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EKENBERG-WALTERS - Krysten Anne Ekenberg and Jesse Cole Walters were married on October 24th, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Parents of the bride are Janet and Steven Ekenberg of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Parents of the groom are Connie and Kurt Hines of Truman and Kris Walters and the late Gary Walters of Fairmont. Laura Wright of Mount Horeb served as maid of honor, and Matt Izen of Fairmont was best man. The wedding party included bridesmaids Rachael Perrin, Chelsea Dubczak, Kasey Tarnutzer, Bria Andersen, and Tiphany Izen. Groomsmen were Andy Thompson, Michael Neusch, Per Nestingen, Wade Walters, and Tim Ekenberg. Attendants were Sarah James and Katie Jensen. The couple recently moved to rural Fairmont.



Aubree Rachel Blazejak, Daughter of Cameron and Ashley Blazejak of Fairmont was born on Sunday, February 28th, 2016 at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato. She weighed eight pounds, six ounces and measured 21 inches. Grandparents are Duane and Karen Plathe of Fairmont. Aubree has two brothers, Dominic and Easton.

Eli Christopher Bradley Wallace, son of Isaac and Tania Wallace of Fairmont, was born March 1st, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System-Mankato. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

Grandparents are Brad and Deb Wallace and Bonnie Taplin of Fairmont and Jack Taplin of Granada.

Great grandparents are Bill and Betty Wallace of Delavan.



Holly Swenson and Nathaniel Warner
Tracie Lynn Ford and Tucker Alan Schumann

The next meeting concerning **Area Veterans Tribute of Trimont** will be Tuesday, March 22nd, at 7 p.m. in Trimont city hall. More brochures and containers are available and there will also be an update on progress.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVPs for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, March 17th. Contact Pat Willett-Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

Presentation College Hires New Fairmont Campus Director



Presentation College is pleased to announce the hiring of William Potter as the Director of the Fairmont Campus.

William, who will be joining the 'Saints Family' on Sunday, May 15th, comes to Presentation College after serving as Assistant Dean at Spokane Falls Community College in Pullman, Washington.

"I would like to say it is an honor to be selected

for the position," he said. "I look forward to working with the Fairmont community and expanding our services and mission."

Potter has three degrees, all from Murray State University, in Murray, Kentucky: a Bachelor of Science in Geography with a minor in History, a Masters in College Teaching, Geography concentration, and Specialist in College Teaching, Counseling and Administration concentration.

Mr. Potter will be a great asset to Presentation College and the Fairmont Campus as he also has extensive experience in other areas of higher education, including: Admissions, Student Services, Financial Aid, Counseling, and Teaching.

A Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn on Saturday, March 26th, starting at 10 a.m.

Bring your own basket, there will be 1,000 eggs to find inside and outside. This hunt is for children up to age 12.

Food and refreshments will be provided along with inflatables. For more information call 507-236-1328.

The Regional Worship Center is located on Crossroads Drive, across from the Kum & Go and just off I-90.

1962 Fairmont High School classmates and spouses will meet for lunch on Friday, March 18th at Tami's on the Ave at 11:30 a.m.

Martin County Youth for Christ will hold an open house on Thursday, March 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Lighthouse in Downtown Fairmont. There will be door prizes, Irish treats and food. See what YFC is all about. Call 235-6016 for more information.

Clear Lake Preservation Association will be meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ceylon American Legion hall. All members of the association along with any interested citizens are invited to attend.

The **Prairieland Antique Tractor Association** will meet at McDonalds in Fairmont on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Judy Gustafson of U.S. Bank Wins Top Company Award



Judy Gustafson, vice president and personal banking officer for U.S. Bank in Fairmont, has been named a U.S. Bank Annual Star of Excellence award honoree, the com-

pany's highest employee achievement honor for bankers.

"Judy has done an excellent job in making sure our customers' expectations are not only met, but exceeded," said Denise Mosloski, U.S. Bank branch manager for the Fairmont branch.

Gustafson was among the top performing U.S. Bank employees nationwide to receive the award. Gustafson has been with U.S. Bank for 39 years. This is her 11th consecutive year of qualifying for the award.



FIVE GENERATIONS - Five generations are represented in this picture from September of 2015. (Left to Right): front - Emanuel Reyes; middle - Veronica Reyes, Patricia Reyes, Peggy Graff, Mary Osborn; back - Cassandra Cruchelow.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales continues through Sunday, March 20th. If a Girl Scout hasn't stopped at your home, or if you need additional cookies, upcoming cookie booth sales will be held at Hy-Vee, Shopko or Walmart this weekend. If you need cookies and can't get to one of the booth sales, contact Judy (236-2540) to arrange a cookie delivery. The Girl Scouts appreciate your support.

The Martin Luther High School Music Department will present a **Sacred Concert** on Tuesday, March 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont beginning at 7:00 p.m. Featured on the program will be a new arrangement of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" by MLHS 2013 Alumnus Mason Koeritz. A free will offering will be taken. The Band and Choir students are under the direction of Mr. Evan Sanft.

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Warren Nelson Returns to Red Rock Center in Fairmont

Join Warren Nelson, his son Rowan Ferris-Nelson, and world class harmonica player Otis Mclennon on Sunday, March 20th at 3 p.m. for an afternoon of bluegrass, swing and boogie-woogie at the Red Rock Centre for the Arts in Fairmont.



Warren, a Fairmont native, has written over 500 songs and is the founder of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua and has led a team of talented musicians, actors, researchers and technicians in the creation of numerous large-scale, historical musicals since the 1970's. Rowan is also a songwriter and

incredible banjo player. Otis plays a powerful harmonica and was the frontrunner in a band formerly known as Otis and the Alligators.

Don't miss this afternoon of original music and comical stage presence as they take you back in time to the good ole' days. General admission is \$10 at the door.

Fairmont Youth to Compete in American Miss Jr. Teen Pageant

14-year-old Lacey Mae Gatton of Fairmont has been chosen as a State



Terry Gatton, Jr.

The pageant is for girls ages 13 through 15. The newly crowned Miss Jr. Teen Minnesota will receive a \$1,000 cash award, official crown and banner, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant in California. Contestants will compete in four overall categories, including Formal Wear Modeling, Personal Introduction, Interview and Community Service Project.

Finalist in the National American Miss Junior Teen Minnesota Pageant, to be held June 18th and 19th in Bloomington. Lacey's parents are Joni and

The National American Miss Pageant System is the largest in the nation. Anyone interested in learning more about the pageant can visit www.namiss.com.

Fairmont Opera House Sight of Last Supper Drama

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont invites the public to experience Maundy Thursday by joining them for The Last Supper drama.

Leonardo DaVinci's painting of Jesus and the 12 apostles comes to life in this amazing portrayal of the moments follow-

ing Jesus' words, "one of you will betray me".

Join the members of Grace Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House for the drama, the music, the word and Holy Communion.

Second Annual Easter Vigil Planned at Trinity Lutheran

Circle of Faith Parish (St. Peter Lutheran-Ceylon, Trinity Lutheran-Welcome, Waverly Lutheran-rural Trimont) and Partners in Ministry (First Lutheran and United Methodist, Trimont) are teaming up again to offer an Easter Vigil service on **Saturday, March 26th** at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome (204 2nd Street).

This is the night, the night of all nights, and the festivities start at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 26th** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome. For more information on the Easter Vigil visit www.circleoffaithparish.org/eastervigil.

The Easter Vigil is an ancient Easter Eve service that begins around a fire and then transitions from darkness to light, illustrating Christ's passage from death to resurrection. During the course of the service, the stories of

the story of the Israelites fleeing Egypt). These stories of our past also point to our future life through



the history of salvation are read and told in creative and dramatic ways.

This is the night where we arrive at the end of our journey through the 40 days of Lent, and we hear various stories of our past (i.e. The Creation story, the story of Adam and Eve,

the resurrected Christ. The event is then followed by a festive champagne reception to celebrate that our God overcame the grave and death itself – our Lord was raised from the dead.

Last year, this joint effort from the five churches involved 95 participants

from actors to musicians to food servers. The Easter Vigil is a longer than usual service, but there isn't anything usual about it. There are so many different things happening that time just flies by. You don't even notice that the service takes two hours. There is movement and color, drama and laughter, singing by candlelight and a triumphant transition from the darkness of Good Friday into the brilliant light of Easter.

Everyone is invited to worship. And you don't want to be late – if you're late, you will miss the fire and the candlelit procession. Weather permitting, we'll maybe even get to start outside. Come and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with us – and eat some chocolate.

Red Rock Announces Winners of High School Art Show

The Area High School Art show is on display at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont through Wednesday,



Best of Show - Jaden Culbertson "Cosmic" North Union

March 30th and features six area schools – Granada-Huntley-East Chain, North Union, Blue Earth Area, Fairmont, Mar-

tin Luther, and Truman. Judging has been completed and broken down amongst five categories and this year's winners are as follows.

Stop in and see over 70 pieces of creative works of art. Gallery Hours are Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Painting

1st place: McKenzie Hellman "Perspectives" North Union
2nd place: Tiffany Pena "Untitled" Fairmont

3rd place: Jessica Loken "Crystal Gems" Blue Earth
4th place: Amber Nickerson "Harvest Sunset" Truman

Honorable Mention: Casha Spear "Landscape Escape" GHEC

Pencil/Ink/Colored Pencil

1st place: McKenzie Hellman "Owl" North Union
2nd place: Kianna Briener "Beach Self Portrait" North Union
3rd place: James Schunk "50 Shades of Sharpie" Martin Luther
4th place: Jordyn Junkermeier "Untitled" Fairmont

Mixed Media/Pastels

1st place: Debbie Watt "Bridge Over Blue Water" Martin Luther

2nd place: Alexis Lubenthal "Memories" North Union

3rd place: Zach Shure "Night of Hillside" Blue Earth

Three Dimensional

1st place: Shania Kane "Starry Night" Blue Earth
2nd place: Ashley Lavery "God of Sea" North Union
3rd place: Makayla Westphall "Patterned Pitcher" Blue Earth

Photography and Graphics

1st place: Brianna Schroeder "Seeing Through" North Union
2nd place: Ethan Jordi Martin Luther
3rd place: Evangeline Petrowiak "Untitled" Fairmont

Church of Christ Churches to Present Easter Cantata

The Truman Church of Christ, 401 West Ciro Street, Truman, will be the host to the cantata, "O What a Savior", a musical Easter presentation arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. The

cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

The members of the choir are from the Fairmont Christian Church, Madelia Church of Christ, River Valley Christian Church, New Ulm and the Truman Church of Christ. Again this year, the choir, under the direction of Rebecca Davis, will have a

power point presentation to bring to life the messages of the songs.

The cantata contains favorites such as: Something Beautiful, Jesus Paid It All, O What a Savior as well as other selections

Following the presentation, the women of the church invite everyone in attendance to share in a time of fellowship and re-

freshments in Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge to attend the cantata and no offering will be taken. Consider this our Easter present to you, as we share the sacrifice that God made when He sent Jesus who came to save us from our sins and will come again to take us to Heaven with Him. O What a Savior!



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The Power of the Farm

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

Our workhorses were something very important when I was growing up. They provided THE POWER OF THE FARM on a southern Minnesota prairie farm during the late depression years. Their health and wellness had a direct relationship to their ability to pull the implements such as the planter, wagons, hay mower and rake. They were not the "light" horses that were ridden or driven for pleasure. They were the large and powerful "gentle giants" of that day.

mired. I always wondered how he had learned such skills as his father had died when he was but a boy. A cabinet in the tack room contained salves, liniments and the home cures that contained his home treatment tools.

He was best known for his skills in treating horses with "sleeping sickness". The word got out and the owners of sick horses called him on from a wide area. I used to go with him and watch as he performed his "miracle of healing". We would drive up into

liquid that he had in a pop bottle. He did this by forcing the neck of the bottle between the cheek and teeth. The reaction was always the same. The horse would chew as it drank and swallowed. The treatment seemed to work within a few minutes. I have seen horses that were flat on the ground get up as though they had just been awakened. Many would be eating by the time my father and the farmer finished the sometimes-lengthy conversations.

