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The horseshoe

Guest Columnist

Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer



We were cleaning out an old building when I came across it, an old horseshoe. As my family has owned and farmed the same farm since 1883 I knew that this very old horseshoe came down through my direct family. It is a well-worn horseshoe, one that has seen lots of use. When I picked it up it seemed to talk to me. I could feel that it was something that should be saved. I set this treasure on the seat next to me in the pickup. On my way home I looked over at the old horseshoe and started to think about the history of the horseshoe and if it could talk what it would say? Would it talk about the good horsemen that my father and grandfather were? Would it speak of the different horses that wore this shoe over the years? Would it

tell of my father driving a horse drawn school bus for the area children in the winter? It was a wooden box-like bus that was on a wagon in good weather or a bobsled in the winter. Would it tell of how the horses that wore it were driven to church on Sunday, a distance of three miles from the farm?

I remember our special large barn on the farm. It had a tack room in the corner of the barn. It was a part of the granary complex that was attached to the barn. I know that it was elaborate in its earlier days with many harness hooks on the walls. The room had a smooth wooden floor, a floor that I would sweep when I was a boy. It was a special place for I remember some of the old things that were in the room. I was too young

to be able to understand the treasures that were there, family treasures of harnesses, bridles, bits, and the tools to work on leather things. There were many horseshoes that hung on a board, a board that was nailed to the studs of the wall. They were of all sizes, shoes for the large workhorses, smaller shoes for the riding and driving type horses. It must truly have been a special place when the room was taken care of. What I remember the most about the room was the well-worn picture of the GREAT DAN PATCH, the great pacing horse from Minnesota that had set a world record which was attached to the wall with glue. It hung on the inside wall of the room so that you would see it when you came into the room from the outside. I

now wonder if someone from my family had been to the Minnesota State Fair in the early 1900's, the time when the great horse ran. Did someone bring a poster of the great horse home and glue it to the tack room wall? We could not save the picture when the old barn was taken down for it was just damaged too much.

That corner tack room barn had a door that went directly into the horse barn. The room had to be special in its day for this door made it so that the person going into the barn from the tack room did not have to go outside. I would have liked to see the barn when it was new for it was such a special place. I can picture the tack room in my mind for it had to be the real thing of that day. The room had character, even as I remember it.

Would this horseshoe tell of the need for horseshoes that were put on the horses before the threshing season? The traveling from farm to farm on the

gravel roads would wear down the hooves of the horses quickly. Would it speak of how my father and probably his father, a grandfather that I never knew but would have liked to, would put on their own horseshoes? I have watched my father do it many times. I have watched as he would find just the correct shoe, file down the bottom of the horse hoof, and then nail them on in a certain way with a special type of nail. The nails had to be bent over immediately for they could be pulled into the leg of the person putting them on if the horse would pull its foot away. My father would find just the correct shoe in the collection that was on the rack on the wall. I have seen my father rasp the hoof, the part that hung over the edge of the shoe, so it was just right. I have that rasp today. Would the shoe talk of the hard work that the horses had to do as they pulled the plows and tillage equipment in the spring, summer and

fall. Could it mention the horsepower furnished by so many horses as they did the hard work of the farm for so many years, suddenly to be replaced by the tractor and their large steel wheels and latter the rubber tires. If it could talk, what other important things would it have to talk about? Would it tell of why this shoe had a cleat in the middle of the front and yet another on the sides that were needed in the winter so that the horse would not slip and get hurt.

There is a special feeling about finding something as old as this horseshoe. It is even more special when you know that it has a family history, a history that touches the very center of the family, the core of things. Just touching it gives one a feeling that makes the horseshoe seem to have a soul. If only it could talk. Things like THE HORSESHOE are truly special when you think about it. They are the silent connectors to the past.

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Rebecca Jo Whitman and Neil Roger Whitman

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Music Department invites everyone to their **Spring Pops Concert "Movies and Musicals"** Saturday, May 18th at 7 p.m. in the MLHS gym. Elementary and high school musicians will present a variety of popular tunes under the direction of Evan Mills. Admission is free will donation. Refreshments will be available.

A PowerPoint program entitled, **"People of Martin County's Past"** will be shown at the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont on Tuesday, May 21st at 2 p.m. There is no charge and the public is invited to attend.

Sirens to sound May 20 across the county

Since the Minnesota state-wide tornado drill was cancelled last month (due to snowy conditions.), individual counties are able to conduct their own tornado drills.

On Monday, May 20th at 1:45 p.m. the sirens throughout Martin County will be going off

A Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring **Ciera Drevlow**, bride-to-be of **Sam Geistfeld**, will be held 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.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVP's for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Thursday, May 16th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

The Ceylon High School Reunion Committee is planning for the next **Ceylon High School All-School Reunion**, which will take place June 27th, 2020. Make sure you save the date. Do you know of any family members with address changes since the last reunion? If so, contact committee member Jim Plumhoff at 507-632-4368.

The regular monthly meeting for **PrairieLand Antique Tractor Association** will be Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Acres in Fairmont. The public is welcome.

Baby Buzz



Bethanie Jean Reye-lts, daughter of Nathan and Kellie Reye-lts of Fairmont, was born December 10th, 2018, at 10:46 p.m. at United Hospital District in Blue Earth. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Bethanie was welcomed home by her sisters Annie (9), Julia (5), Mollie (3), and Lauren (1), and brothers Evan (8), and Collin (7). Grandparents are Dr. Steve and Donna Parnell of Fairmont and Karen Reye-lts of St. Peter, MN. Great Grandparents are Irene Ponstein of Fairmont and Jerry Parnell of Green Valley, AZ.



EVELSIZER-COMER - Aimee Evelsizer and Andy Comer were married on October 20th, 2018 with Pastor Jerry Evelsizer (grandfather of the bride) presiding. The wedding and reception was held at Stonewall Farms in Willmar, MN. Parents of the bride are Bob and Gwen Evelsizer of Fairmont. The groom's parents are Pat and Ann Comer of Isanti, MN. Matron of Honor was Sara Gibbs, sister of the bride. Jr. bridesmaid was Maggie Gibbs, niece of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joanna Keyport, Kylie Olson, Grace Chinn, Jessica Chau. Personal attendants were Annie Evelsizer and Kate Evelsizer, sisters-in-law of the bride. Best Man was Tony Comer, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe Holt, Nathan Fields, Daniel Brown, Samuel Yoder. Ushers were Stephen Evelsizer and Andrew Evelsizer, brothers of the bride, and Bode Gibbs, nephew of the bride. Musicians were Mindy Sheplee and Allan Perez and D.J. was Steve Gibbs, brother-in-law of the bride. Aimee is a preschool teacher in Minneapolis and Andy is a Global Costing Manager at Agco in Jackson. Photo by Nayra Studio

Patent Pending Players Spring 2019 news

Once again, the Patent Pending Players (PPP) of Swea City, Iowa are getting prepared for their summer play.

This year's play dates are Monday and Tuesday, July 1st and 2nd at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, July 3rd will be a 4 p.m. matinee and a 7 p.m. performance. Dress rehearsal will take place on Sunday, June 30th.

Tryout dates will be Saturday, May 25th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 26th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The tryouts will be held at the "Community Hall" home of Patent Pending Players in Swea City. If none of these dates work for a tryout, call Denise at 515-320-2226 to make other arrangements. Those that are eligible for tryouts are 3rd grade

through 8th grade age students.

They welcome new board members or those just interested in helping out. The old building is holding up well as they have worked hard to preserve it, and they appreciate your continued support.

Memberships are available: Friends of PPP, who receive 2 tickets for life per season with a donation of \$100 or more. Patron members receive 4 tickets for the current year with an annual donation of \$25. Please mail memberships to Dave Harner, 4402 40th Avenue, Swea City, IA 50590.

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Thompson-Haugen to close the door Saturday

A well-known Fairmont jewelry store is closing its doors after a number of years in business.

Mindy Thompson and Peggy Haugen, owners of Thompson-Haugen Jewelers in the Five Lakes Centre, have decided to sell off their stock and enjoy retirement after their many years of work together.

For the past couple weeks, shoppers have been flocking to the store, located across the way from GNC

and Dunham's Sports.

At one point during the history of Thompson-Haugen Jewelers, there was a second store located in Blue Earth.

According to both Thompson and Haugen, they felt it was time to "take some time and enjoy retirement" after many years of long hours of business.

The final day for Thompson-Haugen Jewelers will be this Saturday, May 18th.

Ruby's Pantry is coming to Sherburn

Ruby's Pantry has been serving residents of western Martin and eastern Jackson Counties for a few years from its Jackson location, but recently that site was closed down.

Now residents can once again take part in Ruby's Pantry food distribution at its new site in Sherburn.

On the 3rd Monday of each month (beginning in June) the Pop-up Pantry will be located at the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive (across from Kum and Go) in Sherburn.

They will distribute food

from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the new location. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.

All that is required is a \$20 cash donation and you are asked to bring 2 large boxes or totes for the food.

Everyone who gets hungry qualifies for this distribution - you will receive an abundance of grocery items.

For more information, call 507-764-7491 or visit rubyspantry.org.

Ruby's Pantry - sharing the love of Christ through food.

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 15th they will serve tacos and all the fixings along with fruit. Next Wednesday, May 22nd will be a Block Party at Veterans Park from 5 to 7 p.m. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwich, beverage and donated desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

eat play shop LOCAL

East Chain Sportsman's Club trap shoot will take place Sunday, May 19th starting at noon. The event will include practice rounds, 16 yd., 25 yd., Oakleys and Boon-docks. The grill will be on all day. The club grounds are located 1/2 mile north of East Chain. For more information, contact Moby at 507-236-4189.

Early Deadlines Memorial Day weekend!

