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Fairmont Rotary is pleased to invite all community members to attend a Rotary meeting, with former Governor Tim Pawlenty as guest speaker. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, at noon on Monday, May 21st. Lunch will be server at a cost of \$10. Call or text 236-2710 for reservations.

Fairmont Multi-Block Party and Picnic May 23

Fairmont United Methodist Church and Grace Tabernacle are coming together to sponsor the 4th annual Multi-Block Party and Picnic in Veterans Park, Fairmont on Wednesday, May 23rd.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Area organizations will have display tables set up, along with fune

and games for children and a fire truck!

Join new and old friends at tables as you



enjoy the evening filled with music and a free hot dog meal.

Humane Society Plant Sale Saturday

The Martin County Humane Society will have a plant sale on Saturday, May 19th from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot behind the UCC Church in downtown Fairmont.

Pick from perennials such as hostas, lilies, phlox, coneflowers and iris. They will also have

bedding plants, annuals and more.

If you would like to donate some plants for the sale, you can donate them Friday, May 18th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the UCC back parking lot.

All proceeds from the sale will support the Martin County Humane Society.

Patent Pending Players tryouts this weekend

Patent Pending Players are preparing to present their summer play.

Natalie Henriksen will be returning as director for the summer production.

Tryouts will be held this Saturday, May 19th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 20th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The tryouts will be held at the "Community Hall" home of Patent Pending Players in Swea City, Iowa. If you are unable to make the tryouts, you can call Natalie at 712-260-5720 or Denise at 515-320-2226 to make other ar-

rangements. Eligible participants must be third through eighth grade students.

The play dates are set for Tuesday, June 26th, Wednesday, June 27th and a matinee Thursday, June 28th at 4 p.m., plus the usual evening performance at 7:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsals will take place Sunday, June 24th and Monday, June 25th.

Memberships can be mailed to: Dave Harner, 4402 40th Avenue, Swea City, IA 50590.

Fairmont Area Let's Go Fishing season

The Fairmont Area Chapter of Let's Go Fishing is preparing for the 11th season of taking our Senior Citizens, Veterans and the Disabled out fishing and boating free of charge.

Our 2018 season begins on Monday June 4th and will continue throughout the summer with outings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, fishing from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and boating from

12:00 noon to about 1:30 p.m.

The Fairmont Chapter volunteers are looking forward to another awesome summer of fishing and boating with area Senior Citizens, Veterans and the disabled.

To book an outing, visit our website fairmont.lgfws.com or call 507-848-5069.

Hope to see you on the LGFWS pontoon this summer!

Blue Earth Town and Country Players auditions

The Blue Earth Town and Country Players are excited to announce auditions for their 42nd Summer Musical, the Disney/Cameron MacKintosh production of the Broadway Musical, Mary Poppins, to be presented July 12th-15th, 2018, on the stage of the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center.

Director, Nancy Steinke and Vocal Director John Engesser will be welcoming prospective actors and actresses, Grades Four and older, to the Middle School Choir Room, from 1-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th; enter through Door R on 6th Street.

Folks need not bring any prepared material to the auditions, but should be ready to sight read from both the script and the score.

Mary Poppins has been

played around the world in twenty-one countries and has been translated into thirteen languages. Over eleven million people have seen the show worldwide. This summer audiences in the Blue Earth area will have the opportunity to experience this popular show for the low price of \$10, with a special half-price offer on Saturday, July 11th, for kids 12 and under.

"This is truly a family show and I would love to see families consider trying out," said Nancy Steinke, long-time director for the Town and Country Players. "Through the years many folks have graced our stage and become part of the T&CP family, but it's always a special treat when several members of real families become involved in our shows. This one will be lots of fun for everyone, whether they're on stage or in the audience."

The Martin Luther High School, Northrop Music Department invites everyone to their **Spring Pops Concert** on Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the MLHS gym. Elementary and high school musicians will present a variety of popular tunes under the direction of Mr. Evan Mills. Admission is a free will donation. Refreshments will be available.

The **Truman Lion's Club Burger Bash** will take place Saturday, May 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. They will serve burgers, beans, chips, condiments and beverage. Free will donation with all profits donated to Truman Day's Parade Committee.

Lake Belt Cemetery Association will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Belt Cemetery, located approximately three miles west of Ceylon on Highway 8. In the event of rain, the meeting will take place at the Lake Belt Township Town Hall/Grader Shed in Ceylon.

Arc Different Drummer Dance Club will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th 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 17th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

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

Fairmont United Methodist Church continues their **Wednesday evening suppers** from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church. This week they will serve tacos. All dinners include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, beverages and homemade desserts. A \$2 donation is suggested.

A **Beef Commercial Supper and Cookie Walk** will be held on Thursday, May 24th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fairmont Eagles Club. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Martin County Relay for Life team Swensen's Steppers.

The **30th Anniversary Interlaken Heritage Days** summer event is just around the corner and we are excited to be bringing an extensive list of activities to the Fairmont area! We are currently looking to add artisans and flea market vendors to our all-new Flea Market & Artisan Show scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Heritage Acres. In addition, we welcome other area Nonprofit agencies and organizations, churches, and community groups to register for a FREE booth space available on Saturday at Heritage Acres as well. More information can be found on our website, ihdfairmont.org under the "Forms" tab at the top of the page, also on the Interlaken Heritage Days Facebook page, by email at interlakenheritagedays@gmail.com, or by calling Laura at 507-848-4664.

The **1962 Fairmont High School** classmates, spouses and friends will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18th at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont.



HALVERSON 95TH - An Open House birthday celebration will be held for Arlys Halverson of Truman on Saturday, May 26th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church basement, Truman. Arlys will turn 95 years old on May 23rd. She was born May 23rd, 1923. Cards will reach her at P.O. Box 293, Truman, MN 56088.



MIEDTKE 80TH - Roger Miedtke of rural Fairmont will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, May 20th. Cards can reach him at 545 190th Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

Help sought for placing flags Memorial weekend

The Fairmont American Legion Post #36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1222 will be placing American flags on veterans' graves beginning at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 26th at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

They are asking for the public's help in placing the many U. S. flags in the cemetery. If you would like to volunteer, plan on

meeting at the Lakeside Cemetery office on Saturday, May 26th by 7:00 a.m.

The flags will remain in place until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 29th, allowing more time for community residents to view the cemetery.

For more information, contact Ernie Nuss at 507-235-6281.



The Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast on April 22nd benefiting the Martin County Historical Society. A check for \$383, representing the proceeds, was presented at the May 1st KC membership meeting. Pictured (L to R): Chad McGowan—Grand Knight of the local KC Council, Lenny Tvedten—Executive Director of the Martin County Historical Society and Mike Murphy—KC Fundraising Overall Chairman. (Submitted photo)



At a recent meeting of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus a check for \$789 was presented to the St. John Vianney School. This check represents the gate proceeds from the annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament held during the month of January. Pictured are Chad McGowan—Grand Knight of the local KC Council and Sarah Striemer—Principal of the St. John Vianney School. (Submitted photo)

An explanation of the fire protection contract for the Fairmont area

Residents and property owners in Fairmont and many surrounding townships have been asking some questions about the fire protection contract and some of the charges that could be incurred if a fire call takes place.

At the request of one township official, a brief explanation of the contract, which went into effect January 1st, 2018, was requested to answer some of those questions.

The fire protection contract was signed between officials of the City of Fairmont and the United Township Coop Fire Association in Martin County (UTCFA). UTCFA is made up of the townships of Center Creek, East Chain, Pleasant Prairie, Silver Lake, Fairmont, Rutland, Rolling Green and Fraser. The new contract is for a term of five years, which remains in effect until December 31st, 2022.

The services contracted under this agreement is for firefighting, fire suppression

and fire prevention, emergency incident management, rescue, emergency medical response and hazardous materials response. It does not include medical transport service.

The UTCFA owns a number of the fire trucks, and both the city and the UTCFA also co-own a number of other fire trucks. The agreement also lays out who pays for maintenance, insurance, repairs and other details for both parties.

The agreement also lays out the annual payments to be made by the UTCFA, which are determined at the start of each five year term.

Fire Personnel who are assigned to provide the contract services will continue to fall under the City of Fairmont's responsibility. Along with that, the city will handle all of the obligations to payments, worker's compensation, taxes, and insurance for each Fairmont firefighter.

