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The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. Bears and the occasional farmer have come out of hibernation. I ran my best one-mile run ever. I made 100



yards. I bought some stuff off one of those TV infomercials that said it would grow hair on a bowling ball. It did grow hair on my bowling ball, but it sure messed up my game. I used a coupon for breakfast yesterday. Some people gave me grief for that, but I use coupons because I'm sure that somewhere along the line, I've overpaid for something. Plus, I'm cheap, as tight as King Midas's fist."

Naturally

The day remained frozen in patches of faded white.

The world was hurrying by at squirrel speed. An en-

tire Olympics could consist of one event. Trying to catch a squirrel. Whoever caught one would get the gold medal. There were snow-bones, the persistent patches of snow left behind along fence lines toward the end of winter or after a thaw. Blue jays called loud and often. I tried to find the cause for their alarm, but could not. Blue jays are like callers to talk radio; it's impossible to keep up with the reasons for their outrage.

Robins, having made a colossal commute, looked for worms where they found green grass. Birds are beginning to have a lot to say. A rooster pheasant did a double-squawk outside my window. Red-winged blackbirds, song sparrows and house finches sang.

Where there was open water, I saw ducks floating like bobbers. A wet farm field next to my house entertained swans, Canadas, redheads, bluebills and mallards. They were a noisy bunch.

Just past the middle of March was when I saw a

groundhog and chipmunks active in my yard. I watched a male cardinal feed his mate and a male jay do the same for his. These were pair bonding exercises.

I spotted an American kestrel hovering over a road ditch. It faced into the wind, flapped its wings and adjusted its tail to remain in place. I saw a pair mating on a utility wire.

I watched a bald eagle flying high over a road. The eagle was carrying a stick. A bald eagle will lug a stick up to a mile to its nest. I've heard of an eagle carrying a 5-foot long branch.

I saw house sparrows here and there. Once common birds in London and associated with the term "cockney sparra," they are now essentially extinct from central London. Cats, air pollution and pesticides are being blamed.

I birded Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas on March 25. I saw meadowlarks in all four states. The western meadowlark is the state bird

of Kansas, decided by a vote of over 121,000 school children with 43,895 votes cast for the meadowlark. The bobwhite finished second and the cardinal third.

Q-and-A

Russ Hauenstein of Blanco, Texas asked when deer drop their antlers. Most of the white-tailed bucks in Minnesota have shed their antlers around mid to late January. There are always exceptions. Southern deer drop antlers later, but I'd expect most have been cast by late March, early April.

"Why are squirrels chewing on the asphalt of the street?" It was likely licking minerals (especially salt) from the road.

"What's a field mouse?" It's a nickname generally used for a white-footed mouse, deer mouse or meadow vole. The mice often move into houses in the fall, but I've never found a vole indoors.

"How fast can a racing pigeon fly?" Dependent upon weather, a good racing/homing pigeon could probably hit 60 mph.

Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota Annual



A COCKNEY SPARRA, photo by Al Batt

Expo, Saturday, April 14th, 2018. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., program at 9 at Cannon Falls High School. For information, email: expo@bbrpmn.org or call 507-645-9470. Register online at www.bbrp.org

The mailbag

John Pfeiffer of New Ulm sent this, "For people, the two seasons are winter and road construction. I think for birds, winter and nest construction."

Bill Seele of Cresco writes, "You recently answered a question on birds flying upside down. Just wondered if you had heard the junior high joke from 50 or 60 years ago that goes, Confucius say,

'Duck who fly upside down may quack up!'"

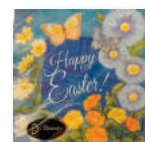
This from Harvey Benson of Harmony, "When my mother got her first hearing aid many decades ago, (and they were not so good then), the first thing she said was, 'I can hear birds again.'"

Thanks for stopping by
"The environment after all is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become."—Lady Bird Johnson

"Choose to be optimistic, it feels better." Dalai Lama
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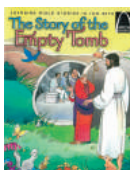
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HAGEN-ASK - Mikayla Hagen and Matthew Ask of Ceylon announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Travis and Angie Leiding of rural Ceylon, Julie Sathre Ask and the late Ted Ask of Panama City, Florida. Grandparents are Dennis and Marianne Hagen of Fairmont, Ronnie and Jane Leiding of Ceylon and Alan and Juanita Ask of Dunnell. The wedding is planned for June 23rd, 2018 in rural Ceylon.

Fairmont Soccer Association flower sales

The Fairmont Soccer Association is currently conducting its annual flower sales. New this year: They are accepting online flower orders only. Webstore is open now through April 21st. Visit: <https://square-up.com/store/fsa-flower-sales> While placing your order at checkout, enter the first and last name of the soccer player in the "Note to Merchant" box so they get credit for the sale. You can pick up your flower orders Saturday, May 12th between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at the Martin County Arena, located at 1300 N. Bixby Rd, Fairmont. Some additional plants may be available at pick-up. For more information: fsaflowersales@hotmail.com. Thank you for Supporting the Youth of Fairmont Soccer.



Health Care for All Minnesota Meeting April 2

The Martin County chapter of Health Care for All Minnesota (HCAMN) will hold their monthly meeting Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Martin County Library in Fairmont. Health Care for All Minnesota is dedicated to promoting affordable high quality healthcare for ever Minnesotan through advocacy, education and community organizing. This meeting is free and open to the public. Questions? Call 507-848-4414 or visit healthcareforallmn.org.



Representatives of Tradewind Energy Company toured the Fairmont Area High School welding academy on March 19th. Pictured (L-R): Bob Bonin, welding instructor; Christina Yagjian, senior development manager; Howard Kruger, leasing consultant; Nathan Bauer, leasing consultant; Scott Geerdes, school counselor. (submitted photo)



LARDY-BOSCH - Kodi Lardy and Jared Bosch of Bismarck, North Dakota announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Brian and Tammy Lardy, Charles and Pamela Bosch and Travis and Angie Leiding. Kodi's grandparents are Bud and Karen Weikum and Maurice and Sharon Lardy. Jared's grandparents are Peter and Magdalena Bosch, Wilbert and Esther Brandner, Dennis and Marianne Hagen and Ronnie and Jane Leiding. The wedding is planned for May 4th, 2018 in Bismarck.

Welcome Fire Department Easter Egg Events

The Welcome Fire Department will host two Easter egg events this week. Easter Egg Coloring will take place Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Welcome American Legion Hall. Children are invited to come help them color 48 dozen Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. at Hansen/Keck Park in Welcome (north side of town). All kids are invited to come take part in both events.

American Red Cross needs blood donors

Though spring has officially arrived, the American Red Cross blood supply is still recovering from severe winter storms in March. Donors of all blood types are urged to roll up a sleeve and help save lives. Two opportunities to donate blood are upcoming in Martin County: **Ceylon** Wednesday, April 4th, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Legends 2, 103 E. Main St. **Truman** Monday, April 9th: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Truman High School, 401 E. 1st St. S. Winter weather in parts of the country forced more than 270 blood drives to cancel, resulting in over 9,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations in the first two weeks of March. No matter the weather, the need for blood to help cancer patients, those undergoing surgeries, trauma patients and others remains. Volunteer blood donors from across the country are needed to help ensure lifesaving blood products are available for patients this spring. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sweet Treats and Reads at Fairmont Library

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join the Martin County Library in Fairmont for Sweet Treats and Reads! We'll have treats, book-related activities and talk about new books we're reading or excited to read! This event is free and no registration is required. Join us on Tuesday, April 3rd at 4 p.m. for the last Sweet Treats of the spring!



SCHULTZE 65TH - Lawrence and Lola Schultze of Ceylon were blessed with 65 years of marriage on January 2nd, 2018. They will be celebrating with family and friends on Sunday, April 8th from 2 to 5 p.m. at Legends 2 in Ceylon.



Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses, and friends will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Trimont will be hosting the Tuesday morning coffee hour during the month of April. The coffee hour will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. All are welcome!

The Facilities Board of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont will host a Free Community Meal on Wednesday, March 28th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Menu will be grilled pork loin, au gratin potatoes, green beans and ice cream sundaes. All are welcome!

There will be an open house bridal shower for Rachel Plathe, bride to be of Jordan Collins. The open house will be held Saturday, April 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bethel Free Church in Fairmont. Parents of the couple are Karen Plathe and Duane Plathe, both of Fairmont; Jim Collins of Chanhassen, MN and Patty and Brian Breitbarth of Coon Rapids, MN. The couple is registered at Target and Sterling Drug.

Tuesday, April 3rd, People First will hold its monthly meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Fairmont's Pizza Ranch. Notice change in meeting time and location. Anybody needing a ride to this event or has questions about People First should contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017.



