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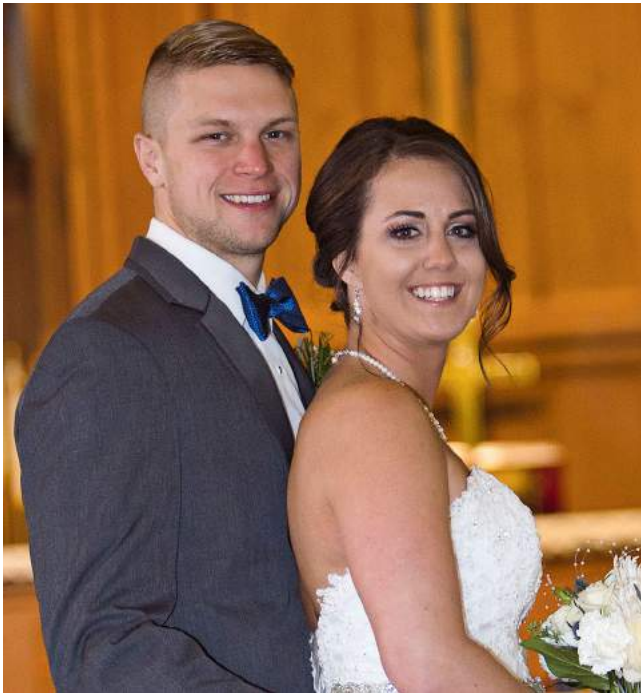


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JANSSEN-CHAMBERS - Courtney Janssen and Ross Chambers were married October 3rd, 2015 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont with Pastor Steve Berkeland officiating. Reception was held at Holiday Inn, Fairmont. Parents of the couple are Steve and Lori Janssen of Fairmont and Gary and Paula Chambers of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Matron of honor: Ashley Hawker, Sister of the bride. Bridesmaids: Maddie Brown, Sam Beck, and Kayla Vogelsang, friends of the couple. Best Man: Kelly Chambers, Brother of the groom. Groomsmen: Jonny Weinrich, Jordan Doyle, and Nick Lewis, friends of the couple. Ring Bearer: Hudson Hawker, Godson & nephew of the couple, and Jr. Groomsman: Mason Molde, nephew of the couple. Ushers: Ethan Meehan, Michael Molitor, friends of the couple and Nate Hawker, Brother in law of the couple. Bride's Personal attendants: Alison Lemke and Michelle Schultze, friends of the couple. Music provided by organist, Sandra Krumholz, and Soloist Ryan Faber. Courtney is a Management Analyst for the Minnesota State Prison System and Ross is a Customer Specialist at Walser Subaru in Burnsville and also a Sergeant in the Army National Guard. The couple recently purchased their first home and will reside in Farmington, Minnesota.



TRAETOW-WILLIAMS - Brooke Traetow and Cody Williams were married on September 11th, 2015 at A'Bulae in St. Paul, Minnesota. Parents of the couple are Kevin and Julie Traetow and Todd and Rita Williams. Brooke is employed at Park Nicollet Clinic in Minnetonka. Cody is employed at ThermoKing in Bloomington. The couple resides in Shakopee, Minnesota.

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MILES 60TH - Bob and Diane Miles of Fairmont will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 2nd with their family. Cards can reach them at 605 Adams Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

An open house come and go bridal shower will be held for **Zephania Skow**, bride-to-be of **Matthew Cole**, on Saturday, April 9th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church basement in Fairmont. Please bring a copy of your favorite recipes to share! The couple is registered with Cutco, Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, Macy's and Shopko.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont will hold **Coffee Hour** each Tuesday morning during the month of April. Serving will be from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

The **Welcome Historical Society** will be open Saturday, April 2nd from 2 to 4 p.m. Stop in and see their displays. They will also be doing spring cleaning that day and would appreciate any help at the museum at 2 p.m.

The annual meeting of the **Center Creek Cemetery Association** will be held Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Granada council room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Sherburn Lions Club will have their **Prime Rib Supper** on Saturday, April 2nd from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Meeting date change: The Fairmont Lakes Foundation's monthly meeting is changed this month only to Tuesday, April 12th. Meeting time is 5:30 p.m. in Room 102 of the Southern Minnesota Educational Center, 115 South Park Street. Enter by the southeast door.

There will be a **Martin County American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Captains Meeting** on Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont meeting room.

A **planning meeting** for establishing a veterans memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont American Legion Hall. All Martin County veterans and/or veteran family members and the public are encouraged to attend.

No Hot Meals on Wheels - Due to lack of service/church groups, there will be no noon meal delivery for Hot Meals on Wheels June 16th-30th. If you are able to get a group together to deliver four routes for six days, call 235-3820 to offer.

There will be an important meeting of **Area Veterans' Tribute of Trimont**, Tuesday, April 5th at 7 p.m. at Trimont City Hall. Site discussion, design approval, etc., will all be on the agenda. We'll see you there!



CARLSON - Bob and Angie Carlson of Trimont will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house hosted by their children will be held Saturday, April 2nd from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Trimont. The Carlsons were married April 2nd, 1966. No cards. Bring memories or gifts to share.



Fairmont Concert Association: Mack Bailey

The Fairmont Concert Association will present Mack Bailey on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Area High School Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Bailey has been hailed as the "next greatest singer in folk music". He has a strong soulful voice with a sweetness that would bring a tear to your eye. He has performed with a long list of folk and country stars.



Concert members are reminded to present their tickets at the door.

Trimont United Methodist Women invite everyone to their annual **Rummage and Bake Sale** Friday, April 1st, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 2nd, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Don't forget the bag sale - everything you can fit in a brown paper bag for \$2. The bag sale starts promptly at noon and ends at 1 p.m. The lunch stand will be open, serving barbecues Friday evening, and coffee and rolls Saturday morning.

Fairmont High School Class of 1960, spouses and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5th at Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.

The **Truman Historical Association Turkey Dinner** scheduled for Sunday, April 10th has been **CANCELLED** due to another community event. There will be a fall turkey dinner on October 9th, 2016.

The **Lakesters Car Club** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, 7 p.m. in the meeting room at McDonald's. All car enthusiasts are welcome.

The largest known butterfly is Queen Alexandra's Birdwing from New Guinea, which has a wingspan of approximately 11 inches (28 cm).

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SIMMERING 85TH - Howard Simmering of Fairmont will celebrate his 85th birthday on Monday, April 4th. Cards can reach him at 1522 Southgate Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.



BORCHARDT 85TH - Gene Borchardt of Fairmont turns 85 years young on Tuesday, April 5th. Cards will reach him at 2559 Stella Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.



SZUBERSKI 80TH - Lorraine Szuberski of Fairmont celebrated her 80th birthday on March 25th with her family. She was born on March 25th, 1936.



STEGER 80TH - Bob Steger of Fairmont will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, April 2nd. Cards can reach him at: 1520 N. Elm Street, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Tonic Sol Fa returns to Fairmont Opera House

Tonic Sol Fa, the fun a cappella trio from the Minneapolis-St. Paul region, will take the Fairmont Opera House stage on Friday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at 507-238-4900, by visiting www.fairmontoperahouse.com, or at the Fairmont Opera House Box Office the night of the show. "We're always glad to see this group," said Jonas Nissen, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House. "They always put on a great show."

Tonic Sol-fa has established itself not only as the most in-demand vocal group in the Midwest, but also one of the most successful independent acts in America. In addition to substantial CD sales of its own independent releases (2,000,000 copies sold), the group has toured extensively throughout the US and abroad, building

their financial base with a steady list of festivals and private shows that eventually led to numerous sold-out tours of theaters and small arenas. The official site of the group is tonic-solfa.com.

Tonic Sol-fa began at St. John's University in Central Minnesota and includes lead vocalist Shaun Johnson, tenor and vocal percussionist, Greg Bannwarth, and bass, Jared Dove. Together the group reached national prominence with appearances on NBC's Today Show and in Newsweek magazine. Along the way, they shared the stage with a number of recognizable performers including Jay Leno, Jeff Foxworthy and Lonestar, and were recently part of Garrison Keillor's 30th Anniversary celebration of A Prairie Home Companion.

Tonic Sol-fa is in the studio recording their lat-

est album, "Original," a new recording in a catalog of numerous award-winning DVD and CD projects highlighting three indel-

Association of Collegiate Activities) Entertainer of the Year nominations, considerable national press, and has landed



ible voices. This outstanding blend has resulted in multiple Contemporary A cappella Recording Awards, NACA (National

their music on the best-selling seasonal DVD at Wal-Mart, "The 12 Dogs of Christmas."

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship deadline approaching

The deadline for Fairmont Dollars for Scholars' scholarship application is quickly approaching.