I remember helping



Any horse that had become lame, developed a sore under the work collar, or received a "wire cut" in a fence had to be cared for immediately. Noticing a problem in the horses was something learned by watching for certain clues. If a horse did not eat or drink, moved slowly, had even the slightest problem with a foot, or was being pushed away from the feeder by other horses, something had to be done. A cabinet full of salves, liniments and potions were the tools of my father. However, we learned early that the best cure was usually rest. Most farms had two teams of horses. One team was rested every other day. Having a horse injured or sick meant that one horse from the spare team had to "fill in". Time without rest was very hard on a horse and they would soon show the signs of being tired out. They would lose energy, be slow in movement, and would be hesitant in pulling. My father treated his own horses. I cannot remember a time when he had a vet come to the farm to treat his horses. His skill was something that I ad-

the farmyard to be met by a farmer who showed the worry of the possible loss of THE POWER OF THE FARM. My father would look at the horse, which was usually flat on the ground by then. My father would begin the process by reaching into his pocket for the small black rectangular-shaped whetstone that he carried in his pocket. He would take out his pocket knife and open it to find the blade with a rounded end, spit on the stone and then begin to sharpen the blade, moving it against the stone with a circular motion. Even though I had seen it done many times, what always surprised me the most was what he would do next. He would reach down and lift the horse's head so he could look into its mouth. He would then force its mouth open by pushing down on its gum just behind the front teeth with his fingers. He then reached in and cut across the roof of the horse's mouth. The sight of the immediate bleeding was shocking. The horse would chew and swallow. My father would then force the horse to drink a mixture of

my father put shoes on the team that he would be driving on the road during the threshing season. We had a line of horseshoes in the tack room of the barn. He would pick out the right size shoes and lay them on the ground near the horse. He would then trim the edges of the feet with pinchers. These were not the fancy pinchers that the Ferrier used. His were the familiar fencing pinchers. He would lift up the foot of the horse and place it between his knees as he bent down. He would cut off the excess hoof and mount the horseshoe to the hoof with nails that had a certain slant. My job was to hold the horse still and hand him the horseshoe nails giving them to him with the angle of the slant on the nail facing out. Once the shoe was nailed on, the edge of the hoof was shaped by the use of a rasp or coarse file.

I grew up in a time when the workhorse was something other than something to be shown at fairs. They were a part of our everyday life and THE POWER OF THE FARM. They needed and deserved special care!

Mystery Dinner Theatre Comes to Red Rock Center for the Arts

Red Rock Center for the Arts will presents its 5th Annual mystery dinner theatre, "Murder at Tax Time," an original murder mystery dinner show. One great show, with performances (and different endings), on two nights, Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th. There will also be a silent auction featuring new items each night from theatre to arboretum tickets and many great products from local businesses.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour with wine and beer being served and the opportunity to meet the cast prior to the show. Dinner and show begins at 6:30 p.m. and features an elegant three-course meal with a three-act play. After

each act, the audience will receive clues to help them guess the outcome of the plot before it is revealed in the third act.

This show has a creative and witty plot revolving around the "tax man," starring area cast members Michael Brenneman, Georgie Pfaffinger, DeAnna and Emilee Shaikoski, Shawn and Corey Shoen, Barbara Shimon and Pete Steinke, under the director/author theatre professional, Paul Warshawer.

Paul travels the world presenting these original murder mysteries and has written, produced, and directed over 500 productions, including main stage musical plays, comedies, dramas, and youth theater.

He also directs theater classes and plays for adults,

elementary, junior and senior high school kids, and has taught theater arts in public and private schools.

Proceeds from this fund-raising event will support the upcoming - performing, visual and educational - season of events. Due to the popularity of the event, persons wishing to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible. The cost is \$39 per person and payment must be made at the time of reservation; tables may be reserved for groups of eight for \$280. To reserve a seat, contact the RRC at (507) 235-9262, or online at www.redrockcenter.ticketleap.com.

Blue Earth Artist Among 28 Receiving PLRAC Artist Grants

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council recently awarded \$28,000 in Artist Career Development Grants to twenty-eight local artists. The purpose of the PLRAC/McKnight Artist Career Development Grant Program is to provide finan-

in skill, technique and/or moving in a new direction. Applications are accepted from artists in all art disciplines including: dance, literature, music, theater, and visual art.

The twenty-eight artists that received an Artist Grant of \$1,000 included

artist Barbara Pearson from Blue Earth. Barbara will create a series of watercolor paintings featuring harvest in



cial support to developing artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists in their formative stages of development are eligible, as well as artists expanding their present work, advancing

rural south-central Minnesota. She will purchase art supplies and frame her paintings; and plans to have an exhibit.

This program is made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foun-

dation of Minneapolis under a program designed and administered by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Waseca.

Prairie Lakes provides grants for artists and arts activities including dance, music, theater, literature, and visual art classes and exhibitions. The next arts and community organization grant for arts project is July 1st, 2016. The next Artist Fellowship Grant deadline is September 15th, 2016 for a \$3,000 grant and the \$1,000 Artist Career Development Grant deadline is January 15th, 2017. Grant program information and applications are available at www.plrac.org or contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director, at the PLRAC office in Waseca, 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net for information.

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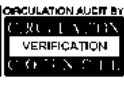
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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Pistachio Dessert

Here comes Peter Cottontail!

Easter soon will be here; another holiday just around the corner! Even though it comes early this year, it's warming up and seems like spring. I have been looking through my recipes and planning my Easter dinner menu. I have decided that my dessert will be pistachio dessert. It's pale green, so it looks spring like to me, and it tastes on the light side. For some reason I haven't made this for a long time and it's one of my favorites! I hope if you decide to try it, you will like it too!

Pistachio Dessert:

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2 Heath candy bars (crushed)

Crush Ritz crackers, add melted butter, pat in a 9x13 inch pan and bake eight minutes at 300 degrees and cool.

Filling: mix instant pistachio pudding with milk and ice cream. Beat with mixer until smooth. Pour over crust, chill until firm then top with a layer of cool whip and chill. Sprinkle with heath candy bars. Have a great week!

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Do you have a creative writing idea but don't know where to start? Do you wish you could start writing but are clueless how to begin?

Join us at the Fairmont Library on Saturday, March 19th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for a Writing Workshop with the Loft Literary Center of Minneapolis! A professional writing instructor will be on hand to help answer

your questions, get you started, or point you in the right direction with your writing!

This workshop is for adults and is geared towards all types of creative fiction writing. There is no cost to attend...just come and learn and grow in your creative writing skills!

Call the library at 238-4207 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget that our Adult Reading Program ends on March 31st. One lucky finisher will win a Kindle Fire HD!!

As always, visit our website or facebook page for complete information on upcoming library events. www.martincountylibrary.org

Cemstone Concrete Takes Over GCC Ready Mix Plant Operations

Cemstone Concrete Materials, LLC has announced that it has taken over the operations of six GCC of America Ready Mix plants in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, strengthening the service Cemstone provides to its customers throughout the area.

"This is a great opportunity to offer more builders, contractors and homeowners concrete solutions in this part of the

Upper Midwest," said Tim Becken, President of Cemstone. "GCC has top-notch employees and a great reputation. We're honored to bring those employees on board and build on the GCC tradition of quality. We are pleased that GCC employees and customers will become part of the Cemstone family."

"This is a unique strategic opportunity for both GCC and Cemstone," said Ron Henley, President of

GCC of America. "Keeping the Minnesota network intact and employees in place was very important to GCC. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Cemstone."

A family company founded in 1927, Cemstone now owns and operates a network of more than 90 ready-mix concrete plants and aggregate facilities in Minnesota, western Wisconsin, Iowa

and South Dakota. The company offers a full line of premium ready-mixed concrete, decorative concrete, high performance concrete, aggregate products, concrete masonry units, brick and decorative stone. Cemstone also provides professional grade supplies and materials through its network of Contractor Supply Stores.

MCHS in Fairmont Invests Over \$360,000 in Radiology and Imaging

Over the course of the last year, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont has enhanced its radiology and imaging capabilities through an investment in new equipment. All told, the upgrades cost nearly \$365,000.

New additions and improvements include:

- Digital general X-ray room, which allows staff

to produce and view digital X-rays quickly

- General X-ray room
- MRI foot/ankle coil to support patients' lower extremities more comfortably during MRIs

- Four new ceiling lifts for safer patient movement

- Nuclear medicine dose calibrator

- Ultrasound machine with two scanning probes,

producing better image quality

"This is top-of-the-line equipment, which helps us provide the best care for our patients and create more efficiency for our employees," says Meghan Vollbrecht, radiology manager at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. "Digital imaging technology results in instant image acquisition

and display. This ensures accuracy of imagery and more precise services for our patients."

To schedule an appointment with Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont, call 507-238-8500. Visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org for more information about radiology and imaging services.

Quilters to Meet in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold the sixth meeting of the 2015-2016 year this Monday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Note this move back to the high school - much better lighting and easier access. Enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, the meeting will begin with show-and-tell, always an entertaining and inspiring part of the meeting.

The Tula Pink Modern Quilt mini-group has finished meetings on the project - and a new group working on the "Gypsy Wife Quilt" will hold the first informational meeting immediately after the BEVQ meeting on Monday night.

All quilters are welcome to join this group, which will meet one evening during the last week of each month. The Block-of-the-Month ("Tales of the First Ladies") is in its sixth

month. This is the final pieced block of the quilt. Next month (the April meeting) will be the spring Trash-to-Cash event.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer

session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are always welcome. For more information contact Mike Ellingsen at 507-526-5808.

Trimont Church Offers Parenting Workshop

Trimont Covenant Church is offering a parenting workshop, "Discipline That Connects with Your Child's Heart."

The workshop will be Friday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Trimont Covenant Church, 61 Main Street East, Trimont.

The event costs \$5 per adult and there is free

childcare is available, including nursery and open gym for all ages.

Tickets are at Good News Bookstore and Trimont Covenant Church. Email trimontcov@frontiernet.net for more information.

What kids learn when they are disciplined will last a lifetime. When parents are thoughtful about

this, their kids grow up knowing that they are valued people built for God's purposes.

This workshop is deeply biblical, immediately useful, and will change your life and your child's life for good.

Lynne Jackson of Connected Families will be presenting. She has over 25 years of experience as

both a parent to three intense children and a pediatric occupational therapist. In 2002 she and her husband Jim founded Connected Families to encourage and equip parents. As a speaker, certified life coach, and author, Lynne has helped thousands of parents learn to be peaceful, purposeful, and confident.

Don't forget to make your 2015 IRA contribution.



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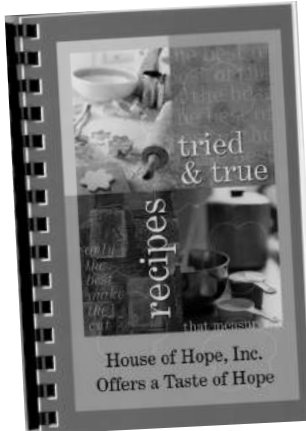
Sheba is sure she is a queen and feels other cats don't deserve to live in her kingdom. A gorgeous calico, Sheba loves to be petted and held by her two-legged servants. In return she supervises them well, even occasionally helping them with paperwork. Declawed and spayed, she is ready to rule a new kingdom.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

Trigger is a tricolor terrier cross with white feet. This guy is about 25-30 pounds and has a docked tail.

Cricket is a brown and white Akita. She is good with people and loves to go for walks. Cricket is very discriminating in her choice of canine friends and would prefer to be an only pet. Cricket is spayed and up to date on shots.

