such a timely and efficient manner. It was great to see so much red in the stands!

A special thank you to Graham Tire and Militello Motors for supporting the team this year as "in game sponsors." Your continued support is much appreciated.

Thank you to the following businesses for supplying food, beverages, and other supplies for the team: Culligan Water, Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walmart, Marketplace Foods of Winnebago, Tim & Kay Campe, Picture This Scrap That, and D&S Trophies.

We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone.

We are proud to live in a community that is so willing to support our youth. Thanks again for helping to create memories that will last a lifetime!

Alex Christianson and
Sierra Schrader and
the Cardinals Girls
Basketball Team

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OBITUARY notices

Christina M. Schocker, 71



Funeral Service for Christina "Chris" M. Schocker, 71, of Fairmont, formerly of Albert Lea, was held on Friday, March 20th, 2015, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Chris passed away on Monday, March 16th, 2015, at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont was in charge of arrangements.

Christina Marie (Rudebeck Lane) Schocker was born on June 16th, 1943, in Fairmont. She was the daughter of John and Lucile (Small) Rudebeck. Her father passed away shortly before Chris was born and she was later adopted by Hayden Lane. Chris attended school in Fairmont and Granada and graduated from Granada High School in 1961. She furthered her education at Mankato State University.

On May 4th, 1965, Chris was united in marriage to Billy L. Schocker in Austin. Chris and Billy shared over thirty-five years together before Billy passed away on February 12th, 2001.

Chris worked as a typesetter and page layout artist for the Fairmont Sentinel, Austin Herald, and Albert Lea Tribune. She helped start and was the managing editor of the Ellendale "Our Community News." She also worked at Fairmont Railway Motors for a short time. Chris continued her work until her retirement in 2001.

Chris was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. During her free time she enjoyed painting, sewing, motorcycles and snowmobiling. She also loved traveling to England to visit good friends Bob and Linda Connell. Chris loved her many pets through the years and had a special place in her heart for anything with four legs and fur.

Left to cherish her memory include her sisters, Julie Elliott and her husband, Art, of Fairmont, and Dolores Kingery

and her husband, Lyle, of Reading, Minnesota; brother, Jim Thompson of St. Peter; brother-in-law, LeRoy Schocker and his wife, Charlotte, of Albert Lea; sisters-in-law, Marlys Larson and her husband, Roger, of Lyle, Minnesota, Donna Kolb of Austin, and Lyla Vander Vennet of Roscoe, Illinois; nieces, Amanda Cain and her husband, Ryan, of Sherburn, Ginger Thompson of Olympia, Washington, and Cindy Kingery of Worthington; nephews, Shawn Elliott and his wife, Jessica, of Las Vegas, Nevada, Jonathan Thompson and his wife, Jo, of Duluth, Gary Kingery and his wife, Linda, of Reading, and Bruce Kingery and his wife, Gail, of Reading; many other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Hayden and Lucile Lane, Chris was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Schocker; brother-in-law, Dewaine Schocker; and sisters-in-law, Eleanor Klingbeil, and Edna Schocker.

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Gary L. Philipp, 72



A Celebration of life for Gary Lee Philipp of Monticello and Weslaco, Texas and formerly of Blue Earth, Minnesota was held on March 7th, 2015 at Rio Valley Estate in Weslaco, Texas. Gary passed away on February 23d, 2015 after a two year battle with cancer.

Gary was born on January 20th, 1943. He graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1960. Gary attended vocational school for carpentry in Austin, prior to a 38 year career as a craftsman carpenter. Gary was a proud 50-year member of his Carpenters Union. His retirement joy and pride was spending time with his grandsons, as well as fishing the lakes of Minnesota and Gulf waters of Texas, watching NASCAR, and traveling cross-country with his wife.

Gary is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janice (Arndt) Philipp; daughter Kelly (Paul) Crum and grandsons Wyatt, Sawyer and Parker, all of Georgia; daughter Kari (Jon) Kortge and grandsons, Tyler and Zachery, all of Michigan; Brothers: Dennis Philipp and Eugene (Donna)

Philipp; sisters: Diane (John) Evans and Gaylene (Peter) Gunberg; brothers-in-law: Weldon, Arndt, Mick (Marlene) Arndt, Dale (Phyllis) Arndt and Jerold Arndt; sisters-in-law: Marlene Isenberg and Marge Arndt. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ruth Philipp; brother-in-law Gary Arndt; sisters-in-law Vivian Arndt, Della Philipp and Bonnie Arndt.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in Gary's honor to their favorite charity. Address: 715 N. Westgate Drive #70, Weslaco, TX 78596.

Phyllis E. Swenson, 92



Funeral Service for Phyllis E. Swenson, 92, of Fairmont, were held Saturday, March 21st, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granada with interment in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Phyllis passed away on Wednesday, March 18th, at Parker Oaks Assisted Living in Winnebago. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont was in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Elaine was born March 12th, 1923 to John and LuLu Mae (Sperry) Jurgenson in Nashville Township in Martin County, Minnesota. Growing up she attended country school and she later went to Truman where she was a member of the 1941 graduating class.

On October 7th, 1948 she was united in marriage to Lawrence Swenson in Truman. This union was blessed with three children: Marcia, Julie and David.

Phyllis worked as a secretary at the Truman Bank, People's State Bank in Truman, and Railway Motors in Fairmont. She then began as the Secretary for the President of the First National Bank in Fairmont until her retirement in the late 1960's.

In her spare time Phyllis sold Tupperware and spent time quilting, sewing clothes and doing other needlework. Along with being a Blue Bird Leader she was a member of Calvary Baptist in Granada where she was the sole church organist for over fifty years. She served with her husband as treasurer for forty-five years, was an active member of the

Ladies Fellowship, and taught Sunday School and Bible School. Phyllis served on the Parsonage Building committee, the Sunshine committee, and many other committees at the Church.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Marcia and her husband Ron Clay, of Truman; Julie and her husband Roland Andrews of Fairmont; and David Swenson of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; grandchildren: Christopher and his wife, Kristi Clay and their children, Cayden and Carter; Brian, and his wife Jeanna Clay and their children, Ezra, Esther, and Emerson; Aaron and his wife Hilary Clay; Jessica Andrews, her son, Jared, and her significant other, Jamieson Hansen; Sara Andrews and her fiancé, Ricky Dunn; Alyssa Swenson; Brianna Swenson; and Garrett Swenson; sister, Evelyn Malmanger of Fairmont; step-grandchildren: Scott, and his wife, Jenny Andrews; Ann Andrews; Jim and his wife, Angie Andrews; Lori and her husband, Gary Goette; sister-in-law, Ruth Swenson of Apple Valley, Minnesota; many nieces and nephews; other extended family and many friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers-in-law: Norman Swenson and Alvin Malmanger.

