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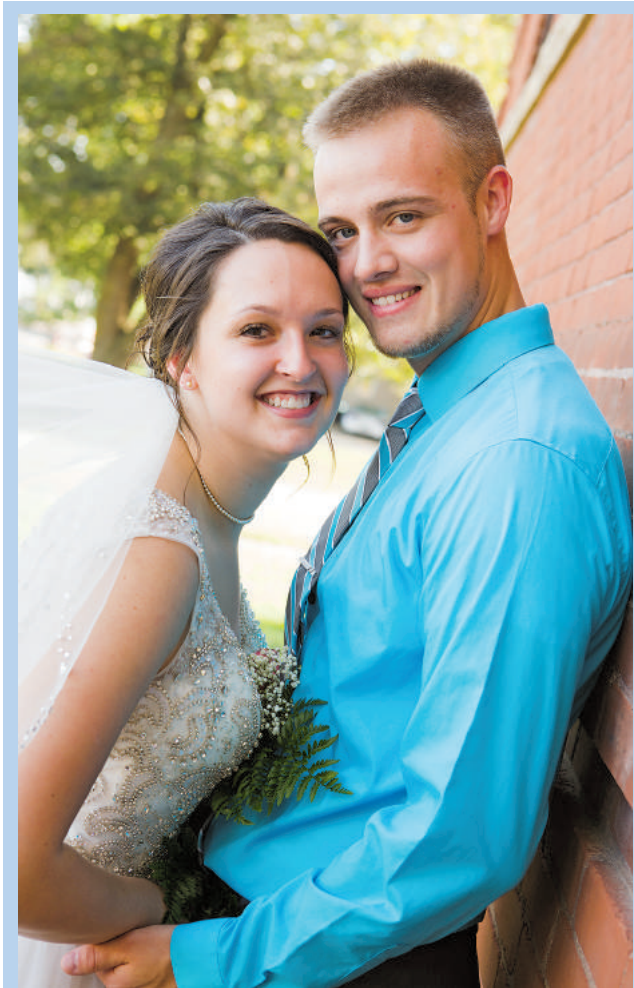
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SCHRADER - Myranda Ann Quinn and Spencer Robert Schrader were married September 27th, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont with Pastor Wade Daul officiating. A reception was held at Green Mill Restaurant in Fairmont. Parents of the bride are Doug and Laurie Quinn of rural Truman and parents of the groom are Dennis and Jodie Schrader of Fairmont. Myranda is a 2013 graduate of Martin Luther High School, 2017 graduate of University of Minnesota-Rochester and Mayo School of Health Sciences. She is currently employed at Mayo Clinic in Rochester as Lead Radiologic Technology. Spencer is a 2012 graduate of Martin Luther High School, 2016 graduate of Winona State University with a computer science degree. He is currently employed at Mayo Clinic in Rochester in the IT Department. Photo by SR Photography

Strike Out Cancer in Truman May 8

Come on out for an evening of high school softball on Tuesday, May 8th at Rosburg Diamond in Truman.

The event will feature Jaguars vs. Blackhawks softball beginning at 4:30 p.m. Other activities scheduled for that evening include a survivor/memorial walk, live auction, activities, concessions and more.

Strike Out Cancer empowers coaches, players and communities to take action against cancer by participating in awareness efforts, advocacy programs and fundraising activities. All proceeds from the May 8th event will be donated to the Martin and Watonwan County Relay for Life.



Join the Jaguar and Blackhawk softball organizations by raising funds and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from cancer.

For more information, visit their Strike Out Cancer page on Facebook or email courtney_studer@yahoo.com.



Marriage License Applications

Shawna Elizabeth Garbers and Jackson Dale Kinney

"Dine to Donate Night" will be held at Perkins in Fairmont on Tuesday, May 8th from 4 to 10 p.m. Proceeds will support the Class of 2020 from Martin Luther High School, Northrop. Perkins will donate 15% of sales made during that time to the Junior class. Thank you for your support.

The **Welcome Historical Society** will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th. If you would like to visit the museum when it is not open, please contact Marsha Williams at 507-236-2034.

Baby Buzz

SSG David and Brianna Vandrey announce the birth of their daughter Madelyn Lois. She was born April 19th in Huntersville, North Carolina. Madelyn weighed eight pounds one ounce and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sisters Thea and Lyla. Grandparents are Barb Vandrey, Brenda Womack, Brian Adkins and Great-grandma Shirley Adkins.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome will be hosting the **Tuesday Morning Coffees** during the month of May from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Come join the fellowship and good food!



GREVE 90TH - Come help the family celebrate Shirley Greve's 90th birthday on Wednesday, May 9th. An Open House will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. Refreshments will be served and music featured. Cards will reach Shirley at: 850 Goldfinch Street, #316, Fairmont, MN 56031.

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sherburn Zone Spring Rally** will be held on Saturday, May 5th at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wilbert) 1668 40th St., Ceylon. 9 a.m. coffee and registration (\$5), program at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Speaker: Pastor Jake Gillard, the Executive Director of CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society) with his wife and two daughters. Title: Jesus Sent Teams on Missionary Exercises - Your Church can too. The Gillard family has recently returned from spending 10 weeks in Central America.

eat play shop LOCAL

Local quilt guild to sponsor bus trip

The Fairmont Area Prairie Star Quilt Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the 2018 Minnesota State Quilters Annual Show on Thursday, June 14th, 2018 in St. Cloud.

The bus will leave Fairmont at 7:30 a.m. from the Minnesota Motor Bus parking lot. For convenience, the bus will stop at the Lewisville gas station corner at 8:00 a.m. and New Ulm Hy-Vee parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for those wishing to join the group.

Bus goers will enjoy a stop at Quilt Haven on Main in Hutchinson for an hour of shopping and then proceed to St. Cloud

for the Quilt Show. After a day at the show, the bus will leave St. Cloud at 4:00 p.m., with a stop in New Ulm for a light supper, returning back to Lewisville and Fairmont at approximately 8:00 p.m.

All interested persons are welcome. The cost of tickets for the bus and admission is \$37.00. Checks for bus and admission must be received by May 7th and may be mailed to Barb Mager, 229 Central Avenue, Truman, MN 56088. For more information you may contact Barb Mager at 507-776-7601 or 507-236-0964.

Trimont awarded Transportation funds by Brenda Nielsen

The MNDOT District 7 Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) recently awarded the City of Trimont Federal Transportation Alternative funding for the trail project in the amount of \$160,944.

Trimont will build a trail along Highway 4 on the south end of the city from the Town Center shopping center headed north to the school.

The trail will be constructed of both 8 feet wide bituminous until Birch Street and then turn to 6 feet

wide concrete all the way out to the school, and will improve the highway crossing near the school. The trail will allow residents a safe direct access to daily needs such as the school, post office, and the Town Center.

The City, Trimont Active Living Coalition, State Health Improvement Program (SHIP), and Region Nine Development Commission collaborated to determine the community vision and needs. The funds for this project will be distributed in 2022.

CREST looking for volunteer drivers

CREST is looking for individuals who enjoy driving and have a desire to help people keep their medical appointments, go to the grocery store, attend social engagements & run errands.

CREST provides transportation to residents of Martin County who, for a variety of reasons, don't drive or can't drive any longer. CREST volunteers take those in need to local en-

gagements as well as to out-of-town medical appointments where the volunteer is given a gas card to help with their gas expenses. It's a wonderful way to assist people in need and provide companionship as well.

If you are interested in helping provide CREST Transportation services, please call the CREST office at 235-3833 and ask for a volunteer application.

Fairmont Cheer Tryouts

Are you energetic and enthusiastic? Do you love dance or gymnastics? Are you in 6th through 11th grade? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you are wanted to try out to be a cheerleader for Fairmont!

Tryout dates will be held May 14th - 17th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the FHS main gym. A pre-

practice meeting will be held Monday, May 14th just before practice in the FHS main gym.

Camp dates and information, fundraising dates and calendar for summer will be discussed. Contact Deb Heinrich if you are not able to make practice and still want to try out or if you have any questions at 507-236-3287.

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Red Rock to feature Galaxy Band May 11



Galaxy Band, featuring Jerry Behkendorf, Donnie Fausch, Glenn Henriksen and Mark Kurseth will be performing at the Red Rock Center in Fairmont, Friday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m.

The band will be playing all the favorites from

the 50's and 60's, and more. Sit back and enjoy the music or move on out to the dance floor for a rockin' good time.

Advance tickets available at Hy-Vee in Fairmont, or at the door that evening. Everyone is welcome.

SJV School Endowment Fund March contributions

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$967 in general contributions given during February, 2018, by the following:

General Contributions: By Michael Carr, Carroll Collins, Margie Dahlstrom, Barbara Denney, Stan & Betty Felber, Jim & LuAnn Hahn, Catherine Kasper, Leon & Rose

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Red Rock Center's **Noon Lunch with the Arts Program** will feature A Musical Salute to the "Golden Groups" by Bill Busse, Joyce Schultz and Sandy Ettesvold on Tuesday, May 8th from noon-1 p.m. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Coffee and bars provided. Free admission, everyone welcome.

The monthly meeting of the **Martin County Chapter of Health Care for All Minnesota (HCAMN)** is held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, May 7th, 2018 at the Martin County Library in Fairmont. Questions? Call 507-848-4414 or visit: healthcareforallmn.org/

National History Day top honors announced

50+ Students From Across Minnesota Receive Top Honors to Compete in National History Day in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, April 28th, nearly 1,300 middle and high school students from across Minnesota gathered at the University of Minnesota for the 2018 State History Day competition. The following students received top honors at the competition, and first and second place winners will move on to

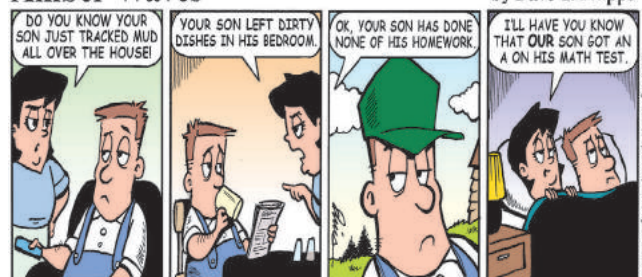
the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C., June 10th-14th.

Junior Individual Exhibit

1st: Kajsa Hellmark, Tinker v. Des Moines, Sunrise Park Middle School, White Bear Lake

2nd: Lily Steuber, Policies Compromised: Fiery Conflicts Change Insurance Following the Great Chicago Fire, Fairmont Junior-Senior High School, Fairmont.

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Martin County West Swimming Pool in Sherburn will offer a **Red Cross Lifeguard Training** class May 19th and 20th in Sherburn. This class is for anyone that will be 15 years old by May 20th. MCW Pool needs life more lifeguards and will be hiring for the summer and beyond. Please contact elizabethviesselman@mcwmavericks.org or 507-639-5101 for further information if interested in taking this class.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. This Wednesday they will serve scalloped potatoes and ham. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, beverages and homemade desserts. a donation of \$2 is suggested.

