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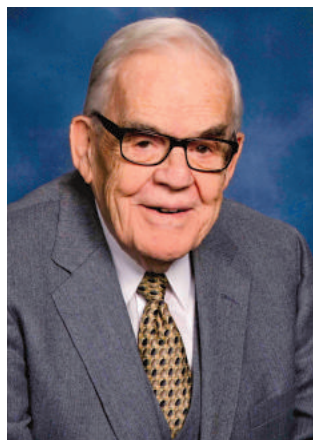
Melissa Sue Ervin and Thomas Glen Stedman

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HOLL 90TH - Betty Holl of Fairmont will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, May 19th. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to her at 1890 Knollwood Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.



GARRY 95TH - Michael Garry of 134 Homewood Drive in Fairmont will celebrate his 95th birthday Friday, May 10th. Michael's grandfather left Ireland at age 16 and made his way to Martin County in 1868. His maternal grandfather, James Gorman, homesteaded near Guckeen in 1858 and was one of the first three settlers in western Faribault County. Michael's father helped build the railroad that came to Fairmont in 1900. Michael still lives in the house he bought with his wife Liz in 1959. Cards will reach him at 134 Homewood Drive, Fairmont, MN 56031.

CREST to host New Volunteer Training

There is currently a need for volunteers in the communities of Sherburn, Trimont, Fairmont, Welcome, and Truman. The CREST organization provides training and coaching of its volunteers in one or more of the services offered. CREST exists to help people maintain their independence, dignity, and quality of life by training and coordinating volunteers to assist those in need.

Although there are many professional services available to help provide care for an aging loved one, the Minnesota Board on Aging reports that in some areas families provide 95% of the assistance needed by older persons living within the community. In these cases, ongoing emotional support is invaluable, both to the family caregivers and to the individual seeking to remain independently living at home.

This can be an overwhelming time, full of ups

and downs, trying to fit everything into a tight schedule and lifestyle changes for the entire family. For this reason help is available through the volunteers of CREST.

Our next volunteer training will be on Thursday evening, May 16th at 6:30pm at the CREST offices, located at 820 Winnebago Avenue in Fairmont. Refreshments will be served and reservations are required so volunteer manuals can be ordered.

Whether a family caregiver needs a break or whether someone in seeks assistance, CREST can help. In order to do so we need volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a CREST volunteer, please call CREST by May 14th at 235-3833. If you think volunteering to help your neighbors and people in your community appeals to you, please plan to attend. Volunteering to help others is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have.

The **Prairie Star Quilt Guild** will meet Monday, May 13th, 2019, at the Covenant Church of Fairmont. There will be a program given by Diane Wedel describing how to use a "Quilter's Fabric Calculator" and sharing information on the EQ6. The board will meet at 12:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sew and Share will follow the meeting. The evening group will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The **CER Summer Sand Volleyball League** is being organized with games played on Thursday evenings. League play will begin Thursday, June 6th, at the Fairmont Gomsrud Park Courts. Team fee is \$150. Deadline to register a team with payment is May 28th. For more information, contact the CER Office located in the Fairmont Elementary School, 714 Victoria Street, Fairmont. Call 507-235-3141 or email: rdauer@fairmont.k12.mn.us.

Free soup meal available

On Saturday, May 11th The Shepherd's In will serve a free soup meal at the Parsonage in front of the Martin County Historical Society building in Fairmont.

This is the fifth free soup meal offering by the newly formed nonprofit. Time for serving will be noon to 2:00 pm. All are invited regardless of need. Come, join us for good food, fellowship and fun.

The Shepherd's In nonprofit was formed in 2018 with a mission to provide assistance that helps people improve their situation. They will accomplish this by operating a soup kitchen; support strong family relationships; utilize nutritious, fresh, local grown food; and support the human mind,

body and spirit. "There are so many people in our community that need a moral uplift and a warm meal. We hope to provide that through our work with The Shepherd's In," said Curt Moeckel, Founder. "We are beginning our mission with a soup kitchen." Thank you to the Martin County Historical Society who are donating the use of their Parsonage for our first soup meals. The Shepherd's In is accepting donations to accomplish their mission and they can be mailed to The Shepherd's In, 1446 30th Street, Ceylon, MN 56121 or by giving them directly to Mr. Moeckel. Questions can be directed to theshepherdins@gmail.com.

Veterans Benefits Seminar in St. James

There will be a Veterans Benefits Seminar on Thursday, May 16th at 2 p.m. at the St. James American Legion.

Presentations will include: Veterans burial benefits, Minnesota Vet-

erans Homes, emergency care outside the VA, Veterans choice/care in the community and the St. James VA Clinic.

All area Veterans and the public are welcome to attend.

Borchardt Dance Company recitals this weekend

Borchardt Dance Company will present "Dance Time 2019" recitals this weekend in Fairmont.

The theme for this year's recitals is "5,6,7,8 Dance!"

The recitals will be held Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 12th Matinee at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Area High School Performing Arts Center.

Students ages 3-18 will be performing in the recitals in the areas of tap, ballet, pointe, jazz, hip-

hop, lyrical, Broadway, contemporary dance and salsa.



Reserve seating tickets may be purchased at the Hy-Vee service desk through May 11th or prior to each performance.

Come join the fun, and dance!

Arc Family and Friends will meet in the George Room at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Monday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. Questions, please call the Arc office at 507-235-8580 for further details.

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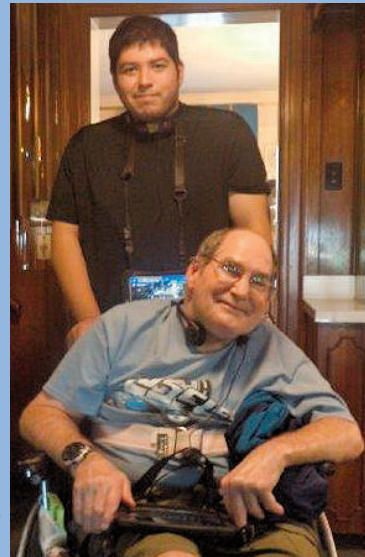
Noon Lunch With the Arts Program at the Red Rock Center For The Arts will be Tuesday, May 14th Noon to 1p.m. This event features musical entertainment by Patrick Rasmussen. Patrick is from Owatonna and is always adding new music to his playlist such as James Taylor, Bob Segar, Travis Tritt, Chris Stapleton and BJ Thomas. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Refreshments will be available. Free admission.

Community Options & Connections

Community Options & Resources (COR) is a private, non-profit organization which provides residential and in-home support services to persons with disabilities in Martin, Jackson and Watonwan Counties.

The COR mission is to provide a service promoting the ability of each individual to lead a productive and enjoyable life in all environments with the support of professionally skilled staff.

Jesus (*top*) has been a Direct Support Professional for COR a combined 5 years in Madelia. He enjoys being able to assist people with their day-to-day tasks and knowing his contributions have a positive impact on their lives. Jesus looks forward to coming in and knowing that Richard (*bottom*) will have some new joke or catch phrase that he has never heard before. His favorite part of working with Richard is knowing all the challenges Richard has overcome and that he is still able to keep a positive outlook. Working with Richard is a good reminder that times can be hard, but keeping a positive mindset can go a long way.



Richard enjoys joking and having fun with anyone. For those who may not know him that well, his quick wit can be a surprise but is sure to cause laughter. He loves to sing music from the 60's, 70's and 80's, and playing solitaire on his tablet. Richard's laugh is contagious to all of those around him.

In October of 2018, Jesus and Richard went on a vacation to Nashville and Memphis. For both of them, it was their first flight. They went to museums and shows. One of the shows was at the Grand Ole Opry. One of the highlights for Richard was seeing Elvis Presley's house and touring his museum. At the Music Hall of Fame, Richard found great delight in having his picture taken on the star with Little Richard's name on it.

Since 1975, COR's values have been the people we support, our staff, our homes, networking, and the future. If interested in joining the COR team, please visit www.cormn.com or call (507) 764-4612, ext 5.

Ceylon American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. at Legends 2 in Ceylon.

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

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MCHS in Fairmont awards scholarships



Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont recently announced recipients of its 2019 Blanche Kindstrom Hospital Auxiliary Scholarships, given each year to local students who are pursuing a health profession field of study.

This year's \$1,000 scholarship recipients were Makena Rodriguez (above, left) of Fairmont High School and Abigail Buschena of Jackson County Central High School. "We're always happy to award scholarships to

area students with an interest in pursuing careers in health care," said Amy Long, Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont site administrator. "The continued success of our region's future health care workforce is directly tied to our young talent."



Summer musical auditions to be held in Blue Earth

The Blue Earth Town and Country Players will be holding auditions for their 2019 summer musical production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Once Upon a Mattress" on Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Blue Earth Area Middle School Band Room (enter through Door R on 6th Street).

"Once Upon a Mattress" is a rollicking spin on the familiar classic tale of "The Princess and the Pea" by Hans Christian Andersen. The creative team of Mary Rodgers-Music, Marshall Barer-Music, and Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer-Book, have crafted a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic.

"Once Upon a Mattress" provides for some side-splitting shenanigans and lots of laughs for all ages.

Nancy Steinke will direct the production with John Engesser providing vocal direction and Mike Ellingsen in charge of the



pit orchestra. According to Steinke, "There are parts for male and female leads and chorus parts for adults and high school students - grade 8 and up." Interested folks should come to auditions prepared to read

from the script and sing from the score; it is not necessary to bring a prepared piece.

"A unique feature of this show is that the part of the King is completely pantomime with no spoken lines or singing," Nancy added. "Some of our long-time patrons will remember that the King was played by Wayne Ankeny on the stage of the now-vanished Coleman Hall Gymnasium when the Players produced this show in 1982."

Production dates for the Town and Country Players' production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Once Upon a Mattress" are July 11th - 14th in the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center.

EAI awards Bruce Larson Memorial Scholarship



Bruce P. Larson was a long-time employee at Easy Automation Inc. (EAI) in Welcome. In his twenty plus years of service to the company, Bruce was instrumental in developing the electrical/controls department at EAI. Bruce lost his battle with cancer in May of 2015.

In honor of his commitment to excellence, EAI is providing a \$1000 scholarship to a local

recipient who would be pursuing further education in the field of electrical controls or electrical engineering. EAI would like to congratulate Wayne Fisk (pictured on left above) as this year's winner of the Bruce Larson Memorial Scholarship. He is currently attending MN West Technical College.

We wish him good luck in his future studies. (Submitted photo)

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont holds worship every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for the 40 minute mid-week praise and worship service. Messages this May are on the question, "What do you say when...?"