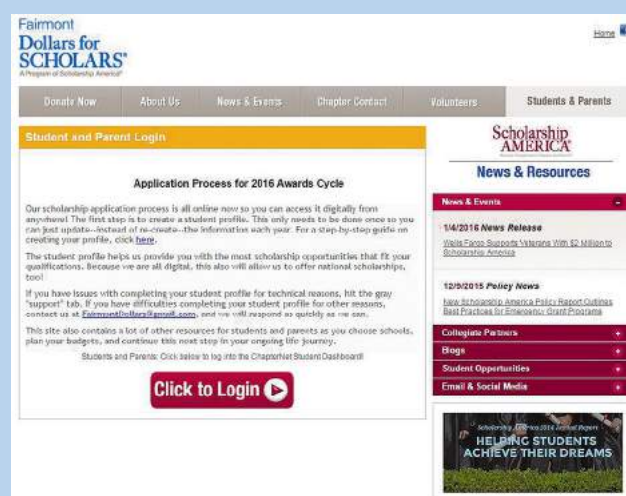
All students must create a profile AND submit their applications by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 1st.

Students can apply for the more than 160 scholarships by creating a profile at fairmont.dollarsforscholars.org and then submitting their application in the My Scholarships tab of the app.

A step-by-step guide to creating the profile and applying for the scholarship can be found

at <http://bit.ly/dfsapply>. The process is fairly intuitive, but if students or parents have any questions, they can email the chapter at fairmontdollars@gmail.com or click on the "support" tab on the side of their profile screen. This will allow them to send an email to tech support.

"We are using our Facebook page to get information out like tutorials and updates, so we also encourage those with Facebook accounts to 'like' us and choose 'get notifications' under the 'like' tab at www.facebook.com/fairmontDFS," said Liz Wheeler, chapter execu-



tive secretary.

For more information, contact Loren Dunham

at (507) 238-1172 or Liz Wheeler at (507) 399-2134.



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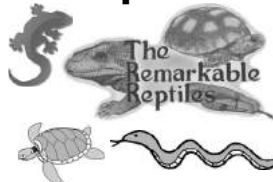
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Spring is Here! Finally! But Wait...

The downside to Spring is that you have to look at all the items that were buried under the snow. While picking up the yard, I began to realize there are a lot of things we can do to improve our yard that cost absolutely nothing, all while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

Free is Good!

FREE: Usually improving a property costs money, but not always. Picking up the winter debris is free. So is another item, edging my sidewalks. I used a spade shovel and dug down a few inches along the side of my sidewalks to cut back the overgrowth. It took a lot less time than I thought it would and was a low impact activity. I tossed the overgrowth into a low spot and swept the loose dirt up to put there as well. I was surprised at how much better I felt about my front yard. A big

improvement with zero costs, my favorite!

Another activity is to repurpose items you (or your neighbor) may have laying around the yard. Loose bricks can be arranged to form edging for landscape or perhaps a fire pit area. Branches or old leaves can be burned.

Now is a good time to get into those "creepy" places that are hard to reach in the summer when the leaves are out and the grasses can be high. I have a few unwelcome trees growing in my bushes that would be easy to cut now, while they are small and not too hard to reach.

Raking is free too. If you rake too early you can hurt the lawn, but I think it's okay now.

What if I Need Help?

Well, Help is Here!

HELP is in the form of "Hands for Hire," a new outreach from Bethel Youth Ministry. The youth group is doing an ongoing

effort to help the people of Fairmont for a negotiable fee. All the money earned goes towards the EFCA Conference being held July 3rd-7th, a good cause. Some of the items they can help with are -

- Yard Clean ups
- Painting
- Planting
- Wood Chopping
- Garage Clean ups
- Car Washing
- Cleaning Gutters, etc.

Even if you don't need help in these areas, perhaps you can "gift" these services to someone you know who needs them. A neighbor or an elderly person?

If you are interested in the "Hands for Hire" service, call the Youth Pastor, Dayv Ralleigh, at 507-273-0347, or email him at ralleighd33@gmail.com. He can give you more detailed information.

That's all for now. Happy Spring Cleaning!

Martin County Preservation Association Lists Contributions

The Martin County Preservation Association (operating Red Rock Center for the Arts and Chubb House) acknowledges the following individuals for their recent contribution to the endowment fund. Your support is greatly appreciated as we continue to build a solid foundation for those we serve.

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31st Annual Family Fun Fair April 1 at Fairmont Elementary

The 31st Annual Family Fun Fair will be held on Friday, April 1st, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Fairmont Elementary School Gyms, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. Admission is \$8 per family or \$4 per person.

Events include family entertainer Brian Richards with his "ACME Magic Factory" and Remarkable Reptiles at 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Weather permitting, you may see the Fairmont Fire Department's Ladder Truck and Prairie Lakes Transit Bus in the East Parking Lot. Bring your camera for special photo opportunities.

Children can enjoy hands-on activities at over 37 exhibits. Activities include Flying Flowers, Barnyard Roundup, Bucket Toss, Watchmaking, Guess What's In The Jar, Glow In The Dark Playdough, Talk to a Real Fire Fighter about Fire Prevention, VBS Pirates, Cage Soccer, Umbrella Fun, Meet a Police Officer, Lifesavers, Literacy and Small Motor Skill Fun, Camping with VBS, Face Tattoos, Doctor Rec-

ommended ROR, Visors, Shoe Sizes, Alphabet Soup Bowl, Flappy Fun Face Foam, Happiness To Me Is, Make a Matisse Masterpiece, Giant String Art, Camp Invention Science Fun, Crowns, Animals from the Humane Society, Height & Weight Checks, Health Care Activities, How Fast Can You Throw a Ball and much more.

Exhibitors include CER Lights On For Kids, Fairmont ECCE Discovery Place Preschool, ECCE Parents Advisory Board, Families First of Minnesota, Lasting Imprint, Interlaken Heritage Days, Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont, Prairie Lakes Transit, Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties, Fairmont Police Officers, Safe Routes To School, Red Rock Center, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fairmont Fire Department, Head Start, Camp Invention, Martin County Humane Society, Center for Specialty Care, City of Lakes Garden Club, Fairmont Soccer Association, Parents & Educators Teaming Together (PETT), Grace Lutheran Church, Fair-

mont United Methodist Church, Fairmont Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (FSAP) and Youth Coalition (YOCO), Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative, Fairmont Area Schools, Fairmont Baseball Association, St. John Vianney Children's Kingdom Preschool, Shepherd of the Lakes Evangelical Lutheran Church-WELS, Kiwanis Baseball, Martin County Library, Girl Scouts, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fairmont Soccer Association, Shoe Sensation, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church, Martin County Youth for Christ and The Lighthouse, and Upward Bound.

The Fairmont ECCE Parent Advisory Board will provide the food service as well as assist with setup and cleanup.

The event is co-sponsored by Fairmont Community Education and Recreation and ISD 2752 Early Childhood Family Education /School Readiness. For more information, call 507-235-3141.

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers"

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes will be held for six weeks in the volun-

teer room of the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning on April 13th. For more information or to register, contact Rob Stauter or Joyce Peterson at the CREST office in the Fairmont at 235-3833. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

Classes of six sessions are held once a week. Two experienced Class Lead-

ers conduct the series with interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming a part of helping you take the "tools" you choose and put them into action for your life.

Participants will receive a book entitled "The Caregiver Helpbook," developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Honey Mustard Chicken

Ready for Spring!

Now that Easter is over I am ready for warm weather and Spring! My flowers are coming up fast and furious and I don't want them to get nipped. Besides that, I am ready to clean my front porch and enjoy sitting out there with Maggie and watching the world go by!

We eat a lot of chicken at our house so I am always anxious for a new recipe. Today's recipe was shared with me by my friend Lylas Scheff. It's fast, easy and delicious! What more could you ask?

Honey mustard chicken:

6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
6 slices bacon
1/4 cup yellow mustard
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp mayo
2 cups shredded cheese of your choice

Season chicken with salt and pepper, refrigerate for 30 minutes or longer. Meanwhile, brown bacon with onion until bacon is crispy; drain on paper towels, crumble. Brown chicken in bacon drippings and place in greased baking pan. Stir together mustard, honey and mayo. Spread over chicken and bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes until juices run clear. Cover with cheese, bacon and onion, return to oven until cheese is melted.

Happy Spring and have a great week!



Fairmont Community Center Public Meeting

Project 1590 would like to invite everyone to a public meeting to be held at the Martin County Library in Fairmont on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members will update the public on the progress of the project, inform them on the possible details and answer

any questions the public might have at that time.

There will be a short PowerPoint presentation followed by a question and answer session. The committee will also answer any questions on the progress of the other projects area citizens voted for. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

Firearm Safety Training at Fairmont Armory

It is required that all individuals born after January 1st, 1980 have a Firearm Safety Certificate to purchase any type of hunting license in the State of Minnesota.

If you do not have your certificate yet, you can attend training in Fairmont next month for the certificate. There will be a Spring 2016 Firearm Safety Training Session taking place at the Fairmont National Guard Armory in April. The class begins on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

The class schedule continues on April 11th, 14th, 18th, 21st, 25th, 28th and May 2nd and 9th. The Final test will take place on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. The Field Test will take place Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Fee for the class is \$15 and there is no pre-registration. All students must be at least 11 years old as of April 7th, 2016 to take this course. Students under the age of 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian and have a copy of the student's birth certificate for registration and additional course information.

This class is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Students will receive a Firearm Safety Certificate upon satisfactory completion of the course.