The **Fairmont class of 1953** will meet Friday, May 4th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont.

In recognition of Marsha Williams's volunteer hours to the **Welcome Historical Society** in 2017 including the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, the 3M Foundation has donated \$250. 3M has made this donation through the 3M Volunteer Match Program. Thank you to 3M for recognizing their retired employee's volunteerism.

There will be a **Mothers/Others Banquet** for all ladies Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn (across from Kum & Go). Bring your mother, daughter, friend or neighbor. You will have a time of fellowship, food and fun.

Women's Health, Naturally

Guest Columnist

Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center



As Mother's Day nears, we are reminded to do something wonderful for our moms. After all, they do wonderful things for us all the time – probably even more than we realize. Moms know a lot about caring for everyone else around them, so as Mother's Day weekend approaches, make sure to take care of your mom. Show her some love and appreciation. Let her know you are aware of the sacrifices she makes for her family. Remember, God made moms so the angels wouldn't be so busy.

Moms, this article is for you. You are so good at taking care of others that you sometimes forget to take care of yourself. Your health is often the last priority on your to-do list, but if you are not functioning well, who will take care of everyone else? I lost my mom almost 30 years ago, but I still remember how she put everyone else first – even as she was dying of cancer at a young age. So moms, let's begin!

First let's talk about vitamins and supplements. Everyone should be taking a daily multi vitamin. Occasionally you will get an "expert" saying you don't

need to, just eat a healthy diet. Great – so can I assume you are getting your daily 4-6 servings of all organic fruits and vegetables? Are you eating organic, free-range grass-fed beef and pork? Eating "healthy" these days is nearly impossible. Add the high levels of stress moms face every day, and it will quickly become obvious that you do need a daily multi vitamin. You should also be taking fish oil (for inflammation, brain health, joint health, and a whole lot more) and vitamin D (cancer prevention, depression, bone health, and more) daily. Are you avoiding all pop, refined sugar, processed food, etc.? Probably not. More reason to supplement as a way to counteract the negative effects of all these things.

Now what about women's health in general? One of the biggest things we see in our office is hormonal issues. This ranges from teenagers with cycle issues to post-menopausal women looking for natural solutions. Let's start with the teenagers. I talk to a lot of moms with teenage girls that have cycle issues, and it seems like the "go-to" treatment is to put

them on birth control. For teenagers with cycle issues, there is a better way than putting them on oral contraceptives. For those of you who have done this with your teenage daughters, how many of you have noticed weight gain? How many of you have noticed personality changes and moodiness? Another thing many of our female athlete patients have noticed is that once they go on oral contraceptives, they can never perform at the same level athletically. If there is a natural alternative, wouldn't you want to avoid putting your daughter through all that?

The two main products we suggest for these health challenges are chasteberry and a women's wellness focused multi-vitamin called Equi-fem. Chasteberry (Vitex agnus-castus), or monk's pepper, is the fruit of the chastetree and has been used for more than 2,500 years to treat various conditions. In ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome, it was used for a variety of gynecologic conditions. Over the past 50 years, chasteberry has been used widely in Europe for gynecologic conditions such as premenstrual syndrome (PMS),

cyclical breast discomfort, menstrual cycle irregularities, and dysfunctional uterine bleeding. The German Commission E approves the use of chasteberry for irregularities of the menstrual cycle, cyclical breast discomfort, and PMS, and it is widely prescribed by family physicians and gynecologists in Germany.

Chasteberry's therapeutic effects are attributed to its indirect effects on various hormones, especially prolactin and progesterone. This hormonal effect appears to be dose-dependent: low doses of extract have resulted in decreased estrogen levels and increased progesterone and prolactin levels. This is possibly caused by an inhibition of the release of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and stimulation of luteinizing hormone (LH) levels. However, in some studies of persons receiving higher doses, FSH and LH levels remained unchanged, while prolactin release was decreased. These effects may explain why lower doses of the herb might stimulate breast milk production, whereas higher doses seem to have the opposite effect.

In clinical trials for the treatment of PMS, chasteberry reduced some symptoms, especially breast pain or tenderness, edema, constipation, irritability, depressed mood,

anger, and headache. Numerous double-blind Randomized Clinical Trials (RCT's) have evaluated different chasteberry preparations for treating the symptoms of PMS. A recent higher-quality, prospective double-blind RCT showed significant improvement in self-assessed symptoms associated with PMS and also in physician-assessed clinical global impressions scores measuring severity of condition, global improvement, and overall benefit versus risk. More than one half of the women experienced a 50 percent or greater reduction in symptoms. Patients use chasteberry for a variety of menstrual irregularities and fertility disorders. In Germany, physicians prescribe the herb for luteal phase disorders.

For a more complete way to balance female hormones, Equi-fem is a product that includes a broad-spectrum of vitamins and minerals as well as herbal supplements shown to balance female hormones. These include black cohosh and dong quai. In addition, Equi-fem contains glandulars that balance other body systems that are so important in supporting natural optimal hormonal balance and levels. Unlike many other broad spectrum supports, it also contains digestive enzymes to ensure maximum absorption and digestion.

tion and digestion.

As we perform wellness blood labs on female patients in our office, we frequently see low levels of DHEA and abnormal levels of testosterone. There are ways to address these naturally as well. Have you ever had anyone test these for you? If not, ask them why not! DHEA and female testosterone are too important to ignore, yet I rarely see them addressed when doing consultations on blood draws done outside of our office.

As always, choose only professional grade when purchasing nutraceuticals, such as the lines we carry at Burtis Chiropractic Center. Do you have questions about what you are taking now or what you should be taking? Ask me! And remember, we have been offering wellness-based blood testing in our office for over three years now for those of you who want to know exactly what your blood levels are. Test panels are available for thyroid testing, male and female hormone testing, wellness panels, and specific blood vitamin levels such as vitamin D. The more knowledge you have the better decisions you can make. Now that sounds like a healthy choice! It sounds like something your mother would tell you to do. And you should always listen to your mom!

Financial Focus



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tribute as much as you can afford to the plan, and consider increasing your contributions every time your salary goes up.

Make sure you've got health insurance.

The health insurance offered by your new employer may not begin the

minute you start your job. Given the high costs of medical care, you'll need to make sure you are protected until your coverage kicks in. So, for that interim period, you may need to consider the federal health insurance marketplace, CO-

BRA continuation coverage or private medical insurance. You might also be eligible to be covered under your spouse's health insurance. And you may want to learn

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Here's a Checklist for Changing Jobs

A few generations ago, it was not uncommon for workers to stick with a single job for their whole careers. But for many of us today, frequent job changes are a fact of life: The average employee tenure is just over four years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. So, assuming you're going to switch jobs a few times, you'll want to be prepared. Here's a checklist of things you can do to smooth these transitions and help your financial situation:

Build an emergency fund.

Some of your job changes may be involuntary, so you'll want to have a cash cushion handy – just in case. One smart move would be to build an emergency fund, containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Consider your options for your former employer's 401(k) plan.

If you had a 401(k) plan with your former employer, you have three main options: You could leave your money in the plan, if the employer al-

lows it; you could move the money into your new employer's plan, if permitted; or you could roll the funds over to an IRA. You'll want to weigh the "pros" and "cons" of these choices carefully before making a decision.

Choose investments from your new retirement plan.

If your new employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, you'll need to choose the investments within the plan that are most appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Con-

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Blue Skies and Sunshine!

It's so great to finally have warmer weather along with blue skies and sunshine! I even got motivated to clean my glassed-in front porch for the season. I used to wash the walls, now I'm down to dusting them down with my trusty swifter. It takes me longer than it used to. There are 11 windows to wash. Not to mention the door window and a large window that looks into our living room, but I love that room. Maggie likes to climb up on a chair and watch the world go by.

Peas and mushrooms are probably my favorite veggies so this recipe is a favorite of mine. I use frozen petite peas by Grand. They are very tender, almost like fresh. I hope that you will enjoy it too!

Peas with Mushrooms

2 Tablespoons butter
2 1/2 cups fresh or thawed frozen green peas
8 oz. fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh thyme leaves or
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add peas, mushrooms, onion and garlic; saute' until tender - about 7 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Reduce heat to low and cook until just heated through, about one minute.

Have a great week!

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what your options are for health savings accounts (HSAs), if available.

Review your new benefits package - and take steps to fill gaps.

Your new benefits package may include life and disability insurance, but these group policies may not be enough to fully protect you and your family. A financial professional can help you quantify your protection and insurance needs and offer guidance on how much coverage you may require.

Understand your income tax considerations.

Getting a new job may involve income tax implications, such

as changes in your tax bracket, severance pay, unused vacation and unemployment compensation. And if you are thinking of exercising stock options, be aware that this, too, can be a taxable event. Finally, if you have to move to take a new job, you may incur some relocation and job hunting expenses that could be deductible. You will need to discuss all these issues with your tax professional.

Starting a new job can be exciting - and challenging. But you may be able to make your life easier by putting the above suggestions to work.

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SJV School Endowment Fund March memorials

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$1,695 in memorials during the month of March, 2018. These were given in memory of:

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A FEW OF OUR CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

TRIXIE is a long haired torti (black and orange). She came to the shelter with four other cats who were abandoned when their owner moved. Trixie is a friendly girl who loves to be petted.

TOOTSIE and **TAFFY** were abandoned with Trixie. These two girls are both long haired. Tootsie is black and white. Taffy is calico (black, white, and orange). Both Tootsie and Taffy are very friendly and are great with each other. They also do well with other cats.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

GIZMO is a 7 month old Japanese Chin and Pekingese mix. He is a very loving boy, but tends to startle easily so needs a quieter home. That is why Gizmo would be best to only live with children over 8 years old, especially since loud voices scare him. Due to his startle level, he would be best if he could have a fenced yard since he runs when startled. Gizmo is good with other dogs and cats. He is very affectionate after he adjusts to his new situations.

NETTIE is a small female shepherd mix. She is about 1 year old and a mix of browns and tans. Nettie is a sweet and slightly submissive girl. She is good with other dogs and loves people.

MAX is a terrier mix weighing about 40 pounds. He is light brown with a blaze of white on his chest and white on the tips of his toes. Max would be best in a house without children under 8. He loves belly rubs and is housetrained using an indoor kennel.

Our annual Plant Sale is on May 19th. If you are thinning out your perennial beds, keep us in mind. We would love to have them for our plant sale.

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@ the Martin County Library

We are always looking for new and exciting things to offer at the Martin County Library. We are proud to now offer Little Sprout Early Learning Backpacks! Each of our four library locations has the backpacks available for check-out, so you can take a backpack home with you for a week to enjoy! The backpacks

are themed with books and other fun and educational materials inside. Toys, manipulatives, dramatic play, and more are included in each backpack. Packs include age recommendations (some for as young as 1 year-olds, on up through Kindergarteners), along with ideas for extending what the kids are learning in the backpacks! Try fun themes like sounds, colors, shapes, barnyard fun, pizza shop, seasons, healthy me and more! If you're looking for something truly unique and different, try checking out an Early Learning Backpack today!