Come and Go Bridal Shower for **Ciera Drevlow**, bride-to-be of **Sam Geistfeld**, Saturday, May 18th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman. Please share a favorite recipe. The couple is registered at Truman Floral and Gifts, Sterling Drug, The Collage St. James, Target and Amazon.



Volunteers added their GreenTouch to Kilen Woods State Park near Lakefield May 4th. Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric in Jackson, 17 volunteers and four park employees helped spruce up Kilen Woods. About 15 Touchstone Energy Cooperatives across the state helped promote a clean-up day at the State Parks. The GreenTouch program is a partnership between Minnesota's Touchstone Energy cooperatives and the Minnesota State Park System. Electric cooperatives throughout the state also help fund the State Park guide. Over the last 19 years GreenTouch has organized nearly 9,700 volunteers who donated more than 35,800 hours taking care of Minnesota's State Parks. (Submitted photo)

Ambassador Committee offers scholarship

The Ambassador Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Martin County student in a business related field entering their Junior or Senior post secondary year in a four-year college or their final year in a technical college.

The scholarship will be awarded after a review of grades to confirm achieve-

ment of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 323 East Blue Earth Avenue or filled out online on the Chamber website at www.fairmont-chamber.org.

Applications are due at the Chamber office by July 19th, 2019.

CREST "Lunch & Learn" to feature gardening

Is this the year you want to cut back on gardening? Is it too much bending, crawling around, and weeding for you? Oh, the backaches! Those veggies that are fresh out of the garden are so good and good for you.

Come learn about the options of container gardening, straw bale gardening, pole gardening, and bunk gardening at this month's Lunch & Learn in Trimont. It will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 11 a.m. at the First Lu-

theran Church, located at 61 Apple Street East.

Jamie from the Trimont Greenhouse will be there to share some of her container gardening ideas for flowers, herbs, and veggies too.

Following the presentation, a lunch of grilled brats and burgers, along with other good picnic foods will be provided by CREST. Donations are welcome to defray costs.

Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.

CREST "Lunch and Learn" May 13th in Fairmont

A "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will be held on Monday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, located at 102 North Park Street in Fairmont.

This month's topic will be a presentation on Dementia Friends. A lasa-

gna lunch will follow the program with a free will donation to defray expenses.

Anyone from the area is welcome to enjoy the presentation, lunch, and some visiting.

Please RSVP for this event by calling the CREST office at 235-3833.

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Vitamins for a High-Energy Spring

Guest Columnist



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

Is it safe to say that spring is here? No more snow? No more Polar vortexes or snow cyclones? Can I put my shovel away again??

With spring comes renewed energy. We are excited to work on our lawns, or gardens, our flower beds, but do we have the energy to do that? One of the tough parts about winter is we lose that urge to get all that work done. We naturally shift into a mode that favors couches over gardens, and Netflix over lawns. Well, that time is DONE!! If you need a little help getting your outdoor mojo back, we can help!!

There are several reasons why our energy decreases during the winter. Less sunshine equals less

vitamin D. That's easy to take care of; a pharmaceutical grade vitamin D3 at a dose of 5,000 to 10,000 IUs a day can more than make up for that. Remember to be careful when receiving prescribed vitamin D. Vitamin D2 is the typical variety you get through medical prescriptions, and it must go through vital steps in your liver and kidneys before it becomes the active D3 version. A study led by Dr. Robert Heaney, M.D. out of Creighton University published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism found that D3 was 87% more potent than D2.

Lack of morning sunshine in the winter means our normal cortisol and blood sugar cycles don't

get that added morning boost. This can lead to morning fatigue and "needing" that first cup of coffee in the morning to get going. If this is you it may mean you need adrenal support in the form of licorice root or adrenal glandular supplements. Remember that the stuff that is typically available on most online sites like Amazon are up to 25% fake or pirated product! According to a recent Forbes article, "Amazon.com: The Place Where American Dreams Are Stolen By Chinese Counterfeiters," journalists found that 25 percent of Amazon's marketplace are Chinese knockoffs – and that's just what's specifically coming from China. Chinese-

made supplements are usually the highest in heavy metal content like lead, mercury, and cadmium; definitely not worth the slight savings you may get by ordering online.

Making sure your blood sugar is well managed is an important part of your energy issues. Do you crash after a big meal? You shouldn't. The old concept of that being normal because your blood goes to digestion is a myth. So is the one about tryptophan making you sleepy after a big protein meal. Being sleepy after a meal (post-prandial somnolence for you health geeks) is a function of hunger hormones like ghrelin and leptin, and how they tell your brain to run. Supplements like cinnamon, EGCG, and alpha-lipoic acid can make a big difference there.

Sometimes your tiredness can be caused by the medicine you take. I have seen many cases where

someone's blood pressure has been driven too low by too many blood pressure meds being taken at once. I've also seen excessively low blood sugar and cholesterol. Remember, you need healthy amounts of cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure. Thinking that "the lower the better" is just not smart. Maybe now is a good time to ask your medical doctor to review your medications to make sure you're not being over-medicated.

Maybe you need a good spring detox. The toxins that build up in our systems from inadequate amounts of activity and healthy fresh fruits and vegetables can really slow us down (not to mention make us unhealthy). Drink more clean water. Taking glutathione in the form of NAC (n-acetyl cysteine) or AC-glutathione can help your liver get rid of the toxins that have built up over the winter

months. And while you wait for your own garden to start producing, make sure you bring your business to the local farmer's market. Whenever you can, look for the organic produce. Cleaner is better!!

Don't forget that sometimes it is as simple as getting your spine and nervous system checked by your chiropractic doctor. If your nervous system is blocked, none of these other suggestions will help. Your body needs that central coordination to work like it is designed. That alone can make you feel years younger!!

Take these steps and you will be able to move better, eat better, and sleep better. Then you can look and feel better! Have a healthy, high-energy spring!!

CFS awards grant to Welcome Fire Department

The CFS Foundation recently approved \$2,500 in grant funds to be distributed the Welcome Fire Department. In addition, the Land O'Lakes Foundation provided an additional \$1,500, bringing the total contribution to \$4,000. The grant money will be used to purchase grain bin rescue equipment.

CFS employee Dawn Abel, CFS SR VP of Human Resources and Kurt Koehler, CFS Board Vice Chairman were on-hand to present the Welcome Fire Department with a check for \$2,500 and funds from Land O'Lakes Foundation of \$1,500 for a total of \$4,000.

rescue departments are equipped to handle any emergency that may arise, including grain entrapment and rescue."

In addition to these funds, the CFS Foundation will contribute approximately \$92,000 this year to local organizations.

27th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

The 27th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive will be Saturday, May 11th.

To help, please bag your non-perishable food items and set it out by your mailbox on Saturday morning, May 11th. A carrier or volunteer will be by to pick up at your location. All donations are kept locally and available to local residents who are in need of them.

The food drive timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of donations during Thanksgiving

and Christmas. By springtime, many pantries are depleted. Please help replenish those shelves.

The need is great as nearly 1 in 6 Americans are not sure where their next meal is coming from. That's sixteen million children and five million seniors who are living on fixed incomes. Having a local place to go and pick up food is a great benefit to them and our community.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Please do your part this Saturday!

Lakes Foundation fishing tourney May 18th

Fairmont Lakes Foundation's Spring Fishing Tournament is scheduled to be held Saturday, May 18th, 2019.

Launch site will be at the Budd Lake launch at Gomsrud Park, Fairmont.

This is a catch and release tournament limited to 50 2-person teams. All teams must attend orientation held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17th, located at Gomsrud Park. Registration fee is \$50.

Tournament starts at 7:00 a.m. from the Budd Lake launch at Gomsrud Park. Weigh-in will

be at 3:00 p.m. Boats should arrive at park by 6:30 a.m. to get checked and launched by 7:00 a.m.

Fisherman should come prepared to keep fish. You are responsible for your catch. No alcohol will be allowed during the event. All boats to be equipped according to Minnesota Law.

A complete list of rules is available at www.FairmontLakesFoundation.com or will be mailed upon request.

All tournament proceeds will go towards the preservation and conservation of the Fairmont Chain of Lakes.

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues its **Wednesday Evening Suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church, 119 E. 2nd Street in Fairmont. This Wednesday, May 8th they will serve creamed chicken 'n biscuits and lettuce salad. Next Wednesday, May 15th it will be tacos with all the fixings and fruit. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Blue Earth Town & Country Players announce

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

The Orioles are back!

A sure sign that spring is indeed here! I'm anxious to start scratching around in my flowers but I have some that come up later so don't want to disturb them quite yet, maybe this weekend! I have another recipe that makes a healthy food a more calorie laden one, this one I think might be good using broccoli, cauliflower or even Brussels sprouts.

Baked Asparagus:

2 # asparagus, trimmed
3/4 cup whipping cream
3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
salt and pepper

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place asparagus in a 9x13 inch baking dish, pour the cream over the asparagus, then sprinkle on the minced garlic, salt and pepper, then add the two kinds of cheese. Bake 25 - 30 minutes or until bubbly, cheese is golden and asparagus tender. Enjoy!

Have a great week and a Happy Mother's day to all of you Mother's!

Mark E. Fujan will be offering a **FREE 55 Alive/Defensive Driving course** Tuesday, May 14th at the KC Hall in Fairmont. Class starts at 4:30 p.m. Tax and Legal tips start at 4 p.m. Preregistration is requested. If you are already registered, you do not need to call. Limited seating, so call ASAP to register, 235-5573.

On Tuesday, May 21st, **Watonwan County Veterans Services** will be taking a motor coach to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne for a tour. On Thursday, May 23rd, they will be taking a motor coach to tour the new Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Preston, Minnesota. Please call Watonwan County Veterans Services at 507-375-1254 to sign up.

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ROBBIE is a handsome, black and white short haired male cat. He loves to talk, and he's super playful. Neutered and ready for his own home, this big boy needs to be an only cat.

A FEW OF OUR DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

KHLOE is a black lab cross, energetic and playful! Good with other dogs, she also keeps a very clean cage, and likes to go on walks.
PIPER is a pretty cattle dog mix, cream in color with brown spots. She has some separation anxiety, so she'd do better in a quieter, slow paced home. Piper would prefer to be the only dog.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

House passes transportation bill

Despite bipartisan opposition, Minnesota House Democrats passed a transportation finance proposal that would force drivers to pay 20-cents per gallon more at the pumps - a 70% increase - and in total raises taxes by more than \$4 billion dollars over four years.

I voted no on this plan. I hate the fact that the majority has prioritized a 20-cent per gallon gas tax increase along with license tab fee hikes. In our district, we have people who commute in and out of Fairmont each day for work. For low income residents, this type of increase will literally consume one of their paychecks.