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Evelyn E. Plumhoff, 98



Services for Evelyn E. Plumhoff, 98, of Fairmont, formerly of Truman, will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 27th, 2015, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will follow the service at the Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a luncheon served during the visitation at the Lakeview Funeral Home. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

On May 20th, 1938, Evelyn was united in marriage to Lynman Plumhoff in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont until 1940 when they moved to Truman, Minnesota. Evelyn would move to Fairmont

in 1998, following Lynman's passing on August 26th, 1996.

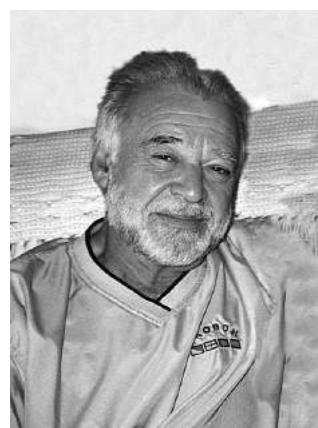
Evelyn was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman and later a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her and called her, friend.

Left to cherish her memory are her twin daughters, Priscilla Boehm of Hugo, Minnesota, and Patricia McCormick of San Clemente, California, son, Steven Plumhoff and his wife, Karen of Columbia, Maine; six grandchildren, Paul (Neissa) Boehm, Patricia (Dave) Borek, Heidi (Kelly) Johnson, Kristen (Brent) Vick, Tom (Amy) McCormick and Eva Plumhoff; 10 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Ida Roforth; husband, Lynman Plumhoff; three brothers and four sisters.

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Randall A. Clow, 65



Funeral services for Randall "Randy" A. Clow, 65, of Fairmont, will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1st, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont with full military honors by the Martin Co. V.F.W. Post 1222 and the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36. Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31st at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Randy passed away on Thursday, March 19th, 2015, at his home in Fairmont.

Randall Alan Clow was

born on December 10th, 1949 in St. James, Minnesota, the son of Henry and Viona (Borkenhagen) Clow. He attended school in Trimont and Truman and graduated from Truman High School in 1967. Randy was drafted during the Vietnam War and entered the U.S. Army on September 23rd, 1969 and served in Vietnam and Cambodia with the 1st Air Cavalry. He was honorably discharged on September 8th, 1971 and moved to Fairmont. On November 24th, 1979, he was united in marriage to Sandra Quade at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont.

Randy worked for Fairmont Railway Motors and then sold cars at the Toye Auto Mart for several years. Randy then started Fairlakes Motors where he owned and operated for 35 years and retired in 2011. Randy loved being a car dealer. He also loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycles, collecting memorabilia and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

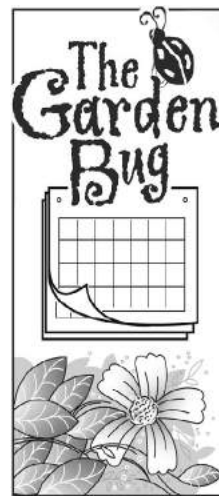
He was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36, DAV, AARP and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Those who will cherish his memory include his wife, Sandra Clow of Fairmont; three children, Shawn Clow of Mankato and his children, Alexxys and Cahlin, Brandon Clow and his wife, Ashley, of Fairmont and their children, Cadon, Charli and Ava, Alison Nelson and her husband, Jeremy, of Roseville, Minnesota and their son, Camden; one brother, Darrell Clow of Walnut Creek, California; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Jack Maxham, Wayne and Linda Quade, Karen and Dick Mueller; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Viona Clow; one son, Jason Clow; parents-in-law, Gerald and LaVee Quade; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Vincent D. Del Santo, 83

Memorial services for Vincent D. Del Santo, 83, of Fairmont, will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 27th, 2015, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Vincent passed away on Sunday, March 22nd, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Vincent Dominic Del Santo was born on January 21, 1932, in Belleville, New Jersey, the son of Patrick and Olympia (Leana) (Farnicola) Del Santo. Vincent attended and graduated from Belleville High School. After his graduation, Vincent attended Newark College of Engineering. He then worked for Bendix Aviation, followed by Mechanical Systems, Inc. (Upper Saddle River, New Jersey).

In 1970, Mechanical Systems was purchased by Arts Way Manufacturing in Armstrong, Iowa. Weigh-Tronix (Fairmont, Minnesota) was incorporated in 1971 where he served as Senior Vice President of Manufacturing until his retirement.

On October 27th, 1956,

Vincent was united in marriage to Janet Hughes and settled in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, where he worked for Mechanical Systems, Inc. They were blessed with four children, David, Robert, Mark and Leanne. After moving to Fairmont, in 1970, Vincent worked at Weigh-Tronix as Senior VP of Manufacturing.

In his spare time, Vince enjoyed golfing and welcomed the chance to play whenever he could. He enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Florida.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, David Del Santo and his wife Diane, and their children, Mackenzie (Richfield, Minnesota) and Taylor (Fargo, North Dakota); Robert Del Santo and his wife Helge of Bad Tölz, Germany; Mark Del Santo and his wife Patricia, and their children Zachary, Julianna and Nathaniel of Glenmoore, Pennsylvania; and Leanne Del Santo of Goodhue, Minnesota; his sister, Minnie Roland of Long Branch, New Jersey (daughters Carol and Lisa); his sister-in-law, Virginia Peters of Denville, New Jersey (daughter Karen and sons Jeffrey and Glenn); as well as many other extended family and friends.

Vincent is preceded in death by his wife Janet, her parents, Hugh and Edna Hughes, and his parents, Patrick and Lena Del Santo.

The family requests that any memorials be given in Vincent's name to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont.

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William R. Phelps, 90

Funeral Service for William "Bill" R. Phelps, 90, of Fairmont, formerly of Swea City, Iowa, were held on Wednesday, March 25th, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Swea City. Interment was in Harrison Township Cemetery, rural Swea City with military honors by the Swea City American Legion Post 14.

Bill passed away Saturday, March 21st, 2015 at the Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont.

He was born on April 4th, 1924, in Henry, Illinois, the son of Jess and Stella (Bell) Phelps. Bill grew up on a farm near Hastings, attended and graduated from Hastings High School. He furthered his education at Iowa State College until he volunteered for the Army in 1943. After ROTC training, Bill flew C-46 transport planes to South America, Africa, and Asia during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1945.

While in the service, Bill was united in marriage to Hester Anne Wright of Glenwood, Iowa, on November 26, 1943. After his service to his country, Bill

farmed in Kossuth and Martin Counties for over fifty years, raising cattle and turkeys. He was also the Chairman of the Board for Bank Plus for thirty years.

Bill and Hester moved to Fairmont in 1978 and shared over forty-nine years together before Hester passed away on August 6th, 1993. On September 9th, 1995, Bill was united in marriage to Myrna Norton of Luverne, Minnesota. Bill and Myrna resided in Fairmont and shared nineteen years together.