One of the items of interest to residents and landowners in the participating areas are the charges for fire calls and incidentals. The new contract has established that fire calls will be billed at \$1,000 per call plus wages for calls lasting over one hour, to be paid to the City of Fairmont.

In addition, the townships that make up the UTCFA will pay a standby fee of \$220 per section with consumer price index in each year (which the townships will include in their annual levy).

As part of the agreement, the townships will still own their own fire trucks and equipment, as they had prior to the new agreement that was put in place.

If residents have any questions on the new fire protection contract or charges related to the contract, they can contact their local township board members or the city of Fairmont.



On May 5th, six children competed for the role of either Little Miss & Mister or Junior Miss & Mister Fairmont! Together these six raised almost \$2,300 to support the IHD festivities! The four winners will be the Grand Marshall of the Kiddie Parade on June 9th. Pictured are: Runner-ups Charlie and Journey, Little Mister Gavin, Little Miss Lila, Junior Mister Ethan and Junior Miss Adeline. (Submitted photo)



Fairmont Area High School's Food Prep 2 class was given a tour of Fairmont's Hy-Vee by store director, Luke Long (far right). Mr. Long talked with students about the changes Hy-Vee has made to meet the needs of today's consumers and the wide variety of careers that are available with Hy-Vee, an employee owned grocery store. Following the tour, students enjoyed a delicious Hy-Vee lunch! A special thanks to Mr. Long for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity. (Submitted photo)



Thank you to the Sherburn Liquor Store for participating in Sticker Shock! Left to right: --City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes, YOCO (YOUTH COalition) Advisor Lori Jacobsen, Ashley Allen, Melanie Anderson, Kiah Tow, Sammy Schwager, Sam Anderson, Coalition Project Coordinator Steph Johnson & MCSAP Intern Jessica Moore. (Submitted photo)

Fairmont Lakes Foundation and Martin County Pheasants Forever clean up Fairmont's lakes

Members of the Fairmont Lakes Foundation, along with approximately 20 members of the Martin County Pheasants Forever Chapter, Jim Utermarck's

Truman High School Trap Club and members of the public came together on Saturday, May 5th to help clean up Fairmont's lakes. With the use of boats

and manpower, 1,520 lbs. of trash, 7 tires, 2 floating logs, 1 bicycle and 5 dead fish were removed from Hall Lake and its shoreline.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help make Fairmont's lakes cleaner! (Submitted photos)



Congratulations to Fairmont Ford's FFA scholarship winner Camren Saxton. He will receive \$1000 towards his college education. Camren is from Fairmont High School's FFA chapter and will attend the University of Nebraska in the fall, and study Engineering. Camren was selected for his leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities. Camren (left) is pictured with Teresa Haycraft from Fairmont Ford. (Submitted photo)



St. John Vianney School participated in the Drive 4 UR School that was sponsored by Fairmont Ford in March. Every person that came to the school to test drive a vehicle earned the school \$20. If that person drove an EcoSport, we earned an additional \$10. Teresa Haycraft, from Fairmont Ford, presented the school with a check for \$5,330! This money will go towards purchasing new playground equipment which will be installed this summer. (Submitted photo)

Financial Focus

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How Can You Meet Your Short-term Goals?

Why do you invest? If you're like most people, you'd probably say that, among other things, you want to retire comfortably. Obviously, that's a worthy long-term goal, requiring long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you'll also have short-term goals, such as buying a second home, remodeling your kitchen or taking a much-needed vacation. Will you need to invest differently for these goals than you would for the long-term ones?

To answer that question, let's first look at how you might invest to achieve your longer-term goals. For these goals, the key investment ingredient is growth – quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, you will likely want a good percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and other stock-based investments, to fund your 401(k), IRA or other accounts.

However, the flip side

of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments will always fluctuate in value – which means you could lose some, or even all, of your principal. Hopefully, though, by putting time on your side – that is, by holding your growth-oriented investments for decades – you can overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you're seeking significant growth and, in doing so,

you'll have to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you're after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You don't need maximum growth potential as much as you need to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. But, in general, you'll need these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

- Protection of principal – As mentioned above, when you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there's no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won't lose

money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won't come with full guarantees, either, but, by and large, they do offer you a reasonable amount of confidence that your principal will remain intact.

- Liquidity – Some short-term investments have specific terms – i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. – meaning you do have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. Otherwise, if you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell, either before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity will be helpful to you when

you need the money to meet your short-term goal.

- Stability of issuer – Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others – and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward your long-term goals. But your short-term goals are still important – and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



MOSS recently donated \$3,480 to the Adventure Playground. The idea for the park started from conversations the members were having and their participation has been instrumental in the Adventure Playground Task Force, with many members even serving on both committees. Pictured first row (L to R): Katie Cochran, Ardell Ehlers, Peg Rock, Amber Elliott. Second row (L to R): Nancy Stauffer, Jodie Whitmore, Linda G, Tami Whitmore, Greta Lintleman, Bob Lintleman, Lisa Dahl, and Kristin Tietje. (Submitted photo)

The Martin County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a special genealogy presentation following its regular monthly meeting, on Saturday May 19th at the Pioneer Museum in Fairmont. The public is invited. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. with the program to follow at 9:30. Nicholas Weerts will give a presentation on how to interpret DNA test results from the various Genealogy DNA testing companies. There will be a question and answer session as well. Nicholas has been a presenter at Genealogy Conferences on the state level and has been involved in genealogy research for over 25 years. For more information call Dona at 507-236-0996 or Carol at 507-236-2599 or email mcgs@frontier.com

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At the May 1st meeting of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus a check for \$4,481, representing 1/2 of the 28th annual Silent/Live Auction proceeds, was presented to our local ARC Organization. The Knights have donated over \$200,000 as a result of this annual auction. Pictured (L to R): Gary Haeckel—Solicitation Committee Chairman, Lee Ann Erickson—Director of ARC SW, Chad McGowan—Grand Knight of the local Council, Don Witt—KC Committee Member and ARC Member, Henry Smith—KC Table Committee Chairman. (Submitted photo)

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What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

I want Sunshine!

I had my day all planned yesterday, I was going to work out in my flower gardens in the sunshine! I waited until mid afternoon, and went out anyway, at least it wasn't raining. A ray of sunshine at our back yard is frequent orioles visiting our feeders. We usually have two pairs that come but this year one day we counted 12. We haven't seen that many at one time again but there are usually at least 2 and several waiting in a tree near by for their turn.

Last week in the list of ingredients in the pancake recipe the 2 eggs were omitted. They were mentioned in the method so I hope if you tried them you caught on. I do apologize for the omission. Two weeks ago I entertained friends for lunch and served todays chicken salad. Its my favorite, I'm sorry if I have put it in before but its worth repeating if I have! Plan ahead should be refrigerated overnight.

Special Chicken Salad

- 3 cups cooked cubed chicken
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 2 cups seedless grapes, cut in half
- 15 3/4 oz. can pineapple chunks, drained
- 5 1/2 oz. slivered almonds

Dressing:

- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tsp. curry powder (I used 1 tsp.)
- Mix together well.

Mix all salad ingredients except almonds, fold in dressing. Refrigerate over night, just before serving mix in almonds, serve on lettuce leaf.

Have a great week

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



oto LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cemetery needs your help

Fairmont's Lakeside Cemetery (900 N. Fairlakes Avenue) needs your help to keep the cemetery looking beautiful. We would like to start an adopt-a-section program, much like the adopt-a-highway. A small group of people would be responsible for trimming around the headstones as needed in the section for which you volunteer. (You will be asked to bring your own trimmers and furnish your own gas.)

We no longer have the funds to pay out a large amount each month to hire a good portion of the cemetery to be mowed and trimmed; and we do not have the manpower to do it all without help. Please consider asking a group of your friends or employees to help us out. We would greatly appreciate it.

Please contact Lakeside Cemetery directly at 507-238-1932 or e-mail camlucia716@gmail.com. Please provide your e-mail address and phone number so we can contact you.

Thank you.
Lakeside Cemetery Board

Area College Student News

Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, presented bachelor's degrees to undergraduate students during its 120th spring commencement held on May 12th.