In addition to the 20 cent per gallon increase which would give Minnesota the fourth highest gas tax in the country, the House Democrat Transportation bill increases the vehicle registration tax, the metro sales tax, and the new vehicle sales tax

will increase taxes on Minnesotans by a combined \$2.3 billion dollars.

The bill also transfers statutorily dedicated auto parts sales tax funds - \$417 million in 2020-21 - into the general fund, and then requires a significant amount of the gas tax increase to refill those transferred funds. This reverses major investments the legislature made during the last biennium to fund road and bridge infrastructure without a gas tax increase.

We already have a permanent, dedicated funding stream that will help us fund roads and bridges without raising your taxes. The Democrats want to eliminate that and force you to pay 20-cents per gallon more instead. It's as simple as that, and it's ridiculous.

The bill now heads to the Minnesota Senate for further debate.

Rep. Bob Gunther
District 23-A
Fairmont

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Incorrect analysis

The "analysis" by Editor Lee Smith in the May 2nd issue of the Fairmont Sentinel about our city attorney issue contained much innuendo with no proof regarding me and other councilors. The document he received after his information request was 44 pages long and he shared only a few carefully selected parts that he would bolster his view that I acted improperly regarding the city attorney issue. Properly refuting everything he said would be a large undertaking.

Therefore, to provide complete transparency,

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please contact me at thawkins@fairmont.org if you would like a copy of the complete set of emails that the editor requested and received. After your review of the complete document, I would then be glad to address anything on which you would need clarification. You can also view the legal basis for these types of employment matters in the City Charter and City Code on the City of Fairmont website.

Tom Hawkins
Fairmont City Council
Councilor At Large

City of Fairmont complaint

Monday, April 29th, 2019 - Earth Day - the "City of Fairmont" came and threw away my bluebird style bird house that I had painted up with shingles and branches with wrens.

The "City of Fairmont" also threw away my good running lawn mower. Now

maybe that's a good idea if they threw everybody's mower away, but my bird house? (and lots of other things, tools!)

Larry Lemke
Fairmont Taxpayer

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CHECK IT OUT!

@ the Martin County Library

Did you know that your library has backpack kits? These backpacks are full of themed fun and can be checked out on your library card! Take them home, play with them, and bring them back! For our smallest learners, we have Sprout Early Learning backpacks. Each backpack has a theme with books, puzzles, games and activities

for kiddos ages 1-5. Themes like sound, ABC, emotions, sharing, shapes and more are available! For kids that are a little older, we have Family Adventure Backpacks. Check out one of these and see what type of adventure you can have! With a variety of themed books, games and activities, these are fun for the whole family to do together! Enjoy backpacks such as brain builders, get moving, kid chef, stargazing and boredom busters! Be sure to check one out next time you're at the library and carry your backpack home for some family fun!

MCAF grant cycle ends May 31

The Martin County Area Foundation is currently accepting applications through Friday, May 31st from eligible organizations for its 2019 competitive grant cycle.

The Martin County Area Foundation is a community endowment founded in 1993 by a group of community residents and established by a matching grant from the Mickelson Foundation.

The Martin County Area Foundation is governed by a volunteer board responsible for growing the endowment

and selecting grant recipients. Per its mission, the Foundation focuses its giving in five general areas: arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environment and youth.

Please refer to the grant guidelines and application form at <https://fairmont.org/faf/> for information. If you have further questions or ideas, please contact the Foundation's administrative staff at 507-235-5547 or any member of our board of directors.

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OBITUARY notices

Luann P. Armitage, 63



Funeral services for Lu-

ann Pugsley Armitage, 63, of Tracy, MN, formerly of Fairmont, were held Friday, May 3rd, 2019 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Luann passed away Saturday morning, April 27th, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Luann Mary Armitage was born November 26th, 1955 to Ervin "Dutch" and Mary (Niemann) Rahmeyer in Fairmont. She gradu-

ated from Truman High School. On August 24th, 1974, Luann was united in marriage to Greg Pugsley at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. This marriage was blessed with two children, Bethany and Gabriel. They made their home in Fairmont. Greg passed away on April 14th, 1996.

Luann was united in marriage to Kerwin Armitage on June 28th, 1998 at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. They made their home in Truman and in 2013 moved to Tracy.

Luann taught preschool at Grace Lutheran Church

for a short time and kept busy as a Mom and homemaker. After her marriage to Kerwin, Luann worked as his secretary for Electronic Service, his business in Truman.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school. She was also involved with Compassionate Friends. Luann enjoyed crocheting, motorcycling, bicycling (tandem bike), canoeing, flower gardening, Facebooking, movies, crafts and watching her grandchildren's sports and activi-

ties. Luann will be remembered for her gentleness and kindness. Through her whole life she has battled a heart and lung disease and has went through many hard times, but she always showed strength in getting through everything. Her faith in God was so important to her. A big joy in her life recently has been her companion therapy dog, Dolly Ann.

Luann is survived by her husband, Kerwin Armitage of Tracy; daughter, Bethany (Josh) Schafer of Hanley Falls, MN; step-daughters, Jessica Armitage of Bran-

don, SD and Katie Armitage of Fairmont; step-son, Rocky (Robin) Armitage of Fairmont; twelve grandchildren; brothers, Rick (Goldie) Rahmeyer of Lake Crystal and Jerry Rahmeyer of Roseville, MN; brother-in-law, Tom (Karen) Pugsley of Berryville, VA; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Greg Pugsley; son, Gabriel Pugsley; father and mother-in-law, Ralph and Anna Armitage and Clayton and Eva Pugsley.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Albert "Al" F. Gerhardt, 84



Funeral Service for Albert "Al" F. Gerhardt, 84, of Fairmont, was held Monday, May 6th, 2019, at St. John's United Church of

Christ in Fairmont. Private family interment was at Lake Belt Cemetery in Ceylon. Al passed away Tuesday, April 30th, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Albert Frederick Gerhardt was born October 29th, 1934 to George Oscar and Clara (Martens) Gerhardt in Manyaska Township, near Welcome. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Welcome. He attended country school in District 51 near Welcome and completed 9th grade at Welcome High School. As the last of nine children, he

left school early to manage the family farm in the absence of his father who passed away when he was nine years old and due to his older brothers being called off to war. Thus, his farming career started with some dirt, a team of horses and strong desire not to starve.

At the age of 20 he married Gladys Lavonne Gerhardt in (1954) and together they farmed near Welcome, Ceylon and ultimately near Fairmont until retiring in 1998. For those many years they tirelessly toiled side by side mainly on rented farms where they milked cows and raised various other crops and livestock. They also

raised four sons and were blessed with 65 years of marriage. After retirement Albert and Gladys regularly wintered in Florida, Texas and Arizona and were able to travel to many other destinations; especially enjoying the beauty of Alaska and visiting Germany to reacquaint with ancestors from his homeland.

Albert loved farming, being outdoors and spending time at the family cabin. He was an officer of the Martin County Conservation Club and was proud of the many projects and land acquisitions the Club made available for the benefit of area hunters, fisherman

and outdoor enthusiasts. In addition, he was active with Boy Scouts, the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce Jaycees and Agribusiness Committees, Rose Lake Golf Course, the Masonic Lodge, Martin County Kinship, Heritage Acres and was a loyal member and elder of St. John's United Church of Christ in Fairmont.

Albert found no greater joy than having people around him. Be it family or friends or new acquaintances, he never tired of company. This love kept the family tree connected despite long distances and years of separation. He constantly found excuses to have a party, picnic, hog

roast, Sunday dinner or any other simple celebration just so he could cook and converse with others.

Albert is survived by his wife; Gladys, four sons; Dick and special friend Sara Bonin (Fairmont), Alan and Audrey (Minnetonka, MN), Tim and Pam (Schaumburg, IL), and Jack and Shelley (Fairmont), one brother; Robert (Doris) of Fairmont, and 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was proceeded in death by son Ricky, and siblings Erwin, Donald, Lillian (Hartwig), Helen (Shaw), Marvin, Rozella (Langford), and Paul.

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Bruce K. Bellin, 64



Bruce K. Bellin, age 64 of St. Paul, MN died peacefully on May 2nd, 2019 surrounded by family. Bruce faced metastasizing ocular melanoma. He grew up as an avid 4-H member in rural Fairmont, Minnesota and graduated in 1973 from Fairmont High School. From 1973 - 1977 he played drums in the University of Minnesota Marching Band and later competed with a Drum and Bugle Corps and played in private gigs. Bruce also worked as an

entomologist while in the Peace Corps in Jamaica. To pay the bills, he was a commercial office furniture installer and for 17 years worked for the Pioneer Press delivering newspapers. Bruce is preceded in death by his father, Floyd H. Bellin Jr. and nephew, Travis Floyd Bellin. He is survived by his mother, Helen A. (Frenning) Bellin; 4 siblings: Gary Bellin(Wendy), Joan Bellin (Rick O'Connor), Sandra (Duane) Gebers, Cheryl Bellin (Jim Rauh);

adoring nieces and nephews.

The family will greet friends from 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 13th, 2019 at Mattson Funeral Home, 343 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in North Branch, Minnesota.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the University of Minnesota Marching Band Fund at 200 Oak Street SE, Suite

500, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2010

Online condolences may be made at www.mattsonfuneralhome.com. Cards and memorials may be directed to

Mattson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 343 N. Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN 55025.

Our loving and generous Bruce is free to drum and dance in spirit.

Elaine H. (Cyphers) Cottew, 92



Services for Elaine H. (Cyphers) Cottew, 92, of Fairmont, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9th, 2019, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fairmont with burial following the service in Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8th, 2019, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont and will continue one hour pri-

or to the time of service at the church. Elaine passed away Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, at her home at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Elaine Hilma Erikson (Cyphers) Cottew was born the twelfth child of Erik and Hilma (Palmquist) Erikson March 18th, 1927. Elaine attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from grammar school in 1940; the same year her father passed away. She began high school in Canova, SD, then moved to Blue Earth. She continued until the last semester of her senior year when she joined her sister in California and graduated from Inglewood High School in California. Elaine returned to Blue Earth for Teacher's Training and taught country

school for two years. She married Howard Charles Cyphers December 27th, 1946 and was confirmed into the Lutheran Missouri Synod Church in Blue Earth March 27th, 1947. Howard and Elaine farmed for 20 years near Lakota and Thompson, IA; and during this time had eight children. In 1970, they moved to Fairmont where they owned and operated the FairMall Texaco service station and joined St. Paul Lutheran Church. After closing the station in 1976, Elaine was a favorite cook at the Fairmont Community Hospital and worked at 3M. Howard died August 6th, 1988.