His friends will remember how he enjoyed traveling in Latin America, playing dominos, reading, studying the markets, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Swea City. He served leadership roles as the Iowa Turkey Federation President from 1973 to 1974, the Kossuth County Farm Bureau President for many years, President of the Board of the Swea City Farmers Cooperative Elevator from 1980 to 1983. He also contributed in the Farm Bureau Federation Poultry Advisory Committee, Kossuth County Cattleman's Association, and the Rotary Club in Fairmont. Bill was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Swea City.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife,

Myrna Phelps of Fairmont; daughters, Patricia Phelps (Jim Leiker) of Weir, Texas, Beth (Vincent) Rolling of Fairmont, and Barbara Phelps of Gilbert, Arizona; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Iverson and her husband, Stewart, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; granddaughter, Carie Marie Phelps; grandsons, Jason Phelps Leiker, Jesse Phelps Leiker, Bradley Rolling, Kyle Rolling, and Lewis Rolling; 8 great grandchildren; stepdaughter, Debra (Mark) Hovland of Luverne, Minnesota; stepsons, Todd (Linda) Norton of Crystal,

Minnesota, and Scott Norton of Canfield, Illinois; 9 step-grandchildren; 15 step-great grandchildren; brother, Dan Phelps of Red Oak, Iowa; sister, Marilyn (Jim) Rock of Fairmont; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his first wife; son, William Robert Phelps, Jr.; stepson, Neal Norton; brother, Charles Phelps and his wife, Marlene; and sister-in-law, Barbara Ann Phelps.

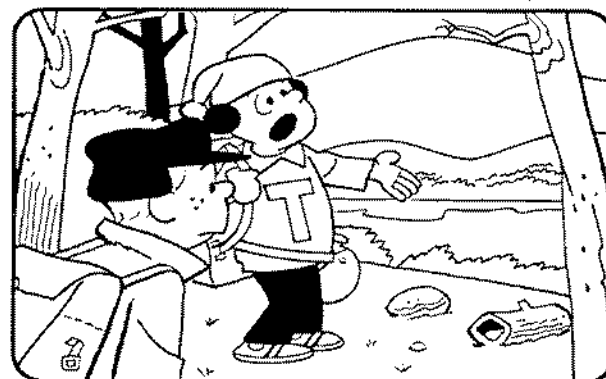
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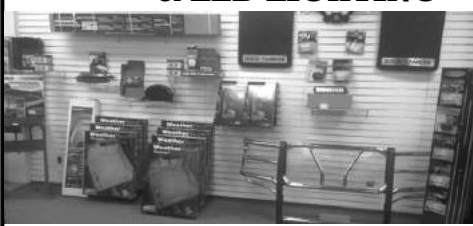
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Guest Columnist

Margaret Dillard, President, Fairmont Area Chamber



• Pursue the positive.

Learn about your community's best features and share those views with others. Your influence with friends and neighbors, people that you work with and even your comments online are powerful testimonies. Use your words, written and spoken, to help your community prosper. Use caution when communicating community downfalls because those views, too, will be noticed by others.

• Learn about individuals, groups, businesses and organizations that focus on community-building projects and get involved.

There are many ways to get involved. Here are a couple of suggestions: Volunteer your time or educate yourself about local resources, community events, and relay those messages to others. Take a few flyers to your workplace or share posts about events on social media.

• Shop locally and encourage others in your network to do the same.

Dollars spent in your community circulate in your community seven times before they leave town. The economic impact of every purchase is significant. Note that businesses spend a portion of their revenue to publicize, so every time you encourage someone that you know to shop locally you are helping those businesses survive and thrive.

• Get your message to the right people.

If you have great ideas or strong views, educate yourself on the details and related projects. Talk to them personally, when possible. You may be surprised to find many public officials have an "open door policy" and are willing to listen.

• Get involved with your Chamber of Commerce.

I am very proud of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce's collaborative approach that focuses on education of workforce, leadership development, agricultural awareness, succession planning and business support services through partnerships with the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Small Business Development Center, Martin County Ignite Program, Fairmont Economic Development Authority, Region Nine Economic Development Commission, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and

others.

Some of our current efforts and events include:

~ Working with other community members to secure \$75,000 from the Blandin Foundation for multiple technology projects.

~ Facilitating Area Career Exploration (ACE) to be held April 8th. This special day is devoted to educating 555 sophomores from area schools about

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local career options, what education they need and about local employment opportunities.

~ Sponsoring a seminar "Engaging Your Strengths," facilitated by Learning Journeys, Inc. and based on the book, StrengthsFinder 2.0, the #1 Wall Street Journal and #1 BusinessWeek bestseller. This

educational class will take place April 13th at Southern Minnesota Educational Campus. The book, personal strengths assessment, lunch, refreshments and class materials are included in the \$229 fee.

~ Planning for the Chamber's Golf Outing to be held May 18th. Not only is this one of the area's earliest golf events and local favorites but it also serves to support staffing and administrative costs.

~ Planning is also underway for a career fair scheduled for May 19th, in cooperation with the Workforce Center. More than 40 businesses participated in this fair last year and enthusiasm is high for this year's event.

~ Applications are now being accepted for leadership Martin County 2015-16. This leadership program is designed to enable candidates to learn about Martin County resources, values, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. A learning experience geared toward providing an in-depth look at eight key elements of our community; education,

economic development, government, healthcare, public safety, quality of life, agriculture, and culture & diversity. This program will provide opportunities for candidates to exchange ideas, build networks and begin the process of identifying and solving important community issues. One day each month, participants gather at various locations, September through May to learn leadership skills listen to local experts and tour community facilities. Applications are available by contacting Callie at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce at (507) 235-5547.

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Area College Student News



Daniel of Fairmont is presenter at IMPACT conference

Members of the Buena Vista University (BVU) Student MOVE organization (Student Mobilizing Outreach & Volunteer Efforts) attended and presented at the 2015 IMPACT National Conference, February 19th-22nd, hosted by the Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Taylor Daniel from Fairmont, is a senior exercise science-human performance major at BVU and one of the members of Student MOVE who presented at the conference.

Their presentation, "Creating Community: The Role of Service Orga-

nizations in Shaping the Future" focused on how service organizations, like Student MOVE, can shape the future of civic engagement on college campuses and the communities they work with.

During the conference, the students attended other presentations, participated in service projects and networked with other students, non-profit agencies and graduate schools. They also attended keynote sessions that featured national speakers such as Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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Jeff's Jottings

Working at the Photo Press these past two and a half years, I have been able to meet many people through their contacts with the newspaper and also from those that come in to the Photo Press to either purchase items we have for sale in the store or to bring information in for placing in the newspaper. It has been quite an education on what all takes place at a newspaper and also how important this media still is to the general public. After working in both radio and television, I have been asked a number of times why I would want to work as part of a newspaper publication, when some feel that form of media is one that is dying out. When I first started working at the Photo Press in October of 2012, I really didn't know fully what it takes to produce a paper each week. When I first started, the Photo Press was still known to many as a "Weekly Shopper". That is one of the public perceptions I worked from the start to change, and with the backing of the owners and the great staff at the Photo Press, that change took place in May of 2013, when we officially celebrated the 50th year in business for the Photo Press. We changed our company logo and look, plus we chose to be-

come a publication with "Only Good News". It was a bold move, but one that changed the public perception of the Photo Press from being a "weekly shopper" to becoming a "Weekly Newspaper". We do not officially have any reporters on staff (with the exception of interns that we have worked with during the summer months) and we have a small but very talented staff that works to publish a quality newspaper each week. With the help of many volunteer guest columnists, the contributions of photos and stories from many members of the public, and with the guidance of some professional media experts, the Photo Press has now completed its transformation and is now the most read newspaper in this area. We have you, the readers, to thank for this and we will continue to work to improve our newspaper in the years to come.