For more information on the Firearm Safety Training, contact Roy Boucher at 235-9469, Brad Wells at 235-5433 or Theresa Smith at 235-3554.

Interlaken Heritage Days Upcoming Events

Make plans now to join us in Fairmont Saturday, April 2nd, for the Interlaken Heritage Days Spring Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Five Lakes Centre.

Several of the area vendors and crafters will be gathered for a day of shopping and fun. A perfect time to shop for that special Mother's Day present for the amazing mom in your life from one of our crafters. Stock up on your favorite Mary Kay, Younique, Pampered Chef, or Scentsy products or find something new from one of our numerous other vendors. Vanessa from V Photography will also be on hand doing some sessions so plan ahead to have your pictures taken.

• Holy Hotdish will be coming back starting in April as well. Be sure

to check back for details soon with our schedule of church venues.

• Little Miss and Mr sign-ups will be held on Friday, April 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. during the Family Fun Festival at Fairmont Area Elementary School. Bring the family out to join us in making a fun paper plate crown craft and lots of other great activities.

• On Thursday, April 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. we will be holding registration for Minnesota Sings at the Youth Expo being held at Fairmont Elementary School.

• Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Martin County Library basement. It would be great to have new helpful faces for the IHD committee. Hope to see you then!

Presentation College collecting caps/tops

The Presentation College Activities League (PCAL) is collecting Milk Moola caps and bag tops as a fundraiser to raise money for their club. PCAL members plan student events and activities for the Fairmont Campus. Caps and bag tops can be found on Kwik

Trip and Kwik Star's Nature's Touch® products. If you would like to help, drop off the Milk Moola caps and bag tops at the PC Office at 115 S Park Street, Suite 105 in Fairmont. If you have any questions, please call 507-235-4658.

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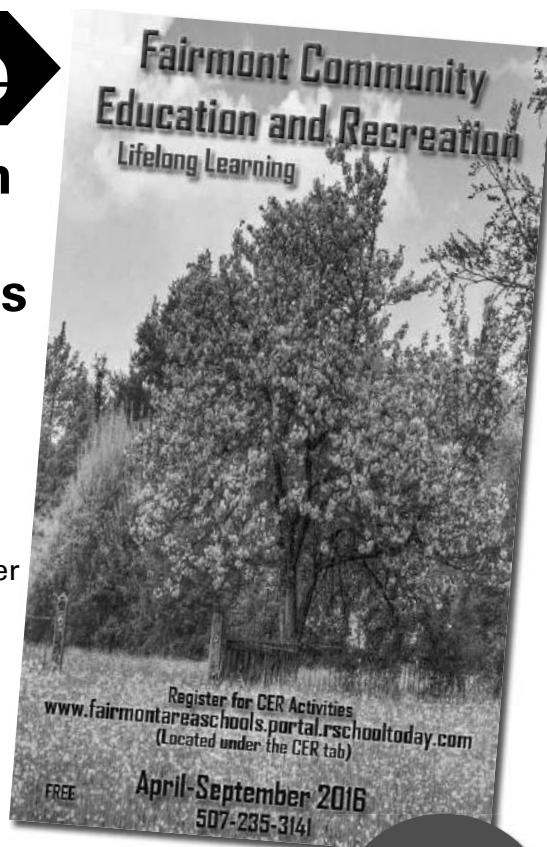
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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 3, 1991

The 1991 Boat-Sport-Camper Show was to be held this weekend at the Fairmont American Legion Hall, featuring local dealers, live music and videos and seminars. fifteen exhibitors were signed up. Sponsoring the show were Fairmont Camper & Auto Sales and Pier 15 Marine.

The Fairmont Women of Today were selling identification bracelets. They assured prompt identification and notification in case of injury or illness. The identification tags were made of durable

non-tarnishable stainless steel and cost \$3.50.

Starting April 1st, the Fairmont Community Hospital's emergency room would be staffed by full-time, in-house emergency room doctors. "We've always had 24-hour physician coverage, said Gerry Gilbertson, Administrator. "The change is that now there will be doctors in the hospital who provide only emergency care. They have completed their medical education, and this is a full-time job for them. They will be staying day and night in the hospital." Fairmont was the first hospital in the region to provide 24 hour in-house coverage

Jenny Maday, Gretchen Olson, Amy Bicknase and Karen Buckmeier were candidates for this year's Martin County Dairy Princess title.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF APRIL 3, 1966

Harry M. Serle, Fairmont restaurateur, died of a heart attack at age 61.

Lt. Dennis Leach, Fairmont native who was wounded while on duty in Vietnam, was recovering after a month in the hospital, and wrote Fairmont relatives that he was about ready to return to active duty.

The Junior College Action Committee had a drive going to raise funds for promotion purposes. About \$1,100 had been collected toward a goal of \$2,000.

Fairmont grade school students had entries in the 5th annual science fair at Mankato. Kim Milbrandt, 7th grader, won first place for his electrostatic generator. Other winners included Billee Goemann, Linda Nielsen, Susan Williamson, Debbie Baxter, Lorrie Larson, Peter Engstrom, James Arneson and Judy Langford.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FAIRMONT

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MAR 31 - APR 6

THUR: Chicken patty, strawberry cup, broccoli, carrots, milk.

FRI: BBQ, green beans, peaches, milk.

MON: Hotdog, baked beans, apple, milk.

TUES: Taco salad, pears, carrots, cinnamon roll, milk.

WED: BBQ, CA blend, mixed fruit, milk.

Why do you think the cook might well be convicted and serve time? Because he's an egg beater.

Answer

TRUMAN AREA

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MAR 31 - APR 6

THUR: Breakfast: Bagel, PB, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Hot chicken, tator tots, CA blend, pears.

FRI: Breakfast: French toast stix, syrup, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, rice, corn/black beans, fruit.

MON: Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Max sticks, broccoli, carrots, apple-sauce.

TUE: Breakfast: Mini pancakes, syrup, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Ribette, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple, oranges.

WED: Breakfast: Breakfast sliders, fruit, juice. **Lunch:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, spinach salad, fruit, carrots.

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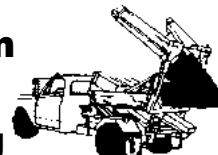
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Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial

Donations can be made in care of Moby Whitman Benefit
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Answer

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MAR 31 - APR 6

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THUR: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon. Toast Crunch, graham cracker, orange, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Cinnamon. round, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, apple muffins, PB&J, apple slices, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Nachos, turkey and cheese sandwich, mexi-

cali corn, jicama sticks, raisins, peaches. JR/HS: Turkey, gravy, bread, mashed potatoes, caesar salad, carrots, orange, cranberries.

FRI: Breakfast K-6: Cinnamon. round, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Ham and cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, orange, grape juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Hot dog, yogurt and graham cracker lunch, carrots, broccoli florets, orange, mixed fruit. JR/HS: Nachos, rice, sweet corn salad, jicama sticks, apple, applesauce.

TUES: Breakfast K-6: Golden Grahams, cracker, orange, strawberry applesauce, milk. JR/HS: French toast sticks, syrup, Cocoa Puffs, yogurt, PB&J, apple, OJ, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Sloppy Joes, ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, orange, applesauce. JR/HS: Chicken Fajitas, rice, SW black beans, carrots, banana, applesauce.

MON: Breakfast K-6: Breakfast pizza, apple, OJ, milk. JR/HS: Cinnamon Toast Crunch, blueberry muffin, PB&J, mandarin oranges, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, chef salad, mashed

WED: Breakfast K-6: Pancake on a stick, banana, apple juice, milk. JR/HS: Pancake on a stick, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, PB&J, pineapple tidbits, apple juice, milk. **Lunch** K-6: Pancakes, sausage, turkey and cheese sandwich, tator tots, red pepper strips, apple, blueberries. JR/HS: Lasagna, green beans, breadstick, marinated cucumbers & tomatoes, broccoli florets, orange, peaches.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.

MAR 31 - APR 6

THUR: Cheesy chicken, fries, carrots, pineapple tidbits.

FRI: Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, pears, sherbet cup.

MON: Chicken Fajita, fixings, pineapple tidbits, pudding.

TUES: Shredded pork, sour cream & chive potatoes, carrots, peaches.

WED: Calico beans, cheese stick, corn muffin, coleslaw, mandarin orange.



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Jeff's Jottings

Well, I didn't get my potatoes in on Good Friday this year. With the wet snow we received earlier in the week, the ground was just way too wet to plant potatoes. If I had put them in, the ground would have turned to cement where I planted them when it finally does warm up. I gave myself a way out this year since it is one of the earliest dates for Good Friday in the calendar year. I did get a chance to enjoy the nice warm Sunday afternoon on Easter though! After attending Easter services in Sherburn, Karis and I spent the rest of the day enjoying the abundant sunshine outdoors. I decided to take the drag to my lawn to spread out what I call the "Snickers bombs" left from the winter. Snickers is our dog and

she tends to leave her "deposits" all over the lawn, so I always warn visitors to the farm to watch out for the "Snickers bombs" when they walk around. The dragging worked so well that I decided to take advantage of the soft ground and pull the lawn roller behind my lawn mower to smooth out the rough spots. So, for at least a few days, my lawn looks like it has professional stripes from the drag and lawn roller.