In 1997, Elaine was united in marriage to Darwin Dean Cottew in Fairmont, where they continued to reside. Darwin passed away July 1st, 2012. Elaine's strength was evident in her fight with her illnesses as she was a can-

cer survivor, quintuple bypass success story and rallied for life after fighting off MRSA in her lungs. She was an expert seamstress, making most all the clothing for her children as they grew. Crocheting was her passion and she knitted as well-making doilies, afghans, sweaters and her famous slippers...giving away most of what she made; and enjoyed seeing the homes of her children and grandchildren littered with her handywork. She thoroughly enjoyed playing various card games, cribbage and most recently dominos. She loved her Goldfinch family, both staff and residents, especially her good friend Rose Bancks who is now 103 years old. But most of all, her family meant the most to her. She had a knack of making each feel as though they were the only one on her mind, always loving each like a mother,

DEATH notices

April 27 - LuAnn Pugsley Armitage, 63, Tracy (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral Home
 April 30 - Albert F. Gerhardt, 84, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 May 2 - Gordon L. Johnson, 83, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 May 2 - Elaine H. (Cyphers) Cottew, 92, Fairmont Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service
 May 3 - Rick A. Johnson, 58, Kensett, IA (formerly of Fairmont). Lakeview Funeral/Cremation Service
 May 5 - Evelyn "Dolly" Poppe, 90, Trimont Kramer Family Funeral Home

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

April 29 - Janice E. Handevitdt, 95, Sherburn
 April 29 - Lorie R. Bean, 94, Los Altos, CA (formerly of Sherburn)
 April 30 - Julie M. Coyle, 96, Fairmont
 April 30 - Agnes M. Fritz, 100, Fairmont
 May 1 - Eva V. Harper, 95, Fairmont (formerly Ceylon)
 May 3 - James O. Zanke, 75, Fairmont
 May 4 - Nelda J. Zimmer, 84, Fairmont
 May 5 - Joyce Maschoff, 71, Fairmont
 May 5 - Wayne R. Powers, 74, Fairmont
 May 6 - Joyce C. Fillmore, 89, Fairmont

grandmother, great grandmother can only love.

Elaine is survived by her eight children and their families: Glenn (Jane) Cyphers of Cedar Falls, IA, Becky (John) Wolford of Monticello, MN, Nora Voss of N. Mankato, Eddy Cyphers of Montana, LeAnn (Michael) McCormick of Oregon City, OR, Ruth Cyphers (Kevin Theobald) of Fairmont, Carol

(Mike) Nowicki of East Chain, Shirley (Kip) Willis of Kalispell, MT, 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and Darwin's children: Bruce, Helen and Elaine and their families. Elaine was proceeded in death by both of her husbands, parents, 11 siblings, two step-brothers, son-in-law Tom Voss and two grandchildren.

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Federated REA announces next round of Operation Round Up recipients

The Federated Rural Electric Trust, Jackson, recognized local organizations receiving \$29,134 through Operation Round Up recently.

These donations occur due to monthly contributions by participating Federated members. 36 groups received money in this 49th round of funding. Local groups included:

- Martin County Historical Society, Fairmont: \$350 to replace old female mannequin to display military clothing

- Martin County Parks Department: \$400 for materials for a new picnic table at a county park

- Martin County 4-H Shooting Sports: \$400 to buy three BB guns for the shooting sports program

- Ceylon Area First Responders: \$500 toward Eye-Play Educational Fitness program projector

- Alpha Fire Department: \$500 to buy disposable medical supplies and trauma equipment

- Martin Co. Veterans' Memorial, Fairmont: \$500 toward the cost of a four-foot bench at the site

- MCW Summer Ball program: \$500 toward youth softball/baseball catchers' gear

- Heaven's Table Food

Shelf (Martin Co.): \$800 for backpack program providing kids food for the weekend

- MCW Prairie Fire Children's Theater: \$875 toward touring costs for local summer youth performances

- Duck's Unlimited Greenwings, Sherburn: \$933 to hire U of M Raptor Center's program for event

- Ceylon Fire Department: \$1,600 to replace two self-contained breathing apparatus tanks

- Salvation Army's Heat-share program: \$2,000 to help Federated members w/emergency energy assistance

- Nine \$700 high school scholarships: \$6,300 for Federated members' high school senior graduates

The Trust Board received 44 applications totaling \$53,627 in this 49th round of funding. The Trust Board will meet again in the fall to determine the next round of funding. The deadline for submitting applications is September 27th.

About 80 percent of Federated Rural Electric members participate in Operation Round Up. They allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, a bill of \$55.75 is rounded up to \$56. The extra cents go to a special trust fund, which is administered by an independent trust board that consists of seven Federated members. Since the first round of funding in 1995, more than \$675,000 has been awarded to local organizations and as high school scholarships.

The Photo Press will share photos of the local recipients in upcoming editions of the Photo Press.

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The **St. Paul's Lutheran All School Student Art Show** is on display through May 16th at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont. Come and see the creative works of art by our school age children under the instruction of Michael Kutch.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, May 8th they will serve sloppy joes. All meals include beverage, fruit, dessert cookie/bar, peanut butter/jelly sandwich. Suggested donation is \$3.

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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MAY 11, 1994

The Martin County Historical Society celebrated the beginning of construction of an addition to the Pioneer Museum with a ground breaking ceremony. This coincided with International Museum Week observances.

The city of Fairmont was selected as one of the four featured cities at "Taste of Minnesota" in St. Paul, slated for July 1st - 4th. Fairmont's day will be Saturday, July 2nd. The other three featured cities are Rochester, Duluth and Thief River Falls.

Alyce Bachman of Fairmont recently received the 1993 Lutheran Brotherhood Citation for Community Service. She was one of only three Lutheran Brotherhood district representatives, chosen from among more than 1,800 representatives nationwide, to receive the award.

Cinde Anderson and Ann Hilgendorf were pictured with Courage Center Executive Director David Phillips after attending a day-long training seminar at the Courage Center in Golden Valley, MN. The training was held to prepare for the Courage Day Camp that was being held in Fairmont this summer.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF MAY 11, 1969

Sherwood Sagedahl, a graduate of Moorhead State College, was named head basketball coach of the Fairmont Cardinals. He had been in the Fairmont school system since 1967 as a counselor.

Shelley Clifford won the Leo Kucinski violin award for the second time at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. She had won the award as a freshman. Kucinski was conductor of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra. Shelley, the daughter of Jim and Audrey Clifford of Fairmont, was a star music student in Fairmont High School.

Mid-Bell Music Co. of Fort Dodge, Iowa purchased the Fairmont Music Store from Charles Peterson. Peterson also had the Magnavox TV agency and planned to move to 105 W. First Street, next to the music store location and operate the State Motor Vehicle License agency.

Madsen's grocery store was selling pork chops for 69¢ per pound.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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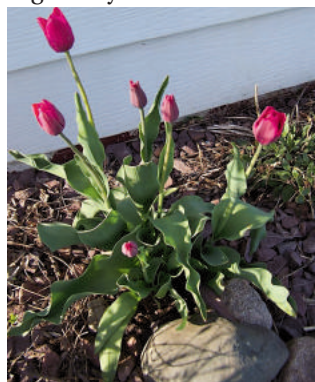
Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11



Jeff's Jottings

Even though the forecast for last weekend wasn't free of rain, both Saturday and Sunday turned out to be very nice days! I was able to get my lawn mowed (with the help of my dad!) and was even able to put my seed onions in the garden, which was more like a big mud ball. Karis and I took some time to go around and look at the trees around the farm, checking on the buds that were forming and seeing if any bird nests could



be found in the pine trees. I love this time of year when you can enjoy the outdoors without a jacket, listen to the birds and their ways of communicating with each other, and smell the fine aroma of fresh cut grass. My daydream state of enjoyment was interrupted when I was mowing the front lawn and came upon some small golf-ball sized holes near the ditch by the road. After investigating it some more, I realized they were made by striped gophers who had "invaded" my front lawn. So Sunday afternoon I spent part of the afternoon going on a "hunt" for the little striped varmints. Let's just say that by the end of the day that day, I had "removed" two of those pesky animals who had created the holes. So, the official count for the spring is now Jeff: 2, gophers: 0. I also noticed a couple mounds of

dirt in the ditch near my west driveway, so the quest continues...

"What is it?" answered!

Our "What is it?" has been answered. Laurence Ternes of Ledyard, Iowa identified the item as a valve spring compressor for a Ford V-8 engine. So now you have the answer! This week our "What is it?" item comes from Photo Press guest columnist Al Batt, who sent me this photo last week. He said he found the item on his farm and is not sure what it is or what it is used for. The item is made entirely out of glass and is 5 inches in length. As you can see by the photo, it has jar lid openings on both ends. Al said there are no names or numbers stamped on the glass. I have never seen anything like it myself. So do you think you know what it is? Call me at 507-238-9456 or drop me an email: jeff@fairmontphotopress.com - or you can stop in to the Photo Press with your guess. If you have an item you think would be a



good one for this column, bring it in and we will take photos and get information on the item, or you can take your own pictures and send them to me at my email address above.



Tea, sloppy joes and of course, Mother's Day!

Here are a few things taking place in the upcoming week: •The Wednesday Evening Supper at Fairmont United Methodist Church will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and will feature creamed chicken and biscuits. A \$2 donation is suggested. • Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont continues its Open Door Meal Wednesday, May 1st from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are serving sloppy joes. A \$3 donation is suggested for this meal. • The Wednesday night community spaghetti suppers continue at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn. Serving is from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • Saturday, May 11th is the Chubb House Tea in Fairmont from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to the public. • Tuesday, May 12th, the Tuesday Morning Coffee hour will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome. Trinity Lutheran will host the coffees through May. • Sunday, May 12th is the day we honor our Mothers during Mother's Day.

I can remember as a kid and the big smile we would get when we gave Mom her Mother's Day corsage, which she wore proudly to church that Sunday. I don't know if that tradition still continues today, but if it doesn't, maybe it needs to be started up again. Mom, have a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday and also I want to wish you and Dad a very Happy Anniversary on Friday, May 10th. They will be celebrating 55 years of marriage this Friday. Let me see, 55 years ago on May 11th you were driving a powder blue 1964 Chevy Bel-Air out to the Black Hills of South Dakota. 55 years later...

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - the great Hagen-gopher challenge is on!

Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"I Wouldn't Stop There"

I pulled up Google Maps on the computer, looking for the best route from north central Minnesota going south to Augusta, Georgia. This route would take me south on I-35 through the Minneapolis/St. Paul, then down through Mason City, cutting down diagonally through Waterloo, Iowa, then over to Cedar Rapids and the Avenue of the Saints, etc.

Because I had to stop in Superior Wisconsin, I decided to just go south on Highway 53, catching Highway 63 south at Spooner. Knowing that highway runs to Waterloo, I would follow this route and it would take me within a couple blocks of my daughter's house. I knew she was home alone that evening so I would stop and visit.

While en route driving

through some small town in Wisconsin, I came across a small playground area on a side road. To the south of it was what appeared to be a city garage of sorts. Between the two was a very large grassy field. It looked more like a well-manicured lawn. There was a straight section of chain-link fence between the playground and the field that seemed odd and out of place.

June had been in the car for quite a while and this was a good time and place to let her run. I threw her tennis ball as far as I could. I am still amazed how fast that dog can run, at nine-years-old. I threw the ball several more times, each time she retrieved it. I called June back by the car, for a drink of water.

After she had a drink, I was getting ready to throw the ball

again. A man in a city truck pulled up. With his arm leaning on the edge of his open window, he said, "I wouldn't stop there." "I'm just throwing the ball for my dog in the park," I explained. The man told me, "That's not a park. It's part of old man Johnson's yard. He lives in the house way back there," he said pointing to a house that was far away on the other end of the lot. "He doesn't like kids and he really doesn't like dogs in his yard. He kind of thinks he owns the street, too." "Thanks for the tip," I said to the man, then he drove away to the city garage.

Not heeding his advice, I was going to throw the ball again, but there was now an old man marching across the lawn toward us from the direction of the house. He was

waving his arms and pointing our direction. With the wind blowing, I couldn't hear what he was saying, but he didn't seem at all happy.

Thinking it would be best not to challenge him, I opened the car door and called June, "Come on Bugs, get in the car." June danced in circles thinking I was going to throw the ball. The man was halfway to us...

...a correctional facility... nervous and concerned...a lot of cussing...dancing and jumping...

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Mrs. Pfingsten's class at Fairmont Area Elementary School enjoyed kite flying last week. It was the first time for some students! What a delight to watch them dip and soar. It was great fun and very uplifting! (Submitted photos)

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MAY 9 - 15

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MAY 9 - 15

THURS: Pork chop, baked potato, italian blend veggies, apple crisp.

FRI: Golden broil fish, red skin potatoes, creamed carrots, twinkie dessert.

MON: Meatloaf, baked potato, creamed corn, cake.

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WED: Ham, sweet potato, peas & carrots, cream pie.

An open house bridal shower for **Ashley Mendenhall**, bride-to-be of **Skyler Mino**, formerly of Ledyard, Iowa, will be held Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m. at East Chain Evangelical Free Church, 507 280th Street, Granada (located 3 miles east of East Chain). Family and friends are invited to attend.

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FRI: K-6: Sausage pizza, pizza bagel fun lunch, corn, cucumbers, fruit. **JR/HS:** Sloppy joe, fries, green beans, pepper strips, orange, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: Soft shell taco, ham and turkey chef salad, dinner roll, refried beans, tomatoes, fruit. **JR/HS:** Sweet and sour chicken, stir fried veggies, rice,

dinner roll, peas, carrots, lettuce salad, apple, mandarin orange and pineapple.

TUE: K-6: Turkey, gravy, dinner roll, ham and american cheese sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit. **JR/HS:** Soft shell taco, rice, carrots, corn salad, cucumbers, orange, applesauce.

WED: K-6: Meatball sub, turkey ham and cheese sandwich, cinnamon glazed carrots, caesar salad, fruit. **JR/HS:** Boneless chicken wings, hashbrown patty, corn, broccoli salad, celery sticks, grapes, peaches.

The East Chain United Methodist Church will host the **Community Coffee Party** from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11th. They will be serving French toast, sausages, ham, coffee, tea, milk, and juice. The free will offering will benefit Oakwood Cemetery Maintenance fund. Bring a friend, enjoy the fellowship! Questions: Alice Barnes 507-236-1137

Aktion Club Theatre, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, May 9th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. Any questions, about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580. The public's invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

Caregiving for someone with Dementia

by Joyce Peterson, CREST

Dementia was first given a name in the early 1900's, over a hundred years ago. In that one hundred years, a lot has changed. For too long, those facing the disease struggled in silence. Consequently, the misconceptions, myths, and stigmas grew.

Dementia is no longer considered a normal part of aging. We now know that dementia is a disease of the brain. It describes a wide range of symptoms associated with the decline in memory or thinking skills severe enough to inhibit a person's ability to perform everyday activities. We live in a world where dementia is discussed among friends and family in the home, in the workplace, in places of worship, and beyond. People with dementia and their caregivers par-

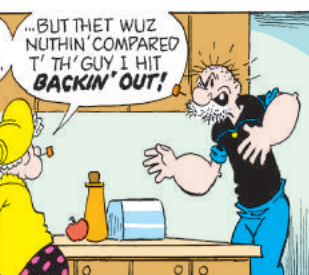
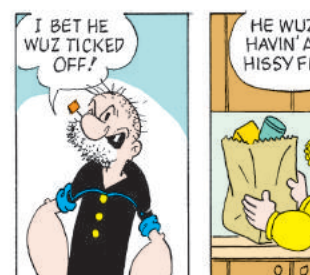
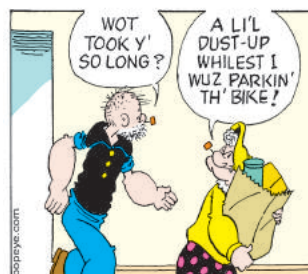
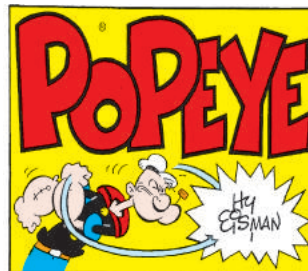
ticipate in support groups to share information and lessen shared fears and problems. These are all good moves to make dementia easier for the ones living with the disease and their caregivers.

As the baby boomers age, dementia will continue to escalate, threatening families, communities, and nations economically, physically, and emotionally. That's why it is so important that we come forward with care and support for the families, share the realities of dementia, and destroy the stigmas that exist around the disease.

We should be encouraged to "join the journey" of the person with dementia. This is a disease that no one can face alone. We draw strength from family, friends, and sometimes even strangers who are willing to walk

the path with someone living with dementia.

CREST would like to encourage you to become more informed about dementia and be able to walk that path alongside a person with dementia. CREST Dementia Support Groups meet monthly and there is always room for one more. The Dementia Friends one hour presentation is a great way to find out not only about the disease, but also how to relate with the person having dementia. CREST would love to share the presentation with your group of friends, your church, service organization or any other gathering. Contact CREST at 507-235-3833 for more information about Dementia Support Groups and Dementia Friends.



The origin of Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day to millions of people in the United States. Not only is it one of the largest greeting card holidays of the year, it is also a time when families often get together to share their love of the mothers among them.

At the very least, most

vis put on a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. This church is now the location of the International Mother's Day Shrine.

Jarvis actually began to campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized United States holiday three

daughter wanted to found a Mother's Day holiday not only to honor her own mother but to honor all mothers, as well as to continue the charity work her mother started. Jarvis often said mothers were the people who did more for their children than anyone in the world.

Though the United States Congress rejected Jarvis's Mother's Day proposal in 1908, Jarvis did not give up working to make her dream of a day to honor all mothers a reality. The only reason Congress cited for rejecting the first Mother's Day proposal was that they would have to declare a Mother-in-Law's Day, too. The statement was made half-jokingly but was used to dismiss Jarvis's proposal.

Jarvis continued to lobby Congress and work to gain public support for a national Mother's Day

holiday. Instead of going through Congress, she went to the states. By 1911, every state in the nation observed Mother's Day, with the first state being Jarvis's home state of West Virginia. Noticing that the states were doing what the nation was not, President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914, to be held the second Sunday in May each year as a day to honor all mothers and mother figures in the country.

Jarvis was joyful that her dream became realized by a presidential proclamation and declaration. But, the holiday quickly became a commercialized one and not a commemorative and contemplative one as she imagined.

Her vision of Mother's Day eventually became unrecognizable to her, and Jarvis became resentful of this commercialization of her dream. Hall-

mark Cards was already monopolizing heavily on the holiday by the early 1920's, and other card companies soon jumped on the bandwagon of selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis always believed this focus on profit was a complete misinterpretation of her intention for Mother's Day, which was to be a sentimental holiday, not a commercial one.

All Jarvis's protests that her holiday was not being

celebrated properly were to no avail. The commercialization of Mother's Day continued. But behind it, there was the sentiment and love that Jarvis envisioned. The cards were sent out of love, as were the family get-togethers that often accompanied them. Though Mother's Day didn't become exactly what Jarvis wanted it to be, the original meaning of the holiday she created is still there.



mothers and women who are mother figures to others, are given phone calls, emails, and visits of appreciation. Presents and taking the mothers in question out for a meal are also common customs on this sweet day. But how did Mother's Day get started? Did your ancestors celebrate it? This is what you need to know about Mother's Day.

The first American Mother's Day was in 1908. It was celebrated when a woman named Anna Jar-

vis put on a memorial for her mother died. Jarvis's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a pacifist who tended wounded soldiers on both sides during the Civil War, making no distinction between Confederate or Union in her care or compassion. She also started the first Mother's Day Work Club, which soon had branches in many states in the nation, to encourage the government and local communities to address issues of public health importance. Her

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A Mother's Love

Author Unknown

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them:

- I loved you enough to ask where you are going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

- I loved you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bike for yourself even though I could afford to buy one for you.

- I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a jerk. I loved you enough to make you pay for the toy you had taken and tell

the clerk' "I stole this yesterday, and I want to pay for it."

- I loved you enough



to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15

minutes.

- I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children should know that their parents aren't perfect.

- I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh, they almost broke my heart.

- But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. ... Those were the most difficult battles of all. I am glad I won them, because in the end, you won too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

Things my Mother Taught Me

by Gregory Osborn

Here is a look at what my Mother taught me (from a humorous perspective):

- Logic: "Because I said so, that's why."

- To Appreciate A Job Well Done: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning!"

- Religion: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

- Time Travel: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

- Foresight: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

- Irony: "Keep crying and I'll *give* you something to cry about."

- Contortionism: "Will you *look* at the dirt on the

back of your neck!"

- Stamina: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

- Weather: "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

- Hypocrisy: "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't Exaggerate!!!"

- The Circle Of Life: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

- Logic... "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

- Medicine... "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

- To Meet a Challenge... "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to

you...Don't talk back to me!"