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals I

XNVLBWN K FMT'H ELUN NTMBYE

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TBHW, K YBNWW K'R

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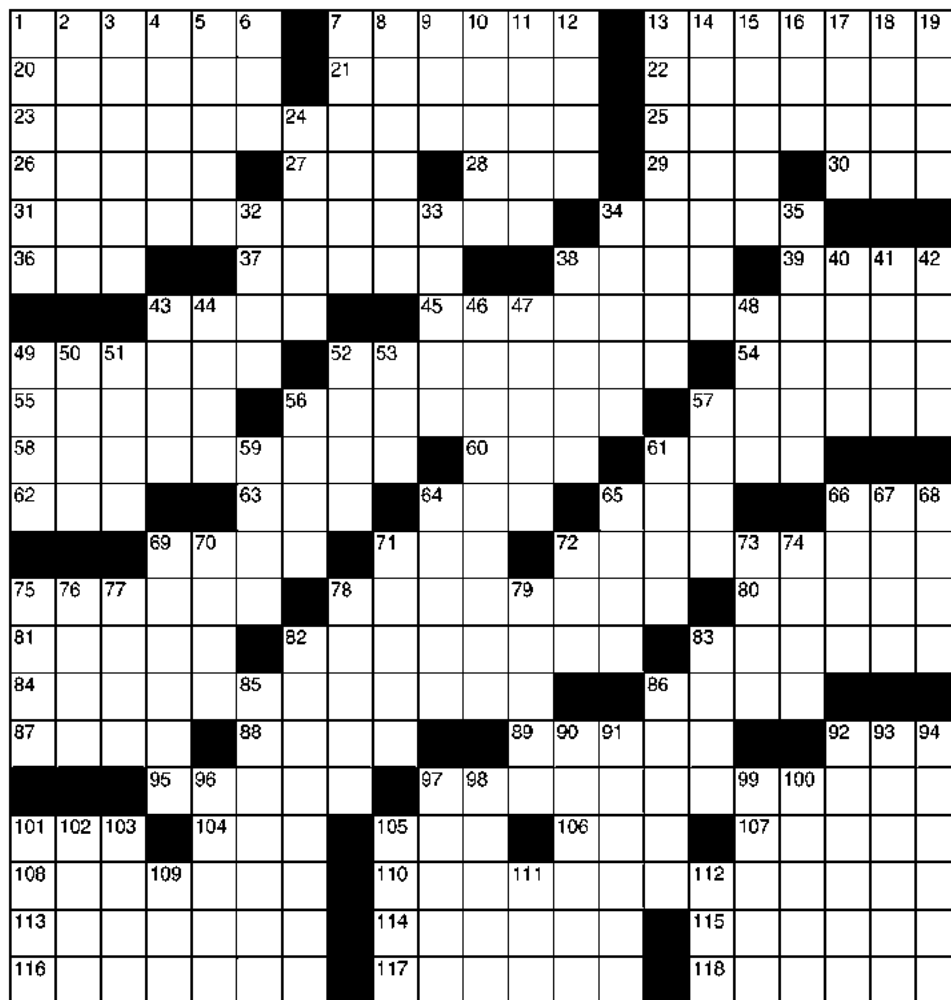
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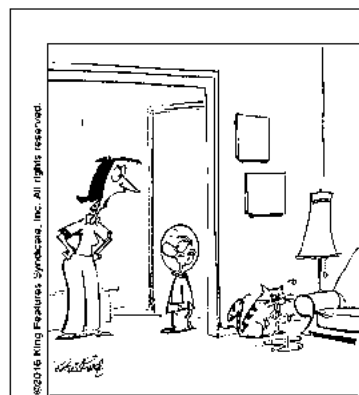
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VEGETABLES**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reinforcing shoe tip
- 7 Brand of prescription painkiller
- 13 Toss out
- 20 Southern African land
- 21 Give in
- 22 Big markets
- 23 Many an earthen plant holder
- 25 Vegetable mixed inside
- 26 Dog biscuit, to a dog
- 27 Bit in a stew
- 28 Canon — Rebel
- 29 Bakery item
- 30 — Paese (cheese)
- 31 Mail with wholesale goods
- 34 Speakers of Celtic
- 36 Put — (ruses)
- 37 — a woman? — Sojourner Truth
- 38 Knife cut
- 39 Writer Oz
- 43 Diplomacy
- 45 Food store worker
- 49 Vegetable mixed inside
- 52 Ranks
- 54 Gorbachev's wife
- 55 Not sleeping
- 56 Fills untidily
- 57 Vegetable mixed inside
- 60 It's charged
- 61 Like slightly spoiled meat
- 62 "Ta-ta"
- 63 Pack-toting beast
- 64 Dell products
- 65 Vast span
- 66 DOJ arm
- 69 Swinging ditty
- 71 Toby brew
- 72 Rapid weight-loss option
- 75 Vegetable mixed inside
- 78 University in Silicon Valley
- 80 Moray lurer
- 81 Eye-tricking paintings
- 82 Lobbies for
- 83 Vegetable mixed inside
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- 87 Begged
- 88 Corn units
- 89 1950s Ford
- 92 Vacation site
- 95 In a strange way
- 97 Affect one's emotions
- 101 Spinks foe
- 104 Dijon "yes"
- 105 Sauna sound
- 106 Part of GPS: Abbr.
- 107 Made known
- 108 Vegetable mixed inside
- 31-Across
- 110 Surfs while watching TV
- 113 Intertangles
- 114 Langston Hughes memoir, with "The"
- 115 Probes into
- 116 TV satirist
- Stephen
- 117 Party split
- 118 Double boxing punch
- DOWN**
- 1 Bit of skin art
- 2 Minimal lead in baseball
- 3 Some herons
- 4 — reef
- 5 Get — start (be tardy)
- 6 D.C. donor
- 7 Kind of sail
- 8 Circle eighth
- 9 Brand of cable modern
- 10 Plains shelter
- 11 "When is — not ..."
- 12 Reno stakes
- 13 Loses hope
- 14 Irreverence
- 15 Pitcher's talk
- 16 Dupe
- 17 Qatari, e.g.
- 18 Paddy plant
- 19 Writer Roald
- 24 In the work already mentioned: Abbr.
- 32 Dash device
- 33 Snug
- 34 Dells
- 35 Periodic pay
- 38 Contempl
- 40 Israel's
- Golda
- 41 "In that area"
- 42 Three-hand card game
- 43 "Kon- —"
- 44 "Just —"
- 46 Tendency to keep silent
- 47 Nondairy spreads
- 48 Overpack
- 49 Broccoli —
- 50 Cockeyed
- 51 Calendar info
- 52 Lodge group
- 53 Feed lines to
- 56 Amount paid
- 57 See 67-Down
- 59 Ring of virtue
- 61 Urge on
- 64 Braid
- 65 Isn't right
- 66 Folder filler
- 67 With 57-Down, some tavern trash
- 68 Response to "Nice job!"
- 69 Texas city
- 70 "I gotta hand — ya ..."
- 71 Chart book
- 72 Bivouac bed
- 73 Take note of
- 74 Oscar — never fly!"
- 75 Pageantry
- 76 German car
- 77 British art gallery
- 78 Apology word
- 79 One axing
- 82 Most flaky
- 83 RC, say
- 85 One losing weight
- 86 "You've gotta be kidding!"
- 90 Puts down, to a rapper
- 91 Overhead stadium recorder
- 92 Most irritated
- 93 Future D.A.'s major
- 94 Builds on
- 96 "Irma la —"
- 97 — law (old Germanic legal code)
- 98 Femur locale
- 99 "Emperor of the Air" author
- Ethan
- 100 Doorway joint
- 101 British actor
- Guinness
- 102 Jay of TV
- 103 "— never fly!"
- 105 Filers' mil. posts
- 109 Key near Q
- 111 23rd Greek letter
- 112 Bustle



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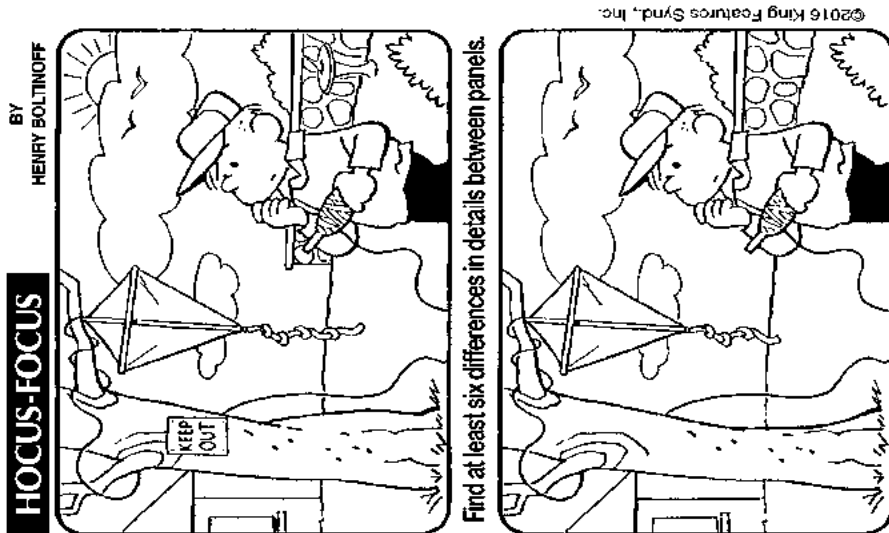
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Now that I have your attention, let me take a moment and introduce myself. I'm Staci Thompson, the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Martin and Faribault Counties, and I have been working with the Reuse Reimagine Committee of Project 1590. People often ask me what it is that we do at Reuse and Reimagine. Well, I tried to explain it, but the words just weren't matching what I was thinking, so I thought I'd go back to basics and consult the good old Webster's Dictionary.

Reuse - "to use again, especially in a different way or after reclaiming". Bingo! This is exactly what the "Reuse" part of our work entails - looking at various homes and buildings in the Fairmont area and ascertaining how to "use again" these structures. There are many empty commercial buildings in Fairmont. How do we match these structures to people or businesses who are interested in either starting their own business or bringing their business to Fairmont? That's the million dollar question, but we are determined to keep on investigating properties for future use. With private homes, in order to reuse them, we have to discover if the home is being lived in, who the owner is, what the background of the property is, and so on. Many properties in Fairmont have very, very interesting backstories to them - it has been a very interesting journey and we've barely begun!

Reimagine - "to imagine again or anew, especially to form a new conception of". Again, this is exactly what our committee is striving to achieve. Just because a building may have been an auto shop for thirty years doesn't mean it has to stay an auto shop! By reimagining the possibilities, you begin to see that, with a little work, just about anything will work in a long-existing structure. Reimagining leads to many other discussions, such as "what do we wish to see in Fairmont"? "Is there a building that would accommodate that need"?

We must do more than discuss, and thankfully "reimagine" is a VERB! If you have ideas or input, please join us every first and third Monday at 3:30 at the Hy-Vee Kitchen for a time of discussion, idea sharing, and action planning. Our next meeting is Monday, March 21st at 3:30 p.m. and the guest speaker will be Mark Fujan, State Farm agent in Fairmont. He will be talking about demolition of homes and other options as it pertains to insurance. We are a fun group who is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Fairmont area. Please come and join us!

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Ask A Trooper: Towing Non-Licensed Vehicles

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: If I rent a properly licensed and lighted tow dolly from a rental company, can I tow a non-running vehicle that is not licensed (no current plates) and not insured? Do I need tail lights in addition to the dolly lights?

Answer: First I will explain what a tow dolly is for those that may not know. A tow dolly is little more than two wheels, an axle and a tow-hitch, used to tow a front-wheel drive vehicle behind a recreational vehicle or other larger vehicle. It is generally designed to tow a vehicle with the front wheels on the tow dolly. To answer your question, I would say you can do this as long as you're meeting the following criteria:

- The vehicle you are using to tow the dolly is properly registered, insured and legal to tow the non-running vehicle (hitch, weight ratings, etc.).
- The dolly is properly registered and has the required dolly lights and reflectors.
- If the non-running vehicle sticks out beyond the dolly, it must be equipped with at least two tail lamps on the rear. The lamps must be on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practical.

You may want to talk with your auto insurance agent about insuring the non-running vehicle. Even though the towing vehicle has insurance coverage, it might not apply if something happened to the non-running vehicle.

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- Takes samples of corn, ethanol, and distiller's grains for testing
- Participates in safety, health, and environmental programs

Qualifications Include:

- High School diploma or GED required
- Experience with the movement and loading of rail cars preferred
- Experience working with heavy equipment in an industrial environment or grain elevator preferred
- Experience with the operation of front-end loaders, forklift trucks, rail movers, man lifts, and related material handling equipment preferred
- Experience in the operation of a dry-mill ethanol plant preferred
- Experience with standard computer software programs, i.e. Microsoft Outlook and SAP, preferred

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Responsible for the repair and maintenance of the plant equipment, to ensure maximum production quantity and quality, while supporting the policies, goals, and objectives of the company.