You Guess It!

We have an answer to last week's "What is it?" piece. We had placed a couple pictures of an item that Verlus Burkhardt had brought to us asking our readers to see if they could identify it and we had three people answer it right away! Jack Mackey, Lance Wilken and Gene

Tonne all sent me emails shortly after the Photo Press arrived at their door and correctly guessed that the mystery tool was a "Nibbling Tool" made by the Adel Tool Company of Chicago, Illinois. According to the description of the tool by Verlus, it was used as an aircraft metal nibbling tool - often used to cut holes into instrument



panels. The "business end of the tool" is actually the part with the spring on it - it will cut a notch about 1/8" wide and remove a very small (1/16") piece of material at a time. It was a very accurate way to cut

panels. Gene Tonne said that he used to use such a tool while he worked at Weigh-Tronix in Fairmont to make test panels. Lance Wilken stated that the tool is still readily available. Great job on guessing correctly Gene, Jack and Lance! Thanks Verlus for contributing to the article.

Changing "Landscape"

As Karis and I were driving around Fairmont last Saturday, I was taking in some of the changing "landscape" in the city. One dramatic improvement is located at the former "Triangle Carwash" site and across the street at the former "Graffiti Barn" location. Both spots are now home to new businesses. On the graffiti barn site, the new Graffiti Corner, which is a new frozen yogurt and coffee house soon to be open. Across the street at the former triangle car wash sight is a quickly changing building that will soon house the Commodity Services offices at that location. Both businesses show a dramatic improvement in



the landscape of the area, which I am sure that nearby property owners appreciate. In driving past the Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont building, I noticed that the emergency area is vastly changing as work continues on the many improvements taking place there. Karis commented on how much better the old Kmart building looks since they have been purchased and it had a new coating of paint applied to the exterior. All good changes that are taking, or have taken, place in Fairmont, which gives us a reason to smile!

Join the "Sons," Help Moby & Go Prime! Before I go this week,

there are few events going on in the next week to bring to your attention. On Thursday, March 31st, there will be a "Welcome to Sons of Norway" at the Martin County Public Library basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 1st the Mike "Moby" Whitman Benefit (*Moby pictured left*) will be held at the Fairmont Eagles from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be a pulled pork meal and silent auction. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial. On Saturday, April 2nd, the Sherburn Lions Club will host their Prime Rib Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sherburn American Legion. The hall is always packed for this meal, so come early! Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Celebrate new businesses!

Jeff

Nature by the yard

By Al Batt

It was spring and the sap was stirring. Maybe I wasn't stirring all that much, but I was picking up sticks from the yard. The whole world was my yard. Killdeer, sentinel birds, dis-

rupted what was a quiet neighborhood, loudly informing everyone of the presence of a suspicious character. Me. A tree unfurled its cape of blackbirds in response.

A great blue heron flew over, its slow wingbeats appeared controlled by the strings of a puppet-master. My father referred to it as a shitepoke.

As some snowbirds (juncos) prepared to leave, human snowbirds in Texas, Arizona and Florida prepared to return to their home territories.

I love the smell of skunk in the morning. It's a flashback to watching the movie "Apocalypse Now."

Pocket gopher mounds dot the landscape. Their appearances mean that the frost has gone out of the ground in that area.

A cardinal sang, his red presence evident atop a small tree. He was twitterpated. Smitten by both the spring and a female cardinal. He announced his intentions so that all cardinals could hear, but so could predators. He, like

males of every species, realized that there is a sense of danger yoked with love.

I know because I, too, am twitterpated.

Q-and-A

"How do I know if I'm seeing a young bald eagle or golden eagle?" They're the same size. Adult golden eagles are dark brown with a little white at the base of the tail and the crown and nape of the neck are a rich, golden-brown. They lack the white mottling of immature



A starling with a yellow bill, considering hopping upon my windowsill. Photo by Al Batt

bald eagles. Young golden eagles often have white patches under the wing and at the base of the tail, but it's always more clearly defined than the white mottling on the body and wings of immature bald eagles. Golden eagles' legs are feathered to the feet. Bald eagles have bare legs.

"Where should I mount a bat house?" Bats find bat houses the same way that birds find birdhouses, by sight. It's best to avoid shady locations and important that they receive the morning sun. Bat houses facing south

or southeast and getting at least 8 hours of sun are most likely to be successful. Bat houses should be placed at least 15 feet above the ground and 20 feet away from trees. The top third of the house could be painted a dark color with a latex paint to aid in warming here in the north.

"When should I put up the hummingbird feeder?" When you see hummingbirds or May 1st, whichever comes first.

"The goldfinches are

I know from experience that dairy cows adjust to schedule shifts rather poorly. Putting clocks forward may benefit retailing, sports, trick-or-treaters and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours, but daylight saving time was never adopted to benefit farmers.

Ben Franklin suggested the basic idea in 1784, when he was ambassador to France. In a satirical letter to the Journal of Paris in which he claimed to be astonished, upon being awakened at 6 a.m., to find the sun already up. The thrifty Franklin wrote that he'd never seen the sun before noon and about how many candles something similar to daylight saving time could save. It was proposed by William Willett to the British Parliament in 1907 as a way to take advantage of the day's light. Germany was the first country to implement it. We don't save much on candle wax these days, maybe some on the electric bill. We spring ahead and fall back so that we'll have more light for spending money.

Thanks for stopping by

"What would I discover about the cottonwoods if when I walked to the mailbox I listened to them instead of looked at them? What would I find out about the rain if I didn't run inside? And is it possible that a sunrise would refresh me more than sleep?"

--Hugh Prather.

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by Linda Thistle

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March is “Music in our Schools Month”

The month of March is “Music in our Schools Month.” This year, the national theme was “Music Inspires.” At Fairmont Elementary, we asked our band and choir students in 5th and 6th grade what they like about music, why they participate in a music ensemble, and/or how

What music means to me: music inspires by playing percussion and singing in choir. I am also in gymnastics so I get to dance to the music during my floor routine. I like it because it lets me express myself. -Ellie

Music makes your true self come out of the shadows and into the spotlight. Music is a way to show emotions to others in a different way. Singing makes you be stronger in a way that words can’t explain. The reason why I chose choir is to show the real me and sing my heart out! That is why I like music!! -Chloe

I’ve played piano since I was in 1st grade. My years of piano allowed me to become a percussionist in 5th grade. I like playing the snare drum the most. I was inspired to be in band because of my brother, Tony; he is really good at the drums. I enjoy the concerts that the High School Band puts on. I love band because of our amazing teacher. I hope to continue to love music the way that I do! -Briana

Band is very fun. I play the flute and I really enjoy it. I like listening to music and my favorite music is pop. Music is very fun to listen to and play. I like music because it relaxes me. I like many different kinds of music. I like pop and country. I like listening to music when I am bored. I don’t really have a favorite song because I like a lot of them! Music is very enjoyable and if you have a chance you should try it. Being in band is awesome! -Hailee

Music is everywhere – like science, when you turn on the tv, radio, and iPod. It is fun to play or it will “b-flat” and boring. That is why I am in band, playing the tuba – aka the backbone. I came in thinking I knew what to do and I was wrong. But I still have fun to this day playing the tuba in band -Ethan

I play the trumpet. It’s actually a really cool instrument to play because when you listen to your band play you can hear your instrument group playing the melody. It’s kinda fun to just listen to music whenever because it can get you in a good mood and the melody is cool to listen to. My favorite song would be “Here’s to Us.” I usually listen to music before I go to play basketball, volleyball or softball. I like it because it gets me pumped up and ready to play. Music is pretty amazing. -Brittney

I’m Jacob and I play the trumpet. I like music because I like to listen to it before games and before I go to sleep. I like it because when I play it, it’s fun and it’s much better than “real school.” My favorite part of music is the loud bass. I like the bass with headphones. My favorite instrument is the trumpet because you can make cool noises and it’s the best part of every song. My favorite part of playing the trumpet is hearing how good I’ve become since last year – from “Hot Cross Buns” to “Royals.” I like hearing all of the music come together. I think everyone has improved since last year. -Jacob

music inspires them. We wanted to share some of their responses with you! We hope you enjoy, and thank you to the Fairmont Community for your support of the arts!