THE GREAT GATSBY - Pictured are students and two staff members from Presentation College at last weekend's Great Gatsby fund-raiser, used to help raise money for student scholarships. Back row (left to right): Christopher McDonald, Cassie Hugget, Alayna Triethart, Jamie Stevens, Regina Dougherty, and Rachel Botzet. Front row: Kaleigh Evans, Madison Gertsema, Megan Rogosheske, and Kenya Birkle. (Submitted photo)

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Mayo Hospice offers Journey Through Grief

Journey Through Grief helps those who've experienced the death of a loved one

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice invites individuals and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one to attend Journey Through Grief, a no-cost, eight-week grief support group.

The weekly meetings begin Thursday, April 5th and take place on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Fairmont

United Methodist Church, 119 E. Second St. in Fairmont.

Participants will share their stories and explore the process of grief and healing. Group members will connect with others and find comfort knowing that they're not alone.

Preregistration is required as the group is limited to 10 participants. For more information or to register, call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll-free).

CREST hosts a mystery "Lunch & Learn"

It's a mystery! You are invited to the April Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, located at 21 East 1st Street in Sherburn. Come and find out who the mystery speaker is and enjoy a delicious mystery lunch.

These informational gatherings are provided by CREST as an opportunity

for education and fellowship to anyone in the surrounding area. If you have a topic you are interested in, let the CREST staff know. Health related topics or informational topics like fraud prevention, living wills, and legal must-do's will be considered. If you have any questions or suggestions, call the CREST office at 235-3833.

Discovery Place Preschool Round Up Registration for 2018-2019 school year is Thursday, April 12th. An Open House will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Elementary School Preschool Rooms. If you would like more information, call Discovery Place Preschool at 235-6205.

Registration is now open for the 2018 **Interlaken Heritage Days Parade** taking place on Saturday, June 9th. To register to participate go to ihdfairmont.org and click on "Parade Entry Form" under the Forms tab. For questions, contact Corey at 507-353-0375 or Marlys at 507-236-3841.

Food Awareness Day at Fairmont HyVee

The Martin County Farm Bureau, with co-sponsors Martin County Corn and Soybean Growers, Martin County Dairy Farmers and Martin County Pork Producers are holding a Martin County Farmers "Food Awareness Event."

This program will be held Saturday, March 31st, 10 a.m. to noon

at the Fairmont HyVee store. Shoppers will be able to meet and talk with local farmers about how their food is produced, marketed and distributed. Shoppers will also have the opportunity to donate to the local area food shelf.



This "Food Awareness Event" is funded by the above organizations' check-off dollars.

Fairmont Chamber Ambassador visits

The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassador committee called upon two local businesses last week to hold ribbon cuttings. (submitted photos)



Supreme Lending of Fairmont - Chamber Ambassadors welcome Jarod Mathiason (center) of new business and chamber member Supreme Lending of Fairmont, 717 S. State Street, Suite 6, Fairmont.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide - Chamber Ambassadors celebrated 40 years of service to the Fairmont area with volunteers for the local AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

ACE event helps area high schoolers navigate career options



In an effort to provide students with information on careers and jobs located in the south central region of Minnesota, the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with businesses, educational entities, DEED, ISeek and Fairmont Area Schools in hosting their annual Area Career Exploration, or ACE, day on April 11th in the Fairmont Area Jr/Sr High School gymnasium.

On average, over 650 sophomores from 12 area schools visit over 100 businesses, colleges and organizations. Participating high schools include Blue Earth Area, Butterfield-Odin, Fairmont Area, Granada Huntley East Chain, Martin County West, Martin Luther, Mountain Lake, North Union, Southern Plains Educational Cooperative, St. James, Jackson and

Truman.

Prior to arriving, students will have completed a career interest survey which narrows their interests to a short list of careers they may wish to pursue. From there, students are given the opportunity to meet with area businesses from a wide selection of industry sectors to discuss these and other career options. They will have the opportunity to learn what high school and college classes offer the greatest benefit to their chosen career field as well as what the job market looks like for their career. Parents are asked to sit down with their child before and after the event to discuss their child's career interests. The event is divided into two alternating sessions, allowing students to peruse business booths during one and enjoy a career game show in

the Performing Arts Center during the other. Young professionals from the area pose career-focused questions to students from each school who compete to win a trophy for their school. Each student will receive an ACE Resource Guide prior to the event which contains valuable information including the outlook of the job market in various career clusters. Each student should also leave the ACE day with pamphlets and information from the businesses they chose to visit during the day.

Anyone interested in volunteering or seeking more information about this event should contact Kandi Menne at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce by calling 507-235-5547. You can view the 2018 ACE Resource Guide online at www.FairmontChamber.org.

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Route 29: Lake Park Boulevard,

Lake Park Place, Linden Drive and Sisseton Drive.

Route 30: Kings Road, Hengen, Martin Court, Fairlakes, North and South Valley View Court.

Route 37: 1200 to 1500 blocks of Albion Avenue, Oak Beach Drive, Oak Beach Place, Oak Street, East Lair Road, 100 to 200 blocks of West Lair Road, Lake Street, Cadillac Avenue and Lakeview Street.

Route 39: 900 to 1000 blocks of Shoreacres Drive, 900 block of Summit Drive, Union Street, Capital Heights Court, Embassy Road, Heritage Court, Independence Drive, Liberty Lane, Rona Court, Channel Inn.

Route 44: East Belle Vue Road, Stadel Lane, Sylvia Street, Jerry Street.

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Women Forward Leaders, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. at Sweet Financial Services

Five Ways That A Working Woman Can Have It All - As seen in The Huffington Post

While it is no longer expected that women stay home to run the household, there are new challenges that career women face. Women who choose to pursue their passions outside of the household often feel the weight of the world on their shoulders.

Brittany Anderson - Director of Operations, Office Manager, RJFS, co-founder of Dare to Dream Enterprises, author, wife and mom of two young girls - knows first-hand the challenges that come with managing a career and a household. Brittany commented "There is no magic formula to creating balance between work and home. What I can say is that there is one simple thing that you can do to set yourself up for success each and every day. There is a saying that states if you have more than three priorities, you have none."

Brittany goes on to say, "I've seen this time and time again where you start making a to-do list and before you know it there's 22 items on the list. When you have so many things to focus on your brain just freezes and that's where procrastination kicks in. So try to keep things simple by only allowing yourself 3 top priorities each day. If you can get just 3 important things done per day that is 1,095 accomplishments in a year - that's something to celebrate!"

Productivity Consultant David Allen once said "You can do anything, but you can't do EVERYTHING."

Here are five essential tips to living by and embracing this mantra so that you can design your ideal life!

1. Get rid of the guilt. There are a million articles out there on the topic of "mom guilt" and the range of guilt that women face is alarming. In today's society there are certain expectations placed on mom's, and everyone has an opinion. But here's the deal - harnessing guilt isn't good for anyone. It lowers your self-esteem, causes negative stress and doesn't allow you to be present in the moment because you're stuck thinking of the "could have's" and "should have's." Understand that it's ok to not have it together 100% of the time... that's not possible! But what is possible is putting certain systems into place to help you forget less, stress less and be present more - which leads me to my second point.

2. Prioritize & Focus Remember that quote above about doing anything but not everything?

Prioritization is key for the career-oriented woman. Decide what is most important and act on only those things. Don't take the easy way out by doing the things that really aren't going to make a difference in your day. Start by drawing two columns on a sheet of paper. On one side make a list of activities that will take you to the next level and on the other side make a list of the things that are holding you back. Then figure out how to spend less time doing the things that drain you and more time on the things that bring you energy and excitement in life.

3. Delegate What is the key to effective delegation? Some would say it starts with communication. Others would say it has to do with the type of task you're delegating. While these things do matter, one of the most effective way to delegate is to surround yourself with amazing people! This applies to both your professional and personal life. By putting people in the right seats, doing things that they are exceptional at, this frees you up to focus only on those things that give you endless energy. Dan Sullivan of Strategic Coach calls this working within a person's Unique Abilities. You'd be amazed at how many of the things that you loath, are things that other people love to do!

4. It's Ok to Play! In order to be a mom and career woman you cannot take yourself too seriously. If you aren't having fun in your work, guess what starts to creep back in? It's that mom-guilt again! Celebrate small wins at work with your teams. Schedule a happy hour with your colleagues. Simply allow yourself to laugh at some of things that drive you crazy! If you didn't have challenges you wouldn't have growth, right?!

And then when you get home put the same practices into play. Get down on the floor and play with your kids. Play outside. Take a few moments of uninterrupted time with your significant other and enjoy each other's company! Don't take life too seriously because you only have one chance at it. Make it fun!

5. Take Care of Yourself There is a quote out there that says "Take care of yourself. You can't pour from an empty cup." As a career mom your day may look a little something like this... Get up, get ready, get little ones ready, get the kids to school/day-care, drive to work, handle the 10,000 things on your plate, leave the office, rush to pick your kids up, get home, cook dinner, help with homework, get baths done, read bedtime stories, tuck your kids in bed, clean up the kitchen, prep for the next day...