Here's an idea: Shop Locally!

The reason I wanted to bring this subject up is because of the importance a local business relies upon when it comes to the local residents supporting local businesses. The businesses that advertise in the Photo Press do so in the knowledge that the readers who see their advertisements will shop at their business and support

the local economy. These advertisements pay for the costs of producing the Photo Press and distributing it to over 12,000 readers each week at no cost to the reader. These local businesses rely on you to come shop at their stores and purchase their items, and in turn the businesses contribute back to the local community by paying their share of local taxes, donating to various functions and non-profit organizations and also by being an active part of our local communities in many ways. In recent months, the local area has seen a number of local stores and

eat play shop LOCAL

businesses close or shut down. Some of those businesses were able to transition to new ownership, but others closed up for good. Can these closings be directly due to lack of local support? Not entirely, but it does play a significant part in the action. Since I started my column some two and a half years ago, I have been telling you the importance of "Shop Local". Some have told me that I can't change the way that society today thinks when it comes to that subject. Those who have made this comment are correct. I alone cannot change the way people think, but just like anything else, the more people that support shopping local, the thought processes begin to change for many and the "movement" grows. We have seen a number

of organizations recently wanting to make things better for our communities (projects such as Project 15/90, RAK-Random Acts of Kindness- in Truman, the Sherburn C&C, Trimont TASK, and more) and these organizations are all working to have area residents support and make this area a better place to live. Think about that the next time you want to purchase something online or plan to make a trip to shop at a distant location.

It's a Food-Based Weekend!

Before I go this week, there are a number of activities taking place in the coming week. On Saturday, the Sherburn Lions Club will be having a Prime Rib Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sherburn Legion. Proceeds from the supper will support community projects. Also on Saturday, the South Central MN Gobblers Chapter of the NWTF will have their 17th Annual Banquet at the Holiday Inn Fairmont. On Wednesday, April 1st, a number of Fairmont churches will hold their community Easter Egg Hunt from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - prepare for Holy Week!

- Jeff

Truman RAK program receives Garden Grant

Truman Public Schools RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) program recently learned that it was chosen for a grant from the Jeffers School Garden Grant Program.

Truman was chosen from among forty-one other applicants based on the quality and content of their application. According to Jeffers Foundation Vice President Dar Fosse, the Jeffers Foundation uses this program to put a "A Garden For Every School" and awards grants based upon applications from schools around the state of Minnesota.

You can see what the foundation has done

with the other schools they have worked with by going to their website at: www.jeffersfoundation.org/school-gardens.php.

The Truman RAK program will use the \$500 from the Jeffers Foundation grant for their community garden located at Truman Senior Living in Truman. The school has been asked that as their program progresses that the Jeffers Foundation would be invited to visit their program and gather information to share with other schools in the state via the Jeffers Foundation website.



25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 21, 1990

The Fairmont Cardinals boys basketball team, coached by Ron Hested, was to enter state tourney competition vs. Mahnomen. During 17 years as Cardinal coach, his teams lost the final regional game several times. It was the team's first appearance at the state level since 1955. Team members were Cory Kallheim, Joel Sagedahl, Lee Baarts, Paul Schultz, Brad Hested, Mike Lueck, Paul Katzenmeyer, Chad Lutterman, Dan Jorgensen, Dave Murphy, Chris Vasecka, Dan Engelby, James Smith, Christ Scott and Dan Link.

The Fairmont Exchange Club's 17th annual recipient of the Book of Golden Deeds was C. H. "Cap" Hegdal.

St. John's Church in Sherburn began celebrat-

ing its centennial year.

Class ad of the week:

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50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 21, 1965

Frank W. Graham was completing 33 years of service in the Minnesota National guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He had seen service in World War II in Alaska, England, France, Germany and the Canal Zone, also during

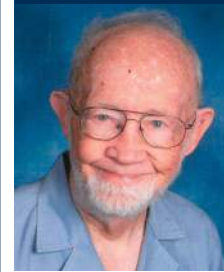


Kiwanis Korner

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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.

MARLOWE D. POTTER



Marlowe D. Potter joined Kiwanis in July 1995.

Marlowe is married to Jean and they have four children: David, Carol, John and Mary Beth.

Marlowe was a United Methodist Pastor and was ordained in 1953. He retired from the ministry in 1995. Marlowe also was the

former chaplain at the Lakeview United Methodist Home in Fairmont.

Marlowe has participated in bingo, meals on wheels, ditch walk, parade sales, pancake suppers and was the former president of Kiwanis.

MAJ. JOANN HIXENBAUGH



Major JoAnn Hixenbaugh joined Early Risers Kiwanis in July 2012.

JoAnn is married to Major Dale Hixenbaugh and they recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. The Hixenbaughs have two daughters and one son. The oldest daughter, Lt.

Dana Bigelow, is married and has two children. Son Joseph is currently in the Salvation Army College for Officers and their youngest daughter also works with the Salvation Army.

JoAnn has been a Salvation Army Officer (Minister) for 30½ years. She is currently serving on The Human and Spiritual Values Committee of the Early Risers Kiwanis Club.

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.

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the Korean Conflict when he helped train recruits at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Wayne Breneman, a farmer near Trimont, was named outstanding conservation farmer of the year by Martin Soil and Water Conservaton District.

Local wrestling fans welcomed the return of pro wrestling after sev-

eral years. The matches were promoted by Berchy Trembley and Art Betts.

Reco Motors advertised a 3-year-old Ford Thunderbird with full power, air conditioning, 20,000 miles, at \$3,095, the highest priced used car on their lot.

Fairmont Speech team earns 4th at Cardinal Invitational

The Fairmont Speech team earned 4th place at the Fairmont Cardinal Invitational on March 7th.

Finalists were Julia Okerman 1st Extemp Reading, Katiana Fischer 3rd, Anagha Komaragiri 1st and Shantel Quist 7th Informative Speaking, Anagha Komaragiri 1st

and Lauren Carlson 7th Original Oratory, Emma Koehler 6th Poetry. Ribbon winners were Austin Becker and Ben Herenes Duo, Mikayla Soelter Storytelling, Emily Haugen, Extemp Reading, and Shantel Quist, Informative Speaking.

Cardinal Speaker Earns Way to National Tournament

The Fairmont Cardinal Speech Team traveled to Normandale Community College on March 13th to compete at the National Speech and Debate National qualifying tournament. Anagha Komaragiri earned her way to the National Speech and Debate Tournament to be held in Dallas in June. Komaragiri, who competes in Original Oratory, took 3rd place honors and will represent

the Southern Minnesota Region.