Qualifications Include:

- High School diploma or GED required.
- Two years experience in the maintenance or repair of industrial equipment (pumps, valves, compressors, conveying equipment, etc.) required.
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2016 BOARDS OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

The following is a schedule of the 2016 Boards of Appeal and Equalization or Open Book Meetings for the jurisdictions in Martin County. The purpose of these meetings is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, you or your agent should contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessment and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing the county board of appeal and equalization. If your jurisdiction holds an open book meeting all residents automatically qualify to appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

| DAY | DATE | TOWNSHIP/CITY | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Monday | April 4 | Lake Fremont Township | 8:30 AM | Grader Shed, Dunnell |
| Monday | April 4 | Fox Lake Township | 10:00 AM | Town Hall |
| Monday | April 4 | Manyaska Township | 10:00 AM | Fox Lake Town Hall |
| Monday | April 4 | Rutland Township | 7:30 PM | Township Hall |
| Tuesday | April 5 | Lake Belt Township | 10:00 AM | Town Hall Grader Shed |
| Tuesday | April 5 | Cedar Township (open book) | 7:00 PM | Town Hall |
| Tuesday | April 5 | Jay Township | 7:00 PM | Town Hall |
| Tuesday | April 5 | Elm Creek Township | 7:30 PM | Trimont Fire Hall |
| Wednesday | April 6 | Fairmont Township (open book) | 6:00 PM | 5 Lakes Elem Media Center |
| Wednesday | April 6 | Silver Lake Township | 7:30 PM | Randy Musser Home |
| Thursday | April 7 | Fraser Township | 7:00 PM | Welcome City Hall |
| Thursday | April 7 | Pleasant Prairie Township | 7:30 PM | Town Hall |
| Monday | April 18 | Sherburn City (open book) | 5:00 PM | Sherburn City Hall |
| Monday | April 18 | Truman City | 5:30 PM | Truman City Hall |
| Tuesday | April 19 | Welcome City | 6:00 PM | Welcome City Hall |
| Tuesday | April 19 | Northrop City | 7:00 PM | Northrop City Hall |
| Thursday | April 21 | Center Creek Twnsp (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Dunnell City (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | East Chain Township (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Galena Township (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Granada City (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Nashville Township (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Rolling Green Twnshp (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Tenhassen Twnsp (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Waverly Township (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Westford Township (open book) | 5:00 PM | Martin County Courthouse |
| Thursday | April 21 | Trimont City | 7:00 PM | Trimont City Hall |
| Thursday | April 21 | Ceylon City (open book) | 7:30 PM | Ceylon American Legion |
| Wednesday | April 27 | Fairmont City | 9:00 AM | Fairmont City Hall |
| Tuesday | June 16 | Martin County Board of Appeal & Equalization | 6:30 PM | Commissioners Room |

We need help delivering only good news.

We have openings for carriers in these Fairmont areas:

- Route 4** - 1100, 1200 blocks of North Main, 1100 to 1600 blocks of North North and N. Park.
- Route 6** - West Anna, West Christina, West Margaret, Ida, Larsen Lane, 1600 block of North North.
- Route 7** - 1100 to 1600 blocks of N. Elm and N. Park and adjacent streets.
- Route 8** - 700 to 1000 blocks of N. Elm, North North, N. Park and N. Prairie.
- Route 12** - Albion Place, S. Main, 200 to 700 blocks of S. Park and adjacent streets.
- Route 18** - 1100 to 1600 blocks of N. Prairie, 1000 block of N. Hampton, 300 block of Winnebago and adjacent streets.
- Route 26** - Cambridge, 200 to 400 blocks of Forest, S. Hampton, S. Prairie, 300 and 400 blocks of Victoria, 300 through 400 blocks of Willow and adjacent streets.
- Route 27** - Blinkman, 300 to 400 blocks of Budd, 700 to 900 blocks of S. Hampton, S. Prairie, 300 and 400 blocks of Victoria and adjacent streets.
- Route 29** - 300 to 600 blocks of Albion, Lake Park Blvd. and Lake Park Place, Linden Dr. and Sisseton Dr.
- Route 30** - Canyon Drive, Fairlakes Avenue, Geraldine and Hengen Streets, Kings Road, Martin Street, North and South Valley View Court, Reiman Court. Available March 2nd
- Route 32:** Budd Lake Dr., Cedar, Circle and Homewood, 100 to 500 blocks of Woodland.
- Route 33:** 900 to 1300 blocks of Albion, Maple Street, Redwood Dr. and adjacent streets.



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OBITUARY notices

Marilyn L. Hardt, 83



Mass of Christian Burial for Marilyn L. Hardt, 83, of St. Cloud, formerly of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 19th, 2016, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Burial will be following the service in the Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the time of service from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 19th, 2016, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Marilyn passed away Tuesday, February 9th, 2016, at the St. Benedict Center in St. Cloud. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marilyn Lela (Ross) Hardt was born on March 22nd, 1932, at the Fairmont Hospital in Fairmont, the daughter of Ralph Randall and Lela Clarissa (Larson) Ross. She attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1950. Following her graduation, Marilyn attended teachers college at Mankato State before entering the Naeve Hospital School of Nursing in Albert Lea, where she obtained her RN degree.

On October 30th, 1954, Marilyn was united in marriage to James Hardt at the St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three children, Carrie, Cathy, and Joe.

Marilyn was a wonderful nurse and truly enjoyed caring for those in need. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and listening to classical music. She was always current on world events and

didn't shy away from a conversation on politics as she thought it was very important that people were informed on what was happening not only in our government but around the world. Marilyn cherished time spent with family and friends and enjoyed laughing at the British comedies that she watched on the television. Faith and religion were very important to Marilyn. She was a member of the St. John Vianney Catholic Church and also took great interest in EIB Education.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Carrie Ihde and her husband, Rondo of St. Cloud, Cathy Stone and her husband, Matt of Stewartville, MN, and Joe Hardt of Fairmont; grandsons, Josh Ihde, Matt Hardt, Dan Malenke and his wife, Sam, Ethan Stone and Ryan Stone; great-grandchildren, Sean Hardt, Kaitlin Hardt, Meara Hardt, Grace Malenke, and Conrad Ihde; sisters, Beverly Fraser and her husband, Ed and Bonnie Garner and her husband, Wayne; sister-in-law, Patricia Hardt; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, and step-mother, Hallie Faye; husband, James Hardt; sister, Betty Montgomery; brother, Bob "Robert" Ross; and brother-in-law, David Montgomery.

The family requests memorials be given in Marilyn's name to the Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter/ Martin County Humane Society.

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Anita L. Hartmann, 98



Funeral services for Anita L. Hartmann, 98, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 21st, 2016 at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 21st, at St. James Lutheran Church in Northrop. Anita passed away peacefully and joined her heavenly Father, Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the family.

Anita Louise (Heidenreich) Hartmann was born on August 6th, 1917 in Northville, SD, the daughter of Edward and Louise (Meyer) Heidenreich. She was baptized and later confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mansfield, SD. She grew up in Northville and attended school there.

On August 30th, 1942, Anita was united in marriage to Gerhardt "Steve" Hartmann in Northrop. Together they farmed in Westford Township and had three children, Phillip, Robert and Jane. Besides helping on the farm, Anita also worked as a nurse's aid and helped with physical therapy at the Truman Lutheran Retirement Home. She retired in 1993.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran church in Northrop where she was the church organist, taught Sunday school and belonged to the Ladies Aid. She was a past president of the Martin County ARC and belonged to the Fairmont Concert Association.

Those that will cherish her memory include her three children, Phillip Hartmann and his wife, Pam, of Fairmont, Robert Hartmann and his wife, Linda, of Sioux Falls, SD, Jane Hartmann of Fairmont; five grandchildren, Jennifer Maturi (Mark), Gretchen Johnson (Joshua), Jon Hartmann (Lori), Melissa Kinsey (Cevin), Aaron Hartmann (Penney); nine great grandchildren; brothers, Loren Heidenreich (Jeannie), Virgil Heidenreich (Arleen), Marvin Heidenreich; sisters, Arlene Lepke and Elvira Tompulis; sisters-in-law, Luverna Hartmann and Elvera Hartmann; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

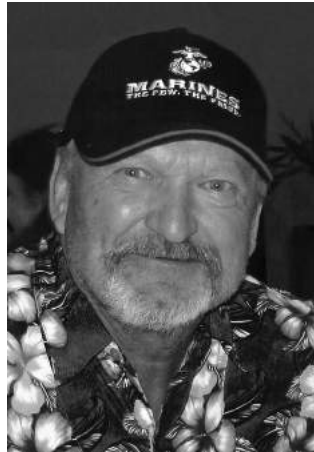
In addition to her parents, Anita was also preceded in death by her husband, Steve on February 14th, 1977; brother, Ed-

ward Heidenreich; as well as other brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Memorials are preferred to the Martin Luther High School or St. James Lutheran Church.

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Randy Beck, 62



Funeral service for Randy Beck, 62, of Fairmont, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17th, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial will be at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17th, with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and the Martin Co. V.F.W. Post 1222 at Fairview Memorial Park in Fairmont. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16th, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Randy passed away Friday, March 11th, 2016 at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Services are handling the arrangements for the family.

Randy Dean Beck was born on December 21st, 1953 in Fairmont, the son of Gilbert and Joline (Rosenwinkel) Beck. At a young age his family moved to California and Randy attended school at Bolsa Grande and graduated in 1972. He entered the U.S. Marines in 1973 and served stateside, mainly at Camp Lejeune. He was honorably discharged in 1976.

Randy was united in marriage to Pam Dirickson on June 8th, 1988 in Redlands, CA. They lived in Redlands, CA and then Yucaipa, CA, before moving to Fairmont in 2001. Randy was a construction hardware salesman and was currently a District Sales Manager for White Cap Construction Supply.

Randy enjoyed golf and

was a member of Interlaken Golf Club. He also had season tickets for the Minnesota Vikings and was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 in Fairmont. Randy enjoyed reading and had a passion for American History, specifically WWII. This passion took Randy on several big trips researching WWII history and he enjoyed talking with other veterans about their experiences.

Those that will honor and cherish his memory include his wife, Pam Beck; three daughters, Michelle Goodrow, Melissa Marini and her husband, Anthony, and children, Mia and Bella, Samantha Beck; one son, Tyler Beck; mother, Joline Birdzell; brother, Anthony Beck

and his wife, Cindy; four sisters, Lynette Beck, Chris Adams and her husband, Greg, Paula Mazzoline and her husband, Joel, Janell Williams and her husband, Rick; father-in-law, Gary Dirickson; brother-in-law, Aaron Dirickson; many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Beck; one brother, Thomas Beck; and mother-in-law, Flora Dirickson.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the UHD Hospice, Grace Lutheran Church or the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

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DEATH notices

March 11 - Randy Beck, 62, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral Home

March 12 - Anita Hartmann, 98, Fairmont.

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March 12 - Gary M. Roeker, 72, Sherburn.

Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

March 10 - Zella Butcher, 94, New Hope (formerly of Granada)

March 13 - Lucille S. Olson, 87, Ormsby

March 13 - Karen C. Gruber, 76, Fairmont



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Masonic Chain Lake Lodge wishes to thank everyone that attended the scholarship fundraising spaghetti dinner. Over 400 persons attended this worthy fundraising event.

The Fairmont Masons have awarded over 240 scholarships to Martin County graduating seniors over the past 46 years. Special thanks to Grace Lutheran Church for once again allowing us to hold this event at their excellent dining room.

The following businesses gave donations

to this event to help us present ten scholarships at this year's banquet: Rosen's Inc., Bank Midwest, Profinium, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, State Bank of Fairmont, Wells Federal Bank, Hawkins Chevrolet, Graham Tire, Edward Jones, Ameriprise Financial and Dutch Creek Farms.

The Masons look forward to continuing this worthwhile endeavor for many years to come. Again, thank you for your support!

Chain Lake Lodge #64
Masonic Lodge

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Umbreit LLC to April Spencer, Joe Spencer, Lot 35, Block 12, Lot 1, Block 12, Pt. Lot 2, Block 12, Original Plat of Dunnell

Ardys Manzey, Ronald Manzey to Tamra L. Taylor, Lot 1, W½ Lot 2 Block 1, Perssons Subd., Trimont

Marie Riegel LLP to Mid American Properties LLC, W/50' Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 9, Ext. to Gambles Addn.

Marie Riegel LLP to Mid American Properties LLC, Pt. W½SW¼, 21-102-30

Marie Riegel LLP to Mid American Properties LLC, Pt. NW¼SW¼, 21-102-30

Martin County Rental Resources LLC to Mid American Properties LLC, E.150' of S.50' of N½, Block 8, Ext. to Gambles Addn.



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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Saturday, March 19: Martin Luther High School "What a Knight" – Public and Silent Combination Fundraiser Auction. Doors open for inspection at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the auction.

Saturday, March 26, Forenoon: Consignment Auction of Farm & Construction Equipment – Sale at the Martin County Fairgrounds, Fairmont, MN. Equipment, Construction Equipment, Vehicles, Lawn and Sports Equipment. Contact any of the staff to inspect and view items. **Consignments of all types of equipment needed Advertising deadline, noon, Monday, March 3, 2016!** Wedel, Kahlers, Hall, Pike and Hartung. Contact any of below listed staff.