- Humor... "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

- Become an Adult... "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

- Genetics... "You are just like your father!"

- Roots... "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

- Wisdom of Age... "When you get to be my age, you will understand."

- Anticipation... "Just wait until your father gets home."

- Receiving... You are going to get it when we get home.

- Justice "One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU. then you'll see what it's like."

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Mother's Day 2019

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world, and Mother's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, May 12, in the United States. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

History of Mother's Day

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who

held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause

phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.

Jarvis Decries Commercialized Mother's Day

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies.

Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched

countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

Mother's Day Around the World

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.

Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

At times, Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to child-care.

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The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly co-pacetic. I should be checking the roof of my house for winter damage, but I don't like heights. I suffer a bout of anxiety when I stand on my tiptoes. So, I think I'll set up a lawn chair and make a day of it."

"Make a day of what?" I say.

"Sitting in a lawn chair, of course."

Naturally

I watched a red-tailed hawk kiting into the wind. It had nothing to do with a check-kiting scheme. The wind allowed the raptor to hover while hunting. This hawk preys primarily on mammals.

The yard birds come and go. They are not to be confused with the Yardbirds, a rock band, whose hits included "For Your Love" and "Heart Full of Soul." Back to my yard birds. Bird migrations carry magic and wonder in their feathers. Spring migrations are more colorful as birds wear breeding plumages. Fall migration has more birds with the young birds included. The new birds are more likely to take a wrong turn and end up where they aren't supposed to be, much to the delight of a birder.

The world is in technicolor and most birds are breath-stopping beauties, but the loveliness of some of the warblers makes for feathered jewels. I recall being a boy toiling the farm fields on a tractor without a cab one spring day. The weather had been good and bad. A little rain, some wind and then sun. I brought the tractor to a stop at the edge of a woods. I grabbed my poor man's lunch pail (a bread wrapper) and climbed onto a low hanging branch of a lofty tree to enjoy a couple of bologna and Velveeta sandwiches and a like number of sugar cookies. As I munched away, I heard the chips of birds. I looked up to see branches covered in American redstarts drooping wings and fanning tails in order to flush insect prey from vegetation. The males flashed orange and black, while the females, nicknamed yellowstarts by some birders, showed yellow and gray. The large number of dancing warblers made me say "Wow" more than once. Their presence made for the best of dinner entertainment. I watched the warblers for exactly too long when I should have been working. As I resumed work, I wished the tractor offered a warbler floor show, too.

Spring may have sprung. My winter coat has been put away, the land smells of spring, the whole world seems to be chirping and a visit to an ice cream shop doesn't sound like an insane idea.

Birds have to deal with the weather. Everything does. For the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Midwest, the "Farmers' Almanac" predicts heat and humidity will build in June and July will be stormy and warm. A stormy summer is on tap for the region overall. Severe weather may rumble through in late July.

Time is fleeting. It seems as if the juncos had just arrived and now, they have left. I'll miss the lovely, little birds. Dark-eyed juncos do nest in northeastern and north central Minnesota.



American redstart. Photo by Gunnar Berg of Albert Lea.

Q-and-A

Karen Wright of Mankato asked how to tell whether a bumblebee is a queen. Queens are larger than bumblebee workers. Nearly all bumblebees seen early in the spring will be queens.

"I've seen murmurations of starlings. How do birds in those flocks keep from colliding with other birds?" I am mesmerized by those pulsating clouds of birds swirling through the sky. Princeton University researchers have revealed a key behind this magic. It's the number seven. Starlings coordinate movement with their seven nearest neighbors and they do so gracefully and safely.

fully and safely.

"Why does a cow chew its cud?" Compared to cows, humans have a simple stomach, a pouch-like structure containing glands which secrete digestive enzymes. Forage-consuming species called ruminants, such as cattle, consume large amounts of fibrous material. The four compartments of a ruminant's stomach are the rumen, reticulum, omasum and abomasum. The rumen, the largest of the four, is where the food is collected and fermented by microorganisms. In order to digest roughage efficiently, it must be in small pieces. Cattle re-chew their food several times to make it smaller. When cattle ruminate or chew their cud, they have regurgitated partly digested feed from the rumen.

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Altered Photography Show at Red Rock Centre for the Arts

An Altered Photography show is on display by local artist M. Susan Anderson through June 7th at the Red Rock Centre for the Arts in Fairmont.

Many years ago with an interest in art Susan started creating and selling charcoal portraits and attended college in Cedar Falls, IA on an art scholarship. While she was employed by Mayer Studio in Spirit Lake she became very interested in photography. 25 years later she opened her own portrait photography studio, Silver Shutter in Algona, IA and relocated it to Fairmont after she met her husband Terry.

Together they participated in many art shows. Terry showed the jewelry he created and designed and Susan showed her altered photographs which are on display this month at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

Altered photography is photo manipulation involving transforming or altering a photograph

using various methods and techniques to achieve desired results. Susan used Photoshop to achieve her results and was able to control the printing process. She also custom framed and matted her own work. Susan expresses, "if the image created produces an emotional response in the viewer she has achieved her goal."

Much of the work on display is for sale and can be seen at the Red Rock Center.

The gallery is open Thursdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., weekends and evenings by appointment.



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3. Hannah
4. Naomi
5. Samson's mother
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Corn planting behind normal

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For the third year in a row, Spring fieldwork has been slow to begin in most areas of Upper Midwest in 2019. Frequent rainfall events during the last ten days of April and the first week of May across large areas of the region have resulted in field conditions that are too wet for corn planting. In addition, very cool temperatures have also existed across the region during late April and early May, resulting in soil conditions that have not been conducive to corn planting in Minnesota and Northern Iowa. A small amount of corn planting did occur this past weekend on May 4 and 5 in areas that were marginally fit for Spring fieldwork.

The University of Minnesota Research and Outreach Center at Waseca, Minnesota recorded 4.25 inches of precipitation during the month of April, which is 1.04 inches above normal. However, over 3 inches of rainfall were recorded at Waseca from April 18th through May 1st. In addition, precipitation

was recorded on 10 different days during that two-week period. During that same period the U of M Research Center at Lamberton, Minnesota recorded 3.47 inches of rainfall, with precipitation recorded on nine different days. Unfortunately, long-range weather forecasts call for additional rainfall during the week of May 6th-12th.

The combination of the rainfall in late April and early May, together with totally saturated soils, have resulted in the significant planting delays. Because of these conditions, a rainfall event of a few tenths can have a similar impact that a rainfall event of an inch or more would usually have. Fields are very slow to dry out, especially in poorly drained areas. In many instances, when planting does occur, farm operators are forced to leave portions of the fields unplanted, due to the excessive soil moisture.

The average soil temperature at Waseca at the 2-4 inch level during the last week of April and first few days

of May was below 50 degrees Fahrenheit (F) most of the time. These soil temperatures are too cold for good corn seed germination and early corn seedling development. The long-term average soil temperatures in early May at Waseca are more typically in the mid-to-upper 50's at the 2-4 inch level. Research shows that 50 percent corn emergence will occur in 20 days at an average soil temperature of 50 degrees F, which is reduced to only 10 days at an average temperature of 60 degrees F.

Most University and private agronomists are encouraging producers to be patient with resuming field work, and to wait until soil conditions are conducive for good corn planting and seed germination. Given the high cost per acre of seed corn, and the limited availability of some of the best yielding corn hybrids in 2019, most growers do not want to take the risk of planting corn into poor soil conditions. It is expected that full-

scale corn planting will resume as soon as the field conditions dry out and are fit for planting in a given area.

According to University of Minnesota and private seed company research, the "ideal time window" to plant corn in Southern Minnesota in order to achieve optimum yields is typically from about April 20th to about May 10th. Even though Spring planting is off to very slow start, compared to recent years, the good news is that there are still opportunities for timely corn planting. Based on long-term research, the reduction in optimum corn yield potential with planting dates from May 10th-15th in Southern Minnesota is usually very minimal and is quite dependent on the growing season weather that follows. Even corn planted from May 15th-25th has a good chance of producing 90-95 percent of optimum yield potential, assuming that we get some favorable growing conditions during the balance of 2019.

Most farmers will continue to plant corn at least until May 25th or longer, before considering switching those acres to soybeans, or considering prevented planting options. Currently, the Fall crop prices and crop economics for 2019

favor planting corn over soybeans, so there is a desire to optimize corn acres this year. Producers may switch to earlier corn hybrids as we get later into May to increase the likelihood of the corn reaching maturity by Fall, even though the earlier hybrids may have slightly lower yield potential.

2019 is the third year in a row that farm operators in the Upper Midwest have dealt with Spring planting delays. In 2017, following some planting delays in late April and early May, the weather improved and most of the corn in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa was planted by mid-May. The rest of the growing season in that region featured very ideal weather in most areas, which lead to record corn yields in many counties across the region. In 2018, following Spring planting delays, excessive rainfall throughout the early growing season and poor growing conditions, resulted in some of the lowest corn yields in two or three decades in some of the same counties. We will now have to wait and see what type of growing conditions that we get in 2019, once the corn is planted.

Most likely, farm operators will move directly into soybean planting, once they have

completed their corn acres. Most soybean producers in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa strive to plant soybeans in mid-May; however, the ideal window to plant soybeans and still achieve optimum yields is much wider than with corn. The ideal soybean planting timeframe extends until about May 25 or slightly beyond, so there is still plenty of time to get the 2019 soybean crop planted. In some areas, if soybean acres are fit to plant, there may be soybeans planted prior to corn.

According to the USDA Weekly Planting Progress Report on April 29th, only 2 percent of the corn in Minnesota had been planted, which is about 15 days behind normal. Nationally, 15 percent of the U.S. corn crop was planted by April 28, which is at the same level as 2018, and compares to a normal planting level of 27 percent by that date. The 2018 and 2019 corn planting progress are the tied for the sixth slowest at the end of April since 1987. The final national corn yield in 2018 was 176.4 bushels per acre, which was nearly a record yield; however, in the other five years of late planting, the national corn yield showed a significant decline from the preceding year.