Thank you for food donations

Heaven's Table Food Shelf humbly and gratefully acknowledges the tremendous support shown during March Minnesota FoodShare month.

We truly appreciate the contributions of individuals, church and civic groups, schools, businesses and other organizations as part of this special annual campaign to help restock food shelves statewide. Over \$112,000 in monetary donations and 8985 pounds in food donations were received by Heaven's Table Food Shelf - the result of some creative strategies and some very generous folks. Your contributions help feed more hungry people in Martin County at our Fairmont and Sherburn locations through direct distributions, as part of the Backpack program in the public schools, and NAPS (Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors). These accomplish-

ments also take dozens of volunteers each week and countless hours behind the scenes sorting food donations, picking up rescue food, packing bags for the Backpack program, maintaining a client database, keeping our facilities clean and accessible, listening to the stories of those we serve, and planning for future needs. Some people are also including Heaven's Table Food Shelf in their estate plan.

As we mark our 6th Anniversary, we want to say "thank you" to those in our communities and beyond who continue their generous support of our mission. For more information or to volunteer, please call 507-238-5424 or email heavenstable@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook.

Susan Redman

On behalf of Heaven's Table Food Shelf Board

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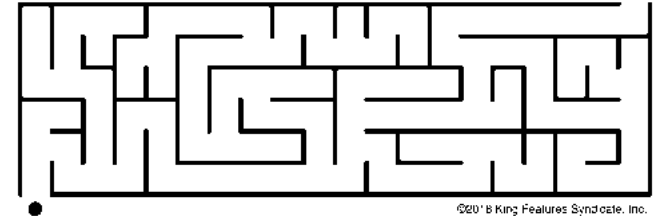
On behalf of Rural Advantage and our community partners, I would like to thank the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Waseca for a \$2,000 contribution from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant toward the Fairmont Market Square event held at Heritage Acres.

The support we received from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council was integral to the suc-

cess of our events. Being able to feature local talent provides exposure for the artists and was appreciated by our attendees. Being able to secure funding from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council was important to our overall programming.

Linda Meschke
President & Founder
Rural Advantage

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OBITUARY notices

Claire F. Knudson, 69



A graveside service for Claire F. Knudson, 69, of Fairmont, was held Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at Calvary Cemetery with military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. in Fairmont. Claire passed away Sunday, April 22nd, 2018, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Claire Francis Knudson was born October 3rd, 1948 in Fairmont, to Elmer and Neville (Babcock)

Knudson. He attended Fairmont Public Schools. Claire served in the United States Army from May 15th, 1968 until May 5th, 1970. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Claire lived in Temple and Pasadena, TX where he worked at the Simpson Paper Mill until retiring in 1999 due to ill health. He was married to Leandra Larson and together they had a son, Joshua. This marriage was later dissolved. Claire then married Agnes Kelsey and she passed away on January 10th, 1995. In 2001, Claire moved back to Fairmont.

Claire loved sports, playing guitar, having cook-outs, and spending time with his grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his son, Josh (Brooke) Knudson of Seattle, WA; two grandchildren, Ella and Mae; sister, Michele (Gene) Bullock of Fairmont; brother-in-law, Marvin Werner, Jr. of Fairmont; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Agnes Kelsey-Knudson; sister, Barbara Werner; one infant sister; and three infant brothers.

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DEATH notices



April 23 - Perry E. Harris, 89, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 23 - June A. Russ, 89, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 24 - Veryl L. Champine, 74, rural Granada.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memory One Year Ago This Week

April 24 - William L. Cronk, 75, Fairmont

April 24 - Larry G. Hinz, 76, Fairmont

April 25 - Marion A. Gieske, 77, Fairmont

April 25 - Ronald T. Perez, 57, Fairmont

April 28 - Janice A. Schrader, 80, Fairmont

April 28 - Florence J. Lutz, 102, Fairmont

April 29 - Norma C. Rosenau, 89, Fairmont

Perry E. Harris, 89



Services for Perry E. Harris, 89, of Fairmont, were held Friday, April 27th, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. A private family burial followed the service at Lakeside Cemetery with full military honors by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Perry passed away Monday afternoon, April 23rd, 2018, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Perry E. Harris was born November 19th, 1928, in Truman, the son of Philo "Pete" James and Pearl Lucille (Jones) Harris. He was baptized and later confirmed at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Perry attended school in Fairmont and graduated from Fairmont High School with the class of 1946. Following his graduation, Perry worked for Nelson's Ice Cream Company.

In September 1948, Perry enlisted with the United States Navy where he served his country aboard the USS Albany C-A 123. In September 1952, Perry received his honorable discharge and returned home to Minnesota where he married LaVonne Loewe on May 2nd, 1953, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Together the couple made their home in Fairmont and was blessed with two children, Sandra

theran Church in Fairmont. Perry worked for Kahler Electric and also farmed. In 1968, he began working for Na-Churs Plant Food Company where he worked until his retirement in 1993.

Perry was a member of the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 and the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222. Perry loved the outdoors and looked forward to days spent hunting and fishing and shared that love with others being a member of the Martin County Conservation Club. Faith was important to Perry and he was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where he served as a church

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elder. Family was also very important to Perry and he cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Sandra Graf and her husband, Jerry, of Amboy, MN, and Steven Harris and his wife, Lynn, of Fairmont; grandchildren, Jason Klous and his wife, Amy, of Luck, WI, Crystal Hardinger and her husband, Mark, of Cedar Rapids, IA, Callie Pien and her husband, Stephen, of Detroit, MI, Jason Harris and his wife, Jennifer, of Fairmont, Joshua Harris and his wife, Elizabeth of St. Peter and Courtney Steubs and her husband, Michael

of Edina, MN; great grandchildren, Alaina Harris, Kaitlyn Harris, Addison Harris, Hudson Hardinger, William Pien, and soon to be Baby Harris; sister, Wanda Ganske of Mankato; sisters-in-law, Laurabelle Brockman of Wheat Ridge, CO; and Boni Loewe of Walker, MN; brother-in-law Jack Silker of Baxter, MN; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Perry was preceded in death by his parents, Philo "Pete" and Pearl Harris; wife, LaVonne Harris; sisters, Neva Kost and Joan Silker, brothers-in-law, Art Kost, Dale Ganske, Eldon Brockman and Max Loewe.

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June A. Russ, 89



Memorial Service for June A. Russ, 89, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m.,

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 at St. John's UCC in Fairmont. Visitation will be 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at a later date at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. June passed away Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

June Ann Edhlund was born June 8th, 1928 to Carl and Anne (Rodina) Edhlund in Jackson. Growing up she attended school in Fairmont and was a member of the 1946 gradu-

ating class from Fairmont High School. Following graduation June attended Northwestern Bible College before moving back to Fairmont.

On May 12th, 1948 June was united in marriage to Herbert W. Russ in Mankato. This union was blessed with four children: Barbara, Beverly, Bonnie and Brian.

June began working as a Nurse's Aide at the Fairmont Community Hospital in 1967 and continued until her retirement in 1997. She was devoted to her own children along with taking care of and providing for other children along the

way. She taught her kids about volunteering and service, and was a scout leader for both girls and boys. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday School for many years. She loved Fairmont and was active in the schools and community, including FHS Band Boosters, the VFW Auxiliary, Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont Dollars for Scholars, and enjoyed working the sports concession stand with Herb. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and baking and was known for her semi-annual garage sales. She re-

ally enjoyed the Christmas season of decorating, baking and shopping and made sure everyone had their favorite cookies and gifts.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Herb Russ of Fairmont; children: Barb (Neil Glazman) Russ of Duluth, Bev (Rod) Haeckel of Fairmont, Bonnie Russ of Roseville, MN, and Brian (Pam) Russ of Crystal, MN; grandchildren: Bliss, Jason, Sara, Jessica, Justin, Kate, Joey, and Rachel; great-grandchildren: Carter, Hunter, Jack, Henry, Sam, Will, River and Isla; brother, Ron (Jan) Edhlund; sisters: Rose

Holter, Helen Underdahl, and Linda (Larry) Rouhoff; other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, June was preceded in death by her sisters: Carol Hansen and Shirley Edhlund; one brother, C. John Olson and one nephew, Carl Edhlund.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. John's United Church of Christ preferred.

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Veryl L. Champine, 74



Services for Veryl L. Champine, 74, of rural Granada, were held Monday, April 30th, 2018, at the United Methodist Church in Fairmont. Full military honors were presented by Lee C. Prentice Ameri-

can Legion Post #36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 of Fairmont. Burial was in Lake Belt Cemetery near Ceylon. Veryl passed away Tuesday, April 24th, 2018, peacefully at his home. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Veryl Lloyd Champine was born January 1st, 1944 in Fairmont, the son of George "Colonel" and Grace (Myers) Champine of Ceylon. He was baptized and confirmed at the Ceylon Methodist Church.

Veryl was united in marriage to Cheryl Ann Dietz of Fairmont at the Fairmont United Methodist Church April 19th, 1969. Veryl was a member of the Fairmont United Methodist Church where he served as an usher, trust-

ee, Sunday School teacher and financial secretary. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Mensa, a Life Member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Honor Guard Commander, a former Cub and Boy Scout Scoutmaster, former President of the Truman Jaycees, former member of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors and coached Little League baseball for several years. He shot on the National Guard State competitive rifle team for several years and was the only member of the Fairmont Guard unit to ever shoot a perfect score on the rifle range. Veryl also shot trap at the Truman Gun club for over 40 years and loved the Boundary Waters Canoe Area where he made numerous trips with his

three sons.

Veryl grew up on the family homestead (est. 1862) west of Ceylon and graduated from Ceylon High School in 1961. He attended Mankato State College before joining the Navy, serving from March 1962 to June 1966. He made two cruises to the Western Pacific as a member of fighter squadron VF154 aboard the USS Coral Sea. The second cruise was at the beginning of the Vietnam War and included an at sea time of 115 days without entering port. He also served in the National Guard from January 1974 until retiring in January 1991.

Veryl worked as an engineer and plant manager for Central Telephone and its subsidiaries for 35 years, retiring at age 58 in 2002. Starting in 1969,

Veryl and Cheryl traveled abroad extensively, making numerous trips to Europe, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central America. They traveled to 52 countries in all plus 47 of the 50 states.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Jon (Bobbi) of San Diego, CA., Jay (Melissa) of Burnsville, MN, and Jacques (Maggie) of Minneapolis, three granddaughters, Georgia, Sienna, and Harper, and one grandson, Chase. He is also survived by one brother, Robert (Lois) Champine of Ceylon, MN; two sisters, Jeanne Lamp of Grand Meadow, MN, and Marilyn Will of Northfield, MN; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Sara Champine of Puryear, TN, Sam (Jim) Frisch of Fairmont, Donna (Dick) Hoffman of Fairmont, Doreen

(Peter) Holte of Golden Valley, Cindy Mathison of Belvedere, Illinois, LeAnn (Ralph) Riegel of University Place, Washington, Bonnie (Dennis) Gilliam of Fairmont, Tracy (Brian) Peymann of St. Peter, Michael (Cheryl) Dietz of Fairmont, and Brian (Michelle) Dietz of Marengo, IA; as well as many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Veryl was preceded in death by his parents, George and Grace Champine; his wife and love of his life, Cheryl Champine; and three brothers, Donald Champine, Ray Champine, and Jerry Champine.