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Luke T. Peterson, Bachelor of Science in business administration
Welcome:
Taylor A. DeVary, Bachelor of Science in mass communication

Hall Lake Cleanup Thanks

On May 5th, 2018, Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. held a volunteer clean-up of Hall Lake. With the ice barely off the lakes and the reservoir level so high, volunteers were impeded in their efforts to gather and remove refuse from the lake. That, however, did not deter the volunteers from removing over 1,000 pounds of refuse ranging from dock sections and canopies to volumes of plastic, metal, and waterlogged "dead heads." Oh, and if someone is missing assorted patio furniture or a bicycle...it is gone.

Since all of the clean-up efforts, sponsored by Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc. rely on volunteers to collect the refuse, it was a welcome sight when we moved the trailer into Gomsrud Park and saw the sea of orange clad volunteers from Pheasants Forever! They brought their boats and enthusiasm, including family members and made the three hour session a success...In addition, Jim Utermarck brought members of the Truman High School Trap Club. Together with Pheasants Forever, it was truly a teachable moment.

Volunteer efforts still experience "costs incurred" while completing the service rendered. The refuse collected has to be hauled to recycling. The City of Fairmont assists with the clean-up by collecting the tires for disposal. Terry Anderson donates the use of his trailer and his time to haul away the refuse. Add the cost of the disposal of the material. And, when you consider what a fair and equitable wage would be for the "man hour" total of 28 volunteers times three hours, one can start to see that advocacy for our lakes does not come inexpensively. We should all recognize this and continue to support our lake clean-up sessions.

Again, thank you to Pheasants Forever, Truman High School Trap Club, the City of Fairmont, Terry Anderson, Dr. John Holstine, The Photo Press, and the Sentinel for making this clean-up of Hall Lake a success.

Michael J. Katzenmeyer
Chair
Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

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@ the Martin County Library

We are excited to tell you about something new and exciting available for check-out at the Fairmont Library! Ever wish you had a way to stream a movie or a TV show without an Internet connection? Well, now you can with the Go Chip Beam. These new devices are portable and easy to use and allow streaming for up to 5 devices, no Wi-Fi required! You can be anywhere and still streaming! Go Chip Beams work on a variety of smart phones, tablets, Apple TV and other devices. Go Chip Beams feature a pre-selected set of movies (themes include "Kids," "Comedies," "Action," etc.) or an entire season of a TV show. Check one out for a week, and give it a try! We'd love to know what you think! Go Chip Beams are available right next to our DVD collection and are the newest addition to our collection at the library. Try one out today!



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May 22, 2018 4:00 pm

The 45th Annual Meeting of Community Options & Resources will be held Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 at 4:00 pm
At COR's Central Office Building
330 1/2 Fox lake Ave., Sherburn

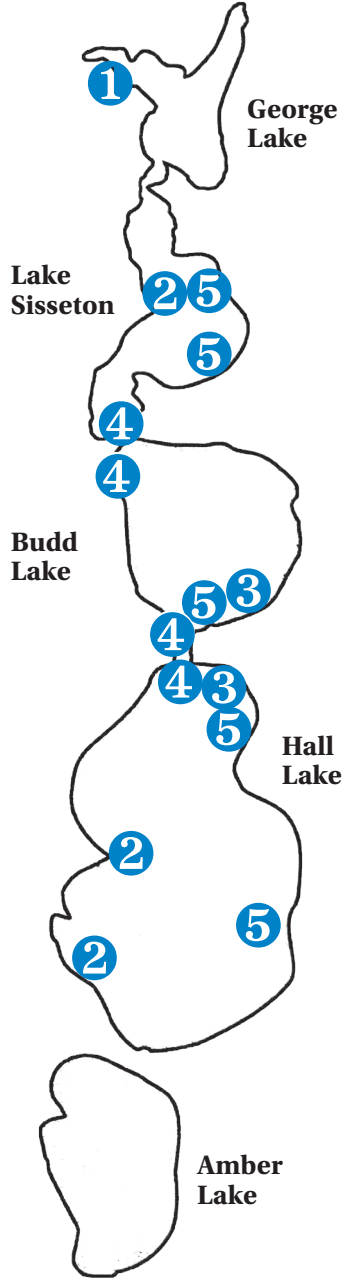
The public is invited to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF FAIRMONT LAKES:


The Fairmont lakes are covered by Minnesota and federal laws, of which every boater, swimmer and fisherman should be aware. Following are the additional items specifically pertaining to our Fairmont lakes.

KNOW YOUR BUOYS!

These are the buoys you will encounter on our lakes, and their locations. Watch for them and obey them! It is a misdemeanor to tamper with or vandalize buoys and signs.




Legend




1

Danger
Dam Spillway





2

Do not pass between
buoy and shore




3

Boats keep out -
Swimming area



4

Boating channel
lies between red
and green buoys



5

Slow -
No wake

It is unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any watercraft:

- At a speed in excess of “slow-no wake” within 100 feet of the three aerators on Budd Lake.
- At a speed greater than “slow-no wake” within 100 feet of any shoreline. This provision shall not apply to watercraft launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to or from open water.
- A personal water craft must travel at a “slow-no wake” speed within 150 feet of non-motorized boats, shores (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
- Within a designated swim area.
- To operate a watercraft so its wash or wake endangers, harasses, or interferes with any person or property.
- To operate a watercraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- No person shall use a flotation device, including inflated inner tubes, life preservers, or similar articles for flotation purposes, except in an emergency more than 100 feet from shoreline.
- No person shall leave any temporary structure (such as swimming platforms) not extending from shore, in the waters of the city, between the hours of sunset to sunrise without a permit in writing from the Martin County Sheriff.
- In addition, as a courtesy, please do not “power load” your boat onto your trailer. This causes damage and washing out of the area at the end of the ramps.
- Be aware of the Aquatic Invasive Species affecting Minnesota’s waterways. The Fairmont lakes are free of these invaders and we want to keep them that way.
- Learn the current boating laws by picking up a current Minnesota Boating Guide at a MN DNR license center or going to www.dnr.state.mn.us/boating/.
- Boating While Impaired (BWI): The alcohol concentration for impaired operation is .08, the same as for motor vehicles. In addition, a second BWI offense can result in loss of motor vehicle driver’s license, *and forfeiture of the motorboat and trailer.*
- State Law requires children under 10 years old to wear a life jacket while boat is underway.

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The guy from just down the road

By Al Batt

My neighbor Crandall stops by.

"How are you doing?" I ask.

"Everything is nearly c o p a - cetic. I'm as busy as a nudist camp mosquito. I'm pretty satisfied with myself, but I'm easy to please. Pop told me I should go to the bank and borrow more money. He believes if you owe a bank \$1 million, the bank owns you. But if you owe a bank \$10 million, you own the bank. Pop has more dough than a deep-dish pizza, so he has to worry about other things. He was worried because he couldn't remember what shirt he'd worn yesterday. He's solved that problem. He's going to wear his favorite shirt every day. I've found that people do care. A fellow fell on the sidewalk the other day. Other people were careful not to step on him. My neighbor mowed



his lawn. Talk about peer pressure. The grass has grown too tall for my mower. I'll have to mow it even though in just six weeks, it'll need mowing again."

Naturally

I'm a sustaining member of the fanatic bird feeders of my ZIP Code.

As I came out of the house to fill the feeders, the first three birds I saw were a house finch, house wren and house sparrow. That seemed appropriate.

The yard had become Goldfinch City as the chatter of the tiny birds filled the air. I saw a Swainson's thrush looking something like a coloring-book robin that hadn't been completely colored. Male birds sang for the ladies. An avian serenade. Orchard orioles, while their chatter is similar, don't whistle like Baltimore orioles, but sing more like a house finch. Carpenters worked in the yard. Woodpeckers, nuthatches and chickadees excavated nesting cavities in trees. A chipmunk being chased by another chipmunk ran

over a fox squirrel feeding on the ground. The squirrel was perturbed, but the chipmunks had quickly left the scene.

Gardening was on my mind. Ancient Romans planted seeds on dirt-filled carts and rolled them into the sunshine. Rhubarb, native to Central Asia, first appeared in American seed catalogs in 1829 and is called "pie plant" by some.