NEWS: Thursday, May 23 • 5 p.m.
ADS: Friday, May 24 • Noon
The Photo Press will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27

In order to get the Photo Press out in a timely manner, we **MUST** adhere to these deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Lakes Foundation Fishing Tournament Saturday

Fairmont Lakes Foundation Inc. is holding the Spring Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 18th, 2019.

This event will be limited to the first 50 registered teams. Everyone will have to check in Friday, May 17th at 7 p.m., the evening before the tournament at Gomsrud Park. We will be launching from the shelter house at Gomsrud Park, Fairmont at 7:00 a.m. SHARP!

Fisherman should arrive at the Gomsrud Park early and be ready at 7:00 a.m.

A complete list of rules is available at www.fairmontlakesfoundation.com. Anglers may also register at the site.

Tournament Cash Payouts:

- \$500 First Place for both walleye and pan fish

total weight.

- \$2000 in total cash and door prizes.

- Two person teams with entry fee of \$50 per boat.

- Payout will be 5 places for both walleye and pan fish.

This is a catch/release tournament. All fish should be kept alive for weigh-in and all teams are responsible for their catch.

Proceeds benefit projects of the Fairmont Lakes Foundation like the Lake Clean-up scheduled for June 8th, 2019. Areas to be cleaned are George Lake and the north side of Sisseton by the bridges. Anyone willing to help should meet at Ward Park at 8 a.m. Anyone interested can help out by walking along the shore, or taking out their kayaks, canoes, boats or even waders.

Interlaken Heritage Days registrations are open

The 31st annual summer celebration is quickly approaching. Registrations are now open for the main parade, which is free of charge.

Grand Marshalls for the 2019 parade will be the Lee C. Prentice, American Legion Post 36, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. The parade will also have a theme this year; "Red, White & Blue". Parade will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th.

Registrations are also open for the annual Flea Market and Artisan Show as well. All area flea market, crafters and artisans are welcome to join us on Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Heritage Acres. The event will be held rain or shine. This

particular show is closed to direct sales companies/vendors. We welcome our direct sales friends to join us again at our annual Fall and Spring vendor shows.

We are also looking for food vendors to join our lineup for both Saturday and Sunday. For information or questions regarding food vendor registrations, please contact Rachel either via the email listed below or via phone at 507-236-2953.

More information and registration forms can be found on our website at www.ihtfairmont.org or on Facebook at Interlaken Heritage Days. Contact us by email at interlakenheritagedays@gmail.com or by calling Laura at 507-848-4664.

Area College Student News



Rebekah Rusert of Truman, was among nearly 300 students to graduate with May degrees from Concordia University, Nebraska.

Graduates receiving a degree in August 2018 or December 2018 were also invited to participate in the ceremony. Rev. Dr. R.

Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,304 degrees at the end of the spring 2019 semester, with approximately 1,700 students participating in three graduation ceremonies on campus Saturday, May 11th in Taylor Center's Bresnan Arena.

Area graduates included:

- Armstrong, IA**
 - Michael Larsen, BS, Exercise Science
- Fairmont, MN**
 - Nicholas Frisch, BFA, English: Creative Writing, Cum Laude
 - Johnathon Harris, BS, Psychology
 - Sierra Schultz, BS, Finance, Summa Cum

John Buuck of Germantown, Wisconsin, a 1958 graduate of what was then known as Concordia Teachers College, presented the commencement address, and Concordia also presented additional honorary awards and degrees.

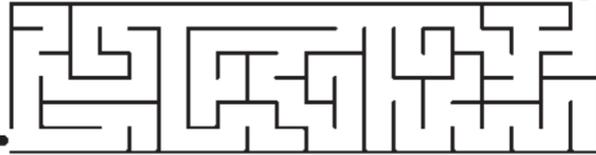
- Laude**
 - Kersten Shantz, BS, Nursing
 - Dustin Slaughter, BS, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
 - Jonathan Soucek, MA, History
 - Pramod Vadnala, MBA, Business Administration
- Trimont, MN**
 - Zachary Vicenti, BS, Computer Information Technology
- Truman, MN**
 - Hilary Hallman, MS, Spanish for the Professions
 - Hailey Holtz, BS, Exercise Science
 - Aubrey Clay, BS, Applied Organizational Studies

At the annual University of Jamestown Honor's Convocation, held Thursday April 4th, 2019, Courtney Mosloski, of Fairmont was awarded the College Fellow award.

The College Fellow is awarded to a limited number of outstanding junior or senior students who are selected each year by the

faculty. Recipients are to be of exemplary character, possess an overall cumulative grade point of 3.3 or better as well as a cumulative grade point of 3.5 or better in their major. A Fellow may tutor or teach under the direction of the department chair, and holds rank just below that of the college instructor.

Kids' Maze



Smith's Greenhouse in Fairmont announced their **open house drawing winners**. They included: James Wilson - 12 inch hanging basket; Valerie Manning-12 inch hanging basket. \$10 gift certificate winners were: Keith Waterbury, Carrie Westcott and Kurt Erickson.

Come and Go Bridal Shower

Honoring **Ciera Dreolow**
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Ask A Trooper: Tire and bumper laws



by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

Question: I want to install a lift kit and put bigger tires on my Jeep. I want to comply with all the state laws. What is a bumper height law and the law about tires that extend out past the fenders?

Answer: Anytime you make any modification or alteration to a vehicle's stock suspension and tires/rims, it can change how that vehicle handles, steers, brakes and could affect its overall performance.

Below are a list equipment violations and safety issues that I have seen over the years with modified trucks:

Bumper height violations- The law in Minnesota says bumper height must be within six inches of the factory bumper height. The maximum bumper height for 4x4s is 25 inches. Bumpers must be at least four and a half inches tall and must extend 10 inches outside of each frame rail. The height of the bumper shall be determined by measuring from the bottom of the bumper, excluding any vertical bumper attachments, to the ground. A vehicle which has an original bumper that does not exceed a height of 30 inches may be modified by attaching a full width bumper to the regular bumper to meet the height requirement.

Tires exceeding past the fenders- Installing wheels that extend outside the fenders require a fender flare. They must be at least as wide as the tires and must have a clearance of not more than nine inches from the ground when the vehicle is empty.

Speeding due to larger tires/rims- The speedometer reads how many revolutions the tires are making, not how fast they are spinning. With larger tires the circumference of the tires are larger, meaning the distance

around the tire is longer, so with each revolution you are travel further than before. Now, the actual speed of the vehicle is higher than the speedometer reads. It will be lower if smaller tires/rims are installed. I recommend stopping at a local auto/tire shop so they can advise on how much your speedometer would be off.

Higher risk for a roll-over crash- Increasing the vehicle's height will increase the vehicle's center of gravity, making it less balanced. This could be a problem when taking sharp turns, as a higher center of gravity gives the vehicle a tendency to lean more, increasing the chances of rolling over or losing control. Additional modifications may be needed to correct this. Make sure to read the lift kit manufacturer's instructions when installing it yourself or have it professionally installed.

Braking, steering issues, reduced blind spots and overall safety of your vehicle. By adding larger tires and rims, the stock brake system may need to be upgraded. The front suspension may need bigger and stronger parts. Taller vehicles may increase your blind spots, as smaller vehicles may be less visible. Adding larger mirrors, relocating the current mirrors or adding a blind spot mirror to help see vehicles in blind spots might be necessary. It is highly recommended that you consult with a professional mechanic before modifying a vehicle to assure it is safe and complies with all state laws.

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

Heritage Acres will hold its monthly meeting for members and the public on Thursday, May 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Prairieville Building in Fairmont. A light dinner will be followed by a business meeting. Current events will be reviewed as well as final planning for the 4th of July Music Festival celebration. Everyone is welcome.

Martin County Genealogy Society will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Pioneer Museum, 304 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. Members and anyone interested in genealogy are invited to attend. For more information call Dona at 507-236-0996 or Carol at 507-236-2599 or email mcs@frontier.com.

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A Local Recluse and Jars Full of Money

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society



Emily Dickinson, Doris Day, Greta Garbo, Bobby Fischer, Howard Hughes, J. D. Salinger, and Brian Wilson are all well known, and, they all had something in common. They were all considered to be recluses. According to dictionary.com, the definition of a recluse is "a person that lives in seclusion or apart from society."

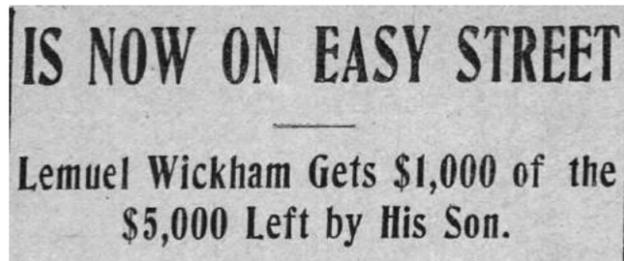
Back in 1918 an elderly Fairmont resident named Lemuel Wickham, a pioneer gunsmith, was also considered to be a recluse. No one seemed to know much about him until his untimely death. He was found frozen in his "lonely home," as described in the newspaper. That home was located on Lincoln Street and consisted of a small, one room shack characterized as being ne-

glected and filthy. Other than that, about the only knowledge people had about Wickham was that he was extremely frugal.

On one cold, wintry day in 1918, a neighbor who was concerned about him contacted Police Chief Harry Serle. Chief Serle and the neighbor went to



Wickham's home, however, no one answered the door. Consequently, that neighbor and Chief Serle broke into the house and found Wickham dead in his bed. Chief Serle described the scene and Wickham as being "frozen as hard as stone," according to the newspaper account in the February 5th, 1918, edition of the Martin County Sentinel. The article went on to say the Wickham probably died one recent cold night when the temperature was recorded at twenty-eight below zero. Wickham was known to be very cautious with his



money, so thrifty in fact that he would barely heat his home.