-Kim Breamer & Emily Labes

Music education is important because it helps people learn about different cultures. The words can help tell a story about their life. Music is important to me because it gives me a way to express my feelings and it helps me be me. It helps me let go of my worries and just relax. I use music in choir and band and it’s fun to learn new music through these activities. To me, music means happiness and it is a way people can express themselves. The words in songs can connect to an everyday life and it makes you feel that someone knows how you feel. Music also helps me feel as though I can connect with other people and it sometimes makes me feel though anything is possible. -Kynlie

Music means everything to me because it is awesome. Ms. Breamer and Mrs. Labes are nice and like to play music. I like to have band and choir because I can play songs and sing with my friends. I also like it because I am the only one playing the tuba in 5th grade band. Music makes me feel calm and helps me fall asleep. -Gunner

To me music means creativity and inspiration. It makes me feel happy and gets me in a good mood. Without music in our schools, I would not know how to play saxophone or know about songs from the past. I am grateful for music in my school! -Paige

Music cheers people up when they are sad and it inspires many people to do great things in their lives. Music can teach you many things about different cultures. I like music because it cheers me up when I am sad. My favorite song is “Count on Me.” -Blaine

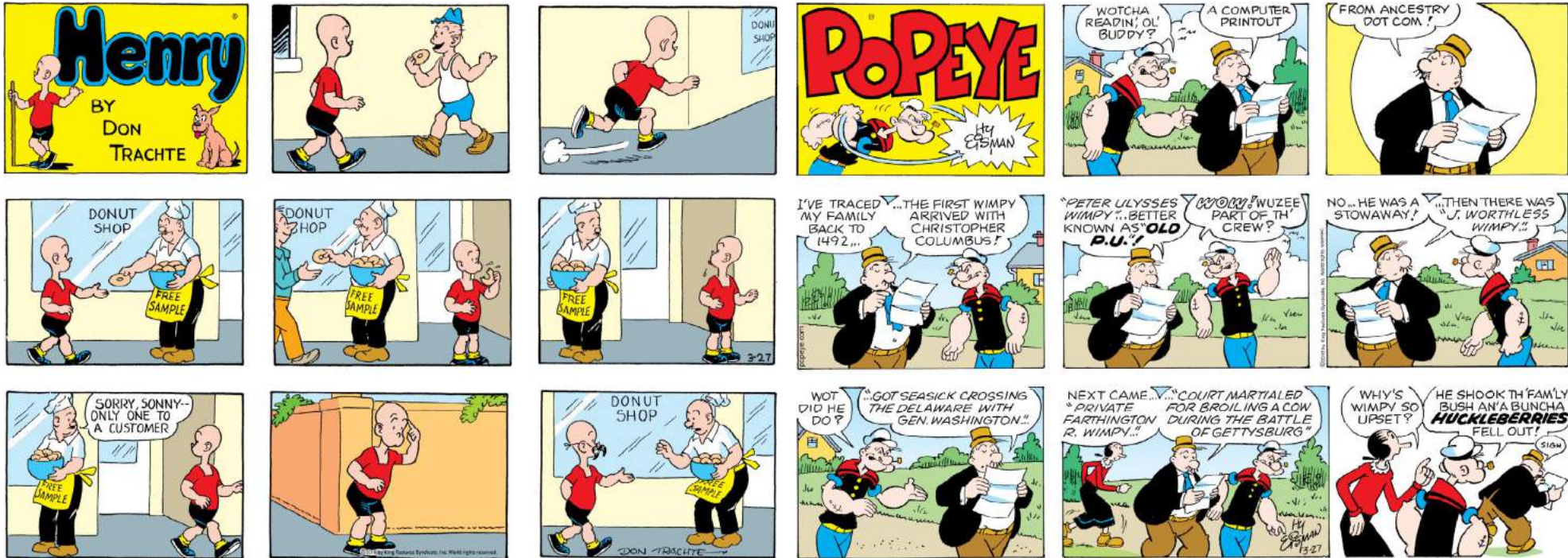
The words in a song can be happy or sad and makes you feel a certain way. When I hear music I like to sing along. When I hear a good song I think, “wow, I want to be like them.” I work hard to make this dream come true. I’m glad I have music class. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t have become the singer I am. -Olivia

I like music because I get taught by the best two teachers. My favorite song is, “Hello.” I love to play instruments, I play the clarinet. I love to practice and play games with music. Music inspires me to have fun, be strong, be happy, and dance. I love to dance! My sister lets me play her flute and I play my brothers trumpet. That’s why I love music. -Abby

I listen to music for entertainment and for fun. My favorite instrument is the saxophone because it is quite difficult and I like the challenge. I like the saxophone because I like the tone, also I like the shape. My family, since my great-great-grandpa, have been playing music. My Grandma’s brother was a music director and inspired me to try hard and continue the tradition. -Preston



I like music, it got me into singing and I’ve got to learn about a lot of types of music in music class. When I learn something new, I would mostly always tell my parents about it. Also, sometimes certain songs help me remember some of my family members that have past away. Sometimes music helps me focus on work too. Also ever sense I started music, I would listen to a lot – like on the radio and on youtube. I used to think music was boring but when I learned more about it, I got more into it. I think music is the best part of the day and it is my favorite subject. On road trips, we play music and jam out in the car. When I’m on my tablet, I’ll play my favorite song over and over again until I want to listen to a different song. I like to pick my favorite songs when I play “Just Dance. -Dillon



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Everything Old is New Again

Everything from last year that was trending



is still fashionable, just ramped up a few notches.

Boho-70's lace-fringe: we're getting it back, just bolder. In your face lace.

The 70's have remained strong. Yes, bell bottoms and flares are on their way back. ~Groovy!~ Think



band babe, mixed prints, chiffon dresses and suede fringe vests. Far out!

This is the Perfect Dye-It

While solids are always good, things are getting a little trippy. Tie dye is making a comeback, too!



You Got the Look

It's also the season to rediscover your feminine side. Designers for this spring are ready for pinks and ruffles. Peaches and teals are also favorites. The cold shoulder, or off the shoulder, look is even more popular for everyone.

Bravo!

Say "olé" to saucy and



colorful flamenco inspired fashions, off-the-shoulder tops, ruffles and big sleeves!

PS: If you're a skinny jean fan like me, you might want to add a pair of flares to your jean stash. You will still see skinnies, just not so much!?

P.L.F.

Peace, Love and Fashion: it doesn't get much better than that!



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

Easter Egg Coloring at Grace Lutheran in Fairmont

YOCO (Youth Coalition --Fairmont Area High School Students living above the influence of Drugs and Alcohol) had a great time helping with the community Easter Egg hunt and family fun night at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont last Wednesday night.



Fairmont Area Elementary School's 5th grade egg drop challenge

Mrs. Schultz's 5th grade class at Fairmont Area Elementary School worked on an egg drop challenge project.

The project began with students listening to the 3M plant manager talk about her job as an engineer. Students divided into teams and each team was provided a bag of 3M products which students used to build a contraption in which they could place an egg.

The contraption was then dropped to see if the egg broke.

Students tested their contraption several times before using a real egg!



above: Mrs. Schultz watches as two of her students try their hand at building an "egg-cellent" contraption.

left: 5th grade students try to "egg-ree" on which 3M products to use for their contraption.



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Fairmont Area High School Speech Team Open House

The Fairmont Area High School Speech Team will be having a speech open house on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fairmont Area High School - English area.

Come support the Cardinal Speech Team at their speech showcase! Watch

the students who are getting ready for Section competition and those who performed all year. You will not want to miss these performances!

Cookies and juice will be provided by the speech team.



HEATHER KLENKE of Cresco, Iowa, was winner of a Trek bike in Fairmont Ford's Spring Promotion Bike Giveaway.



Fairmont Area School's Teacher of Year, Kate Kallenbach, was recognized by the Fairmont Area School Board at last week's meeting for receiving this prestigious honor and for the exemplary job she has done serving as the high school band director for the past 13 years. Superintendent Joe Brown is shown presenting Kallenbach with her certificate.

oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A response to Mr. Ron Dickenson's letter to the Editor:

First, I would like to preface this by telling you that I am NOT a muskie fisherman.

I read your letter with interest last week regarding your opposition to the proposed stocking of muskellunge in the Fairmont chain of lakes. Obviously everyone is free to express their opinions, but once it is published in the media, it also opens you up to criticism. The figures you cited regarding lakes managed for muskies was greatly overstated. As of March 2016, ninety-one lakes and eight rivers, totaling 480,153 surface acres are managed under the DNR for muskies. This represents only 21% of all managed waters in Minnesota, or 2.3% of the lakes the fisheries department manages. The DNR's proposal is science-based and part of the long-term plan to improve the quality of fishing here in Fairmont.

What are you afraid of? The proposed 314 muskellunge fingerlings stocked once every other year? Or the fact that there actually may be more people coming to Fairmont in the future for recreation on our lakes? There is a synopsis on the summary of and initial response of comments to the proposed stocking

where the DNR addresses the concerns raised by citizens at the public hearings. This and other pertinent data is available to view at www.dnr.mn.us/muskie. It's great you care about our lakes, but if you do, you need to know and express the facts.

The fact that both the president of the Martin County Conservation Club and the Fairmont Lakes Foundation favor the stocking should tell you something. Whose opinion do you think they represent? These gentlemen are in touch with their membership and have a vested interest in best serving the community. Want more carp and sheepshead in our lakes? It's very possible and likely without any predator base. Put in more northern pike, you say? It's already been done and failed because people take them home before they reach a decent size. That would be illegal with muskies because of size limits. We would finally have a predator fish in our lakes to reduce the huge quantities of rough fish.

House bill HF3207 and its recently-introduced companion bill in the Senate, SF3059, would prevent the stocking of muskies in any new waters in the state. This will directly affect the future of our lakes. Let science prevail and allow the DNR to do their job. And, yes, let your

voice be heard, just do it for the future of Fairmont, not your personal desires.