From the car, I saw coots eating grass, walking as if they were wearing clown shoes. Magnolias bloomed, their flowers appearing before their leaves. I visited the National Wildlife & Fish Refuge, which covers 261 miles of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. In 1972, the Refuge had one bald eagle nest. Now it has over 250 active nests. Bald eagles incubate their eggs for 35 days with the young fledging in 12 weeks and the adults weighing 8 to 14 pounds.

Color-coordination is overrated. Each time I see a sunset, I'm reminded that orange goes well with any

color.

Q-and-A

Jim Lageson of Ellendale wrote about young great horned owls on branches and wondered if the owls eat carrion. Young great horned owls move onto nearby branches when they are about six weeks old. They are capable of short flights at around seven weeks of age. There can be a significant age difference in owlets as the mother typically lays an egg every couple days until the clutch is complete and starts incubating as soon as the first egg is laid. The eggs laid first hatch soonest. After leaving the nest, the fledglings remain close for several weeks, often roosting together in a tree near the nest. They react to the sight of their parents with begging calls and flights aimed at the older owls. Fledglings keep company with their parents for most of the summer. The owlets' noisy begging can be heard into October. Most nests are used for only a single season. By the next nesting season, the young owls will have left the territory. After dispersal, most young owls are excluded from breed-



My father called the indigo bunting a blue canary.
Photo by Al Batt

ing by the aggressive behavior of territorial owls. Great horned owls eat almost anything that moves and will eat carrion if they must, but it probably isn't their favorite fare.

Pat Ryan of Rapidan saw a robin with white wings and wondered what was going on there. It sounds like leucism, a genetic condition in which pigments don't reach all the feathers. This results in white patches or a pale plumage. The bird would retain the normal color of skin and eyes. Albinism, on the other hand, results in pink eyes and skin.

"Do fake owls work to keep other birds away?" No, but they do keep other

fake owls away.

"Why do young birds leave the nest before they can fly?" It's to the advantage of some young birds to get out of the nest as soon as possible because a nest full of loud baby birds attracts predators and the nests can have parasites.

Thanks for stopping by

"Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day" - Alice Morse Earle

"To damage the earth is to damage your children."—Wendell Berry

DO GOOD.

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Letters to the Editor

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The Pursuit of Happiness

Springtime brings graduations, and graduations are often about accomplishments. But in all the talk and celebrations about accomplishments, something more important can get lost. What can get lost is just the simple and yet never-ending quest for a happy life.

The hope of this community is that every graduating student will lead a happy life, and perhaps we can suggest ways that might

help you do that, especially as you go through all the emotional and stressful experiences that life can bring.

Happiness is found in loving God and through service to others. Loving and service are very interdependent. The rent we pay for being on this earth is service to our family and following God. After God, family is the next priority. Always be there for them and make them a priority.

We don't have them forever, so take advantage of them while they're here.

I was blessed with good friends throughout my life, and I urge you to seek good friends. True friendship is a great treasure. Cultivate it, care for it and appreciate it. We have a limited time on this earth so enjoy it and work to maintain good friends who can enjoy it with you.

You are about to graduate, but you can never put an end to education. It helps you become a better person. The best education teaches us to live happily, prepares us to take

on challenges and instills courage, faith, and perseverance. Education gives us the foundation to ask, at the end of each day, "Am I a better person? Have I improved?"

Work for excellence in everything you do. No matter what you do, pour your heart into it and give 100 percent. Every job is important. Don't lose sight of the details or the big picture. Success is finding your vocation and giving it your all, as well as motivating others to give their all. Your vocation has to mean more than money. It has to contribute to the whole self

which will, in turn, bring happiness. Being rewarded for good work is necessary but if you elevate your salary over your work, it's time to examine your job and your attitude. Always let your heart and spirituality weave their way through your work. Remember that money is a means and not an end, so don't form a too obsessive attachment to it. Live on less than you earn, regardless of appearances, and save before spending. Most importantly, GIVE of your money. It's the best investment and you get back much more than you contribute because God re-

wards a joyful giver.

Always remember who you are and to be yourself. Be authentic. Practice forgiveness, compassion and fidelity. Be slow to anger and quick to comprise.

In the end, success is not measured by what you have but how happy you are. All of us, your neighbors and friends and family, want you to enjoy a genuine and lasting happiness. But remember - you can't be happy if you don't pursue happiness in the right way.

Michael G. Garry
Fairmont

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Jeff's Jottings

A friend of mine told me in church on Sunday that this was going to be a "spring to remember" and I have to say I agree with him. Here it is, the middle of May and I had to turn the furnace on in the house to "take the chill off," the ground is so saturated with moisture that the sump pump runs about every 15 minutes, most of the creeks and rivers in the area are over the banks, adding to the many "lakes" in area farm fields, and most of my garden is in standing water or

just plain soggy. The talk in the coffee shops center around the crop planting, or lack thereof, to this point and whether preventive planting will play a big role in farm plans this year. The creek down by our place is well over its banks and the road to the west of us is closed due to high water and a very soft road. Even my lawn mowing has been a challenge this year due to a soggy lawn. We've been through this before - we will get through it again!

"What is it?"

The item we had last week had so many correct answers, our phone was constantly ringing at our office last week! The first one to answer was



Verlyn Sandersfeld, who said it was a hanger for hanging up boots and waders, so they can dry out haing upside

down and not crack over time. We had many correct answers - so thanks for the great response! This week we have an unusual item. It was brought in by Norm Langford of Fairmont. The item is made of heavy cast iron, stands about 14 inches tall and was originally painted black. It has a handle on the top that pivots downward and a shaft that is connected to the handle that goes down over a pin on the base. It has a sticker marked "Trademark" and a patent date of 1907. So, what is it? And even more



for a future "What is it?" either stop at the Photo Press so we can take pictures and get information, or email photos to me with a description.

For the birds!

Karis and I have been spending a lot of time outside on the farm cleaning things up from the winter and also putting out our many bird feeders, yard art, patio furniture and more. It was fun last Saturday seeing all of the birds hanging around the place while we were outside. The air was filled with the

songs of birds and the feeders were full of activity. I think I counted 21 goldfinches on our feeders at one point on Saturday and our friendly



cardinal keeps returning to feed on the seed that falls on the ground below our two feeders hanging between the house and the barn. Some new arrivals that have not been seen on our place before this year is a blue bunting and even a couple orioles. Yes, we go through quite a bit of bird feed, but it is worth it to hear the many songs of the feathered friends!

Tacos, dance and plants!

There are a number of events taking place around the area in the next week: Wednesday, May 16th Fairmont United Methodist Church will have their Wednesday Evening Supper from 5 to 6 p.m. They are serving tacos for a \$2 donation. Dancin' Plus dance recitals are this

weekend, May 18th, 19th and 20th at the Fairmont Opera House. Check out their facebook page for recital times and info. Saturday, May 19th, from 8 a.m. to noon the Martin County Humane Society will have a plant sale in the parking lot behind the Fairmont UCC Church. Also on Saturday, the Truman Lions Club will have a Burger Bash from 5-7 p.m. at the Truman Community Building. Next Wednesday, May 23rd there will be a Fairmont Multiblock Party and Picnic from 5 to 7 p.m. at Veterans Park in Fairmont. Lots going on in the coming week!

Have a great week!

Drive safely - visit a shut-in or family member - Eat, Play, Shop Local - Pray for sun and warmth!

- Jeff

"Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer



Third Time's A Charm

I've spent a lot of time over the years exploring Colorado. What a beautiful state! It wasn't uncommon for me to journey there six, eight or even ten times a year. Being a Denver Broncos fan, I went to a lot of home football games; always making time to venture into the mountains while there.

The number of trips to Colorado tapered off, then quietly came to a halt as I found a new hobby - flying skydivers. The experience of taking jumpers to 10 or 12,000 feet reminded me of be-

ing in Colorado. The air is cold and thin at that altitude, the sights are spectacular and oh, the thrill!

Each flight was an escape from the hassles and burdens of everyday life. It was like a mini trip to the far away state I dearly loved. Flying skydivers consumed many of my weekends during the season. I love flying airplanes, but still, I held onto my passion for the Rocky Mountains.

Melissa had told me of her trips to Colorado before we met and how she fell in love with the San

Juan Mountains around Ouray. Her description of the area re-kindled my yearning to return to Colorado. We talked about it and committed to go someday.