Prior to that time, according to a story from the June 13th, 1907, edition of the Fairmont Sentinel, Wickham was the recipient of \$5,000.00 and, according to that story, "will keep him on easy street for the balance of his life." The money was left to him from his son who died in Seattle. According to that account, his son left an estate of approximately \$200,000.00. Inflation averaged 2.92% over that period of time from 1918 to 2018 which made \$200,000.00 the equivalent of \$3,667,635.00 and the \$5,000.00 Wickham was to receive equal to \$91,690.88 in today's dollars, adjusted

for inflation.

Lemuel Wickham's share was brought back by George Clark of Ceylon, representing the Dean & Palmer Law Firm. Clark was "armed with the proper documents, went out there and fixed everything up in good shape for the old gentleman," according to this same article. Conjecture was that had Clark not gone to Seattle and secured the inheritance for Wickham, he may not have received it. In addition, that Sentinel story also mentioned the fact that Wickham's divorced wife had filed an affidavit in probate court stating that he was dead.

Following Wickham's demise, and to the surprise of those cleaning up

his property, fruit jars full of cash amounting to several hundred dollars were found hidden around the house and buried in the garden. When word of this became public, there were wild claims exaggerating that there may be "thousands of dollars buried somewhere near his premises, but not on his property." Speculation was that the money was buried on the north bank of Lake Sisseton near the channel connecting it to George Lake.

Is money a means to an end or an end in itself? Perhaps Mr. Wickham, his divorced wife, and the individuals that were captivated with the possibility of becoming rich from Wickham's "buried" money could have considered that question more carefully.

For more information on this topic or to become a member, visit the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont or its website at www.fairmont.org/mchs

UHD to honor 24 long-time employees

United Hospital District (UHD) will honor employees celebrating milestone work anniversaries at a special luncheon on Wednesday, May 15th.

This year, 24 employees will be recognized for a combined total of 350 years of service.

The ceremony will honor employees achieving their five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 40-year milestones. The employees represent virtually every department of UHD, including the hospital, clinic locations, Home Health and Hospice program and Adolescent Treatment Center.

This year's longest

serving employee is Brenda Anderson, RN, who is celebrating her 40th year of employment at UHD. At the 25-year mark, four employees will be recognized, including Deb Lacher, RN, and Karen Irons, Laurie Jagerson and Lori Korn, who are team members in the Health Information Services department.

The following UHD employees will be recognized for their years of service:

40 years: Brenda Anderson, RN

25 years: Karen Irons, RHIT, Laurie Jagerson, Lori Korn, Deb Lacher, RN

20 Years: Tracy Blagg, R.T.(R)(M)(CT), Lesa Ock-

er, RN
15 Years: Rennie Amundson, Vivian Hovland, RN, Daniel Killion, EMT, Kristin Peterson, Janell Wagle, RN

10 Years: Lindsey Dahl, R.T.(R)(M)(CT), Nikki Hagedorn, Kayla Jagerson, CDM, CFPP, Aaron Johnson, MD, Karen Sickler, Crystal Smith, Sharon Stiernagle

5 Years: Janel Buseman, RPh, CDE, Gena Frost, Dustin Lane, Brianna Linder, RN, Ruby Wiederhoeft

The Service Recognition Ceremony will also align with UHD's recognition of National Hospital Week, which falls this year May 12th-18th.

Annual Multi-Block Party and Picnic

Some Fairmont churches are coming together to co-sponsor the 5th annual Multi-Block Party and Picnic, which will take place Wednesday, May 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. in Veterans Park, Fairmont.

This promises to be a fun neighborhood gathering and everyone is invited. Join them in the park for children, youth and families playing games together. Join with new and old

friends at tables as you enjoy the evening filled with music and a free hot dog meal.

for the children. There may even be a fire truck and police squad car for part of the time.



This year's Multi-block Party and Picnic is being organized and co-sponsored by the Fairmont United Methodist Church, Grace Tabernacle, St. Martin's Episcopal Church and Shepherd of the Lakes.

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Helping monarch caterpillars

Monarch populations have declined in the past 30 years, affected by mass reductions of milkweed, the plants that host and feed these butterflies and their young. By planting more milkweed and avoiding the use of pesticides near them, more monarchs can feed and lay eggs. Once hatched, though, their caterpillars need protection from predators such as lizards, wasps, frogs and spiders as they feed, grow and form their cocoons. Some monarch enthusiasts maintain screened enclosures to house and feed them safely through their growth cycles. - B. Weaver
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25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
MAY 18, 1994

Sixth grade students from East Chain toured the state capital as part of their studies of state government. The students were joined by Senator Tracy Beckman and Representatives Henry Kalis and Gene Hugoson.

An advertisement for The Bicycle Shoppe in Fairmont featured a picture of a Mountain Lake church group who had bicycled all the way from Mountain Lake to the Bicycle Shoppe in Fairmont.

Christine Bergt, daughter of Gerald and Pauline Bergt of Fairmont was selected to receive a Presidential Award from Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska. Her scholarship was valued at \$3,750 or \$750 per year up to five years. Berg, who attends Martin Luther High School, has expressed an interest in Concordia's elementary education program.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

WEEK OF
MAY 18, 1969

The final concert of the school season at Fairmont was promised, with orchestra director Donald Peterson, choral director Al Zinter and band director Richard Scherer selecting numbers "in the lighter vein" by all three groups.

All bottling and distribution apparatus of the Crystal Bottling Company was to be absorbed by the 7-Up company of Fairmont, according to an announcement. This action countermanded an earlier announcement that the Crystal company was selling its business to a Mankato firm. Crystal's building was being torn down to provide off-street parking at North Main Street. The local 7-Up operation was a subsidiary of Mankato Bottling Company and was taking over the Dr. Pepper and Squirt franchises surrendered by Crystal.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kuperavas



Lopau named District Sales Manager

Mike Lopau of Fairmont has been named a District Sales Manager for Wyffels Hybrids.

He will work directly with corn growers in southwest Minnesota, helping place superior genetics with the most advance traits on their farms, while working to build a team of Wyffels Seed Representatives.

Lopau brings many years of sales and agronomy experience to his new position, as a former Encirca certified services agent with Pioneer and

then Corteva. "Mike's personable personality combined with his polished agronomy skills will be a great asset to corn growers in Watonwan, Martin, and Blue Earth counties," said Wade Anderson, Region Manager. "Mike truly cares about the success of his customers and knows that is the only way we can be successful. He is a great addition to our already successful and growing team of dedicated sales managers in southwest Minnesota."

What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

Proud Grandma!

On Saturday I attended the college graduation of my granddaughter Alex from Morningside college. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in nursing. We were so proud that she kept her grades up even though though she was on the golf team. The day after graduation she left at 6:00 a.m. for Oklahoma City for golf nationals.

I received a new cookbook for my birthday entitled Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines. Naturally I have been trying some new recipes, since I love cooked cabbage, I tried today's recipe. I hope you like it too. Plan ahead, it needs to cook for 2 1/2 hours.

Dutch Oven Cabbage and Bacon:

- 8 ounces of bacon slices
- 1 stick butter, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- one 3-pound head of green cabbage, sliced in thin wedges
- 1 white onion, halved and cut into 1/2 inch slices
- 1 honeycrisp apple, quartered
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Layer bacon sliced on the bottom of a large Dutch oven. Layer cabbage and onion in the pot. Push the apple wedges into four corners of the Dutch oven so that they are well spaced along the outside of the pot. Scatter the remaining butter on top and sprinkle with the vinegar and salt and pepper. Cover and bake until the cabbage is fork tender, about 2 1/2 hours. Remove and discard the apple wedges. Serve hot directly from the Dutch oven leaving the bacon behind. Store leftovers in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. 8 servings.

Have a great week!



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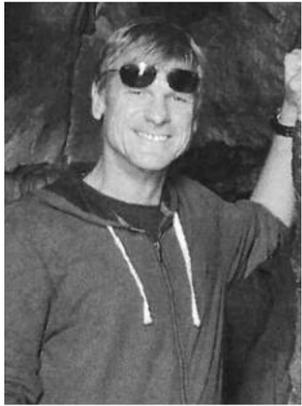
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OBITUARY notices

Roger L. Olson, 58



Roger Lee Olson, 58, formerly of Fairmont,

passed away April 28th, 2019 in San Diego, California as a result of a car accident.

Roger loved the outdoors, animals and especially dancing, which he did every Sunday night at his home away from home, "Mo's". We are certain he is in heaven still dancing. He enjoyed traveling to Hawaii each year for the holiday season. He loved being near the ocean and watching sunsets.

We will miss his silly ways, contagious smile, kind spirit and his zest for life. If he taught us anything, it would be to live life to the fullest and find the beauty in everything and everyone around us.

He always said that it's not always about the fast-paced beat, but sometimes the slower one in the background.

Roger was born August 17th, 1960 in Fairmont to Robert D. Olson and Donna Olson (Allen). He attended Fairmont High School and graduated in 1978. After his graduation, he traveled and lived in many locations before settling in San Diego.

Roger is survived by his father, Robert D. Olson; siblings: Allen Olson, Lori Schwieger, Vicki Deubler (Scott), Gary Olson, Mary Olson and Nancy Campbell (Ross); step-sisters: Shari Thielges, Jodie Whitmore and Liz Duncan;

aunt: Barb Hevner; many nieces and nephews and his special friend Joe Gergyl.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Wessel (Allen); grandparents; aunts-Karen Zaller, Dorthy Rasche, Betty Sukalski and Donna West; brother-in-law Keith; niece Jodi; nephew Matthew and his beloved Dalmatians Reggie and Piper.

Roger is with the angels smiling down on all who crossed his path during his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Martin County Humane Society or Adventure Playground in Fairmont.