The family requests memorials be given in Veryl's name to the Fairmont United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

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Brenda J. Fretty, 58



A Memorial Service for Brenda J. Fretty, 58, of Crystal River, FL, formerly of Fairmont, will be held

at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Prior to the service, visitation will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Brenda passed away Sunday morning, April 15th, 2018, at her home in Crystal River, FL. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Brenda Janelle Fretty was born April 17th, 1959 in Webster City, IA to Gerald and Janice (Kramer) Lemon. She attended Fairmont Public Schools and graduated with the Class of 1977. After high school,

Brenda attended Minnesota School of Business.

On May 3rd, 1980, Brenda was united in marriage to Randy Fretty. They made their home in Fairmont where Brenda worked at several places including, Telex, Amdevo Plastic Plant, Peoples Natural Gas and handled all the bookkeeping for their family business. In September of 2017, Brenda and Randy moved to Crystal River, FL.

Brenda's love for her children was her most important fulfillment. Traveling and her granddaughters were her greatest joy. Brenda's love of Jesus Christ was her salvation.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of thirty-seven years, Randy Fretty; son, Matt (Megan Jammaron) Fretty; daughter, Ashley (Riley) Anderson; granddaughters, Emma Fretty and Lily and Everly Anderson; mother, Jan Lemon; brother, Mark (Jamie) Lemon; sister, Pamela Wedner; mother and father in law, Jake and Beverly Fretty; sister-in-law, Sue (Dr. John) Lund; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Lemon; brother, Michael Lemon; and infant daughter, Hannah Fretty.

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Kinship Rummage Sale/Auction this weekend at fairgrounds

By Jen Kahler, Associate Director, Kinship of Martin County

If you're out and about shopping the citywide rummage sales the first weekend in May, consider stopping by the industrial building at the Martin County Fairgrounds while you're treasure hunting. If you do, you just might find a treasure of a different sort.

On May 3rd-5th, Kinship of Martin County will be hosting its 15th annual Industrial/Commercial Rummage Sale and Auction. This sale is one unlike any other - many of our local businesses donate to our sale, using it as a way to clean out a wide assortment of items that they have taking up space. The variety of items is incredible - we have had anything from desk chairs and belt sanders to industrial ovens and boots. There are also generally a wide variety of

building materials available. This year we will have a 20 HP Deutz Diesel Motor and a huge industrial rack that has 5 sliding shelves for sheet metal. There is



definitely something for everyone!

The first two days of the sale run like a normal rummage sale - you come in and find an item, and can grab it and take it home. The sale concludes on Saturday with a Dutch auction from 9-11am (different from a live auction) where we reduce prices every half hour. It's exciting - when the sale first starts on Thursday, we give people numbers and allow them to enter in waves. It's not unusual to have a bit of a 'race'

for some of the bigger ticket items.

The sale supports the work of Kinship, a local organization that matches students ages five to 15 with adult mentors. The sale started as a fundraiser to support the young organization and bring in much needed funds. When the sale began, the organization had little money - not



even enough to pay its first director at the beginning. Now, the funds that come in help with our day to day expenses.

Char Kahler, the creator and now organizer of the

sale, mentioned that the sale encompasses many of her passions. It funds the organization that she has been involved in since the beginning, and is a way for Kinship to give back to the

businesses we so often solicit for donations. It keeps items that others can use out of the landfill, giving them a chance to benefit someone else.

If we've piqued your interest, you can come out and shop Thursday and Friday, May 3rd & 4th from 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., or check out the aforementioned Dutch Auction on Saturday, May 5th from 9 - 11 a.m.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kinship at kinship@kinshipofmartincounty.com.

Ask A Trooper: Opioid Abuse



by Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I heard the Minnesota State Patrol is carrying around some stuff to help people that might have an issue with opioid abuse. Can you talk more about that? Thanks for all you do!

Answer: A Minnesota state trooper's job is surprisingly varied. Sure, you'd expect them to patrol the highways enforcing traffic laws and to help motorists in trouble. But saving people from drug overdoses might not have occurred to you.

Opioid abuse is becoming more and more widespread, and the State Patrol has had their eye on the issue. In Minnesota alone, drug overdose deaths increased 17.9 percent from 2015 to 2016, and those who use opioids have a lot to choose from: heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone,

ne, fentanyl and codeine, just to name a few.

So starting in January, Col. Matthew Langer, Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol, issued a general order requiring every state trooper to carry Narcan. Narcan is the brand name for a prescription medication called naloxone, and it is sprayed into the nose to reverse the effects of opioid drug overdoses.

"It's important for troopers," says Langer, "Because we're deployed all over the state and find ourselves in different situations, assisting other agencies and the public." Specifically, troopers on patrol duty, evidence handling, and in situations where opioid exposure is a possibility must have naloxone at the ready. Troopers receive special training so that they can recognize the signs of

opioid overdose and learn to administer naloxone.

Once a trooper administers a dose of naloxone, they have to assign a case number and write a field report. They also have to fill out a form for the Department of Health. This helps them keep tabs on the opioid crises and what's being done about it.

There's another reason troopers carry naloxone. Yes, it's about keeping the public safe - but it's also about keeping troopers themselves safe. Let's say a trooper is searching a vehicle after a crash, looking in the glove compartment or center console. If their bare skin comes into contact with even a dusting of fentanyl, for example, it could be lethal. Langer explains, "Narcan will help people who intentionally ingest drugs and first responders who inadvertently come into contact with them."

So next time you see them out on the roads, remember that catching speeders and

helping you change a flat tire aren't the only things that concern the Minnesota State Patrol. They're also working to keep Minnesotans safe from opioids. Making sure all troopers carry Narcan is, as Col. Langer puts it, "A proactive move by the Minnesota State Patrol in the interest of trooper safety and public safety."

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash - if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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)

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The Photo Press reserves the right to edit (as necessary) any obituary that is submitted for placement.

All obituaries must be submitted by noon on Monday of the week that it is to be placed.

Any photos submitted must be in high resolution and high quality. Any questions on the Photo Press obituary policy can be directed to Jeff Hagen at 238-9456 or jeff@fairmontphoto-press.com

Area College Student News



Minnesota State University, Mankato will award 2,335 degrees at the end of the spring 2018 semester, with 2,277 students participating in three graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 5th in Taylor Center's Bresnan Arena.

Candidates for graduate degrees will graduate with the college of their affiliation.

Advanced degrees to be awarded include nine doctor of education degrees and two doctor of nursing practice.

Graduate degrees to be awarded include 105 master of arts degrees, eight master of accounting degrees, three master of arts in teaching degrees, 10 master of business administration degrees, 15 master of fine arts degrees, three master of music degrees, eight master of public administration degrees, 206 master of science degrees, seven master of science in nursing degrees, one professional science masters degree and 25 specialist in educational leadership degrees.

To be awarded at the undergraduate level are 84 bachelor of arts degrees, one bachelor of applied science, 34 bachelor of fine arts degrees, 1,669 bachelor of science degrees, 25 bachelor of science in general engineering degrees, 15 bachelor of science in civil engineering degrees, 10 bachelor of science in computer engineering degrees, 19 bachelor of science in electrical engineering degrees, 22 bachelor of science in mechanical engineering degree, 34 bachelor of science in social work degrees and 21 associate of arts degrees.

Undergraduate students receiving recognition will include 140 students graduating summa cum laude (3.8 grade point average and higher), 313 students graduating magna cum laude (grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.79) and 280 students graduating cum laude (grade point averages of 3.3 to 3.49).

Area graduates include (listed by hometown, name, degree, major and honor):

Fairmont:

Jody Anderson, BS, Finance
Cody Benschoter, BS, Rec, Parks & Leisure Services, Summa Cum Laude

Jennifer Heckman, BS, Applied Organizational Studies, Cum Laude

Jennifer Heckman, BS, Sociology, Cum Laude

Mary Kennedy, BS, Urban And Regional Studies

Scott Madsen, BS, Computer and Information Technology

Elizabeth Mueller, BS, Family Consumer Science
Hayley Rosenberg, BS, Sport Management

Kirsten Rosol, MS, Education Technology

Emilee Shaikoski, BS, Management

Granada:

Katelin Larsen, BS, Medical Technology

Lewisville:

Michaela Meyer, BS, Mass Media, Magna Cum Laude

Trimont:

Walter Fuller, BS, Psychology

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Rebekah Rusert of Truman and 110 other students presented 80 academic projects from a variety of disciplines at Concordia University, Nebraska's 8th annual Academic and Research Symposium on Monday, April 16th.

The number of presenters this year was more than double the 51 of last year. Students presented a variety of semester or year-long projects at the symposium, including poster and oral presentations in art, biology, computer science, communication, education, English, geology, health and human performance, history, intercultural studies, mathematics, physics, psychology and theatre arts. Faculty members also supervised the students' work to ensure readiness by providing them with feedback and guidance.

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Mason Koeritz of Northrop was recognized for exceptional work and contribution to the science department at the 17th annual Department of Natural Sciences awards banquet on Wednesday, April 18th.

Ten students and graduating seniors were honored at the banquet.

The Natural Sciences Scholarship, funded by current and emeriti faculty, is awarded to outstanding returning seniors in a natural science program. This year's recipients were Josiah McAllister, Nathanael Patron and Erin Rowland.

The department also recognized outstanding lab assistants for the year. These included Courtney Jurgens, Erin Rowland and Ann Spilker in biology, Mason Koeritz and Clara Rich in chemistry, and Luke Ericson in physics.



Jeff's Jottings

Now that the Ceylon Community Sale is behind us, I felt confident enough to remove the snowblower from my tractor on Sunday. Yes, I know we could still potentially have a little snow yet in May (but I hope we don't!) I don't think I will need the snowblower any more this season. Karis and I took advantage of the great weather we had last weekend and did a lot of work outdoors. I almost got all of my repair work completed where I got a little too deep moving snow on the lawn and started picking up the many branches that were on the ground from this winter. We also started hauling out our patio furniture and



the many different "warm weather" items from storage to place around our door yard. I even put up finch feeders because our neighbor Mary Kittleson had a photo of the first gold finch of the season in our neighborhood. Someone asked me if I had any of my garden in yet and the answer is "no". Most of my garden had water standing up until last weekend, so I hope to be able to till it up sometime in the next week and at least put out onion sets. No potatoes to be planted on the Hagen garden plot this year. We both decided that since neither of us eat many potatoes any more, we would save our garden for more



"healthy items". So have you started your garden yet?