One day we packed an overnight bag, jumped in the airplane and flew to Front Range Airport, just outside of Denver. We rented a car and drove to Georgetown, a favorite place of mine. We explored the Gunella Pass over the historic mountain town together, had a wonderful dinner at the Red Ram, listened to some great music, and

stayed the night at the Mountain Inn.

The next day we had talked about continuing west to Ouray, but the drive was too long. We just didn't have enough time. "We'll explore the mountains around Georgetown now and go to Ouray on our next visit." We decided...but didn't seem to get back that way.

Several years later, we planned to go to Ouray for our 8th annual honeymoon trip. Our plans to head west made a 180-degree turn and we ended up out east, exploring New England instead.

The next year I had a late December business trip taking me to southern California. Melissa would travel with me and on our return trip we would go through

Colorado to be in Ouray for Christmas. But, that business trip was postponed; we changed plans and spent a memorable holiday with family in Austin, Texas.

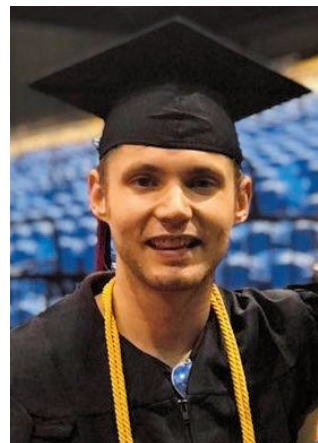
The trip to California was rescheduled to February. The third time is a charm. On our return, Melissa and I finally made it to Ouray, together.

We arrived from the south, coming in on the Million Dollar Highway.

Carved out of the mountain, the ledge twisted and turned, following her lines.

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

eat play shop
LOCAL



Brett Boehne of rural Ceylon graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree. He has been accepted to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Gannon University in Florida. (Submitted photo)

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND PREVENTATIVE CARE FREE COFFEE AND DISCUSSION

THURSDAY MAY 17TH

2:00 PM

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Skin Cancer Prevention

Weight Management

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Kara Ristau, MSN, FNP-C



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Saturday, May 19, 2018 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 20, 2018 3:00 pm
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FAIRMONT AREA

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Breakfast menu can be found online. MAY 17 - 23

THUR: K-6: Cheese stuffed breadsticks, ham & turkey chef salad, dinner roll, caesar salad, green beans, apple, fruit cocktail.

JR/HS: Spaghetti, breadstick, carrots, broccoli ranch salad, jicama sticks, orange, pineapple tidbits.

FRI: K-6: Cheese stuffed breadsticks, bagel fun lunch, corn, broccoli, orange, pineapple tidbits.

JR/HS: Ckn & cheese quesadilla, rice, refried beans, potato salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.

MON: K-6: BBQ chicken sandwich, sunbutter & grape sandwich, baked beans, pepper strips, banana, fruit cocktail.

JR/HS: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, carrots, tomato & cucumber salad, carrots, apple, fruit cocktail.

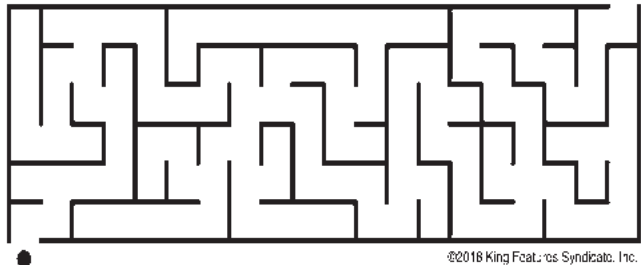
TUE: K-6: Tacos, brown rice, blueberry parfait with granola, refried beans, jicama, apple, pineapple tidbits.

JR/HS: Ckn alfredo, breadstick, green beans, coleslaw, cucumbers, banana, pineapple tidbits.

WED: K-6: Mac & cheese, dinner roll, ham & cheese sandwich, broccoli, tomato & cucumber salad, grapes, applesauce.

JR/HS: Sloppy joe, baked beans, pea salad, celery sticks, grapes, peaches.

Kids' Maze



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Fairmont Area School's ECCE and Discovery Place Preschool had a great time on their spring bus trip to Sioux Falls. The children had fun playing at Monkey Bizness, enjoyed the sights and sounds at the Butterfly House and Aquarium, and were even able to make a quick stop at the Empire Mall. A special thanks to the ECCE Parent Advisory Board for arranging this wonderful event! (Submitted photos)



Fairmont Eagles 1228 Lake Ave • 238-2555

Friday, May 18 • 5-7pm: Burger Night!
Burgers \$5

Burger of the Month...Peanut Butter Burger...1/3 pound burger with swiss cheese and bacon and our special peanut butter blend on a lightly toasted bun with fries and a soda for \$9.50

Saturday, May 19: Decadence • 9pm

Sunday, May 20 • 8:30am-12:30pm: Breakfast Buffet
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Monday, May 21: Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

Tuesday, May 22: • 5-7pm Membership Appreciation Supper

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Auditions:

Sat., June 2nd at 1pm & 4pm and Mon., June 4th at 5pm
Callbacks Tuesday, June 5th at 6pm

Prepared Audition Song Not Required, But Encouraged
Auditions to be held at the FOH

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Menus subject to change.
MAY 17 - 23

THUR: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, peaches.

FRI: Sloppy joes, baked beans, carrot sticks, applesauce.

MON: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peas, bread, banana.

TUE: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, mandarin oranges.

WED: Italian dunkers, green beans, cheese stick, pears, dessert..

TRUMAN AREA

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MAY 17 - 23

THUR: Hamburger, fries, veggies, fruit.

FRI: Tacos, beans, corn, carrots, fruit cup.

MON: Pizza, green beans, spinach salad, pineapple tidbits.

TUE: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, veggies, fruit, goldfish.

WED: Turkey/cheese croissant, potato salad, veggies, apples, oranges.

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MAY 17 - 23

THURS: Chicken, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, peach crisp.

FRI: Tilapia, hashbrown, bake, mix veggies, hydrox cake.

MON: Spaghetti, green beans, cheesecake with blueberry.

TUE: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, CA blend veggies, bar.

WED: Turkey club, broccoli salad, jello with peaches.

Lake Belt Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 6:00 p.m. at Lake Belt Cemetery Ceylon, MN. (Lake Belt Grader Shed in case of rain)

HOLY HOTDISH

Tuesday, May 22nd: St. John's United Church of Christ

Menu: Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Orange Salad and Brownie Sundae

Serving from 5-7 pm. \$8/adults; \$5/under 12. Take outs are available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN ST. JOHN VIANNEY FAIRMONT

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MAY 17 - 23

THUR: Spaghetti, breadstick, carrots, jicama sticks, pineapple tidbits.

FRI: Cheeseburger, tator tots, carrots, orange.

MON: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, carrots, tomato & cucumber salad, fruit cocktail.

TUE: Ckn alfredo, breadstick, green beans, coleslaw, pineapple tidbits.

WED: Sloppy joe, tator tots, celery sticks, peaches.

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 507-773-4547.

Jeff's Jottings!



MYSTERY

What is it?



Martin County Youth Foundation Board Member Pat Winter presented \$1,500 to Sam Viesselman for the Fairmont Area High School Robotics Team to design, program and build robots and making available a summer STEM camp for elementary students. (Submitted photo)

OBITUARY notices

Joyce C. Fillmore, 89



Joyce C. Fillmore, 89, of Fairmont passed away peacefully Sunday, May 6th, 2018 at Ingleside Memory Care in Fairmont with her son John and his wife Kathy at her side. A private graveside service was held Monday, May 14th at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Joyce was born September 18th, 1928 to Oscar and Ethel Hyland in Nunda, South Dakota. She graduated from Polytechnic High School in Los

Angeles, CA in 1946 and attended Los Angeles City College. Joyce then moved to Fairmont and was employed at Fairmont Railway Motors.

In February of 1952, Joyce and Edward A. Fillmore were united in marriage at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont. Ed passed away in 1995.

Joyce, along with her husband Ed, owned and operated Fairmont Electric and Hardware after purchasing the store from his father. They closed the store and retired in 1988. After retirement Joyce stayed active working at

Miller's Fashion, volunteering at the Hospital gift shop where she put her gift wrapping skills to good use, and catering. In later years she faithfully cared for her mother.