DEATH notices



May 8 - Arnold J. Lemke, 92, Fairmont

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

May 8 - Patricia M. Prom, 67, Jackson

Kramer Family Funeral Home

May 9 - Arnold "Arnie" J. Schilling, 78, Armstrong, IA

Henry Olson Funeral Home

May 9 - Flowrein Goldie Cramer, 96, Truman

Zaharia Family Funeral Home

May 10 - Patricia Q. Borowski, 91, Fairmont

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memoriam

One Year Ago This Week

May 8 - Arlo L. Lueth, 90, Fairmont

May 8 - Donald H. Lutz, 78, Fairmont

May 9 - Donna Miller Applen, 85, Sacramento, CA (formerly of Fairmont)

May 12 - Fern H. Luhmann, 91, Truman

Arnold J. Lemke, 92



Funeral service for Arnold J. Lemke, 92, of Fairmont, was held Monday, May 13th, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, with interment in the church cemetery. Arnold passed away Wednesday morning, May 8th, 2019, at the Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the Lakeview Methodist Health Care

Center Building Project.

Arnold John Carl Lemke was born July 11th, 1926, on the family farm in Tenhassen Township, MN. He was the son of Ernest and Frieda (Bremer) Lemke. Arnold attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church School in Wilbert.

On May 17th, 1953, Arnold was united in marriage to Ruth Brammeier at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. The couple resided on the Lemke family farm until moving to Maplewood in Fairmont

in 2016. This union was blessed with five children, Steven, David, Douglas, Sharon, and Daniel. Arnold and Ruth would have shared their sixty-sixth anniversary together on May 17th.

Arnold worked as a farmer all his life. He also worked as an assembler of railroad maintenance equipment for Railway Motors and later for Greenlee and Harsco. Arnold was a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, where

he was active with the choir, school board, other various offices, as well as a trustee, and an elder. He was also a member of the Lutheran Layman's League and United Auto Workers. Arnold was an avid Twins fan, he loved music and enjoyed singing barbershop quartet music. He most loved the time he was able to spend with his children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ruth Lemke, of Fairmont;

children, Steven (Shirley) Lemke of Brillion, WI, David (Ellyn) Lemke of Ft. Dodge, IA, Douglas (Kay) Lemke of Ceylon, Sharon (Tom) Ellrich of Roland, IA, and Daniel (Jackie) Lemke of Madison Lake, MN; 18 grandchildren and step-grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Along with his parents, Ernest and Frieda Lemke, Arnold was preceded in death by a grandson, Dustin Daniel Lemke.

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Patricia Q. Borowski, 91



Mass of Christian burial for Patricia Q. Borowski, 91, of Fairmont, will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 18th, 2019, at St. John Vi-

anney Catholic Church in Fairmont. A private family burial will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17th, 2019, at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the time of service Saturday at the church. Pat passed away Friday, May 10th, 2019, at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont under the care of UHD Hospice. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Patricia Quinn Borowski was born December

19th, 1927, in Duluth, the daughter of William Edward and Lily Ann (Hale) Quinn. As a young girl, the family moved to Madelia, where she attended school at Mater Dolorosa Parochial School and Madelia High School. She went on to attend St. Teresa's College and graduated from Mankato State University in 1976 with her teaching degree.

On July 10th, 1950, Pat was united in marriage to Robert Borowski at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Madelia. Together the couple would make their home in Fairmont and were blessed with one son, Greg.

Pat worked for many years as a teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Sleepy Eye, MN and at St. John Vianney Catholic School in Fairmont. In her retirement, she served as a substitute teacher in many of the area's schools. In addition to inspiring the minds of many of the area's youth, Pat also enjoyed her time volunteering and was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 2006 at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center. Her faith was extremely important to her and she was a long-time member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, active in St. Timothy's Circle and

served on the St. John Vianney Endowment Board. Pat was a life member of the Fairmont Community Hospital Auxiliary. In her spare time, Pat enjoyed working on crossword puzzles, sending cards to family and friends, playing cards, and looked forward to Sunday suppers with family.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Greg Borowski and his wife, Barb of Fairmont; grandchildren, Lori Kurpiers and her husband, Josh, Jeff Borowski, and Jeannie (Nathan Carritt) Borowski; great-grandchildren, Paul Kurpiers and Evan Kurpiers; two sisters-in-law,

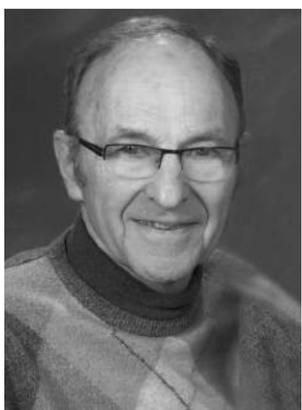
Jane Quinn and Kathy Dea; as well as many other extended family and friends.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Borowski; grandson, David Borowski; and brothers, John Quinn, Michael Quinn, Tommy Quinn, and Fr. Charlie Quinn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given in Patricia's name to St. John Vianney Endowment Fund, UHD Homecare and Hospice and Friends of Cedar Point.

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Gordon L. Johnson, 83



Memorial Service for Gordon L. Johnson, age 83, of Fairmont, will be 2:00 pm Friday, May 17th, 2019, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16th, at Lakeview Funeral Home and will continue one hour prior to the ser-

vice at the church on Friday. Inurnment will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Gordon, who died peacefully in his sleep, was welcomed by Jesus into his eternal home on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, at his home in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to KJLY Radio or to Martin County Youth for Christ.

Gordon Lee Johnson was born March 2nd, 1936, in Hastings, MN. He was the son of Elmer and Mary (Smith) Johnson. Gordon graduated high school from Minnehaha Academy. He furthered his education at the University of Wisconsin in River Falls where he earned his teaching degree.

On June 2nd, 1956, Gordon was united in marriage to Yvonne Erickson at the First Covenant Church in Minneapolis. This union was blessed with four children, Gregory, Douglas, Kristin, and Brett. The couple resided in Hastings, and Cottonwood, MN, before moving to Fairmont in 1968. Gordon and Yvonne shared over sixty years together before Vonnie passed away June 17th, 2016.

Gordon began his teaching career in Cottonwood before becoming a math teacher at the Fairmont High School in 1968. He was a respected teacher and colleague to many before his retirement in 1993. He remained close friends with his fellow teachers even after retirement. It didn't matter where he was, but

often you would find "Mr. Johnson" taking the time to stop and visit with a former student, many of whom said, he was one of their favorite teachers. He had a great memory for names and was genuinely interested in how their lives were going.

Gordy loved the Lord and was a long-time member of Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont. He was an active volunteer for many organizations including Meals on Wheels, Medivan, CREST, Martin County Youth for Christ, and was a basketball referee. During his free time, Gordy enjoyed being a HAM Radio Operator as well as riding his motorcycle and bicycle, camping with his family, watching sports, going to the Dairy Freeze, and having coffee with his friends.

Left to cherish his memory include his children, Greg Johnson and his wife, Michele, of Ormsby, Doug Johnson of Blue Earth, Kris Johnson and her husband, Stan, of Iowa Falls, IA, and Brett Johnson of Rochester; 16 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; sister, Gladys Kok and her husband, Bob, of Cambridge, MN; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Johnson of Hastings, Linda Johnson of Hastings, and Marjorie Erickson of Minneapolis; brother-in-law, Curtis Erickson and his wife, Caroline, of Brooklyn Center, MN; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, Gordon was preceded in death by his loving wife, Yvonne Johnson; brothers, Verlyn Johnson, and Ronald Johnson; brothers-in-

law, Dayle Erickson, and Vincent Knoll; and sister-in-law, Ruth Erickson.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

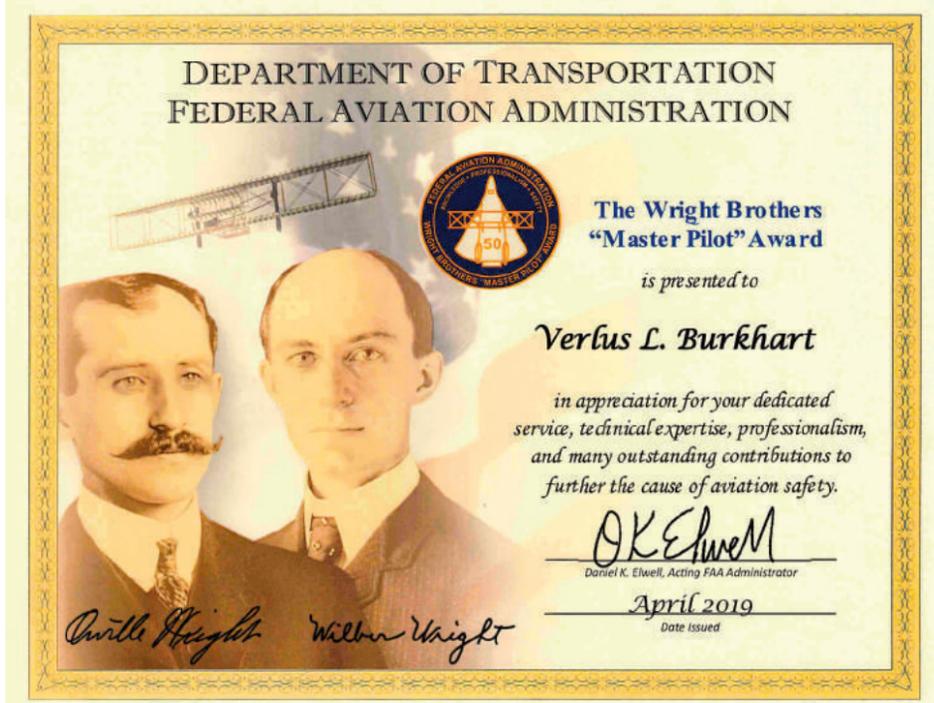
1. Is the book of Esarhaddon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Esther 2, what was Hegai "the keeper of" regarding King Ahasuerus? *Holy Grail, Weapons, The women, Grain of the fields*
3. What New Testament person was the "voice of one crying in the wilderness"? *Judas, Jude, Jehovah, John the Baptist*
4. From Proverbs 22, what is bound up in the heart of a child? *Foolishness, Mischief, Love, Rebellion*
5. In biblical times, what were small copper coins called? *Pennies, Shekels, Mites, Paschals*
6. From Judges 10, who had 30 sons that rode 30 donkeys? *Elijah, Jair, Ezekiel, Job*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) The women; 3) John the Baptist; 4) Foolishness; 5) Mites; 6) Jair

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Fairmont resident awarded with "Master Pilot" Award



Verlus Burkhart of Fairmont learned recently that he was the recipient of The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award, presented by the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration.