Lexi and Katiana Fischer were semi finalists at the tournament in Dramatic Duo. Other Fairmont competitors were Anna Hernes, Julie Fleming, Lauren Carlson, Espen Anthony, Emilee Moeller.

On Saturday, Cardinal speakers competed at the Eagan Wildcat tournament where Anna Hernes was 6 place in Drama.

Cardinal Speech earns 3rd at Big South Conference Meet

The Fairmont Cardinal Speech Team traveled to Jackson County Central March 19th to attend the 1st Annual Big South Conference Speech Meet. The Cardinal speakers earned third place. Marshall won the tournament and St. Peter was second.

Conference Champions were Lexi and Katiana Fischer in Dramatic Duo and Anagha Komaragiri in Informative Speaking.

Other finalists were Julie Fleming 3rd and

Anna Hernes 5th in Drama, Ben Hernes and Austin Becker 5th in Dramatic Duo, Julia Okerman 3rd Extemp Reading, Peter Nielsen 4th Great Speeches, Shantel Quist 2nd Informative, Lauren Carlson 4th Oratory, Emilee Moeller 3rd and Emma Koehler 5th poetry, and Mikayla Soelter 5th in Storytelling.

The team travels to New Ulm on March 28th for the final Invitational of the season.

Youth Activities Expo Exhibitor Registration

Exhibitor registrations are now open for the annual Youth Activities Expo. The Youth Activities Expo will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015, 5-7 p.m. in the Fairmont Elementary School gym.

The purpose of the Youth Activities Expo is to assemble local organizations which serve families with school-age youth. The Expo will give youth and families an opportunity to learn about the numerous educational, social services, arts, outdoor and recreational organizations which provide youth positive growth opportunities. Registrations for many summer youth activities are available at the Expo including CER Activities, Sport Camps, Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Girls Softball, Boy Scouts, Day Camps at the Park, etc. For more information, please contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Program. The FREE event is co-

sponsored by the Fairmont Healthy Youth Committee and Fairmont Community Education and Recreation.

This year's theme is the "The Coolest Camp in Town - No Sun Screen Needed." Exhibitors are encouraged to use this theme and provide a hands-on activity and registration/information opportunity for those attending. Exhibitors may set up after 4 p.m. the day of the event and take down exhibits after 7 p.m. The space for each group will be approximately 8 by 8 feet. Contact Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Office for exhibitor registration form and reserve a space by April 7th.

Pre-registration is requested at Fairmont Community Education and Recreation, located at Fairmont Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont MN 56031.

For more information, contact 507-235-3141.

Knowledge Bowl Teams Regionals

The Fairmont High School Knowledge Bowl Team ended their season at the Regional Meet on March 23rd in Mankato. **Fairmont Crimson** (Mitch Anderton, Anagha Komaragiri, Tony Joseph,

Cameron Hainy, Nathan Larson) placed 8th out of the top 27 teams in the region. **Fairmont Fuschia** (Peter Nielsen, Bailey Koppen, Alban Loyer, Jake Kallenbach, Kellen Rodriguez) placed 18th.



Fairmont Crimson



Fairmont Fuschia

Kinship and Martin County Mentoring Beach Party on Ice

On March 8th, the Kinship family and Martin County Mentoring was able to enjoy the annual Beach Party on Ice. We had a blast! Attendees were able to ice skate, play games on the ice such as limbo, color and make bracelets, and eat! Altogether, we had over 135 people present! Shawn Chambers of Martin County Mentoring did a fantastic job picking out crafts and inflatable balls and hockey sticks, which the kids loved. The wonderful Kinship board made

tacos, bars, cookies, hot chocolate, and more! Kinship volunteers helped by bringing some of the mentees on our waiting list or mentees whose mentors could not attend. We owe a huge thank-you to the Fairmont Hockey Association, which provided ice skates for everyone to use. They were also incredibly gracious by helping us set up and clean up, and made sure everything ran smoothly throughout the event. Kinship is so grateful to everyone who made this fun day possible!



Mikayla Stradtman of Fairmont placed third in the Junior Division MAGA Individual Championship with a 9.15 tsuk vault. New Prague hosted the event last Saturday.

Two area students will travel with Concordia choir

Concordia University, Nebraska's University A Cappella Choir will travel to Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri for its annual tour April 8th-12th. Participants include:

Jessica Krome, a senior from Fairmont, Soprano I and Mason Keritz, a sophomore from Northrop, Bass I.

"The A Cappella Choir has been preparing for this concert tour since August, and they are anxious to share their work," said Concordia's Professor of Music Dr. Kurt von Kampen. "This concert program spans centuries of great choral music and also features the work of modern composers. I am confident that audience members will be instruct-

ed, uplifted, entertained and maybe even surprised once or twice."

The internationally acclaimed choir will perform concerts at churches and schools in five Midwest cities on their five-day tour. Cities on the tour include Council Bluffs, Iowa; Downers Grove, Illinois; Fort Wayne, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; and Concordia, Missouri.

Choir members will perform during full-length concerts, high school assemblies and church worship services, in addition to spending time with a variety of host families throughout the tour.

Concordia University is located in Seward, Nebraska.



Fairmont Area Kinship and Martin County Mentoring members and volunteers have a blast at the annual Beach Party on Ice.



Cardinal Girls fall in State Quarterfinal

It was battle royale. In a game it led from start to finish, No. 2-seed Dover-Eyota topped Fairmont 62-53 in the State Class AA quarterfinal played at Mariucci Arena Minneapolis last Wednesday.

In a fast-paced first half where full-court pressure and rebounding were the norm, the Eagles out-rebounded the Cards 26 to 15 and led by 10 points at halftime. The Cardinals could have used a pair of sumo suits that were worn by a couple of Card band members. Schultz and Eagles star guard/forward Brandi Blattner traded jabs with slashing drives to the basket in a physical first-half. Cardinals Courtney Mosloski who came off the bench, scored 11 first-half points.

Dover-Eyota's lead then grew to 20 points with 9:25 left in the game when they went on a 18-8 run to lead 51-31. But like a big prizefight, the Cardinals didn't throw in the towel. The Cardinals countered with Schultz's driving layups combined with Emily Kim's jumper

plus two three-pointers. Haley Harder and Sierrra Schrader's defense and Alex Christianson's jumper and rebounding, matched with a pair of free throws by Mosloski cut the Eagles margin to six points, 57-51 with just 1:38 left to play. Missed three-point attempts and having to foul the Eagles held off the Cards in the end. The Cardinals Sierra Schultz led all scorers with 22 points. Alex Christianson pulled down 10 rebounds and scored 6 points while Courtney Mosloski posted 17 points and 9 rebounds. Emily Kim added eight points. #2 State ranked Dover Eyota went on to dismantle Roseau 94-61 in the semifinal and cruised by #1/one seeded Sauk Centre (31-2) 71-58 in the championship game.