So where do you fit any self-care in that routine you ask? Refer to numbers 2 & 3 above. At least one of your top priorities for your day should be something for yourself. Get a workout in. Prep healthy meals for your week. Schedule a dinner with your friends. Do something that makes you happy outside of your work and outside of your home. You need to take care of yourself in order to take care of those around you.

You can do and achieve ANYTHING you set your mind to, as long as you don't try to do everything at once. Life is about building a tribe of amazing people around you that you can give and get support from. It is truly amazing what you can accomplish in this life if you stay focused, don't take yourself too seriously and know that that regardless, you're a Rockstar!

Further credit to Benjamin P. Hardy, Contributor, Husband and foster father of 3. Pursuing Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology.

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 31, 1993

Six candidates had filed for the Fairmont school board. They were incumbents Chuck Omvig and Laura Walker. They would be opposed by Jim Simpson, Kent Unke, Becky Bancks and John Rosa.

The time, temperature and date would now be available on Downtown Plaza. Bank Midwest took down its old time and temperature sign and now had a new, updated sign which flashes the current time, temperature and today's date.

A Willmar student brings a gun to school. A student in Eden Prairie accuses other children of sexual harassment. A Minneapolis middle school student is shot by a fellow student. Anti-Semitic slurs greet students at a Robbinsdale hockey game. A Minnesota Education Association task force was formed to find solutions.

Tom Johnson, President of First Bank Fairmont, announced that Jeff Schmucker was named Assistant

Vice President, Account Executive with First Bank Fairmont. Schmucker was replacing Steve Jansick who was promoted by First Bank System to President of First Bank Alexandria.

Chuck Williams, Plant Operator of the Fairmont Wastewater Treatment plant, was pictured receiving an award for the Fairmont plant being among Minnesota's best-run wastewater treatment plants.

Daylight Saving Time was to begin Sunday, April 4th, 1993.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 31, 1968

Objections by residents in the area prompted the Fairmont Board of Appeals to deny a special use permit to a Mankato man who wanted permission to build a \$200,000 apartment building on Woodland Avenue. The permit would have necessitated re-zoning the area to multiple-family instead of one-family dwelling status.

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
BAILEE, BOBBI JO, BECKY and BROCK are a litter of 10-11 week old kittens. Brock, the only boy, is orange tabby and white. Becky is a calico, while Bailee and Bobbi Jo are gray tabby with white. These adorable babies will be ready for a new home soon.
POPPY is also a kitten, but is about 5 months old. Poppy has a great personality! She is both loving and playful and would be a great addition to your home.
MOMMA has the dubious distinction of being our longest term feline resident. Why is she not getting adopted? Partly because she is black, also Momma is an adult and not very flashy or pushy with her attentions. While she is friendly, people just don't notice her.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
MICK is an adult Australian Shepherd mix. He has a little bit of tan on his face, but his body is blue merle. Mick is very sweet with people and is good with friendly dogs.
ELSA is a medium sized yellow lab and husky mix. She has a litter of puppies before coming to the shelter, but doesn't seem to be much more than a puppy herself. Elsa loves people, but is a little timid when first meeting new people.
WILL and GRACE are about 5-6 months old littermates. The pair have long black hair with some rust and gray highlights. Grace is more outgoing than her brother but Will's confidence is slowly improving. The pair appear to be part Chow.


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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Here comes Peter Cotton tail!

I don't know why but that old Easter song has been running through my brain this week! Easter is on its way regardless of our winter-like weather. We have no choice but to accept the snow and cool temperatures, but we can decorate like spring is here and create an illusion of spring! I remember the years growing up, the tradition was to have a new dress for Easter along with an Easter bonnet and white gloves. Today I am sharing a springy light fluffy salad that could be served with your Easter dinner. It can be made the night before and is a pretty pale green. Happy Easter!

- Fluffy Lime Salad**
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple

1 package (3 oz.) lime jello

3 Tablespoons water

6 oz. cream cheese, softened

1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1 cup miniature marshmallows

1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Drain pineapple reserving juice: set aside the pineapple. In saucepan combine jello, water and reserved juice. Cook and stir over low heat until jello is dissolved. Refrigerate until syrupy, about 15 minutes. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Stir in jello mixture, walnuts, marshmallows and reserved pineapple. Fold in whipped cream. Transfer to a one qt. serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or until set. Makes nine servings.

Have a great week!

SJV School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll announced

St. John Vianney Catholic School in Fairmont has announced its 2017-2018 third quarter honor roll:

Grade 5
High Honors:
Dominick Lund-May

"B" Honor Roll:
Eric Determan
Hayden Ettesvold
Hannah Fischer
Iker Juarez
Tyler Kurt
Saadhvi Prakash

Grade 6
High Honors:
Katherine Hartke
Isaiah Lockwood

"B" Honor Roll:
Liv Borchardt
Jorvik Jensen
Adeline Lenway
Ariana Melsha
Mireya Schmidt
Nathaniel Soelter
Gabriel Striemer

Red Rock features three schools' artworks

Red Rock Center for the Arts is proud to display the creative works of three area high schools now through April 16th. Artwork on display includes up to 12 selected high students from Blue Earth, Fairmont and North Union. The show concludes

with a student workshop and closing comments on Tuesday, April 17th. The gallery is open to the public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday: evenings and weekends by appointment.

Area College Student News



Rachel Krome of Fairmont will be performing during the annual One-Act Play Festival, running April 5-7 at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. The festival begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in the Music Center on the campus of Concordia University, Nebraska.

The festival is a component of Concordia's play production course in which the students direct short plays. They each select a play, conduct auditions and rehearse with the cast, culminating in a weekend of their plays. This year's performance

es include "The Last Leaf" based on the O. Henry short story and adapted by Thomas Hischak. Students will also perform "Afternoon At Tavern MacTavish," by Frances A. Hogg. Also being presented is "The Trial of Billy Scott" by Mazie Hall. The short serio-comedy, "Anti-Depressants" by Jeff Weisman, is included in the performances, along with the lighthearted comedy, "The Plot to Assassinate The Chase Manhattan Bank" by Carl Larsen. Finally, "Ablaze" by Concordia student Ben Leeper finishes out the program.

Community Service projects needed

The Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School Cardinal Connections Groups are looking for service projects to tackle in the Fairmont community for our Community Service Project Day on Friday, May 18th (rain date is May 25).

There are 46 Cardinal Connections Groups with an average of 19 students (grades 7-12) per group that are looking to helping others in our community. Some of the projects that our groups have worked at in the past for individuals are yard work, landscaping, garage and/or basement cleanout, wash windows, and basic home improvements.

Some other projects groups have worked at are cleaning the downtown area, cleaning the city parks, going to nursing homes to spend time with the residents, going to the Humane Society and helping at local businesses.

If you are an individual or a business that has a need for some extra hands this spring, please consider filling out an application for a service project. The application can be found in the school's website at www.fairmont.k12.mn.us then click on Fairmont Jr./Sr High School, click on For Parents, click on Community Service Day, and then finally click on application. Applications are also available at the Fairmont Jr./Sr. High School office.

All applications are due by May 1st, 2018. Please contact me if you have any questions about the service project day by emailing me at cengelby@fairmont.k12.

mn.us or leaving a voice mail at 235-4164.

Chris Engelby
Cardinal Connections Coordinator at Fairmont Jr/Sr High School

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CHECK IT OUT!
@ the Martin County Library

You are NOT going to want to miss our amazing Library Tinkerpalooza! This fun event, for all ages, will be held at the Fairmont Library on Saturday, April 7th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Drop-in and check-out a variety of exploratory tinkering stations that everyone can enjoy! A few highlights will include:

Blacklight Legos, our giant mobile magnet wall, wooden ball runs, flight lab wind tunnel, Keva planks, experiments in the see-thru sensory table AND demonstrations by the Fairmont Robotics Team! Come and stretch your imagination with our first ever Tinkerpalooza event! This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. This event is funded in part with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 45.310 - Library Services and Technology Act, Grants to States Program (LS-00-17-0024-17).

Martin County Library to host Code Academy

Kids ages 7-12 who are interested in coding are invited to Code Academy at the Martin County Library in Fairmont.

Join them on Monday, April 9th at 4 p.m.

Due to space limita-

tions, please pre-register at the library by stopping in or calling 238-4207. This event is made by possible by a grant from the Martin County Youth Foundation.

There is no cost to attend this event.

33rd Annual Family Fun Fair April 6th

The 33rd Annual Family Fun Fair will be held on Friday, April 6th, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Fairmont Elementary School Gyms, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont.

The public is invited to this festival of activities to delight young children featuring family entertainer Brian Richards with his "ACME Magic Factory" and Remarkable Reptiles. The ACME Magic Factory performances for children will be held at 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 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 exhibit.