Joyce was an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church where she sang in the choir, was a member of the Guild, and served on a variety of committees throughout the years. Joyce loved music and had a good singing voice that stood out. She sang with the local choral group Mozart Marching Society in the 1970's and enjoyed listening to clas-

sical music. She also participated in Fairmont Civic Summer Theater. Joyce enjoyed league bowling and was a member of several leagues for many years, traveling to National Tournaments multiple times. Joyce also enjoyed golf and was a member of Interlaken Golf Club. In the later years during the summer, Joyce could be found sitting on her deck, enjoying a glass of wine, and the sights of the Lu-edtke Slough.

Survivors include one son John (Kathy) Fillmore of Wabasha, MN, grandchildren, Marc of Coeur

d'Alene ID, and Ellen of Kemah, TX; sisters-in-law Alice (Bunny) Peters of Fairmont and Paun Hyland, Washington state; and nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Edward, mother Ethel Dubreville, father Oscar, and brother Donald.

The family expresses their sincere gratitude to the loving and caring staff of both Ingleside Memory Care and Mayo Hospice Program. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Fairmont.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Donald H. Lutz, 78



A Celebration of Life for

Donald Harold Lutz, 78, of Fairmont was held Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairmont. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fairmont. Donald Lutz passed peacefully into his Savior's arms with his family by his side on Wednesday, May 8th, 2018. Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont assisted the family with arrangements.

Donald Harold Lutz, son of Harold and Hulda (Henningson) Lutz was born November 17th, 1939 in Fairmont. He received his education at District 28

Country School and Fairmont High School, graduating in 1957. During his high school years he worked for Gunther's and Mocol's Grocery. Later he worked as a salesman for the Metz and Taystee Baking companies and did trucking part-time for Gene Becker. He began farming in the Granada area in 1960, which was his real passion. Joined by his wife Dee at his side, they farmed together until health problems caused him to retire in 2013. His favorite color was red for a reason.

Donald was blessed with two children, David and Diana. On July 15th, 1988 he married Deloris Urban at Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher. As a member at St. Paul Lutheran Church, he also served as an usher.

His favorite pastimes included watching sports, especially the Twins, Vikings, Lynx and Gophers. He enjoyed playing cards and visiting casinos with friends. His grandchildren brought him joy and brightened his days. Having coffee at Perkins with

the guys in the mornings gave him all the education he needed about farming. He enjoyed checking on the neighbors' crops and giving advice to the guys when needed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deloris and her children; Rita Urban, Janell Becker, Gary (Bobbi) Urban; son, David (Debbie) Lutz, grandchildren Regan and Justine; daughter Diana (Jeff) Clark; step-grandchildren Austin Becker, Jonathan Urban, Sophia Urban, Ella Urban; sisters LaVonne (Barry) Chesire, Mary (Ken) Trees,

Maxine Pavlicek; and step-sister Janet (Ben) Harris; as well many nieces and nephews, other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister.

Our memories of Don will be forever cherished and we look forward to our reunion in Heaven.

Memorials can be directed to St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont.

lakeviewfuneralhome.net

Fern H. Luhmann, 91



Funeral Service for Fern H. Luhmann, 91, of Truman, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17th, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, with Pastor Nathan Rusert officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rural Truman. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 from

5-7 p.m. at Zaharia Family Funeral Home, 102 E. Ciro Street, and one hour prior to the service at church. Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service is entrusted with arrangements. Fern passed away on Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman.

Fern was born March 30th, 1927 in Rutland Township, Martin County, to Ruben and Martha (Lohmann) Rose. She was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church in East Rutland Township. On April 21st, 1945 Fern was united in marriage to Alvin Luhmann. They moved to their farm in rural Truman in 1946 and then into Truman in 2007.

Fern was a proud member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman and was active in the Ladies

Aid and Naomi Circles. She and Al spent winters in Hawaii and enjoyed spending time with family.

Left to cherish her memory are her two children; Vivian (Larry) Salstrom of Truman and Dwight (Patty) Luhmann of Eagan; granddaughter, Connie (David) Sugg; great-grandson, Noah of Forest Lake, MN; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Fern was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin; two sisters, Elvera Hartmann and Margaret Paulson, as well as other extended family.

Memorials are preferred to Martin Luther High School or Mayo Hospice.

ZahariaFamilyFuneral.com

Cynthia M. Goodrich, 65



Cynthia "Cindy" Marie Goodrich passed away Wednesday, December 13th, 2017, surrounded by family at her home after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Evangelical Cove-

nent Church in Fairmont with Rev. Dan Wheeler and Rev. Dan Fullerton officiating. An open house will be held at the Goodrich residence, 8944 370th Avenue, Blue Earth at 12:00 p.m.

Cindy was born August 25th, 1952 in Fairmont to Howard C. and Susan Smith. She graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1970. She married Erv Jansen in 1972 and they had two sons together, Lucas in 1978 and Cole in 1980.

Cindy worked for Dr. Jim Ekse in Blue Earth as a registered dental assistant and then spent 27 years with Dr. Jeff Fordice in Fairmont. She married Marty Goodrich on July 23rd, 1988.

Her greatest joys were her seven grandkids and

one great-grandchild. She also enjoyed gardening, dancing, participating in all activities at Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church and riding motorcycle with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Marty; sons: Lucas (Candy) Jansen of Elmore, Cole Jansen of Elmore and special friend Kelsey Oletzke of Fairmont; grandchildren Robbie, Angel, Morgan, Callen, Callen, Ayla, Bayleigh, Fynley; parents: Howard and Susan Smith of Blue Earth and brothers: Robin (Julie) of Tucson, Arizona and Marty Smith of Belton, Texas.

Memorials can be made to Evangelical Covenant Church Building Fund, 901 Woodland Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

DEATH notices

May 8 - Arlo L. Lueth, 90, Fairmont.

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

May 8 - Donald H. Lutz, 78, Fairmont

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May 9 - Donna M. Miller Applen, 85, Sacramento, CA formerly of Fairmont.

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May 12 - Fern H. Luhmann, 91, Truman.

Zaharia Family Funeral and Cremation Service

In Memory

One Year Ago This Week

May 6 - Scott M. Greve, 54, Fortville, Indiana

May 7 - Jane D. Johnson, 96, Fairmont

May 8 - Clyde V. Bong, 68, Welcome

May 8 - Luella A Waskosky, 92, Fairmont

May 9 - Lawrence H. Schultz, 95, Fairmont

May 9 - James M. Scott, 54, Fairmont

May 12 - Jerald R. Luscomb, 75, Fairmont

May 15 - James D. Hill, 71, Fairmont

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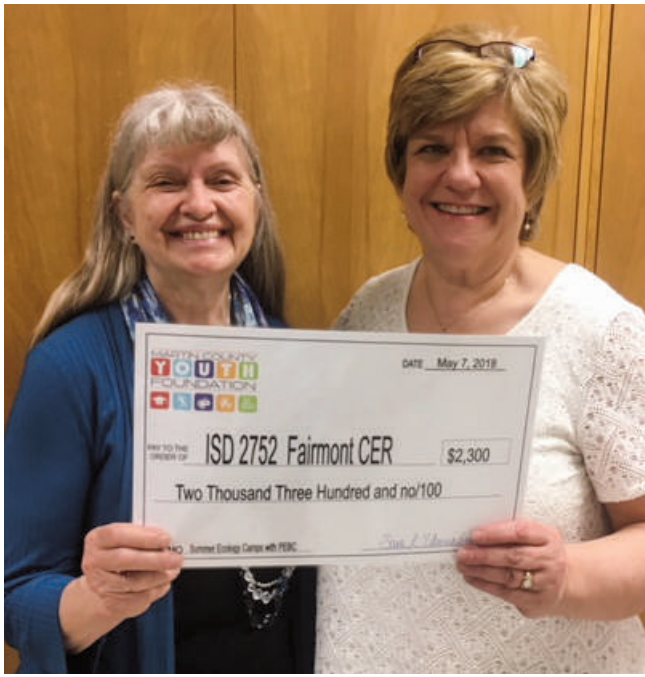
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Roni Dauer of Fairmont Area Community Education and Recreation received \$2,300 from the Martin County Youth Foundation. Laura Kramer (Right) presented the check for the summer Ecology Camps with the Prairie Ecology Bus Center. They will use our local parks, educational resources and naturalists to promote interest in science discovery topics to youth ages 4-18. (Submitted photo)

New businesses coming to Fairmont's Highway 15

Fairmont's north side business numbers are growing with the addition of two new businesses along Highway 15.