It was the final game for Cardinal seniors Sierra Schrader, Sierra Schultz, Alex Christianson, Emily Kim and Sarah Ostlie as they and the team finished with a 22-7 record and the second FHS appearance in the state tournament.



top: TIED UP - Cardinals Sierra Schrader ties up the Eagles Madison Nelson for a jump ball as teammate #45 Courtney Mosloski looks on. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

middle: THREE BALL - Cardinals Emily Kim drills one of her two three-pointers as the Eagles Megan Ostrowski gets there late to defend. Kim had 8 points for the Cardinals. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

above right: PRESSURE "D" - Cardinals Emily Kim traps #13 Dover Eyota's Megan Ostrowski. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

above left: STRONG REBOUND - Cardinals Alex Christianson secures a rebound from Dover Eyota's Megan Hintz. Christianson had 10 rebounds for the Cardinals in the state tournament game. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

bottom left: TAKING AIM - Cardinals Hayley Harder takes aim at the basket. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

bottom far left: STOP AND POP - Cardinals Sierra Schultz pulls up for a jumper in the lane over the #3 Eagles Brandi Blattner. Courtesy Greg Abel Photography

FHS Basketball Awards

The Cardinals announced the season's awards at the year-end banquet. Award winners included:



Derek Hunwardsen
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Anders Landenget
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Spencer Chirpich
Big South All-Conf. Honorable Mention



Parker Monson
Cardinal Award



Ben Abel
Big South All-Conference Honorable Mention

FHS Hockey Announces Awards

The Fairmont Area Cardinals announced the season's awards for the Cardinal Hockey team at the year-end banquet. Award winners included:



Matt Lytle
Cardinal Award



Tom Havnen
Rookie of the Year



Hunter Jorgenson
Kevin Kollofski Award



Brady Jensen
Most Improved Player Award



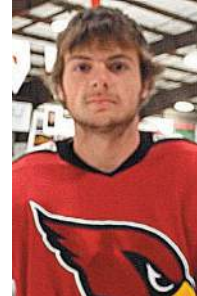
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The miracle of nature

By Al Batt

The wind whispered stories. The sky flared pink. I thought it might rain, but it didn't.

John Updike said that if he could be any animal, he'd be a turtle, because he liked the sound of rain on a roof. If I could be any animal, I'd be a crow. I've always wondered what skunk tastes like.

A song sparrow sang on my birthday. A kes-



trel did a fixed-wing dive at a perched crow. It did little more than irritate the crow. The kestrel looked like an oversized mosquito, filled with ferocity. A red-tailed hawk made an attempt to capture a rock pigeon feeding on the ground. The raptor was unsuccessful.

Friends reported eagle nests along lakes not far from where I live. Bald eagles have been nesting in my home county for a good number of years, but it still seems to be a miracle whenever I see one.

If the sandman used this sand, there wouldn't be much sleeping.

I visited the Apostle Is-

lands, an archipelago of 22 islands scattered across more than 720 square miles of Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake. I listened to the singing sands of Julian Bay on Stockton Island. Some say the musical sands burp. It sounded like squeaking to me.

Other dunes and beaches offer similar natural concert halls. Charles Darwin wrote about them. Marco Polo wrote this



A STARLING looks for spring. We see it in the starling's bill turning yellow. Photo by Al Batt

about his encounter with singing sands in the Gobi Desert, "...fill the air with the sounds of all kinds of musical instruments, and also of drums and the clash of arms." The Mojave and Sahara deserts have dunes that sing.

Q-and-A

Harlan Lutteke of Alden asked about the cause of

the near disappearance of birds from feeders after snowmelt. It's the availability of natural foods that draws them away. I raised chickens for many years. They were cooped up all winter. In the spring, I opened the henhouse

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door. I was nearly trampled by chickens. They loved being outside again. They ignored the food I gave them and went in search of what they could find. Maybe birds have that same feeling of freedom after being cooped up all winter.

"Why are robin eggs blue?" That's a good question. I don't know. I've asked robins and their

silence made it apparent that they weren't sure either. Some scientists believe that the blue camouflages eggs in the nest so that predators are less likely to find them. Other scientists think the blue color protects eggs from harmful sunrays.

"What is upwind and downwind?" Wind direction is the direction the wind is coming from. For example, a west wind is a wind blowing from west to east. Upwind is the direc-

tion the wind is coming from. If the wind is blowing from the west then the upwind direction is toward the west and the downwind direction is toward the east. If a person is moving upwind, they are moving against the wind and if a person is moving downwind, they are moving with the wind.

"What is the biggest owl in the world?" I used to think it was the Eurasian eagle-owl. Some sources say it is the great gray owl, which can be of great length. The largest owl is likely the Blakiston's fish-owl, which makes its home in old growth forests surrounding streams and rivers in Russia, China and Japan. These owls are stand 2 1/2 feet tall, have 6-foot wingspans and can weigh more than 10 pounds. In comparison, a

great horned owl typically weights 2 to 4 pounds.

A hawk in the news

A red-tailed hawk broke into a Kansas City man's home recently. It had no prior record of breaking and entering.

The hawk broke a window, knocked everything off a bedroom dresser, ripped curtains, knocked pictures from walls, tipped over a laundry basket and defecated on everything. The raptor ended up in worse shape than the house.

The professionals at the Lakeside Nature Center spent weeks nursing the hawk back to health. The problem was the bird's damaged feathers. They needed to decide whether

spring spruce up

to wait 6 months for the hawk's tail feathers to grow back or replace them with prosthetics. They took feathers from another red-tailed hawk and attached them. They glued on a feather transplant. The feathers will be replaced in a molt. The good news is that the bionic bird has been released back into the wild. Meanwhile, the homeowner's insurance company deals with an interesting claim.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

City of Trimont to Howard Blount, Lot 4, Block 12, Original Plat Triumph

Amy J. Burmeister, Amy J. Laue, Michael J. Laue to Jessica M. Laue, Tyler J. Laue, Pt. Tract A w/easement, Govt. Lot 12, SW¼, 19-101-30

Amy J. Burmeister, Amy J. Laue, Michael J. Laue to Jeffery A. Laue, Julie A. Laue, Julie M. Laue, Russell M. Laue, Pt. Tract B w/easement, Govt. Lot 12, SW¼, 19-101-30

Jacob P. Tietje, Nicole L. Tietje to Christiana L. Johnson, John P. Johnson, Lot 1, Block 2, Belle Vue Acres 2nd Addn.

Judy L. Sommerville, Peter W. Sommerville to Gary A. Thate, Linda L. Thate, Lot 3, Block 3, Blomstroms Addn.

Wells Fargo Bank NA, to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Pt. Lots 9 and 10, Block 17, Original Plat



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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
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 232570190
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot Eleven (11), of Block One (1), First Extension of Ward's Central Addition to the City of Fairmont, save and except the East Twenty-five (25) feet of the aforesaid Lot Eleven (11), according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for said county and state
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;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 8, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Martin County Security Building, 201 Lake Ave. Fairmont, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: February 26, 2015

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Nathan A. Jaster, Rebecca L. Jaster to Mark A. Smith, Pt. Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Blomstroms 3rd Addn.