Weather permitting, you may see the Fairmont Fire Department's Ladder Truck in the East Parking Lot. Check out the Humane Society pets available for adoption. Bring your camera for special photo opportunities. Parents can learn about the numerous services and activities available to them while their children enjoy hands-on activities at over 37 exhibits. Activities include Be Fit-Be Healthy Game, Fruit Walk, Tooth Fairy and Dental Care, Make a Candy Airplane, Heart Craft, Pa-

per Hat Crowns, Car Seat Safety and CPR, Height and Weight Checks, Rainbows, Scavenger Hunt, Pop-sicle Summer Craft, Tattoos, Foot Measuring and Games, Picture Frames, Face Painting, Easter Art, Wacky Snacks, Playdon Table and much more.

Exhibitors providing activities at this year's fair include Fairmont ECFE Discovery Place Preschool, CER Lights On For Kids, ECFE Parents Advisory Board, ECSE Southern Plains, Safe Routes to School, Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts, Interlaken Heritage Days, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, MVAC Head Start, Fairmont Fire Fighters, St. Paul Lutheran School-Truman, First Congregational UCC, St. James Lutheran School, Fairmont United Methodist Church, Martin County 4-H, Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont, Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative, Adventure Playground Task Force, Fairmont Police Officers, Martin County Early Childhood Dental Network, UHD-United Hospital District Clinic, Cardinal Power Fastpitch, Families First of Minnesota, Lasting Imprint, St. Paul Lutheran School-Fairmont, Safe

Routes to School, American Heritage Girls, Grace Lutheran Church, South Central Minnesota EMS, Open Door Health Center, Center for Specialty Care, Human Services of Fairbault and Martin Counties, St. John Vianney Children's Kingdom Preschool, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Martin County Humane Society, Fairmont Police Department, MSU Nursing Students, Building Blocks Learning Center and Child Care, and Shoe Sensation.

The Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Board will provide the food service as well as assist with setup and clean-up. The fund-raiser menu includes Meal Deal for \$4 (pizza, water or milk, carrots or banana, cookie) and ala carte items: whole pizza \$15, slice of pizza \$3, beverage .50, carrots .50, banana .50, cookie .50.

Admission to the Family Fun Fair is \$8 per family or \$4 per person. For more information, contact the Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Program (507-235-3141).

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

Discovery Place Preschool Round Up Registration

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OBITUARY notices

David O. Oothoudt, 64



Funeral Service for David Oral Oothoudt, age 64,

of rural Huntley, MN area will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 29th, 2018 at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. Burial will be held at Verona Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. David Oral Oothoudt passed away at home on March 23rd, 2018 at the age of 64. There is no shading the light that he radiated into the world.

In his lifetime, David illuminated the lives of those around him through his service to family, friends, and his community. David's academic accomplishments began as he graduated from Granada-Huntley High School as the salutatorian. He attended Mankato State University receiving his BA in Psychology, achieved his Masters of Science in Community Mental Health, becoming a Licensed Counseling Psychologist. David had charisma, a warm glow about him that drew people in. Enveloping them. He made those around him feel special and seen. Although he

readily employed his heart and his mind in both his personal and professional lives, he spent a considerable portion of the latter as a skilled cabinet maker. A craft he honed, owning and operating his own business for 25 years, Davidwood. David's generosity, brightness, and deep faith led him to be a strong presence as a member of the Huntley Community Covenant Church where one of his acts of service was teaching Sunday school classes. His faith and service also led him to become a member of the African Medical Alliance and it brought him 4 times into the Democratic Re-

public of Congo where he taught workshops on crisis and trauma in that country. David's love for service and other people extended far into all aspects of his life leading him to be a softball coach, a caring brother, a thoughtful uncle, a hardworking son, a beloved community member, and a pair of ears and hands for you when you needed them. An inquisitive and imaginative person, David was a great figure-outer of all bewildering puzzles especially the Sunday New York Times crossword. This creative energy also contributed to his playfulness in coming up with his own silly, inventive games,

puzzles, and activities. There is comfort in the words David would often say in parting, a gleam of his light to resonate in each of us. A promise of something on the horizon. "Happy trails to you, until we meet again." David is survived by his siblings Margaret (Karl) Jenstad and John (Debra) Oothoudt, nephews Brian (Annie), Mark (Briar), Daniel, Josiah, niece Lizzie, four great-nephews (Gabe, Wyatt, Skyler, Clay), and one great-niece (Paige). David was preceded in death by his parents Otis Winston and Joyce Ruth Oothoudt. lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Iva "Ivy" L. Domek, 88



Celebration of Life for Iva "Ivy" L. Domek, age 88, of Fairmont, will be Saturday, March 31st, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Iva peacefully passed away Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. Left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren, Tammy (Phil) Armstrong, Melanie Mahl-

man, Amber Mahlman, Gretchen Domek, Trevor (Laura) Domek, Taylor Domek, Raina (Kevin Nelson) Domek, Derrick Domek, Darren Domek; great-grandchildren, Kayla (Rod) Olson, Ry-lie Scheff, Corbin Scheff, Avery Mahlman, Allyiah Mahlman, Olivia Domek, Mara Domek, Jax Domek; sisters, Lois Camelin, Janet Roseland; son-in-law, Gary Mahlman; daughter-in-law, Deb Domek; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Iva was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Domek; daughter, Cheryl Mahlman; sons, Terry Domek and Carroll Domek; infant granddaughter, twin infant great-grandchildren; parents, Edward and Hanna Bents; brother, Lyle Bents. lakeviewfuneralhome.net

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Financial Focus



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Time for financial "Spring Cleaning"

The days are longer and the temperatures are warmer - so it must be spring. For many of us, that means it's time for some spring cleaning. But why stop with sprucing up your living space? This year, consider extending the "spring cleaning" concept to your financial environment, too. How can you tidy your finances? Here are some suggestions: •"De-clutter" your portfolio. As you go through your home during your spring cleaning rounds, you may notice that you've acquired a lot of duplicate objects - do you really need five mops? - or at

least some things you can no longer use, like a computer that hasn't worked since 2010. You can create some valuable space by getting rid of these items. And the same principle can apply to your investment portfolio, because over the years you may well have acquired duplicate investments that aren't really helping you move toward your goals. You may also own some investments, which, while initially fitting in to your overall strategy, no longer do so. You could be better off by selling your "redundant" investments and using the proceeds to purchase new ones that will

provide more value. •Get organized. During your spring cleaning, one of your key goals may be to get organized. So you might want to rearrange the tools in your garage or establish a new filing system in your home office. Proper organization is also important to investors - and it goes beyond having your brokerage and 401(k) statements in nice neat piles. For example, you may have established IRAs with different financial services companies. By moving them to one provider, you may save some fees and reduce your paperwork, but, more important, you may find that such a move actually helps you better manage your investments. You'll know exactly where your money is going, and it could be easier to follow a single investment strategy. Also, with all your IRAs in one place, it will be much easier for you to manage the required minimum distributions you must start taking when you turn 70-1/2. (These distributions are not required for Roth IRAs.) •Protect your family's financial future. When

cleaning up this spring, you may notice areas of concern around protecting your home - perhaps there's a crack in your window, or your fence is damaged or part of your chimney is crumbling. Your financial independence - and that of your family - also needs protection. Is your life insurance sufficient to pay for your mortgage, college for your kids and perhaps some retirement funds for your spouse? Do you have disability insurance that can provide you with some income if you become ill or injured and can't work for a while? Have you considered the high costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? A financial professional can help you determine if your insurance coverage is adequate for all these needs. Consider putting these spring cleaning suggestions to work. They may help you keep your financial house in good shape for all the seasons yet to arrive.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

DEATH notices

March 20 - Dorothy E. Miller, 96, Jackson (formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Funeral Home
March 21 - Timothy A. Petersen, 63, Fairmont (formerly of Sherburn). Kramer Funeral Home
March 23 - David O. Oothoudt, 64, Huntley. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
March 23 - Iva L. Domek, 88, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service
March 24 - Delores J. Dreke, 83, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service

In Memoriam One Year Ago This Week

March 20 - Patricia D. Crissinger, 63, Granada
March 20 - Ellen L. Sauder, 91, Fairmont
March 21 - Joel W. Grefe, 69, Fairmont
March 21 - Doyle VanderWert, 87, Patricia VanderWert, 83, Parker, Colorado (formerly of Trimont)
March 24 - Charles "Chuck" A. King, 96, Fairmont
March 24 - LaVonne J. Ziemann, 81, Fairmont
March 24 - Leonard C. Anderson, 90, Fairmont
March 25 - Martin J. Ziemer, 85, Dunnell
March 26 - Susan J. Boaz, 69, Fairmont

MLHS third quarter Honor Roll announced

The following students have earned through academic achievement, Honor Roll status (3.0) for the 3rd Quarter of the 2017-18 school year at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. *Honor Roll with Distinction (3.5 or higher) Students are listed in alphabetical order according to quarterly grade point average
9th Grade
Josh Bergt*
Caleb Schultz*
Emma Bolen*
Alexis Montgomery*
Michaelah Petrowiak*
Kevin Schavey
Sarah Shane
10th Grade
Lydia Steinhaus*
Alexys Flohrs*
Marah Engel*
Abby Calkins*
Cayden Fischer*
Adriana Freitag*