Bryan Gregor
Fairmont

Dear Friends:

The Salvation Army of Fairmont would like to thank the many volunteers for collecting food on Scouting for Food Day. With your help we have collected over 1,123 lbs. of food. Many people in our community will receive help because of your generosity. Your gift is greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you so very much for assisting those in need.

Have a great day in Him!

JoAnn Hixenbaugh,
Major
Corps Officer
Salvation Army

We as a community have so much to be thankful for. We may not agree on some of the services we have, but there are many that are good for Fairmont. One of the best services is our ambulance service and the hospital.

I called 911 one time and they responded in eight minutes. We arrived at the hospital and there were five people waiting to take care of me. With all the technical equipment and knowledge of the caretakers and the quick response, I am here today. The staff of nurses and doctors in the ICU and hospital were there to

help whenever I called. When leaving, they take you to the door and wish you well.

When getting out in the community and hearing the grumbling about the facilities, it bothers me because I appreciate the quick response, along the with knowledgeable staff at our hospital. The technology is available by phone, which the staff have with them at all times, the valet service and staff at check in are first class.

Let us be so thankful for the doctors, nurses and personnel behind the scenes at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont. We need to realize God is in control.

Jeanette Means
Fairmont

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Simple tips that's truly "you" with paint color

(NAPS)—When it comes to transforming your home with design and paint projects, selecting paint color is easier than you think; and with a few expert tips and simple steps, you'll gain the confidence needed to transform your home with colors that reflect both your personality and lifestyle.

1. Setting the Stage: Before heading to the paint aisle, consider the mood and functionality of the room you are looking to transform. Are you

and stimulating environment in the dining area? Maybe it's a combination of both in the living room? Understanding the purpose of the room—both in the mood it conveys and the function it serves—will help you hone in on colors that are best suited for it.

If you aren't sure, you can start by looking for a favorite item in the room—a piece of furniture, a rug or beloved artwork—to use as the centerpiece to build around. This item provides a potential starting point to help determine the color palette or hues to work with.

And don't forget to take a step back and look at the other paint colors in your home. A balanced color scheme that seamlessly connects one space to the next creates a sense of continuity and harmony throughout the home. Choose between three and five favorite colors and then alternate between rooms. Perhaps the ceiling color in one room becomes an accent wall in another.

2. Selecting the Color: Color expert Sue Wadden explains that color selection is a very personal choice but there is also a method to picking the color that fits best with the mood, tone and function of a room. Here is her take on the most popular paint color groups:

- Red is viewed as an exciting, vibrant color with a passionate feel. The deepest reds, such as burgundy and maroon, give a feeling of richness—excellent for bringing out the competitive spirit in a game room.

- Orange radiates cheerfulness and boldness but can still be subdued and calming. A vibrant orange fills a space, such as a dining room, with energy and a sunny disposition while a softer orange brings a feeling of warmth and coziness to a living room.

- Yellow is a warm and inviting color that brings

a sense of optimism and joy to the space it inhabits. Softer yellow tones convey happiness while giving the room a sophisticated and timeless look. Brighter shades have the ability to fill virtually any room in the house with a feeling of bliss.

- Cool earthen tones of green add a splash of nature to the room, giving it a sense of comfort and harmony. When looking to create an atmosphere that is both soothing and sunny, try incorporating several shades of green.

- Lighter shades of blue evoke feelings of serenity and comfort when used in the bedroom. These calming tones make for a relaxing way to end the day and a great way to encourage a restful night's sleep. Brighter hues bring warmth and a sunny temperament to the room.

- Purple is a versatile color that anchors a space



but also compliments the use of neutrals and patterns. It conveys a feeling of luxury and refinement while still giving the room a fresh, soft look.

- Similar to green, brown is associated with nature. This relaxed neutral is a great color to incorporate into spaces in the home that are for both living and working. Darker hues look sophisticated and stylish while lighter shades give the space a warm and modern vibe.

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• Gray is an elegant neutral that provides depth when paired with subtle accent colors. It evokes feelings of sophistication and airiness to create a haven of relaxation and calm.

3. Test-Drive Your Color Choice: Once you have chosen your preferred colors, Wadden recommends sampling the colors at home in various stages of light.

Lighting is one of the most essential factors when selecting paint color. Natural daylight shows the truest hue, while incandescent lighting brings out warm tones and yellows and fluorescent lighting casts cooler, bluer tones.

The easiest way to test how light affects color is to

simply tape the color chip on a wall that sees both natural and artificial light. Or for a more effective analysis, get small paint samples of each color and apply large swatches directly on the wall. Watch the color over the course of several days. Fluctuations in natural light can vary from sunny skies to cloudy days. Time of day is really important as well—color that looks bright and cheery in the morning can appear duller at nighttime.

4. Gauging Number of Gallons: Once you are confident in your color choice, the next step is to find out how much paint you'll need to paint the room. Visit your local hardware store and the professional there will help you determine how much paint you will need to complete your job.

Prepare your air conditioner for the heat of summer ahead

(NAPS)—Although the dog days of summer are months away, it's never too soon to begin preparing for them. This includes making sure your air-conditioning system is ready to properly cool your home.

Begin by clearing the area around your outdoor compressor, removing

leaves, twigs and other debris that may have accumulated over the winter. The space around and above the unit should be clear and uncluttered.



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Next, check the system's filters, typically located

along the return duct. Dirty filters can block airflow and reduce system efficiency, so it's important to clean or replace them regularly, preferably every month when the system is operating.

Holes or separated joints in the ductwork can also impact airflow and efficiency, so turn your

system on and make sure air is flowing properly through the vents. If you suspect a leak in the ductwork, hire a professional to make the repairs.

Use this time to caulk and weather-strip around

doors and windows. This often overlooked step will help keep cool air inside your home during warm summer months and warm air outside.

It's also a good idea to add insulation around air-conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces, such as attics, crawl spaces and garages.

Finally, contact a certified technician to do a pre-season check of your system. An annual inspection should include:

- Clean indoor and outdoor coils

- Check your system's refrigerant charge and adjust it, if necessary, to meet manufacturer specifications

- Clean and adjust blower components to provide proper system airflow



- Lubricate all moving parts

- Inspect the condensate drain for clogs that can cause water damage, affect indoor humidity levels, and breed bacteria and mold

- Check thermostat settings and system controls to ensure proper and safe operation

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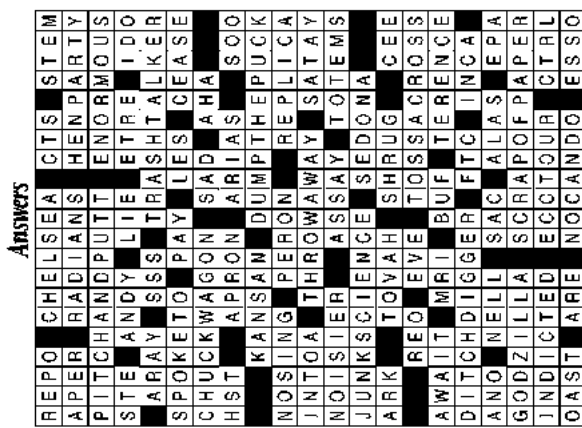
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How to survive seasonal allergies in your home

(NAPS)—Allergies affect one in five Americans and, for many of them, springtime is the worst season of all. That's because spring is the time of year when tree pollens are in the air, causing seasonal allergic rhinitis (inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane). When springtime follows a particularly wet winter, allergies triggered by tree pollen may increase. Making matters worse, later in

throat are among the usual symptoms. But colds are caused by the body's natural protective response to a virus, while allergy symptoms are a reaction by the body's immune system to a substance (known as allergens) that is normally harmless. In response to the perceived threat of the presence of allergens, the body produces histamines—chemicals that cause swelling in nasal passages, airways,

One area of focus has been research into the mechanism by which the body learns to incorrectly perceive allergens as threatening. A team of scientists at McGill University in Canada recently identified a specific molecule—known as STAT6—that plays a key role in the development and transmission of the body's allergic responses. The researchers then developed a specific "inhibitor peptide" (called STAT6-IP) to block the action of STAT6. They tested the inhibitor by administering it in nasal droplets to newborn mice.

Later, when they tried to stimulate allergic reactions in the mice by exposing them to a variety of allergens, the mice that had received the inhibitor nose drops shortly after birth did not develop allergic responses. As a result of the early exposure to the inhibitor, the scientists concluded, the immune system of the mice learned to tolerate the allergens rather than to react defensively against otherwise harmless substances. The scientists are hoping to apply their findings in clinical trials with humans in the near future, offering hope for a potential vaccine someday for allergies.

Strategies for controlling seasonal allergies

While researchers continue to focus on a vaccine to control allergic responses, there are steps you can take now to help moderate the effects of allergens during peak seasonal-allergy times. Here are some time-proven tips to take control of seasonal allergies:

1. Minimize outdoor activities in the morning. Pollen counts are typically highest during the early hours of the day. Whenever possible, avoid outdoor activities during these hours.

2. Change clothes frequently. When you arrive home, especially after working outdoors, change clothes and take a shower to get rid of as many allergens as possible.