"What is it?"

Our "What is it?" item from last week was correctly answered by a couple of our readers. Thomas Childs was the first one to correctly answer that it was a "Clinker Puller" or "Coal Slag Grabber". Milton Evans also correctly answered on the item. Thanks to Jerrald Lloyd for bringing that item in. This week we have an item brought in by Tom Lintelman of Fairmont. It measures about 30 inches long, and is steel with a wooden handle running through it. The wedge side is about 4 1/2 inches wide and the other side is about 2 1/2 inches long. I know what the flat side is for, but I am not sure about the six sided part of the head and what it's purpose is. So, what is it? And even more so, what is its purpose? You can email me your guess at jeff@fairmont-photopress.com or call our office at 507-238-9456 and leave your guess along with your contact info. If you have an interesting item you think would be good for a future "What is it?" either stop at the Photo Press so we can take pictures and get information, or email photos to me with a description.

Congratulations Trimont!

Congratulations to the city of Trimont for securing MNDOT District 7 Area Transportation Partnership funding recently. The funding will help the community put in an 8 foot trail along highway 4 on the south end of town and will allow residents a safe access to areas such as the school, post office and the Trimont Town Center. The funds will not be available

until 2022, but this will allow Trimont the chance to get things in place and develop plans for the project, knowing that the funding will be there when the time comes to start the project. It also shows the residents of Trimont that the city is concerned about their safety and is working to improve that. Thanks to all those who took part in securing this funding!

Tea, Strike Out, Coffee and more!

There are a number of events taking place around the area in the next week: Wednesday, May 2nd Fairmont United Methodist Church will have their Wednesday Evening Supper from 5 to 6 p.m. They are serving scalloped potatoes and ham for a \$2 donation. The LWML Sherburn Zone Spring Rally will take place Saturday, May 5th starting at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilbert. A lunch will follow. Also on Saturday, May 5th there will be a Chubb House Tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chubb House, 209 Lake Avenue in Fair-

mont. The event is open to the public and donations will help assist in the preservation of this historic house. On Tuesday, May 8th, Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome will host the Tuesday Morning Coffee at the church from 8:30 to 10 a.m. All are welcome to join them. Also on Tuesday, May 8th there will be an event to "Strike Out Cancer" featuring a softball game between the Jaguars and Blackhawks at Rosburg Diamond in Truman. The event begins at 4:30 p.m. and will feature high school softball, survivor/memorial walk, live auction, kid activities, concessions and more. The event is to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Lots going on in the coming week!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - get out and enjoy the nice weather!

- Jeff

The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I snore so loud, I wake myself. I'm going to have to start sleeping in separate bedrooms. I've got my garden all planned. I love radish sandwiches, but I'm not planting any radishes this year. No need. Radishes repeat. I can plant a garden in a flash. I used to be so fast, I was quicker than the eye. When I ran the 100-yard dash, the officials had to take my word for it. Things change. I went to the gym the other day and did nothing for an hour. It was my personal best."

Naturally

I know that the variability of weather doesn't disprove a trend, but I'm relieved that winter's frosty veil has lifted or at least its frigid grip has loosened. Lawnmowers have been moved to the show floor and snow blowers moved to the back room. Deer coats lighten in color and overly cautious people shower in DEET. It becomes so windy, trees flower in plastic shopping bags.



I watched turkey vultures float on air. No flapping, no hurry. These peaceable recyclers rock in a teetering flight with limited wingbeats. I'm always looking for the silver lining in everything. Vulture wings offer silver linings to a birder.

A white-breasted nuthatch held a beakful of grass near a tree cavity. It was a male trying to interest a prospective mate in a nest site. Fox sparrows, reddish-brown beauties with gray cheeks, scratched the ground for food while not straying far from cover.

While doing yardwork, I found a number of native lady

beetles. They are the ladybugs of my childhood, often seen on sweatshirts, aprons or cookbooks.

I'm glad that Jeff Hagen received the two cardinals I'd sent him for his yard. No charge.

Oklahoma ramblings

I visited northwest Oklahoma in April. I went to Lake Superior to have a look at displaying lesser prairie-chickens whose population has fallen 90 percent since the 1800s. Its current population of 33,000 is on 8 percent of its original range. There are approximately 33,000 lesser prairie-chickens in existence. I can attest to there being sev-

en. That's how many I saw. Seeing the birds was no small miracle. Prairie chickens don't like trees, which are raptor perches. Nearly 700 acres a day of nesting habitat are lost to eastern red cedar trees without fires to suppress them. An avoidance of vertical structures, one cedar tree can keep a nesting prairie chicken away, applies to wind turbines, too, as the prairie chickens consider one another tree. A turbine means no nesting.

Prairie chickens fly into barbed wire fences, not turbines. Jay Pruett of the Oklahoma Nature Conservancy said that studies have shown that 3.4 bats and 2.3 birds are killed annually per turbine in North America.

Not all animals have been studied, but grasshopper sparrows and mule deer avoid turbines. Elk, meadowlarks and Canada geese are unbothered. Grazing cows enjoy the shade turbines provide on hot summer days. I looked for Cassin's sparrows, Townsend's solitaires, roadrunners and scissor-tailed flycatchers. I visited a 14,000-acre

ranch where meadowlarks were common. Donald Culross Peattie wrote, "The meadowlark is like the happy whistle of the wind through the grass."

The meadowlark was my background music while I was growing up. Its song is part of me.

Q-and-A

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FRI: K-6: Spaghetti, breadstick, nachos fun lunch, green beans, caesar salad, orange, peaches. **JR/HS:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks, green beans, caesar salad, broccoli, orange, fruit cocktail.
MON: K-6: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, turkey ham & cheese sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, apple, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Pepperoni pizza pasta

bake, dinner roll, green beans, caesar salad, carrots, apple, pineapple tidbits.
TUE: K-6: Tacos, rice, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, black beans, tomatoes, orange, applesauce. **JR/HS:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, broccoli salad, pepper strips, banana, applesauce.
WED: K-6: Turkey corn dog, dinner roll, sunbutter & grape jelly sandwich, fries, broccoli, banana, peaches. **JR/HS:** Turkey corn dog, baked beans, potato salad, tomatoes, grapes, peaches.



Fishing Opener 2018 & OUTDOORS



Fishing basics

Do I need a fishing license?

You need to buy a Minnesota fishing license if you're 16 or older. Annual licenses allow you to fish from March 1 to the last day of February the following year. Lower-cost licenses are available

specific regulations for a particular lake, river or stream. If you're fishing for trout, check out the Trout Fishing Regulations.

How can I fish?

You can catch fish with a line attached to a fishing pole. When the wa-



ter isn't frozen, you must use only one fishing pole. Regardless of the time of year, if your line is in the water you have to be right there. In some places and for some fish, spearing, netting and using a bow with an attached arrow are allowed. Use the DNR LakeFinder to find specific regulations for a particular lake, river or stream.

What can I catch?

You can catch some fish such as crappie, catfish, sunfish, perch and bullhead at any time. Fish such as walleye, northern pike and bass - commonly called gamefish - can only be caught during certain times of the year. Those time periods can vary depending on where you are fishing. Use the DNR LakeFinder to find

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What if I catch fish?

Use the DNR LakeFinder to find the number of fish you may catch each day in a particular lake, river or stream. No matter where you fish, the number of fish you catch each day are part of the total number of fish in your possession.

Spring lawn care is easier than ever

(BPT) - The snow has melted, flowers are beginning to bloom, and you wake to the sound of birds chirping: all signs that spring is here. Spring means time to give your lawn the TLC it needs, but most of us dread the thought of weekends spent occupied by yard work. Luckily, in 2018, getting that perfectly green grass and enviable garden does not have to be hard.

- Prevent disease and pests - Disease and pests can be stopped before they strike. At the beginning of the season, use your yard rake to remove any dead grass shoots. By removing this debris early you can prevent disease and pests while also giving your lawn sufficient time to recover.

- Simplify mowing - Cutting the grass no longer requires preparation and setup. With innovative options like the Greenworks 60-volt self-propelled lawn mower, you do not need to worry about gassing up your mower or finding the nearest outlet for the extension cord. The mower

can run up to 60 minutes with a fully-charged battery, so it is ready to go when you are, and you never have to smell like gas again! The mower's smart-cut technology adjusts the power based on the thickness of your grass, extending the run time and improving cutting performance.

- Water on time - Consistency in watering is an easy way to keep your grass green and lush. Maintain a schedule to prevent your grass from drying out and browning. Sprinklers and outdoor timers will ensure that your grass does not miss a watering session.

- Shape hedges - Anyone can create the perfect hedge shape. Now that your grass is healthy, freshly cut and weed-free, it is time to focus on the rest of your yard. Try a cordless, battery-powered product like the Greenworks 60-volt hedge trimmer. The lighter weight and strong power allow you to trim your hedges without wearing out your body. Whether your hedges are up high or running



along your fence, no place is out of reach.

Spring is just beginning and now is the time to get a jump start on your lawn.

To learn more about the tools that can make lawn care easier this spring, visit www.greenworkstools.com.

DNR Alert

The lingering cold weather is delaying ice-out on Minnesota lakes and rivers, which could make it difficult for DNR crews to have the 1500 public water accesses it manages ready in time for the May 12 fishing opener. Every year, repairs are needed at hundreds of sites, because freezing temperatures and ice cause concrete to crack and buckle on

the ramps. In some years, crews can get a head start on that work, even before ice-out, but so far this year the snow has prevented them from assessing damage, and the ramps can't be re-leveled until the ground thaws. DNR crews will work hard to install as many docks as possible at ice free waterbodies before the fishing opener.

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Footwear

Soft soled shoes or water socks will help protect your feet from sharp rocks, ease boarding and help you lean to steer.

Wetsuit

A wetsuit is much more effective than thin bathing suit material at protecting you from cold water, as well as what safety experts call "severe lower body orifice trauma" that results from a seat-first

water landing at 40 mph. High impact life jackets are used for high speed activities. These USCG approved life jackets are designed to stay intact and attached to your body in



high impacts.

Use sound judgment

Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind. Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out

in the lake and away from shore and other boaters. Talk to your neighbors. See if your riding bothers them. Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding.

Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder. It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake. Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol. Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is not only illegal, it's also highly dangerous.

Don't meet by accident

Many boaters in Minnesota enjoy the exciting sport of riding personal watercraft (PWC). These speedy little craft make up over four percent of registered boats in the state. Although the number of personal watercraft accidents has declined, inexperienced riders still seem to account for many mishaps. They may not be aware of the unique handling characteristics of PWC or the special laws

that apply to these craft.

Collisions are the most common kind of personal watercraft accident. PWCs collide with docks, swimming rafts and other watercraft. How do you avoid a collision on your personal watercraft? Keep your throttle depressed while turning.