Burkhart was nominated for the award by Lyle Pieper, Melvin Hutchinson and Tom Kellander. According to Kellander, "He (Verlus) has given time to others in aviation and introduced many young people to the experience of flight by giving rides and his aircraft available for training..."

Burkhart soloed in a Cessna 150 to



Waterloo, Iowa in 1968. In 1969 he received his Private Pilot Certificate and in 1970 purchased his first aircraft, which was a 2-year-old Cessna 150. It was the same aircraft that he soloed in two years prior. He also has purchased two TriPacers in the past. Burkhart was active in the Iowa Civil Air Patrol.

Burkhart is a member of the Short Wing Piper Club and was Chairman of 1995 convention in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

To encourage more participation in aircraft and piloting, Burkhart sponsors a scholarship to a student for the Fairmont High School Aviation course.

Special Olympics is an awesome event!

By Shari Foty

Recently we attended the Special Olympics for the participating handicapped kids in southern Minnesota.

The event is held every year at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in early May on a Sunday. Some of the events include shot put (a special type of ball throwing), jumping and running. Our son, Sam ran his heart out - the best he's ever done! He had plenty of ribbons at the end of the day and wore that big grin all day long!

ence ever! You feel like you're running with them and in a sense, you are as you loudly cheer them on as the blind person runs and the helpers place their hand back in that space on the rope. The process is repeated with each helper as the blind competitor continues all the way to the end.

During the event the college kids and many helpers aided the blind by helping them run. All the "helpers" take hold of a long rope which is stretched down the track and spacing themselves about 5 to 8 feet apart. The runners run with all their might while holding on to a foot long plastic pipe that has been slipped over this rope and the helpers hold on to the rope, keeping it tight. The "helper" watches very carefully and lets go just before the runner gets to them, and



then the runner slides by and the helpers place their hand back in that space on the rope. The process is repeated with each helper as the blind competitor continues all the way to the end.

This is incredible to watch and is an awesome experience as you realize that you just shared your "sight" with a blind person who would never be able to experience this run otherwise.

A sincere thanks to all of you who work with the Fairmont and Martin County handicapped to be able to participate in sports and help them have a lot of fun!



Sam Foty

My favorite run of all is always watching and participating with the blind persons because when you participate - well, it's just the most awesome experi-



Board members sought for Regional Arts Council

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) has three openings on the Board of Directors for representatives from the City of Fairmont, City of St. Peter and Sibley County.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 1st, 2019. Interested persons should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board and we will send you an application and a list of responsibilities. The new board members will attend their first meeting on July 25th,

2019. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, teachers and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts. We are especially interested in having people who are musicians, writers and playwrights apply for the board.



Farm Safety Day held at Heritage Acres

Farm Safety Day was held for area schools last week at Heritage Acres in Fairmont.

About 208 students from traveled to different stations around the

Heritage Acres site to learn about a number of areas of safety, including: chemical safety, bike, skateboard and scooter safety, lawnmower safety, firearm safety, PTO and

pinch point, flowing grain safety, fire safety, ATV and boat safety and electrical safety.

Organizations who helped conduct the event included CFS, Welcome/

Sherburn Police, Fairmont Fire Department, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Federated REA and other individuals.



Partners in Education (PIE) were honored as 2019's "Friend of Education" by Education Minnesota Fairmont (EMF). EMF president, Joice Forster, is pictured presenting the plaque to Judy Miller, PIE board member. Partners in Education has awarded thousands of grant dollars to Fairmont Educators over the past 30 years to be used to purchase educational materials and experiences for students. (Submitted photo)



Jeff's Jottings



Well it took until May 12th, but I finally was able to plant some things in my garden on Sunday. I believe this is the latest I have planted anything in the garden in the 13 years we have lived on this farm. Up until late last week, every time I would walk through the garden area to see if it was ready, I could hear the ground make a "squishing" sound - so I knew any attempts to try to plant anything would be futile. Then to top things off, I decided to try starting the garden tiller

last weekend since it hadn't run since last fall. On the second pull, all of a sudden I had about a foot of starter cord dangling in my hand. I guess the cord had taken all it could take after 16 years of use. So, after finding a replacement cord, I spent the early afternoon Sunday figuring out how to replace a pull cord on my Briggs and Stratton engine. Despite my lack of repair knowledge, I was able to get it replaced and it even started for me! The tulips are all in bloom and the trees are quickly budding and leafing out - so let's hope that we get a nice long stretch of good weather.



let's hope that we get a nice long stretch of good weather.

"What is it?"

Our "What is it?" item from Al Batt last week, had a couple of responses, but I haven't been able to definitively determine what it actually

is, so I am going to do some more research before I reveal what the item is in a future column. This week our "What is it?" item is actually 5 different items brought in by Lawrence Ternes of Ledyard, Iowa. They have wood handles and the rest of it is steel. They vary in length from the longest being 17.5 inches to the shortest one being 4.75 inches. One hint is that they all are used in the same occupation. 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.

Ceylon All-school Reunion

I was on the committee for the Ceylon All-School Reunion the last time it was held in 2015 and it was great to see all the people who showed up for the event. I visited with some teachers that I hadn't seen since graduation (just a few years ago!) The new reunion committee is busy making preparations for the next all-school reunion, which will be held June 27th, 2020 and

members of the committee are asking for your help to make sure that the word gets out to all of the past graduates of Ceylon High School. I know that trying to find current addresses of past graduates was one of the biggest challenges for our committee in 2015. We want to make sure to give as many graduates as possible the opportunity to attend this event. If you have a relative that has moved since the last reunion in 2015, please contact Jim Plumboff at 507-632-4368. Save the date on your calendar! June 27, 2020.

Tacos, music and Veterans!

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 tacos with all the fixings. A \$2 donation is suggested. •The Wednesday night community spaghetti suppers continue at the Regional Worship Center in Sherburn. Serving is from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • Thursday, May 16th

at 2 p.m. is a presentation on Veterans benefits at the St. James American Legion. • Saturday, May 18th Martin Luther High School in Northrop Music Departments will present "Movies and Music" at 7 p.m. in the MLHS gym. • Tuesday, May 21st, 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. •Tuesday, May 21st, Watonwan County Veterans Service will be taking a coach bus to the MN Veterans Home in Luverne for a tour and on Thursday, May 23rd they will take a coach bus to tour the new MN Veterans Cemetery in Preston, Minnesota.

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - so how is your garden coming?



"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



"Horse Kisses"

I love dogs and cats, but you can do things with a horse, that you can't do with the others. No masked man ever mounted their dog, with the animal standing strong and proud on its hind legs. It's front legs pawing at the air; the rider tightly holding the reins, boots firmly planted in the stirrups, hollering, "High Ho Rover! Away!" Then, rode off on his dog to save the day. That just doesn't happen.

We always had horses on our little five acre farm, when I was growing up. Patches, Pretty, Lady, Pony, and some others I'm surely forgetting right now.

Horses are great companions for kids, teens and adults. They require a lot of work, and space - much more than a dog or a cat. It's a lot faster to scoop a littler box, than to clean a stall. However, it is easier to wash your horse than to bathe a cat - less dangerous, too.

To a horse owner, the extra work is well worth

it! Time spent with one's horse is special time specifically set aside just for them. The horse will have your undivided attention.

You can't bring your horse in the house to casually sit on the couch and watch a movie with you, like a dog or a cat. A horse certainly cannot sleep at your feet on the end of your bed, nor on your pillow by your head, or curl up on your chest. A horse sitting on the floor next to you at the dinner table, waiting for you to drop a scrap of food? Well, that would just be awkward and make visiting guests, feel uneasy.

As a fan of the old television show, M*A*S*H, I always appreciated Colonel Potter's passion for horses. "There's a special relationship between a man and his steed." This is so true...for women, too!

A friend posted a profile picture in which her horse is kissing her on the head. A non-horse person, might consider such unexpected behavior from

a horse to be intrusive, gross, and slobbery.

But the feel of their tongue touching your skin, is a sign of their love and devotion. I welcome the gentle nibbles from a horse's velvety lips. Their soft whiskers always tickle. Another show of affection. Well, either that, or the beast thinks you have something, or are something to eat.

To one who has a horse, and knows that special bond, a kiss from their horse is every bit as sweet as one from a puppy or a kitten. It just comes from a much bigger, stronger tongue, it's a lot wetter, and usually leaves a big green skid mark on your skin...but oh, the love... and slobber in greater amounts than any cat or dog could offer."

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Tom can be reached for comment at Facebook.com/Tom.palen.98

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



"Three Sisters" buildings purchase in Blue Earth now complete

On Friday, May 10th, 2019, Rural Renaissance Project finalized the acquisition of three buildings on Main Street in Blue Earth, to launch "Project 3 Sisters."