3. Close windows. If you suffer from allergies, resist the temptation to open up the windows to the pleasant springtime air. Many people like to sleep with windows open during the spring, which allows more pollen to enter the home.

4. Keep the indoor air as clean as possible. Use a high-performance air purifier, such as the IQAir HealthPro Plus (www.iqair.com), to remove allergens from the air. Also, vacuum frequently with a high-performance HEPA vacuum cleaner to remove

allergens that have settled from the air.

These simple steps can reduce the levels of airborne pollen in your air at home, easing your springtime allergies and helping everyone in the house breathe better during periods when seasonal allergies are at their highest levels.



Seasonal allergies are nothing to sneeze at, but keeping the air in your home as pollen- and pollution-free as possible can help.

spring, grass pollen also affects many of the same people who are allergic to tree pollen.

The symptoms of seasonal allergies are easy to confuse with the common cold: stuffy and/or runny nose, sneezing, red and itchy eyes and a sore

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New research offers hope for allergy vaccine

Recent scientific advances continue to offer hope that new approaches to controlling allergies may yield dramatic results in the near future.



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OBITUARY notices

Gerald A. Wink, 83



Services for Gerald A. Wink, 83, of Fairmont, were held March 30th, 2016, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ceylon, with military honors by Nassen-Detert American Legion Post #529 of Ceylon. Burial will be held at a later date in the Tenhassen Township Cemetery near Ceylon. Gerald passed away Monday, March 21st, 2016, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Gerald August Wink was born on March 30th, 1932, on the family farm in Tenhassen Township, the son of Fred and Ella (Fritz) Wink. He was baptized on April 24th, 1932, and was later confirmed on July 21st, 1946 by Pastor Bredow at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ceylon. He attended country school at District #9 in Tenhassen Township.

In March, 1956, Jerry enlisted with the United States Army and served for 2 years before receiving his honorable discharge in 1958. He then returned home to Tenhassen Township and the family farm where he began his career as a dairy and grain farmer.

On December 17th, 1966, Gerald was united in marriage to JoAnn Wilke at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisville, Minnesota. Together the couple made their home on the family farm in Tenhassen Township and were blessed with four children: Jay, Janet, John and Jeremy.

Gerald worked for many years on the farm, making sure the cows were milked and grain was planted and harvested. The family rarely took a vacation or ventured too far from home as there were always daily chores to tend to and the all-important milking of the cows. Jerry retired from farming in 1992. Following his retirement, Jerry enjoyed working at Lakeside Cemetery as a caretaker until 2008.

Jerry was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ceylon, where he was active as a Sunday School Superintendent for

15 years and also taught Sunday School for 6 years. In his spare time Jerry enjoyed woodworking, watching history on TV, creating things, welding, and working on the computer.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, JoAnn Wink of Fairmont; children, Jay Wink and his wife, Kat of Tennessee, Janet Sell and her husband, Dustin of Ringsted, Iowa, John Wink of Tennessee, and Jeremy Wink and his wife, Chelsie of Welcome; grandchildren, Curtis Larson, Tyler Larson, Jordan Wink, Joshua Wink, and Sophie Wink; step-grandchildren, Damien Holmes and Shateja Sell; one Baby Wink on the way; siblings, Val Reinke and LeRoy Wilke and his wife, Jane; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; uncle, Otto Fritz; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ruben and Elnora Wilke; and a brother-in-law, Whitey Reinke.

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Donald Janssen, 77

A Celebration of Life Service for Donald Janssen, 77, of rural Ceylon, was held Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Ceylon, with Rev. Russell Reimers Officiating. Burial was in Lake Belt Cemetery in rural Ceylon. Don was called to his eternal rest

on Thursday, March 24th, 2016 at Avera Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa.

Donald Christ Eric Janssen was born on July 15th, 1938 to John and Elsie (Plath) Janssen at Fairmont. He was baptized on July 31st, 1938 and later confirmed on June 3rd, 1951, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dunnell. Don received his education in rural country school near Dunnell, and later was a 1956 graduate of Ceylon High School. In October 1956, Don enlisted with the US Army, serving for two years, and received his honorable discharge in 1958. On September 27th, 1959, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Schultz in Welcome. They farmed in the Ceylon and Dunnell area, until retiring in 2001. Don was a Pioneer Seed Corn Salesman from 1986 until 1995.

He was an active member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Ceylon, and held many offices in the church. He served on the Lutheran Retirement Home Board, Lutheran Laymens League and the Nassen-Detert American Legion Post # 529 of Ceylon. Don greatly enjoyed going for coffee, shaking 6-5-4, playing cards, going boating, waterskiing, snowmobiling and playing golf. He especially loved spending time making memories with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Janssen of rural Ceylon; his three

children, daughter - Julie (Russ) Laue of rural Fairmont, son - Dale Janssen of rural Dunnell, daughter - Lisa (Steve) Bohler of Crookston, Minnesota; grandchildren: Jennifer (Jeremy) Jacob, Michael (Amy) Laue, Erica (Matt) Berhow, and Katelyn (Mike) Steeves; eight great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, June Janssen of rural Dunnell, and Fern Beetsch of Napa, California; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law: Harold and Olga Janssen, Marvin Janssen, Gene Beetsch and Donald and Lyle Schultz and other relatives.

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Doris M. Clark, 95



A Mass of Christian Burial for Doris M. Clark, 95, of Fairmont, was held Tuesday, March 29th, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont with

burial at Calvary Cemetery in Fairmont. Doris passed away Monday, March 21st, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled the arrangements for the family.

Doris Mary (Girard) Clark was born on April 19th, 1920 in Fairmont Township, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Hytry) Girard. She attended St. Paul's Catholic School and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1938. On October 1st, 1939 she was united in marriage to Lewis "Ike" Clark. Together they had six children, Wilbur, Lewie, James, Robert, Colleen and Deb.

Doris ran a food stand with Ike at Gomsrud Park for four years. She then was a sales clerk at Montgomery Wards for twenty five years before working in the kitchen at Lincoln School for four years. Lewis "Ike" Clark passed away on January 5th, 1996. Doris took great care of her son, Lewie, who had Polio as a child, until his passing on April 26th, 2008.

Doris was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and a charter member of St. Gerard's Circle. She was also a member of the Fairmont Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed watching the birds out her kitchen window, especially the cardinals. She also enjoyed the TV news and TV sitcoms. Doris kept a daily journal and enjoyed writing letters to her fam-

ily members, friends and acquaintances.

Those that will cherish and honor her memory include four children, Wilbur Clark and his wife, Shirley, of West Covina, CA, Robert Clark and his wife, Janice, of Apple Valley, CA, Colleen Pytleski and her husband, Dennis, of Fairmont, Deb Barker and her husband, Stephen, of Jordan, MN; 15 grandchildren and spouses; 26 great grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law, Alyce Konald and Velma Strong; step brother, Lawrence Girard; nieces and nephews; special neighbors, Chris and Nancy Feters as well as other special neighbors and friends.

In addition to her parents, Frank and Mary Girard; and parents-in-law, Lewis and Etta Mae Clark; Doris was also preceded in death by two sons, James Patrick Clark and Lewis "Lew" Marcel Clark; sisters, Lavina Harris and Alma Ahrens; and brothers, Joe, Oliver and Marcel "Rusty" Girard.

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March 21 - Doris M. Clark, 95, Fairmont.
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March 24 - Donald Janssen, 77, Ceylon.
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March 27 - Shirley L. Klinkner, 79, Winnebago.
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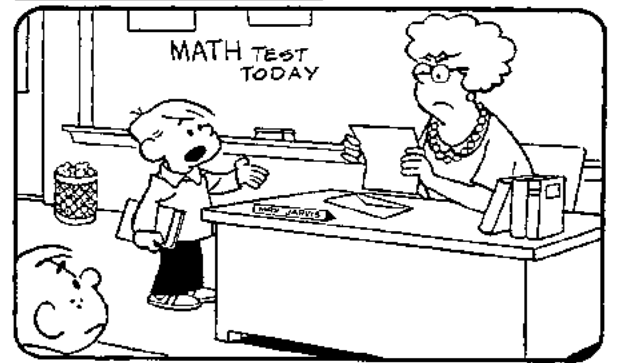
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• On April 17, 1882, several copies of Sheriff Pat Garrett's wildly inaccurate, fictionalized biography, "An Authentic Life of Billy the Kid," arrive at the Library of Congress. The first full, realistic biography of William Bonney (the Kid's principle alias) was not published until 1989.

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• On April 16, 1947, a giant explosion occurs during the loading of ammonium nitrate fertilizer onto the freighter Grandcamp at a pier in Texas City, Texas. Nearly 600 people were killed and thousands injured when the ship was literally blown to bits. Its 3,000 pound anchor was found 2 miles away.

• On April 11, 1988, actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Moonstruck." Cherilyn Sarkisian first became famous as the taller, female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and Cher.

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Understanding the difference in 2015 ARC-CO payments

Many farm operators across the United States will be receiving a significant 2015 farm program payment in October, 2016, from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), due to the reduced commodity prices in the past couple of years. Most crop producers in Minnesota, Iowa, and other Upper Midwest States are enrolled in the county yield-based Ag Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) farm program choice on their corn base acres, and producers in many counties will earn a farm program payment for the 2015 crop year; however, the 2015 corn ARC-CO payments will vary widely from county-to-county. In addition, farm operators in a few Upper Midwest counties will also earn an ARC-CO payment on soybean base acres for the 2015 crop year.