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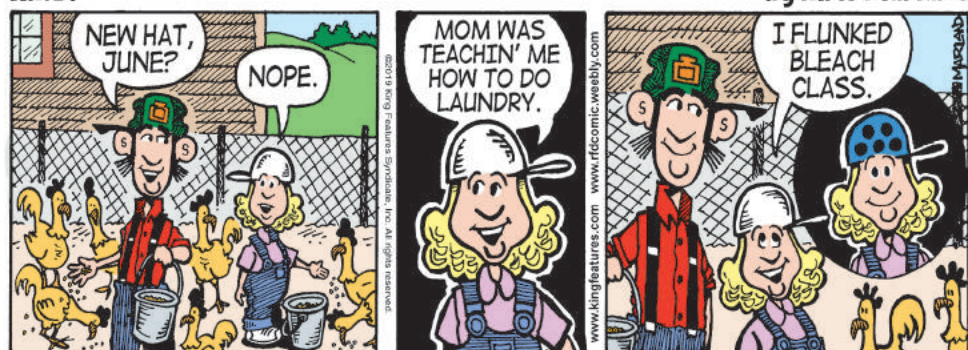
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Tractor Supply Co. searching for a 'Great Neighbor' in 4-H, FFA youth

Tractor Supply Company is calling for 4-H and FFA youth to demonstrate what it means to be a great neighbor during the retailer's Mobile Fair Tour, a 10-stop journey across the United States. The "Great Neighbor" Contest is an experiential component of the Mobile Fair Tour where local youth are encouraged to submit a photo with a 200-word description for participation.

4-H and FFA youth residing near a stop on the fair's tour can enter the contest by submitting

a photo and caption that showcases a 4-H or FFA project making a difference in their community. The Mobile Fair Tour will begin its route July 15th at the Fayette County Fair in

Photo Contest is an interactive way for 4-H and FFA youth to share their experiences in serving their community," says Diane Bollig, store marketing manager at Tractor Supply Company. "We are proud to give youth of all ages the opportunity and platform to be recognized for their hard work and passion.

Tractor Supply will choose winners at random and will recognize the local winners at each of the 10 fair stops with a special ceremony. Winners will be presented with a commemorative

plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack in appreciation of their hard work.

The "Great Neighbor" Photo Contest closes on June 16th. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.

Since the Mobile Fair Tour's inception in 2016, Tractor Supply has recognized more than 100 4-H and FFA youth for their community contributions across the country. In addition to honoring contest winners, the Mobile Fair Tour features free, family-friendly activities and prizes to enhance the fair experience.



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12. Drachma	L. Great Britain

Answers: 1-F, 2-L, 3-K, 4-H, 5-L, 6-A, 7-J, 8-I, 9-B, 10-G, 11-C, 12-D.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Ceylon will hold a public hearing at Ceylon City Hall, 301 West Main Street, Ceylon, MN 56121 at 6:00 p.m. on June 11, 2019 to review the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 9, TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL SERVICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN SERVICE DISTRICTS

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ceylon does ordain:

Section 1. Chapter 9, Taxing Districts.

Section 9.01 Purpose. It is the desire of the City of Ceylon to establish separate taxing districts for the purpose of all municipal taxes except those levied for the payment of bonds and judgments and interest thereon. Separate districts shall be known as "Rural Service Districts" and "Urban Service Districts".

Section 9.02 Definitions.

(A) "Rural Service Districts" shall include only such unplatted lands as are rural in character and not developed for commercial, industrial, or urban residential purposes.

(B) "Urban Service Districts" shall include all lands within the boundaries of the City which are not included in the Rural Service District.

Section 9.03

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15.34 AC

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Sect 24 Twp 101
Range 032
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Sect 24 Twp 101
Range 032 Unplatted 2.25 AC Unpl E. 2.25 ac of S20 AC NW - 1/4 2.25 AC

21-040-0220
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Outlot 3.22 AC
Outlot 1 (ex. W 75 feet) 3.22 AC

21-040-0180
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Unplatted pt NW1/4 NW1/4 66' W, 66' S, C Bl 1, Andrews
2.10 AC

21-100-0010
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21-040-0155
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9.04 The ratio of benefits to land within the Rural Service District compared to land of like market value situated within the Urban Service District shall be 25 percent.

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Fixed annuity could extend lifespan of retirement accounts

It's almost impossible to save too much for retirement. After all, you could spend two, or even three, decades as a retiree. And retirement is not cheap – even if you maintain a relatively modest lifestyle, some of your expenses, especially those involving health care, may continue to rise over the years. Consequently, you will need several sources of reliable income – one of which might be a fixed annuity.

Fixed annuities are essentially contracts between investors and insurance companies. When you purchase a fixed annuity, the insurer will guarantee the principal and a minimum rate of interest. This means the money you invest in a fixed annuity is designed never to drop in value. (However, this guarantee is based on the claims-paying ability of the insurer that issues the annuity.)

You can structure a fixed annuity to pay you for a certain number of years or for your entire lifetime, which is the route many people choose. This is advantageous not only because of what it provides you – income for life – but because it also may allow you to

take out less money each year from your other retirement accounts.

Here's some background: Once you turn 70½, you are required to begin taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. (This requirement does not apply to Roth IRAs.) You must take out a minimum amount, based on your age and account balance, but you are free to exceed that amount each year. But the more you withdraw from these accounts, the faster they are likely to be depleted. So, when you reach retirement, it's a good idea to establish an appropriate annual withdrawal rate, based on your retirement plan balances, Social Security, lifestyle, longevity expectations and other factors. You may want to work with a financial professional to determine a withdrawal rate that's suitable for your needs.

If you can count on the income from a fixed annuity, you might be able to take out less each year from your traditional IRA and 401(k), giving these accounts more tax-deferred growth opportunities. Plus, if

you don't withdraw all the money from these accounts during your lifetime, you can include the remainder in your estate plans.

A fixed annuity's potential to help you extend the lifespan of your IRA and 401(k) can clearly be of value to you. Still, a fixed annuity does carry some issues about which you should be aware, such as surrender charges for early withdrawals, along with other fees. Also, if you take withdrawals before

you reach 59½, you likely will face a 10% penalty. And annuities can have tax implications, so before you start taking withdrawals, you will want to consult your tax advisor.

Is a fixed annuity appropriate for you? There's really no one correct answer because everyone's situation is different. However, if you consistently max out your IRA and 401(k) contributions, and you still have money left to invest for retirement, you might want to think about an annuity. An income stream you can't outlive – and that may help you protect your other retirement accounts – is worth considering.

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Martin County holds first Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019, Martin County Emergency Management convened key county departments, city and township representatives, as well as other agency stakeholders in a 2-hour Planning Team Meeting for the update of the Martin County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). The meeting was held at the Martin County Law Enforcement Center in Fairmont and was facilitated by the University of Minnesota – Duluth Geospatial Analysis Center (GAC) project team who are leading the update of the County plan.

The 5-year update of the MHMP is required in order for the county to be eligible for hazard mitigation grant programs from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

During the meeting the group reviewed the natural hazards pose risk the County and ranked the prioritization of those hazards based the likelihood of events and the damaging impacts that could occur to people and property. The hazards to be addressed in the plan include: Severe Winter Storms (blizzards, heavy snow and ice storms), Severe Summer Storms (thunderstorms, lightning, hailstorms, windstorms and tornadoes), Flash Flood & Riverine Flood, Extreme Temperatures (Heat/Cold), Erosion & Landslides, Wildfire, Drought and Dam Failure.

The group then discussed the types of strategies and mitigation

actions that could be included in the plan update to help reduce or eliminate the impact of future hazard events, including activities eligible for future FEMA grant funding. High priority mitigation measures identified by the county and jurisdictions included encouraging more residents to sign up for emergency notifications, installation or upgrade of outdoor warning sirens, construction of community safe rooms or storm shelters where people are vulnerable to high wind events (such as campgrounds, schools and mobile home parks), improving culverts and roads that repetitively flood, implementing erosion control measures and burying powerlines

that may fail during severe winter or spring storms.

City and township residents are encouraged to contact Martin County Emergency Management with feedback on mitigation activities that they feel would help to minimize future damages from severe storm events or disasters in their community. The public will have a continued opportunity to participate in the MHMP update in the coming months. A draft of the plan will be posted on the County website for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

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- Which artist first released "Don't Turn Around"?
- What the group started out as The Melody Makers?
- Name the former Humble Pie bandmember who had a debut solo album entitled "Wind of Change."
- Who was the first to record "(You Don't Know) How Glad I Am"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "With music by our side to break the color lines, Let's work together to improve our way of life, Join voices in protest to social injustice."

Answers

- Tina Turner, as a b-side single in 1986. "Don't Turn Around" has been covered by a number of artists, notably Aswad in 1988, Ace of Base in 1994 and Milow in 2017.
- Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, made up of four of Bob Marley's 10 children. They started with "Children Playing in the Streets" in 1979, with royalties going to a United Nations children's fund.
- Peter Frampton, in 1972.
- Nancy Wilson, in 1964. She netted a Grammy for Best Rhythm & Blues Recording.
- "Rhythm Nation," by Janet Jackson in 1989. She combined social themes with danceable melodies on her "Rhythm Nation 1814" album, which included this song. It went to No. 1 in the U.S. on the dance club charts.

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Fairmont's first mayor and a visit from his great-grandson

By Lenny Tvedten

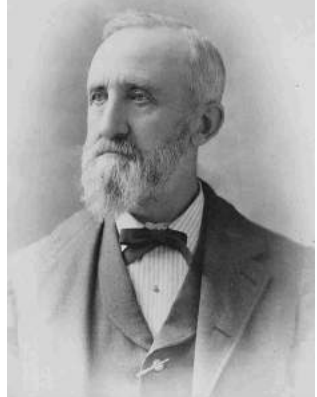
Percy Wollaston, an early settler in Martin County, had a significant impact on Fairmont and Martin County. Not only was he the first Mayor of Fairmont, he was involved in a number of entrepreneurial endeavors in Fairmont and Martin County as well.

Percy Wollaston, his wife, and his thirteen children lived on Homewood Drive in a house that was built in 1876. It was described as a sixteen room English mansion, and at one time it was considered the finest house in Fairmont.

Wollaston was born in Leeds, England, in 1825. He and his wife lived briefly in New York, South Carolina, and then in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, where he operated a flour mill. With the exception of one child born in Canada,

all his other children were born in England and were also educated there.

In 1876, they moved to Fairmont. Wollaston was involved in a number of entrepreneurial ventures. He established the Merchants and Farmers Bank in 1882, he built a flour mill operated by a 60-foot wind wheel that he ran until 1889, and he was in-



Percy Wollaston

involved in farming owning 460 acres of land.

Mr. Wollaston was also considered to be the leader of the large English Colony that was instrumental in establishing Fairmont as the community it was to eventually become. In addition, he was the first mayor of Fairmont, and was later reelected to that position. He is also credited with founding the Episcopal Church in Fairmont.

He was especially remembered for his resolve involving the failure of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, of which he was the largest stockholder. It was said that he gave up all his personal property, even his home, in his old age so that all of his creditors would be fully compensated. Wollaston left Fairmont in 1896 and moved to Victoria, British Columbia. He passed away on June 3th0, 1909.