Heather J. Smith, Mark A. Smith to Anthony J. Timm, Dana L. Timm, Lot 8, Block 1, Southview 3rd Addn.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Cheryl L. Schwieger to Claire E. Klug, Kathleen M. Klug, Kenneth C. Klug, Joann Mapson, Lot 9, Bethel Addn.

Julie Riegel, Atty.-in-fact, Marie Riegel to Julie riegel, Pt. E½NE¼, 13-101-29

William J. Riegel to Julie Riegel, Pt. E½NE¼, 13-101-29

Bruce Schneider, Nancy L. Schneider to Julie Riegel, Pt. E½NE¼, 13-101-29

Leann M. Riegel, Ralph E. Riegel to Julie Riegel, Pt. E½NE¼, 13-101-29

Christiana L. Johnson, John P. Johnson to Christiana L. Johnson, John P. Johnson, Kay Ramsden, Lot 1, Block 2, Bellevue Acres 2nd Addn.

Katherine A. Brown, Wesley Wayne Brown to Katherine A. Brown, Wesley W. Brown, Lot 9, Exc. S.40', Lots 10 and 11, Arthur Stades Wester Amber Lake

George A. Hendricks, Geraldine F. Hendricks to George A. Hendricks, Geraldine F. Hendricks, Rodney Hendricks, Steve Hendricks, Lot 1, Exc. S.15', Lot 2, Block 4, Original Plat Welcome

CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Martin County Rental Resources, LLC to Bridget Jean Tenney, Lot 12, Block 2, Fairview Addn.

Corey Olson, Stephanie Olson to David Meschke, Lisa Meschke, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 6-102-31



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Dated the 6th day of March 2015.

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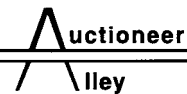
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DAY	DATE	TOWNSHIP/CITY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday	April 1	Fairmont Township(open book)	6:00 PM	5 Lakes Elem Media Center
Wednesday	April 1	Silver Lake Township	7:30 PM	Randy Musser Home
Thursday	April 2	Fraser Township	7:00 PM	Welcome City Hall
Thursday	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	Nashville 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
Thursday	April 16	Waverly Township(open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Westford Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 16	Trimont City	7:00 PM	Trimont City Hall
Monday	April 20	Sherburn City (open book)	5:00 PM	Sherburn City Hall
Monday	April 20	Truman City	5:30 PM	Truman City Hall
Tuesday	April 21	Welcome City	6:00 PM	Welcome City Hall
Tuesday	April 21	Northrop City	7:00 PM	Northrop City Hall
Wednesday	April 22	Fairmont City	9:00 AM	Fairmont City Hall
Thursday	April 23	Ceylon City (open book)	7:30 PM	Ceylon American Legion
Tuesday	June 16	Martin County Board of Appeal & Equalization	6:30 PM	Commissioners Room

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MAR 26 - 31

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MONDAY: Bean Soup, cornbread, twinkie dessert, milk.

TUESDAY: Pot Roast, red skin potatoes, cravy, baby carrots, cake, bread and butter, milk.

FAIRMONT AREA

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MAR 26 - 31

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Blueberry Muffin, hard boiled egg, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Fruit and Granola Yogurt Parfaits, Cocoa Puffs and yogurt, PB & J, peaches, OJ.

Lunch K-6: BBQ Pork Riblet, ham and cheese sandwich, corn, red pepper strips, peaches. JR/HS: Hot Dog, tator tots, coleslaw, cherry tomatoes, orange wedges, pears.

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: Toasted Cheese Sandwich, turkey and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, side salad, pineapple tidbits. JR/HS: Cheese and Salsa Quesadilla, brown rice, hot black beans, spicy four bean salad, red pepper

strips, apples, 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: Chicken Nuggets, dinner roll, chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, lettuce salad, pears. JR/HS: Sweet and Sour Popcorn Chicken, brown rice, peas, chickpea salad, celery sticks, 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: Spaghetti, breadstick, turkey and cheese sandwich, peas, carrots, applesauce. JR/HS: Meatballs, gravy, rotini, dinner roll, broccoli salad w/ raisins, cucumber slices, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

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MAR 26 - 31

THUR: Breakfast: Pizza, salsa, juice. **Lunch:** Tator Tot Hotdish, dinner roll, fresh veggies, spinach salad, peaches.

FRI: No School
MON: Breakfast: Cereal-Bar, string cheese, fruit/juice. **Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, green beans, veggies, pineapple tidbits.

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

WED: Breakfast: Pancakes, blueberries, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken Pattie, sweet potato puffs, peas/carrots, fresh fruit.

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MAR 26 - 31

THUR: Grilled Cheese, pears, carrot sticks, pudding cup, milk.

FRI: BBQ, pineapple, CA blend, cookie, milk.

MON: Corn Dog Nuggets, potato rounds, orange, bread, milk.

TUES: Taco Salad, pears, green beans, blueberry muffin cake, milk.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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MAR 26 - 31

THUR: Hot Dog, tator tots, coleslaw, orange wedges.

FRI: Cheese Pizza, red pepper strips, apples.

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Fairmont Awarded CASE Education Grant

Amber Lee Siebert, an agriculture instructor at Fairmont Jr/Sr High School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from DuPont Pioneer and the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) to implement the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE). Grants are awarded to teachers using this curriculum who may be lacking in sufficient resources to do so. Ms. Siebert will use the grant for developing a food science course that will qualify as a chemistry credit for graduation.

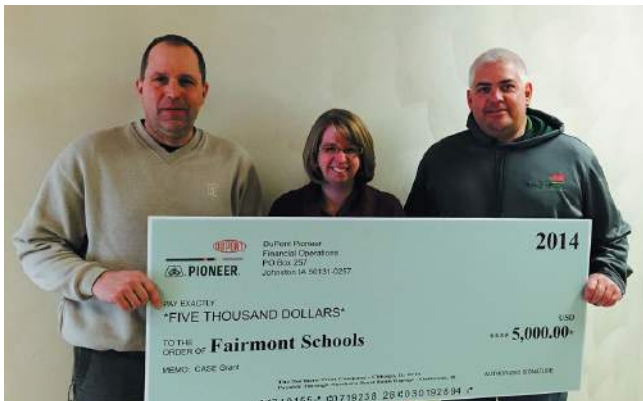
The DuPont Pioneer grants are available to help in three areas teachers have identified as cost barriers to implementing the program in their schools: teacher training, equipment and materials and end-of-course assessments.

"DuPont Pioneer recognizes the importance of sound education for the next generation of agribusiness professionals, and is proud to support the CASE grant program," said Patrick Yockey, DuPont Pioneer northern business unit director. "We know that educators can't do this alone, and are proud to work with others

like NAAE to make sure they have all the tools they need to get the job done."