Many PWC operators heading towards a hazard panic and release the throttle, or pull the cutoff lanyard, causing the engine to stop.

Huge mistake!

When the engine stops, the water jet that propels and steers the craft stops and the craft continues in the same direction it was moving at the time the power was cut, regardless of any attempts to steer by the operator. Some recent-model PWCs are equipped with a device that assists steering in an off-throttle situation. However, even if your craft has this feature, keep the throttle depressed when you turn...even in an emergency. Don't ride too close to other boats - especially other personal watercraft.

Make gradual turns. Turning too sharply can cause you to spin out and stop, giving any boat following you ample time to run you down! Look before turning. If someone is in the process of passing you, you could turn right into them.

Laws

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please take a few minutes to review the following regulations.

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2018 Iowa Fishing Opener Laws

Catch Request

Conservation officers can request to look at your catch at any time to check for compliance to regulations.

Selling Game

Except as otherwise permitted, you cannot buy or sell, dead or alive, a bird, fish, or animal, or any part of which is protected.

Littering Public Waters

You cannot throw or

fish from any area when there is imminent danger of fish loss through natural causes, and by such means they deem advisable to salvage such fish.

Stocking Public and Private Waters

You cannot stock or introduce into the waters of the state any live fish, except for hooked bait, without the permission of the director of the Iowa DNR. You can stock privately owned ponds and



deposit cans, bottles, garbage, rubbish, or other debris onto or in any of the waters, ice, or land of the state.

Promiscuous Fishing

The Natural Resources Commission can order the taking of

lakes.

Site Specific and Species Specific Regulations:

Find information regarding specific water body and species regulations on the individual water bodies and fish species sections.

Catching a Tagged Fish

What should you do if you catch a fish with a tag on it? Record the following information about the fish and send to or call the nearest fisheries station.

- species
- total length
- weight
- tag color and number
- date and location of catch
- if the fish was released or kept

Licenses and Fees

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4 tips for flourishing
flowers, vibrant plants

(BPT) - Spring is in full bloom, but are your plants keeping pace? If the answer is anything but a resounding yes, don't worry. There's still plenty of time to get into the spirit of the season and grow your most beautiful bed of flowers.

"There's nothing like the start of the season," says Emily Murphy of Pass the Pistil blog. "I love planning my space, buying seeds and starts, and making sure I have the right tools to make the gardening season a success. Before I start any



project, I do a quick inventory to be sure I have everything I need, like my circular sprinkler. It makes customizing water coverage easy, with shape control collars that move to mirror the area you want to water, which is a real lifesaver throughout the season."

A lush bed of flowers or

a row of beautiful plants is an instant focal point in any outdoor space. To help create a flourishing bed that everyone will notice, follow these easy tips.

- Plant based on your zone. Not all flowers succeed in the same weather conditions, which makes planting based on what grows best in your geographical area crucial. Use this planting map as a great tool to learn more about what to plant based on your zone. For example, geraniums thrive best in zones that have mild

tichokes, you should be sure the soil crumbles and doesn't clump together when squeezed in your hand. If you wish to plant chrysanthemums, well-draining soil with consistent moisture is essential. In both cases, regular watering helps bring your soil to the right consistency. The Gilmour Thumb Control Watering Nozzle with Swivel Connect offers eight spray patterns that let you water individual plants - or their bases - perfectly with a swivel connection to reduce hose twisting and kinking.

- Plant properly. Similar to zone and soil, the depth and spacing of the holes you dig also vary per plant. Hydrangeas, for example, should be planted in a hole that is two feet wider than their root ball and shallow enough so that it sits slightly above the ground. This way, once filled in, water will drain away from the plant. On the opposite end of the spectrum, lettuce seeds can be planted in a much

smaller space, roughly one quarter to one half inch deep in the soil. Thin leaf lettuce seeds can be planted four inches apart, while romaine lettuce seeds should be planted six to eight inches apart. Following the guidelines for each type of plant is the best way for them to get a healthy start to the season.

- Apply the right amount of water. Water is essential for growth of both plants and herbs, but the proper quantity varies drastically depending on what you're growing. For tender herbs like basil, dill and cilantro, use plenty of water, about 1-2 inches per week. For hardy herbs like rosemary, thyme and mint, be sure to let the soil dry out between watering. To navigate around plants smoothly, use a Flexogen Hose. It's durable and kink-resistant, so you can weave throughout the garden with ease.

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Who Can Request to Look at My License?

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- Conservation or law enforcement officers
- the owner or person in legal control of the land or water you are fishing

3 ways to set stage for perfect summer soiree

(BPT) - The backyard barbecue is a staple of the American summer. Long days filled with sun, fun, family and friends are what make lifelong memories. Now is the perfect time to start planning for your next barbecue, so you, too, can create memories you won't soon forget.

However, before you fire up the grill, you will want to ensure your backyard is prepped and ready to host your friends and family.

Here are three tips to help you create the perfect setting for your patio party:

- 1. Lay the groundwork**
- 2. Create shade**

The first step to setting any stage is to lay the groundwork. Unfortunately, many deck or patio surfaces become uncomfortably hot in the direct sun. The problem affects dark-colored deck boards, especially, which absorb heat throughout the day, as well as some composite boards that hold heat. As a result, what should be a comfortable stroll across your deck might end up feeling more like a crash course in the ancient art of fire walking.

An overly hot deck is especially problematic for young children and pets, whose feet are more heat sensitive.

"Many people tell us they love the beauty and durability of their composite deck, but not the heat," said Brent Gwatney, vice president of MoistureShield Decking. His company has developed a solution they call CoolDeck technology. The boards are engineered to absorb up to 35 percent less heat than other composites in similar colors, for a noticeably lower surface temperature on hot summer days.

Once you have protected your feet from the heat, you'll want to shield the rest of your body from the summer sun with a pergola or gazebo. These stylish coverings provide a refreshing shady area for friends and family to relax and enjoy themselves. Turn this area into the ultimate relaxation zone by adding

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hammocks or hanging chairs, along with climbing vines for added beauty and extra protection from the sun.

If you are a weekend do-it-yourself type, look for gazebo and pergola plans on popular social media sites like Pinterest and Houzz. For the less handy, many deck builders will complete the project for you without breaking the bank.

3. Light up the night

Once the sun sets and the temperature drops, you might find yourself missing

the light and warmth of the day. While tiki torches offer a temporary aesthetic solution, a more permanent outdoor fireplace can provide heat, light and ambiance to keep your guests happy long into the night. There are many style options, from wood-burning designs to more modern styles that burn gas or propane.

The pricing varies greatly depending on whether you decide on a custom build, or choose to purchase a pre-fab or portable unit from a home improvement store. With a custom-built fireplace you can even include an out-

door pizza oven and give your guests an alternative to the typical burgers and hot dogs menu. A custom-built fireplace will cost more, and will require a stonemason, but will allow for more personalized features. For more budget-friendly options, you can always pick up a simple wood-burning fire pit from your local home improve-

ment store, starting as low as \$200.

Whether you are designing a completely new backyard or just giving your existing one a face-lift, these three tips will help you to create a stylish space that will keep you and your guests comfortable and happy during all of your summer events.

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Zebra Mussels - a continuing issue

Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) are small, fingernail-sized animals that attach to solid surfaces in water. Adults are 1/4 to



1-1/2 inches long and have D-shaped shells, often with alternating yellow and brownish colored stripes. Female zebra mussels can produce 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year. These develop into microscopic, free-living larvae (called "veligers") that begin to form shells. After two to three weeks, the microscopic veligers settle and attach to any firm surface using tiny fibers called "byssal threads." Zebra mussels are native to Eastern Europe and Western Russia and were brought over to the Great Lakes in the ballast water of ships. Populations of zebra mussels were first discovered in the Great Lakes in 1988.

Impacts:

Zebra mussels can be a costly problem for cities and power plants when they clog water intakes. Zebra mus-

sels also cause problems for lakeshore residents and recreationists; for example, they can:

- attach to boat motors and boat hulls, reducing performance and efficiency,
- attach to rocks, swim rafts and ladders where swimmers can cut their feet on the mussel shells, and
- clog irrigation intakes and other pipes.

Zebra mussels also can impact the environment of lakes and rivers where they live. They eat tiny food particles that they filter out of the water, which can reduce available food for larval fish and other animals, and cause aquatic vegetation to grow as a result of increased water clarity. Zebra mussels can also attach to and smother native mussels.

Status: Zebra mussels have spread throughout the Great Lakes, parts of the Mississippi River, and other rivers and inland lakes. They are established in Minnesota and were first found in the Duluth/Superior Harbor in 1989. See the infested waters list for more information on water bodies in Minnesota where zebra mussels have been found or water bodies that are closely connected to zebra-mussel-infested waters.

Control: The DNR, with partners, has used pesticides to treat zebra mussels in several Minnesota lakes since 2000. The DNR will consider permitting pilot projects to control zebra mussels in public waters with pesticides beginning in 2015.

How to prevent their spread:

Mussels attach to boats, nets, docks, swim platforms, boat lifts, and can be moved on any of these objects. They also can attach to aquatic plants. Attached adult mussels can survive out of water and spread from one water body to another. Microscopic larvae (veligers) can survive in water contained in bait buckets, bilges, ballast bags or any other water moved from an infested lake or river. In Minnesota, you must take the following steps to prevent the spread of zebra mussels:

- clean weeds and debris from your boats, and remove any attached zebra mussels,
- drain your boat, livewells, and baitwells, and keep all drain plugs out while traveling,
- dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, and
- dry docks, lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another water body.

What control of zebra mussels will the DNR permit?

Most lakes that are currently infested with zebra mussels are not good candidates for these pilot projects and permits. Pilot projects would be more likely to be permitted in situations where:

- the water body has been surveyed, and the survey finds zebra mussel populations are limited in size and localized, not scattered throughout the water body (the DNR may require third-party verification of zebra mussel distribution); and
- there are sufficient resources or partners (e.g., watershed districts, local units of government, lake groups) available to fulfill monitoring requirements.

How can you help?

- Become a volunteer zebra mussel monitor - look for zebra mussels on boat hulls, swimming platforms, docks, aquatic plants, wood and other objects along the shoreline, and report your efforts annually.
- Report suspected new infestations to the DNR by calling 651-259-5100.

Regulatory Classification:

It is a prohibited invasive species, which means import, possession, transport, and introduction into the wild is prohibited. Boaters visiting the St. Croix River should contact the National Park Service for regulations on that river north of Stillwater, MN.

Permits and technical assistance:

If you would like more information on management of zebra mussels or other aquatic invasive species, contact your local invasive species specialist:

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by Linda Thistle

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had an article talking about the Walleye Opener on May 15th.

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Fairmont VFW Post 1222 and its Auxiliary members attended the annual Loyalty Day Convention in Mankato, where Perry Martinson was installed as District 2 Commander for the administrative year beginning July 1st.

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The Trimont Nursing Home, its staff and volunteers planned to celebrate "Homes for the Aging Week" May 9th - 15th with a community activity and an open house scheduled.