The buildings will offer entrepreneurial and event spaces focused on technology, arts, and local foods, along with community and educational programs. Developed by Rural Renaissance Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to sparking cultural, educational, and economic development through creative and entrepreneurial investment in rural communities, renovations are set to be-

gin in summer of 2019.

The first phase of the project will include a tech office, art gallery, and co-working space. Subsequent phases will include a restaurant, wine bar/coffee shop, and event space. The redevelopment will support local job creation and apprenticeship opportunities in the buildings.

Project 3 Sisters thanks the City of Blue Earth and the Blue Earth Economic Development Authority (EDA) for their support.

The organization looks forward to continuing to foster local and regional connections, and attracting new resources to support community growth and well-being.

Rural Renaissance Project was founded by Janie Hanson, originally from Frost, Minnesota, and Deanna Lahre, originally from Windfall, Indiana. Both are from farming backgrounds with extensive experience in business development and finance, and a desire to bring those skills back home to their rural community roots.

Visit www.ruralren.org for more information.



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MAY 16 - 23
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MAY 16 - 23
THUR: Spaghetti, breadstick, caesar salad, fruit cocktail.
FRI: Ham and cheese flatbread, baked beans, marinated cucumbers, pears.
MON: Chicken, gravy, biscuit, peas, carrots, pineapple chunks.
TUE: Turkey sandwich, baked beans, cucumbers, baked apple slices.
WED: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot and celery sticks, banana.

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Breakfast menu can be found online.
MAY 16 - 23

THUR: K-6: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, blueberry parfait, tator tots, carrots, fruit, frozen strawberries. **JR/HS:** Spaghetti, breadstick, broccoli and cauliflower, caesar salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.
FRI: K-6: Cheese pizza, sunbutter and pretzel fun lunch, broccoli with cheese, sliced cucumbers, fruit. **JR/HS:** Ham and cheese flatbread, baked beans, marinated cucumbers, pepper strips, orange, pears.
MON: K-6: Turkey hot dog, turkey cheddar and bacon ranch wrap, fries, tomatoes, fruit. **JR/HS:** Chicken, gravy, biscuit, peas, carrots, apple, pineapple tidbits.
TUE: K-6: Nachos, rice, egg and cheddar chef salad, refried beans, carrots, fruit. **JR/HS:** Turkey sandwich, baked beans, corn, potato salad, cucumbers, orange, baked apple slices.
WED: K-6: Pancakes, turkey sausage patty, ham and cheese sandwich, roasted potatoes, celery sticks, fruit. **JR/HS:** Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach and cranberry salad, carrot and celery sticks, banana, peaches.

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Menus subject to change.
MAY 16 - 23
THUR: Egg and ham English muffin, hashbrown, patty, peas, pineapple.
FRI: Italian dunkers, lettuce salad, peaches, pudding.
MON: Hot sandwich, mac & cheese, broccoli, apple wedges.
TUE: Taco salad, mixed fruit.
WED: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, coleslaw, blueberries.
THUR: Picnic. Brats, veggie slices, potato chips, watermelon, cookie.

HOT MEALS ON WHEELS

Hot Meals on Wheels are Monday through Saturday for convalescents and persons who cannot purchase and prepare adequate meals. Meals are prepared by Lakeview Methodist Healthcare and volunteers deliver in Fairmont between 11 a.m. and noon each day. This is a community project and is non-profit and not government funded. For more info on Hot Meals on Wheels, contact Karen Toupal 507-236-8781.

Regional Worship Center in Sherburne would like to invite you to an **open door spaghetti meal** on Wednesday nights through May. Beginning in June we will have a bonfire with hotdogs and chips every Wednesday night. Everyone is invited to come between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

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!



GHEC YOUTH COalition (YOCO) students helped organize the distracted driving event at their school for all 9-12th grade students recently. Pictured back row (L to R)-Samantha Moeller, Jasmine Walraven, Emily Stauter, State Patrol Casey Kester, Erika Willette, Taylor Shumski, Amber Steen and Riley Benton. Middle row: YOCO Adviser Brenda Millmann, Rachel Stauter, Jayme Balcom, Makayla Hall and Dezirae Blekestad. Front: Jenna Balcom. (Submitted photo)



On April 30th Education Minnesota Fairmont honored this year's retiring teachers. Picture L-R: Jody Uttech, Sheri Swanson, and Jodi Kristenson. Cyndi Johnson was also honored as a retiree but was unable to be present. These educators have devoted a total of 80 years' worth of dedication and love for children at Fairmont Area Schools. They've done an amazing job and will be greatly missed! (Submitted photo)

oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toxicity in one part of Fairmont

Recently I have been reading and watching a lot about the events of the Fairmont City Council. I do agree there is toxicity in Fairmont.

Where we might differ in opinion is I believe the toxicity exists specifically at 64 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont.

I do accuse the Fairmont Sentinel of not reporting the news around the Fairmont City Council situation fairly. A newspaper's job is to report the news not make the news. But if they want to continue to make up the news to what they want then I'll do some factual story telling of my own. Here's what most people don't know. MANY of the Sentinel's reporters disagree with the editors and the way they want to handle this story. Many of their employees report strong bias by the editors against political opponents that they disagree with. I've been told by multiple sources at the Fairmont Sentinel that the anonymous letter that showed up at the Sentinel regarding Jeff Weber's past wasn't anonymous at all but actually something that the Sentinel received from the people connected to his opponent's campaign to help take down their political opponent. I am NOT saying this came from Mayor Foster's campaign. When Jeff Weber was confronted with the fact that this knowledge would be released to the public, he was forced to make a comment even though he knew it could cost him the campaign. Now you tell me how is this fair reporting? Tell me how we can have any credibility in the only daily newspaper we have when they use inside information to help shape the campaigns that we vote on?

I think it's despicable the way they've treated Council people Hawkins, Cyphers, and Lubenow. With little or no evidence the Fairmont Sentinel openly accused Councilman Tom Hawkins of violating open meeting law. They throw the term "toxicity" out and say "Our sympathies to city staff, and anyone else who has to work with Lubenow". Randy Lubenow, in conversations with me, has been a very thoughtful, well-spoken person. Further cherry picking the infamous emails the Sentinel gloms on to the fact that Council person Lubenow wasn't sure of everything the City Attorney does but conveniently "forgets" to mention that he later says that he would

like to learn more. When a group approached the city of Fairmont asking about a recall vote of Council person Tom Hawkins the Sentinel gladly grabbed on and wrote about the small group of dissatisfied citizens. Has the Fairmont Sentinel reached out to groups that support Tom Hawkins, Randy Lubenow, or Ruth Cyphers? If they have there is very little evidence that this has occurred and to date no published articles have been written about any of those groups even though they do exist. If the Sentinel was interested in being fair why wouldn't they reach out to these groups to get the other side of the story? Why hasn't the Fairmont Sentinel released these 60 some plus emails to the public? Why are we required to go get these ourselves? One of the excuses I could hear the Sentinel using is that to print all of those emails will be cost prohibitive. While that may be true they could digitally place a copy of these emails on their website for little or no cost. My opinion is that the Fairmont Sentinel has no interest in everyone reading those emails because it will tell both sides of the story that they've already made the narrative on. My opinion is the Fairmont Sentinel is not interested in both sides of the story. They are interested in the side that supports them and their friends at City Hall.

I want you to ask yourselves a few simple questions. How many times has the Fairmont Sentinel written something about you, a family member, or friend that you think was unfair? How many times have they written an article about one of those above mentioned people that you felt didn't represent all the facts of the case or misrepresented people directly through quotes? Is this what you pay for every day? The better question is what will you think of this if they decide to come after you or people you care about using biased, unfair, and underhanded tactics? Will you still support the Fairmont Sentinel when they turn their angst against you? I encourage the Fairmont Sentinel to print or publish ALL the Fairmont City Council emails so we can get a clearer picture of what has really been going on in the county seat of Martin County. We deserve more than the shoddy reporting we have had up until now.

John D. Gibeau
Fairmont businessman



All second grade students at Fairmont Area Elementary School toured the Fairmont Mayo Hospital last week. It was a very fun and educational field trip. The group picture is Mrs. Schmidt's class. (Submitted photos)



Fairmont charter needs addressing

I am one of 15 members of the newly appointed Charter Commission for the City of Fairmont.

It is newly constructed as the Charter Commission stopped meeting at least annually after 1999, in violation of state law. Councilman Tom Hawkins pushed to get it established again and we have started meeting in compliance with state law.

Some on the Charter Commission feel we really have no items in our charter

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Change difficult, not always bad

What is happening in this community is utterly ridiculous and could have far reaching ramifications for our future. Mr. Hawkins clearly obtained a majority of votes to be elected to the Fairmont City Council. However, the recall committee (representing a small but vocal minority of voters) is now attempting to negate the result of this election because they do not agree with Mr. Hawkins' ideas.

If this is how they feel, they should start gathering their friends and prepare for the next election cycle, which is the normal democratic process for achieving a change in elected leadership. If the recall is allowed, perhaps there should also be one for the Mayor for

that need addressing. I guess we just found out recently in a Sentinel article that there is part of our charter that is out-of-sync with the Minnesota State Statute (Sec. 5.08 - the recall).

I guess we now have an agenda item (ord.#93-13, 9-27-93) for the next meeting. I, for one, am looking forward to addressing it.

Alice M. Maday, Ph. D.
Charter Commission Member

limiting the open discussion at the beginning of council meetings, or for any of the other members of the council that do not vote the way I think they should. This sounds ridiculous, because it is!

Mr. Hawkins has been on the hospital board, Lakeview Center board, as well as numerous other boards in the community. He has made numerous investments in the City of Fairmont and is a highly regarded member of the local business community. He deserves more respect than to have his name dragged through the mud by a vicious and divisive minority in this community.