CASE is a multi-year approach to agriscience education with rigorous educator training requirements and hands-on, inquiry-focused learning activities. The collaboration between DuPont Pioneer and CASE is a special project of the National FFA Foundation. This is the third year of involvement for DuPont Pioneer.

The CASE grant program is part of the DuPont Pioneer Global Giving Program, which is intended to improve food security by advancing agriculture through science, education and innovation and to enhance the quality of life for farmers and their communities globally. CASE is an instructional system that is changing the culture of agriculture programs by equipping teachers to elevate student experiences in the agriculture classroom, and preparing students for success in college and careers emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math. For more information about CASE, visit <http://www.case4learning.org>.



left to right: Clair Schmidt from Elm Creek Agronomy, Amber Siebert, and local Pioneer sales representative Tracey Wiemers with Elm Creek Agronomy.



(above and below) Students at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont had the opportunity to have breakfast with their dads during "Donuts with Dads" on Wednesday, March 18th.



Martin County FSA teaches students for National Ag Day

The Martin County Farm Service Agency (FSA) personnel met with Kindergarten to Second Grade children at St. James Lutheran School in Northrop for National Agriculture Day last Wednesday.

The students were taught the meaning of ag-



riculture as well as all the different things created from a variety of agricultural items: for instance, the cereal they ate for breakfast that morning and the clothes that they were wearing all came from agricultural com-



modities. The students were also introduced to the faces of agriculture and their roles: Produce Buyer, Farmer, Veterinarian, Mechanic, Pipeline Engineer, Park Ranger, and Agri-Businessman. Technology was also a large topic as the staff discussed with the children how things have

changed over the years in agriculture to make farming easier and more efficient.

The FSA Staff separated the children into two groups and had two different stations prepared. The first station was about soils and seeds. The experiment started with three 2 liter pop bottles cut horizontally. Each pop bottle contained different items: the first held soil, the second held soil and debris, and the third held soil and plants. We poured water into the pop bottles and the students were able to see how the water drained through each soil as it poured into a cup hanging over the edge of the open spout. This also portrayed soil erosion and how plants "drink" the water in order to stay healthy. After this the students were given a plastic food glove and the staff explained the parts of seeds, the similarities and differences of each, and how seeds grow. The students were instructed to put a single seed into each finger of the glove and then place a wet cotton ball on the top of the seeds. Ribbon or string were laced through a couple holes at the top of the gloves and tied to create a hanger. The students were instructed to hang their gloves in the sun and make sure

that the cotton balls remained wet and then once the seed started growing into a seedling they could plant it in soil. These activities made the kids feel like farmers themselves, but as the plant grows, the experiment will also demonstrate the students how a plant grows.

The second station was



created to educate the students on the history of agricultural technology, teamwork, and production. The students were taken outside to a jungle



gym where apples were placed in the middle of the jungle gym. The FSA Staff and the students discussed how things have changed over the years for agricul-



ture and harvesting. The students were split into two teams and the staff explained how the jungle gym represented an apple tree and how in the "old days" people handpicked all their produce. Their first activity was working together to bring the apples down and place into a designated area with proper care not to bruise them so

they could be sold. After the students completed that portion of the activity, they were given two baskets per team and again asked to "climb the apple tree" and work together to bring the apples to a designated area using the baskets (reminding the children take heed on their produce). The final round consisted of the students working together to figure the best technique for "climbing the apple tree", retrieving the most apples possible, placing them into a wheelbarrow/wagon and taking them to a designated area.

As a parting gift, the FSA Staff provided the each student with a small bag containing an FSA notepad, FSA pencil, and FSA temporary tattoos that were stapled to activity sheets for them to share with their families at home. The FSA Staff also allowed the children to select their own apple from their pickings. The remaining apples were donated for a future school lunch.

The FSA Staff enjoyed the privilege of sharing



Ask A Trooper: Walking on Roadways

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: What is the law regarding motorists moving over when meeting a person walking on the roadway? I often walk my dog on the side of the road (but not in the gravel shoulder or grass.) I walk against traffic so the vehicle I'm meeting is very close to me and rarely moves over when the other lane is open and rarely slows down, even to the point of spitting rocks at us.

Am I right, are motorists legally supposedly to move over if they can do so safely and slow down? Or am I supposed to quickly get on the shoul-

der out of fear that they could hit us? Or is it not the law in Minnesota and just myself and some others do it for walkers and bike riders as a courtesy?

Answer: Pedestrian safety is a two-way street. Each year in Minnesota, approximately 35 pedestrians and 6 bicyclists are killed as a result of collisions with motor vehicles. Fifteen percent of those pedestrians killed were not using or crossing the roadway properly.

Minnesota law states: "Pedestrians when walking or moving in a wheelchair along a roadway

shall, when practicable, walk or move on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder giving way to oncoming traffic. Where sidewalks are provided and are accessible and usable it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk or move in a wheelchair along and upon an adjacent roadway."

"Sharing the Road" is covered extensively in the Minnesota driver's manual. As a reminder, pedestrian traffic walks facing the direction of oncoming traffic, while bicycles must ride in the same direction as traffic. If you must walk near oncoming traffic, step onto the shoulder and move over as far as possible. With that said, I

would also encourage motorists to be courteous by giving pedestrians room and slowing down when possible.

Each of us, whether motorist or pedestrian, must pay attention and be alert in order to reduce traffic-related fatalities on our roadways.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us Twitter: MSP-PIO_SOUTH



Mrs. Luhmann's 3rd grade class at Fairmont Elementary School was a sea of green on St. Patrick's Day. Their special project was painting a leprechaun face on the cups in which they had planted grass seed. Made for some funny looking green hair!



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the Martin County Fair. MCAAF Board member Sue Moore is pictured presenting a grant to Marsha Williams representing the Welcome Historical Society.

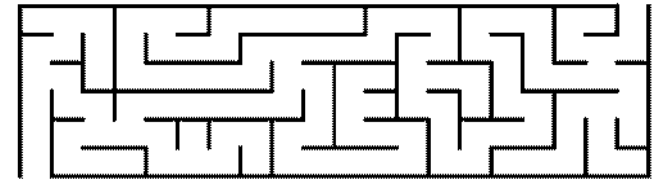


Eleven daughters of Louis Maday and the late Marvis Maday, of rural Blue Earth, recently had a reunion (above). below - left to right: first row - Lori Whelan, Beth Sparks; second row - Jennifer Nowicki, Maggie Hiatt, Nylene Sparks, Brenda Sturm; third row - Barbara Ring, Marsha Farnham, Jeanne Mortensen, Dianne Gonssen and Mary Broviak.



Both men and women alike attended a gathering of the recently formed "Friendship Club" in the fellowship room at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburne. The group was formed to provide a gathering for men and women of any age to get together for fellowship and also to attend various events and activities.

Kids' Maze



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Some of the employees at 3M held up signs and showed their support to the Fairmont Cardinal Girls' basketball team as they headed up to the state tournament last week. The Cards lost to #2 ranked Dover-Eyota in the opening round of the tournament.

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