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A total of 307 walkers participated in the Fairmont March of Dimes Walk-America walk around Fairmont's

Lakes the previous Saturday. Over \$20,000 was raised. KFMC Radio had the largest contingent of walkers at 88 and also collected the most team money, over \$8,000.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

Week of May 5, 1968

Msgr. Joseph R. McGin-

nis was named pastor of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, succeeding Fr. Hilary McNallan, who had been relocated to a Blooming Prairie, Minnesota parish. McGinnis, a native of Caledonia, Minnesota, had been pastor of the seminary in Winona.

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Sherburn voters had approved building a new

\$1,075,000 elementary school and enclosed swimming pool.

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Randy Chirpich of Fairmont sent a photo of a mallard in a tree and asked if they nest in trees. Mallards nest on the ground in agricultural fields, backyards and flowerpots, but also nest in artificial nesting structures, floating mats of vegetation and occasionally in trees.

"I saw a great blue heron rookery. How big are their nests?" They are as large as 4 feet wide and 3.5 feet deep.

"How many species of butterflies are there in Minnesota? There are roughly 146 spe-

cies regularly occurring in the state and approximately 170 total. Iowa has 118 and Wisconsin around 150 species.

Jamie Tenneson of Clarks Grove saw a large number of dead American coots on a highway and wondered what happened to them. Waterfowl sometimes land on wet pavement at night, mistaking it for a body of water. I suspect vehicles hit the mudhens.

"How late can I expect to see juncos in southern Minnesota?" I've seen dark-eyed juncos in late May.

"What is a black swan event?" It's an event in human history that was unprecedented and unexpected at the time. The term originated from the belief that all swans were white. Dutch explorer Wil-



A common grackle dressed as an oil spill. Photo by Al Batt

lem de Vlamingh discovered black swans in Australia in 1697. This was an unexpected event that changed zoology.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Christina Kettner, Tina Kettner, Travis J. Kettner to Kimberly Harstad, PT Lots 1 and 2, Grafts Addition Truman

Georgia Malo to Gregory B. Murphy, PT NE¼ 25-102-30

Rosemarie Pyles to Brittany Johnke, Vicki Koestler, Lot S, Block 2, Belle Vue Heights Addition

Martin County Rental Resources LLC to Mid American Properties LLC, Lot 1, Block 25 and Lot 2 Block 15,

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M. - DICK SONNECK - Large Auction of Artistic Metal Sculpture, Antique Truck Farm Equipment & other items. Located at 24501 470th Ave. Mapleton, MN. **HALL & KAHLER AUCTIONEERS.**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M. - MILO THORSON ESTATE - Butterfield MN. Tools & Household. **DAR HALL & ASSOCIATES AUCTIONEERS.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018 @ 5:15 P.M. - GARY & ROSIE ALTENBURG. Evening Retirement Auction including JD 4955, JD 4640, 4440, 4020 & IH 84 Hydro Tractors, 1660 Combine, Tri-Axle Truck, plus full line of well-cared for equip. Sale location: 14004 494th Ave, Vernon Center, MN. Full listing & pics at www.auctioneeralley.com **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 @ 3:30 P.M. - PHYLLIS WEDEL ESTATE LARGE ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION to be held at Martin County Fairgrounds at Fairmont, MN. **KALLEMEYN, HALL, PIKE & KAHLER AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M. - DENNIS & GARLA ANDERSON & LARRY & DIANE DANNEN OWNERS- Farm Machinery Retirement Auction including JD 8300, JD 7800, JD 4010, JD 4020 Tractors, JD 9400 Combine, Volvo Semi Tractor, AgriLite Hopper, S185 Bobcat, Twin Screws & more! Sale to be held at 2387 70th Avenue, Odin, MN. **HARTUNG, KAHLERS, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018 - PERRY ALLEN ESTATE AUCTION. Petersburg, MN Jackson County. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018 @ 10:15 A.M. - KEITH & KAREN WORTHLEY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST-Large Retirement Machinery Auction including: CIH 500 Quad Trac, CIH 310 Magnum, CIH Puma 170, JD 520 & Farmall Super M Tractors, CIH 7130 Combine, CIH 2608 Cornhead & CIH Terra Flex 3162 Draper, 2009 IH Conv Semi Tractor, '99 Volvo Semi Tractor, CIH 1250 Planter & Much More! Sale to be held at 328 100th St, Sherburn, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE AUCTIONEERS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - TOM AND ANITA DAVIS. Large retirement farm equipment auction including: '05 CIH STX 325 Tractor, 1997 CIH 8920 Tractor, 2000 JD 9550 Combine, JD 925 Flex Head and much more! Sale located at 1161 50th Ave. Sherburn, MN. **DAN PIKE AND ASSOCIATES.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 @ 9:45 A.M. - JAMES & KATHRYN FLANTZ. Large retirement machinery auction including: CIH 245 Magnum, CIH Steiger 9330, CIH 150 Puma Tractors, CIH 8830 Swather, CIH 2366 Combine, CIH 1020 Flex Head & CIH 1063 and much more! Sale located at 43577 330th Street, Gaylord, MN. **KAHLERS, HARTUNG, WEDEL & PIKE.**

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Original Plat Fairmont

Jeanne Schwieger, Lonny Schwieger to Schwieger Hogs LLP, NE¼ SW¼ and SE¼ NW¼ 11-103-31

Fannie Mae Federal National Mortgage Association to Pamela Alleman, Ronald R. Alleman, PT Lots 4,5 and 6, Block 12 Original Plat Sherburn

Alice G. Shriver to Charles O. Miller Jr., Robin Miller, Lot 4, Block 3 and W½ Lot 5, Block 3, Krause Subdivision Truman

Brian Hansen, Joanne Hansen to Clifford Anderson, Marla Anderson, PT SW¼ 29-104-32

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Richard Charles Krueger, Susan K. Krueger to Richard C. Krueger, Trustee, Richard C. Krueger Revocable Trust, Pt NE¼ 13-103-29

Amanda A. Hartwig, Peter D. Hartwig to Delores F.

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Debra Bosshart, John Bosshart, Donald Crowel, Kathy Crowel to Nathaniel Krumwiede, Pt Lot 7 and Lots 8 and 9 Block 9, Original Plat Monterey

PERS. REP DEED

Darwin Anthony Per Rep, Kenneth J. West Estate to Benjamin Scholl, W½ SE¼ and SE¼ SE½ 28-104-33

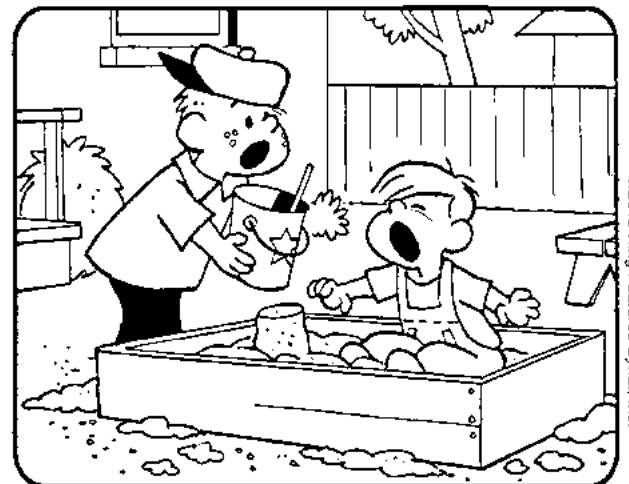
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You have to turn your head just a little and lean your ear toward the speaker. Where others hear noise, we hear a radio program. We continue to listen because it takes us back to the good old days, bringing a warm and fuzzy feeling.

I was on I-35 southbound for Ottumwa on a Monday morning. I tuned the AM dial to 1040, where Van and Bonnie were doing their morning show. A show that is iconic to central Iowa. Soon, Bob Quinn came on with the farm and market reports. Van. Bonnie. Bob. These legendary radio names put me on a fast track down memory lane.

I thought about the days when I was a young boy. No matter where we were, Dad would tune into "News Radio 78 - WBBM Chicago." I asked him, "How can you hear the man through all that static." "Hush!" Dad would say, "I'm trying to hear this." Without a doubt, he is the one who taught me this art. Ah, those were the good ole days!

I started thinking about Dad's radio stations in Port Washington, Wisconsin. WGLB AM and FM. I was there the day they were installing their new ITC Cart machines. It was the latest technology for recorded commercials.

It was a cartridge that looked like an 8-Track tape, except it only had one channel. The "cart" as it was called, only had 70 seconds of tape, for a 60 second commercial - 40 seconds for a 30 second commercial, and so on.

The machine left an

electronic mark on the tape, which would cause the tape to stop at the very beginning of the recorded message. It was "self cueing."

Once I started working at the radio station, Dad would often remind us younger broadcasters how easy we had it.

"When I was your age, we had three-inch reel to reel tapes for playing commercials and we only had two reel to reel players. When you played a commercial set, you had thirty seconds to rewind one tape, load a new reel and cue up the next commercial. We didn't tolerate dead

air. You just had to do it." You could feel a warmth in his eyes as he reminisced. "Those were the good old days." He said as he walked away.

Dad retired November 8th, 1989. For his final morning show I arranged for a variety of special guests to join him on the air via telephone. One of those guests was...

The full story can be found at the Photo Press website: FairmontPhotoPress.com



At the April 24th Fairmont Area Schools board meeting, the board recognized seven teachers who will earn tenure at the end of this school year. We congratulate these outstanding professionals and thank them for their service! Pictured L-R, Back Row: Kirsten Rosol, special education teacher; Jim Buss, 6th grade teacher; April Tordsen, elementary school nurse; Kevin Kristenson, 5th grade teacher. Front Row: Callie Wille, English teacher; Jennifer Freese, intervention specialist; Tiffany Harris, early childhood teacher. (Submitted photo)

Fairmont Prom photos (provided by Tari Stradtman)



Royal Car Wash hosts auto show for Autism



The Royal Car Wash held a Classic Car and Motorcycle Roll In last Saturday in Fairmont. The event, a fundraiser for Autism Speaks, raised \$400, according to Todd Smith, pictured. "A good turnout of cars and a day of sunshine," added Smith.



FAIRMONT POST PROM - The fundraising committee of the Fairmont High School Post Prom worked hard on fund raising this year, raising over \$7,000 which was matched by a local business. Because of the fundraising efforts were planned that each attendee would walk away with a minimum \$25 prize and increase the number of grand prizes this year from 10 to 20. Great efforts were made by local businesses: Graffiti Corner supplied the coffee bar items and Taco Johns supplied food for a taco bar. There were lots of big donations from small businesses this year as well. This year's Post Prom had the largest number attending in many years, with over 170 kids and 100 couples attending prom this year. This year's prom theme was Rustic Romance and the The Post Prom Decorating Committee worked to create that theme (photo above) and is made up of: Lisa Carlson, Julie Becker, Laurie Johnson and April Tordsen. (Submitted photo)

top ten

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Fairmont Trapshooting competition results

Fairmont Area High School took place in the Minnesota State High School Trapshooting League competition recently.