The great-grandson of

Percy Wollaston, Richard Wollaston, of Essex, England, visited the Pioneer Museum and Fairmont in May with his wife, Catherine. Catherine recently contacted the Pioneer Museum regarding genealogical information about Richard's great grandfather, Percy Wollaston. Catherine indicated that they planned to visit Fairmont and the Pioneer Museum to gather more information about Richard's great-grandfather and to see what prompted him to come to Fairmont.

In doing some genealogical research Catherine discovered that Percy and his family had immigrated to Fairmont from information she found on the Martin County Historical Society's website. Both Richard and his wife had no idea of where Fairmont or Minnesota was located and had to look at a map to see where it was in the United States. Consequently, they decided to set off on a journey

to trace Richard's great grandfather's expedition from England to Fairmont. Although Richard indicated he would have preferred to take a ship from England, due to time constraints, they decided to fly to Chicago. From Chicago they took a train to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and drove from La Crosse to Fairmont, thereby generally following the path his great grandfather took in the 1800s.

Richard is quoted as saying, "Having done all this research and built this incredible story, how could we not come to Fairmont?" When they arrived in Fairmont, they visited and toured the Pioneer Museum while also obtaining additional information and pictures of the Wollaston Family.

Following their research at the museum, they were able to tour Fairmont, visit Homewood Drive where Percy Wollaston had his home, visit Lakeside Cemetery, and experience the cuisine of several of Fairmont's local restaurants.

After having conducted the research, experienced Fairmont and Martin County, and seen the location on Homewood of Percy's home, they said

that they had a much better understanding of why he chose to come to this area and why his great grandfather loved this area so much.



Richard Wollaston and his wife Catherine during their visit to the museum.

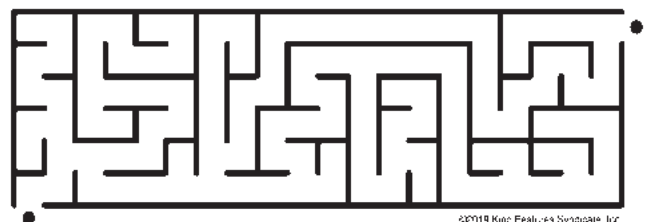


Jordan Ehlert, Fairmont Area High School senior, has been named a Rotary "Student of the Week." Jordan's parents are John and Heather Taplin and she has a younger brother, Isaac. During high school, Jordan enjoyed participating in volleyball and softball. Upon graduating, Jordan plans to attend North Dakota State University to major in business administration and global business. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Rotary has named Jeb Green as a "Student of the Week." Jeb is the son of Dr. Jeffery and Nicole Green. He has three older siblings, Kylie, Aubrey and Eli, and two younger, Lauren and Shannon. During his high school career, Jeb has been involved in baseball, tennis, Math League, Trigstar, and stage crew. Following graduation, Jeb will be attending Brigham Young University in Utah and plans to major in developmental biology. (Submitted photo)

Kids' Maze



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Card Girls/Boys win Sentinel Relays

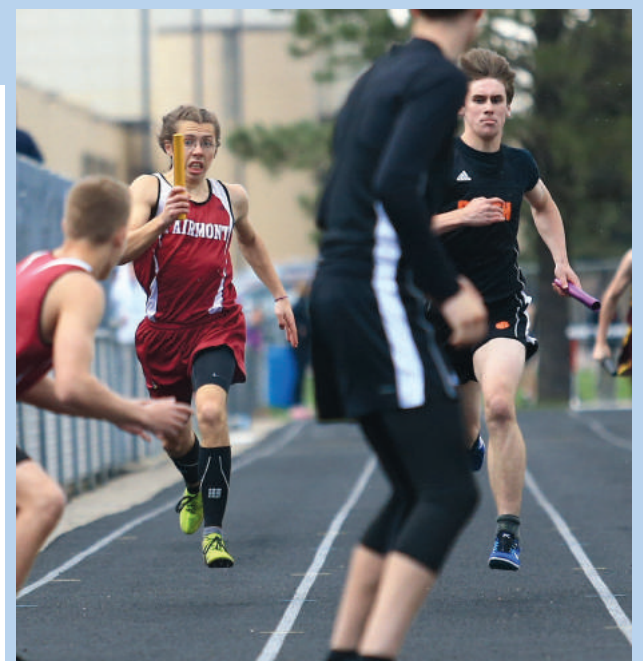
The Fairmont varsity Girls and Boys track teams out distanced runner-up Hutchinson to win crowns in the 64th Sentinel Relays. It was the 6th consecutive championship for the Cardinal girls team. In The Class A Sentinel Relays the Martin County West Girls took first ahead of runner-up Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda. The Maverick Boys team finished runner-up to St. Clair. *Photos Courtesy Greg Abel*

Girls AA Results: Cards 194.5, 2. Hutchinson 107, 3. Minneapolis South 86, 4. Blue Earth Area 75.5, 5. LCWM-Nicollet 75, 6. Jackson County Central 63, 7. Madelia/Truman/GHEC/Martin Luther 50, 8. St. James 45.

Boys AA Results: Cards 190.5, 2. Hutchinson 127.33, 3. Blue Earth Area 96, 4. LCWM-Nicollet 68.33, 5. Minneapolis South 68, 6. JCC 63.83, 7. St. James 52, 8. Madelia/Truman/GHEC/Martin Luther 29.

Boys A Results: St. Clair 184 2. Martin County West 106 3. Mountain Lake Area 100 4. Fairmont JV 95 5. Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda 76 6. North Union 55 7. River Valley 54.

Girls A Results: Martin County West 145.50; 2. Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda 126.50; 3. Fairmont JV 102.50; 4. St. Clair/Immanuel Lutheran 101; 5. River Valley 69; 6. North Union 54; 7. Fairmont Relay 49.50; 8. Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey 37.



PICKED OFF - Cards firstbaseman Jack Hested applies the tag to a St. Peter Base runner. The Cards defeated the Saints for the second time this season by the same 4-3 score. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



WALK-OFF CELEBRATION - Cardinals Zach Soelter is mobbed by teammates after his two out infield ground ball was misplayed at first on a throwing error that allowed 2 runs to score. The Cards rallied back to win 4-3 over St Peter. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*

Fairmont Trap Team Scores May 1				
Bahr	Tucker	25	25	50
Fowler	Jedidiah	24	25	49
Seifried	Max	25	24	49
Bocock	Jacob	23	25	48
Davis	Cass	23	25	48
Grotte	Colby	25	23	48
Kotewa	Mason	24	23	47
Rosch	Tanner	25	22	47
Schellpeper	Will	24	23	47
Wedel	Noah	22	25	47
Fogelson	Tyler	23	23	46
Frank	Kale	23	23	46
Mosloski	Tucker	22	24	46
Vandever	Dustyn	24	22	46
Moeller	Andrew	22	23	45
Wintheiser	Ty	22	23	45
Zierner	Gracie	21	24	45
Becker	Eric	23	20	43
Clabaugh	Austin	21	22	43
Francis	Jackson	20	23	43
Buhmann	Levi	23	19	42
Hicks	Kean	20	22	42
Redepenning	Blake	20	22	42
Reutzel	Alec	21	21	42
Krill	Donovan	18	22	40
Neitzel	Alex	21	19	40
Wirth	Bryce	18	21	39
Bless	Joseph	19	19	38
Busche	Kate	16	22	38
Clabaugh	Hayden	18	20	38
Landsteiner	David	19	19	38
Schrunk	Steven	19	19	38

CER/FSA Summer REC Soccer
Program runs July 22 - August 21, 2019
Open to boys & girls born between 2009 and 2014
All games played at Jeffery Kot Soccer Fields, Fairmont
Registration is now open online only
Register before June 3rd to avoid a late fee.
\$10 fee after June 3rd and \$20 fee after July 1st
Please visit www.fairmontsoccer.org for more info and to register.
Additional questions? Please email fsaresoccer@gmail.com



Scout Pack 57 and Troop 56 wish to thank our neighbors for giving generously to their annual Scouting for Food drive recently. They collected a total of 985 pounds for local food shelf Heaven’s Table. Left photo L-R: Diane, Danielle, Kolton. Right photo: L-R: Dylan, Noah, Anthony, Andrew, Thomas. (Submitted photos)



The Fairmont Area Chamber Ambassadors had a ribbon cutting for the Rose Lake Golf Club and new club manager Jodi Zeitz (center, with scissors) last week.



The Martin County Commissioners, Martin County Courthouse, area American Legion Women’s Auxiliary and American Legion Posts hosted Student Government Day April 16th, 2019. There were 33 students in attendance from Fairmont, GHEC, Martin Luther, MCW, and Truman High Schools. The students toured the Martin County Courthouse, library, highway shop, and sheriff’s office with 21 county offices giving presentations. (Submitted photo)



The St. John Vianney Endowment presented the remainder of their gift for the school year at the SJV Spring Concert on Tuesday evening. The Endowment gave the school \$90,000 this year. This gift helps to keep the cost of tuition down for the families of SJV School. Pictured are Father Andrew Beerman (SVJ Priest), Chris Pierce (SVJ Endowment Board Member), and Sarah Striemer (SVJ School Principal). Anyone interested in donating to the SVJ Endowment can contact the school office at 235-5304. (Submitted photo)



Some of Mrs. Brolsma’s 4th grade math students at Fairmont Area Elementary School helped make May baskets for all of Mrs. B’s students. They did a lot of “real world” math to figure out how many packages of each item was needed for 65 baskets!! The flower showed the creativity and patterning found in math. They designed a SMILE face with the finished baskets. They did awesome work and made May Day extra fun! (Submitted photo)



On April 27th the Interlaken Heritage Days committee crowned this year’s Little and Junior Miss and Mistresses of Fairmont. There were five participants and together they raised \$1,120 to go towards this year’s IHD festival weekend! Look for the winners of this year’s event as the Grand Marshal’s of the Kiddie Parade and on their special float in the main parade on Saturday, June 8th! For more information on all IHD events visit our website at ihdfairmont.org or find us on Facebook! Pictured (L to R): Runner-up Aurora, Little Miss Danica, Junior Miss Adeline, Junior Mister Ethan, Little Mister Charlie. (Submitted photo)



The Silver Lake 4-H Club met this last Saturday, May 4th at Hands Park south of Fairmont to walk road ditches. (Submitted photo)

Dancin’ Plus recital

Dancin’ Plus dancers held their “Groove is in the Heart” recital last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Opera House in Fairmont. (Submitted photos)