Fri., Apr. 1, Evening: Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Auction. Hall and Kahler

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.: Norman Stender Estate Auction – Approximately 5 miles NE of Lakefield, MN. Farm & livestock, antiques, lawn equipment, a lot of tools. Dan Pike & Associates.

Rescheduled - Saturday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.: Antique, Household and Miscellaneous Auction – St. James Fairgrounds. To consign, contact Dar Hall Auction Services.

PRIVATE LISTING: 640 Acres +/- of prime farmland located in Center Creek Twp., Martin Co., MN. Two top producing farms with excellent soil types, also has some woodlands and pasture with county tile in both parcels. These parcels are being sold/marketed by the private sales method. **For more information call Dustyn Hartung 507-236-7629 or Allen Kahler 507-764-3591 or to view farm brochure go to www.landservicesunlimited.com.**




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Julie Olson, Troy A. Olson to Dianne F. Olson, Lloyd O. Olson, Govt. Lots 5, 6, NW¼, 13-104-33, Pt. SE¼NE¼, 30-104-32, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 31-104-32

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Joseph N. Amy to Barbara L. Amy, Trustee, Barbara L. Amy, Barbara L. Amy Revocable Trust, Pt. SW¼, Pt. SE¼, 100' ROW N½SW¼, 100' ROW NE¼SE¼, 200' ROW NW¼SE¼, 4-102-31

Pamela Eggert to Bryant Eggert, Pt. W½SW¼, 5-101-31

CONTRACT FOR DEEDS

Curtis Umbreit, Umbreits Locker to Jason Becker,

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 20, 1966

John Silker and his son, John, Jr., proprietors of the Fairmont Coast-to-Coast Store, announced purchase of the Farmers Creamery building and the vacant lot just south of the building and adjacent to their store. They had been using the abandoned creamery building for display of boats and other outdoor equipment.

State legislators, members of the Building Commission, and their executive director visited

Fairmont to inspect the 168-acre grounds on the west side of Lake Sisseton which was being advanced as a future junior college site.

Rev. Gerhard Vorland, a native of Ceylon who had completed the two terms of evangelistic work in Japan, was speaking in various churches in the area.

The Central Intelligence Agency was seeking recruits among college students. The Smorgasbord editor of the Photo Press said: Here's your chanced, kids - get in there and help louse things up yourself.

Ceylon Sale

Community Days Consignment Auction

"80th" YEAR

Craft Vendor
Show in
Legion

April 16th. 2016

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IMPROVEMENTS
MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
MANYASKA & ROLLING GREEN TOWNSHIPS, MARTIN COUNTY,
MINNESOTA
ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 12-13998

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Martin County Ditch No. 29 & Judicial Ditch No. 367 Improvements project will be received by ISG, the Engineer, electronically through QuestCDN only until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 1, 2016, at which time the Bids received will be posted publicly online. The Project consists of constructing the following major quantities of Work:

83,954 Cubic Yards of Pond Excavation
8,400 Linear Feet of Open Ditch Cleaning
50,050 Feet of tile 48-inch to 8-inch Installation
390 Feet of bored steel pipe under highways
Open Ditch Field Crossings
Seeding and Erosion Control associated with ditch work

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are only available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 4343908. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

The bidder shall electronically submit the proposal using QuestCDN as provided in the Bidding Documents, and according to the Instructions to Bidders prepared by the Engineer.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

By: Kyle Sammons, PE
Title: Engineer
Owner: Martin County Drainage Authority

Rebecca Schmidtke, Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 21, Original Plat Triumph

TRUSTEE DEEDS

Gray Lawrence & Jenkins LLC, Dick and Diane Gerhardt Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, Jack and Shelley Gerhardt Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust to David A. Panka, Pt. SE¼NE½ w/driveway easement, Pt. NE¼NE¼ w/utility easement, 26-101-30

James A. Sherman, Mary Lou Sherman to James A. Sherman, Mary Lou Sherman, Pt. NW¼, 6-104-31

Jaime Fretty, Matthew Fretty to Becky K. Tow, Samuel Tow, Pt. Govt. Lot 1, SE¼, 20-102-30

25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MARCH 20, 1991

The 1991 Home Show was to be held at the Fairmont American Legion this weekend. Sponsors were the Fairmont Jaycees and KSUM/KFMC. Forty-two exhibitors were to be present and \$200 in Cash was to be awarded each of the three days.

According to a filler in this issue, about 35,000 people worked in the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and another 80,000 visit on business each day.

On The Wall announced the winners of its 8th annual Needlework Contest. Doris Stromberg's work won the Judge's Choice and Nancy Heck was the Popular Choice. Doris was from Fairmont and Nancy from Armstrong.

On its 20th anniversary, the Diet Center was holding a grand opening at its new location at 112 West 1st Street, with new management and staff.

The Fair Mall's 1991 new car show would feature new cars from all five Fairmont new car dealers, Park Motor Co., Shepard Motors, Reco Motors, Militello Motors and Hawkins Chevrolet.

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Jeff's Jottings

This Sunday, March 20th, not only is it Palm Sunday, the lead-in to Holy Week observances, but it also is officially the first day of spring! I don't know what it was about this past winter, but I am so ready for spring and all the new signs of life that come with the arrival of the season. While driving around the area last weekend, I noticed that some of the lawns are starting to have a green tint to them, showing signs of new life. Karis and I also worked on cleaning up around our house by pulling some of the mulch off of the plants and noticed that the tulips were starting to sprout out of the ground and some of the other early plants were emerging from their winter "sleep." With Easter arriving early this year (one of the earliest times in the year), it is perfectly coinciding with new life

springing up and the soon to be resurrection! Don't forget, we are quickly approaching Good Friday on March 25th and that is when the potatoes can be planted in your gardens. Hopefully the ground will still be thawed when it comes time to plant the spuds!

Town Center Keeps Thriving!
The Town Center in Trimont continues to improve what they offer! I was informed recently that the Town Center is now WIC approved and it is also SNAP EBT approved. WIC stands for "Women, Infants and Children" food program through the USDA. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income preg-

nant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. SNAP EBT is for the government food program and is an electronic card. It is similar to a bank or ATM card. When you go through the checkout line at the Town Center Supervalu grocery store, run the SNAP EBT card through the machine. Then enter your PIN code. The cost of the food is subtracted from your SNAP account automatically. The cash register receipt tells you how much is left in your SNAP account to use at future visits. This is a great service for members of Trimont and the surrounding communities who are participants in one or both of these programs and now it is available at the Town Center!

We Know What This is...
We have a new entry in our "What is it?" column this week, however this time we know what it is, we just do not know who it belongs to. Ken Ringeisen of Fairmont stopped in to our office



and said that he found an item last Friday north of Fairmont. It is apparently a battery box cover for a semi-tractor. It was found on Highway 15 about 3 miles north of Fairmont on Friday morning. It is made out of a high-grade aluminum and measures about 18 inches wide by 12

inches tall and is about 2 feet long. A friend of Ken's believes that it may have come off of a Kenworth or Peterbuilt semi-tractor. If you have lost this item or know of someone who lost it, you can contact Ken at 238-2236. Thanks for your help in locating the truck it came off of!

Easter is Hopping Up!
Other than Palm Sunday this week, there are not a lot of events going on around the area this weekend, so I am just going to suggest that if you are looking for a place to meet others, feel like a part of a family and come away feeling refreshed - visit the church of your choice this weekend and throughout next week for Holy Week observances. Many area churches are putting on Easter Vigil and other Holy Week services starting this Sunday and going throughout next week leading up to Easter. Stop and take in one or more of the services at any of the churches in the area, I'm sure you will be "refreshed" just like the plants in the ground!

Have a great week!
Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - celebrate Spring!

Jeff

Naturally
by Al Batt
I walked at 5:00 in the morning. The day was dark and warm as a killdeer called.
At daybreak, a crow flew over. It carried a long bit of nesting material. It resembled a tiny airplane pulling an advertising banner through the sky. A pair of Canada geese flew low overhead. There was no honking, just the sound of wings cutting through the air.



it out of a police lineup. I recalled an incident that occurred in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a couple of years ago. A couple's canary had been killed, while their other canary had been scared silent, by an owl that had flown into their 10th story apartment through an open balcony door.
The couple had awakened in the morning to a trail of yellow feathers after the owl had entered the canaries' cage. They saw a small owl fly away that was only about 7 inches tall. They snapped a couple of photos of the suspect. It was a northern saw-whet owl.

Q-and-A
"What is a sugar bush?" It's a grove of sugar maples or a woods in which sugar maples predominate.
"Do red-winged blackbirds return to the same place each year?" It's most likely to happen, but a red-winged blackbird's average lifespan is around two years. A red-winged blackbird does return to a breeding territory at or near the same nesting site every year. For young birds, this return would be close to their hatching sites. Once the babies have fledged, the blackbirds form into large flocks in preparation for migration. During this time, they become nomadic wanderers.

Why the caged bird stopped singing
A woman told me that she had hung her parakeet's cage in the bay window of her home. She thought the caged bird might enjoy seeing the birds outside. It did not.
She heard squawking and her budgie buddy fluttering around in the cage.
She investigated and discovered a tiny owl fluttering against the glass in an attempt to get at the parakeet.
She said that the owl was tiny, but she didn't think she'd be able to pick



CANADA GEESE in search of spring by Al Batt
sects, snails, amphibians, reptiles, small mammals and nestling birds.
The BBRP EXPO
The Bluebird Recovery Program (BBRP) EXPO will be held at the Byron Middle School located at 601 4th Street NW on Saturday, April 16. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The International Owl Institute will present live owls and Minnesota Audubon will do a program on red-headed woodpeckers.
Other presentations include Jake Langeslag on using goats to rid property of invasive species, Keith Radel on how to raise more bluebirds, Ray Simon on bat houses and this happy hick from Hartland will blaviate on a branch of knowledge bearing a bag of birds.
There will be vendors, exhibits and helpful advice. The BBRP's mission statement reads, "To encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the

restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of bluebirds and native cavity nesters." To register, go to <http://bbrrp.org/wp-content/>

From the mailbag
I'm seeking 2016 reports of the first sightings of the year of American white pelicans in southern Minnesota. Please respond to: Lisa Gelvin-Innvaer, Nongame Wildlife Specialist, MN DNR Div. of Ecological & Water Resources, 21371 State Hwy 15, New Ulm MN 56073-5228 phone: (507) 359-6033 email: lisa.gelvin-innvaer@state.mn.us
Thanks for stopping by

"We are social animals. We like to feel a part of something of beauty and power that transcends our insignificance. It can be a religion, a political party, a ball club. Why not also nature?"
--Bernd Heinrich in, "One Man's Owl."

DO GOOD.
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"I'm no expert, but I'd say it's the backstroke."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Genesis Classical Academy to Hold Informational Meeting

Genesis Classical Academy's "Fall Round-up and Informational Meeting" will be held on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at 211 6th Street Northwest in Winnebago.

Genesis Classical Academy is a classical school that provides a rigorous academic education coupled with character development rooted in Christian values.

Grade levels offered for 2016 will be preschool age three through grade five, with consideration of grade six. Tuition assistance is available.

All parents and grandparents of prospective students and interested community members are invited to attend the event.

For more information, call 507-893-3600 or visit www.genesisclassical.com.

Fairmont Elementary Kindergarten Roundup a Success

This year's Kindergarten Round-Up at Fairmont Elementary School was again a big success!

The children had an exciting time meeting the kindergarten teachers, visiting the classrooms, making

a craft, playing games, and enjoying a snack. Parents had an opportunity to listen to teachers talk about the kindergarten program, tour the building, and register their child for school this fall.



6th grade boys traveling basketball team took first place in the Fairmont Cardinal Classic basketball tournament on Sunday, March 6th. Players (not in order): Preston Vaughn, Trent Van Egom, Blake Rouge, Jake Harris, Kolton Fritz, Noah Rahm, Bennet Schaal, Jacob Crissinger, Zach Jorgensen, Creed Moore. Coaches: Jeff Crissinger, Craig Van Egom.