Cody Greve
Caleb Roiger
11th Grade
Sierra Geistfeld*
Bennett Shane*
Shawna Appel*
William Wallace*
Paxton Gravlín
Anna Schulte
Autumn Fischer
Isaac Johnson
Dalton Fette
Mitchell Prafke
Colin Trueblood
Madisen Wildfeuer
12th Grade
Tristan Taylor*
Madison Johnson*
Marissa Steinhaus*
Macy Quinn*
Ethan Jordi*
Katie Garrison*
James Schrunk*
Reece Riegel
Alex Schuder
Bethany Rossow
Wyatt Kube
Sidney Visher

Coping with the death of a loved one?
Grief Support is Being Offered by UHD Hospice
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In Fairmont
When: 8 Consecutive Mondays, starting April 9th
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: First Congregational United Church of Christ
"Fireside Room"
319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont
Trained Grief Facilitators: Gloria Senenfelder & Karla Tukua
In Blue Earth
When: 8 Consecutive Tuesdays, starting April 9th
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Where: St. Lukes Lutheran Care Center "Corral Room"
1219 South Ramsey Street, Blue Earth
Trained Grief Facilitators: Gloria Senenfelder & Karla Tukua
Inquire & preregister by calling Naomi Segar at (507) 526-7970

top ten Spring Fashion Trends
1. Sheer fabrics
2. Micro purses
3. Utility pants
4. Bold hues
5. Plaid prints
6. Kitten heels
7. Cat-eye sun glasses
8. Trench coats
9. Sequins
10. Scrunchies
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Jeff's Jottings

The flu bug has struck the Hagen family pretty hard the past couple weeks. My dad, Dennis, came down with a case of influenza last week and has been slow to recover, especially since he also has COPD, which doesn't help matters any. Then late last week, my wife Karis came down with influenza "B" and she spent most of last weekend coughing - and coughing hard! The cough was especially tough because it affected her mostly when she tried to lay down for sleeping. Needless to say, she didn't get much sleep last weekend and it was still affecting her when she returned back to work this week. Even though many media outlets are reporting a decrease in flu cases nationwide, locally the influenza has not slowed too much

and many people are still affected by it. I have been bumping up my dosage of vitamins and have been using our diffuser with essential oils to help combat it. Of course the weather hasn't been helping those trying to recover from the flu either! Stay healthy out there.

"What is it?" a stumper

Our "What is it?" item from last week was one that stumped our readers! No one was able to guess what the item was. According to Dennis Ziemann, who brought the item in, it was a candle wick trimmer from years ago. I'm not sure what



the three pegs were needed for though. This week we feature another item from Dean Maschoff of rural Fairmont. It is about three feet long and is made of metal. It has 2 wooden handles, on on top and the other at a 90 degree angle on the side. So, what is it? You can email me

your guess at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call our office at 507-238-9456 and leave your guess along with your contact info. If you have an interesting item you think would be good for a future "What is it?" either stop at the Photo Press so we can take pictures and get information,

or email photos to me with a description.

Thank you to everyone who has had an item in our popular section!

Easter on Sunday!

You wouldn't know it from the weather, but this Sunday is Easter Sunday and this week will be a flurry of activity at many churches around the area. St. John's in Sherburn will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday will have services at 7 and 9:30 a.m. with a breakfast served in between services. In years past I have been pretty good about putting my potatoes in my garden around Good Friday, or at least on Easter weekend, but this year I am going to admit defeat to nature. After last weekend's big snow, there is no way I will be able to even find my garden plot, let alone be able to dig in the ground to plant the potatoes. The winter weather this year has dampened

my mood for gardening so much that I haven't even started to buy the seeds for the garden this year. I guess I should start planning the layout of the garden one of these days - provided winter ever decides to end. Of course, after trying to move snow at the Hagen farm last Saturday, I have enough spots in my lawn that I dug up that I should just plant the potatoes out there this year!

Free Meal, food awareness day and Easter!

Here are some events that are taking place around the area in the next week: this Wednesday March 28th, First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairmont will host a free community meal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! The Welcome Fire Department will host the Easter Egg Hunt in Welcome on at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 31st at Hansen/Keck Park. (It should be very easy to hide the eggs in the snow this year!) Also on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be a food awareness event at Fairmont's

HyVee. It is hosted by Martin County Farm Bureau, Martin County Corn and Soybean Growers, Martin County Dairy Farmers and Martin County Pork Producers. Shoppers will be able to meet and talk with local farmers about how their food is produced, marketed and distributed. On Saturday, March 31st, The Trimont Area Women will host their 3rd Annual Trimont 5K Bunny Hop and Little Bunny Fun Run at Anderson Park in Trimont. Registration is at 9:15 a.m. The 5K Bunny Hop starts at 10 a.m. and the Little Bunny Run is at 11:15. On Sunday it will be Easter, so be sure to attend services at your church and come join us at St. John Lutheran in Sherburn for our services and breakfast in between.

Have a great week!

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

- Jeff

Whole Grain Milling: farm-to-distribution company

Kaylin Tlam, Photo Press Reporter - Intern

The Whole Grain Milling Company of rural Welcome has seen a lot of growth since their inception in 1990, when Doug and Lin Hilgendorf and family began their organic farm. Since then, it has grown from the single family-run farm into one of the first farm-to-distribution companies in Southern Minnesota.

Whole Grain Milling Company works with their own corn, oats, buckwheat, popcorn, and rye completely through the production process from field to finished product. They do all their own growing, drying, and milling to create their own bread flour, as well as pancake and corn cake mixes, and their own cereal.

In 2015, The Whole Grain Milling Company opened their own tortilla chip production facility. In this facility, they bring in their own farm-grown

corn, dry it, grind it, and then turn it into dough. This dough is then cooked



into the finished tortilla chip. Because the chips are locally made and distributed, no bag of tortilla chips will end up sitting in a warehouse for any long period of time. This allows the company to ship directly to distributors as opposed to waiting to be sold.



The chips come in both the blue and yellow variety, with both chips being made from a high-Lysine corn. Lysine allows their corn to grow with a more complete protein, which is healthier for the consumer.

So why grow organic? The Hilgendorf family began growing organic when they noticed their land and livestock were struggling to retain

productivity after years of chemical use. So they began the long switch to organic in order to create not only a healthier product for the land, but also for the consumer.

This allows the Whole Grain Milling Company to sell their tortilla chips and other products in stores such as Whole Foods and Kowalski's in the Twin Cities.



As the years have gone by, Whole Grain Milling Company has seen lots of growth from starting their own organic farm to creating their own tortilla chip processing plant.

To find out more about Whole Grain Milling, visit them online at wholegrainmilling.net. They can also be found on Facebook. (Photos courtesy of Whole Grain Milling/Trina Hilgendorf)



Alexandra (Lexi) Fischer, Fairmont High School senior, was named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Lexi is the daughter of Kellie Fischer and Wyman Fischer. She has an older sister, Katiana and a younger sister, Kara. Lexi has had a full schedule of activities throughout high school including speech, school musicals, winter plays, cross country, dance team (captain), Target, FCA, band, Cardinal Leadership Council, and Project Trust. Following graduation, Lexi plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, or the University of Minnesota. She will be majoring in Early Childhood Special Education. (Submitted photo)



MOANA - The Martin County/Fairmont Service Unit celebrated Girl Scout Week by treating all Girl Scouts and leaders to a "movie pajama party" at the Sherburn theater, showing "Moana". Everyone wore pajamas and participated in movie-related activities. Bel Lutterman is shown making her own lei. (Submitted photo)

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Saturday, April 7, 2018



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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 Karen Toupal 507-773-4547.



ICE SKATING - Girl Scout Daisy Ava Taylor showed her bravery and increased her ice skating skills at the annual Girl Scout Ice Skating Event at the Martin County Arena. (Submitted photo)

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MAR 29 - APR 4

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FRI: Lemon pepper fish, red skin potatoes, broccoli, chocolate pudding.

TUE: Beef stroganoff, corn on the cob, Eclair.

TUE: Chicken cordon bleu, hashbrown bake, brussel sprouts, jello.

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MAR 29 - APR 4

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FRI: No school.

MON: No school.

TUE: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, veggies, fruit.

WED: BBQ meatballs, mashed potatoes, CA veggies, dinner roll, apple, orange.



Shopping For Yard Equipment: Things To Know

(NAPS)—If you're like most people, when spring comes, you're ready to get outside and make your yard both beautiful and functional. Maybe you're aiming to have the best yard on the block, want to install an outdoor family room, or want to expand your space for entertaining. Perhaps your kids or pets could use a better space for play. Regardless of need, now is the time to get "backyard ready."