Lange Ag Systems, Inc., which deals in livestock equipment, construction and repair parts and service, will be located in

the former Buy-Rite Auto building, on the north side of the Pizza Ranch.

Just a block north, Tractor Supply Company

is in the process of completing work on its business, in the north half of the former K-Mart building.



St. James Lutheran School, Northrop third and fourth graders would like to thank-you to Jamee Bohlsen and Mike Heckmann for sharing with us Electrical Safety tips last week. (Submitted photo)



K is for kindness! Mrs. Duehlmeier's kindergarten class at Fairmont Elementary performed random acts of kindness for adults in the school to tell them that "They are Stars!" The children enjoyed seeing people smile and "making their day." This life-long lesson was taught to show children that they can always be kind to others and that kindness is always a good thing! (Submitted photo)

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On May 30, 1593, playwright Christopher Marlowe, 29, is killed in a tavern brawl. Marlowe, a compatriot of Shakespeare, was nearly denied his master's degree from Cambridge, until advisers to Queen Elizabeth intervened. Marlowe had been a spy for the Queen.

• On May 29, 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that organized baseball does not violate antitrust laws as alleged by the Baltimore franchise of the defunct Federal League in 1915. The high court held that organized baseball is not a business, but a sport.

• On May 28, 1937, Volkswagen is founded in Wolfsburg, Germany. Adolf Hitler's pet project was the mass production of an affordable vehicle that could sell for less than 1,000 Reich marks (about \$140 at the time). The "People's Car" was based on Austrian automotive engineer Ferdinand Porsche's design.

• On June 3, 1956, authorities in Santa Cruz, California, announce a total ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, calling the music "detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth." A crowded dance party attended by 200 teenagers the previous evening led to the decision.

• On June 2, 1967, Capt. Howard Levy, 30, a dermatologist, is convicted by a court-martial of disobeying orders for refusing to instruct Green Beret medics on skin disease, calling it a "tool of political persuasion." Levy was sentenced to three years at hard labor.

• On June 1, 1990, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev sign a historic agreement to end production of chemical weapons and begin the destruction of both nations' reserves.

• On May 31, 2005, W. Mark Felt's family ends 30 years of speculation, identifying the former FBI assistant director as "Deep Throat," the secret source who helped unravel the Watergate scandal that brought down President Richard Nixon.

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Top 10 movies!

1. Avengers: Infinity War . (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth
2. Overboard (PG-13) Anna Faris, Eugenio Derbez
3. A Quiet Place (PG-13) Emily Blunt, John Krasinski
4. I Feel Pretty (PG-13) Amy Schumer, Michelle Williams
5. Rampage (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris
6. Tully (R) Charlize Theron, Mackenzie Davis
7. Black Panther (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
8. Truth or Dare (PG-13) Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey
9. Super Troopers 2 (R) Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan
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Fairmont United Methodist Church commemorated their denomination's American frontier beginnings at Heritage Acres with Circuit Rider Heritage Sunday. The event included a hog roast, Circuit Rider, worship service and hymn singing.

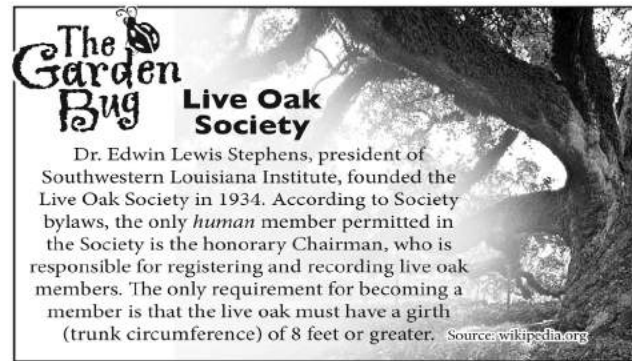
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About 200 Minnesota junior high school students

met in Loretto, MN for the "Reach High Naturally" conference, which taught the advantages of a drug-free lifestyle. Fairmont Middle School's delegation included students Melissa Mahoney, Katie Reber, Beth Zimmer, Nicole Ehlert, Brianna Bittman, Dan Ruth, Steve McCormick and Eric Anderson. Joe Burns accompanied the students.

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Truman resident Pat Geitsfeld had the winning entry in the Michelob "Win a Wildcat" sweepstakes. Geitsfeld picked up his new Wildcat snowmobile at Leo's Snow Sports in Sherburn. A total of five Minnesota residents were winners of the Wildcat snowmobiles in the sweepstakes that year.



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ROSENBERG - Thank you to Pastor Wilson for his many visits and prayers. To our amazing kids whose schedules are adjusted so that we were never alone in Rochester. We love you. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, texts, emails and food during Martin's time in Rochester and while recuperating at home. We appreciate each and everything done for us. ~Martin Rosenberg. *1-1tcc-1*

ROSENBERG - Thank you to the Welcome First Responders, Gold Cross Ambulance and all emergency personnel for their prompt response to our recent 911 call. Special thank you to all persons who came with their 4 wheel drive vehicles to clear the snow for the emergency personnel. Also thank you to all of St. Paul's Church of Christ members who made the celebration of LaVonne's life so special. ~The family of LaVonne Rosenberg: Floyd, Todd and Margaret, Travis and Kimberly. *1-1tp-1*

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Fairmont Area Community Education & Recreation Director, Roni Dauer accepted \$2,500 from Martin County Youth Foundation's treasurer, Leon Lammers for Community Youth Activity Scholarships. The funds will be used to provide scholarships to ages 4-18 to participate in a variety of youth enrichment opportunities available in our area this summer and fall. (Submitted photo)

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Fairmont Soccer scores

Fairmont Area Schools soccer scores from Monday, May 7th:

U17 Girls
Sponsor: Commodity Services
Fairmont 1, Mankato 1
Goals: Kaylene Lindquist - assist by Isabelle Lenort
Goalie: Kaiden Boerner, 9 saves

Saturday, May 5th
U12 Boys
Sponsor: Madsen Land Surveying
Marshall Orange 11, Fairmont 1
Goals: Preston Rogge
Goalie: John Fernan-

dez-6 saves; Jorvik Jensen-7 saves

U12 Boys
Marshall White 6, Fairmont 0
Goalie: Jack Sadusky-13 saves, Lucas Rosburg-9 saves

Monday, May 7th
U12 Girls
Sponsor: Becker Storage
Fairmont 6, Marshall 5
Goals: Alayna Anderson (4), Kennedy Becker, Kaitlyn Hinz (assisted by Elayna Anderson)
Goalie: Madilyn Stromberg - 7 saves



WOLTER DELIVERS - Cards Jordan Wolter pitching against St. Peter. The Fairmont Cardinals defeated the St. Peter Saints 17-4 Saturday, May 12th in St. Peter. Pitching duties were shared by Sam Schwieger and Jordan Wolter. *(Submitted by David Schiltz)*



HOME SAFELY - Card's Dan Reiter sliding into home plate during the game at St. Peter. *(Submitted by David Schiltz)*

2018 COED SLO-PITCH	W	L	GB	PCT	STR
Royalty Rides	2	0	-	1.000	2W
A-1 Concrete	2	0	-	1.000	2W
Blazer Bar	2	0	-	1.000	2W
Butcher Block	1	0	-	1.000	1W
Montanna Tree/Northrop Bar	1	1	1	.500	1W
Octane Power Sports	1	1	1	.500	1W
Val's LuLaRoe/Dairy Freeze	0	1	1	.000	1L
Hitman Bail Bonds	0	2	2	.000	2L
Doolittles Carpet/Clancy Chiro	0	2	2	.000	2L
Shenanigans	0	2	2	.000	2L
Fabers Plumbing	0	0	2	.000	-
Blue Earth Legion	0	0	2	.000	-
Legends II	0	0	2	.000	-
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Royalty Rides 20, Doolittles Carpet/Clancy Chiropractic 3. Steve ESPN catch! Robbie's ver the back catch!

A-1 Concrete 21, Shenanigans 7. Great team work – good hitting

Blazer Bar 16, Octane Power Sports 4. tyson warning track power, Ben pisses middle, Joy had 2 hits!