SENIOR LEADER - Jaguars Rachel Shumski banks one in. The senior, who will play for MSU Mankato next year, led all scorers with 24 points in the game. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



CHARITY TOSS - Jaguars Kenlie Pytleski sets up to shoot a free-throw. Pytleski had five points and 13 rebounds against Sleepy Eye. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*

Fairmont Cardinal Boys Basketball Awards



Fairmont Cardinals Walker Tordsen (left) was named Cardinal MVP, while Jack Waletich (center) won Mr. Hustle and Tyler Tennyson (right) won the Cardinal Award. Big South Conference East Division Boys Basketball All-Conference Team Selections were also named. East Division: Walker Tordsen, Junior-Fairmont; Sam Schwieger, Sophomore-Fairmont; Bailey Olson, Senior-Blue Earth Area; Brady Stevens, Junior-St. James Area. Honorable Mention: Sandin Skow, Junior-St. James Area. West Division: Matt Ringkob, Senior-Jackson County Central; Colton Timmer, Senior-JCC; Bodey Behrends, Senior-JCC.



SHARP SHOOTER -Jaguars Hannah Johanson shoots over Sleepy Eye's Alicia Ibarra. Johanson had 11 points in the game. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



DIRECTING TRAFFIC - Jaguars Mariah Jensen sets up the offense. The Sleepy Eye Indians (28-2) defeated Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman Jaguars 59-46 for the Section 2A championship last Friday at MSU Taylor Center in Mankato. *Courtesy Greg Abel Photography*



REILLY HOEFKER (second from right), Fairmont Cardinal Hockey Team Captain for the 2015-16 season, was recipient of the Cardinal Pride Award. The award is given for dedication to the sport, support of teammates, hard work, and love of the game. His name will be displayed on an award plaque with past recipients at the Fairmont Hockey Arena. Pictured with Reilly (on the left) Assistant Coach Roger Claeys; Head Coach Kris Olson; and Assistant Coach Clint Forstrom. Brady Jensen (bottom left) was named MVP Defensive Player, Ethan Lubenow (center) was Cardinal Offensive MVP and Nathan Gillis (right), Most Improved Player.





Henry Walraven Award Presented to Trimont Man

The Minnesota Rural Water Association recently presented the Henry Walraven Award to Les Anderson, Red Rock Rural Water System.



Les Anderson (middle) is congratulated by NRWA National Director Dusty Parker (left) and MRWA Chairman Steve Burkund.

The most prestigious award given by the Minnesota Rural Water Association is the Henry Walraven Award. The criteria for the Henry Walraven Award is leadership contributions for the improvement of a water/wastewater system in Minnesota.

system with training, troubleshooting problems and improving legislation that governs water systems. Henry was on the first MRWA board and often times when the association was struggling Henry kept the fire lit. Without the foresight and Henry's dedication to helping rural Minnesota solve water problems MRWA would not be what it is today.

Les Anderson of Trimont joined MRWA's Board of Directors in 2006 and was elected as our National Director in 2012. As a National Director he currently serves on the Scholarship committee as well as chairing the Professional Development Committee. His most important job is representing MRWA and our members legislatively. Les has attended almost every Washington DC Rally, walking the granite halls, explaining the need for the continuation of our programs, affordable regulations for small systems as well as a little "explaining" about the need for water in southwest Minnesota.

Les is a graduate of Mankato Community



Les Anderson (right) with MRWA's Executive Director Ruth Hubbard.

College, Minnesota Ag and Rural Leadership (MARL) class, Past President of Martin County Farm Bureau, member of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, Past Chairman of the Fairmont Chamber Ag Committee, member of the Martin County Corn and Soybean Growers, board member of the Red Rock Rural Water System, is very active in funding-raising for the Trimont Town Center which includes an Ace Hardware store, Liquor Store, SuperValu grocery store, and a fuel station.

Congratulations Les from the Minnesota Rural Water Association board of directors and staff.

Third Crop Pollinator Meeting Set for March 21

Pollinators are the topic of the Monday, March 21st Third Crop Producer Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont. The meeting features a series of speakers from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The daylong event begins at 10 a.m. with a presentation by Erin Rupp, founder of Pollinate Minnesota, discussing pollinator policy, followed by an NRCS presenta-

Karl Foord with the University of Minnesota will talk about pollinators in action.

A noon lunch hour is scheduled with participants encouraged to visit local restaurants or bring their lunch with them. The event is free and anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

For weather related cancellations, listen to KSUM radio - 1370 AM or call Linda Meschke at 507-236-0989.

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tion at 11 a.m. about the organization's pollinator programs. At 11:30, Linda Meschke will discuss Monarch Waystations. At 1 p.m., Raj Mann with MDA will talk about how neonicotinoids affect pollinators. Randy Schindle, with DNR, will bring insight into a pollinator project he worked on and at 3 p.m.

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WFS and Central Valley Cooperative Merge on March 1

Central Farm Service is eager to announce that effective March 1st, the merger between Central Valley Cooperative (Owatonna) and WFS (Truman) is completed. The newly formed cooperative will move forward as a unified company - Central Farm Service.

This is a merger of two innovative and profes-

sional companies which have a history of successfully working together since 2007. They hold similar values and philosophies for doing business, and accomplishing excellent results for customers, with an emphasis on honesty, integrity and the importance of doing their best for the member-owners. Though they will now operate as one company - Central Farm Service - you can still rely on the work-

ing relationships that you have had in the past. "We understand that this merger represents a change in our company name, but we want to assure you that our services will not be negatively affected in any way, but rather, will only grow stronger through this merger," states WFS Chief Executive Officer Todd

services to our members. To accomplish this, we will continue to provide similar offerings as in the past while simultaneously exploring opportunities to help enhance what is offered today."

Ludwig will take the reins as CEO of the new company, while CVC CEO, Gary Mohr, will become the Chief Administrative Officer. As stated in the merger proposal documents, both administrative offices, Owatonna and Truman, will remain open in order to serve members' needs.

"This is truly an exciting time for us as we bring two very strong and well-respected cooperatives together," stated Ludwig.

The newly merged cooperative, Central Farm Service, will service a trade area that is approximately 110 miles north and south from Randolph, Minnesota into Iowa and 125 miles east and west from Hayfield to Welcome.

Martin County Fair Committee Works on Fundraisers to Help Support Fair in Many Ways

A group of young energetic people on the development committee of the Martin County Fair are working on a number of fundraisers to help raise some funds for the Martin County Fair and some of its exhibits.

One of the fundraisers is the Martin County Blue Ribbon Cookbook. At this point, the committee is looking for area residents to showcase their favorite recipes in this cookbook and all they have to do to enter in the recipes is log on to the following website: www.typonsave.com. Click in the "Login" box on the upper right of the screen and enter the Username: AbbyJo_43 and the Password: spatula828. All you have to do then is fill in the boxes with the recipe information. Be sure also to fill in your name and in the other contributor's box, state your relationship to the fair (ie: 4H member, local farmer, fair-goer, etc.). If you do not have access to a computer, you can send your recipe to Abby Shoen at P.O. Box

315, Welcome, MN 56181.

Pre-sales of the cookbook are going on now through April 30th. The cookbooks cost \$20 and all the proceeds will be going to the Martin County Fair. You can send in your pre-orders and a check made out to the Martin County Fair at P. O. Box 270, Fairmont, MN 56031.

A second opportunity that you can help out the Martin County Fair is by donating to the "Bellin Family Agriculture Education Barn", which was just built in time for last year's fair. The donations will go to expand the educational offerings of the barn and the displays for the visitors enjoyment.

Other fundraisers that will be taking place through the summer include a big "Bingo Bash", which is an event for all ages and more details will be coming out within the next couple months.

A soon-to-be-popular fundraiser being planned for this summer is called "Oops! We forgot to lock the gate!" This is based off of the pink toilet or pink

flamingo fundraisers that have been seen around the area in the past. This fundraiser involves some cute farmyard animals (not the real ones of course), that are built out of 55 gallon drums and designed to look like barn animals. Abby Shoen and her husband built these fun items and some of these "critters" may just show up in your yard this summer! You can help them get back to their pen by donating: \$10 to get rid of them, \$20 to send them to a friend or \$30 to send them to a friend and ensure that they don't come back. The "farmyard break" will be going on throughout the summer and they hope to move them around alot!

All of these events are fun ways to help raise funds for the many activities going on at "Minnesota's Other Big Fair", the Martin County Fair. Watch for more details and be sure to keep an eye on your yards for loose "animals" this summer!



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Celebrating National Ag Week

"National Ag Week" is being celebrated March 13th-19th all across the United States, as well as in Minnesota, with Tuesday, March 15th, designated as "National Ag Day". As we celebrate "National Ag Week", it is a good time to reflect on all the traditions and advancements that help make the U.S. and Minnesota agriculture industry truly remarkable.

Following are some interesting statistics about today's agriculture industry:

- The 2012 Census of Agriculture listed a total of 2.1 million farms in the U.S.

Overall, U.S. farm numbers have generally been declining since World War II; however, farm numbers have been more stable since 1992.

- There was a total 915 million acres of land in farms in the U.S. in 2012. This total land in farms declined by less than one percent from the 2007 total, which was the third smallest decline since 1950. The average U.S. farm size in 2012 was 434 acres.

- There was a total of \$394.6 billion of agricultural sales in the U.S. in

2012, which was at a record level, and was about one-third higher than 2007. Crop sales in 2012 totaled \$212.4 billion, while total livestock sales in 2012 were \$182.2 billion. 2012 was only second time in the history of ag census data (since 1840) that total U.S. crop sales have exceeded total livestock sales. The other time was in 1974.

- The average agricultural sales per farm in the U.S. in 2012 was \$187,093. There were 57,292 farms with total sales above \$1 million per year in 2012, which was an increase of 42.5 percent from 2007; however, 1.6 million farms (75%) had total sales of less than \$50,000 annually.

- In 2015, over 5 billion bushel of corn were used for U.S. ethanol production. There were 198 operating ethanol plants in the U.S. in 2015, producing just over 15 billion gallons of ethanol.

- Advanced biotechnology corn seed was used on 93 percent of the U.S. corn acres in 2014. The use insecticides in corn production in the U.S. has been reduced by 65 percent in recent years by the use of

biotechnology corn varieties. The use of biotechnology in crop production has also reduced the overall need for pesticides, while helping to protect the environment.

- The U.S. farmer of today produces enough food and fiber for approximately 160 people. This number compares to 19 people in 1940, 46 people in 1960, and 115 people in 1980.

- Farmers receive just under 16 cents of every consumer dollar that is spent on food. The other 84 cents is spent on processing, packaging, marketing, transportation, distribution and other costs in the retail food supply.

- One acre of wheat will yield about 50 bushels per acre and will produce over 2,500 loaves of bread, or over 50 loaves of bread per bushel of wheat.

If a farmer is paid \$5.00 per bushel for wheat from the farm, the wheat cost in a two pound loaf of bread is only about 11 cents per loaf. (Est. retail value of a loaf of bread is about \$2.79/loaf).

- Following is the farmer's share of some other common food products and the (Est. Retail Value as of February, 2016, based

on USDA average prices): Bacon - \$.59/lb. (\$4.33/lb.); Sirloin Steak - \$2.09/lb. (\$6.99/lb.); Boneless Ham - \$.59/lb. (\$4.39/lb.); Milk - \$1.38/gal (\$3.89/gal.); Eggs - \$1.29/doz. (\$2.99/doz.); Breakfast Cereal - \$.05/box (\$4.69/box); Potatoes - \$.44/five lbs. (\$3.89/five lbs.); Tomatoes - \$1.08/lb. (\$3.29/lb.).

A "Snapshot View" of Minnesota's Agriculture Industry:

- Minnesota currently has a total of 74,800 farms, which compares to 80,992 farms in 2007.

- 88 percent of Minnesota's farms are family or individually owned, 6 percent are partnerships, 4 percent are corporations, and 2 percent are under some other structure.

- There are about 27 million acres of land in production in Minnesota, with over 6,200 farms being above 1,000 acres. The average farm size in Minnesota is about 350 acres.

- The Minnesota agriculture industry had total receipts of over \$22 billion in 2013, which ranked 5th in the U.S. total receipts, trailing only California, Iowa, Texas, and Nebraska.

- Minnesota ranks 1st nationally in sugar beet production, 2nd in sweet corn production, and usually ranks 3rd or 4th in corn, soybean, and wheat production. Minnesota also ranks 1st in turkey production, in the top three States in hog production, and 8th in milk production.

- Minnesota ranks first in the U.S. in turkey production, usually ranks second or third in hog production, sixth in overall red meat production, and eighth in milk production.