The Tools You'll Need

"Completing big outdoor jobs is always easier with help from outdoor

power equipment," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "The right outdoor power equipment can help you get the work done faster and can help you safely maintain your yard." These tips from Kiser can help you select the machinery you need to get the job done.

- Plan your needs. Draw a sketch of your yard. Include any major features such as trees, bushes, an herb or vegetable garden, flower beds, lawn furniture, play or sports equipment, an outdoor patio, or bird-

bath. Note where maintenance may be required. Will bushes need to be trimmed back from your home or garage? Do you want to put in some flowering bushes or a tree? Are you planning to install a fence and more grass because of your pet? Now list the tools and equipment needed to take care of your yard and what will make the job easier.

- Consider equipment needed. Visit your garage or shed and find all your lawn and garden tools. Wheel out your mower and get out other equipment. Look it over and make a list of what's needed or could be upgraded. Repair anything that needs attention or identify where a newer or other machine is required. If you have a large vegetable garden, you need a cultivator or tiller. If you have a large



lawn, an upgrade to a riding lawn mower might make mowing easier. A string trimmer might make caring for bushes or trimming grass near a fence line easier. A pole pruner can help trim back limbs that are too high to reach safely with a saw and a leaf blower can clear leaves faster than a rake.

- Research equipment online before you buy. Think about efficiencies of scale. The right equipment can mean more time for other activities and make doing yard work more enjoyable, too. Doing online research in advance can help you pick the right equipment for the job. Outdoor power equipment can be gas, electric or battery powered and technology is rapidly affecting product design. There are even ro-

botic lawn mowers available today. Equipment may be sized to handle a smaller job or a massive one. Ultimately, your decision should be based on your needs.

- Ask questions. Talk with the staff at the store or ask online about the equipment. In the store, ask to pick up and hold equipment to determine its "fit" for you. Discuss safety features and ask about fueling and care instructions. Find out how often equipment may need to be serviced.

- Make a plan for storage and maintenance. Store your equipment in a cool and dry place. It should typically be serviced at the end of the fall and the beginning of the spring. Put service dates on your calendar with a reminder.

Learn More

For safety information and to find out which manufacturers make various outdoor power equipment products, go to www.opei.org.

Simple strategies to stay on trend in your gardens

(BPT) - Life is just better with the perfect accessories, isn't it? A modern space looks amazing with a bright rug and your favorite piece of art. At work, strategically placed plants and family photos breathe life into any cubicle.

Accessories enhance your home and add personality. But what about your outdoor living space? A beautiful garden is easy to create and can fit into any size footprint. Gardening with a variety of textures and colors brings an instant wow factor. Best of all, you don't have to commit to a single trend. You can change trends with the seasons, adding bold, colorful new looks throughout the year.

This guide will show you how.

Spring into gardening season

This is where it all begins, when that first breath of fresh spring air brings life to your garden.

Because spring days - especially mornings - can still be frustratingly cold, you'll want to start your garden off with a hardier flower that can withstand the cooler mornings and warm afternoons.

Cool Wave Pansies have the resilience you need to keep your garden looking great throughout the early spring until those warmer temps finally arrive. Planting these durable flowers is easy and they don't require constant care.

But what if you don't have a large space? No problem! Add these beautiful blooms to hanging baskets and patio containers to give your outdoor area a simple facelift

everyone will notice.

Solutions for summer celebrations

Summertime is full of party possibilities, so why not use your garden to make your event the envy of your stylish friends? Wave Petunias are perfect for Mother's Day and the Flying the Flag combination of red, white

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and blue is a must for the Fourth of July. It's easy to get creative for any event with Wave Petunia's Plug & Play Combos because they make tailoring your garden for any occasion a breeze.

This is also a great time of year to branch out and add some fun new twists to your already amazing garden. Fresh herbs and tomatoes, anyone? The Italian Bistro container recipe gives you the best of both worlds - a beautiful patio statement and delicious summer salad, all in one pot.

Delightful options for the dog days of summer

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For more information and to see examples of trending gardens, visit www.wave-rave.com.

What To Do About Ducts

(NAPS)—If your home is like most, it's got a dirty little secret: your air ducts.

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and that dirty HVAC systems should be inspected by a reputable, certified HVAC professional.

That can not only help you breathe easier, it could save you money. When an

HVAC system is clean, it doesn't have to work as hard to maintain the temperature you desire. As a result, less energy is used, leading to improved cost effectiveness.

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You can get further information from NADCA's free "Homeowner's Guide to Air Duct Cleaning" at www.BreathingClean.com.



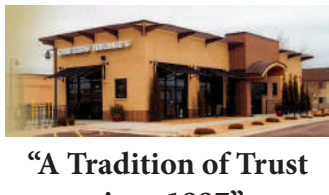
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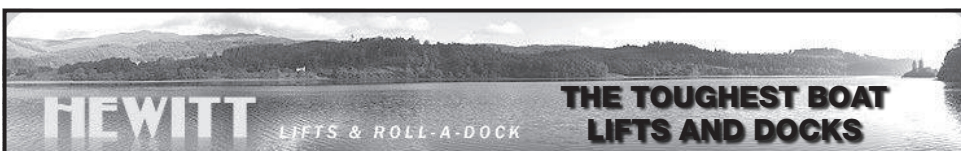


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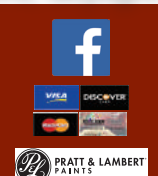
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When It's Time To Replace the Water Heater

(NAPS)—The next time you find you have a too old or already broken water heater, these tools and advice from the U.S. EPA can help.

Water heaters typically last about 10 years. If your water heater is older than that, you could avoid a potentially costly and complicated emergency replacement by taking action now. In many places, utilities offer rebates on ENERGY STAR certified water heaters, up to as much as \$600. With or without a rebate, choosing a model that's earned the government's

ENERGY STAR label can pay you back in energy bill savings.

Water heaters are the second highest energy user in the home, costing a household of four up to \$620 every year to run. Replacing your old, electric water heater with a heat pump water heater could put a significant dent in



your energy costs. In fact, a family of four can save up to \$3,500 in energy costs over the water heater's lifetime.

Pointers On Heat Pumps

There are some installation considerations to keep in mind with heat pump water heaters, but if you already have an electric water heater, it could be an easy switch.

Will a Heat Pump Water Heater Work in My Home?

In many homes, a heat pump water heater can be installed right where your current water heater sits. Heat pump water heaters need:

Access To Air: They pull in air from the surroundings to heat water and release cold air, so they need access to plenty of air.

The water heater location should have a room air temperature greater than 40° F year-round and space that's at least 100 square ft. (10 ft. x 10 ft.) or a smaller space that can be fitted with

louvered doors or ducted.

Head Room: Heat pump water heaters are a few inches to a foot taller than conventional electric water heaters and require a certain ceiling height based on the size of the water heater—which is dependent on household size.

The water heater location should have at least a 6-ft.-high ceiling for a household of fewer than six or at least a 7-ft.-high ceiling for a household of six or more.

Water Drainage: Heat pump water heaters require proper drainage, since—like air conditioners—they dehumidify air and produce condensate that must be removed via a nearby floor drain, or another outlet using a small condensate pump.

The heater location should have access to one of the following:

- Floor drain
- Utility sink
- Sump pump

- Existing drain pipe
- Outside (only for locations that are above freezing all year round).

Learn More

For further facts about ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters, visit www.energystar.gov/waterheaters.

10 reasons to plant a tree this spring

(BPT) - Did you know planting a tree is one of the easiest and most powerful things you can do to have a positive impact on the environment? It's true. Trees clean the

air, prevent rainwater runoff, help you save energy and even combat global warming.

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a tree.

From the single homeowner in Nebraska planting a maple in her backyard to the 250 Comcast employees volunteering in communities devastated by hurricanes, fires and Emerald Ash Borer infestation by planting

hundreds of trees on Comcast Cares Day (the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer event), people nationwide are getting their tree on this spring. Here are 10 reasons why you should join them.

Trees fight climate change

Wish you could do more than recycling and reducing your carbon footprint to combat climate change? Trees have you covered. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb harmful carbon dioxide, removing and storing the

carbon and releasing oxygen back into the air.

Trees clean the air and help you breathe

Trees don't just absorb CO₂. They also absorb odors and pollutants like nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone. It's estimated that one tree can absorb nearly 10 pounds of polluted air each year and release 260 pounds of oxygen.

Trees prevent soil erosion and rainwater runoff

During heavy rains, water runoff finds its way to streams, lakes and wetlands, creat-



ing the potential for flooding. It also picks up and carries pollutants along the way. The EPA and the Center for Watershed Protection are recognizing the importance of trees in managing runoff. Leaf canopies help buffer the falling rain and their roots hold the soil in place, encouraging the water to seep into the ground rather than run off.