Royalty Rides 22, Montanna Tree Service/Northrop Bar 21. Great win against a great team!

Butcher Block 15, Shenanigans 3. good win! Austin with the big first game!

Blazer Bar 33, Hitman Bail Bonds 4. Rod messed up the shut out – good job!

Montanna Tree Service/Northrop Bar 25, Doolittles Carpet/Clancy Chiropractic 13. HR count: Clem 3 – Mitch 0

A-1 Concrete 22, Val's LuLaRoe/Dairy Freeze Awesome start to our season. Great team work.

Octane Power Sports 22, Hitman Bail Bonds 7. Great game.



Fairmont Girls U17 soccer team took on Mankato last Monday night at Jeff Kot Fields in Fairmont. The game ended in a tie, 1 to 1. *(Submitted photos)*



NOW SERVING - The Cards Vince Ficara serves while teammate Evan Carlson awaits a return. The duo won their third doubles match against Pipestone. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



DUO DISTANCE RUNNERS - The Cards Iliana Ramon and Laura Thompson race in the 1600. The Card Girls won the Section 2AA True Team Meet last Thursday in Mankato edging Mankato East by tenths of a point. The Cards will compete at the True Team Class AA state meet at 3:45 p.m. this Saturday. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



HIGH ARCH - The Cards Savanah Baker finished 4th, 4-10, in the high jump at the big-school Big South Meet in Pipestone Saturday. The Cardinal Girls captured first place edging Waseca, 153-151.5. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



DOUBLE FIVE - Card head coach Haley Loerts congratulates Taylor Crissinger at third. Crissinger was 4-6 in the double header against the Bucs. The Cards took a double header from Blue Earth Area 9-0 and 16-4 last Thursday. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*



TAKE IT - The Cardinals Brandon Williams hands off to Seth Carlmark. The Cards finished second to Marshall 181.5 - 170 at the big-school Big South Meet. The Cards boys' team will compete at the True Team Class AA state meet at 3:45 p.m. this Saturday. The Cards earned a True Team State wild-card bid after finishing second at the section meet. *Photo courtesy Greg Abel*

Fairmont Area High School Trap Team results

Fairmont Area High School's trap team took part in their third competition of the year for Minnesota State High School Trapshooting on Wednesday, May 9th.	Colby Grotte	44
Here are the results of that competition:	Kate Busche	43
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Jacob Bocock	Mason Kotewa	42
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Carter Leiding	Gavin Junkermeier	41
Tucker Bahr	Tanner Rosch	40
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Noah Wedel	Shelby Van Gelderen	39
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Corn planting slow in some areas

Guest Columnist

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If you ask someone: "How much corn is planted, or how much Spring fieldwork has occurred in your area?", the response is likely to be quite different, depending on where the person resides. Late heavy snowfall in mid-April and frequent rainfall events during the first half of May in much of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa has caused significant delays in corn and soybean planting in many portions of this region, as well as in adjoining areas of South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Producers in other portions of Minnesota and Iowa, as well as other areas of the Upper Midwest, were able to complete some corn planting and fieldwork during the second week of May. As of May 6, it was estimated that only 9 percent of the corn in Minnesota was planted, which was about 16 days behind normal. Most likely, the May 13th crop progress report will show overall some progress in the percentage of corn planted in both Minnesota and Iowa. How-

ever, less than 25 percent of the corn is planted in many portions of the highly productive areas in the southern two tiers of counties in Minnesota, as well as adjoining areas of Northern Iowa and South-eastern South Dakota.

One piece of good news, is that the soil temperatures are very favorable for good planting conditions, once the fields dry out adequately for corn and soybean planting. Most growers will move immediately into soybean planting, once corn planting is completed. The warmer soil temperatures, along with adequate top soil moisture, should provide some good conditions for rapid seed germination and early growth of the newly planted corn and soybeans. Research shows that 50 percent corn emergence will occur in about 20 days at an average soil temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, which is reduced to only 10 days or less at an average soil temperature above 60 degrees F.

Agronomists are advising growers to stick

with planting full-season corn hybrids for another couple of weeks in Southern Minnesota, probably until last week of May, before moving to earlier corn hybrids, or switching major acreage to soybeans. Research from the University of Minnesota has shown that corn planted on May 25th in Southern Minnesota averaged over 90 percent of the yield of corn that was planted from April 25th to May 1st in the same year. Corn yield potential begins to decline quite rapidly for corn planted after June 1st. The "planting window" for soybeans is significantly wider than it is for corn. In Southern Minnesota, full-season varieties of soybeans can be planted until late May or early June, with only minimal reductions in yield potential.

In 2017, only 35 percent of the corn in Minnesota was planted on May 7th; however that total jumped to 84 percent by May 14th, including nearly all of the corn in Southern Minnesota. The rest of the 2017 growing season featured

favorable growing conditions in the next several months, along with a later than normal killing frost in most areas. The result was a record statewide corn yield of 194 bushels per acre in 2017. In 2015, Minnesota had 83 percent of the corn planted on May 3rd, resulting in a record yield of 188 bushels per acre, which was followed with 89 percent of the corn planted by May 8th in 2016, again resulting in another record statewide corn yield of 193 bushels per acre.

The last time that the State of Minnesota faced significant planting delays was in 2014. Only 31 percent of the State's corn was planted on May 11th, and 51 percent on May 18th. It took until May 25th to reach 81 percent of the corn planted, and June 1st to exceed 90 percent planted. The result was a statewide average corn yield of only 156 bushels per acre in 2014. It's far too early to predict dire consequences for the 2018 corn yields; however, as corn planting continues to be delayed, the room for error in weather conditions during the rest of the growing season will get much narrower.

Weather conditions in the next ten days to two weeks will determine how serious the corn and soybean planting delays

in many areas of Southern Minnesota become. Further delays in Spring planting could have a major economic impact on farm operators in that region, especially with continued lower crop prices and very tight crop production profit margins in 2018.

2018 CROP INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS

The Final Planting Date for corn in the southern two-thirds of Minnesota, as well as in all of Iowa, and Wisconsin is May 31st, in order to receive full crop insurance coverage for 2018. The Late Planting Period for corn is June 1st-25th, with a reduction in the insurance coverage level of one percent for each day that corn planting is delayed past May 31st. In Northern Minnesota, the final date for corn planting with full insurance coverage is May 25th. For soybeans, the Final Planting Date is June 10th in Minnesota and the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin, and June 15th in Iowa and the southern one-third of Wisconsin, with the Final Planting Date extending for 25 days until July 5th in Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin, and until July 10th in Iowa and Southern Wisconsin. For crops planted after the final dates for the Late Planting Period, crop in-

surance coverage is set at a maximum of 55 percent of the original insurance guarantee, which is the same as the prevented planting insurance coverage.

It is important to pay close attention to the Final Planting Dates and the Late Planting Period when making late planting or prevented planting crop insurance decisions. Producers should contact their crop insurance agent for more details on final planting dates and prevented planting options with various crop insurance policies. There are also some good fact sheets available on the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) web site at: http://www.rma.usda.gov/about/rma/fields/mn_rso/.

Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst, has prepared an information sheet titled: "Late and Prevented Planting Options For 2018", which contains details on prevented planting requirements and considerations, as well as Tables comparing the potential results for options of late planting or prevented planting with normal production for corn and soybeans. To receive a copy of the prevented planting information sheet, please send an e-mail to: kent.thiesse@minnstarbank.com



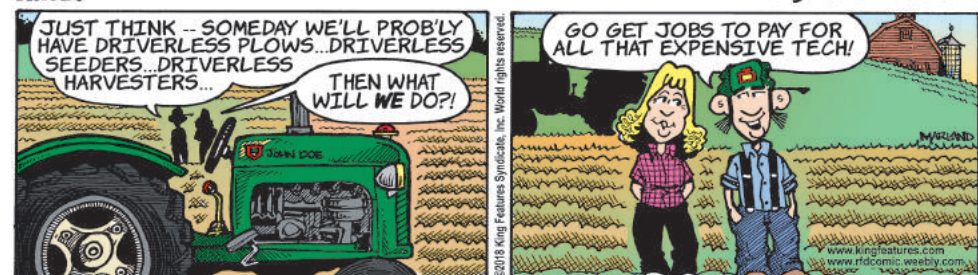
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