- Minnesota's ag exports were valued at over \$8 billion in 2013, which ranked 4th nationally in the value of agricultural exports, trailing only California, Iowa, and Illinois. Top

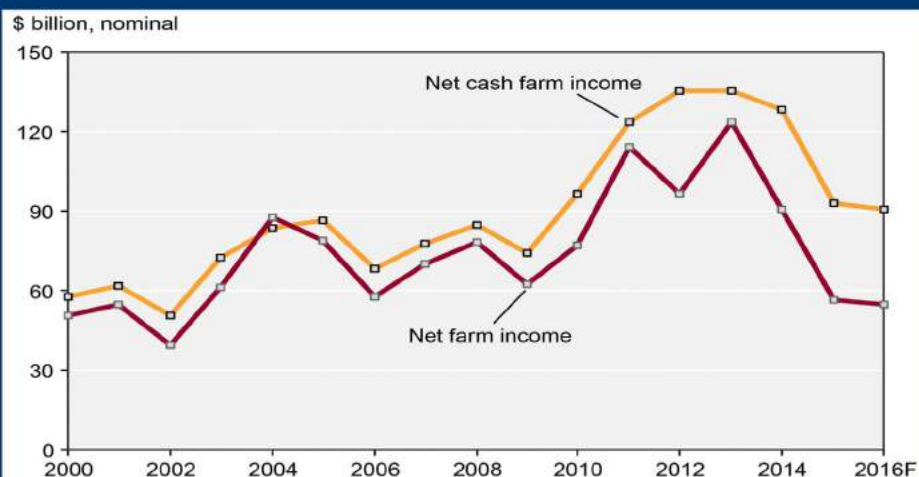
ag export products from Minnesota are soybeans, corn, feed, and pork, with exports of wheat, dairy products, and beef growing rapidly.

- Minnesota ranks 5th in the U.S. in ethanol production, with 21 ethanol plants producing over 1.1 billion gallons of ethanol per year. Minnesota also has three biodiesel plants producing over 63 million gallons per year from the State's soybean supply.

As we celebrate National Ag Week, everyone should take time to appreciate the abundant supply of safe and affordable food and energy that is provided by farmers and the U.S. agriculture industry!

(NOTE --- Facts listed in this article are from USDA, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, National Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association, and other sources)

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Clouds in the sky may not always be good for farmers but data in the cloud can do a lot to help keep agriculture going and growing.

work, farmers have to grow their businesses, and a good way to do that is with the help of technology.

For example, with cloud-based farm management software that provides real-time information collection and reporting services, farmers

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Farmers And Professors Agree

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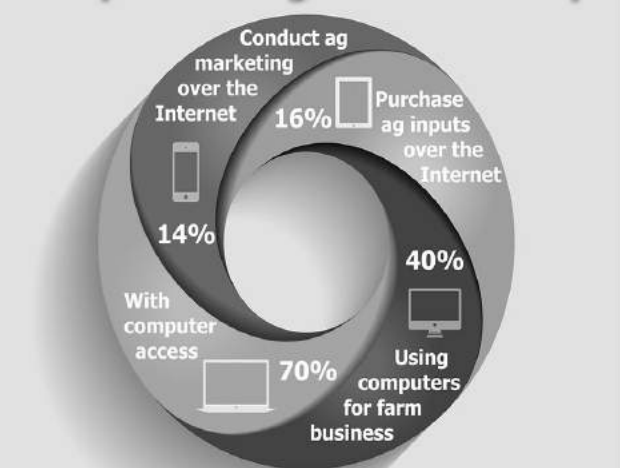
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(NAPS)—Two of the most popular terms used today to describe food production in the United States are “stewardship” and “sustainability.” However, these terms are more than buzzwords. They’re two important goals of the nearly 2.2 million hard-working U.S. farmers and ranchers who strive daily to help feed and clothe nearly 7.4 billion people worldwide through the careful, sustainable use of water, land, air and other resources.

In fact, since our early history, America’s farmers and ranchers have been the original caretakers of the land. While their knowledge and use of technology have evolved greatly in the last century, their dedication remains the same. Farmers’ and ranchers’ prudent use of soil, water, fertilizers, seeds and other inputs not only helps ensure a bountiful harvest, but sustains those resources for generations to come.



Thanks to innovations in genetics, GPS and precision equipment and other agronomic technologies, farmers today can more accurately and efficiently plant, fertilize, cultivate and harvest crops and raise their livestock. The

use of soil sensors and aerial imaging of fields helps farmers time and place inputs when and where plants need them most.

As a result of these productivity-enhancing technologies, one farmer today can feed 155 other people

while using 2 percent fewer inputs, all with less impact on the environment.

Each spring, National Ag Day recognizes the accomplishments of America’s food producers. This year on March 15, consumers across the country can celebrate the role that farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses play in feeding the world and nurturing a healthy, thriving planet.

According to the Agriculture Council of America, the national organization charged with promoting National Ag Day, this year’s theme is Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet. This theme demonstrates the tremendous responsibility and commitment that farmers and ranchers share in protecting the global environment as an important part of their livelihoods.

Learn More About Agriculture Today

To find out more about National Ag Day, visit www.agday.org. You can read about how America’s

agricultural producers are proudly leading the way in protecting the land, air and water while providing the food, fiber and fuel a growing world population needs.

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(NAPS)—High school students interested in pursuing a career in agriculture will likely find job opportunities are ripe for the picking in the coming years.

According to a report from Purdue University, the U.S. will have nearly 58,000 high-skilled job openings per year in the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources and environmental fields between now and 2020. That compares to only about 35,000 U.S. students graduating with degrees in those fields per year for the same time.

One factor driving the demand for skilled workers is the diverse mix of challenges facing farmers.

By 2050, U.S. farmers are expected to help increase global food production by 70 percent to feed a world population of 9 billion people. In the near term, farmers must also contend with lower commodity prices, cope with severe weather and labor shortages, and combat greater weed resistance and crop disease.

A new generation of skilled professionals is needed to help take farmers to 2050 and beyond. This includes not only the farm operators who will be expected to apply more sophisticated farming technologies and practices in the field, but the researchers, scientists and engineers who will shape

the future of agriculture through research and innovations.

Another factor contributing to the robust job market is an aging workforce. According to a report from the STEM Food & Ag Council, nearly a quarter of industry professionals in advanced agriculture fields such as plant and soil science, food science and technology, and agricultural economics are age 55 or older. Meanwhile, more than 60 percent of principal farm operators are now age 55 or older, reports the USDA Census of Agriculture.

An influx of young talent will be needed in the next several years to replace these workers both in the field and in the lab.

So what can young people who are interested in agriculture do to prepare for an eventual career in the industry?

Find the Right Program: Students should be diligent in evaluating agriculture programs against their

personal and career interests. This means seeking out schools that not only offer the right degrees but also provide internship, student-involvement and research opportunities in areas relevant to them.

Get Support: The number of scholarships available to students from different organizations can be overwhelming. Ag-focused scholarships can be a good place to start, especially as companies seek to support more young people joining the industry. For example, BASF has partnered with the American Soybean Association, National Corn Growers Association and the National Wheat Foundation, some for as many as 10 years, to offer a variety of scholarships for students planning careers in agriculture.

"The agricultural industry can sustain success by investing in the future," said Paul Rea, Senior Vice President, Agriculture Solutions, North America, BASF. "We are pleased to



provide scholarships to bright, agriculture-passionate individuals to support their education and assure the sustainability of the industry in the years to come."

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| 9:15 | Opening Livestock Report - 2 minutes |
| 9:35 | Chicago Board of Trade - 2 minutes |
| 10:15 | Farmbreak - 1 minutes |
| 11:15 | Farmbreak - 1 minutes |
| 12:50 | Commodity Update - 3 minutes |
| 1:45 | Commodity Update - 2 minutes |
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A Rare Look at Beef Prices in New Futures Fundamentals Video

(NAPS)—Ever wonder why the price you pay for beef at the meat counter or for that juicy steak in a restaurant fluctuates frequently? The explanation starts on the ranch. Cattle producers face a number of risks in the marketplace. These risks determine the price they receive for their livestock—and the price you pay for beef. Market conditions outside a rancher's control—from severe weather and the threat of disease to rising feed costs and global meat demand—all factor into that grocery or restaurant tab.

To help inform consumers about the factors that determine the price of meat, CME Group has released "Risk on the Ranch," the final of three videos issued on Futures Fundamentals this year. Futures Fundamentals is an online resource from one of the world's leading derivatives exchanges. It is available at www.futuresfundamentals.com. The brief video uses a combination of live action and animation to explain concisely and clearly what determines food prices.

The video explores how market conditions,

such as severe drought in the Southern Plains, can weaken cattle herds and drive up livestock feed and other costs. "Besides providing insights into the risks cattle producers face every day, this video explains the role that CME Group plays in helping ranchers and beef processors manage those risks. Futures markets help producers and manufacturers to hedge price risk, which ultimately can benefit consumers," noted Anita Liskey, CME Group Managing Director, Corporate Marketing & Communications.

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Tune-Up Tips for Your Lawn and Garden Equipment

(NAPS)—Before you get out your mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw or pruner this season, there are a few steps and safety procedures you should review.



First, preparing your cold-weather outdoor power equipment for

storage is important, says Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

"Your snowblower may have worked hard all win-

ter, so it's time to give it a good cleaning," said Kiser. "Remove any dirt or de-

bris. Drain the fuel tank, and cover your snowblower so it is protected from dirt and debris. Store your equipment in a safe place where it won't be exposed to corrosive chemicals or moisture."

Next, make sure the engine in any equipment is in good working order. Here are tips to help:

- Check the fuel tank. Fuel left in the tank over the winter months should be drained or it could damage your equipment. Most fuel contains some level of ethanol, which contains corrosive alcohol and can phase separate. Drain the tank responsibly and put in fresh fuel that contains 10 percent or less ethanol (E10 or less). Dispose of old fuel properly.

- Inspect your equipment. Check for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Examine all cables, brakes and wheels for signs of wear and damage. Make sure no safety features or guards have been disabled or removed. If you find anything con-

cerning, replace the parts or take your equipment to a qualified service representative.

- Replace old oil. Run the engine for a few minutes to warm up existing oil so it will drain more easily. Stop the engine, remove the drain plug and empty the old oil (tilt the mower back to get it all out, if necessary). Replace the plug and refill the engine with oil recommended by the product manufacturer. Properly dispose of the drained oil.

- Install clean air filters. Engines and equipment run much better with clean filters. Paper filters need to be replaced. Some foam filters can be cleaned and put back in.

- Change the spark plug. Pull off the spark plug wire and remove the old plug with a socket or spark plug wrench. Install the new plug, being careful not to overtighten it, which could prevent the mower from starting.

- Examine and sharpen

your cutting blade. Have your lawn mower's cutting blade sharpened so you can get a clean cut on your lawn and not tear the grass. Sharper blades mean your lawn will be healthier and your lawn mower will operate more efficiently. Replace nicked or broken blades, which can come from hitting rocks or other debris.

- Check the undercarriage. Always disconnect the spark plug before working around the underside of your mower. Use a wire brush to scrape any old grass clippings or dirt sticking to the underside of equipment.

- Clean the equipment. Dirt, oil and grass can stick to equipment. Give everything a good cleaning so the machines can run more efficiently and last longer.

- Fuel equipment with E10 or less. Don't use gasoline with more than 10 percent ethanol (E10) in outdoor power equipment. Some gas stations

may offer E15 or other fuel blends, but this higher-ethanol fuel is dangerous—and is in fact illegal—to use in any small-engine equipment, such as lawn mowers, chain saws, generators, and other lawn and garden equipment not designed for higher-ethanol blends.

- Store fuel properly. Label fuel storage cans with the purchase date of fuel. Never leave fuel that is more than 30 days old in outdoor power equipment.

- Review the instruction manual. Read the operator's manual and refamiliarize yourself with the controls and what they do on the equipment. Make sure you know how to stop the machine quickly if needed.