Planting trees is easy

Gardening can be intimidating for newbies because there are so many variables. Which plants and flowers should you put next to each other and which should you separate? Which bloom in the summer and which bloom in the fall? When you're

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Don't re-roof until you do these 5 things

(BPT) - With spring officially arriving, home improvement season is swinging into full gear. Fair warning to homeowners looking to hire a professional, 2018 is predicted to be a record-breaker.

A recent study by the

Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University projects home improvement spending will approach \$340 billion this year - the strongest gain for remodeling in more than a decade. Among the costliest of projects is roofing, a

large expense with serious implications if put off or improperly done.

When you add 2018's remodeling demand with the much-talked-about skilled labor shortage, on top of the recovery from last year's hurricane season, homeowners could be tempted to jump right into major home work, all without doing their homework

first. As this could prove costly, consider the following before anyone sets foot on your roof:

1. Check contractor qualifications

Choose a local, reputable contractor. These contractors should have the best knowledge of local building codes, state codes and required certifications and licenses. Ask

the contractor to see their certificate of insurance before stepping onto the roof. Consider going the extra mile and choosing a contractor certified by the manufacturer of the shingle the contractor installs. Improper installation is considered one of the major reasons roofs fail prematurely, so finding a contractor with knowledge and

experience in the correct application of a particular product is of the utmost importance.

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June 30 th	Large Estate Gun Auction
Aug. 2 nd	Turpin Retirement Machinery Auction 10:00 am South of Superior, IA
Aug. 7 th	Gary & Brenda Madden Farm Machinery Retirement Auction Auction 10:00 am West of Ringsted IA
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Mary Nielsen to Brian Stene, Lot 306, GSR, Albion Place Condominium #5

Joseph E. Pygman, Linda J. Pygman to James W. Schulte, Pt. NE¼NW¼, 5-103-32

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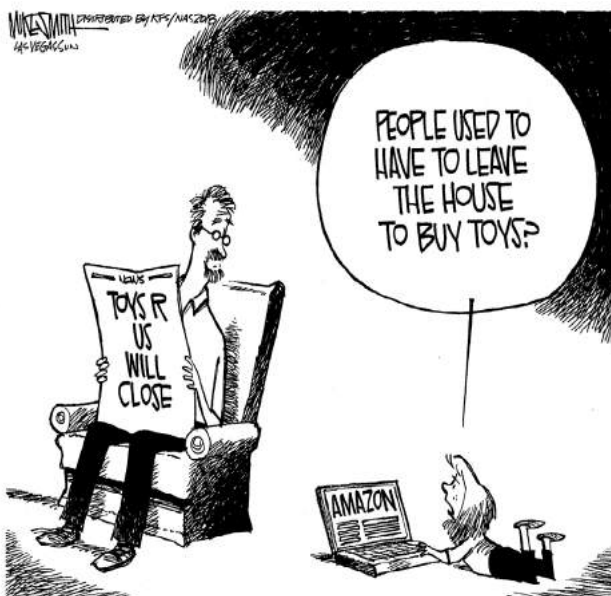
Cody W. Lundquist to Taylor Goettl, Devin Winter, W½ Lot 3, Lots 4, 2, E½ Lot 3, Block 1, Scotts Addn., Truman

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Harvey Moeller, Susan R. Moeller to Jennifer S. Moeller Revocable Living Trust, Jennifer S. Moeller, Trustee, Lot 2, Block 1, Charlotte Oaks Addn.

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Very limited ARC-CO payments for 2017

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As farm operators finalize their cash flow estimates for 2018, they are wondering what level, if any, the 2017 ARC-CO payments for corn or soybeans will be in October, 2018. Most crop producers in the Upper Midwest are enrolled in the county yield-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program choice on their corn and soybean base acres for the 2014 to 2018 crop years. Many producers in the region earned a significant 2014 corn ARC-CO payment, while farm operators in some counties also earned ARC-CO payments on their corn base acres in 2015 and 2016. There were some ARC-CO payments for soybeans in 2014; however, payments were quite widespread for the 2015 and 2016 crop years, due to above average soybean yields in most areas.

The corn benchmark (BM) price for the 2017 crop year is \$3.95 per bushel, which is down from \$4.79 per bushel in 2016, and \$5.29 per bushel in both 2014 and 2015. The 2017 benchmark (BM) price for soybeans is \$10.86 per bushel, which is well below \$11.87 per bushel in 2016, or \$12.27

per bushel in both 2014 and 2015. The BM prices are adjusted each year, using the USDA market-year average (MYA) price for the preceding five years, then dropping the high and low MYA price, and averaging the other three MYA prices.

The benchmark (BM) county yield for 2017 is calculated by taking the average county yields for the previous five years (2012-2016), dropping the high and low yield, and the averaging the other three yields. The 2017 county benchmark (BM) revenue for a given crop is the county BM yield times the 2017 BM price, which is then multiplied by 86 percent (.86) to calculate the "County Revenue Guarantee". Most county revenue guarantees for corn and soybeans have declined considerably for 2017, due to the sharp drop in the BM prices for both crops.

The county BM corn yields in most Minnesota counties for 2017 increased significantly from 2016 BM yields, due to fairly strong average county yields in both 2015 and 2016. The 2011 year was dropped for the 2017 BM yield calculation, which was a lower corn yield year

in most counties. The increased county BM corn yield for 2017 increases the potential for ARC-CO payments; however, that gain is more than offset by the large reduction in the BM price for 2017. Most 2017 county soybean BM yields also increased slightly, compared to 2015 to 2016 BM yields. After another fairly solid yield year in 2017 in many areas of the Upper Midwest, many counties should have further increases in county corn and soybean BM yields for the 2018 crop year.

2017 ARC-CO payments for a given crop are paid when the actual 2017 county revenue for the crop falls below the 2017 county benchmark (BM) revenue guarantee. The actual county revenue is the final 2017 county FSA yield times the final MYA price for 2017. The 2017 MYA price is the national average corn or soybean price from September 1st, 2017 to August 31st, 2018, which will be finalized on September 30th, 2018. The MYA price is the 12-month national average price for a commodity, based on the average market price received by farm operators across the

United States, which is then "weighted" at the end of the year, based on the volume of bushels sold in each month.

As of March 1st, 2018, USDA is estimating the 2017 MYA prices at \$3.35 per bushel for corn, and \$9.30 per bushel for soybeans. The USDA price estimates are updated on a monthly basis in the USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, which is usually released around the middle of each month.

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) recently released the 2017 estimated average county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops. The 2017 NASS county yields offer a good estimate of where final 2017 ARC-CO farm program payments are likely to end up, depending on the final 2017 MYA price level. The NASS yields may be adjusted slightly by USDA to arrive at the final 2017 county FSA yields, which are used to calculate the 2017 ARC-CO payments. However, any adjustments in the final 2017 county yields will likely be lower than the 2017 NASS yield estimates, which could potentially increase the likelihood of payment level for 2017 ARC-CO payments. The 2017 NASS county yields are available on the NASS web site at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Overall, 2017 ARC-CO

payments for corn are not likely in most portions of the Upper Midwest, due to above average 2017 corn yields in many areas, together with the lower with the much lower 2017 corn BM price of \$3.95 per bushel. There are a few counties in North-west Minnesota, as well as some counties in both North and South Dakota, which were impacted by drought conditions, that are likely to receive a 2017 corn ARC-CO payment. Most counties in the rest of Minnesota and much of Iowa will not receive a 2017 corn payment. Several of these counties in the Upper Midwest have received corn ARC-CO payments in 2014 and 2015, as well as some counties in 2016.

There is actually more potential for 2017 soybean ARC-CO payments than for corn payments in some locations, due to the increased county BM yields in 2017, and more moderate 2017 soybean yield levels. Potential 2017 soybean ARC-CO payments exist for some counties in West Central and North-west Minnesota, as well as several counties in North and South Dakota. Very few counties in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa will receive a 2017 soybean payment, due to stronger 2017 soybean yield levels.

The "bottom-line" is that most counties in the southern two-thirds of Minnesota and northern

half of Iowa will not receive any corn or soybean ARC-CO payments for 2017. A select few counties in the northern portion of Minnesota, as well as some drought-stricken counties in portions of North and South Dakota, could potentially receive partial 2017 ARC-CO payments for corn, soybeans, and wheat in October, 2018. This news will certainly not help aid the very tight 2018 crop profit margins, or the very low farm income levels, which currently exist in most counties across the Upper Midwest.

Previous county yields for corn, soybeans, and other crops, benchmark yields and revenues, FSA yields, 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO payment levels, and other farm program information are available on the FSA ARC-PLC web site, which is at: www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Kent Thiesse has prepared an Information Sheet titled: "Estimating 2017 Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments," which contains several tables relating to 2017 ARC-CO payments. He has also prepared 2017 ARC-CO Payment Estimate Tables for most counties in Minnesota and Northern Iowa, as well as portions of North and South Dakota. To receive a free copy of the Information Sheet and the Payment Tables, please send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com

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other layer of shingles on top of an existing roof, a layover. Although a complete tear off is more expensive due to increased labor costs, there are some advantages.