As to the remark "this is not Tom Hawkins' council"

- I would agree. However, I believe the vote was 3-2, not 1-4 as this writer would have us believe. This is not the first time the question has been raised in the last few years without the council being given adequate information or options to make a decision.

Now is not the time to allow a small minority to control the process of city government. The voters have spoken. I know from personal experience that when he (Hawkins) is on a committee or board, he does his homework and reaches out to others to

educate himself and help him make an informed decision. He doesn't take the easy road and continue what has always been done in the past if he doesn't think it's the best choice. Looking back on what has transpired in Fairmont over the last 30 years, and considering the complaints one hears on the street, perhaps it is time for us to review where we are, and where we want to go as a community. Change is always difficult but it's not always bad.

Chuck Omvig
Fairmont

Goldfinch volunteer thanked for work

Jan Wohlford resides at Goldfinch Estates in Fairmont. Jan has been a resident there for almost four years.

She volunteers several hours each week. Jan delivers the Photo Press to other residents every week, along with distributing the weekly menus, monthly calendars and whatever else she is asked to do - "as long as she is able".

Jan helps her #1 friend every day with whatever

she may need. She loves doing volunteer work as it makes her feel good. Jan helps all of us at Goldfinch Estates by doing this.

Jan had volunteered earlier at Minnesota Valley in 2014 for the four years she lived there. She has lived in Fairmont most of her life and has four children, several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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Why Should Recent Graduates Care About Retirement Planning?

If you've graduated from college in the past year or so and started your first job, you're no doubt learning a lot about establishing yourself as an adult and being responsible for your own finances. So thoughts of your retirement are probably far away. And yet you have several good reasons to invest in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

First of all, by contributing to your 401(k), you can get into the habit of regular investing. And since you invest in your 401(k) through regular payroll deductions, it's an easy way to invest.

Furthermore, your 401(k) or similar plan is an excellent retirement-savings vehicle. You generally contribute pre-tax dollars to your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus,

your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. Your employer might also offer a Roth 401(k), which is funded with after-tax dollars; although you can't deduct your contributions, your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. And with either a traditional or Roth 401(k), you generally have a wide array of investment options.

But perhaps the main reason to start investing right away in your 401(k) is that, at this point of your life, you have access to the greatest and most irreplaceable asset of all - time. The more time you have on your side, the greater the growth potential for your investments. And by starting to invest early in your plan, you can put in smaller amounts without having to play catch-up later.

Suppose, for example, you begin investing in your 401(k) or similar plan when you're 25. For the sake of simplicity, let's say you put in \$100 a month, and you keep investing that same amount for 40 years, earning a hypothetical 7 percent rate of return. When you reach 65, you will have accumulated about \$256,000. (Your withdrawals will then be taxable, unless you chose the Roth 401(k) option.) But if you waited until you were 45 before you started investing in your 401(k), again earning that hypothetical 7 percent, you'd have to put in almost \$500 per month - about five times the monthly amount you could have invested when you were 25 - to arrive at the same \$256,000 when you turn 65.

Clearly, the expression "time is money" applies

when it comes to funding your 401(k) - there's just no benefit in waiting to contribute to your retirement plan. This isn't to say that you have a lot of disposable income, especially as you may be paying off thousands of dollars in student loans. But, as mentioned above, the money for your 401(k) is taken before you even see it, so, in a sense, you won't miss it. And you can certainly start out with small amounts, though you'll at least want to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. As your career progresses and your salary goes up, you can steadily increase the amount you put into your 401(k) or other retirement plan.

When retirement is decades away, it can seem like more of an abstract concept than something that will one day define your reality. But, as we've seen, you have plenty of incentives to contribute to your 401(k) or similar plan - so, if you haven't already done so, get started soon.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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SJV School Endowment March Memorials

The St. John Vianney School Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$1,915 in memorials during the month of March, 2019. These were given in memory of:

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 Timothy S. Smick, Tonja J. Smick to Timothy S. Smick, Tonja J. Smick, Lot 12, Block 8 and W100' Lot 13, Block 8, 1st Ext Wards Central Addition and Lot 3, Block 1, Fairview Addition
 Bill Brummond, D.W. Brummond to Christopher

Hiller, Lot 11, Block 4, Original Plat Truman
 Christine A. Schuett to Jeffrey S. Schuett, Lot 1, Block 1, Hollandale Addition

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 Charles Hendrickson Revocable Trust, Winnie Hendrickson Revocable Trust, Charles Hendrickson Co-Trustee, Winnie Hendrickson Co-Trustee to Scott A. Vaubel, N115.16' Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Burtons Subd.

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Strange BUT TRUE
 By Samantha Weaver

- It was Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky who made the following sage observation: "Silence will save me from being wrong (and foolish), but it will also deprive me of the possibility of being right."
- You might be surprised to learn that a male lion can mate up to 50 times in one day.
- Before the iconic reclining armchair was dubbed "La-Z-Boy," the names "Sit-N-Snooze," "Slack Back" and "Comfort Carrier" were considered.
- A researcher calculated that across the country of Great Britain, the weight of all the insects that are eaten by spiders in a year would be more than the combined weight of all the people who live there.
- A 22-year-old man who was trying to board a flight in Cairo, Egypt, bound for Saudi Arabia was stopped by security officers when the X-ray of his hand luggage showed some strange results. It seems that the man was attempting to transport 250 baby crocodiles and — wait for it — a live cobra. (Animal lovers will be pleased to learn that the creatures were not harmed; they were turned over to the Cairo zoo.)
- Those who study such things say that automatic teller machines are three times more likely to be robbed between 6 and 9 p.m. than at any other time of day.
- According to horse-racing regulations, no racehorse's name can have more than 18 characters — anything longer would be cumbersome on racing sheets.
- In some parts of Europe, red roses are considered to be omens of evil. Seeing the petals fall from a red rose is a portent of death.

Thought for the Day: "The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life — the sick, the needy and the handicapped." —Hubert Horatio Humphrey

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SMMPA earns Governor's Safety Award

Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) was recently recognized for excellence in workplace safety and health during the Governor's Safety Awards ceremony held May 8th at the 85th annual Minnesota Safety & Health Conference at Mystic Lake Center.

SMMPA was one of 294 employers to be honored through the awards program, coordinated by the Minnesota Safety Council.

"Every day in Minnesota, about 100 workers get injured or ill to the point that they can't go back to their job the next day," said Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council. "Congratulations to SMMPA for their hard work to make sure their employees are not part of this statistic."

"Working together, we have created a safety culture here at SMMPA, and this award shows our collective commitment to that culture," said Dave Geschwind, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of

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- Outstanding Achievement (83 winners): Continuing improvement and/or a continuing outstanding record with incident rates that are 51 %-90% better than the industry average, and a score between 75 and 90 on the safety program evaluation scale.

- Award of Honor (41 winners): Incidence rates at least 91% better than the industry average, and a score between 91 and 100 on the safety program evaluation scale.

SMMPA received a Meritorious Achievement Award for exemplary workplace safety efforts in 2018.

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Fairmont Traveling Soccer scores

U12 Fairmont Girls (Hefty Seeds)
 May 1st, 2019 in Fairmont: Fairmont 2, Mankato 0.
 Goals: Bella Schroeder (unassisted), Makayla Dunker (assisted by Caden Leiding)
 Goalies: Elsa Thompson (6 saves), Grace Terry (7 saves)

U12 Fairmont Boys (RDI)
 May 7th, 2019 in Fairmont: New Ulm 5, Fairmont 1
 Goal: Jeremiah Lebbi (unassisted)
 Goalies: Cedric Johnson (8 saves), Lucas Rosburg (10 saves)

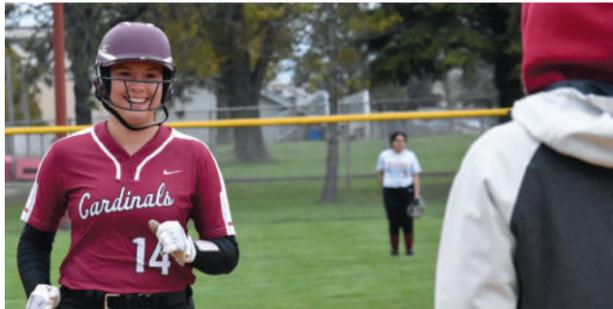
U13 Fairmont Girls (Car Parts Direct)
 May 6th, 2019 at Waseca: Fairmont 2, Kasson Mantorville 1.