Here are the high scores for the Fairmont Area team:


Will Schellpeper	49	Levi Buhmann	44
Jackson Francis	48	Noah Wedel	44
Matt Kotewa	48	Tucker Bahr	43
Bryan Grotte	47	Tanner Rosch	43
Max Seifried	46	Nickolas Segar	43
Dustyn Vandever	46	Brooke Van Gelderen	43
Jedidiah Fowler	45	Gracie Ziemer	43
Kean Hicks	45	Adam Carstensen	42
Carter Leiding	45	Kale Frank	42
Jacob Bocock	44	James Joyner	42
Sawyer Brau	44	Tyler Fogelson	41
		Shelby VanGeldereren	41
		Eric Becker	40
		Klay Brown	40
		Hayden Clabaugh	40
		Camren Saxton	40

Card Girls/Boys win Fairmont Triangular

Girls Team Results: Cards 131; Jackson County Central 29; Martin County West 26. Boys Team Results: Cards 111; Jackson County Central 48; Martin County West 27.



PLAY AT THE PLATE - Worthington's Stephanie Bauman slides under the tag of pitcher Kaitlyn Freese. The Cards host Jackson County Central 5:30 p.m. Friday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*




FASTBALL - Cards Collin Steuber fires to the plate. The Cards lost their season opener to the New Ulm Eagles 24-10. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*




GOLD WINNING TOSS - Cards Allison Lardy won the shot and led the Cards to a win over MCW and JCC at the Fairmont triangular meet. Lardy also captured first at the Hamline Elite Meet with a toss of 42' 10 1/2" last Friday in St. Paul. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SOLID CONTACT - Cardinals Mallory Gochanour keeps her head on the ball. The Cards lost a double header 10-8 and 14-1 to Worthington last Friday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



TWIN KILLING - Cards second baseman Lance Becker turns an unassisted double play as teammate shortstop Dalen Keltgen looks on. Luverne took a pair of games from the Cards 6-3 and 3-0 Monday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



SPRING FLING - Cardinals Dominick Ortiz readies to let one fly in the discus event. The Cards downed Martin County West and Jackson County Central in a Fairmont triangular meet last Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

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LIVE CARDINAL WEBSTREAMING VIDEO



Truman Gun Club upgrades its facility thanks to DNR Grant and local contributors

The Truman Gun Club, which is a shooting sports facility located on the west edge of Truman, has been active for over 71 years since first meeting in 1947.

The club's normal summer league starts at the end of May and finishes by the middle of August each year. The club currently has over 150 members and has 18 teams that compete every Wednesday night. The club is also open to the public on Sunday afternoons.

Since 2014, the Truman Gun Club has been a shooting facility for Truman's Minnesota State High School Clay Target team. In 2014 Truman started it's team with 24 members competing against 6,100 other state athletes. In 2017, 28 stu-

dent athletes competed. The club currently sponsors both spring and fall leagues for the high school students.

In late summer 2014, the club started discussions and planning for improvements to the club's

to recreational shooting clubs open for public use. Truman Gun Club applied for that grant and the grant dollars received needed to be matched by non-state dollars or in-kind materials and services in order to meet grant requirements.



In March of 2015, the Truman Gun Club was awarded that grant and the entire improvement project was completed in 2017. The

club currently has two new voice activated automatic traps and trap houses at the facility. The gun club was informed that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was making grants possible to expand, improve or upgrade trap ranges throughout the state. The program's purpose was to increase shooting range capacity for youth trap shooters by providing matching funds

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There is a long list of organizations and individuals who contributed to making this grant possible for the Truman Gun Club. Check out the club's Thank-you ad on this page for a list of the contributors.

The Truman Gun Club would also like to thank all the individuals who donated money and/or labor and equipment for the project. These individuals are too numerous to list, but the club board wishes them to know that it is greatly appreciated by the club. The Truman Gun Club would like to extend a special thanks to Elliot Belgard for preparing the DNR Grant.

The Truman Gun Club has lots of new upgrades to offer, so take the opportunity to visit the facility!

(photo courtesy Marcus Eytcheson)

THANK YOU!

The Truman Gun Club has a long list of people to thank for this 3 year project:

MN Dept. of Natural Resources	Wiederhoeft Welding
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Fox Lake Conservation Club	Martin County Implement
Sig Clow Memorial Fund	Profinium Bank
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NOTICE TO ALL LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS IN LAKE BELT TOWNSHIP

Right-of-way is maintained by the township for the purposes of snow control, drainage and field of vision. This right-of-way along township roads is 33 feet from the center of road. The township's main purpose is to keep the traveling public safe and in order to do this, the township board has to control the right-of-way.

Lake Belt Township has placed/will be placing right-of-way markers in areas of encroachment of the township right-of-way. Crop ground encroachment will be required to be corrected before the 2018 planting season.

The fine for encroaching in the right-of-way is \$500 per half mile (as voted upon by residents at the annual meeting) as well as any cost incurred by the township to correct right-of-way damage or encroachment in accordance to MN Statute 366.015.

If the landowner continues to encroach, actions will be taken by the township board to permanently correct the issue and costs will be assessed to the landowner.

If you have trees, brush, stones/rock, object/debris or any other objects addressed by the statute, you have until **July 15, 2018** to remove these objects or the landowner will be assessed the \$500 fine per half mile as well as the costs incurred by the township to correct the issues.

Pay attention to grain prices during planting season

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In many years, some of the best grain marketing opportunities occur during "planting season," which is normally from late April until early June. Sometimes, planting delays, such as we have experienced early in the 2018 growing season, can lead to market price improvement, especially as it relates to data in the March 31st USDA Planting Intentions Report. The final South American harvest numbers and grain export prospects also can weigh heavily on grain market movements in the Spring of the year. Many times, these rallies in the grain markets can be short-lived, which is why farm operators need to be ready to make marketing decisions, even during planting season.

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) May soybean futures had a closing price of \$10.45 per bushel on April 27th, which was near the highest nearby futures closing price during 2018. The current nearby CBOT soybean futures price is about \$1.00 per bushel higher than the early January price. Cash prices at the soybean processing plants in Mankato have been near \$10.00 per bushel on a few occasions in recent weeks, which is the first time at those price levels since July, 2016. Prices at local grain elevators also saw considerable improvement, with local cash prices in a range of \$9.40-\$9.75 per bushel across Southern Minnesota. The current strength in the soybean market has been a nice surprise, considering that the rather large USDA estimate for 2017-18 soybean ending stocks in recent USDA supply and demand reports.

CBOT nearby corn futures have basically been trading "steady" since late February of this year, closing at \$3.89 per bushel on April 27th, which was near the highest level in 2018. The recent nearby corn futures prices have been about \$.30-.40 per bushel above the CBOT futures prices at the beginning of 2018, and slightly above prices in the Spring of 2017. Local cash corn prices in Southern Minnesota have generally been in the \$.30 to \$.45 per bushel range in recent weeks, with some locations reaching \$.50 per bushel by late April.

The trend for CBOT "new crop" prices have followed a similar trend to cash prices for both corn and soybeans. CBOT December corn futures have traded near or above \$4.00 per bushel since late February, closing at \$4.14 per bushel on April 27th, which again is near the highest level in 2018. CBOT November soybean futures

closed at \$10.47 per bushel on April 27th, which is near the highest level for "new crop" soybean futures since the Summer of 2016. Local corn prices for Fall delivery in Southern Minnesota have been in the \$.34-.36 per bushel range in recent weeks, with slightly higher price quotes for delivery early in 2019. Local soybean forward prices for Fall delivery have been in the \$.93 to \$.95 per bushel range in recent weeks, with slightly higher price offerings at the soybean processing plants in the region.

The local price "basis," which is the difference the CBOT futures price and the local cash price, has remained quite wide for both corn and soybeans at most locations in the Upper Midwest. The local basis for corn prices has been \$.45-.65 per bushel at most locations across Sothern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, except at grain terminals, with even wider basis levels in Western Minnesota and the Dakota's. Similarly, soybean basis levels in the same region have been at \$.80-.90 per bushel, and about \$.50 per bushel at the soybean processing plants. It will be hard to achieve much basis improvement in the coming months, considering the large supply of U.S. corn and soybeans that has been projected for the 2017-18 marketing year. About the only scenario that could tighten the basis would be development of a fairly major U.S. drought during the 2018 growing season.

Farm operators need to pay attention to the current strength in grain market prices to market any "old crop" corn and soybeans that remain in storage, either on the farm or in commercial storage. This is the best cash soybean price opportunity that we have had since early July of 2016. Even though local corn prices are not as high as many farm operators would like to see, the current cash corn prices at many locations are at their highest level in nearly two years. The current cash corn prices near \$.34 per bushel are probably still below the 2017 "breakeven price" for many corn producers in the Midwest. However, producers that still have a large amount of unpriced 2017 corn in storage need to evaluate the current corn price offering against the risk of potential price declines for "old crop" corn in the coming months.

Another reason to pay attention to marketing the "old crop" corn and soybeans that are still in storage is that cash grain prices tend to decline as Summer progresses, especially in years with large

U.S. grain supplies. About the only exception to this in the last two decades is when we have a major drought, or some other major event to cause a sudden rise in prices. According to grain marketing data from Iowa State University, local corn and soybean prices have increased or decreased about 50 percent of the time during May and June. However, during the months of July and August, the percentage of declining corn and soybean prices increases to 60-80 percent of the time, with an average decline of about 7-10 percent. Given the seasonal trend in the corn and soybean market, producers probably need to have a "calendar target," as well as a "price target," to sell the remaining 2017 corn and soybeans.

The Spring of the year is also a good time for producers to watch for market rallies to forward price some of their anticipated 2018 corn and soybean production. Unless there is a major drought or other national production issues, many times the highest price ever offered for a corn or soybean crop is in the Spring of the year that the crop is planted. Some farm operators will use a "hedging" grain marketing strategy, locking in a CBOT futures price for the grain sale now, with the hope that the local price basis between the CBOT price and local grain price improves by the time that the grain is delivered. Forward pricing a portion of the anticipated 2018 corn and soybean production at favorable prices can greatly reduce the overall financial risk for the year.

During Spring planting season many crop producers tend to put grain marketing decisions on the "back burner"; however, this may be a year to pay close attention to grain market changes during planting season. Both the corn and soybean markets appear to be offering some favorable pricing opportunities for any remaining 2017 corn and soybean inventory, as well as to begin pricing some of the anticipated 2018 production. There could be some possibility of further price enhancements this Summer for both the "old crop" grain and for the 2018 production, especially were to if drought conditions or other production issues develop in the U.S. However, there is also the possibility of fairly significant price declines in the coming months, given the rather large existing U.S. grain supplies, if the 2018 national crop prospects look favorable, or if further trade issues with China or NAFTA develop.