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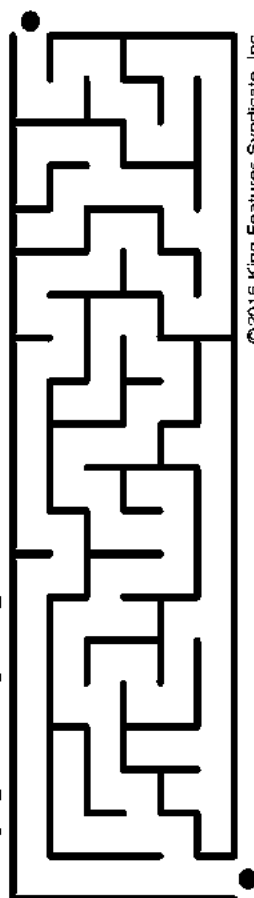
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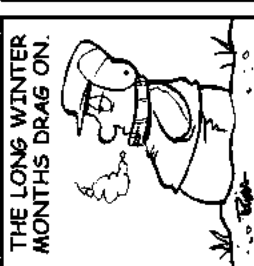
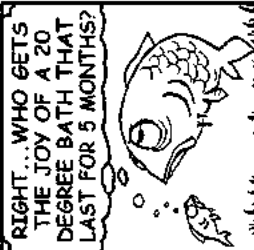
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Kids' Maze



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Kinship Hosts Ice Skating Party

Kinship mentors and mentees had an awesome time ice skating, chowing down, and making crafts at the Martin County Hockey Arena during the Ice Skating Party on Sunday, March 6th.

A huge thank you to the Fairmont Hockey Association for the use of the ice rink and skates! Jim Kine and Brooke Lemon were wonderful in helping set up, get-

ting ice skates for the kids, and helping clean up at the end. We are grateful to Graham Tire for inflating our beach balls, bats, and hockey sticks. Our very own mentor, Ann Osborn, ran the crafts and our amazing board provided the meal!

Photos credited to Dennis Trushenski, Kinship board member and "local paparazzi".

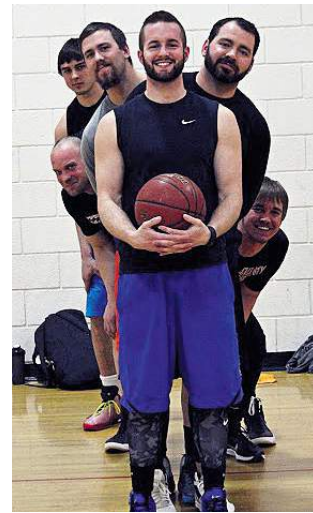
Thank you to all our mentors, mentees, family

members, rent-a-ments, board members, and volunteers who made this activity a success!

Kinship currently has 13 children on the waiting list and is seeking more mentors to join in all the fun we have! Contact Anna Garbers, Director, at 507-236-4514 for more information on how you can become a mentor.



The Gathering/CER Basketball League



The Gathering/CER Community Basketball League (CBL) wrapped up its third season this last week, with Federated Rural Electric (*above left*) winning their 2nd consecutive championship. Runner-up went to Schmidt Installation (*above right*). This year's league featured 8 teams and around 100 guys that played Monday nights starting in the beginning of January at Fairmont Elementary School annex gym. A big thanks to all the sponsors for our CBL teams - Schmidt Installation, Federated Rural Electric, Anytime Fitness in Fairmont, Weiss Auto, Dan's Appliance and Bank Midwest, Fierce Salon of Swea City, Becker Financial, and The Gathering. Thanks also to Jason Mau, Kevin Kristenson, and James Marushin for helping as referees for our playoffs. *Photos courtesy Anne Schreier*

Financial Focus

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Is your "Financial Umbrella" in Place?

April showers may bring May flowers, but March is National Umbrella Month. While ranking high on the list of truly obscure celebrations, this "Month" can still teach us a few things - especially if we think about "umbrellas" that can help us protect our financial goals.

Consider these key areas:

- Your vulnerability to emergencies - It's a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses. Without such a fund, you may need to dip into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected, and unexpectedly large, expenses such as a new furnace or a big bill from the doctor. You'll want to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account.

- Your family's financial situation - If something happened to you, how would your loved ones be affected? Would your family be able to stay in your house? Could your children eventually go to college? Would your surviving spouse have enough retirement income to maintain the lifestyle he or she has envisioned? Having adequate life insurance in place can help ensure that all your hopes and

plans don't fall apart upon your passing. Different types of life insurance offer different features. For example, "term" insurance, as its name suggests, is designed to provide a death benefit for a certain number of years. On the other hand, "permanent" insurance, such as whole life or universal life, can be kept in force indefinitely. This type of coverage may also offer a cash value component.

- Your current income - If an illness or injury keeps you out of work, even for a little while, the loss of income could disrupt your family's ability to pay its bills, leading to potentially big problems down the road. Your employer may offer some type of disability insurance as an employee benefit, but the coverage may be insufficient. So you may want to consider purchasing an individual disability policy.

- Your ability to live independently - If you're fortunate, you may never need to spend time in a nursing home or require any other type of long-term care. But no one can predict the future - and it pays to be prepared, because long-term care costs can be catastrophic. In fact, the annual average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$90,000, according to the 2015 Cost of Care Sur-

vey produced by Genworth, a financial services company. A financial professional can help you find an appropriate way of paying for these types of costs.

- Your capacity to protect your biggest assets - Your home is probably going to be the biggest asset you ever own - so you need to protect it properly, with adequate homeowners insurance. It's also important to have sufficient insurance for your other major assets, such as your car, boat and so on.

- Your exposure to property loss or liability - You may someday face costs associated with repairing or replacing your home, auto or boat, or even liability-related expenses. Additional liability insurance - known as an "umbrella" policy - is designed to kick in when your standard coverage on other policies, such as home or auto, has been exhausted.

The sun may be shining in your life today, but it's always wise to be prepared for the proverbial "rainy day." So have your umbrellas ready.

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FAIRMONT AREA

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MAR 17 - 23

Elementary hot breakfast can be found online.

THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon round, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Cinnamon breakfast round, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and apple muffins, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Chicken, gravy, turkey and cheese wrap, mashed potatoes, caesar salad, orange, pears. JR/HS: Shepherd's pie, Irish soda bread, carrot broccoli ranch salad, cucumber slices, grapes, cinnamon apple slices. **FRI: Breakfast** K-6: Breakfast pizza, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Sausage, egg & cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, orange, grape juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Cheese dunkers, pizza bagel fun lunch, green beans, carrots, apple, mandarin oranges and pineapple. JR/HS: Baked Ziti, green beans, breadstick, dark crunch salad, red pepper, orange, peaches. **MON: Breakfast** K-6: Breakfast pizza, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Breakfast pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, diced pears, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Chicken patty, turkey and

cheese, tator tots, celery sticks, apple, pears. JR/HS: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, caesar salad, carrots, apple, pears. **TUES: Breakfast** K-6: Golden Grahams and cracker, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: French toast sticks, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Italian meatballs, breadstick, tuna salad sandwich, green beans, carrots, bananas, applesauce. JR/HS: Beef hard shell taco, fixings, kidney bean salad, jicama sticks, orange, applesauce. **WED: Breakfast** K-6: Pancake on a stick, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Apple cinnamon toast, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, string cheese, PB&J, peaches, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Turkey, gravy, dinner roll, ham and cheese sandwich, mashed potatoes, red pepper strips, apple, cranberries. JR/HS: Spaghetti, breadstick, green beans, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes, broccoli, apple, peaches.

Cryptopuzzle

answer
 Because I don't have enough money to buy my favorite nuts, I guess I'm strapped for cashews.

Cryptopuzzle

answer
 We use religion like a trolley car — we ride it only while it is going our way. — Source Unknown

Sherburn Lions Club
Prime Rib Supper
Saturday, April 2nd • 5:00-8:00 p.m.
at the Sherburn American Legion
Cost: \$17 per ticket

Tickets may be purchased from any Lions member or at the door.

Proceeds support community projects.

In Concert: Singer/Song Writer
Warren Nelson & Rowan Ferris Nelson

Sunday, March 20 • 3 pm
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Wednesday - Soup & Sandwich:
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Thursday:
 Fish Sandwich. \$5.50
 Fish Sandwich Basket. . \$7

Friday:
 Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich \$6.50
 Philly Steak Basket . . \$8

Fairmont VFW
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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MAR 17 - 23

THUR: BBQ pork, pineapple chunks, broccoli, cookie, milk.
FRI: Cheese pizza, peaches, caesar salad, red pepper strips, milk.
MON: Cheese quesadillas, pineapple chunks, carrots, milk.
TUES: Ham and cheese, banana, CA blend, milk.
WED: No School.

Fairmont Eagles
 1228 Lake Ave • 238-2555

Fri, Mar. 18 • 5-7 pm:
 Fish Fry/Open Menu/Happy Hour
Sat, Mar. 21 • Fairmont Race
 Banquet - 5:30 pm Social
Sun, Mar. 20 • 8:30 am-12:30 pm:
 Breakfast Buffet
Mon, Mar. 21 • 7 pm: Bingo
Thur, Mar. 24 • 5-7 pm: Liver & Onions
Dart League Tuesdays at 7
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All You Can Eat Fish

Friday, Mar. 18
5 P.M.-GONE

\$9.99 Includes: choice of potato & slaw

Butch & Friends Karaoke
8:30-Close
GRANADA BAR & GRILL
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TRUMAN AREA

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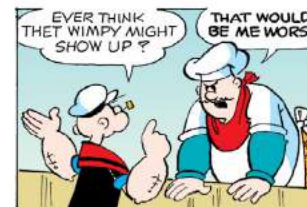
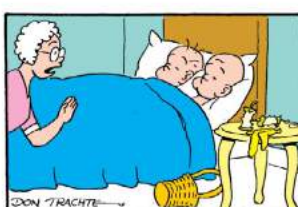
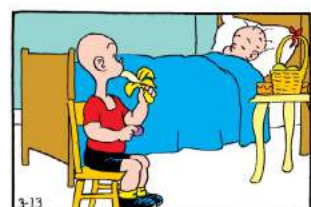
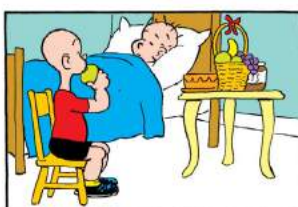
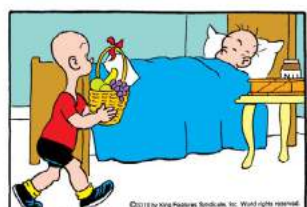
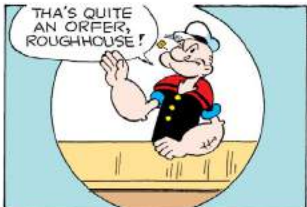
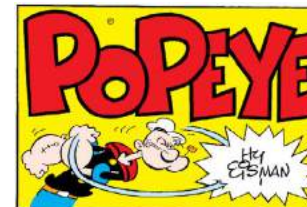
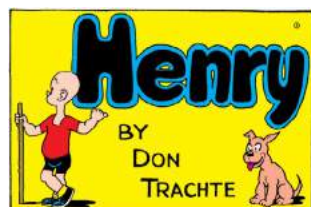
MAR 17 - 23

THUR: Breakfast: Sausage patty, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice. **Lunch:** Crispito, chili, fixings, corn, veggies, fruit treat.
FRI: Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Shrimp poppers, string cheese, mashed potatoes, CA blend, fruit.
MON: Breakfast: Cinn. burst bread, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, calico beans, celery, fruit cup.
TUE: Breakfast: Ham slice, toast, cheese, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, breadstick, spinach salad, veggies, orange, apple.
WED: Breakfast: Omelette, salsa, peppers, onion, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, fixings, rice, corn, refried beans, fruit.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Dave Nutt, left, President of Fairmont Eagles presents to Ed Connell of the St. James Eagles, a check for the proceeds of a recent Bean Bag tournament held in Fairmont. Proceeds are for the 6th District Eagles support for the Jimmy Durante Crippled Children's fund.



Al Batt, guest columnist at the Photo Press and speaker, writer, storyteller and humorist, was guest speaker at the Congregational UCC Church in Fairmont last weekend. One of the comments overheard was, "He didn't speak long enough-I could have listened longer!"



The Martin County Area Foundation held its annual grant awards ceremony this past August at the 2015 Martin County Fair. MCAF Board member Jean Burkhardt is pictured presenting a check to Norm Langford, representing the Martin County Preservation Association DBA Red Rock Center.



Dan's Appliance of Fairmont generously donated \$5,000 to Project 1590 to be used to help create the idea's that the community voted for. Steve Hawkins (left), Project 1590 Chair, is shown receiving the donation check from Tim, Ann and Dan Terfehr, owners of Dan's Appliance. Project 1590 would like to thank them for their support.



ELAINE KUSKE of Fairmont, left, was winner of the KSUM/KFMC Perfect Patio Package, the grand prize at the Spring Expo, held March 4th, 5th, and 6th at the Five Lakes Center. The package, valued at over \$900, included a custom made KSUM/KFMC picnic table, a cart grill, meat gift certificate, gift basket and a spring lawn care certificate.

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