"When you tear off, you get a chance to look at the roof deck and repair any deteriorating wood or substrate," said Rick Taylor, longtime roofing contractor and a trainer for shingle manufacturer TAMKO Building Products Inc.

Typically, doing a layover is more economical, although homeowners need to discuss relevant factors with their contractor, including local building code requirements and implications for the manufacturer's warranty.

3. Research the warranty

It is important to understand the warranty specific to the roof product you have installed. Educate yourself on requirements for installation, including whether a shingle layover is applicable (as mentioned above).

"Some shingle manufacturers won't warranty the roof unless it is a complete tear off," Taylor said. "TAMKO is one that actually does have the option to warranty a laminated shingle applied over one other layer of 3-tab shingles."

Other warranty concerns to consider include proper installation, the required steps to register your roof after installation and the time period allowed for transferring that warranty to future owners of the home.

4. Assess ventilation needs

Inadequate roof ventilation is another major

culprit behind premature roof aging. There are a variety of options for roof ventilation; however, it is generally recommended to incorporate proper ventilation into the original re-roof, rather than add it later. The recommended ventilation depends on the size and architecture of the home, but when done correctly, the air inside the attic should be near the same temperature as the ambient temperature of the air outside it.

5. Check the weather

It may seem obvious, but a simple check of the

weather before starting a roofing project could prevent a big headache later. Avoid starting a project with wet plywood or underlayment, or when the forecast indicates a strong chance of rain. Also, many manufacturers of asphalt shingles, the most popular form of roofing in the U.S., do not recommend installation in below-freezing temperatures or in excessively high temperatures.

Careful consideration of these steps during your next home exterior project

could save you from costly and lengthy rework years later.

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Local Girl Scouts celebrate anniversary

Martin County/Fairmont Girl Scouts celebrated 106th Birthday of Girl Scouting on March 12th, 2018. With a focus on preparing to be active and informed members of their communities, Girl Scouts offer Citizen badges for all grade levels (including Daisies). In addition to this programming, Girl Scouts of all ages have the opportunity to participate in the "G.I.R.L. Agenda: - a nonpartisan initiative to inspire, prepare, and mobilize girls and those who care about them to lead positive change through civic action.



GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAMATION - Members of Girl Scout Junior Troops #34517 and 34518 attended the Fairmont City Council meeting at which Mayor Deb Foster read a Proclamation honoring Girl Scouts on their 106th birthday. Pictured are: Ainsley Malo, Alayna Buntjer, Sawyer Ettesvold, Grace Terry, Audrina Suckow, Mayor Deb Foster, Madison Sokoloski, Bel Lutterman, and Kendra Blomster. (Submitted photo)



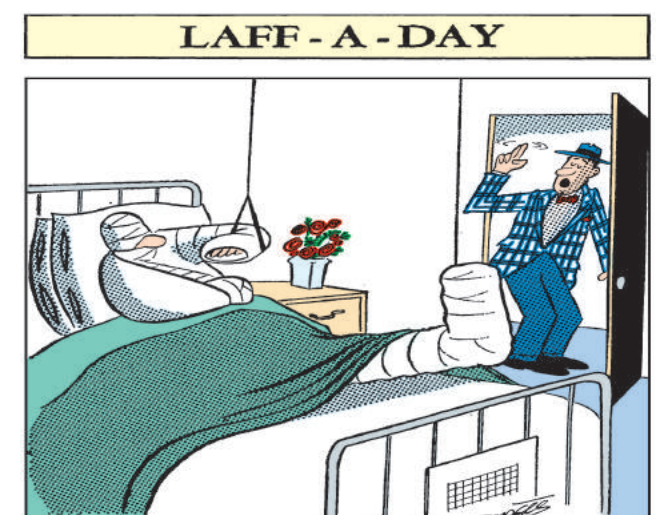
FIRST BABY GIRL DURING GIRL SCOUT WEEK - BROWNIE TROOP #37833 brought a gift to the first baby girl born during Girl Scout Week at Mayo Clinic Health Systems Fairmont. Pictured are Ella Tadlock, Laticiana Wagner, Evelyn Christensen, Ava Geronsin, and Jacelynn Bellecourt greeting the new baby girl and her parents. (Submitted photo)

Elementary students experience STEM

Ms. Warmka's 2nd grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School experienced the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) room for the first time and LOVED it! The children built boats out of tinfoil and experimented to see how many pennies their boats could hold. It was wonderful to see how much could be learned about design and science concepts through simple exploration and play! (Submitted photos)



PIE IN THE EYE - For Bank Midwest's recent "Pie In the Eye" contest, people could cast votes by donating non-perishable food items or money in the name of one of the Bank Midwest employee-owners, Jared Pomerence, Kevin Pfingsten, Allen Core, or Randy Peyman. The person with the most donations received a "Pie in the Eye." Pictured are the four recipients of the pie in the eye contest, with Jerry and Pauline Bergt of Heaven's Table Food Shelf, the beneficiary of the program. One hundred ten food items were donated, along with \$774.00 in cash. The event took place on March 26th. (Can you identify the "recipients" in the picture?)



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TOP OF THE HILL CLUB: Amazing Events

THEATERS!

Thursday, April 26 **"THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF FRANK SINATRA"**
at the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington
\$98 includes lunch, tickets and transportation,
registration is due March 26

Wednesday, May 2 **"GUYS AND DOLLS"**
at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior
\$95 Paid registration is due April 2

Wednesday, July 18 **"NEWSIES"**
at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
\$102 Paid registration is due June 18

TWINS BASEBALL!

Sunday, June 10 vs. Anaheim Angels
Seats are in the Infield Box, Section 121, Rows 20-24
Cost: \$98 Deadline: May 10

Sunday, September 30 vs. Chicago White Sox
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Wednesday, June 20
Jackpot Junction Casino in Morton, MN
Cost: \$15 Receive \$15 in Free Play
Paid registration is due by June 6.

Sunday, July 22 to Wednesday, July 25
Deadwood Gulch Resort and Casino in Deadwood SD
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May 10 - Hawaii and Columbia River Cruises

with Islands in the Sun Cruises and Tours

Hawaii is planned for January 17-27, 2019 aboard

Norwegian's "Pride of America"

Columbia River trip is planned for April, 2019 aboard the

American Empress Riverboat

June 26 - Smoky Mountains & Blue Grass with

Premier World Discovery Tours

Trip is planned for October 2-9, 2019

July 31 - Iceland and New York tours with

Cruises and Tours Worldwide

Iceland is planned for June 9-17, 2019

New York is planned for November, 2019

All Travel Shows are free and are held at 5:30 p.m. in our Fairmont Bank's Training Room. Please pre-register with Ellen so that we can gauge interest and refreshments can be planned.

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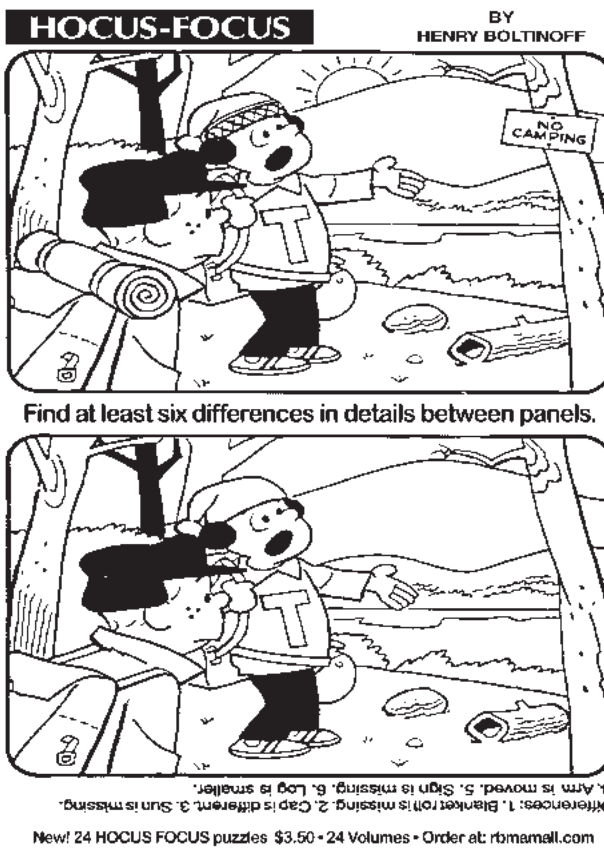
\$75 Includes transportation, all meals, and all fees and tips.

For full itineraries, more information or to sign up for any of these great adventures, call Top of the Hill Club Director Ellen Borkenhagen at 507-235-7577.





Girl Scout Cadettes Chloe Miller, Lacie Feters, Kamy Green, and Jenna Spencer had a successful Cookie Booth during the recent Girl Scout Cookie Sale. (Submitted photo)



The Fairmont Area Jr High band and orchestra played their spring concert Monday night.



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