Many producers are having difficulty understanding why there is such a wide variation in the estimated 2015 ARC-CO payments from county-to-county, even though the counties may have had similar corn yields in 2015,

based on yield estimates from the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS). The direct payments that existed under the last Farm Bill were in place for nearly two decades were guaranteed, and were paid to producers on the basis of crop base acres, regardless of crop prices or yields. By contrast, the ARC-CO payments in the current Farm Bill vary from year-to-year, and from county-to-county in a given year.

The ARC-CO payments are based on the actual national market year average (MYA) crop price, and the actual county-level yield for a given crop year, compared to 5-year average benchmark (BM) MYA prices, along with the 5-year average county yields. This rather complex calculation formula has resulted in a wide variation in the estimated 2015 corn ARC-CO payments from county-to-county, which has resulted in some confusion surrounding the pending 2015 ARC-CO payments.

The first thing that happened relative to estimat-

ed 2015 corn ARC-CO payments was a decline in the county benchmark (BM) yields in most counties in Minnesota and adjoining States, as compared to 2014 BM yields. This was partly due to the very low average county yields in much of the region in 2014, as well as the fact that the 2009 crop year, which was a very strong yield year in most areas, was used in the 2014 BM yield calculation, but was dropped in the 2015 calculation. The 5-year county BM yield is re-calculated every year, using the crop yields of the five most recent years, dropping the high yield year and low yield year, and averaging the yields from the three remaining years.

Many Counties in South Central, Southwest, and Central Minnesota had the County benchmark (BM) corn yields decline by 6-12 bushels per acre from 2014 to 2015. The declining County BM yield lowers the potential maximum ARC-CO payment per crop base acre, as well as lowering the potential for ARC-CO pay-

ments at similar actual corn yield levels in a given year. County soybean BM yields did not vary greatly from 2014 to 2015, except in a few counties in Central Minnesota that had extremely low 2014 soybean yields.

The difference in 2015 ARC-CO payments from county-to-county is dependent on the 2015 county NASS yield, compared to the 2015 county BM yield, which can be expressed as the "% of BM Yield". The "% of BM yield" is more important than the final county yield in determining estimated ARC-CO payments. If the 2015 NASS county corn yield, expressed as a "% of BM yield" is 126% or less, there will likely be a 2015 corn ARC-CO payment for corn, based on the current corn MYA price of \$3.60 per bushel. If the county "% of BM yield" drops to 111% or lower, the county would likely receive the maximum 2015 corn ARC-CO payment. If the county corn "% of BM yield" is 127% or higher, there will likely be no 2015 corn ARC-CO payment, unless the corn MYA price declines from the current level by August 31st, 2016.

For example, take Dodge County in Southeast Minnesota. The 2015 BM corn yield is 186 bushels per acre, compared to 187 bushels per acre in 2014, and the 2015 estimated NASS corn yield is 204 bushels per acre, resulting in a 2015 "% of BM

yield" at 110%. This results in an estimated maximum 2015 corn ARC-CO payment of \$84 per corn base acre in Dodge County. By contrast, Nicollet County in South Central Minnesota had a 2015 BM corn yield of only 162 bushels per acre, compared to 168 bushels per acre in 2014, and a 2015 estimated NASS corn yield is 207 bushels per acre, resulting in a 2015 "% of BM yield" at 128%, which results in a zero estimated 2015 ARC-CO payment. These are extreme examples, but point out how much variation can exist in estimated 2015 corn ARC-CO payments in a relatively small geographical area.

The very high estimated 2015 NASS soybean yields across the Upper Midwest will result in producers in only a few counties that are likely to receive 2015 soybean ARC-CO payments in Minnesota and surrounding States. If the 2015 county soybean "% of BM yield" is 121% or higher there will likely be no 2015 soybean ARC-CO payment, and if the "% of BM yield" drops to 106% or lower, the county would likely receive the maximum 2015 payment, with partial payments at levels of 107 % to 120%. These estimates are based on a current soybean MYA price estimate of \$8.75 per bushel, which will be finalized on August 31st, 2016.

The fact that potential 2015 ARC-CO payments are not paid until Octo-

ber, 2016, can also be very confusing. By that time of the year, producers will likely be harvesting the 2016 corn and soybean crop, and focusing on 2016 yields and grain prices, making it difficult to reflect back to the 2015 yields and 2015 MYA price changes. The 2015 ARC-CO payments will not be finalized as of September 30th, 2016, once the 2015 MYA prices for corn and soybeans became final. If crop prices stay relatively low, this same scenario will likely play out again for potential 2016 corn and soybean ARC-CO payments, which would be paid in October, 2017.

Kent Thiesse has developed an information sheet titled : "Estimating 2015 Corn and Soybean ARC-CO Payments", which helps explain the calculation of potential ARC-CO payments. He has also developed estimated 2015 ARC-CO payment tables for most counties in Minnesota and Northern Iowa. To receive a copy of this information sheet and the county payment tables, send an e-mail to : kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com

The NASS county yields are available at the following web site : http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/

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- ACROSS

1 Merchandise taken back, briefly

5 London or Manhattan area

12 Divs. of dollars

15 Leaf support

19 Mimicry pro

20 Angle units

21 Girls' night out, perhaps

23 Small-scale golf variety

25 Massive

26 Fr. holy woman

27 Pop artist

28 Utter fibs

29 To be, in Québec

30 Wedding chapel vow

31 Like — of sunshine

33 Draft lottery org.

35 Insult-hurling sort

38 Conversed with

40 Settle a debt

42 The, in Québec

43 Stop

44 Food cart's counterpart on a ranch

46 Bummed out

47 "I get it!"

48 FDR's follower

49 Grill master's cover-up

50 Opera parts

52 Actor Jack of "Barney Miller"

55 Wichita resident

57 Execute a long slap shot, maybe

60 Snooping (about)

63 Juan or Eva of Argentina

65 Exact copy

66 Backed — corner

67 Phrase with synonyms starting this puzzle's eight longest Across answers

70 Indonesian skewered meat dish

71 Less quiet

73 Analyze the makeup of

74 Clan

75 Expert witnesses' unproven theories, say

78 Kia minivan

80 Noah's craft

81 "L'shanah —!" (Hebrew "Happy holidays!")

82 Shoulder lift

83 Bee chaser?

86 Bygone Olds

88 Eden woman

89 Beanbag tic-tac-toe game

92 Stand by for

95 Medical scan, briefly

96 — "Puf (body sponge)"

97 "Billy Budd" star Stamp

98 Worker in the trenches?

101 Antitrust org.

103 Old Guzco native

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106 Plant pouch

108 "Woe is me!"

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112 Ally of Rodan

114 Bit from a shredder

117 Charged from a pulpit

118 Trip for nature lovers

119 — "Alt-Del"

120 KIn used for drying hops

121 Modern art?

122 "Ain't gonna happen"

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Ask A Trooper: Broken Foot Restrictions

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I recently broke my foot and have it in a cast. Am I still allowed to drive? Does it matter which foot it is?

Answer: There are not any blanket restrictions, but a physician may restrict a patient "for a temporary condition" on a case-by-case basis. A physician who diagnoses a physical or mental condition that will significantly impair the person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle may voluntarily report the person's name and other relevant information to the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

Every driver is responsible for maintaining control of their vehicle at all times and must use due care in operating a vehicle.

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

The Lone Tree; It Stands

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer

The Lone Tree

It was a cold winter day and I was driving on a road that passes through miles of snow-covered fields. It stood alone in a lonesome stance. The LONE TREE stood on a flat southern Minnesota

prairie. I begin to think of the changes in its significance. When I was a boy, a LONE TREE was used to signify a certain place on the prairie. They were well known and used when giving someone directions. It was something that the people of the prairie understood.



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of shade when a farmer took a nap on a hot summer afternoon. A LONE TREE sometimes marked a certain road corner. However, some such trees grew in the fence line between farms. Some of us remember them as a place of shade for cattle, if they were located within or at the edge of the pasture.

The cattle would "crowd for their shade". Some have survived the onslaught of the plow. Even though there is no longer a fence line, the LONE TREE survives. It probably marks the end of one farm and the beginning of another. As such, they grow in a place that no one can claim.

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It Stands

It stands upon the tallest hill, a building so right in form.

A symbol of strength of Martin County, it glows this fall morn.

It stands at the edge of a well-known lake; it can be seen from many a distant place.

The courthouse of our county seems fitting in such a space.

I welcome the chance to walk its halls; to see how it is neatly kept.

The marble glistens in the sunlight, reflecting off its many steps.

It stands as a place of government, holding the records so important to us all.

Rightly placed on the tallest hill, with dome and clock so tall.



Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Calling All Finches

I'm expecting migrating goldfinches any day now. If you live in an area where the only time you get finches is during migration, filling tube feeders with thistle seed and sunflower heart chips will bring finches to your yard year after year. This has worked for me without fail.

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