PLAY AT THE PLATE - Cardinals Chloe Murphy awaits a throw as the Saints Mackenzie Brey scores on the play. St. Peter downed the Cards 3-0 last Saturday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



BEAT THE THROW - Marshall's Kaleb Welvaert slid in ahead of Cards catcher Zac Ringnell's tag. The Tigers defeated the Card 9-3 last Friday night. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



WALKOFF WINNER - Cardinals Taylor Crissinger was all smiles as she drilled a 9th inning homerun in 1-0 win over Blue Earth Area last Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



Rachel Stauter signed her letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Northwestern St. Paul next year. This past season, Rachel was a captain for the Granada Huntley East Chain/Martin Luther/Truman girls basketball team and was named MVP at the end of the season. Her high game for the season was 19 points and 11 rebounds against Nicollet-Loyola on January 24th. Pictured are: front (L-R): T.J. Pytleski, girls basketball coach at GHEC/ML/T, Rachel Stauter, Erin Roiger, activities director at Granada Huntley East Chain High School. Back: Rob & Lynda Stauter, Rachel's parents. *(Submitted photo)*



TAGGED OUT - Cards third baseman Maddy Moeller tags out a Waseca runner. The Cards defeated the Bluejays in a double header last Tuesday 1-0 and 11-3. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



JUMP RETURN - Cards Pete Ortega leaps to make a backhand return as doubles partner Jeb Green looks on. The duo won their match as the Cards defeated Blue Earth Area 5-2 last Thursday. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



The Fairmont Area High School FFA had a great week at the State FFA convention. Here are how the students did: Horse Evaluation: 57 teams, 191 individuals. Team Placing: 2nd Place, Gold Ranking (Only four points behind the winning team.) Madison Moeller: 2nd individual, Gold Ranking, Justine Eisenmenger: 14th individual, Gold Ranking, Kaylee Larson: 34th individual, Gold Ranking, Mason Kotewa: Silver Ranking. Floriculture: 44 teams, 161 individuals, Team placing: 14th, Gold Ranking. Jenna Gustafson: 14th individual, Gold Ranking, Mikayla Stradtman: Silver Ranking, Kinze Stradtman: Silver Ranking, Ciara Cowing: Bronze Ranking. Parliamentary Procedure: Silver Ranking. President: Dan Betts, Vice President: Andrew Moeller, Secretary: Allison Schwieger, Treasurer: Gracie Ziemer, Reporter: Joni Becker, Sentinel: Chloe Murphy. General Livestock: 61 teams, 221 individuals; Andrew Moeller, 26th overall, Gold ranking. Best Informed Greenhand: 73 teams, 266 individuals - Carissa Saxton, Gold Ranking, Cadee Becker, Silver Ranking. Also, Andrew Moeller was awarded the State FFA Degree, the second-highest level of membership in the organization. Less than 3% of all FFA members achieve this level of membership, and this award represents the culmination of Andrew's significant accomplishments at the local, region, and state levels of our organization. Camren Saxton was named the state winner in the Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award Area. His application will move on to national level judging in June.

Card Boys win BSC Title, 3rd at True Team

The Cardinal Boys track team held off Marshall 144-138 to win the Big South Conference championship last Saturday in Waseca. The girls team finished 2nd behind Waseca. The boys team finished third in the True Team Section Meet held last Tuesday in Marshall. The boys squad, a wild card entry, will compete at the Class AA True Team State Meet this Saturday in Stillwater. The girls finished fifth at the True Team Section Meet. Earning Big South All-Conference honors were: Caden Baarts 200, Dylan Kennedy 400, Hudson Artz 400, Andrew Moeller 800, Hayden Berhow High Jump, Nick Thate Pole Vault. Members of

the relay teams: 4x200: Brandon Williams, Dylan Kennedy, Nick Thate and Caden Baarts. Running on the 4x400: Jordan Wolter, Hudson Artz, Andrew Moeller and Dylan Kennedy. Joni Becker 400, Laura Thompson 800, Ellie Hernes 300 hurdles, 100 hurdles, triple jump. Natalie Tonne Shot Put, Cadee Becker Shot Put, discuss. Members of the relay teams: 4x100: Cadee Becker, McKayla Chambers, Brooklyn Meyer and Grace Higgins. Running on the 4x200: Mackenzie Householder, Jenna Gustafson, Grace Higgins and Karalyn Closs. The 4x400 consisted of Karalyn Closs, Laura Thompson, Corene Moeller and Joni Becker.

Boys Big South Meet results: 1st Cards 144, 2 Marshall 138, 3 Waseca 131, 4

Worthington 127, 5 St. Peter 98, 6 New Ulm 28

Boys True Team Section results: Jordan 630, 2. Mkt East 583.5, 3. Cards 538.5, 4. Mkt West 515, 5. Worthington 459.5, 6. Waseca 455, 7. Marshall 447, 8. St. Peter 378.5, 9. Luverne 356.5, 10. Belle Plaine 350, 11. TCU 228, 12. New Ulm 179.5

Girls Big South Meet results: Waseca 205.5; 2 Cards 148; 3. Marshall 105.5; 4 St. Peter 100.5; 5 New Ulm 49; 6 Worthington 36

Girls True Team Section results: Luverne 580, 2. Waseca 578, 3. Mkt East 573.5, 4. Belle Plaine 567, 5. Cards 483.5, 6. Marshall 445, 7. St. Peter 431, 8. Mkt West 400, 9. Jordan 332, 10. New Ulm 314, 11. Worthington 223.5, 12. TCU 199



On May 5th twenty seven new inductees were welcomed into the Fairmont Area High School National Honor Society (NHS). This was Fairmont's 2nd induction ceremony. A total of 63 students are honored members of this group. *(Submitted photo)*

The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly copacetic. I'm looking at old cars that would be new to me. I do car rescues. I adopt cars. One is an itty-bitty job. I'll have to lose weight just to get in it. I've gone on a diet of pizza and jelly doughnuts."

"You think that will help you lose weight?" I say.

"I don't know, but I'm willing to give it a try."

Naturally

I walked to the mailbox one morning. At the edge of the yard, there were two gray partridges. I startled them into flight. One flew north and one flew south, not likely to be seen by me for another year. I'm glad they survived our April ice and snow. I see them rarely here in the backcountry.

I watched a male cardinal feeding his mate. I'm surprised to see a cardinal anywhere other than in its preferred habitat, a Christmas card. Male goldfinches made it a lemon drop day.

My eyes were drawn to a dead tree where a great blue heron, a turkey vulture and two starlings were perched. I'm easily amused, but that thrilled me.

I let my ears take me hostage. A house wren sang a song that a bird the size of an eagle should have been singing. It provided a yard full of song. A chipping sparrow chooses to trill more like an insect than like Elvis Presley.

A visit to a local lake showed a double-crested cormorant as a blue-eyed low rider when settling in the water like a loon. Spring hurries along. It wasn't long ago when I watched a love hexagon of five northern shoveler drakes chasing one hen. They flew as a group. It was a cross between a courtship flight and police pursuit. Now Canada goose goslings are learning to mow the lawn.

Wings & Wetlands Festival

It was my pleasure to speak at the Wings & Wetlands Festival in Great Bend, Kansas. The Festival featured Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge — two of America's best birding spots for both birds and birders. The great wisdom of the world was evident as there were always more birds than birders. Cheyenne Bottoms is the largest inland marsh (41,000) acres in the US. I visited

the wonderful Kansas Wetlands Education Center. It gave me a delightful walking and learning experiences.

My first field trip stop presented a motionless American bittern pretending to be marsh vegetation in a sneeze of a misty and foggy morning. In my boyhood years, this bird was called a slough pump because of its loud "oong-KA-chunk" or "pump-er-lunk" call. Others called it a belcher squelcher, thunder pumper or stake driver. When spotted, the bittern sometimes freezes in place with its bill pointed skyward. It sways side to side, hoping to be mistaken for reeds.

I pointed out a sedge wren for some avid bird-

ers from New Mexico. I listened as I told them that I was pro-sedge wren. Odd. "Way to take a stand," I thought.

I pointed out a skink and a Kansan told me that when I see a lizard, it's a sign of rain. I smiled in disbelief, but it rained anyway.

In his song, "It Can't Happen Here," Frank Zappa warbled, "Who could imagine that they would freak out somewhere in Kansas."

I'm going to use the definition of freak out indicating heightened excitement and conclude that Zappa was watching birds at Cheyenne Bottoms or Quivira when he wrote that.

Another line in the

song said, "Who could imagine that they would freak out in Minnesota." I could imagine that.

There are two kinds of people. Being someone at the Wings & Wetlands Festival might be better than either one.

Q-and-A

Millie Westland of Hayward asked if orioles eat marshmallows. They do. I've seen people in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas feeding marshmallows to orioles and other birds. If an oriole in your yard is wearing a cowboy hat, it'll likely be used to chowing down on marshmallows. Are they good for birds? I don't know. A dedicated s'mores eater I know claims marshmallows are a health food.

"How long are a pelican's wings?" An American white pelican has a 9-foot wingspan.

"How long does a deer live?" The oldest wild white-tailed deer lived 20 years.

"What percent of blue jays migrate?" Less than 20%.

Thanks for stopping by

"We don't need more to be thankful for, we just need to be more thankful."

-- Carlos Castaneda

"A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can

afford to extend a helping hand to others. It is a weakness and other signs of insecurity." -Jimmy Carter
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This white-faced ibis, sporting the colors of a flock of bantam roosters, can be mistaken for a glossy ibis. Photo by Al Batt



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CASINOS!

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 25-26
Jackpot Junction Casino in Morton, MN
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July 22-25
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TRAVEL SHOWS

Wednesday, May 22
For our 12-day **Caribbean Cruise** aboard the Oceania Riviera. Scheduled for February 3-14, 2020. And our **Mississippi River Cruise** from New Orleans to Memphis aboard the American Queen. Scheduled for March 8-16, 2020.

Monday, June 3
For **Yellowstone and Grand Tetons**, including a wildlife safari. Scheduled for June 6-12, 2020

Tuesday, August 20
For **Thailand** scheduled for October 13-20, 2020

Still to come
For Niagara Falls - Montreal - Toronto - Quebec in September of 2020. For German Christmas Markets by Land including Oberammergau, Black Forest, Munich and Innsbruck in November of 2020.

All travel shows start at 5:30 pm in the Fairmont training room of Profinium bank. Please call to pre-register.

OVERNIGHT MYSTERY TRIP

Thursday-Friday, August 22-23
These have become so popular and sell out so fast that we're going to travel a little farther and stay overnight. Pricing will be in next newsletter. Sorry can't reveal much more at this time but save the date and sign up quickly!

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Seats are in the Legends Club, Section P, Rows 6-10. Cost of trip: \$148 for TOTHC members, \$158 for non-members. Paid registration is due August 26 for non-members. Paid registration is

CLAY COUNTY FAIR

Tuesday, September 10
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Wednesday, July 31 **"Five Presidents"** at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior Cost: \$98 for members, \$108 for non-members

Saturday, August 10 **"42nd Street"** at the Ordway Theater in St Paul Cost: \$137 for members, \$147 for non-members

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